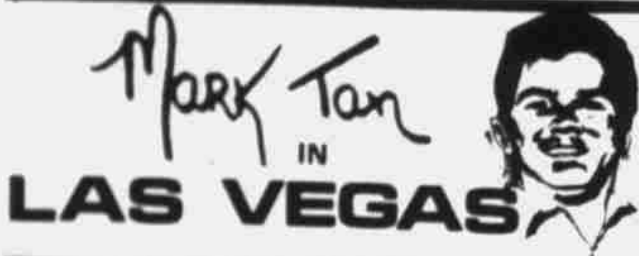


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"NAKED SIN" is doing absolutely smash turnaway business at the intimate Royal Las Vegas showroom. Biz is so good the producers are adding extra seats and extra performances. Producer **TERRY GORDON** is now prepping road companies of "Sin", and is listening to a couple of offers to move the crowd pleasing sensation to a bigger Strip showroom in time for the summer crush of Vegas visitors. What might really work for Gordon's ultra nude opus would be a late late performance after the midnight show at a Strip mainroom. It's the kind of show people would stay up til the wee hours of the a.m. to catch....**CALLIOPE**, the popular Phoenix based rock group, just closed at the Sahara Casbar, endeared themselves to the Sahara bosses by attracting big crowds even at generally considered off-showtimes. They'll be back!!! Meanwhile, Calliope's "brother" group **S.O.U.P.** has the distinction of being the first musical group of its genre to be invited to join maestro **DAVID FORESTER** and **THE NEVADA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** at the May 13 Concerts for Children, starring **WAYNE NEWTON** at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Forester wants the S.O.U.P. contingent to really let themselves go, musically, and perform some of their longer original compositions with the **Legemondus Symphony** backing them....**THE LETTERMEN** make their Flamingo debut on June 8, co-headlining with Vegas perennial **MYRON COHEN**....Comedienne **JEANINE BURNIER** who's been getting all that Dean Martin-Glen Campbell tv exposure, will be on the bill when **PATTI PAGE** headlines at The Landmark opening April 26. Jeanine is well known to Los Angeles audiences for her many, many, many guestings at the very popular Horn in Santa Monica which features the brightest newcomers and a handful of stars who got their "in person" training there....**DIONNE WARWICKE** makes her next Vegas date at the Riviera, her new Strip home, on May 3, with **NORM CROSBY**. Same hotel, **SHECKY GREENE** opens April 19 and closes just in time to accompany his beautiful and gracious lady, **NALANI KELE** to her opening at Del Webb's new Hawaiian resort hotel, the **KUILIMA** opening May 5....

Jean Leccis Singers in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" to star in producer **FREDERIC APCAR'S** new "Vive Les Girls" opening in June in Acapulco, Mexico....**TOMMY MOE RAFT** moves to the headline slot of "Minsky's Burlesque" at the Aladdin as of April 1....the **BONANZA HOTEL** reopens its bigger than ever Glitter Gulch Lounge this weekend with **PETER ANTHONY, BONNIE & CLYDE** and the **TWO JOKERS** providing the dusk til dawn entertainment....When **DON HO** returns to the Flamingo on April 14, singer-impressionist **JIM BAILEY** will take over Don's Hawaiian headquarters, the **Polynesian Palace**....**JACK MORGAN** and the **Russ Morgan Orchestra** return to the Dunes' Top of the Strip for a June to October stand....Hot, young choreography team, **SUSAN TEMBEY & STEVE MERRITT** who've done Barry Ashton's **Americaha Hotel** (Miami & Puerto Rico) spectaculars, and Ashton's **Union Plaza** frolic "**VERVE - IT STARTED WITH EVE**", are now in midnight to dawn rehearsals to stage and choreograph the new "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper. Merritt, a former dancer, was in the revue that originally opened the Hotel Bonanza a few years ago; Susan was one of Barry Ashton's lead dancers in Miami.... According to L.A. press, **Caesars Palace** has definitely booked **THE ORSON WELLES MAGIC SHOW** for an October outing. Very likely!! This week, entertainment director **SID GATHRID** pulls off a really unique teaming of **ANTHONY NEWLEY** and the entire **SHIPSTADS & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES '73** opening April 6....

EASTER BASKET GOODIES...**MR. JIMMY DURANTE** is celebrating his 55th year in show business with a very special one week engagement at the Sands Hotel. Jimmy closes April 4....The Desert Inn's delight, **DEBBIE** (Reynolds, of course) is celebrating her 24th year in showbiz!! Sexy country gal **BOBBIE GENTRY** follows on April 4....Even more country, movie star **DALE ROBERTSON** is making his Fremont Hotel debut; his first Vegas appearance since he played the Bonanza Hotel when it first opened....And Mr. Country himself, longtime Vegas holdout **JOHNNY CASH** with June Carter is at the Hilton International for a limited March 30-April 5 engagement....**JAN MURRAY** returns to the mainroom, and the Riviera, with **VIKKI CARR** on April 5....

STRIP CHATTER....**BEN BLUE**, signed for a special limited engagement as headliner in Barry Ashton's new "Wonderful World of Burlesque" opening April 4 at the Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Saloon, will be performing some of the classic pantomime comedy bits that have become synonymous with the sad eyed comedy master. "The Pullman Berth" and "The Bee" sketches are standard study for anyone hoping to make comedy a career. Joining Ben in the new show will be sizzling newcomer **MISS VELVET** (who mixes fire and oil in a showstopping voodoo specialty number), curvaceous blonde **SHARON DALE**, versatile dance team **Lisa and Salerno**, dancer-comedienne **MARILYN ROBERTSON**, and comedians **HERBIE BARRIS & CHARLIE VESPIA**. Former "Vive Les Girls" star **JIM HODGE** is the featured singing star...."**THE**

BITS & PIECES....Singer **DEAN HAMMOND** leaves the

COMINGS & GOINGS....The hilarious impressionist **LYNNE CARTER** who just closed a dynamite four weeker at the Flamingo Casino Theater, heads to L.A. for a week or two of business and holiday. Lynne hasn't set his summer schedule yet but indications are he'll be popping up (as **Marlene Dietrich, Bette Davis, Pearl Bailey, Mae West, etc.**) in Honolulu, Reno-Tahoe, Toronto, San Francisco, Vancouver and Miami. And he'll definitely include some weeks at Provincetown at the same club he has played for at least a dozen years every summer; he's one of those stars that no matter how big they get or how much in demand, they won't and don't forget old friends and people that have helped them along the way....**JOHN ROWLES** back to his second home, Hawaii, for an April stint at The Outrigger Hotel....



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