

OF THE STARS



Take stock in America.

"Jubilee" to return to MGM's "Hello Hollywood Hello" in Reno for indef stay. They were the first Gaucho act to appear in LV a sensation within a revue "Latin Fire Follies," at the old Thunderbird 13 years ago...DONDINO roared back to the 4 Queens French Quarter Lounge after smash debut at the Palm Springs Riviera. While at the Springs, DONDINO put on a different kind of show, donned a scarf and flew around the PS area in a open cockpit plane while on the RED BARON RADIO SHOW.

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Here's Johnny...In Las Vegas For KVVU TV-5 Luncheon



Stephanie Nielson, Director of Advertising, Publicity and Entertainment at the Imperial Palace Hotel visits with Johnny Carson and Herb Kaufman. Johnny Carson was in town recently for the Annual Channel 5 Client Appreciation Luncheon. Johnny said he misses Las Vegas and hopes to be back real soon.

JOHNNY CARSON at the Frontier to perk up Carson Broadcasting Co. employees, officials and customers during the anni luncheon, hinted that he'd like to return to a Vegas showroom again. "I played the Sahara for 16 years and I really miss it." Carson rambled through a typical monology griping about the heat. "I called the operator for time and temperature and was told 101 and 220. I didn't have the guts to ask which was which." And remembering that he'd had better years, he rapped, "Everyone knows I have a house in Malibu. The waves crushed my garage and it collapsed on my DeLorean. I just bought a condominium in a foreign country and found out the country is El Salvador. And now I've just found out my youngest son wants to be a congressional page." Carson was quite complimentary about Vegas in general. "You have the best showrooms in the world here."

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BARRY MANILOW would have played Caesars Palace "Concert Under the Stars" earlier, but couldn't get his name on the marquee. David Merrick had the space locked tight for "42nd Street." But finding the Circus Maximum showroom open Aug. 19-20, MANILOW resumes the star policy as, ironically, the MERRICK musical exits after Aug. 14, at least three months before it was supposed to and BARRY get all of the huge Strip marquee. MANILOW plays Caesars Tahoe Aug. 12-13 and after the Caesars' Vegas date skies to Blighty for an alfresco concert Aug. 27 at Blenheim Palace, the 2500-acre estate of the Duke of Marlborough where the late Winston Churchill was born...MAC DAVIS'S MGM Grandstand is elongated to 17 nights with SUSAN ANTON. He also frisked in from the lake after a fortnight at Harrah's Tahoe...Speaking of limos, if you're a VIP, celeb or high mucky-muck, LIBERACE'S white custom Lincoln whisks to and fro his Tivoli Gardens Restaurant. At Imperial Palace the other aft, DEACON JONES' two-toned scretched Rolls collected a crowd. He motored MUHAMMAD ALI to the hotel where ALI was introed to a press collection as heading a

"Living Legends" production and CATV variety show upcoming at IP.

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The Dunes is adither with gala ball and greetings to SALLY RIDE AND HER ASTRONAUTS, a new act playing for a couple of days and nights Aug. 12-13 at Perlman's place. The STS-7 Challenger quintet, ROBERT CRIPPEN, FREDERICK HAUCK, JOHN FABIAN, NORMAN THAGARD & RIDE will be hosted by CLIFFORD & STUART PERLMAN and the state of Nevada. THE HIGH FIVE are also skedded to appear in UNLV's Ham Hall free to the public on Aug. 12, 10 ayem. The Veep, GEORGE BUSH, will beat the ball, ditto some politicking Demos, Sens. MONDALE, CRANSTON, GLENN, METZENBAUM AND KENNEDY on the dias with Nevada's Republican Congressional trio, Sens. PAUL LAXALT and CHIC HECHT and REP. BARBARA VUCANOVICH seated near Demo Rep. Harry Reid. With exception of the High Five, all such politico presences will probably be paled by that of WALTER CRONKITE. They usually are...The Four Queens is going the way of across the street neighbor Golden Nugget in luring wealthy Texans and assorted highrollers, this flash according to Bob Maaxey, prez of Elsinore Corp., ops of the Glitter Gulch resort, the largest downtowner with 716 rooms...Not much of a month for conventions, only 21 with 38,000 delegates in August but with enough bux to give an estimated \$24,000,000 boost to Southern Nevada economy.

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RIP TAYLOR is ripping the Riviera asunder with the VILLAGE PEOPLE through the 17th, then comes a triumvarate put together by entertainment director PEEDEE LEAVITT of DEBBIE REYNOLDS, PHYLLIS DILLER & RED BUTTONS to finish out Aug...BILL COSBY is current at the Aladdin with duo CARTER & CHANEL...Yockstar PETE BARBUTTI is inveigling Marina showgoers through the 15th. But they just sit there and laugh at him...FREDDIE CANNON moves into the JOHNNY RAY lead slot in the Tropicana's "Shake, Rattle & Roll" fifties flashback in the Versailles Room. In the Atrium lounge, Betty Hall Jones brings her trunks of chapeau and songspiels...For the first time ever, children & families will be part of the Stardust's "Lido" show every Saturday at the 6:15 perf when all the showgirls' tops will be more not less. It's a part of the resort's 25th anni celebration. Vive la familie!

"Sophisticated Ladies" AT D.I.

Three fantastically talented performers lead the terrific cast of "Sophisticated Ladies" onto the Desert Inn's stage twice nightly except Monday.

the Los Angeles production of "Sophisticated Ladies," is part of the fam- (Continued on page 12)

Starring in this musical tribute to the legacy of Duke Ellington are Paula Kelly, Harold Nicholas and Freda Payne. No strangers to the music of Duke, each brings a special brand of magic to the show.

Dancer Paula Kelly recently completed a successful nine-month run in the Los Angeles Company of "Sophisticated Ladies." She also appeared as a special guest star in the national live cable telecast of the musical. She has many Broadway and national stage credits, the most notable her leading performance in the Los Angeles production of "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope."

Harold Nicholas, who also appeared in

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