

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

*Mark Tan*  
IN  
**LAS VEGAS**

**TALK OF THE TOWN.** In a town top heavy with name stars and 'don't miss' shows is the unique and hilarious **LYNNE CARTER** now in his special one man concert at the new Royal Las Vegas casino showroom, on Convention Center Drive. The room is small and intimate and just perfect for Lynne's devastating and devilish parodies. You'll never see **BETTE DAVIS** again without thinking of her - as Lynne sees her - singing "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home". Mr. Carter's shows are at 10 and 2:15 a.m. (dark on Sunday).....**JOAN RIVERS**, **JOHNNY MATHIS**, **JOHNNIE RAY**, **RIP TAYLOR**, **TRINI LOPEZ**, **ROGER & ANN-MARGRET SMITH**, **ALLAN CARR**, **BRECK WALL**, **JAN SUTTON**, **DEEDA HYMES**, **DON LANE**, **ELMARIE WENDEL**, **PAT COOPER**, and the company of "Fiddler on the Roof" - to mention just a very few - among the celebs and showfolks in to see Carter's "must see" charade!!!.....And speaking of charades and masquerades: Lynne has agreed to make a special appearance in a "surprise impression" at **RIC MITCHELL'S 9th Annual Hallowe'en Hop** at the Stardust October 30. Tickets for the all night gala are now on sale and going fast! And far - requests for tickets have been received from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Salt Lake.

**PLANNING AHEAD.**.....The Desert Inn Showroom will close Dec. 7 to 27th; the Frontier from Dec. 9 to 22nd.....**SHECKY GREENE** will make his mainroom bow at the Riviera's Versailles Room on Nov. 26.....**HARRY BELAFONTE** makes a rare Vegas appearance, at Caesars opening Nov. 4.... The new "FOLIES BERGERE" opens Thanksgiving Day at the Tropicana Hotel. Choreographer **LARRY MALDONADO** has signed dancer **NICK NAVARRO** (just closed here with **JULIET PROWSE**) as his assistant on the new "Folies".....Reportedly in various talking stages: **ZSA ZSA GABOR** in "40 Carats"; **SID CAESAR** in "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers"; **TINA LOUISE** in "Star & Garter"; and most provocative of all, **MARCELLO MASTROIANNI** in his worldwide nightclub debut as Rudolph Valentino in "Caio Rudy". The latter was musically directed by **DANNY DANIELS** in Rome last year. Daniels, who's still getting raves for his recent **MEZZI GAYNOR SHOW**, reportedly has a Strip hotel with all the right terms for Marcello: a limited engagement and a lot of \$\$\$\$\$.....

**STRIP CHATTER.**.....Sultry songstress **LEE MEZA** - always such a big draw here - is the current favorite to star in the 1972 edition of the Dunes' "Casino de Paris". Producer **FREDERIC APCAR**, putting the finishing touches on the new "Vive Les Girls" for Mexico City, has yet to make his decision but all the Meza-maniacs are routin' for Lee to snag the coveted star slot.....**JOHNNIE RAY**, opening Oct. 8 at the Fremont Hotel's Fiesta Room, expands his nitery act to include a special never-done before tribute to his longtime friend **JUDY GARLAND**. Ray was the last star to work with Judy in a series of concerts in Sweden and Denmark, and the two were planning a world tour just before her death. Johnnie's new show includes that medley of songs he and the legendary Judy performed together in those final concerts.....**JOAN RIVERS**, now co-starring with **JACK JONES** at the Sands, is after "Funny Farm" star **RIP TAYLOR** to join her in her Broadway-bound comedy "Fun City". Joan will be taking time out from the play rehearsals to host the "Tonight" Show for her 32nd time - in late November.....Voluptuous **ANN-MARGRET**, doing such great biz at the Las Vegas Hilton, says she is not going to play **Scarlett O'Hara** in the Broadway musical version of "Gone With the Wind". Actor **GEORGE MAHARIS** - who shares A-M's management team **ROGER SMITH & ALLAN CARR** at Rogallan - will be in Vegas over the weekend to see her new show, and George is most definitely up for the role of **Rhett Butler**. Still another Rogallan client, **ANN MILLER** is readying her return to the Vegas stages. Ann was in for A-M's opening and is one of the co-stars of the upcoming tv special (Nov. 15) "Dames at Sea".....



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BY  
**AL KIRSCHNER**

**LOOK WHO CAME BACK TO TOWN?**  
You're right its Al Kirschner. We tried Sister city Los Angeles and just couldn't make the grade. It might be that we have become accustomed to the nicer people who live here. In California we tried several different businesses. The best one was suggested to me by Sam Mannis (the fur king) who urged me to try to sell cemetery plots on the Layaway plan. When we tried it and told old Sam that business was not so good, he gave us a further suggestion: that we could promise free underground parking. Believe it or not it worked. We got loads of orders for parking spaces but the cemetery business just wasn't alive. Very happy to run into Joe Delaney who welcomed me back to town. His gracious Roberta said where's Miriam? She's busy moving here - naturally she does the hard work. **Parl Price** stopped by to welcome us back and brought his pretty Dottie in to say glad you came back home. Judge O'Donnell said "I hereby sentence you to a happy life in Las Vegas again."  
Being kissed hello by Ann Frank and her Milton Frank (executive at the Stardust) brought tears to my eyes. Yes, they are nice people. Rita Bliss tells me that her David is feeling great and that she is in good shape. This she didn't have to tell me because I have pretty good eyes.  
That rounder Sam David spoke with me to report that he's in the frozen fish business. That sounds fishy to me -- give my love to your Bea.  
We're closing with good wishes and the observation if you have nothing to hide showit-- if you have nothing to show hideit.  
More Kabaret next week.



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*Don Tell*  
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must be extraordinary. Not only does he dress and walk and talk and move exactly like the star he impersonates, but his facial expressions do the final mirage. You seem to think you are being entertained by five or six of the superstars of showbusiness. In his field, Mr. Lynne Carter is a superstar. Best wishes for a long run.....  
Around town -- A twenty one dealer at a very famous strip hotel was caught with his bloomers down this past week. It seems that the dealer had a system of shoveling the house's chips down a hidden pocket into a pair of bloomers. When caught, as invariably is the case, the dealer had been working on his shift only twenty minutes and was found with \$975 on him. What will they think of next?.....  
At 1:00 A.M. every night we are subject to the humor (ugh) of a Sweet Duke Hoover (a terrible programming mistake). Dukie is host of the Cinema Scene show each night and his claim to fame is zonking (making fun) of prominent Las Vegans. Sweet Duke happens to be a very funny guy, but we must report that he has to lead the sheltered life of someone near to a shut-in. He zonks the same six or seven people every night; G. I. Vito, Ralph Pearl, George Franklin, Mark Tan, Al Freeman and Mickey Mouse. Why don't you start zonking important people like Jack and Don Tell?.....  
Pat Ginn, who operates Par's Chinese Restaurant in Commercial Center, has a very successful business. Pat and his lovely wife work to a packed house every night, especially at 6 p.m. when take out orders are numerous. Pat just won a tough battle with county commissioners regarding an electric sign atop his reknown restaurant. So we'll look forward to seeing Pat's Chinese Kitchen in lights for a long time to come.....

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