

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST



and THE SOCIETY OF SEVEN made special trips to the Center to perform for the JDC, Spring Mountain and Child Haven youth groups....Now with THE ESTABLISHMENT - returning March 23 with ROBERT GOULET at the Frontier - is singer JIMMY MICHAELS enacting the role Jesus in the group's showstopping "Jesus Christ, Superstar" capsule version. Jimmy was formerly featured in the Desert Inn's "Pzazz". Also joining the company is MELODY CODY whose husband MICHAEL CODY has been with The Establishment for a couple of years....Speaking of Goulet, Robert laughed long and loud, but didn't deny, that he is one of the top males being sought for Cosmopolitan's upcoming series of Male Nudes....Showbiz tax expert JOE CAPANELLA has reopened his offices in the Alwin Building and will be handling performers income tax returns on practically a 24-hour basis for the next couple of weeks. Capanella is business manager and income adviser to numerous Strip acts....

Beverly Hills on April 4. Joan will headline in the intimate bistro for four months....Beautiful CAROL LAWRENCE (Mrs. Robert Goulet) is now the most oft mentioned star to top the "SWEET CHARITY" production that's pending for an August 29 opening at the Desert Inn...."MAN OF LA MANCHA" reportedly being pitched to Strip hotels; ditto "GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES", "SOUND OF MUSIC" and "LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS". All would do blockbuster business; Vegas audiences are ripe for Broadway production shows to while away their summer holidays....

STRIP HOPPING.....LYNNE CARTER continues as the "must see" attraction, currently at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Carter's packed houses, at even the unlikely showtimes of 11:15 and 3:35, Thursday thru Sunday, are sure indications that entertainment director BILL MILLER has another giant star on his stable of winners. Carter's devilishly risqué parodies of MARLENE DIETRICH, BETTE DAVIS, PEARL BAILEY, etc. have made him the talk of the town!....Sparkling plenty: SANDEE BARNHART now one of the dancing dolls in BARRY ASHTON'S "VERVE" at the Union Plaza. The UP has initiated - or more correctly, brought back - the "open lounge" policy for the new Ashton opus with no captains, maitre'd, on the door for seating. It's a casual walk in, first come first served basis for all the 10 and midnight shows, with an added 2 AM performance on Saturday. MARTY ALLEN, L.A. Herald Examiner's comically caustic critic RICHARD CUSKELLY, Silver Slipper adagio team MARINA MAUBERT & MARTIN GAVIN, THE CELEBRATION, LYNNE CARTER, and BILLY JOE ROYAL among the late, late showgoers. Also now handling the Company Manager chores for "Verve" is actor-singer STAN MICHAELS - who was last here as "Tom Jones" at the Circus Circus. Stan also works days as one of the directors of the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center and will be coordinating a series of Strip star concerts this summer. Last summer groups like THE MARSHMELLO COMPANY, SOUP, CALLIOPE, THE KIM BROTHERS,

SUMMER IN THE CITY.....CONNIE STEVENS, PAUL ANKA, MARTY ALLEN, JOAN RIVERS, ABBE LANE, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, and DON ADAMS penned in for summer engagements....THE OSMOND BROTHERS, who will headline when they return next to Caesars Palace in October, play a summerload of concert dates across the country. The Osmonds now have two hits in the top ten, and plan a long session of recording before hitting the summer circuit....MARTY PICHINSON & TONY CATERINE who head up the Dallas-Beverly Hills talent agency TC, Inc. plan a special showing of all their variety clients with an April 4-7 showcase at The Losers Club in Dallas. Entertainment directors, buyers, agents and press will be flown into Texas from key cities like Las Vegas, Miami, Reno, Tahoe, Boston and Chicago for the talent line-up....JOAN RIVERS opens her own comedy-newcomers showcase at the Ye Little Club in

BITS & PIECES.....There'll be ALOT of changes in the all new BARRY ASHTON'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE debuting April 4 at the Silver Slipper. Held over however from the last edition will be gorgeous, comedienne-dancer MARILYN ROBERTSON....The truly incomparable and one and only LENA HORNE is at Caesars Palace with ALAN KING in his CP debut after many years with the Sands. DON'T MISS!!!....And speaking of incomparables, after seeing BETTE DAVIS talk-singing on JOHNNY CARSON'S recent "SUN CITY SCANDALS", rumors are flying again that Miss Davis will tackle a Broadway musical for a very limited Vegas run, but it won't be "APPLAUSE" (the hit made from Bette's "All About Eve" Academy Award winning film)....JOHNNY CARSON by the way is getting tons of national press for his upcoming Sahara date when he'll have BETTE MIDLER as his guest star. Miss Midler is the famous nostalgia-camp songstress who got famous for performing in New York at an all male steam bath....Producer MATT GREGORY will revamp and recast his "THE FEMININE TOUCH" for a June reopening at Harrah's Tahoe. The revue, recently closed at Harrah's Reno....MARTY ALLEN will m.c. the upcoming GENII AWARDS (for Women in Television and Radio); MARY TYLER MOORE makes this year's presentation to "All in the Family" star JEAN STAPLETON....Manager LEONARD GRANT (Rip Taylor, The Establishment, etc.) beaming over the preview success of his "THE DIRTIEST SHOW IN TOWN" at L.A.'s Ivar Theater. Grant turned producer to bring the Broadway-London smash hit to L.A. The official opening is March 22. Preview plaudits to JEFFREY HERMAN, SHARON ANN BARR, LEA MARMER, SOMMER SALLY and MICHAEL KEARNS among the very talented and versatile cast. "Dirtiest" was directed by author TOM EYEN. The much talked about nudity in the show is really incidental to the provocative and stinging commentary about the things that are really making the world "dirty" like war, pollution, bigotry, lack of understanding and love. The show has some powerfully bitter-funny sequences and the young cast is first rate throughout!....The Thunderbird's "GEISHA-RELLA" star TAKEUCHI KEIGO proved quite the exotic and tasty chef for a late, late showfolks party. Keigo cooked up a dozen Oriental delicacies to please the palate of pals like MARTY ALLEN, ROBERT GOULET, EDIE ADAMS, THE OSMOND BROTHERS, Sun columnist JOE DELANEY, LYNNE CARTER, BILLY JOE ROYAL, the Stardust's "Lido" castmembers JILLINA, TOM ALLISON, SIEGFRIED & ROY, WAYNE ALBRITTON, plus assorted friends and folk from "Verve", "The Wonderful World of Burlesque", "Casino de Paris", and "Minsky's Burlesque"....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....ELA & WALDO, GIL DOVA, SHEILA BLAIR, REGINE CARTIER, and TIP KELLY are featured in the new Union Plaza extravaganza "VERVE - IT STARTED WITH EVE"....LYNNE CARTER at the Flamingo....FRANKIE LAINE headlines at the Landmark....

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