

# THE STARS

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don't eat much, just hot air...Something new is NEVADA THEATRE ON ICE...Last Sunday's premiere in Henderson's Iceland found the skating ballet troupe under direction of JOYCE GINGER JANSSEN (she owns Iceland) and skating director TERRY LOVERN. Skaters doing the light fantastic were GERTIE DESJARDINS, JANE VALLE TACKER, MICHAEL ASHTON & BOB MICHAELS...Make a note on your calendar to watch and hear Las Vegas DEBBIE KELLER in the Hacienda's Bolero lounge Oct. 1-14. She's a comer.

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GOVERNOR RICHARD BRYAN's tourism and hotel industry confab at the Riviera Oct. 2-5 will find a parcel of heavyweights addressing attendees. They include SIR FREDDIE LAKER, British aviation maverick, broadcaster HOWARD K. SMITH, undersecretary of Commerce DONNA TUTTLE, Travel Industry Assn.'s national chairman ROBERT GIERSDORF. Conference will be chaired by Las Vegas IRWIN KISHNER of Somerset House. Two years ago Nevada was last, 50th among states shelling out money for tourism promo. BRYAN, who'll give the keynote talk at opening luncheon Oct. 2, fired up the Legislature resulting in Nevada now ranking 26th putting out promo dollars...Tourism and hotel industry visitors will be pleased that Las Vegas is now 8th among major cities in crime, falling behind Atlantic City. However, Las Vegas remained the worst city in the nation in 1983 for burglary. So, fasten your moneybelts...DON LAUGHLIN, boniface of the Riverside hotel-casino in the resort town named af-

ter him 95 miles south on the Colorado River, who bunged himself up in a helicopter crash back in his home town of Owatonna City, Minn. a month ago, is back at the hotel in a wheel chair. He flew his Bell Long Ranger 11 chopper to Owatonna for his anni visit to home town and "Laughlin Day."

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Gala press party dreamed up by Henry Lewin, exec veep of the Hilton, flew Vegas scribblers and broadcasters to Reno Tuesday to see Reno Hilton's refurbished front and Jim Nabors' starring in the icy-dancer "Razzle Dazzle"...In town to teach tap choreo last week, HENRY LeTANG, who recently wrapped choreographing FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA's "Cotton Club"...LIBERACE will receive 1984 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award for his 40th year in local entertainment from National Conference of Christians & Jews Nov. 20 at the Hilton...JOAN RIVERS, at Caesars Palace with new costars DOC SEVERINSEN & GARRY SHANDLING, came off a 7-city north and southwest tour. This is la RIVERS 1st CP date since signing her new 3-year Caesars World pact. The SEVERINSEN toot will be "The Tonight Show" musical director's CP debut. Also at Caesars Oct. 6 in the al fresco arena, George Benson strums a return date.

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At MGM Grand, OAK RIDGE BOYS, WILLIAMS & REE stepped aside Wednesday for ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK's fortnight...5TH DIMENSION,

the 6-time Grammy winning quintet sings away at the Riviera, backed by the DICK PALUMBI ORCH & 15 dancers encased in "Solid Gold" format featuring visual countdown of 20 alltime recordings...The late JOHN McHUGH of "Our Gang" comedies, and local actor until his death in January 1983, is honored by Allied Arts Council's "A Celebration of Theatre" Sunday eve in Desert Inn Country Club & Spa Terrace Room. When he was asked why he gave up Hollywood, McHugh replied, "They sort of gave me up"...TONY SANDLER warms up the Dunes cabaret at the top through Oct. 6 when KEELY SMITH reclaims the territory...."Bottoms Up" set some records at Harrah's Reno. They'll try for some of the same starting Friday in the Merrimint Theatre of the Mint. "BU" also sports another edition packing Santa Monica's Mayfair Theatre.

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UNLV's anni Contemporary Music Festival directed by VIRKO BALEY spotted the NEW WORLD BRASS QUINTET last Tuesday with LAURA SPITZER, pianist, followed by DA VINCI STRING QUARTET Wednesday and violinist JANOS NEGYESY Friday...UNLV's theatre season opens Friday with "Beyond the Fringe" performed by a touring group out of Frisco. DUDLEY MOORE was one of the writers of "BTF" 20 years ago with PETER COOK, ALAN BENNETT & JONATHAN MILLER. The show is considered forerunner of "Monty Python's Flying Circus" & "Saturday Night Live"...MARK TAN's anni Beaux Arts Halloween Ball set for Union Plaza's Triple Crown ballroom Oct. 27, will not have Queen JOAN RIVERS and King SAMMY DAVIS JR. this year because of conflicting dates...In Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge, LOU MAREK'S RAINBOW EXPRESS joins WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL & CHOCK FULL O'COUNTRY. CHARLES SUPIN's "Hello from Vegas" airshow is set for every Friday morning from 9 to 10 in the lounge...DOUG GARDNER terps and chirps as featured male singer, new addition to Flamingo Hilton's "City Lites."



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