

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

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**LAS VEGAS**



**STRIP CHATTER.....**DONN ARDEN'S massive new superspectacular for the MGM Grand Hotel will go into first rehearsals on November 1 with a cast of more than seventy five singers-dancers. Among the local Las Vegas signed for the new opus are SAL ANGELICA, RICK MILAN, LARRY REEVES, MICHAEL DARRIN (here last in "Love Connection"), PAT CAVA & RICH RIZZO from the "Casino de Paris", RANDY WYCKOFF from the "Folies Bergere" and DIANE NELS & CATHY BROCKER from the "Lido de Paris". Additional cast and featured stars will be announced shortly.....JACKIE HOUSTON, the "Miss Velvet" of BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" at the Aladdin, has been chosen as the model-spokesman and advertising cover girl for a new brand of hair products called Afro-Sheen out of Los Angeles.....Still another movie to be filmed mostly in and around Las Vegas called "Weighed in the Balance" will be produced for United Screen Artists by ROD LE BARON. Star of the prizefighter drama will be GARY WOOD.....Busy SIG SAKOWICZ whose radio star interviews are heard locally on KLAV and on Chicago's WGN, commuting to L.A. Last week Sig flew in for confabs with his longtime pal producer WILLIAM CASTLE and an exclusive interview with the usually mum mime MARCEL MARCEAU who will be starring in Castle's new thriller "SHOCK" for Paramount. This week, Sig's off to the Century Plaza and the all star opening of the new PLAYBOY CLUB where JACKIE GAYLE will be headlining.....The new THEATRE ARTS SOCIETY OF LAS VEGAS is presenting its production of "Guys and Dolls" at the Silver Slipper Ballroom. Tickets are now on sale.....ANDY ANKA (Paul's father), an artists' representative out of Canada, here to present his latest find, 24 year old Italian singer GENE FERRARI in a special showcase performance at the Frontier Hotel.....The Devine Miss M. BETTE MIDLER whose only Strip exposure was a short one week date with JOHNNY CARSON at the Sahara, opens a sellout engagement at the Universal Amphitheater on Sept 10. And hasn't Miss Midler also been offered a headliner status contract at a Strip hotel???

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**ROBERT "WILD WILD WEST" CONRAD in to see his "Hawaiian Eye" costar CONNIE STEVENS at the Flamingo.....ROBERT GOULET, the crowded around slot machine player at the Stardust Hotel.....LIZ MINNELLI and Company spinning heads in to see one of her favorite Las Vegas shows, RON LEWIS' "BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS" at the Stardust Lounge, and singer FRANKIE RINO.....JAMES DARREN graciously signing autographs on menus, postcards and Keno tickets, in to catch ROBERT GOULET's opener at the Frontier.....Two of L.A.'s most popular public relations types, MARIE FITCH & TIM BARKER from Jay Bernstein's busy offices, in to see ANDY WILLIAMS & THE LENNON SISTERS, TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE, "BOTTOMS UP", and the oft-mentioned R. GOULET.....Beautiful BOBBIE GENTRY, who opens Sept. 6 at the Frontier, at Caesars Palace.....Girls Night Out to see ELVIS at the Hilton: Paul Anka's ANNE, Wayne Newton's ELAINE plus Paul's sister MARIAM, a visiting cousin and a sister-in-law or two....

**COMING ATTRACTIONS.....**ANN-MARGRET to the Hilton on Sept 25.....MITZI GAYNOR to the new Tropicana Superstar Theater on October 5.....ANTHONY NEWLEY to Caesars Palace on November 1.....BARBARA McNAIR & MOREY AMSTERDAM the next twosome at the Thunderbird on Sept 6.....SHECKYGREENE & VIC DAMONE follow the current VIKKI CARR & THE NEW SEEKERS at the Riviera on Sept 5.....And RIP TAYLOR who's not only Coming but ARRIVES tonight (24) at the Stardust Lounge.....

**STRIP SHOWSTOPPERS.....**THE LENNON SISTERS in a frothy, frisky "striptease" that's all part of the popular tv stars' "new image". The Lenlons give a saucy turn to tunes like "Anything Goes", "Cabaret", "Boogie Woogie Bugle



**JEANNIE THOMAS, PRETTY LADY OF SONG, IS APPEARING FRI. THRU MON. ON CLEOPATRA'S BARGE IN CAESARS PALACE, AND TUES. AND WED. AT THE THUNDERBIRD LOUNGE, BACKED BY HER OWN SWINGING GROUP. JEANNIE'S CONTEMPORARY SONG STYLING AND POP-ROCK ARRANGEMENTS BY QUITMAN DENNIS, WILL MAKE YOUR LAS VEGAS EVENING COMPLETE, FOR LISTENING AND DANCING PLEASURE.**

Boy" and "Show Me A Man".....Legs, Legs and More LEGGS, better known as glamorous and beautiful movie star-dancer CYD CHARISSE with husband TONY MARTIN, now at the Thunderbird, is the sexy moll in her show's "PRIVATE EYE BALLET" with featured males BART CARROLL, TED SPRAGUE, WALTER STRATTON and JOE YANELLO.....The dazzling ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS with their whipping bolos and flashing knives are featured in the new "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes Hotel.....WAYNE NEWTON, still the Standing Ovation Champ, winds the longest continuous engagement of a major star - 11 weeks at the Sands on Sept 4.....CONNIE STEVENS at her very, very best now at

the Flamingo Hotel and breaking attendance records, and her topflight team of male dancers in the sizzling "BATTLE ROYAL" production.....

**SHOWFOLKS' MEMO.....**THE THIRD ANNUAL LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS will be presented by an all-star panel in Las Vegas sometime in mid-October. Ballots for this year's presentation will be sent out to all performers in September.....Special Shows for Showfolks are now underway at the Royal Las Vegas Casino (on Convention Center Drive) where B.J. Alan's "THE FABULOUS FAKES" are presenting DIANA ROSS, TOTIE FIELDS, LIZA MINELLI, CAROL BURNETT, etc in their newest edition. All show people are invited to attend the late late 2:15 a.m. performances at a special performer's rate. Ask about it at the door....Hear tell that there'll be new shows (and hopefully more work for singers-dancers-showgirls-acts) in the making for new showrooms at the Dunes Hotel, the Silver Slipper Gambling Hall & Casino, the Tropicana, and some new shows replacing some current ones in the next few months.....MILTON BERLE & his manager DANIEL WELKES, Beverly Hills, seeking a "new face" for a costarring role in Milton's upcoming film, "Too Late to Smell the Flowers". Actors must contact Welkes....After all that testing, interviewing and etc in Las Vegas for an "unknown" actress to play the lead in JOHN SCHLESSINGER'S "DAY OF THE LOCUST" for Paramount - it has been announced that actress KAREN BLACK will star. Several Las Vegas girls were auditioned, and at last reports there was still some interest for girls in costarring and supporting roles.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**The number one movie and television stars of the Philippine Islands, RICKY & REY, known here as THE REYCARDS are featured in the "Casino de Paris".....Mellow moods and music of JEANNIE THOMAS, one of Vegas' top femme vocalists, with her group on Cleopatra's Barge at Caesars and mid-week at the Thunderbird Lounge.....The Stardust's "must see" LIDO DE PARIS, twice nightly with three shows on Saturday.....RUSTY WARREN as redheaded and racy as ever now at the Flamingo Casino Theater, with THE KIM BROTHERS and Matt Gregory's "FANCY THAT" revue.....A former Miss California, statuesque & stunning SUSAN ANTON stars in the George Arnold "Fantasy On Ice" revue now at the Hacienda.....BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" starring IRV BENSON now at the Aladdin.

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