

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWGASTE

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IN  
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**STRIP HAPPENINGS...DON'T MISS** the Las Vegas **BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL** at the Stardust Hotel Crown Room, October 30 (that's starting Monday night til Tuesday dawn). Tickets are now on sale (\$5.00 advance, \$7.50 at the door) with prizes for Best Costumes in six categories, a panel of celebrity judges headed by MILTON BERLE, ABBE LANE, RIP TAYLOR, FAY MCKAY among others, and a new Halloween revue starring Special Guest Star CHARLES "THE MALE ACTRESS" PIERCE. The public is invited to this showfolks partytime, and costumes are optional. The Union Plaza's production of "CABARET" has been held over until December 3. JANE A. JOHNSTON, MARTY ROSS, RICHARD ARMBRUSTER, KATHLEEN FREEMAN and RENEE LEE star...KIMO AND THE 50th STATE are the opening attraction at the new Landmark Hotel theater-restaurant...LELAND SCOTT III, CODY MARSHALL and JIMMY RANDOLPH are among the current crop of new male singers making their Vegas debuts as solo acts. Scott is at the Sahara Casbar, Cody at the Flamingo Casino Theater, and Jimmy is at the Stardust Lounge.

**WHO'S WHERE...** Former "Vive Les Girls" comedy star ELMARIE WINDL back "home" in Vegas after a long and successful run at the Mangam Chateau in Chicago...Dancer-choreographer NICK NAVARRO back from Australia (where he staged "Vive Las Vegas") and into rehearsals for the Aladdin's new show "Nymphs of the Nile" opening in December. MARYA LINERO, BEV WHITING, LITO PAVINOS & MARTIN GAVIN have been signed as featured lead dancers. Female impressionist LYNNE CARTER is currently headlining at the Hawaiian Village Dome Room...Adagio duo JEAN MORENCY & MARINA MAUBERT return this week from breaking in their new act with the MARTHA RAYE...MINSKY'S BURLESQUE show in the east...Former "Casino de Paris" star ROUVAUN set to headline at the Westside Room, at the Century Plaza opening Nov. 21...Songstress LIL MEZA headlining in Atlanta...MIZI GAYNOR, closing this week at the Latin Casino, opens Nov. 2 at the Woodland Hills Valley Music Theater.

**STRIPS BITS...**JILLIAN and JENNIFER PIERSON (currently featured lead dancers in the Stardust's "Lido") will be joined by Dunes "Casino de Paris" beauty HEATHER VICTORSON as the trio of leads in the upcoming "PARISSCOPE" new edition of the Lido opening Dec. 28...Another production of "HAIR" will be opening shortly at the Circus Circus Hippodrome Theater, when "Love Connection" ends its current engagement...The International Queen of Afro-Cuban music, CELIA CRUZ gueststars Dec. 2 at the Thunderbird in "Latin Fire '73", and again on Dec. 3 at MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S "Fiesta de Santa Barbara" gala...It's not official yet but Italian singing star MARK ANTHONY looks like the new headliner at the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes when the all new edition is unveiled Christmas Eve...

**ROUND TOWN...**Popular localite DICK POWELL back from a jolly jaunt to London and Paris returned with greetings to all their Vegas pals from former Strip performers ERIC BROWN, GARY MCGURDY & MISS BILLIE BOUCHE (all here with the "Folies Bergere")

juggler ERIC BRUHN, Parisian "Folies" star LILLIAN MONTEVECCHI, and "Vive Les Girls" stars VEST & CLARK. Powell, an aspiring television producer-writer (who has a game show pilot in the works) tripped round London with top telly producer DAVID BELL who was here recently to confab with producers BRECK WALL & JOI PETERSON regarding their "Bottoms Up" tv specials set for next year in England...Busy beauty JACKIE BEER who's taken up driving, painting, dressmaking and karate as hobbies, goes into rehearsals next as lead dancer in "GISHA-RILLA", Takeuchi Keigo & Bill Lloyd's opulent Oriental spectacular opening at the Thunderbird in January...Impressionist CHARLES PIERCE in town for the Halloween Ball Oct. 30, showstopping round town to catch LIZA at the Riviera, SONNY & CHIR at the Sahara, and MILTON BERLE & ABBE LANE at the D.I...JOAN RIVERS, a Hughes Hotel partee, goes on loan to co-headline next at the Sahara with FRANK GORSHIN in November for one week...KAY STARR and comedian LEE TULLY a sleeper hit combo at the Fremont Fiesta Room, Miss Starr who hasn't played Vegas in more than two years is always a big favorite here. Tully is relatively new to Vegas audiences having played here previously at the Landmark and earlier this year at the Fremont...CODY MARSHALL at the Flamingo Casino Theater plans to rejuggle his schedule to take up some of the bids he's getting for dates in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS...DON'T MISS** LIZA MINNELLI in a brand new act at the Riviera...Ditto.

## Louie's Back

Louie, the performing canine, has returned to the Hotel Tropicana's "Folies Bergere", as one of the starring specialty acts. And, as he usually does, he has brought Bob Williams with him!

Bob Williams, longtime "Folies" and Las Vegas favorite, as well as one of television's most popular guest artists, has just returned from a U.S. tour with actress Shirley Jones.

Lovable Louie is so highly trained, that his training consists of ignoring most of Bob Williams' commands even if palatable food bribes are offered.

Williams will be with the "Folies" until November 1, when Miss Audrey Arno, star of the "Folies Bergere" returns from a two week vacation in Paris.

The famed spectacular, comprised of a cast of over 100, can be seen twice nightly in the elegant Theatre Restaurant of the Tropicana Hotel.

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His favorite, but least publicized exploit, occurred several years ago when the famed entertainer gave a charity performance for many distinguished senators at the Variety Club in Pittsburgh, Pa.

One of the senators who volunteered to participate in Dominique's act lost not only his shirt, but also his T-shirt. Little did



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