

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



**STRIP HOPPING**...MANOLO TORRENTE and FREDDY MANJON'S colorful and lavish hit revue, "LATIN FIRE '73" now at the Thunderbird is a display showcase for beautiful girls from all over the Latin hemisphere. The "Latin Fire" lovelies, many of them in Las Vegas for the first time, are from Mexico, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Panama and Bolivia, among others. Manolo and Freddy, both originally from Cuba where they were big Havana nightclub stars before they teamed up to produce "Latin Fire", are now U.S. residents of Miami...LYNNE CARTER, the zany femme impressionist now at the Flamingo Casino Theater, heads next for cabaret dates in Provincetown, Rhode Island, Toronto, Canada, and in August, a debut at the Thunderbird Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. Lynne's Flamingo bosses, BILL MILLER, BURTON COHEN, and Miller's assistant FORRESTER MASHBIR are so pleased with his twice a night show crowds, they're scheduling Carter for several more Flamingo dates. Lynne and his manager MICHAEL FESCO are also prepping a new concert tour and a full scale production show with Carter and his famous and not-so-famous ladies starring, for a Vegas mainroom outing in '73....A lot of familiar faces are back

on the Strip, currently appearing with the Desert Inn's Number One Attraction, DEBBIE REYNOLDS. In Debbie's troupe, JIM TAYLOR (who used to be with CONNIE STEVENS in her Magnificent Seven company); RAY CHABEAU (last here with JUDY CARNE at Caesars Palace, and on tour with JULIET PROWSE'S "Sweet Charity"); JOE TREMAINE (the White of song and dance troupe "Black, White and Fourteen" stars of "Flesh" at Caesars); SHERRY WILLIAMS (a former member of The Kids Next Door who became one of "Johnnie's Friends" with JOHNNIE RAY at the D.I. and Fremont); and Greek singer STEVE LARDAS who came from Broadway's "Zorba the Greek", joined THE CELEBRATION for awhile, and has been with Debbie since her D.I. debut last year....The Hip Hypnotist PAT COLLINS packin' 'em in at the Landmark Hotel in the new "third show" policy at 2:15 a.m., is now an LA to Vegas commuter. Pat is also appearing Thursday thru Sundays at her own club in Hollywood, The Celebrity Club on Sunset Boulevard.

**CASTING CALLS**....Male singers-dancers are wanted for the ANN-MARGRET SHOW, opening in September at the Sahara Tahoe, and at the Las Vegas Hilton in October. Choreog WALTER PAINTER holds auditions July 15 at 1:00 P.M. at the Hilton. Be ready to sing and dance!....

**COMING ATTRACTION**....PAUL ANKA at Caesars Palace on July 20. Paul's co-star JOEY HEATHERTON has cancelled out of the engagement; JACK CARTER will replace her (that's some spicy replacement!!)....JOHNNY TILLOTSON and BILL MEDLEY, two stars lost by the Sands when the Celebrity Theater lounge closed last here, reappear this month; Johnny's bowing at the Sahara Casbar on July 27; Bill will open his first date at the Hilton Casino Theater on July 26....ABBE LANE and JOAN RIVERS at the Desert Inn on August 1.... THE OSMOND BROTHERS

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In keeping up with the times, the Tropicana Hotel and Country Club has become the first major "strip" hotel to schedule its main show starting times at 8 p.m. and Midnight.

Despite the widespread notion that most curtain times are at these times, almost all shows are scheduled for shortly before 8 and 12 instead of on the hour.

According to Trop Entertainment Director Alan Lee, the change was made to avoid misunderstanding by the public.

will headline when they return to Caesars Palace in September.... SHECKY GREENE returns to the Riviera on August 16....MARTY ALLEN & LESLIE UGGAMS at the Flamingo on August 31....

**NOTES FROM ALL OVER**....More than 500 entrees are expected for the July 22 NATIONAL LAS VEGAS INVITATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT at the Stardust....Guest instructors from Japan and China and from the local Tai Liu Karate Club will also attend. Booster donations are needed for tickets for more than 500 children's groups including Child Haven, Spring Mountain Youth Camp, Boys' Clubs, etc. Contact Tai Liu for more info....The new Hippodrome Theater at Circus Circus is now offering a dinner show in its thrice-nightly performances of "LOVE CONNECTION" starring sparkling JACQUELINE DOUGUET...."HOCUS POCUS" the magical musical fantasy starring HARRY BLACKSTONE JR. at the Fremont Fiesta Room is going strong for the summer tourist biz and locals. Blackstone's nightly sorcery (vanishing birdcages, appearing and disappearing beautiful girls, a cossack that becomes a bear, and his assistant shot from a cannon, etc., etc.) is the amusing and amazing lures that make "Hocus Pocus" a delightful all-family show. Bring the kids, they'll love it!!....SLAPPY WHITE, FATS DOMINO and JOHNNIE RAY open July 20 at the Flamingo Casino Theater....JOHNNY CARSON'S colorful musical director DOC SEVERINSEN and his newly formed revue make their mainroom bow at the Sahara Congo Room on August 18....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS**....BRECK WALL and JOE PETERSON'S long running laugh hit "BOTTOMS UP" (afternoons at the Flamingo) heads for its first time engagement in London in January; also coming up and upcoming for the durable and one-of-a-kind musical comedy revue: an off-Broadway bow, a television special, and a national tour of one or more "Bottoms Up" road companies. Producer-star Wall will announce audition dates later this summer....Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN, in town to check out their "Wonderful World of Burlesque" opus at the Silver Slipper, into some interesting huddles to discuss a new extravaganza with a big budget, a big cast, and a big bow in early '73....DON RICKLES currently terrorizing the SRO crowds at the Riviera stars in his own tv special in September; the just-right variety format of the spec may also be the just right formula for a new January telly series for CBS....Strip Showstoppers: HARRY BELAFONTE's two very special guest stars in his current Caesars Palace stint: African princess LETTA MBULU and spirited gospel rouser ELLA MITCHELL....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS**....PHYLLIS DILLER is a dilly in her first-time Frontier engagement.... CONNIE STEVENS, LONNIE SHORR & THE JUDGE'S NEPHEWS at the Flamingo....HARRY BLACKSTONE JR., Australian songstress LYN TURNER, and THE COTTEN COMPANY in the Dean-Martin production "Hocus Pocus" at the Fremont....PATTI PAGE is at the Landmark....After Hour Drop-Ins: THE YELLOW SUBMARINE disco on the Strip and TIFFANY'S disco at the Tropicana....

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