

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



## IN LAS VEGAS

**STRIP CHATTER.....**MARTY ALLEN, drawing big, big crowds for his return date at the Flamingo with co-headliner LESLIE UGGAMS, has his zany family of characters hysterically intact including DR. DIRTY, aquanaut COMMANDER SOGGY, racing star MARIO FETTUCINI, and his classic HARDHAT JOE. The bushy-haired favorite is a super strong attraction with the so-called mid-America audiences (born in the 30's, raised in the war 40's, affluent in the 50's).....PETE FOUNTAIN who reopened the Tropicana Hotel's Blue Room last week holds the record for jazz lp best sellers. Pete's "New Orleans" album has been on the charts for two years.....FLORENCE HENDERSON (star of tv's "Brady Bunch") who made such a tremendously impressive nitery bow at the Landmark this summer, opens the ABC-TV special "Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Television" in a production number with some thirty dancers. The spec airs Sept. 11.....Delightful TERESA BREWER now at the Frontier Hotel with JACK E. LEONARD, had her shows taped for a part of "live from the Frontier" album for Flying Dutchman Records. Dutchman prexy BOB THIELE tapped Las Vegas REICE HAMEL to supervise the sessions.....Columnists FORREST DUKE (L.V. Review Journal) and JOE DELANEY (L.V. Sun) act as producer and director, respectively, for this year's "NITE OF STARS" set for November 10 at Caesars Palace. Tickets (\$100 and \$30) go on sale next month for the annual St. Jude's Ranch benefit; the 3-hour show will star more than 50 entertainers..... Celebrating his 17th Gold Album "Theme from the Godfather", ANDY WILLIAMS opens a 19-day engagement at Caesars Circus Maximus on Sept. 9.....

**ROUND TOWN.....**LLOYD LINDROTH'S colorful light and sound show at the Frontier Circle F Lounge (marqueed as HARPISTS BAZAAR) is keeping the crowds gathering. Known as "The Liberace of the Harp", Lindroth's spectacular wardrobe gets as much attention as his artful musicianship. As a finale, Lloyd's bejewelled harp "explodes" in a burst of smoke.....The Sahara Casbar Theater keeps adding to its talent-heavy roster (RIP TAYLOR, JACKIE GAYLE, PETE BARBUTTI, DON LANE, STEVE ROSSI & BERNIE ALLEN, etc.). Coming up on the fall/winter schedule: THE FOUR ACES, THE MOB, BILLY JOE ROYAL, THE GRINGOS, THE SHIRELLS, and the talked-about new singing sensation LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III, making his second appearance on Oct. 18. Scott

recently signed with LEONARD GRANT for personal management. Grant guides the careers of such celebs as RIP TAYLOR, THE ESTABLISHMENT, etc. and recently produced the L.A. company of "The Dirtiest Show in Town".....Sultry beauty, Miss LEE MEZA set for a Las Vegas return appearance at the Hilton Casino Theater this month. Lee will open for a special one week date on Sept. 13.....ALDO GRITTINI became the new maitre'd of the Bacchanal at Caesars Palace, succeeding NAT HART who left to head his own complex of hotels-restaurants in Canada.....

**"CATCH A RISING STAR".....**is the new title of producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN's new faces revue opening Sept. 19 at the New York Americana Hotel in the elegant Royal Box. Ashton & Kochmann announced their nationwide talent hunt last month and have been swamped with applicants ever since. The producers have signed the first two (of a slate of twelve) newcomers to be presented in the first company: MARA LYNN BROWN (who appeared here with Red Skelton at the Hilton) and TRINI PARKS (a former dancer with Sammy Davis Jr., who made her singing bow at the Flamingo). STEVE MERRITT will choreograph. Managers, agents & talents can contact Ashton & Kochmann at their Hollywood offices for interviews/auditions.....

**STRIP BITS.....**MITCH DE WOOD became new Entertainment Director of the Aladdin replacing Bill Collins. De Wood plans a belly dancer revue to open in mid-December.....Hilarious CHARLES PIERCE, the "male actress" who does Jeanette MacDonald, Katherine Hepburn, Eleanor Roosevelt, Joan Crawford, etc. breaking in his new material at North Hollywood's Playhouse Club. Pierce is long-overdue for a Vegas debut.....MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON, the stars-producers of the Thunderbird's "LATIN FIRE '73", may be following former T-Bird publicity director LEN YELNICK. Len left this week to take over the pr slot at Del Webb's Kuilima Hotel in Hawaii. "Latin Fire" closes here in January.....Belated congrats to former "BOTTOMS UP" beauty statuesque BETTINA BRENNER and husband DICK LINKE (personal manager of ANDY GRIFFITH, JIM NABORS, JERRY VAN DYKE, etc.) who welcomed their first baby, a little girl KATHARINE ELIZABETH on Aug. 26.....

**HAVE YOU HEARD.....**that San Diego/Las Vegas group (headed by a Strip musical director) plans to take over their Strip hotel this month? The sale of the property has been finalized and the new owners plan to install their new casino manager, hotel manager, entertainment director, publicity chief, and restaurant-bar manager as soon as possible.....that Sacramento Music Fair producers RUSSELL LEWIS and HOWARD YOUNG will stage the Union Plaza production of "CABARET" opening Sept. 26. And isn't former Tropicana entertainment director MAYNARD SLOATE the producer?.....that the Stardust "Lido de Paris" will lose its

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fascinating magic team SIEGFRIED & ROY in the new edition? Siegfried & Roy will be headlining the new Barry Ashton "Revue Royale de Paris" at the San Juan Americana Hotel opening in December.....

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