

# LAS VEGAS SNOW GAST

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**STARDOM-BOUND....KAREN YOUNG**, now in her Flamingo Casino Theater debut, is going to be one of those incredible "out of nowhere, overnight" discoveries of show biz in the next few months. Her star is rising rapidly and surely. Don't Miss Her! For Karen, out of nowhere means first a long hard working career in her hometown of Philadelphia; Karen, now just 21 has been fronting rock groups as both a musician and featured singer since she was fifteen. Two years ago, Karen moved out to bigger arenas, concert halls, and finally to Miami, Florida where she's been headlining ever since at a favorite "in" spot nitery called **SNEAKY PETE'S**. The move to Vegas was inevitable; her future is going to be busier than ever reaching out for recording fame, more club dates, television guestings (she'll be seen shortly on **MIKE DOUGLAS**, **MERV GRIFFIN**, and the **TONIGHT SHOW**, for starters) and of course, a return to Las Vegas. Karen's talent is basically, singing; her style is rough, raw, soulful, wild and free. Touched with her own kind of agony and pain, bursting with joy and vitality and an obvious love of music, Karen is undisciplined, unpredictable, spontaneous and impossible to categorize (although many critics have started comparing her, most favorably, with the late **JANIS JOPLIN**, the early **STREISAND**, or contemporaries like **TINA TURNER**, **CAROLE KING**, **ARETHA FRANKLIN**, etc.) Karen doesn't just sing and play piano; she also composes, arranges, plays several instruments...Then she takes it all and puts it together on stage in one of the most dynamic, exciting and most different performances seen in Las Vegas in many years.

**STRIP HOPPING....SAMMY DAVIS JR** and **PAUL ANKA** raised an additional \$35,000 for their special one night performance in concert at Caesars Palace for the Sickle Cell Anemia fund...Opening night at the Riviera, **TOTIE FIELDS** was the surprise subject of "THIS IS YOUR LIFE". It was the first time the "Life" show ever interrupted a live Las Vegas performance. Totie's show airs in September...Now it's **STREISAND**, **BILL COSBY**, and **STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME** reportedly heading for the Tropicana Hotel in '73. **SAMMY DAVIS JR.**, still with some 20 weeks to play at the Sands on his current pact, will reportedly open the Tropicana's new mainstar showroom and become the hotel's entertainment consultant with stock, title and "Sammy Davis Jr. Presents" on the marquee...Friends report split up - professionally and personally - of longtime Strip favorites **PHIL FORD** and **MIMI HINES**...**THE CHAPTER I** (Pam Egbert, Bunny Hull and Natalie Wood-lookalike Marion Serrano) are scoring a big, BIG hit in their Hawaii debut as the featured stars in the new **DICK JENSEN SUMMER SPECIAL** (at the Hilton Hawaiian



**HOCUS POCUS, SUCCESSFUL ENOUGH TO HAVE THE FREMONT'S MAGICAL REVUE NAMED FOR HIM, DELIGHTS AND AWERS CHILDREN EVERY SHOW WITH HIS TALES OF BRIGHT LIGHTS AND HAREY ESCAPADES.**

Village). Chapter is the brainchild creation of choreographer **JOYCE ROBERTS**. Joyce, who manages the group, presented the group to the Jensen producers who were so impressed that they asked Miss Roberts to jet to Honolulu to stage and choreograph the entire revue. Chapter I gets a featured slot on the upcoming Jensen tv special before returning to the mainland next month...A slyly smiling **ELVIS PRESLEY** (now at the Hilton) subtly confirmed reports of his divorce from Priscilla by telling a fan to "Hold on. I'll be with you. I'm free now you know"....

**MARQUEE MAGIC....JERRY LEWIS** headlines next at the Desert Inn, opening October 24 with special guest star **ABBE LANE**. Abbe's current co-star **JOAN RIVERS** returns to the Strip next with **ROBERT GOULET**...**WOODY ALLEN** will be at Caesars Palace with **HARRY BELAFONTE**...**BOBBY DARIN** moves to the Hilton in September to co-headline with **SHIRLEY BASSEY**...**SONNY & CHER** have been pacted to move to Caesars Palace...**NANCY SINATRA** returns to the Riviera in October...**ANN-MARGRET** debut her new nitery revue, in October, at the Hilton...**RUSTY WARREN** and **PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS** open next at the Flamingo Casino Theater....

**STRIP CHATTER....SUZANNE VEGAS**, the featured

attraction in the Hacienda's "Love of Sex" is leading the pack of beautiful contenders to be the new Love Mate on the "Love, American Style" tv-er in the fall. The girl chosen will be featured weekly as the scantily clad centerfold "station breaker"...Producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** who have the long running "Wonderful World of Burlesque" now at the Silver Slipper, have an impressive international array of long run engagements pending for '73. Included on the Ashton-Kochmann agenda are revues for major hotels and cafes in London, Copenhagen, Mexico City, Hawaii, Buenos Aires and Puerto Rico. Stateside, it'll be Chicago, New York, Miami and Las Vegas...Manager **LEE MAGID'S** (Della Reese's mentor) latest talent find, **MYRNA SUMMERS** and **THE SUMMERS SINGERS**, make their Vegas bow tonight (Aug. 11) at the Hilton Casino Theater. The rock-gospel group records on the Cotillion label...Popular Cuban stars-producers **MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON** ("Latin Fire '73" at the Thunderbird, held over until January '73) will, as usual, give the Strip community one of its most delightful holiday attractions when they toss their Fiesta de Santa Barbara in early December. By now, an annual event for the Latin Fire company (now in their 4th year in Las Vegas), the Fiesta celebrates the saint's day in typically Latin style with music, dancing and colorful religious blessing...That's **Bernie Allen** with **STEVE ROSSI** now at the Sahara Casbar Theater as **ALLEN & ROSSI**. Rossi's partner of 12 years, **MARTY ALLEN** will be headlining next at the Flamingo on August 31 and is currently on a tour of fairs and one nighter cafe dates....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS...ABBE LANE & JOAN RIVERS** at the Desert Inn... **HARRY BLACKSTONE JR** and his "HOCUS POCUS" at the Fremont....

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