

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWGASTE' OF THE STARS

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**FIRST & FOREMOST.....PLEASE DON'T FORGET** the "TRIBUTE TO TOMMY MOE" benefit performance at the Aladdin Hotel this Friday, January 18, at 2 a.m. All proceeds and contributions will go directly to Mrs. Raft. It's been a long week of preparations and arrangements made by some of the many, many friends of the late Tommy Moe Raft, the burlesque star who has been the top top banana in Las Vegas shows for so many years. LOU ASKOL, HERBIE BARRIS, IRV BENSON, JANET BOYD, JOE DELANEY, FORREST DUKE, JERRY WRIGHT, MARILYNN ROBERTSON, BARRY ASHTON, WOLF KOCHMANN, SAM DIAMOND, SATAN'S ANGEL, SIG SAKOWICZ, JERRY O'FARRELL, SUZETTE SUMMERS, DYANNE THORNE, JACK MANN and dozens of others have been untiring in their efforts to make the Friday night benefit a fitting tribute to the brilliant and beloved star. Please be there!

**STRIP CHATTER.....**JOAN RIVERS, making her MGM Grand Hotel debut on Jan. 30, working up a brand new surprise finale to top all of her previous finales including her most recent outings as The Statue of Liberty and The Spirit of '76.....FRANK SINATRA will perform ONE SHOW per night during his upcoming engagement - seven days only - at Caesars Palace opening Jan. 25. On January 26, Mr. Sinatra will have two shows. Sinatra has also been firm to return to Caesars on March 14. Also opening March 14, at the Grand, DEAN MARTIN; at the Flamingo, SANDLER & YOUNG; and at the Frontier, PHIL HARRIS.....SAMMY DAVIS JR. will make his first Strip appearance of the New Year, opening March 6 at the Sands. Sammy owes the Hughes Hotels as few more weeks before he can depart for his new Strip base, the Tropicana Hotel where he is a bona fide point holder.....BUDDY HACKETT & JAMES DARREN will be held over at the Sahara Congo Room past their Jan. 20 closing to fill in one more week for the just postponed (again!) SONNY & CHER. As of last reports, Cher was hospitalized for an undisclosed ailment and would be unable to fulfill her Sahara date.....Also cancelled out because of illness, RICHARD HARRIS at the Tropicana scheduled to debut on Jan. 18. Entertainment director ALAN LEE has not yet announced if he would close the Superstar or sign another attraction to fill in for Harris, although local scuttlebutt and rumors round town had stars like MILTON BERLE, NANCY SINATRA, ED McMAHON, PHYLLIS DILLER, etc. reportedly taking over the slot.....DIANA ROSS returns to Las Vegas and Caesars Palace on Feb. 1.....LIZA MINNELLI will have songwriter-singer PAUL WILLIAMS ("Can't Last a Day Without You") as her special gueststar in his Vegas bow when she opens next at the Riviera on Jan. 30.....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**MARTY ALLEN, opening Jan. 24 at the Flamingo, has another huge contingent of celeb pals making a special trip over to Vegas for his opening night frolic. Mr. and Mrs. ERNIE BORGNINE head the list and will be here to also celebrate Ernie's Jan. 24th birthday; also coming in for Marty, PETER MARSHALL, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE KENNEDY, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD EGAN, Mr. and Mrs. SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES BROLIN, and Metromedia prexy JOHN KLUGE, among others.....BOBBY MORRIS, the local agent whiz kid, and his CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT & ASSOCIATES, jet to Dallas this week to sign a new deal to take over more than 110 restaurant-showrooms. Morris also has new offices in Australia - where he's booked VIC DAMONE - South Africa, Miami and Chicago. Bobby's latest 'discovery', THE SHEFFIELDS led by KEN ALLISON is currently making a hit out of their first Strip date at the Flamingo Casino Theater.....MARILYNN ROBERTSON, the Female Performer of the Year winner who will be making her solo debut in her one woman show called "Me and My Friends" on Jan. 28 at the Flamingo, suddenly hospitalized last week with an unidentified allergy outbreak. Marilyn plans to resume rehearsals for her showcase performance this week.....

### OUTSTANDING ISRAEL TRIBUTE FEATURED IN DUNES EXTRAVAGANZA



THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS ENACTED IN FREDERIC APCAR'S "CASINO DE PARIS" AT THE DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB. THE

COLORFUL PAGEANTRY IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE LAVISH FRENCH SPECTACULAR WHICH FEATURES A CAST OF 100. SHOW TIMES ARE 7:45 P.M. AND 11:45 P.M.

HENNY YOUNGMAN, the King of One Liners, was the unofficial audience warmer-upper at the just taped ABC-TV Wide World of Entertainment special "The Unofficial Miss Las Vegas Showgirl Pageant" taped by TRANS-AMERICA VIDEO (TAV) from the Tropicana Blue Room. Henny joined other gueststar "judges" IRWIN COREY & JAYNE MEADOWS on the show with star-host STEVE ALLEN, and gueststars PHYLLIS DILLER ( a hilariously off-color "Color Girl" for the Pageant who gets "caught" snoozing on one tv visit, and watching another channel on another surprise "back to Phyllis" bit) and newcomer comedienne-singer-dancer LIZ TORRES. This was Liz and Phyllis' second special together. They were also stars, with JOAN RIVERS, VALERIE HARPER, LYNN REDGRAVE, etc. on the recently aired "Shape of Things". Henny Youngman's irrepressible good humor and snappy ad libs kept the audience, both on and off taping, in stitches.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**KITTY KOVER, PHIL FORD and NANCY AUSTIN star in Maynard Sloate's delightful production of "Hello, Dolly!" at the Union Plaza, and don't forget there is a Sunday afternoon matinee perf.....PAUL ANKA, never more brilliant or exciting, now at Caesars Palace with the Shipstad & Johnson's Ice Follies....."Academy Award Winner, Emmy Winner, and Blackjack Loser" RED BUTTONS in razor sharp form, with headliner TONY BENNETT at the Las Vegas Hilton.....Last weeks to catch RUSS LEWIS (who never does the same show twice), singing stars GLORY, and the JERRY NORMAN DANCERS featuring JOANN GILL, LARRY KERN & JERRY WILKINS, in Matt Gregory's fancy romp, "FANCY THAT" at the Flamingo Casino

Theater.....JULIET PROWSE, the Legs of Las Vegas, now on view in an all new show at the Desert Inn.....The super Superstar WAYNE NEWTON at the Sands til Feb. 5..... BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" starring IRV BENSON and featuring DENISE MONTEGO, MARINA MAUBERT, JIMMY ROGERS, LON FONTAINE and special guest SATAN'S ANGEL, now at the Aladdin.....BUDDY HACKETT with his "Adults Only" and "No Smoking" SRO show, with movie star-singer JAMES DARREN now at the Sahara Congo Room.....BUDDY GRECO in his first Strip appearance in years, at the Thunderbird.....BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S laughingest, longest running revue "BOTTOMS UP" at the Hippodrome Theater, Circus Circus.....PEPPER DAVIS and AL BELLO in their "Fractured Follies" at the Hacienda.....



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HILTON

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