

LAS VEGAS

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LOUNGE-HOPPING MINI-REVIEWS....at the HACIENDA HOTEL: "LOVE OF SEX" is a musical-comedy opus that is only pretending to be as racy, provocative and shocking as its ads would have the public believe. Primarily a vehicle for comedy team NANCY AUSTIN and DAVID LONDON, the shows reaches far and wide for laughs. SUZANNE VEGAS is the featured attraction and solo dancer in two numbers: one with fans and the other on a fur covered couch. Suzanne's routines fall somewhere between rock dancing and exotic gyrations

and postures. Obviously a trained dancer, Suzanne's come-hither-slither is a highlight of the show. Her dance routines could be expanded to include a wider variety and make better use of the big Hacienda stage and runway.

WEEKEND WANDERERS....DON'T MISS: ABBE LANE and JOAN RIVERS at the Desert Inn.... TOTIE FIELDS and JOHN DAVIDSON at the Riviera....HARRY BLACKSTONE JR. and his razzle dazzle "Hocus Pocus" at the Fremont Fiesta Room....PAUL ANKA & JACK CARTER at Caesars Palace.....

TOMORROW'S STARS, TODAY.....Beautiful and talented actress-singer ANNE SIMMONS who has built an entire musical-drama around the nostalgic craze, takes her all new act to the posh Lamplighter Club in New Orleans. The Club, so enthused about Anne's one-woman show is renovating the club into a speakeasy motif to go along with Anne's portrayal of a dance hall hostess. In her act, Anne acts and sings her story of a girl who has gone from rags to riches and back again in the hectic turnabout days of the roaring 20's to the depression 30's, and stays in character throughout the playlet. Anne previewed her concept a year ago here at the Frontier but that was well before the idea had been crystallized to its current state; Miss Simmons recreates the nostalgic era completely down to wardrobe, make-up, slang, and topics of the times as well as the hit songs that nowadays are oldies but solid gold classics like "Ten Cents a Dance", "Mean to Me", "It Had to Be You", etc., etc.....One of Merv Griffin's "discoveries", singer RICH CASABONNE (who has yet to make his Vegas debut) is making big career waves in his recent dates in San Francisco, Phoenix, Miami, and Los Angeles. Casabonne will be making still another guesting on Merv's tv-er later this month. Talent scouts who are out scouting should take a look at this up and coming comer!...Troubadour with the unusual moniker of CaSHEARS made an impromptu visit on stage with JACKIE GAYLE at the Sahara Casbar Theater that had entertainment scouters perking up. CaShears not only got a standing ovation from the Gayle fans for his stint but got Jackie (really one of "the fastest mouths on the Strip") to talk him up, up and down the Strip. Is a Vegas bow in the making?.....

ROUND TOWN.....Correction: DEBBIE REYNOLDS will make at least one more Vegas visit before tackling Broadway in her revival of "IRENE" (with BILLY DeWOLFE, and PATSY KELLY co-starring) this fall. Debbie will return for a special two week engagement at the Desert Inn in early September. Debbie's hoping to take most of her D.I. company with her in the musical play; singers-dancers JEFF PARKER, STEVE LARDAS, RAY CHABEAU will swing into L.A. to audition for director SIR JOHN GIELGUD later this month.....DIONNE WARWICKE, JACK CARTER, WAYNE NEWTON, JOHNNIE RAY, BILL MEDLEY, JACKIE GAYLE, MARTY BRILL, PAUL DESMOND, DAVE BARRY, GAYLORD & HOLIDAY, and SAMMY DAVIS JR. among the celebs dropping by for PAUL ANKA'S "surprise" 31st birthday bash at Caesars Palace....ABBE LANE, JOAN RIVERS, JOHN DAVIDSON, TOTIE FIELDS, and SANDLER & YOUNG guesting today and tomorrow on the MERV GRIFFIN SHOW taping all this week from Caesars Palace. Get tickets for the show at Caesars, tapings start at 2:00 P.M.....Choreographer AL GOSSAN now teaching a summer session at the BANFF CENTER OF PERFORMING ARTS in Canada jetted in for a weekend visit with Strip pals and to catch some shows. Al's last revue, still running at the Mangum Chateau in Chicago, stars former "Vive Les Girls" comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL and Circus Circus exotic LILY CHARISSE....Dancers JEAN MORENCY and MARINA MAUBERT (both who have starred with other partners for producer BARRY ASHTON) have formed a new adagio team and act to show Barry and other Strip buyers. Ashton and partner-director WOLF KOCHMANN have half a dozen spectaculars in various stages of preparation including new revues for Americana Hotel stages in Miami and Puerto Rico. On the Ashton-Kochmann agenda for '72-'73: Mexico City, Copenhagen, Buenos Aires and Tokyo....

STRIP CHATTER.....delectable and delovely SUZANNE VEGAS, featured special attraction in the Hacienda's "Love of Sex", spends her between-show breaks writing her entertainment column and profiles of some of the Strip's featured singers-dancers. Suzanne's movie debut went up in smoke last week when the local ATF Studios, filming a spy spoof called "Double O-Plus" burned to the ground, so now the energetic miss is mulling an offer to take on a hectic commuting schedule to take a role in a Hollywood filmed flick.... First ballots go out next month for the 2nd Annual LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS as voted by all the performers themselves, press, entertainment directors, etc. Last year's winners included SAMMY DAVIS JR., JULIET PROWSE, SHECKY GREENE, the "LIDO DE PARIS", and the Lido's SIEGFRIED & ROY, and JILLIAN, and "BOTTOMS UP" co-star DAVID HARRIS.... BARBRA STREISAND, TOM JONES, ELVIS PRESLEY, PAUL ANKA, MARLENE DIETRICH, CAROL CHANNING, and JULIE ANDREWS among the most-oft mentioned stars reportedly either switching hotels or signing new deals for Strip dates in '73.....

Actor E.G. Marshall, star of the medical segments of TV's award-winning series "The Bold Ones," will provide his views on the medical profession as guest speaker for the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons convention, Sept. 20, at the Stardust Hotel.

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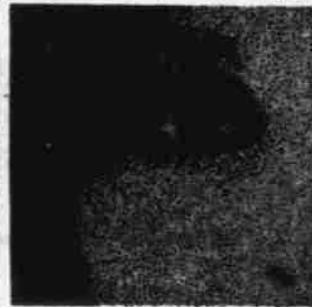
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