



& DAWN...When Stuntman DAN KOKO dived off Vegas World roof couple of weeks ago into a puffy air bag to receive a million bux for living through the leap, Vegas World boss BOB STUPAK wasn't even around to see where his million went. He was in Europe and missed KOKO's perfect gainer and the 323 foot drop....The sixth anni Fairshow Oct. 26-28 out in North Las Vegas at Community College is paging booth people. IAN ROSS, prez of NLV Chamber of Commerce, yodels this: "The call is out for ethnic food vendors, craftspersons, souvenir sales people, artists, photographers, potters, novelty apparel representatives and others with a yen to vend." Two big events to lure gawkers to the Fairshow will be Nevada national championship hot air balloon air races and ultralight demonstrations.



Visionary Productions' CLIFF GARLAND and RUSS HARVEY, were handed possible Nov. 2-4 for the JACKSON'S VICTORY TOUR. They saw actual dates will be secure once "financing and other things" are worked out. No contract has been signed but the promoters say they have the \$5,000,000 guarantee. But the real hitch is numbers of people. 45,000 paying \$30 per over three nights comes to only \$4,000,000, which has Visionary knocking on resort doors to make up the diff. HARVEY is urging hotels to buy block of tix for package deals to lure visitors to Vegas....Convention Authority director of tourism & marketing, ROSSI RALENKOTTER, said "Labor Day was the biggest weekend since the strike. Occupancy was well over the 95% mark and that's without a poll of motel occupancies." Another factor for the bustling biz: "We know the Olympic Games had a big impact on the local economy, but not until they wound up," Ralenkotter said, "We got the people on their way back home from the Games"....JER-

Actor Theodore Bikel Honored By B'nai B'rith At Convention

tor Theodore Bikel, who of the human conhas been involved in dition...a mode of living the theater since the and a method of surage of 19 and active in vival ... the labor movement, human rights and the has been a leader in the Jewish community for American nearly as long, was Congress for more than honored by B'nai B'nith 20 years. He is a found-International during its ing member of AJC's biennial convention in Arts September.

Bikel B'nai B'rith's Genera-Award Generation Award for president. He is also a ments in the service of Amnesty International. humanity, which uplift generations to come."

presented on Sept. 4 at Federation of Actors, a the Sheraton Washing- past president of the ton Hotel here.

standard of humanity and before all else, I am a Screen Actors Guild. means

WASHINGTON -- Ac- heightened awareness

The actor and singer Jewish Chapter, national vice president, received past co-chairman of its governing council and for today is a senior vice "outstanding achieve- member of the board of

A longtime activist in and ennoble us and the labor movement, Bikel is a vice president The award will be of the International Actors Equity Bikel, who calls him- Association, and a self a universalist, says member of the he derives his general Academy of TV Arts Sciences, the "from a particularist ex- American Federation of perience. Above all and Musicians, and AFTRA

Jew," he says. "That, to In 1977, President a Carter appointed him to

MAINE JACKSON was in town at start of the holiday, to sing "God Bless America" at the Riviera's championship night of boxing. After PINKY THOMAS disposed of TIM WITHERSPOON he moseyed to a DON KING's celeb party in the upstairs ballroom where videos of his and PIA ZADORA's "When the Rain Begins to Fall" was shown on multi-screens. PIA was there with MESHULAM RIKLIS, and posing and mugging nearby was Mr. T...JERMAINE said the tour playing Vegas is "definitely a possibility" and his dad, JOSEPH JACKSON admitted "It's in the works."



With BILL BRAY's exit from MGM Grand's pubrel & ad department, TOM ENGELMAN from the Reno Grand is in charge making decisions in BRAY's old exec suite. The RICH LITTLE/ANN JILLIAN combo arrived Thursday for a week....THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS in the Riviera's "Solid Gold" through the 26th, can now sip their own wine when they pay one of their frequent visits to LIBERACE's Tivoli Gardens, Restaurant manager FRED FAVORITE has added THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS winery brand with its fine Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay to the T.G. wine list. GORDON CORNISH has returned to LEE's T.G. in the piano lounge.



More on LIBERACE -- he dashed into town to present one of his lavish performances for Hair World '84 Tuesday at Convention Center spon-

a five-year term on the Bikel was born in Vienna but moved to Israel (then Palestine) at the age of 13. He joined the Habimah Theatre when he was 19 and a year later became a co-founder of the Chamber Israel Theatre. He attended the University of London and graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.

Bikel has appeared in dozens of plays, including A Streetcar Named Desire, under the direction of Sir Laurence Olivier; and Four The Love of Colonels, with Peter Ustinov, Fiddler on the Roof; and Zorba. He has been in more than 35 movies, among them are The Defiant Ones, which he nominated tor Academy Award; The African Queen; My Fair Lady; The Russians Are Coming, Russians Coming.

An accomplished concert artist and raconteur, Bikel has appeared in concert throughout the United States and in many countries abroad.

sored by Redken Labs. Then it was on to L.A. and his Friday-Sunday Greek Theatre span - first appearance in Smogtown in many a year...Former Riviera prez JEFF SILVER, fired by Meshulam Riklis in July is now senior veep of marketing, special events, entertainment & promos at Caesars Palace. Country folk will head for Caesars back lot Saturday for double teaming of MERLE HAGGARD & RICKY SKAGGS, while in the Maximum showroom TOM JONES bowed Wednesday for a pair... MITZI SHORE's comedy bunch for the second week at the Dunes lines up ALLAN STEP-MAN, LOIS BROMFIELD, DAVE TYREE, ANGEL SALAZAR & BRUCE BAUM..."Bottoms Up" takes a month in the Mint's Merriment Theatre starting



World preem of the opera "Tigress" by JOSE ARIEL RAMBALDI is slated for Thursday and Friday in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre with lead role sung by HELEN MaGEE, UNLV department of music faculty member. Las Vegas Symphonic & Chamber Music Society presentation, the opera follows the story line of "Ladies Retirement"...Meanwhile at UNLV, CHARLIE VANDA'S MASTER SERIES readies an outstanding season of concerts starting Oct. 11 with BARRY TUCKWELL, hornist, Sinfonia of England, conducted by RICHARD HICKOX. Later in October, KLAUS TENNSTEDT brings his London Phil to Ham Hall on the 25th...EDWIN NEWMAN vet NBC newscaster and author, talked in Ham Hall Wednesday eve on topic, "Preserving a Civil Tongue." It was another in the Barrick series which have brought WALTER CRONKITE, MARK RUSSELL, CREW OF CHALLENGER 7, JOHN HOUSEMAN and Novel Laureate GEORGE WALD to these iniquitous environs...Speaking of iniquitous, International City Management Association has removed the ban on Vegas and Nevada from consideration as an anni conference site. IMCA has invited the ex-City of Sodom & Gonorrah to submit a bid to host the group's 1992 conference.

