

# LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE




**NOTES FROM ALL OVER**...Lavish, spectacular, stunning and dazzling eye-filling are some of the words being used to rave about the new **BARRY ASHTON-WOLF KICHMANN** extravaganza, "PARIS SCANDALE" which opened this week at the Americana Hotel in Miami. Ashton is celebrating his 10th year anniversary as one of that resort's leading entertainment entrepreneurs. Ashton & Kochmann were honored by the Miami Variety Club for their decade of entertainment contributions. The producers turn next to an all new 7th edition of "REVUE ROYALE DE PARIS", the "must see" show at the Puerto Rico Americana, opening Dec. 22. Barry & Wolf, best known here in Vegas for their long running "THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" at the Silver Slipper, have a busy year of new productions upcoming that will take them to Chicago, Buenos Aires, Boston and Copenhagen....Flamingo headliner **JOHN ROWLES** just closed a smash debut at the Plaza's Persian Room where the New York scribes gave him glowing reviews with blurbs like "the sex appeal of a young Elvis and the magnetic singing voice of young Eckstine". John heads next for the holidays at home, in New Zealand, and returns to his second home, the Outrigger Hotel in Waikiki opening January 4....Femme impressionist **LYNNE CARTER**, who opened the Royal Las Vegas Casino Showroom, is juggling his east coast concert dates to make an availability date for a Vegas hotel in early '72....Comedy team **MITZI McCALL & CHARLIE BRILL**, former stars of the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere", have an all new comedy act prepped for debuting with **ANN-MARGRET** in February at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami....Comedian **ROBERT KLEIN** has been set for his Vegas debut as opener for **BARBRA STREISAND** at the

Las Vegas Hilton, opening Christmas Eve..."**BOTTOMS UP**" moves to the nighttime performance slot at the Flamingo Casino Theater for the next two weeks, starting Dec. 10. The long-running **BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON** musical comedy revue takes its annual hiatus from Vegas in January and will return to the Flamingo in the spring....**DOWN MEMORY LANE**...**TEX BENEKE, RAY EBERLE, PAULA KELLY & THE MODERNAIRES** are the current headliners at the Desert Inn Lady Luck Lounge, presenting their nostalgic recreation of the great days of the "big band" sound made famous by Glenn Miller. Tex has kept much of the original Miller band together over the years. Tex, who now makes his home in St. Louis, draws the top musicians from all over the country to make the increasingly heavy schedule of nightclub, concert and theater engagements. **RAY EBERLE**, who was Miller's famous "young man in the romance department" vocalist still has that smooth, rich romantic way with a song. Miss Kelly and the Modernaires - **TOMMY TRAYNOR, AUTIE GOODMAN & RON PARRY** - perform songs they made classics in the swing era. The Beneke-Eberle-Modernaires package made its first appearance here in June, and were an immediate hit with audiences of all ages. The Glenn Miller legend has never stopped growing since the bandleader's mysterious disappearance in 1944. In addition to Beneke's group offering music in the Miller style, there are several others keeping tribute to the melodic Miller instrumentals and dance tunes, including Buddy de Franco's Glenn Miller Orchestra (although de Franco never actually worked with Glenn but was with Tommy Dorsey). Dozens of present day names in the music business had their start with Glenn Miller - **BILLY MAY** was a Miller arranger; composer **HENRY MANCINI** was a pianist with Beneke's Miller Band in 1945-46; **RAY ANTHONY** was a Miller trumpeter.  
**STRIP CHATTER**....Phoenix-based rock group **CALLIOPE** is now featured at the Sahara Space Center's annual Airlines Celebration festivities; a "brother" group, **SOUP**, returns to the Hilton Crown Room on Dec. 15....**FRANK SINATRA JR.**, selected as The Bachelor Chef of the Year, released his new Daybreak album, "SPICE" to coincide with his Dec. 2 opening at the Frontier Circle F Theatre. Frank who is his own best composer, penned several of the tunes and has a couple of more ready for inclusion in his next album....We hear stories about the

temperamental tantrums and "star" demands of popular singing duo **VEST & CLARK** (formerly in "Vive Les Girls") now in Paris in the upcoming (Dec 15) Lido show. Too bad. The guys are getting a reputation for being difficult....The **UNION PLAZA'S** prexy **SAM BOYD** flew in more than 300 Southern California travel agents in appreciation of their support of the new downtown hotel-casino. That should also help them "Think Plaza" in '72, too!.... Just wondering, but **WHATEVER** happened to: **SAMMY SHORE** (Elvis' longtime comedy star); **TRISH NOBLE** (star of the Sands' "London Playgirls Revue"); **JULIE BUDD & KAREN WYMAN** (the two young songbirds who were so hot when they played here at Caesars & the Sands, respectively); **ARLENE FONTANNA** (musical comedy actress-singer)....The **DESERT INN, SANDS, & FRONTIER HOTELS** are the latest to be reportedly shuttering their lounge facilities, in January.  
**STRIP BITS**....**MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON** ("Latin Fire '72") host the all night **SANTA BARBARA CHANGOL**, Dec. 3 at the Thunderbird for more than 400 invited guests....**STEVE LAWRENCE & EDYIE GORME** (opening Dec. 18 at Caesars) in for **PAUL ANKA'S** Thanksgiving opening ....Flamingo star **RUSTY WARREN** in for a quick visit and confab with United Recording Studio. Rusty has two new albums coming out in '72; one is called "I Saved the Best for You".... Luscious **NALANI KELE & HER POLYNESIAN REVUE** return to the Stardust Lounge on January 7. This marks the 10th (or is it 11th) year for the sultry beauty and her fabulous show of shows made up from practically every island of Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia....**AL MARTINO** fresh from his movie-acting stint in "The Godfather" opens at the Sands Copa Room January 5, with co-star **LOUIS PRIMA**....**JACK MORGAN** with the Russ Morgan Orchestra returns to the Top of the Strip at the Dunes, Christmas Eve....Members of the **LAS VEGAS AGVA** are openly wondering about the recently announced AGVA Entertainer Awards supposedly voted by the AGVA's 10,000 membership. Seems the local AGVA membership was not even invited to vote! The winners - primarily television stars like **BOB HOPE, CAROL BURNETT & FLIP WILSON** - will receive their awards at an upcoming Caesars Palace telecast....**DON RICKLES** makes his Riviera debut Dec. 10 in a quick six day engagement; **THE 5TH DIMENSION** follows on Dec. 17....

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