

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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STRIP BITS.....Memo to Performers, Producers, Choreographers, Hotel Entertainment Executives, Publicists, Press and Musicians: Register your membership in the newly formed Academy of Variety and Cabaret Artists, Las Vegas to be eligible to vote in the upcoming Las Vegas Entertainment Awards. First nominating ballots go out on October 1. This year the Awards will be televised as a Bob Hope Special airing on November 20 on NBC-TV (the show will be taped Nov. 12-14 from Caesars Palace). If for some reason you have not been contacted to join the Academy membership, contact the Academy offices at 735-8879.....

'ROUND TOWN.....KEELY SMITH, singing with heart and soul, is the marvelous must see, now at the Thunderbird Hotel with guest star Norm Crosby. This is Keely's second T-Bird visit, and her second appearance in Las Vegas after more than seven years absence. Don't miss her!.....JACKIE GAYLE returns to headline the MGM Lion's Den on October 2.....MITZI GAYNOR with a dazzling new revue, now at Harrah's Reno, scheduled for an October 11 return to the Tropicana Superstar Theater. This will be Mitzi's one and only Las Vegas appearance this year. Miss Gaynor, who last year was such an absolute hit in both her premiere show and her guest starring at the showfolks' annual Hallowe'en Ball, will once again be invited to sparkle the masquerade frolic, set for October 31 at the Stardust Hotel Convention Center. Joining Mitzi on the celebrity panel of judges will be ANN-MARGRET, JAMES DARREN, BOBBIE GENTRY, RIP TAYLOR, MEL TORME and many other "surprise" guests..... FREDDIE HALLGREN, just arrived from London where he has been a gymnast instructor and performer, has joined THE STUPIDS comedy-acrobatic troupe, now featured in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris". The "Casino" show will be closing for its annual hiatus on November 30, not mid-November as reported earlier.....DIANA ROSS, now prepping her second movie, won't be available for a Las Vegas outing til early 1975. Diana's Motown "discovery", THE JACKSON FIVE will make their third appearance this year at the MGM Grand Hotel opening Nov. 20.....

SHOW-STOPPIN'.....RIP TAYLOR, the resident zany of the Strip, recently played the mainroom at the Tropicana Superstar Theater as special guest star of VIKKI CARR. To anyone who has seen The Ripper in action in his numerous appearances up and down the Strip (at the Aladdin, Desert Inn, Sahara, Stardust, etc.) his mainroom stint came as no surprise. Taylor's tailor-made comedy pandemonium works - anywhere! Rip's "touch of madness" hilarity, his stock in trade, kept the Superstar reverberating with uninhibited pandemonium. Rip's rapport with an audience is terrific; his material is always outrageous and unpredictable. Rip's latest "Bells of St. Mary's" bit is one that has to be seen to be believed; only a Rip Taylor could try it and make it work so hilariously. Miss Carr had picked an ideal stage-mate. Taylor currently vacationing in Acapulco, returns in October to play Harrah's, Reno. While his adult fans are waiting for his Strip return, Rip's a smash hit with another entire audience of kids with his new guest starring role on Sat. morning's "Sigmund the Sea Monster" on NBC-TV.....ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK, now at the Riviera, is showing off his flair for comedy, impressions and audience appeal. Oddly enough, Engelbert, who has not had



ROARING 20'S, GAY 90'S, BARRELHOUSE, DIXIELAND AND HONKYTONK MUSIC PERVADE THE LANDMARK JUBILEE ROOM AS THE FUN-TIME MICKEY FINN SHOW IMPELS AUDIENCES TO CLAP THEIR HANDS AND SING ALONG TO SUCH ROUSING TUNES AS "12TH STREET RAG," "SWEET GEORGIA BROWN," AND "SAINTS." ALLIENE FLANERY, VOCALIST AND COMEDIENNE, SAUNTERS THROUGH THE AUDIENCE LAYING OUT IMPROMPTU PATTEN AND HUMEROUS QUIPS AND THE WALKERS AMUSE PATRONS WITH THEIR HILARIOUS IMPERSONATIONS OF FAMOUS TRIOS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT. NEARLY 4 MILLION PEOPLE HAVE VIEWED THE SHOW OVER THE YEARS AND BECAUSE OF ITS STRONG DRAWING POWER IT HAS BEEN HELD OVER FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

a hit record for many many months now, is still doing his usual SRO business. Humperdinck, like his good buddy TOM JONES who he has followed career-wise in records, concerts, to America and Las Vegas, and with his own television series, is now reportedly looking for a suitable property for a movie debut. Jones has already been announced for his first flick, "The Gospel Singer" to start shooting in '75....."Hot" new comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN who was on television in four major specials this month, returns to costar with The Carpenters at the Riviera on October 9. Kaplan's other nitery stints have been with ANN-MARGRET (Tropicana), HELEN REDDY (MGM) and DIANA ROSS (Harrah's Tahoe), and just wound up a

ANDY WILLIAMS AT CAESARS PALACE UNTIL OCT. 9

It's "first and ten" for Andy Williams September 19 - October 9 when the internationally-famed singer headlines a three-week engagement in the Circus Maximus theatre-restaurant at Caesars Palace.



ANDY

Williams was Caesars Palace's first headliner when the resort hotel first opened its doors in August, 1966, and this is his tenth Caesars Palace appearance. The result, of course, will be Andy's tenth consecutive touch-down.

Featured with him this time will be the popular Lennon Sisters (Dianne, Peggy, Kathy and Janet), who have teamed with him in previous highly-successful Caesars Palace appearances. The award-winning Nat Brandwynne orchestra will provide the musical backing.

Williams, without question, is an entertainment phenomenon. As a recording artist, he is Columbia Records' all-time best selling vocalist, having 17 gold records representing the global sale of over 35 million albums. In television, his weekly series and special tele-

casts have netted him three Emmy Awards, a number one rating and won him millions of fans throughout the world. And in the personal appearance field, he has long been a major attraction and has broken records for capacity audiences in virtually every city he has performed.

The Lennon Sisters are a harmonious blend of all that proves the American dream can still come true. They represent a freshness and vitality that captivates audiences wherever they go.

Following Andy and the Lennons will be Paul Anka, October 10-16. tour with the newly reunited Righteous Brothers..... CONNIE STEVENS whose controversial movie for television, "The Sex Symbol" has finally been cleared for airing this fall, returns to the Flamingo Hotel on October 17.....MILTON BERLE will add another "first" to his 60-plus year career - now, Miltie will be the first star-conductor on the new high speed Los Angeles to Las Vegas AMTRAK train service.

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