

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



pantomaniacs THE BERNARD BROTHERS starring in "Bare Touch of Vegas" at the Stardust, and a wide assortment of "crazies" appearing in the Strip mainrooms: CHARLIE CALLAS (Landmark), JERRY COLLINS (Desert Inn), PHIL FORD & MIMI HINES (Sahara), MYRON COHEN (Flamingo) & DAVE BARRY (Frontier)...SHECKY GREENE returns to the Riviera Jan. 21. NANCY SINATRA originally skedded postponed her Riv debut until Feb. 4.... RIP TAYLOR will be breaking in his new Strip-bound revue (opening Feb. 14 at the Sahara Casbar) at the Thunderbird Hotel in Miami this month....Rock group SOUP moves downstairs from the just shuttered Crown Room to the Hilton Casino Theatre for show and dancing starting Jan. 12....ALLAN CHAPIN, formerly at the D.I. & The Skyroom, is the new maitre'd at the Aladdin's Bagdad Theater....

REVUE return to the Stardust Lounge Jan. 12. As usual, Miss Kele has added a selection of new authentic native dances to her colorful pageant that visits, in music, song and dance, faraway places like Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, the Philippines and other exotic ports o'call....THE TRINIERS return for another fun filled four weeker at the Flamingo on April 27, following a month at the Sahara Tahoe...."BOTTOMS UP" will open Jan. 10 at the Sahara Tahoe and start breaking in new material for the 1973 edition returning to the Flamingo in May....

STRIP BITS...Vivacious PAT GILL bounced into town for a two day holiday from Mexico City where PAT, JACQUELINE DOUGUET & BERNARD CHAREY are starring in "Vive Les Girls".... MARILYN ROBERTSON is a razzle dazzle versatile talent just waiting to explode. She is currently exercising her comedy talents as the surprise "strip" in "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper, and sometimes takes a turn as the campy cutie in the '30's opening and later as the sultry siren in the bordello production number. GORDON CORNISH the show's male singing star is Marilyn's charming partner and has his own spot of Dick Powell spoofery....FRANKIE AVALON will be BARBARA EDEN'S co-star headliner at the Landmark, opening Jan. 26....The Oriental extravaganza "GEISHA-RELLA" returns to the Thunderbird January 12. MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S eye-popping "LATIN FIRE" will be back with all new productions and specialty acts in June....ANDREW LEFF aged 6, flew in with his little brother STEVEN to celebrate New Year's and keep their gorgeous mama, ABBE LANE, company during her Landmark engagement. Steven will be four on Jan. 17 and Abbe's planning a Las Vegas birthday party

WEEKEND WANDERERS....Quiet talk and dancing to Music in the Morgan Manner at the Top of the Strip at the Dunes. JACK MORGAN conducts the Russ Morgan Orchestra....JOHNNY MATIIS at the Sahara....Delightful young JULIE BUDD who no longer needs to hassle with those "young Streisand" labels, sings her songs with MILTON BERLI & HENNY YOUNGMAN at Caesars Palace....AL MARTINO, who plays "that singer" in the soon to be seen "THE GODFATHER" is headliner at the Sands....JILLIAN, SIEGFRIED & ROY, THE VOLANTES, DOMINIQUE are featured in the Stardust's "LIDO DE PARIS", a must for every first time Vegas Visitor....

FIRST THINGS FIRST...A fashion faux pas in last week's review of BARBRA STREISAND'S current Hilton engagement caught the eye, ear and ire of the star and her manager. Miss Streisand was not wearing black leatherette (NEVER!) on her opening night, it was black satin, Black Satin, BLACK SATIN!!! It was one of those curiosities of show biz that other details of the review (like "impeccable artistry", "magnificent", "dazzling" etc., etc.) appeared without comment....

STRIP CHATTER....Comedy reigns this week with the King of Comedians MILTON BERLI at Caesars Palace and Laughdom's First Lady, PHYLLIS DILLER at the Riviera (Jan. 7). And don't miss JACKIE GAYLE winding his long engagement at the Sahara Casbar Theater, SAMMY SHORI debuting at the Hilton Casino Theater, comedienne EAY McKAY now starring in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris", TOMMY MOE RAFT top banana-ing in "The Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper, hilarious

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE....Producers, acts, etc., looking for a place to showcase or audition their wares to Strip buyers can set up the Royal Las Vegas Throne Room; contact JOE PETERSON at the Royal offices....Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCKMAN get serious about auditioning black showgirls, dancers and nudes for their upcoming Copenhagen spectacular, scheduled to open in June. Ashton just returned from Puerto Rico and the 7th edition of "Revue Royale de Paris" at the Americana Hotel....Line Renaud's "LOVE IN" just closed at King's Castle getting renewed interest from Strip buyers. If and when a deal jells, Line and her associate MITCH HRUSHOWY will be auditioning Vegas dancers and specialty acts. "LOVE IN", a big, BIG lounge show with a cast of 30, would make an ideal opening attraction at the MGM-Bonanza Opera House Theater. Line's last Vegas production "FLESH" was one of the last shows at the old Hotel Bonanza....Producer MATT GREGORY'S "The Feminine Touch", a big hit at Harrah's, Reno, has a new star - comedian-magician BERI LEE who was featured in the last "Folies Bergere"....TOMMY MOE RAFT, of "Wonderful World of Burlesque", is being wooed to star in the new "Minsky's Burlesque" at the Aladdin....

LOUNGE HOPPING....SAMI JO AND THE CANDY MOUNTAIN are the last minute addition to the line-up at the Flamingo Casino Theater, with WAYNE COCHRAN & THE LMA HOUSTON. Sami Jo just ended a hectic schedule of club dates in Texas and the Southeast when she got the Flamingo bid....NALANI KELE & HER POLYNESIAN

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