

OF THE STARS



four frame extension...BILL COSBY slipped into Caesars last Friday night with CLINT HOLMES through the 24th. Then it's PIA ZADORA time with JOAN RIVERS.



TONY BENNETT sent his regrets to FORREST DUKE for not being able to make the big show, but after his Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel night on the 19th, he has to go down to Solana Beach for Sunday's opening of his (ANTHONY BENEDETTI) paintings at the Art Loft...Boomtown Laughlin finally gets a shopping center. Ground-breaking for the JOHN MIDBY EL MIRAGE SHOPPING PLAZA and Laughlin's first school was only two days apart. The school will run from kindergarten through 8th grade...And the \$25,000,000 Wet n' Wild on the Strip between the Sahara and El Rancho starting its second season last Saturday has added a two-story water slide called the Hydra-Maniac...RON ANDREWS, normally the Hacienda's music director but now stage manager for "Norman, Is That You?" starring SHERMAN HEMSLEY, is showing his collection of Cibachrome prints at the Dana Marie Lull Art Gallery in Spring Valley Library...MAYNARD SLOATE cast a new batch of hopefuls for "A Chorus Line" at the Sahara. SLOATE sez this show has the record for cast burnouts in showbiz from Broadway to Vegas.



Nevada's Motion Picture & Television Division is currently compiling a free directory of all in-

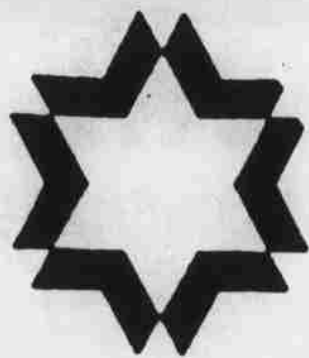
state businesses that provide goods & services required by pix and video production crews. When completed this summer, the tome will be distributed to screen trade offices in Hollywood, Gotham and overseas...RONNIE MILSAP & REBA McENTIRE partner on the 19th in Thomas & Mack Center. Two events in May are confirmed: NEW EDITION on the 17th and on the next night a closed circuit concert from N'Orleans shown in conjunction with the KODAK LIBERTY RIDE...Instead of all-country folk filling weeks at the Frontier this summer while SIEGFRIED & ROY are on summer hiatus, RIGHTEOUS BROS. & PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS are booked from June 3-28...But the Frontier isn't tossing off the wrangler crowd. On May 4-6 the whole place will be teeming with the FRIENDLY FRONTIER COWBOY CRAPS TOURNAMENT BARBECUE & JAMBOREE.



WAYNE NEWTON finishes out the month at MGM Grand, ditto DIONNE WARWICK at the Golden Nugget. Whereas FRANK SINATRA & RED BUTTONS polish off Friday & Saturday in the GN's up-escalator Theater Ballroom...Downtown the Four Queens, ragin' Cajun DOUG KER-SHAW fiddles and charms with his Louisiana mumbo-gumbo through Sunday, then DELLA REESE makes a long-delayed return to our town opening Tuesday. ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz in the Queen's French Quarter brings those horny comedians together again, meaning trumpeter JACK SHELDON of the DOC SEVERINSEN "Tonight Show JOHNNY CARSON Band,"

and trombonist CARL FONTANA, a die-hard Vegan of immense jazz reputation...MITZI SHORE called from the Dunes to say that STEVE MITTLEMAN will represent The Comedy Store at the FOREST DUKE PARTY Sunday. MITTLEMAN is a funny guy with no chin. "I grew a beard once," he admits, "and I looked like a guy with a beard and no chin." The lanky 6 foot 4 fuinnyman sez he got his height from his parents who are each 3 foot 2...Curious about a combo in the Frontier's Wild Horse lounge called THE WIZZ KIDS, I'll have to drop by and have a look and listen. They're sharing the time and space with THE LAST BAND...The Union Plaza's Omaha lounge has held over VALENTINO for the 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift, while DAVID JULIAN, sings his Top 40 tunes starting at 2 o'clock in the aft...According to Daily Variety's ARMY ARCHERD, "MARILYN McCOO anxious to continue her acting career, cancelled a three-week Desert Inn date to accept a costarrer with DONNA PES-COW in 'A, My Name is Alice,' at BURT REYNOLD'S dinner theater in Jupiter(Fla.), starting April 15 for four weeks"...I'll have to buzz over to the Tropicana and check out GOLDEN SPA MIZUNO's grand opening on the 24th. It was considerate of KEN MIZUNO to send me an invite...And now for the good culture stuff -- RAINBOW COMPANY MIME TROUPE's "A Meeting of the Mimes" at Reed Whipple Studio Theater starting Friday; LEWITZKY DANCE COMPANY in UNLV's Master Series Thursday 8 p.m. in Ham Hall and DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM, April 30, also 8 p.m. in Ham Hall.

PALO ALTO (WNS) — Stanford University has purchased the collection of 20,000 scholarly books, manuscripts, pamphlets, and journals of Jewish history, culture and religion belonging to Professor Salo Baron, the noted historian. The university said the private collection, which includes 300 rare volumes and is valued at \$1 million, will make it a major center for the study of Jewish culture.



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