

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**MARTY ALLEN, the bush-haired funnyman and a perennial Vegas favorite, takes some time off from his busy schedule of niteries and concert dates to co-star in two new motion pictures. Marty, who got such good notices for his emoting in a cameo role as a professor in "The Harrad Summer", has been tagged for a big co-starring role in one of 1975's all-star movie blockbusters - the film version of Sidney Sheldon's runaway best-seller, "THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT".....Singer BOB ANDERSON, due here for a Vegas visit as one of the judges at the BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL, puts the finishing touches on the new album he has been recording in Chicago and Detroit. Two labels are interested in signing Anderson and are waiting for the single from the album to be delivered later this month. Anderson has also been set to join the big holiday show starring BOB HOPE that'll open the new concert hall in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Dec. 21..... CRAIG RUSSELL, the zany impressionist last here at the MGM Lion's Den and more recently the star of Robert Stigwood's "Manhattan Follies" at the N.Y. Plaza, makes a firsttime return engagement to his hometown of Toronto. Russell is hoping to swing by Vegas to catch his good, good friend and biggest booster CAROL CHANNING when she opens Nov. 7, with Alan King, at Caesars Palace. Carol caught Craig's "Carol" time and time again in New York and is one of his greatest fans. Craig recently coached JOHN DAVIDSON in his role of a female impersonator for tv's "The Streets of San Francisco" segment, and Russell also got the credit for John's "singing" as Carole Channing.....Beautiful ABBE LANE, here recently at the Tropicana Superstar Theater, brings her entire new act of singers, dancers and musical group The Cariocas, to Chicago's elegant Palmer House, opening Nov. 6. Abbe's also being penned for a Superstar return before the New Year.....JAMES DARREN, just closed at the Sahara and returning Nov. 5 with Buddy Hackett, will be the host-representative of the Sahara Hotel at the upcoming convention of travel agents being held in Montreal on Oct. 26-30. Jimmy won't be doing any singing, except to sing the praises of the Sahara Hotel's tour plans, facilities, convention quarters, entertainment, etc. He'll repeat the stint in Toronto in November.....Producer ROSS HUNTER ("Airport", "Pillow Talk", etc) will be one of the Celebrity Judges at the Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Hallowe'en Ball, at the Stardust Hotel Convention Center. Ross will be joining his celeb pals like MITZI GAYNOR, ANN-MARGRET, BOBBIE GENTRY, MEL TORME, WAYNE NEWTON, BARBARA EDEN, CONNIE STEVENS, etc. and Las Vegas Review Journal-Variety scribe FORREST DUKE on the panel. Also new on the judges stand will be delicious "Brown Sugar" songstress SANDRA ALEXANDRA. Miss Alexandra, now in her third week at the after hours haunt, Le Cafe (at Paradise and Tropicana Roads), will be packing her bags to leave for Europe in '75. Sandra has been tagged to portray the great JOSEPHINE BAKER in Vincente Minnelli's big musical-drama which will star LIZA.....

**STRIP BITS.....**Sultry and popular local lass, SUZANNE VEGAS, now back in town as the star attraction of Jess Mack's new "Burlesque '75" at the Royal Las Vegas casino showroom is show biz' only singing nude. Miss Vegas, an



**THE MICKEY FINN SHOW AND THE SOUNDS OF RICKYTICK, HONKY-TONK, BARREL-HOUSE AND DIXIELAND RINGS FORTH WITH FUN AND EXCITEMENT HAS BEEN HELD OVER FOR INDEFINITE TIME IN THE JUBILEE ROOM OF THE LANDMARK HOTEL.**

accomplished dancer who went into the art of the exotic after several seasons in Vegas revues, is keeping her singing talents intact by adding vocal bits to her more sizzling striptease artistry.....MARCI PETERSON, formerly with the Desert Inn, is now public relations and publicity director at the Tropicana Hotel. Replacing Marci at the Desert Inn is former Riviera staffer, GINNY McILVAINE.....Comedian GABRIEL KAPLAN signed to co-star next with HELEN REDDY at the MGM Grand opening Nov. 6.....Impressionist-singer JIM BAILEY, returning to the Thunderbird on October 31, will reportedly introduce his new "star" in his T-Bird stint. Bailey has now added MARILYN MONROE to his galaxy of first ladies like STREISAND, GARLAND, WEST, DILLER and LEE.....THE JACKSON FIVE return for their third engagement at the Grand, opening Nov. 20.....TONY BENNETT will be the Flamingo's special Christmas-New Year's attraction, opening Dec. 26. Also coming to the Flamingo mainroom is DICK CLARK'S GOOD OLD ROCK & ROLL REVUE, the show that played to capacity mobs of used-to-be-teenagers this past July at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater.....STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, packin' 'em in, as usual, at Caesars Palace, have their first Christmas holidays off in years! The Lawrences' are planning to holiday in Hawaii. But first, Steve will tape a guesting with their good friend, CAROL BURNETT. Steve and Eydie, winners of last year's Best Musical Variety Act Las Vegas Entertainment Award, are again nominees this year.....PAUL ANKA, a nominee in the Male Star of the Year Award, will postpone a trip to England in order to attend the Award telecast, from Caesars Palace, on November 14.....Comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL has turned producer-packager to take her recent prod of "The Decline and Fall of the Entire World as Seen Thru the Eyes of Cole Porter" (which she directed for the University of Nevada) on a national tour. Elmarie's agents in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York are ironing out the details of the multi-city swing.....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**Producer BARRY ASHTON, a L.V. Entertainment Award nominee for his "This Is Burlesque" at the Aladdin as Revue of the Year, didn't know he had won a nomination until he read it in a Miami newspaper. Barry was in Miami, at the Americana, opening his new spectacular "FEMMES DE PARIS" when the nominees were announced. Ashton returns this month to go into rehearsals for his upcoming "VIVE PARIS VIVE" opening Dec. 27 at the Aladdin.....THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, of the Dunes "Casino de Paris", voted Best Production Act of the Year last year and nominees in that category this year, will join the star-studded guest list of presenters and performers on the Bob Hope NBC-TV special. The Gauchos are also wanted for a stint on producer-director MORT GREEN's new variety series for Metromedia, "VAUDEVILLE" which begins taping this month in Los Angeles. So far, all of the "Vaudeville" tapings are scheduled for evenings which makes it impossible for the Gauchos to perform but Green is hoping to be able to reschedule a segment of the show for an early taping so the Gauchos can commute a quick one day trip.....Speaking of "VAUDEVILLE", why hasn't some Strip hotel picked up on the format for a long run outing. Set for the first thirteen shows, by Green, are stars like DONALD O'CONNOR, MILTON BERLE, RED BUTTONS, JACK CARTER, CAB CALLOWAY, STEVE ALLEN, NANCY WALKER and GORDON MACRAE, all surrounded by a cast of variety and specialty acts, singers, dancers, etc. The format with a changing 'name star' headliner would be a great idea for a Vegas showroom and a real boon to all the variety acts anxious to play the Strip.....MITZI GAYNOR who is absolutely running away with all the business that Tropicana Superstar Theater can handle for her twice nightly performances, starts taping her next Kraft tv special for CBS in January. Mitzi's last year's show was the highest rated female special of the year. Her new special is titled "MITZI & A HUNDRED GUYS" for airing in March.....

**DON'T MISS THE OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1 "LAS VEGAS BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL"** at the Stardust Hotel Convention Center. Tickets are on sale now - \$6.00 in advance, \$7.50 at the door. Call (702) 457-7248 for ticket info, reservations BEFORE October 29. MITZI GAYNOR, BOBBIE GENTRY, CONNIE STEVENS, ANN-MARGRET, MEL TORME, JACKIE GAYLE, BOB ANDERSON, FORREST DUKE, WAYNE NEWTON, ROGER SMITH, ROSS HUNTER, RIP TAYLOR, SANDRA ALEXANDRA, and STEVE & EYDIE will be guesting as this year's Celebrity Judges for the all-night masquerade gala. (Costumes are optional). The Ball, primarily for showfolk and friends, is open to the public.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**MITZI AT THE TROPICANA.....CONNIE STEVENS AT THE FLAMINGO.....WAYNE NEWTON AT THE FRONTIER.....STEVE & EYDIE AT CAESARS PALACE.....JERRY LEWIS & MEL TORME AT THE SAHARA, BOBBIE GENTRY AT THE DESERT INN.....SHECKY GREENE & BARBARA EDEN AT THE MGM GRAND.....SUZANNE VEGAS IN "BURLESQUE '75" AT THE ROYAL LAS VEGAS.

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