

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS

**OCTOBER HAPPENINGS**... MILTON BERLE & ABBI LANE team up for a Desert Inn appearance, opening Oct. 24. Milton, who played here last at Caesars Palace, is making his D.L. debut fresh from a string of summer theater and cabaret dates. Berle just closed an SRO stand at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel. Miss Lane, always a favorite here, returns with her new act made even newer by the addition of some musical numbers that will introduce what Abbe calls "Afro-Funk." Abbe's new numbers are being staged and choreographed by JOI CASSINI. **OCTOBER 26** at the Hilton Theatre Royale, the 2nd annual LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS will be hosted by SAMMY DAVIS JR. with celebs like JULIET PROWSE, MILTON BERLE, MYRON COHEN, WOODY ALLEN, ABBI LANE, JERRY VALLI, LIZA MINNELLI, SONNY & CHER, etc. being invited to join the presenters. The all-showfolks, all-night HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE BALL is tentatively set for either October 29 or 30. The producers of the frolic will announce the location, ticket prices, etc. later this week. **JERRY LEWIS** will headline at the Sahara Congo Room opening Oct. 31. This is Jerry's 41st year in show business celebration, his latest film, "The Day the Clown Cried" is appropriately enough, his 41st motion picture.

**STRIP MOMENTS AND MEMOS**... MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON, the stars-producers of "Latin Fire '73" at the Thunderbird, are already planning their annual FIESTA DE SANTA BARBARA to be held at the T-Bird on December 3. The Queen of Afro-Cuban music, CELIA CRUZ, will make a special guest appearance at the all-night fiesta. **ROBERT GOULET**, JACKIE GAYLE, AUDREY ARNO, FAY MCKAY, PEGGY LEE, ABBE LANE, PERRY COMO, MILTON BERLE, and TOTIE FIELDS have been added to the ever-growing all-star list to appear at the November 10 "NITE OF STARS" benefit at Caesars Palace. PAT BUTTRAM will emcee, DICK SAXE and his orchestra will back the entertainment. FORREST DUKE is producer, and JOE DELANEY is director. Tickets are now on sale by telephoning 385-4526 or contacting St. Jude's Ranch at 293-3131. "Nite of Stars" for those who are unfamiliar with the annual gala is for the benefit of the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City. Songstress LEE MEZA who made only one short appearance here this past year (at the Hilton Casino Theater) proved her popularity and draw by popping up as one of the six finalists in the



BOB



JERRY

Master of comedy Bob Newhart is joined by songstar Jerry Vale in the Copa Room at the Sands Hotel, where they open a limited engagement October 19. Newhart's creative humor is blended harmoniously with the rich song stylings of Jerry Vale to produce a highly entertaining show.

Lounge Act of the Year category in the L.V. Entertainment Awards. Ditto, impressionist-singer JIM BAILEY who made one appearance last year at the Flamingo Casino Theater, and comedian RIP TAYLOR who bowed at the Sahara Casbar. The latter two are finalists in the Lounge Star of the Year category, won last year by SHECKY GREENE.

**VEGAS VISITORS**... Songbird DANNY VALERY, sister of Flamingo headliner SERGIO FRANCHI, in for a bit of showstopping and to chat with her brother about their upcoming worldwide tour together being set for 1973. Dana and Sergio were among the first nighters in to greet newcomer CODY MARSHALL at the Flamingo lounge. Cody is a "discovery" of Franchi's. Beautiful Blonde from Beverly Hills, FRANCINE SCHALLER snowstopping 'round town while vacationing from her own business, men's hair styling at GINGER'S (Pico at Doheny). Counted among Francine's select clientele, union exec THOMAS FOSHL, top male models like JOHNNY FAIN (Hamm's Beer), JIM WINSTON (Creative Floor Coverings), Verde shoe exec GENE SALZMAN, singer BILLY MARVIN, actor DARBY "Daniel Boone" HINTON, RIP TAYLOR, BUDDY HACKETT, and "Peyton Place" actor STEPHEN OLIVER. Former Chicago Golden Gloves champion BILLY DIPIRRO with his steady lady, actress KAREN WOLFE ("Day of Our Lives" tv soaper character Mary) in to see Karen's "tv-hiance" singer GARY MARSHAL (of

Circus Circus' "Love Connection"), ABBI LANE-MILTON BERLE at the D.L. Breck Wall & Joe Peterson's "BOTTOMS UP", and LIZA at the Riviera. Singer BILLY DARE back from Athens swank Club Ogg and now a resident of Palm Springs-Desert Hot Springs plans to revert to his ethnic origins and work under a new image. Dimitrios The Golden Greek Dare's in confabs with Palm Springs hotel-restaurant magnates SHERMAN HARRIS & JOI HANNA about bowing his new act at RIM ROCKS (formerly owned by FRANK SINATRA, MIKI ROMANOFF, HUMPHREY BOGART etc.) in the desert spa. NANCY SINATRA SR. and MAMA SINATRA in to see "the kids" NANCY at the Riviera, and FRANK JR. with PHIL HARRIS & HARRY JAMES at the Frontier.

**STRIP CHATTER**... Actress RAQUEL WELCH, making her nitery debut at the Hilton in December, didn't win any new friends with her recent interview in which she was quoted as saying, "I really don't like Vegas. I went there recently to see it again and it really turned me off, with the fluorescent wallpaper and all." One can only hope that the movie bust is better at singing and dancing (her two recently acquired talents) than she's been in her movie fiascos and personal interviews. Miss Welche's coming into Vegas for the loot she can get - which one understands is guaranteed not to glow in the dark. Memo to Raquel: don't do Las Vegas any favors - somehow the city with fluorescent wall paper and ALL will try to survive without you.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS**... SONNY & CHER are at the Sahara... BOB NEWHART & JERRY VALE at the Sands... JOLLY FAY MCKAY stars in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris"... MARILYN ROBERTSON a nominee in the Entertainment Awards as Female Performer of the Year, is featured in the new BARRY ASHTON'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE at the Silver Slipper with IRV BENSON starring plus HERBIE BARRIS, CHARLIE VESPIA, JIM HODGE, MISS VELVET, SHARON DALE and LISA & SALERNO... BELAFONTE & WOODY ALLEN at Caesars Palace... NALANI KELE and her POLYNESIAN REVUE at the Stardust Lounge... FRANK SINATRA JR. a big surprise and a big hit with his versions of "Horse with No Name" & "Alone Again, Naturally" at the Frontier... Stunning DIAHANN CARROLL at the Hilton.



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