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Comedian Pete Barbutti was born at a very early age and was raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He began his musical career at age eleven when he started taking accordian lessons. While still in high school, he performed with the University of Scranton Band and the noted Scranton Philharmonic Orchestra. At the same time, he also operated two accordian schools; one in Carbondale and the other in Honesdale, Pennsylvania and earned extra spending money playing at Polish and Italian weddings.

After finishing high school, he served with the Army Reserves where he became head arranger and assistant conductor for the 79th Division

Band.

He then formed his own group, a musicalcomedy-vocal quartet called, "The Millionaires" which toured the country for six years, settling in Chicago for one year and then in Las Vegas where "The Millionaires" quickly became the favorite of many Las Vegas Strip celebrities.

After two years in Las Vegas, the group disbanded and Pete began his career as a standup comic, working first in Spokane and then in Seattle, Washington for a full year; the year of the World's Fair.

It was during that time that Steve Allen saw a locally produced video tape of Pete and immediately booked him as a regular guest on his popular late night show; the first of more than five hundred network shows.

One of those shows was seen by Nat King Cole who signed him for an extended concert tour as an opening act. The tour lasted two years.

Next came Arthur Godfrey's discovery of Pete and a long stint as a regular on Godfrey's famous radio show.

Pete moved back to Las Vegas where he regularly performs in lounges and main showrooms.

A testament to his comedic genius is the fact that he was voted "Lounge Act Of The Year" in Las Vegas in 1974 and "Best Comedic Opening Act" in Atlantic City in 1984.

Pete Barbutti's comedy is universal, funny and original and he's more than just a comedian. He is also the consummate musician excelling on B-

Flat Tenor Broom and jazz Cigar.

Some comics rely on written material, others need a visually engaging personality and a few are blessed with a sharp mind that enables them to be naturally funny. Pete Barbutti's act is a brilliant mixture of all three. He is now at the Empire Showroom of the Landmark. Two shows nightly.

Crossroads Counseling Center will sponsor its second annual Memorial Day Children's Picnic this year at Lorenzi Park (Rancho & Washington) on Monday, May 27, 1985.

The picnic will begin at 1:00 p.m. Many play activities will be conducted to insure involvement of all the children the entire afternoon. For ticket information contact: Richard E. Monaco, MSW, Executive Director, Crossroads Counseling Center, 1916 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89104, 732-7717.

Producer Gina Sakowicz announces that host Sig Sakowicz will discuss with show biz celebrities their bout with drugs. He will chat with Natalie Cole, Freddy Fender, Rosemary Clooney, George Carlin, Flip Wilson & Desi Arnaz, Jr. Forrest "Buck" Owen will direct the show to be viewed June 1, Sat. 12:30 a.m. and June 4, Tues. 1 a.m. via KTNV-TV-13.

The Las Vegas Chapter of Hadassah invites you to attend the Installation of officers for 1985-86, at Temple Beth Sholom. Officers to be installed are as follows: President Eleanor Schwimmer, Vice-Pres. Fund Raising, Patti Hoganson, Renee Schreibman, Membership, Rolene Reizner, Program, Babe Lieb, Irene Lane, Treasurer, Faye Levine, Financial Secretary, Ruth Lieberman, Recording Secretary, Freda Schwartz, Corresponding Secretary, Freda Jackler, Education, Molly Shindel, PRAM, Esther Gewercer.

A lovely affair is in store with luncheon and entertainment. Reservations are required by June 1st. Please call Ellen, 735-5880, Ruth, 871-8056, Blanche, 878-7632 or Faye, 458-7160.

Memorial Day services will be held on Friday, May 24th at 10:00 A.M. by the Charles T. Kandel Post and Auxiliary 711 of the Jewish War Veterans. Services and grave decorations will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery located at Las Vegas Blvd. North and Foremaster Lane with Cantor Simon Berger chanting the traditional memorial prayers.

All are invited to attend.

Charles T. Kandel Post and Auxiliary #711 of the Jewish War Veterans will hold their regular meeting on Monday, May 27th at the El Cortez Hotel at 7:30 P.M.

We invite all eligible men and women to come and join us.

. For more information, call 452-5006 or 734-8080.

Hadassah Tributes include:

Claire Bycel on becoming a Life Member of Hadassah from Niki & David Miller, Emma & Abe Weidenfeld, Lynn Rush.

Mr. & Mrs. David Shindel on birth of daughter Kimberly from Ruth Schugar, Emma & Abe Weidenfeld, Lynn Rush.

Mildred Schwartz Happy Birthday from Pauline Stein.

Eleanore Schwimmer, New President of Hadassah from Emma & Abe Weidenfeld, Lynn Rush.

Renee Schreibman, a Happy Birthday from Eleanor & David Schwimmer.

Evelyn Miller, a Happy Birthday from Sally & Sol Kostova.

Alberta Stern, a Happy Birthday from Sally & Sol Kostova.

Betty & Lee Blumfield on marriage of daughter Robin on May 17 from Barbara and Maurice Grant, Ruth & Norman Pasternack.

Doctors Jeffrey & Perri on birth of daughter from Sally & Sol Kostova, Alan and Lornay Gealer.

Rivi & Moische Sherach on arrival of new grandchild from Pauline Israel and Sylvia Taub.

Eddie King on complete recovery and wonderful health record from Pauline Israel and Sylvia Taub.

We appreciate and wish to thank all our friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and tributes extended during our bereavement at the loss of beloved husband and father, Fred Kucher, from Gert Kucher, Shirlee Lieber & Marty Kucher.

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