

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



RECORDING STUDIOS kicks off its new recording label with an album etched by GAYLORD & HOLIDAY. ANDY WILLIAMS, just closed at Caesars Palace, is now the official box office draw for that hotel. Andy outdrew TOM JONIS by more than 2500 people in his first two weeks. MR. LYNNI CARTER, now at the new Royal Las Vegas Casino-Showroom, flies to L.A. to discuss a proposal for a special one night appearance similar to his recent SRO Carnegie Hall concert.

ROUND TOWN...More than 75% of the ballots are in for the final tally in the upcoming Las Vegas Entertainment Awards to select the best and favorite stars and shows of the past year. Ballots must be in Oct. 24; the winners will be announced at RIC MITCHELL'S 9th ANNUAL HALLOWE'EN HOP at the Stardust on Oct. 30. The cast of "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" now at the new Union Plaza returned the visit of the cast of "BOTTOMS UP" now at the Flamingo Casino Theater. "Bottoms Up" will be moving to the nighttime slot at the Flamingo starting December 9 thru 23. B.B. KING and THE TRENIERS will play the Flamingo mainroom to replace LITTLE RICHARD who bowed out of his engagement. Vegas Visitor publisher BOB CAMPBELL and Visitor International Publications VP, MARVIN TRAGERMAN hosted a whirlwind tour of the town for international financier LES TAYLOR, his beautiful blonde wife MONIQUE, and prominent Toronto stockbroker & mining executive REUBEN BRANT. The Taylors and Brant selected "CASINO DE PARIS", dinner at The Sultan's Table, and a round of lounge hopping for their long look at Las Vegas. SONNY & CHER will be joined by LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS for their return (Nov. 26) date at the Sahara. The Sahara Congo Room, incidentally, will go dark Dec. 14-23 for the annual Super Sahara Celebration. ROBERT GOULET is the current titleholder for the BIGGEST marquee lettering in town. You can not only see his new Frontier billing but you can read it from either Caesars Palace or the Sahara.

STRIP SCOUTLEBUTT...SAMMY DAVIS JR. will bring back the famous line of Copa chorus girls when he returns to the Sands in November. TRINI LOPEZ gives vent to itching acting bug in a starring role in an upcoming ABC-TV Movie of the Week called "The Reluctant Heroes"

and a role as a parole officer on an "Adam-12" segment for January airing. Speaking of acting, bushy haired comedian MARTY ALLEN starts his second starring role this week in "A Whale of a Tail". DON MURRAY is wanted for the male lead. ANN-MARGRET's tv special "Dames at Sea" airs Nov. 15, and MIZZI GAYNOR's "South Pacific" makes its television debut on Thanksgiving Eve. ABBI LANE looking sexy and sensational in her new Desert Inn act has a pile of movie and tv scripts to pick from to start the new year. For her new show, Abbe's brought back a favorite fling of the '40's in which she and her male associates LARRY BILLMAN & GARRETT LEWIS remember stars like Rita Hayworth, Dorothy Lamour, The Andrew Sisters, and Betty Grable. HOLLYWOOD REPORTER publisher TICH WILKINSON MILLS joins the panel of costume judges at the Halloween Hop. Producer BARRY ASHTON will also be flying in for the all night gala to be a judge. Barry and his partner WOLI KOCHIMAN are readying an all new spectacular for unveiling at the Americana Hotel in Puerto Rico in December. LARRY MALDONADO will choreograph.

WEEKEND WANDERERS...MR. LYNNI CARTER, the world's foremost female impersonator offers his zany and hilarious carbons of BETTE DAVIS, MARLENE DIETRICH, PEARL BAILEY etc. at the Royal Las Vegas. JERRY LEWIS and special guest Tony Award winner MELBA MOORE in a long awaited return to the Strip scene at Caesars Palace. CONNIE STEVENS and her all new revue at the Sands.

YOUNG AUDIENCES WEEK OCT. 24-30

Governor Mike O'Callaghan has signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 24-30 to be "Young Audiences Week."

November 10th has been set for the semi-annual Membership Luncheon, at which time

a "showcase" demonstration concert will be presented by the Las Vegas Percussion Quartet at 'Club 29' in the Landmark Hotel and see for yourself just what Young Audiences does for the children of Clark County.

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?...A variety of ailments and illnesses plagued Strip stars this week including the famous "Vegas throat" and the "bug" that's going around. ROBERT GOULET missed several shows at his current Frontier engagement while JIMMY DURANTE & TRINI LOPEZ filled in. LIZA MINNELLI, LYNNE CARTER & JOHNNIE RAY shared a common ailment, the not so common cold and sore throat. Comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL ("Vive Les Girls") hospitalized at Sunrise for minor surgery. Local publicist CAROL MASHBIR brought back a "London fog" cold after a three week European tour. CLIFFORD ALLEN, one of the dancers with CONNIE STEVENS at the Sands broke his foot opening night and was replaced by NICK NAVARRO.

STRIP BITS...Singer-dancer GARRETT LEWIS, now with gorgeous ABBI LANE at the Desert Inn, just closed at the LA Music Center's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" starring PHIL SILVERS (Garrett) was producer ROBERT FRYER'S number one choice for a costarring role in the show and Fryer insisted on Garrett opening in the show even though it was for a short one week. When Abbe and Co. close here, Lewis may turn up next in a straight dramatic part in the next Ahmanson Theater production, "Becket" starring RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN. Producer-director DICK YORK ("The Boys from Syracuse") in town to audition talent and talk a Vegas run of his upcoming "Cole Porter Revisited" revue opening January 7 at Bimbo's in San Francisco. JACK JONIS returns Christmas Eve to the Flamingo. Las Vegas' newest entertainment conglomerate VMI-UNITED

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