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IN
LAS VEGAS



THE MOVIE MAKERS IN LAS VEGAS..... Producer-director JERRY SCHAFER and his cast and crew of "HORACE & FRED" round town shooting chase sequences, kidnappings, tigers, gorillas, clowns and carnivals. It's all part of the new Affinity Pictures Corporation comedy caper starring BRECK WALL (of "Bottoms Up"), DICK SHANE, JOANNE WORLEY, DAVE MADDEN (of "The Partridge Family"), THE FLYING TORRELS (from Circus Circus) and giant gueststar ROOSEVELT GRIER. Schaffer resumes filming next week and plans to add half a dozen name stars in guest cameo roles including such favorites as MICKEY ROONEY, VAN JOHNSON, KAY BALLARD, MARTY ALLEN and JOHNNIE RAY....The carnival sequences in the film, scheduled for last weekend got blown away by Vegas' unseasonable 60mph windstorm. Schaffer is rescheduling the scenes and will be announcing his invitation to the public to join in the crowd sequences....MILTON BERLE opening March 14 at the Frontier Hotel, with FRANK SINATRA JR., has just completed his guest-starring role in Tony Curtis' new gangster drama, "Lepke". Milton has his own property, "Too Late to Smell the Flowers" upcoming when he finishes his Frontier stint....MEL TORME, now back at the Sahara with JERRY LEWIS, has also just completed his solo starring role in a new adventure film called "SNOWMAN" about the lone human survivor of a plane crash in the mountains. The only other survivors are animal actors - and it's Mel's task to lead the unusual entourage to safety. Mel is also being urged to write the musical score for the film and an over-the-titles song....Delusious ANN-MARGRET, the runaway smash favorite of the Strip now at the Tropicana Superstar Theater, heads back to London in April to start shooting her starring role in the rock opera, "Tommy". Meantime, plans are underway to film her new show, "The Best of Ann-Margret" from the Trop as a television special. Also, attention showfolk, ANN-MARGRET will be doing her long awaited and often planned on "special third show" for performers during her current engagement.....

'ROUND TOWN.....Million-selling singers, THE DOVELLS

The incredible insanity of Shecky Greene and the dynamic song stylings of Vic Damone are combined in a grand melding of laugh and lilt in the Celebrity Room of the MGM Grand. Accolades ranging from "the funniest man alive" to "the comic's comic" have been applied to Shecky Greene. The wild, funny man delivers comic clout that literally lays his audiences in the aisles.

Shecky's forte is raw, audacious, even shocking humor. He is a comic vehicle out of control as he lashes into a mixed bag of topics including divorce, plumbers, people with long

SHECKY GREENE, VIC DAMONE AT M.G.M. GRAND



SHECKY

hair, silicone injections for men and women, and the unlikelihood of comedians as sex symbols.



VIC

Vic Damone, who thrilled Paramount Theatre audiences in New York in the forties

still has one of the greatest natural vocal instruments in show business and he wields it well through contemporary up-beat offerings, ballads and opera.

Damone is a singer's singer, a consummate artist. Without frills, fussiness or theatrics, he doesn't intrude his personality on his music. The dynamics generated in his act come from his vocalization - which is there in happy abundance.

Jackie Gayle, Las Vegas' Lounge Star of 1973, continues to wow Lion's Den audiences. Sharing the Lion's Den stage with Gayle are S.O.U.P., Vin Cardinal and Gelsa Palao.

(from Philadelphia) are now in their Strip bow at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The MGM recording stars ("You Can't Sit Down", "Bristol Stomp" etc.) ARNIE SILVER, MARK STEVENS, and JERRY GROSS are an overdue sensation. The group's last (and only) Vegas appearances was a few years back as part of a Rock and Roll revival show....S.O.U.P., now at the MGM's Lion's Den, have been invited to join PAUL ANKA, LIBERACE & JERRY LEWIS at the "Salute to Youth" dinner gala at the Sahara Space Center on March 9. *****

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....VIC DAMONE, at the MGM Grand with Shecky Greene, takes time out from his busy schedule to visit the Clark County Juvenile Detention Center for informal rap sessions with the young and troubled wards....Hasn't BURT REYNOLDS been signed for a nitery debut this year? And isn't BETTE MIDLER firmed for a Tropicana Superstar early fall opening?? SHIRLEY MacLAINE makes her MGM Grand Hotel debut (and Vegas bow) in July. SHIRLEY JONES, who hasn't played Vegas for sometime (since the Flamingo) joins with husband JACK CASSIDY for an outing at the Grand....TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE return to the Thunderbird March 21.....ABBE LANE, now at the Desert Inn, has dates lined up for the Playboy Clubs in Lake Geneva and Great Gorge, and

in the spring, a headline stint at the fabulous Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen....MARTY ALLEN, back to the Flamingo in April, enroute to hometown Pittsburgh where he'll be feted as the Pittsburgh Press Club Man of the Year, March 15. Marty and Frenchy Allen, and ERNIE & TOVE BORGNINE flew in earlier this week to join old buddy MIKE DOUGLAS in his daily tele-tapings from the Las Vegas Hilton. Also visiting Mike: PAUL ANKA, LIBERACE, GABRIEL KAPLAN, JERRY LEWIS, MEL TORME, TOTIE FIELDS. Mike continues taping thru March 15.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....THE BEST OF ANN-MARGRET at the Tropicana is the not-to-be-missed show of the month.....JERRY LEWIS & MEL TORME at the Sahara repeating their January blockbuster....Singer-illusionist extraordinaire JIM BAILEY at the Thunderbird...."BOTTOMS UP" at the Circus Circus Hippodrome Theater...."BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS" the Top Lounge Show of the Year award winner at the Stardust Lounge with the RON LEWIS DANCERS featuring ROGER MINAMI.....Blonde and beautiful CONNIE STEVENS at the Flamingo with SAMMY SHORE.... BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" starring IRV BENSON, SATAN'S ANGEL, DENISE MONTEGO and new comedy duo from England DESMOND & MARKS, at the Aladdin.....



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