

OF THE STARS

Also fresh off his Washington triumphs producing a vidspec for RR, FRANK SINATRA gets down to mundane tasks of entertaining Caesars Palace crowd for a week....Tappings here and there as JOHN DAVIDSON and MIKE DOUGLAS do their spoolings with DAVIDSON at the Hilton this week and DOUGLAS in the Desert Inn's Crystal Room the week of Feb. 8, so no confrontation this time.. RICH LITTLE, who pulled off his zerox of RR before the Prez and Nancy, now adds this waggery to his presidential store of cartoons, complete with special RR wig. He'll have the scrumptuous SAHARA GRILS to play with through the 11th after heading into the Sahara Thursday....You know what grills are don't you? Stop by the Sahara and look.. The Frontier gets another shot of WAYNE NEWTON in April..Biting satire of CORK PROCTOR hypothesizes "Cheek to Cheek" a new T&A show coming to the Marina on Friday. With CORK, who's skedded for a return date on NORM CROSBY's "Comedy Shop," will be magician DAVID DOUGLAS, chirp ANN NATELE, juggler MICHAEL CHIRRIK and the BETTY FRANCISCO DANCERS...Triple Threat -- LORI OLIVER, SIOBHAN O'CARROLL and DOREEN ALDERMAN -- are harmonizing in the Flamingo-filton Lounge.

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UNLV's new play series kicked off Thursday at Bayley Theatre with "The Total Immersion of Madeleine Favorini," by NYC dramatist FRANK GAGLIANO, a world preem..More dramatics... CHARLES SUPIN will direct JASON MILLER's Pulitzer Prize drama "That Championship Season" at Community College in March. SUPIN's play "Interruption" is one of the finalists in H. Crain playwriting competition at San Jose State... And the splendid \$4,100,000 Alta Ham fine arts building at UNLV to include theatre, art gallery and studios, designed by GEORGE TATE, is now building

DUNES SILENCES CASINO
PLAY FOR HOSTAGES

Casino clatter was silenced for a brief moment at the Dunes Hotel & Country Club at the precise time the American hostages set foot on the soil of their homeland.

At that historic moment, Dunes officials made preparations for a joyous celebration as a welcome gesture to the U.S. citizens and their newly-won freedom from

Iranian confinement. Fifty cases of champagne were uncorked in the hotel's casino following the moment of silence. The hotel asked that all gaming ceased for a 60 second interval. Las Vegas visitors and residents alike were invited to join the Dunes management in toasting this historic homecoming.

Following the return of the hostages to their families, each will receive an invitation from the Dunes to visit as guests of management.

next to Bayley Theatre. ...JOE DELANEY, talk-show host at the Trop over KDWN nightly, is back talking after eye surgery. CORK PROCTOR subbed... "Perfect II" Frontier contest winner last summer, TRACY VACCARO, in Europe filming "Carnauba" with GEORGE KENNEDY, FORREST TUCKER, DON DE FORE and TOM HALLICK, signed a multi-pix deal with Disney Studios. With SIG SAKOWICZ helming the Vegas portion of Cerebral Palsy telethon from the Landmark, local pledged \$122,538. Total throughout the U.S. was \$14,200,000.

"CHEEK TO CHEEK"

CHECKS IN FOR MARINA DEBUT

Producer / choreographer Betty Francisco's all new revue, starring Cork Proctor, titled "Cheek to Cheek" will open for an indefinite engagement Jan. 30 at the Marino Hotel & Casino, it was announced by Marina General Manager and Entertainment Director Bob Brooker.

"Cheek to Cheek" featuring the Francisco Dancers and several specialty acts, will be the Marina's first major production show since the award winning "Bare Touch of Vegas."

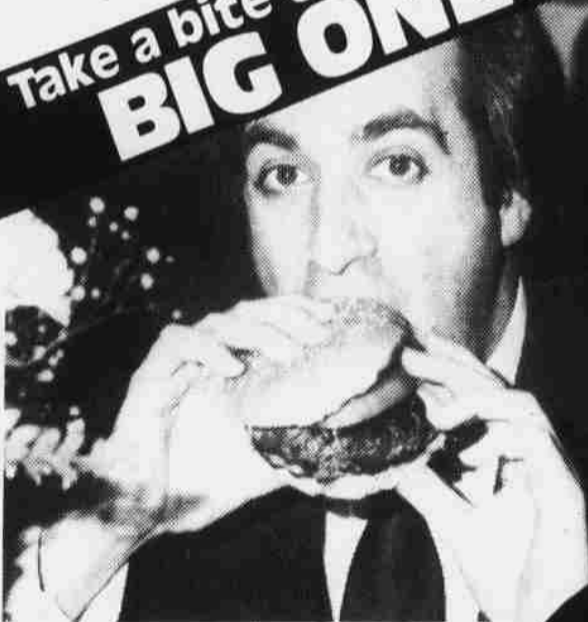
The concept of the revue, according to producer Betty Francisco, will be to "maximize the talent of the performers and the entertainment content of the show and

minimize the cost to the showgoers and visitors to Las Vegas." Entertainment Director Brooker concurs: "We looked at more than a dozen potential shows looking for fresh and original ideas and new ways of presenting talented, young performers."

"We also wanted an entirely "new" direction for the new management and ownership of the Marina Hotel & Casino. We think "Cheek to Cheek" is the answer to our search. It's contemporary, lively, fast moving, and just the kind of pure escapism people came to Las Vegas to see. We are very pleased to have Miss Francisco and her company with the Marina."

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