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'ROUND TOWN.....BILL COSBY & PHYLLIS GEORGE are your co-hosts for this weekend's **"CELEBRITY CHALLENGE OF THE SEXES"** television special (CBS) taping in and around Caesars Palace. The events are scheduled throughout the day and evening including a marathon race down Fremont Street, a swimming event, a bicycle race, ping pong, and several more. Check with Caesars Palace for exact times and taping locations. Among the celebs joining in the fun-for-all "olympics" - **JOAN RIVERS, MICHAEL DOUGLAS, RICHARD DAWSON, LEIF GARRETT, LEVAR BURTON, LOLA FALANA, REDD FOX, BARBI BENTON, TONI TENNILLE, HERVE VILLECHAIZE,** and many, many more!! The "Challenge" events are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, FREE OF CHARGE, and NO TICKETS** necessary. The special is a **TRANS WORLD INTERNATIONAL** tv production. **RUDY TELLEZ** is producer for **TWI..... MAC DAVIS** and **JOAN RIVERS** co-hosted a special "after work" roller skating party for showfolk and pals 'round town at the Playland skating arena in Commercial Center. And now they plan to do it again in a special invitational event when they can take over the facility for their guests for a 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. skafathon!!.....Kudos to producers **DICK MAURICE** and **GARY GRECO** who engineered and supervised the Dunes Hotel's recent **AMERICA'S SALUTE TO THE ASTRONAUTS**. The event made international headlines and tremendous goodwill publicity for Las Vegas. Among the stars performing for the visiting astronauts, guests, vips and press: **WAYNE NEWTON, CHARO, DIONNE WARWICK, JOAN RIVERS, LARRY STORCH, CONNIE STEVENS, TONY BENNETT, LOLA FALANA,** and several other Hollywood, Las Vegas, television and motion picture personalities. Dick Maurice hosts his own nightly radio talk show from the Dunes casino with celebrity gueststars; he also has his own television production company and tv talk show and is a columnist/critic for Rona Barrett publications and the Copley News Service..... Producers **BRECK WALL** and **PATRICK MAES,** in, respectively from Lake Tahoe and Texas, made a special trek to Vegas to catch **SUZANNE BUHRER** starring in the Meadows Playhouse's new prod of **"DRACULA"**. Suzanne you knew was formerly a member of Wall's **"BOTTOMS UP"** companies and continues to write special material for the new award winning revue now playing at the Sahara Tahoe. A second company of **"BU"** recently opened in Mannassas, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.) for its second year engagement.....An all African musical

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Jackie Gayle, the opening act, has a natural wit and free approach in his humor. Nothing is sacred from his ad - libs. His act, a reflection of 20 years in the business, is a real audience pleaser. His barbs strike home ala the immortal Lenny Bruce. Don't miss Tina and Jackie at the Silverbird.



STEVE LAWRENCE AND EYDIE GORME STAR AT THE DESERT INN THROUGH JULY 20th.

play, **"IPI TOMBI"** will have a special limited engagement at the Silverbird Hotel opening July 25.....

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE..... Superstars **FRANKIE VALLI** and **BEN VEREEN** in addition to sharing a mutual admiration for one another also had the misfortune of sharing Vegas throat problems last week. While guesting together on **SIG SAKOWICZ' "Superstar Show"** (KLAS-TV) the stars talked about their vocal chords, medications, humidifiers, etc and went together to a local medic for treatment. Frankie will be back at the Aladdin Bagdad Theater three more times this year and is excited about the release of his new Bob Gaudio-Bob Crewe produced album which will be **Disco-Valli!** Ben's next movie **"All That Jazz"** has a Christmas holiday release and he'll be headlining at the Riviera again in November..... **SIEGFRIED & ROY,** the Superstars of Magic who star in the **"Lido de Paris"** at the Stardust are celebrating the approval of a new zoning variance that will now permit them to continue to keep their 'family' of animals - tigers, lions, cheetahs, leopards, etc. - where they have been living and residing for the past decade - at the S&R compound on their three acre estate just outside Las Vegas. Siegfried & Roy who are undoubtedly one of the Strip's top attractions are always performing to other stars and visiting celebrities. In recent weeks, **BOB HOPE, BERNADETTE PETERS, RODDY MacDOWELL, ROSEMARY FORSYTHE ("Days of Our Lives"), LYLE**

WAGGONER, ANN-MARGRET and **ROGER SMITH, RIP TAYLOR, JAMES DARREN,** and several others have been among S&R's enthusiastic audiences.....**JAMES DARREN** makes his first Strip visit in two years opening July 31 with Lola Falana at the Aladdin Bagdad. Jimmy's engagement is a limited one week date (as his super fan in Pittsburgh knows and is already planning her Vegas holiday around that week!).....Comedian **TOM DRESEN,** at the Grand with Mac Davis, will be back in October (with Mac) and by that time will know the status of his own television sit-com series. Tom describes the pilot script of the series as part comedy, part drama, and hopefully "all true to real life not television series life!") Tom's off first for several special dates in and around Chicago and his annual appearance at **"The Tom Dreesen Harvey, Illinois Baseball Series"**..... **JACKIE GAYLE** will headline his own show in Monte Carlo this summer. Jackie who played the same date last year with Frank Sinatra scored such a big hit, he was invited back this year on his own..... In case you were wondering: that was comedy writer **LENNY RIPPS** who made his special "Las Vegas debut" at Caesars Palace as part of **JOAN RIVERS'** new act. Lenny was introduced as "our dear little niece, Rita who was in town to celebrate the recovery of her recent illness"; just when the audience was all sigh and sympathy Joan beckoned Ripps from the sidelines who came on in curls, baby doll dress, and a big hair bow. Needless to add the stunned audience was hysterical.....

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