

## The battle of the clubs 'Tramps vs. Shark Club'

by Elisa P. Garcia

The Shark Club at 75 E. Harmon has been rocking the Rebels into the wee hours of the morning for three and a half years, a relatively long time for a nightclub.

What is the secret of their success? The people at the club said they believe it's the homey atmosphere. The customers feel comfortable and can "let loose." The club has a high energy level which is propagated by its light show and innovative visual effects.

The music at Shark's varies depending mostly on the crowd. The DJs assess the crowd and play the music they think the people want. If this means mixing rock with disco, so be it. This is an original concept in deejaying and separates the Shark Club from other nightclubs. However, because the club has so much to offer, it is often over crowded. Ironically, its popularity is one of its only drawbacks.

The Shark Club has three owners—two from Texas and the other from Louisiana—who owned a nightclub in Texas called Austin Nights before they brought their down-home Southern comfort to our glitzy city. Thanks to the popularity of the club here in Vegas, they are opening another Shark Club in downtown Los Angeles in late May. They also hope to open a club in Maui in the near future.

The cover charge to get into the Shark Club is \$5 on most Friday and Saturday nights. The dancing lasts as long as the crowd does, which can be as late as 9 a.m. the next morning.

One of Shark's main competitors is Tramps, another popular dance club which has been open for six years. Located at 4405 W. Flamingo, Tramps said they are successful because they give people what they want—Top 40 music.

Drink prices are less expensive and the drinks seem stronger than those at Shark's. But beware, security is tight, so anyone with a fake ID takes the risk of being turned away. Tramps offers different promotions each night such as contests, ladies' nights, and free money. The cover charge is \$5 and the dancing usually continues to 7 a.m.

Running a close third to Shark's and Tramps may well be the Palladium, a hot new dance spot at 3665 Industrial Rd. Its attributes are a spacious interior and popular house music such as C+C Music Factory, MC Hammer, Janet Jackson and Snap.

The bar service is speedy, the drinks are reasonably priced, the seating is plentiful, and the dance floor is huge. Since it is new, it's not over crowded, but its popularity is quickly increasing, so jump on the bandwagon before it's too late.

## 'Just Between Us'

Jenny Jones provides laughter for women in new TV show

Comedian Jenny Jones has been selling out comedy clubs across the country with her unique for-women-only act, "Girls' Night Out." Beginning in April, Jones will host a funny new talk show, "Just Between Us," which premieres April 15 at 10 a.m. on KVVU-Channel 5

Find out why Jenny Jones has become such a national phenomenon by becoming a member of the studio audience. Jones will tackle lighthearted topics that touch upon the joys and frustrations of everyday life.

"Just Between Us" will begin taping Friday, April 5, and conclude Saturday, May 11, at KVVU Channel 5, 25 TV 5 Drive, Henderson. One show will be taped each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and two shows will be taped each Saturday.

Seating is limited, so call (702) 594-9040, leave your name and phone number. Reservations will be confirmed. Please note that audience members must be at least 18 years of age. For additional information, call 435-1220.



## Santa Fe—The group, not the city, comes to Las Vegas

Excilbur Hotel/Casino will present Santa Fe in their encore debut engagement in the Minstrel's Theatre Lounge from April 15 thru May 12.

The group originated in Santa Fe, N.M., and began weaving their magical spell on Las Vegas audiences 17 years ago. Over the years, Santa Fe has undergone a metamorphosis—going from Latin-flavored tunes to a contemporary sound.

Santa Fe features Jerome Lopez on lead vocals, guitar, bass and synthesizers. It is Jerome who has kept the "sound" of Santa Fe together. He directs and coordinates the group in addition to composing, arranging and producing much of the music performed by the group.

Multi-talented Lenny Lopez can be heard on vocals, congas, drums, trumpet, guitar, bass and keyboards. He has been with Santa Fe since they came to Las Vegas 17 years ago and has helped to create

the highly recognizable sound that identifies them.

Cleto Escobedo, a featured vocalist, also plays saxophone and keyboards. He joined Santa Fe two years ago and is a native of Las Vegas.

Singer/guitarist Bruce Conte has been with the group for six months and was formerly with the group, "Tower of Power," with whom he recorded seven albums.

Another newcomer is Dave Lowrey who plays bass, composes and does some of Santa Fe's musical arrangements.

A native of Las Vegas, Hugh Michael Moran is an accomplished drummer. He also plays keyboards and sings.

Showtimes are 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Mondays 9 p.m.-3 a.m. (off Sundays) April 15-28. From April 29 to May 12 showtimes are 4-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 9 p.m.-3 a.m. Sundays (off Mondays).

## Night of a Thousand Stars

Local and international celebrities promote literacy

Singer-actor Robert Goulet, along with local celebrities, will join others across the nation in reading aloud to children and families during National Library Week, April 14-16.

"Read—Succeed" is the theme selected this year for the library district's "Night of a Thousand Stars" to help promote participation in family literacy.

On April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Charleston Heights Library, 800 Brush St., actors from Fairy Tale Theater will read stories to families.

On April 17, the following story readings will be presented: Story readers Robert Goulet, Georgia Neu of Actors Repertory Theatre, Sign Design Theatre, Stormi Lloyd Drake, Judy Witt and Shelley Berkley, will read at the Clark County Library Auditorium, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Dave Courvoisier of KVBC-TV will read at Sunrise Library, 5400 Harris Ave., 6:30 p.m.

Children's author Ida Chittum will read at the East Las Vegas Library, 4060 S. Nellis Blvd., 7 p.m.

Green Valley Library, 2797 N. Green Valley Parkway, will present its program at 7 p.m.

Children's author Bruce Kolcielniak, King Arthur, Sign Design Theatre, School Superintendent Brian Cram, Gwen Castaldi from TV-3, and Council member Scott Higginson will read at Rainbow Library, 6010 W. Cheyenne at 7 p.m.

Characters from Fairy Tale Theatre will read at the Spring Valley Library, 4280 S. Jones Blvd., 7 p.m.

Larry Weekly of KCEP Radio and Wanna Hart of KLAS-TV will read at the West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., 7 p.m.

On April 18, characters from Fairy Tale Theatre will read stories at the Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 6 p.m.

## WHEEL OF FORTUNE



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Moyer Student Union Room 202.

Interviews limited to first 100 students.  
Must have valid UNLV I.D.

Interviews last approximately 3 hours.  
Transportation by Delta Airlines.

Sign-ups are in MSU 120