

LAS VEGAS SHOWGAS

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LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE...Hilarious femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER begins his four week stand at the Flamingo Casino Theater, and has his showtimes geared for the late, late crowds. On Thursdays thru Sunday, Lynne's shows are at 11:15 and 3:30 a.m. Turning out for Carter's opening night bash: MARTY & FRENCHY ALLEN, RIP TAYLOR, ELMARIE WENDEL, THE

ESTABLISHMENT, THE CELEBRATION, EDIE ADAMS, ROBERT GOULET, JILLIAN, SIEGFRIED & ROY, THE VOLANTES (from the "Lido"), THE BERNARD BROTHERS and cast members from "Bare Touch of Vegas", DON CRAWFORD, DEBRA DUKE and cast members of "Minsky's Burlesque", JACKIE BEER, TAKEUCHI KEIGO (star-producer of "Geisha'rella"), and dozens and dozens more. Carter's outrageous and letter-perfect carbons of such great ladies as MARLENE DIETRICH, BETTE DAVIS & PEARL BAILEY had the crowds rockin'. Don't miss him!...The Silver Slipper's "WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" celebrated its 1000th performance this week. Barry Ashton's long running romp stars TOMMY MOE RAFT, with JANET BOYD, MARINA MAUBERT, GORDON CORNISH, LOU ASKOL, MILT DOUGLAS, and MARILYN ROBERTSON, among the featured performers. Ashton's all new "VERVE" opened March 2 at the Union Plaza!...ABBE LANE, MARLO THOMAS, JOEY HEATHERTON and GLORIA DEHAVEN are among the femme stars being talked about to head the Desert Inn's August production of "Sweet Charity"...GOLDIE HAWN postponed her Caesars Palace bow again announced for June...EDIE ADAMS, now at the Frontier with JIMMY DURANTE, is one of the top lady impressionists. To wit, Edie's take-off on "Hello, Dolly" stars CAROL CHANNING, ETHEL MERMAN, PHYLLIS DILLER, MARLENE DIETRICH, and of course, LA STREISAND!! ...Hasn't the real ZSA ZSA GABOR (who ranks as one of the most often imitated personalities) been signed for a May date at the Desert Inn. Zsa Zsa reportedly will bring an all new nightclub act to town rather than star in a play. Zsa Zsa and daughter FRANCESCA HILTON have been touring in "Forty Carats"...BURT LANCASTER headquartered at the Tropicana Hotel while filming locally at the Valley of Fire...Same holstery, new owners take over this week if they haven't already. According to local scuttlebutt, producer ALAN LEE will take over entertainment including the new "Folies Bergere" for the rest of '72....

pops up next as one of the stars of a new edition of "THE BEST OF BURLESQUE" at Circus Circus...BILLY JOE ROYAL, now at the Flamingo Casino Theater, cut three new tunes for Columbia prior to his opening. Now BJ has to wait to see which the label will release to follow his other million sellers like "Down in the Boondocks", "Cherry Hill Park", etc....

STRIP SCUTTLEBUTT...None of it is official, confirmed or announced but rumors have it that... "MINSKY'S BURLESQUE" will leave the Aladdin in June to move to the Fremont...A revival of "STAR & GARTER" to be produced by HARRY BLOOMFIELD is being set for a Strip showing this summer...THE SILVER SLIPPER will go on a two-shows-a-night policy in the spring...The very, very popular "FLOWER DRUM SONG" will be returning to the Strip this summer...Dunes "Casino de Paris" star FAY MCKAYE will leave the show in mid-year for other commitments....

STAR-SHINE...THE CELEBRATION now at the Sahara Casbar, joins ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK for an April to October tour starting in exotic Caracas, Venezuela. The six-member group - BILL HUDNUT, KITTY MURRAY, RICH HERKERT, CHUCK BEDFORD, ROSALIND CLARK and WENDY DOUGLAS - are celebrating their second year together. And in the two year span the group has worked with just about every major star including ROBERT GOULET, MARTY ALLEN, JIMMY DEAN, TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD, JIMMY DURANTE, and PHIL HARRIS...TOTIE FIELDS & VIC DAMONE share honors next at the Riviera...Stardust's gorgeous NALANI KELE and her Polynesian revue have been signed to open DEL WEBB'S new Hawaiian resort, KUI-LIMA in May...SONNY & CHER will have a smashing LARRY STORCH in the comedy slot when they return to the Sahara on April 4...DALE ROBERTSON who hasn't played here since the first go-round at the Hotel Bonanza, returns to the Fremont at month's end...The Frontier lounge closes March 8....

WEEKEND WANDERERS...MARTY ALLEN & LESLIE UGGAMS at the Flamingo...ROBERT GOULET at the Sands...PETULA CLARK & THE OSMOND BROTHERS at Caesars Palace...And don't go home without seeing at least one "Las Vegas style" spectacular:

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ROUND & ABOUT...Comedian PETE BARBUTTI opens next week (Mar. 7) at the Sahara Casbar Theater, with rock group CALLIOPE joining the bill later in the week. Meanwhile the Casbar is very much in the hands of zany favorite RIP TAYLOR, the Cryin' Comedian oft' featured as Dean Martin's tv barber. Taylor leaves here, to join DEBBIE REYNOLDS in Houston, with a hatful of offers to return to the Strip this summer...LOUIS PRIMA opens at the Hilton-International lounge for a June 28 debut. Same hotel, RED SKELTON, who announced his retirement at his last Hilton appearance, returns April 6. And ANN MARGRET postponed her return from April to possibly May...Busy, busy JOAN RIVERS returns to the West Coast, permanently, in April to open at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills. Joan will headline and present newcomers to the very in-and-in-fluential crowd. Singing sensation J.J. MACK, just closed at Lake Tahoe, has been mentioned as Miss Rivers' "first" discovery to be showcased...Popular funnyman BILL FANNING ("Bottoms UP", "Bedtime Riot", "Filthy Follies", etc.)

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