

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



MARQUEE MAGIC...HARRY BLACKSTONE JR. stars in the magic & music fantasy "HOCUS POCUS" now at the Fremont Fiesta Room. Blackstone will also be seen shortly on two summer tv specials, one for the Kraft Summer Music Hall starring EDDY ARNOLD and another as the summertime DAVID FROST VARIETY SPECIAL. Blackstone (just back from Harrah's with Eddy Arnold and again with VIKKI CARR) is being assisted in the revue by two associate magic specialists Miss GAY TAVARES and Mr. D.A. LEE, and performing some brand new hocus and pocus including some expansions of his famous father's classics like the Dancing Handkerchief and the Dancing Cossacks & Bears finale. Movie goers will soon be seeing Harry Blackstone Jr. the actor in the upcoming "GET TO KNOW YOUR RABBIT" starring TOMMY SMOTHERS & ORSON WELLES. Blackstone was tech advisor on the film

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as well.... **SHIRLEY BASSEY**, who hasn't played Vegas for sometime, returns in the early fall for a premiere engagement at the Hilton....And little **TERESA BREWER**, a longtime Vegas favorite who works only occasionally, will be back on the Strip, at the Frontier Hotel in late July....**ABBE LANE** and **JOAN RIVERS** co-headline at the Desert Inn from August 1 to 28. Last year the Abbe-Joan combination proved sheer box office dynamite, and this year with both stars sheering brand new niter acts for the engagement, it should be thrice the treat!....A stunning redhead who has the lady like quality of a Greer Garson and the oomph appeal of the early Lili St. Cyr - **MISS TERI STARR** - is now bowing her new act of "sex with a smile" and "exotic impressions" at **PAUL PERRY'S PALOMINO CLUB** in North Las Vegas. Miss Starr, who is also an accomplished artist, dress designer, musician and horsewoman, to mention just a few of her hobby-talents, offers some "just for fun" impressions in her provocative peeling, including a hilarious parody of **MAE WEST** and an old-time burly-q queen....Trinidad singing star **VIN CARDINAL**, now at the Flamingo Casino Theater, who has been dubbed the "gutsy, rock soul Belafonte" has his first single record in release for indie label Vivana. It's the popular European hit - written and recorded by The Mop Tops for Philips label in England - "Mammy Blue". The only other artist currently singing the fast rising hit (in America) is **TRINI LOPEZ** now at the Desert Inn....

STRIP HOPPING...DON'T MISS the incredible and hilarious **LYNNE CARTER** and his stageful of famous ladies (**BETTE DAVIS** singing "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey", **MAE WEST** as the Statue of Liberty and the early earthy **PEARL BAILEY** are among Mr. Carter's repertoire) at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Carter's now planning a whole new batch of character ladies for future shows, and for inclusion in his 2½ hour one man concert show....**THE JOLLY JOVERS** currently sharing the socko biz of **THE LIBERACE SHOW** at the Hilton are earning their share of the applause for their hilarious stint of comedy and acrobatic feats. Will and Fe also get to come back later in the show for a bit with Liberace with the unflappable Fe flapping away in a 1920's soft shoe routine. The Jovers will also be one of the stars in the 1973 edition of the Stardust's "Lido de Paris".... The new Circus Circus revue, opening July 7 with **JACQUELINE DOUGUET** starring, will now be called "Follies de Parée". That "other" title that it was being called and written about as, belongs to another Strip hotel even though the producer is the same.... Greek singer **BILLY DARE** has an offer to return to Athens posthaste for an unlimited engagement at one of the top niteries there but Billy (originally from Chicago) has postponed his departure to stay in Vegas to entertain his mom **KATHERINE SEDARES** and 10 year old niece **TONI SAROCCO** on their first visit here. Dare also has a couple of Strip offers pending. His uninhibited free for all singing-dancing-music fests are ideally suited for rooms like the Sands' Regency Room or Caesars Cleopatra's Barge....

STRIP GLITTER...Happy Birthday to producer-manager **LEONARD GRANT** in town to catch shows, talk business, and listen to possible deals re his L.A. company of "The Dirtiest Show in Town" for a limited summer stint....**SUZANNE VEGAS** the entertainment columnist now singing and dancing in the Hacienda's new "Love of Sex" revue, is keeping up a hectic schedule of catching dinner shows for her column reviewing and interviews and then dashing to the Hacienda for the three shows a night performances. Suzanne's new "Love Goddess" dance routine in the show is a sizzler....Don't be

CAMPING FACILITIES AT STARDUST

For the first time ever, recreational vehicle travelers will be able to enjoy all the luxury facilities associated with Las Vegas resort hotels when the Stardust Hotel opens its 142-space Stardust Camperland this summer.

Situated right on the grounds of the famed Strip resort, Camperland will offer all of the necessities required for long with permitting guests to have complete access to the Stardust restaurants, showroom, gambling casino, tennis courts and other facilities found throughout the hotel.

The Stardust venture marks the first time a major resort hotel has included complete camping facilities as an integral part of its operation. As well, this marks the first time ever that recreational vehicles will ever be able to be situated right on the glittering Las Vegas Strip.

Camperland will feature its own recreation room, swimming pool and children's play area along with laundry and shower rooms. The majority of spaces within the park will be of the pull-through type and most will be equipped with water, power and sewer hookups.

In announcing the creation of Camperland, Stardust President Allan D. Sachs said, "We recognize the fact that millions of Americans take to the road in recreational vehicles each year, and we feel they should be entitled to enjoy everything that has combined to make Las Vegas the world's most famous resort community."

The Stardust executive said he conceived the idea of Camperland "after seeing so many recreational vehicles camping in hotel parking lots or in the surrounding desert where they had almost no access to necessary facilities."

too surprised to see a flock of new names popping up on the Strip marquees later this summer. A couple of producers 'round town are talking about tagging "Medical Center's" tv dreamboat **CHAD EVERETT** for a Vegas stint. Also being mentioned for new niter acts: **DOROTHY LAAMOUR**, **ROCK HUDSON**, **MARY TYLER MOORE**, **GUNILLA HUTTON**, **ANNE BANCROFT** and the return of the incomparable **MARLENE DIETRICH** now in concert in London....

WEEKEND WANDERERS....All new for the 4th of July - **DEBBIE REYNOLDS** at the Desert Inn....**CONNIE STEVENS** (July 6) at the Flamingo....**DON RICKLES** (July 5) at the Riviera....**CHARLEY PRIDE** (July 6) at the Hilton....and **KAYE STEVENS & GEORGE CHAKIRIS** in Rodgers & Hammerstein's "PIPE DREAM" at the Hilton's Theater Royale....

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