

Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE..... JOANNE WORLEY, ROOSEVELT GRIER, MARTY ALLEN, VAN JOHNSON & KEENAN WYNN are the name gueststars set to join DICK SHANE & BRECK WALL, the title stars, in producer JERRY SCHAFER'S "HORACE & FRED" which starts filming this week in and around Las Vegas. Producer Schafer has also extended an invitation to the public to "get into the movies" by being filmed in crowd scenes. First scheduled crowd filming will be the weekend of Mar. 2 and 3 at the carnival grounds at 25th and Owens; especially needed will be children of all ages who will be photographed while watching a clown show and a demonstration by Dick Shane who happens to be the World Champion Bullwhip artist. "Horace & Fred" is the first (of six) films in the series being produced for Affinity Pictures Corporation.....Auditions this weekend (Feb. 23 & 24) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, at the Judy Bayley Theater for an upcoming production of Broadway hit, "Company". Contact Drama Dept. director ROBERT BURGAN for more info..... DONN ARDEN'S monumental spectacle "HALLELUJAH, HOLLYWOOD!" scheduled now for preview showings starting March 5. ANTHONY COSTA, musical director, started orchestra rehearsals this week. Costa, incidentally, will be conducting the show from a location two stories below the MGM's Ziegfeld Room stage. MARVIN LAIRD is the composer for all the new and original music being used in "Hallelujah".....Producer Bob Sadoff's production of Henry Fielding's "Tom Jones" closed abruptly at the Holiday Casino showroom mid-way in its scheduled twelve week engagement. So far, no new show has been signed to replace "TJ"..... The Tropicana's super Superstar Theater attraction, "THE BEST OF ANN-MARGRET" returns to reopen the beautiful new showroom on March 1. Ann-Margret recently returned from London where she met with producers and composers of the rock opera "Tommy" in which she'll be starring later this year.....Producer BARRY ASHTON debuted his new comedy team, DESMOND & MARKS, in his rollicking "This is Burlesque" at the Aladdin Hotel this week. The British knockabout duo is making its American debut in Barry's revue.....

STRIP CHATTER..... Popular MIKE DOUGLAS - with JONATHAN WINTERS, SAMMY DAVIS JR., and HELEN REDDY already set as co-hosts - brings his daily tv show to Las Vegas for two weeks of taping from the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel starting March 4.....Sensational new songbird DYANNA WHITMAN, who recently made her mainroom debut with DON RICKLES at Harrah's Tahoe, returns in her solo act at the Flamingo Casino Theater opening Feb. 28.....Incidentally, Dyanna's manager-producer MATT GREGORY, is this month's special columnist in the HOLLYWOOD REPORTER'S monthly Las Vegas supplement edition (Feb. 28).....Composer-pianist BURT BACHARACH makes his first Strip appearance in more than a year, opening next at the Riviera Hotel on Mar. 6.....DON LANE, CASS DALEY, PHIL FORD and LINDA MICHELE a hit-plus in their costarring outing as the citizens of River City in Meredith Willson's "THE MUSIC MAN", produced by Maynard Sloate, now at the Union Plaza.....FRANK SINATRA returns to Caesars Palace for a special three day engagement, March 1-3. PAUL ANKA, the current headliner with THE POINTER SISTERS, will resume his appearance March 4 with favorite funny man GUY MARKS (and his hilarious Indian Chief audition of

"Volare!"). Mr. Sinatra follows, for one week only, March 14-20.....JOAN RIVERS, who just ended her MGM Grand Hotel bow, set to return in May with HELEN REDDY. Joan goes next to Harrah's Tahoe to co-star with JOHN DAVIDSON, who all of a sudden is "hot" again thanks to his new tv series "The Girls with Something Extra" and his recent nude centerfold photo in Cosmopolitan.....Movie favorite, Academy Award winner SHIRLEY MacLAINE will make her Las Vegas debut, in July, at the MGM Grand Hotel.....Welcome to first-time Vegas Visitor, USAF CAPTAIN ANTHONY F. TAN, and thanks to pals like ABBE LANE, JOAN RIVERS, MARTY & FRENCH ALLEN, JACKIE GAYLE, FABIAN, ROBERT GOULET, CONNIE STEVENS and so many others who made the Captain's first trip such an eye opener!.....CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....SUZANNE VEGAS, absent from the Strip scene for the past couple of weeks has been appearing, as a featured exotic dancer, in her own act in New York, Atlanta and Detroit...and most currently, Nashville. Suzanne has a couple of more weeks on the road, in Little Rock, Arkansas, before returning to her Vegas base in March.....THE LENNON SISTERS, who also did a bit of a strip in their last Caesars Palace act, return with ANDY WILLIAMS, to the Palace of course, opening March 21.....Impressionist-singer JIM BAILEY who holds the attendance records at the Thunderbird, back for his second engagement (Feb. 21). Bailey will also be at the T-Bird in April.....MEL TORME, wrapping his starring role in a new movie called "SNOWMAN", returns to the Sahara Congo Room, with Jerry Lewis, on March 4.....It's just about firm now that VIC DAMONE will be making his switch to the MGM Grand Hotel, opening next with SHECKY GREENE.....GABRIEL KAPLAN, the brilliant and irreverent new comedy star, makes a return date with ANN-MARGRET at the Tropicana Superstar Theater.....Musical group, S.O.U.P., who played the Vegas scene for months on end, back for their first MGM Lion's Den appearance.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... ABBE LANE & JACK CARTER at the Desert Inn.....ROBERT & CAROL (Lawrence) GOULET at the Frontier.....Newcomer TONY DARROW in his mainroom bow, with BUDDY HACKETT, at the Sahara....."BOTTOMS UP" with DAVID HARRIS, ROB BARRON, JAN SUTTON, DEEDA HYMES, SUZANNE BUHRER, COOPER NEAL among the featured zanies, at the Circus Circus Hippodrome.....PAUL ANKA at Caesars.....LIBERACE opens Feb. 23 at the Hilton with guest star, comedy ventriloquist RUSS LEWIS.....



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