

STRIP CHATTER. MANOLO FORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON, the popular producers stars of the Thunderbird's long-running "Latin Fire '73" have a very special surprise coming up when they present for the first time ever in Las Vegas, the international Afro-Cuban singing star CELIA CRUZ. Miss Cruz, a huge star in her European and South American concert appearances and recordings, will appear with the "Latin Fire '73" revue for one night only, Dec. 2. Miss Cruz will be in Las Vegas expressly to gueststar the following night, Dec. 3. at the annual "FIESTA DE SANTA BARBARA", Manolo and Freddy's yearly get-together for all their strip pals, press, performers, etc. The all-night Fiesta featuring Spanish food, music and dancing, culminates in a dawn folk mass. Don't Miss It! Latin bombshell, CHARO, has also been set as special guest for the New Year's Eve performances of Latin Fire '73". Charo's appearance last year was a complete sell-out. Speaking of sell-outs, the Union Plaza's limited engagement of Broadway smash "CABARET" has been doing capacity-plus biz at the downtown showroom. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", another big hit both on Broadway and at the L.A. Music Center, will follow "Cabaret" at the Union Plaza, pending final contract negotiations currently underway. FLORENCE HENDERSON returns to the Strip during a television hiatus for a quick date at the Sands, opening November 29 with DON ADAMS. Newcomer CODY MARSHALL who's been in and around show bir for all of a year, is already making great strides opening this week at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Cody, a former college student at Penn State, gave up his studies to form his own group and headline at New York's most in discotheque. Shepheard's On the heels of that success came his first single disc for Wizdom Records called "A Needle in a Haystack", and now his Vegas bow Cody was recommended to Flamingo entertainment director. Bill Miller by current Flamingo headliner SERGIO FRANCHI. On Sergio's en husiastic report. Miller signed Marshall and his gro

IS IT NEWS.... that MARTY ALLEN will have MAMA CASS ELLIOTT as his special guest star when he returns to the Flamingo, opening February 22.222 Miss Elliott has not played Vegas for several years; her last engagement, at Caesars Palace, lasted one night before she cancelled out because of sudden illness... that movie star singer JAMES DARREN has been set to return, to the Sahara, with BUDDY HACKETT in December? Darren made his debut with Buddy a few weeks ago (for a special four day engagement) and the bosses were so pleased with his performance, they immediately signed him for several more dates into 1973... that two more up and coming talents, namely singer JIM SCHICK (featured with GINGER ROGERS in her just ended tour as "Mame") and RITA GRAHAM (formerly a vocalist with HARRY JAMES) have

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been signed to make their New York mainroom bow with BARRY ASHTON'S "CATCH A RISING STAR" now at the Americana Hotel's Royal Box??? And that former "Lido de Paris" production singer and member of the singing group The Kids Next Door, STEVEN DAWES will be featured lead singer in Ashton's new Americana Miami revue, "VIE PARISIENNE" opening Oct. 13???.....

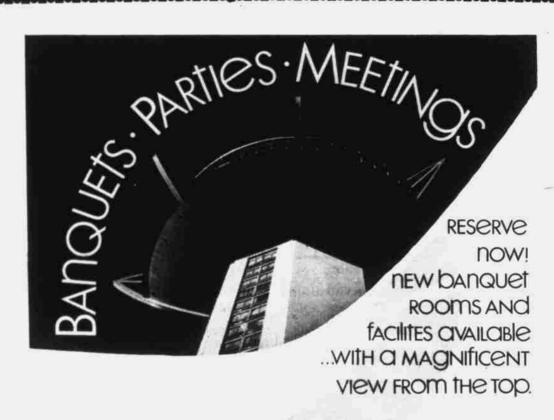
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BIJS & PH CLS... Former feen idol I ABIAN has a brand new intervact ready to go and will be breaking it in on the road before giving his ageill an okay to go on a Vegas bow. JOAN RIVERS and her husband I DGAR ROSENBERG happily reconciled after a brief but triendliest of separate vacation separations. Joan goes next to Westbury to cosstar with PAUL ANKA, then back to Beverly Ibilis METHELL CLUB for a month. Her nearest Vegas date, so tar, will be with TRINI LOPLZ in March at the Desert Inn. Taking a "working" vacation to her native I tanke. "Lolies Bergere" star AUDRI Y ARNO has dates in Paris to star in her own telly special and to cut some new sides for RUA Mile. Asno returns to the Tropicana at month's end... NA MILE Asno returns to the Tropicana at month's end... NA MILE Asno returns to the POLYNI SIAN.

REVEL return to the Stardust Lounge this week. Nalani, who opened Del Webb's new Kudima Hotel in Honolulu earlier this year, is now in her 14th year as a Stardust affraction. Another popular Hawaiian star, ARTHUR LYMAN and his exoits. "Quiet Village" music open this month at the Viaddin's Sinbad Lounge (Oct 17). Speaking of Hawaiian-type stars, whatever happened to THI RIYCARDS. THE SUN SPOTS, THE SOCIETY OF SEVEN, DECK JENSEN, JOHN ROWLES, ALLN MCANGUS, THE INTERNATIONAL SEE, etc. "The 50th State's No. 1 superstar, DON HO, opens Oct. 26 at the Hamingo, and THE SURFERS are currently at Cleopatra's Barge at Caesars.

Barge at Caesars

WEEKEND WANDERERS... NANCY SINATRA & ARTE JOHNSON at the Riviera, with HUGH LAMBERT... PHYLLIS DILLER & JERRY VALE at the Sands... BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON'S afternoon laugh hit. "BOTTOMS UP" at the Flamingo Casino Theater... HARRY BELAFONTE & WOODY ALLEN at Caesars Palace... JACQUELINE DOUGUET and company at Circus Circus in "LOVE CONNECTION".....



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