

LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE



STRIP HOPPIN' KILLER (L.A.) entertainment personality and Hollywood columnist TONI HOLT will be one of the costume judges at RIC MITCHELL'S HALLOWEEN HOP at the Stardust on Oct. 30. The casts of the Stardust LIDO, Dunes, CASINO DE PARIS and the Tropicana's FOLIES BERGERE in to see hilarious femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER, now at the new Royal Casino Throne Room. Also popping by for a look-see at the world famous comedy star JOHNNIE RAY, NORM CROSBY, JACK JONES, CONNIE STEVENS and TRINI LOPEZ. A longtime friend of Lynne's opens this week at the Flamingo Casino Theater. JIM BAILEY just back from a whirlwind tour of Australia. Bailey and Carter have been friends since Jim's early days in show biz in New York.

before Jim's sensational climb with his incredible carbons of Garland Streasand Diller, etc. DAVID WALKER, former singing star of the Silver Slipper's "Wonderful World of Burlesque", takes time off from getting his solo act together to emcee the Halloween Hop parade. Philadelphia thrush LORETTA ST JOHN (last here in "Pazz") is featured in her own act at Cleopatra's Barge at Caesars Palace. Singers LES FREED and BILL DE BELL will be leaving the "Folies Bergeres" when the new edition opens Thanksgiving Eve. DICK HAFTNER will be featured in the new show. It isn't songstress LEE MEZA who stars in the new "Casino de PARIS", it may be comedienne FAYE McKAYE who's been touring with LIBERACE since she left the Landmark's "Tower Sweets Revue". Former "Vive Les Girls" star ELMARIE WENDEL huddling daily with her writer SUZANNE BUHRER ("Bottoms Up" mainstay until this past year) on a new solo act. Elmarie already has

offers to break in her new comedy-musical one woman show in Chicago, New York, Houston and San Francisco prior to a bid for Vegas.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE ABOUT......the Aladdin Hotel being sold again and the increasingly strong scuttlebutt that RECRION CORPORATION (present owners of the Aladdin, Fremont and Stardust Hotels) will be buying the Riviera by mid-72...the Mike Todd burlesque spectacular "STAR & GARTER" is still very much alive and in talks with the Hughes Hotels for an early '72 run. Statuesque JULIE NEWMAR who was dancing in the aisles one day last week at "BOTTOMS UP" afternoon show is the much wanted headliner, if and when. Playboy Magazine emperor HUGH HEFNER reportedly trying to land TWO hotels on the Vegas Strip. The long shuttered Hotel Bonanza is ripe for reopening.

COMING ATTRACTIONS. Gorgeous ABBE LANE returns to the Desert Inn with headliner JIMMY DURANTE, opening October 19. With Abbe will be her two favorite song and dance men, LARRY BILLMAN and GARRETT LEWIS. PAUL ANKA returns sooner than scheduled to play Caesars Palace over the Thanksgiving holidays. SHECKY GREENE's debut at the Riviera mainroom in November is NOT Shecky's first mainroom appearance. He played at the LAST FRONTIER main room several times. In fact, at one time, SHECKY, SAMMY DAVIS JR., LYNNE CARTER and ELVIS PRESLEY were ALL appearing at the tabled Last Frontier within weeks of one another. WAYNE NEWTON will be the Frontier's Christmas attraction. And BARBRA STREISAND may be free of her movie commitments to return to the Las Vegas Hilton-International in December.

STRIP BITS. Whatever happened to that All-Black revue that was supposedly going to re-open the Castaways Hotel showroom?...DIANE ADAMS, featured with JACK MORAN & SHERRY WILLIAMS as "Johnnie's Friends" (Johnnie Ray at the Fremont, that is) is the daughter in law of producer ALAN FLE. Actress-comedienne-songstress ARIANE FONTANNA collecting a scrapbook full of rave reviews from her many club dates on the East Coast has her agents agenting for a Strip outing. Ditto: Boston-based singer

KITTI EVANS who's been hailed as the "new Robert Goulet" (while the "old" (?) Bob is starring at the Frontier!!!)...Sixteen year old ROBBIE LA LONDE, the dazzling ice skating star featured in the Stardust "Lido de Paris" comes by her talent honestly. Her dad is BUDDY LA LONDE who starred for years with SONJA HENIE...LINA RENAUD's adding ten dancers to her expanded edition of "Love In" for its mainroom bow at King's Castle...Manager LEONARD GRANT who guides stars like RIP TAYLOR, THE ESTABLISHMENT, MITZI McCALL & CHARLIE BRILL, etc. is turning coproducer to bring the New York hit "The Dirtiest Show in Town" to an LA stage next month. If the show goes well there, Grant's hoping to add Las Vegas in early '72 for a second production...Choreographer RON LEWIS and his Mexico City-bound cast of "Vive Les Girls" leading the cheers for LIZA MINNELLI's return to the Riviera. Ron staged Liza's act...Hot new act RICK HARRIS, CANDY & MR. D wind their current ten week debut at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and head immediately for a New Orleans bow; then home (Sacramento, Seattle) for Christmas and will be back on the Vegas Strip to welcome in the New Year...

WEEKEND WANDERERS. Two variations on the art of femme impressions: HILARIOUS Lynne Carter at the Royal and INCREDIBLE Jim Bailey at the Flamingo...Manolo Torrente-Freddy Manjon's whirlwind tour of half a dozen Latin neighbors in the colorful "LATIN FIRE '72" at the Thunderbird...Vivacious favorite CONNIE STEVENS debuts her all new act at the Sands...An Evening with ANN-MARGRET at the Las Vegas Hilton...And don't miss "BOTTOMS UP" featuring COOPER NEAL, DAVID HARRIS, ALICIA IRWIN, BONNIE BAKER, VICKI ANTHONY and ROB BARRON, at the Flamingo Casino Theater, afternoons at 2 and 4.

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