

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



TONIGHT! ON THE STRIP..... ANTHONY NEWLEY & SHIPSTADS & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES '73 at Caesars Palace...The all new BARRY ASHTON'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE starring BEN BLUE with MISS VELVET, LISA & SALERNO, HERBIE BARRIS, SHARON DALE and MARILYN ROBERTSON as "The Girl on the Police Gazette" at the Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Saloon, nightly at new showtimes of 10:30 PM & 2:00 AM....SONNY & CHER and hilarious LARRY STORCH at the Sahara....Top Banana TOMMY MOE RAFT and delicious peeler DIANE LEWIS are the new stars of MINSKY'S BURLESQUE at the Aladdin....TAKEUCHI KEIGO and his Imperial Japanese Dancers present the exotic moods of Oriental splendor in the Thunderbird's topless "GEISHA-RELLA" now in its fourth month!.....

STRIP CHATTER.....People in and out of the know are talking about the sudden exit of International-Hilton Hotel president ALEX SHOOFEEY, Senior v.p. of the Hilton Hotels Corporation, West Coast Division, HENRI LEWIN appeared almost instantly to replace the "resigned" Shoofey....Rumbles, rumbles around the desert mirage known as Caesars Palace; scuttlebutt is that Entertain Director SIDNEY GATHRID is reportedly ready to tender his resignation and has, several times in recent months....A top Strip producer is reportedly so bugged by the current Las Vegas scene, he's talking to pals about pulling up stakes and heading for new and hopefully greener pastures like Australia, Canada or another gambling resort like the Bahamas....And still another big name, big money producer is reportedly being slowly but surely eased out of his long time Vegas hotel and may be replaced by another Vegas name relatively well known for his nude-aramas....And

finally, what BIG big name star is reportedly stalling his signing of a new long term pact with a major Strip hotel until he gets it in writing that he'll be somehow connected with the Entertainment Department as a Talent Consultant or some such title?.....

STRIP GLITTER.....Beautiful as ever BETTY GRABLE, DESI ARNAZ SR., MARTHA RAYE, and MRS. JIMMY DURANTE with daughter Cece adding glamor and excitement to the opening of movie star-singer DALE ROBERTSON now at the Fremont Hotel's Fiesta Room....Movie stars galore like ERNEST BORGNINE, RICHARD EGAN, RORY CALHOUN, DALE ROBERTSON, JANE POWELL plus DANNY THOMAS, ROBERT GOULET, RICH LITTLE, EDDIE JACKSON, SHECKY GREENE, with his ever steady gorgeous NALANI KELE, composer SAMMY FAIN, JACK BENNY, THE TRENTERS, JERRY VALE and MISS MARTHA RAYE, among the star studded turnout to honor and celebrate JIMMY DURANTE'S 55th Year in Show Biz engagement at the Sands....Strip Don't Miss: the sultry and beautiful collection of Indonesian and Korean girls known as THE SEOUL SISTERS now at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The girls are all single, all in their early 20's, all talented, and a feast for green-felt weary eyes in their Westernized micro-mini dresses. The Sisters are really two singing groups, one from Seoul, Korea, the other from Diakarta, Indonesia who were working singly when they met in Greece and decided to join forces!.... Songstress JULIE BUDD, last here at Caesars with MILTON BERLE, headlines this month at the new Playboy Club in Great Gorge, New Jersey....JOHNNIE RAY, a big hit in New York, opens at the Flamingo Casino Theater April 27....The Cryin' Comedian RIP TAYLOR who recently debuted his new solo act at the Sahara Casbar Theater, opens next at the Upstairs at the Downstairs in New York....

BITS & PIECES.....Singer JIM HODGE, who starred in the Dunes' "Vive Les Girls", is now the singing star of Barry Ashton's new for '72 "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper....JAN MURRAY set for two mainroom engagements, now at the Riviera with VIKKI CARR, Jan will return to co-star with BOBBY DARIN at the Desert Inn on May 9. Murray did such whopping business in his recent Shamrock, Houston

engagement, the hotel brass has already offered the popular comedy star a return date anytime he's free!!!.....Maestro DAVID FORESTER conducts the Nevada Symphony Orchestra in a special Celebrity Concert in "A Memorial to Judy Bayley" at the Tropicana Hotel on April 30 in the afternoon. BEN BLUE, SHECKY GREENE, WAYNE NEWTON, PATTI PAGE, JEANINE BURNIER, & DON HO among the celebs Forester is hoping to appear for the special event sponsored by the NEVADA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS....Impressionist LYNNE CARTER back in New York after a smash four week debut at the Flamingo, heads west again in May for an engagement in Hawaii. Carter returns to the Flamingo sometime in mid-summer....WAYNE COCHRAN who constantly changes his style and material, racking up heavy sales with his new EPIC album "Cochran"

VEGAS VIGNETTES.....Producer TERRY GORDON'S very naked "THE NAKED SIN" now at the Royal Las Vegas, on Convention Center Drive, is auditioning Adams, Eves, Serpents, and Garden of Eden "animals" for a growing list of "road companies" of the SRO revue. The reviews on the show did everything but throw rocks but the public is turning out in droves to see Gordon's provocative peek-a-boo production....LIZA MINNELLI gathering absolute raves for her performance in "CABARET" (now playing at the Parkway Theater here) returns to the Riviera in the fall. Meanwhile, Liza plans to accompany her steady, DESI ARNAZ JR. on his location filming of "Marco Polo"....Vegas' favorite new rock group, SOUP, held over AGAIN at the Las Vegas Hilton lounge, told their manager CHARLIE JOHNSTON to clear their busy calendar for May 14 so they can appear here with the Nevada Symphony Orchestra and the third Concerts for Children at the L.V. Convention Center....

WEEKEND WANDERERS....Don't go home without seeing one of Vegas' world famous SPECTACULARS...."LIDO DE PARIS" at the Stardust, "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes, "FOLIES BERGERE" at the Tropicana, and BARRY ASHTON'S "VERVE - IT STARTED WITH EVE" at the Union Plaza. See one and you'll want to see them all!!!.....ROBERT GOULET and THE ESTABLISHMENT packin' 'em in at the Frontier Music Hall.....

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