

OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.

direction is by FRED OLSON, the twice-told tale of "Romeo & Juliet" moved along maybe four centuries to UNLV's Judy Bayley Theater.

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First on acceptance list of Aid for AIDS entertainers, the benefit June 14 at the Stardust, are JACK JONES, NORM CROSBY, BUCK RAM'S PLATTERS and MAUREEN MURPHY...The Boyd Group, owners of the Stardust will be spending \$25,000,000 to expand their Sam's Town hotel-casino on the Boulder Highway. Prez Bill Boyd, noting that the company's revitalizing projects at the Stardust, Fremont and Sam's Town will amount to \$95,000,000, said, "We're reinvesting in the future of Las Vegas and Clark County"...Vegas world owner BOB STUPAK is worth more than \$54,000,000, according to dox filed as he revs up his campaign for Las Vegas mayor. "Some have suggested that I am running for mayor solely to promote my own business," the candidate grinned. "As this report surely makes clear, my business is in no need of further assistance." Rival candidate RON LURIE, 14-year city councilman and perennial mayor protem, rebutted STUPAK: "It shows how someone can prosper in this town under the current city government. I'd like to see STUPAK earn another \$54,000,000 while I'm mayor." This week, they'll put on the six ounce gloves just before the primary, Tuesday...Winner of the large roster of mayoral candidates will be facing this unhappy stat: Las Vegas air is among the worst in the nation. L.A., of course, still leads with unhealthy carbon monoxide.

The Aladdin's Bagdad showroom wasn't supposed to open until the Memorial Day weekend, but Friday scored plenty of picketing by Local 720 Stagehands upon arrival of "Oba, Oba," from a recent European tour. The Aladdin is another anti-union joint. "Oba, Oba" is a Brazilian spectacular, drawing its name from the famous showhouse in Rio. And it's official -- the DOOBIE BROTHERS will perform May 24 at the Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts signalling the hotel's grand opening Memorial Day weekend. Thought the Aladdin TPA was closed to rockers...

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Quintet arriving Tuesday at the Dunes Comedy Store will be emcee RONNY KENNEY, newcomer BRENDA FERRARI, regulars DENNY JOHNSTON, DAVE TYREE & OLLIE JOE PRATER...DOLLY PARTON zoomed away after her three-nighter at the Golden Nugget to her new 40-week TV spec that pays her a million \$ a week, poor gal. The G.N.'s up-escalator Theater Ballroom now sports LOU RAWLS and comedy-impressionist LOUISE DUART.

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SAMMY DAVIS JR. was supposed to brave Bally's Celebrity Room alone in concert for a fortnight, but JERRY LEWIS couldn't resist partnering with SAMMY again, continuing the double hilarity they whacked together a few

weeks ago...WOODY HERMAN & BIG BAND is set for the Four Queens July 14-18, but the VANDILLS are rampaging the 50s through Sunday and DOUG KERSHAW fiddles his Cajun tunes when the bucaroos come to town for Helldorado Rodeo May 5, staying over through May 24...The Aladdin has a rival at the Riviera in "The Latin Quarter: A Carnivale Spectacular" enveloping

exotica from Spain to Argentina. Lobby of the Latin Quarter showroom resounds with twitter and caws of tropical birds in cages and a huge banyan tree occupies the center. At Budd Friedman's Improv, one floor below in the Mardi Gras Plaza, standups J.JL WALL, JOANN DEERING, JON MELICHAR and BOB ZANY erupt with their particular schtick...Guess who's coming to Vegas May 11? They were supposed to hole up at the Riviera, the "Late Night" gang headed by DAVID LETTERMAN, but settled for Bally's instead.

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GEORGE CARLIN tests his frank, undiluted verbiage within the august hall of the Circus Maximus, a Caesarian section of Caesars Palace Wednesday for a week...The In-Crowd is gathering at Community College Theater for "Noises Off," the cockeyed farce that had Londoners and Gothamites capsized with yockery. BARBARA BRENNAN directed...In serioo vein, philosopher/author Mortimer Adler discussed

the Constitution Thursday in UNLV's Ham Hall, free to the public as part of the Barrick Lecture Series...At Caesars Palace, the Easter funny delivered a prize to LORRAINE PAGE of Norwalk, just married to ROBERT PAGE. It was a huge nest egg of \$1,150,000 in cahoots with a progressive dollar slot machine she played for three minutes.



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