

Drew Carey's gift to staff is PRICELESS

Drew holds an autographed copy of "The Price Is Right" DVD game



No shop talk allowed during Vegas weekend

NEW "Price Is Right" host Drew Carey invited – and paid for – the entire show staff and their families to Las Vegas for a "getting-to-know-you" weekend.

But there was one rule: No talking about work!

"When he first invited everybody, we figured that it would be a weekend for us to talk about new rules on the set and changes Drew would be making," a grateful show employee told The ENQUIRER.

"So when we heard we weren't allowed to mention anything regarding work, we were ecstatic.

"Drew is all about generosity and good will – and to top it off, he's always in a good mood, no matter what."

Even when Drew suffered an on-set injury, getting his arm caught in a rotating apparatus while leading a contestant through the "Grocery Game" competition, he took it in stride. "Of course, we panicked when

Drew's hand got caught in the spinning stage floor. The last thing we want to have happen is the host getting injured before his first show has even aired!"

But Drew, a former Marine, remained calm, and after doctors tended to him, "he was right back on the set, all smiles as if nothing had happened."

The surprise Vegas trip was not the first time the 49-year-old comedian displayed his generosity to "The Price Is Right" staff. When it was first announced he was taking over hosting duties from recently retired Bob Barker, Drew gifted all employees with a new \$500 Apple iPhone.

"He's such a breath of fresh air," added the source. "We are all so happy to have him."

by ROBIN MIZRAHI

Vanessa ready to tie knot – but Nick is tongue-tied



Vanessa's becoming impatient with Nick, after dating for more than a year

NICK LACHEY just can't seem to pull the trigger on his long-anticipated marriage proposal to Vanessa Minnillo.

Her impatience showed on Aug. 15 at a Kohl's department store in Jersey City, N.J., where she signed autographs for adoring fans and unveiled her Flirt! cosmetics makeup line.

Nick, 33, tagged along to the event, but remained holed up in the store's upstairs conference room for most of her appearance to avoid stealing the spotlight. His presence there prompted Vanessa, 26, to gush to one

autograph-seeker: "He's a great guy. Any guy that comes with his girlfriend to an event involving makeup is a great guy."

But when asked if wedding bells would be ringing anytime soon, her mood quickly changed. Throwing her hands in the air and shaking her head, the former Miss Teen USA said: "Not yet. You're going to have to ask him. Seriously, you're going to have to ask him."

FOLLOWING VANESSA'S SUGGESTION, the determined fan tracked down Nick as he was walking through the home goods department and asked him the same question.

"We'll see," he said, signing autographs and posing for pictures. "We're playing it by ear."

As The ENQUIRER previously reported, Vanessa had engagement on the brain as far back as May when she spotted an emerald-cut diamond ring on the finger of a woman at the Kentucky Derby and immediately gave Nick shopping instructions.

In April the couple, who have been dating more than a year, moved in together into a swanky two-bedroom condo in New York City.

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