

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

*Mark Tan*  
IN  
**LAS VEGAS**



**'ROUND TOWN.....**The newest edition of "Casino de Paris" (which is even newer than the 1973 edition that opened about eight weeks ago) has, after major alterations too numerous to mention, taken its rightful place as one of the "don't miss" spectaculars on the Strip. Everything is better than it was two short months ago; what a difference!! **KITTY KOVER** is the new star; a sexy, seasoned singer-dancer, Kitty's tribute to Al Jolson is just fine but it's her terrific outing with six male dancers called "Resurrection Shuffle" that'll stay with showgoers. The most exciting act on the Strip has to be **THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS** - their daring bolo dance inches from the ringsiders is breathtaking and chilling. The Gauchos, who have appeared here with "Latin Fire Follies", are finally getting the star showcasing they deserve. In addition to their bolo dance, The Gauchos do a drum dance, a sword dance and a spirited Argentinian folk number. **THE DOUBLE THREE SINGERS** are in and out of production numbers and have two solo spots of their own. The Double Three are really three individually featured singers and well they should be. All are known here for their solo outings: **ANN SYDNEY** ("Let's Make Love"), **GINNIE PALLONE** ("Tower Sweets Revue", "Bare Touch of Vegas", etc.) and **BARRY MONROE** ("Vive Les Girls", "Pzazz", "Let's Make Love" and his single bow at the Desert Inn). **PAUL & FERDINAND FERCO** do double duty first as the dizzying juggling act called **LES QUATRE TONYNS** and later in a stunning acrobatic ensemble called **THE FLYING FERCOs**. Also featured in the new spectacle produced by **FREDERIC APCAR**, staged and choreographed by **RON LEWIS**, are lead nude dancer **VIRGINIA OLMEDO**, and sight comedy duo **LES DEUX KIMS**. The company also features some twenty eight Casino de Paris dancers and fourteen

statuesque mannequins....Beautiful **ANN-MARGRET**, doing sizzling boxoffice in her current stint at the Hilton, plans to take six months off when she finishes here. This week A-M and company put the finishing touches on her upcoming NBC "WHEN YOU'RE SMILING" tv special (to be aired in early April) taping at the Hilton. Among other segments, the special will star **JACK BENNY & GEORGE BURNS** (doing the "Who Taught Her Everything She Knows" motorcycle duo - in her Hilton act it's singers-dancers **PHIL PHILLIPS** and **BOB ROMANIACK's** number) and Ann-Margret's nightly showstopper, "In Concert"....Chicago choreographer **AL GOSSAN** in for a quick business-holiday trip. Gossan who currently has three shows running in Chicago, will stage and choreograph a new show for producer **BILL LLOYD** ("Geisha'rella") to open in Puerto Rico and also flew to L.A. to meet with **ABBE LANE** about doing her new act which will debut on the Strip later this spring....Producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** ("Wonderful World of Burlesque", "Vie Parisienne", "Revue Royal de Paris" among their most current productions) will premiere their mostly new "THIS IS BURLESQUE" opus at the Aladdin's Bagdad Theater on April 5. As scheduled so far, "This is..." will star many of the cast of "Wonderful World" (which will close its five year run at the Silver Slipper on April 1) including **IRV BENSON, MARILYN ROBERTSON, MISS VELVET, LISA & SALERNO**, plus the addition of several dancers and showgirls and all new scenery, costumes, and production numbers, added to the show. Ashton, incidentally, still has the best and most lavish "New Faces" showcase production show still to be signed to a Strip hotel. Barry's recently closed N.Y. Americana Hotel revue, "CATCH A RISING STAR" would make an ideal Strip attraction using six production numbers and featuring three or four changing new talents. New talent abounds in wild abundance 'round Las Vegas; the stars of tomorrow are here today if they are given a chance, a place and a vehicle in which to display their gifts!.....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....****ELVIS PRESLEY, TONY CURTIS, TRINI LOPEZ, ZSA ZSA GABOR, PEARL BAILEY**, Honolulu columnist **EDDIE SHERMAN** and his wife **PEGGY RYAN SHERMAN**, Hawaii concert promoter **TOM MOFFAT**, actor **JOHN "Dirtiest Show in Town" MCGILL**, LA Herald Examiner scribe **FRANK LIEBERMAN** and California Living editor **NORMAN DASH** - in, on and 'round town catching shows mostly



**"IT CAME TO PASS",** OUTSTANDING VERSATILE, MUSICAL GROUP SENSATION, RECENTLY COMPLETED ENGAGEMENT IN "THE BARGE" AT CAESAR'S PALACE. NEXT, A MAJOR CONCERT TOUR.

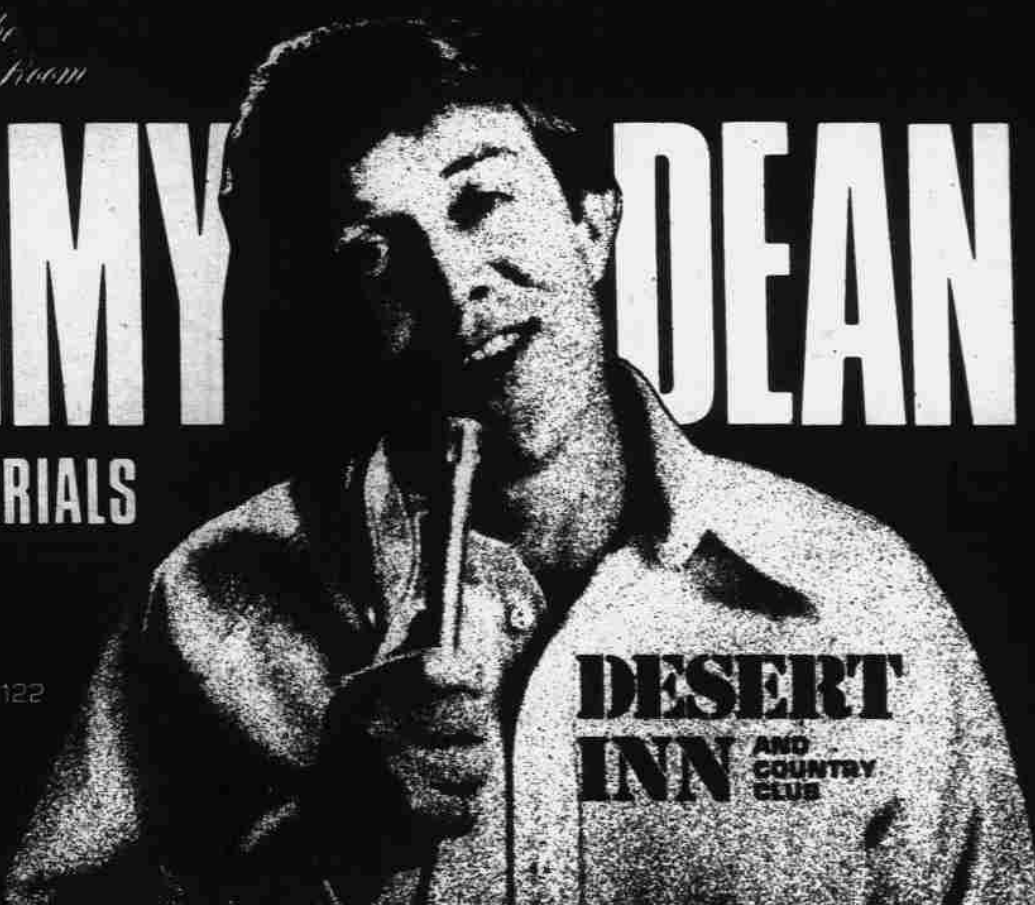
**DON RICKLES** at the Riviera, **MARTY ALLEN & CASS ELLIOT** at the Flamingo, **STEVE & EYDIE GORME** at Caesars Palace, **ROBERT GOULET** at the Frontier, and **ANN-MARGRET** at the Hilton....**PEARL BAILEY** won't be opening at the Sands on March 14 after all. **SAMMY DAVIS JR.** free from a scheduled movie commitment, will be available and able to make his originally announced return....**ELLA FITZGERALD** will co-star with **ALAN KING** when next he returns to Caesars Palace on April 19....Impressionist **DAVID FRYE** has been set to join **PAUL ANKA** at the Sahara Congo Room opening March 15....**KENNY ROGERS** and **THE FIRST EDITION** return next to the Flamingo Casino Theater, in April. Rogers' last date here was at the Riviera Versailles Room.

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