

OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.

KINISON, riding in from MITZI SHORE's various Comedy Stores...Funny lady JEANNINE BURNIER is a fixture with JOHNNY MATHIS. Both will reveal their fun and singing games at Caesars Palace opening Wednesday...He's not that funny, but WAYNE NEWTON shoots a few gags between tunes at the Hilton with his start Tuesday...BUDD FRIEDMAN's yocksters at the Riviera's Improv, opening Monday, are FRANKLIN AJAYE, JEFF MILLS, RICK CORSO & JASON STUART.

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VANNA WHITE played Vegas in one of the biggest showrooms, the Convention Center. She gave a three minute speech during a tea at the International Council of Shopping Centers, proving the title of her book "Vanna Talks" isn't blowing in the wind...Members of the press put on poker faces for their anni invitational tourney at Binion's Horseshoe Club. At the Horseshoe, writer, film producer HAL KANT, also an attorney who reps THE GRATEFUL DEAD, followed up on his reading of BOB CIAFFONE's book, "Omaha Hold 'Em Poker," capturing the Omaha Hold 'Em Crown and \$174,000, beating a record field of entries, including CIAFFONE, who finished fourth. Also, in one of the poker scrimmages, TELLY SAVALAS placed 5th and pocketed \$11,650 in a two-day 7-card high-low split event. "It's not my favorite game," bassed TELLY. "It was just the one they were playing when I arrived in town. My favorite game is one where I'm not the first person eliminated." Poker finals finished Thursday...Note from JAKI BASKOW, back from

Europe, informs that she booked ROGER MOORE (JAMES BOND) to present an Enny at the Telegatto awards over there. She didn't say what country, but it sounds very Italian. BASKOW's production services for talent has produced 27 shows in Europe the past 18 months.

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Visitors who head for Nevada to take loads of care off their backs aren't aware that in this state Nevadans face more stress than residents of any other state. That's what Authors ARNOLD LINSKY & MURRAY STRAUSS conclude in their "Social Stress in the United States" book...When a local real estate broker announced sale of the late LIBERACE's lavish home here at \$2,700,000, two former neighbors, DON & PEGGY ATROBUS, began their project to raise \$5,000,000 to buy and open the 24-room completely furnished mansion as a museum to the public, proceeds to the LIBERACE FOUNDATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS...Attendance for Helldorado events, including the rodeo in Thomas & Mack Center, was down this year...Also down and downcast is GINJI YASUDA, ALADDIN owner, not too excited about casino biz during first month. He'll be making changes between hefty baccarat bouts at Caesars Palace.

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Double billing of DIONNE WARWICK and ALAN THICKE opening Tuesday at the Hilton is intriguing on both counts. WARWICK will be paged by local chapter of AFAN, sponsors of the Super

star Aid for AIDS benefit June 14 at the Stardust. Her Grammy for "That's What Friends Are For" with the BURT BACARACH title hit, sung with GLADYS KNIGHT and STEVIE WONDER, aids AMFAR, American Foundation for A.I.D.S...ROBERT GOULET, who will be one of the stars on the June 14 AFAN show, joined SAMMY DAVIS, JR., RIP TAYLOR and numerous specialty acts from Strip shows on "Late Night With David Letterman" this week, taping in Bally's Ziegfeld Theater. Resonant ROBERT wrapped shoots in Hollywood on the pic "Beetle Juice" for Guessin Films, with SYLVIA SIDNEY, ALEC BALDWIN, MICHAEL KEATON, GEENA DAVIS, all directed by TIM BURTON...Down Laughlin way, corporate brass of Holiday Corp. exults because of okay by state Gaming Control Board for the company's \$65,000,000 hotel-casino 15-story highrise on a 49-acre sprawl, ground breaking skedded for July 1 and opening late '88...Upriver at DON LAUGHLIN's Riverside Resort, LACY J. DALTON arrived for her two-nighter tonight and Saturday in the Starview Showroom.

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MITZI SHORE decided to go for earlier showtimes at the Dunes for her Comedy Store standups, 8:30 and 10:30, with this week's laughers including ARGUS HAMILTON, DAVE CONRADES, LOIS BROMFIELD, CHARLIE HILL and HARRY BASIL...May is jazz month in Vegas and horns are busting out all over except at ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz at the Four Queens. He featured chirpers ERNESTINE ANDERSON this past Monday and ETTA JONES takes the stage next Monday, the JONES gal pursued by HUSTON PERSON's tenor sax obligatos. This is DOUG KERSHAW's final week in the Four Queens French Quarter on other nights except Mondays, bowing out for FRANK SINATRA JR.'s arrival Tuesday...One of the jazz greats, JOE WILLIAMS, localite, was honored Sunday aft with a Distinguished Nevadan award at UNLV graduation ceremonies in Thomas & Mack Center.

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