

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

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**STAR GAZING.....**RICH, RUTH & RIP are the "hot" stars this week in Las Vegas. RICH LITTLE the man of a thousand and one voices, is headlining (his second time) at the Sands with special gueststar JERRY VALE, and it's been another SRO stint for the popular pairing.... RUTH BUZZI, making her solo debut with JIM NABORS at the Sahara Congo Room, is showing delightful new dimensions as a singer-dancer-comedienne in a big, fun-filled production revue, staged and choreographed by ERNIE FLATT. Busy Buzzi keeps the lively, funny romp moving at breakneck speed with more than a dozen costume changes, and endless parade of zany characterizations including tv evangelist KATHRYN KUHLMAN, CHARO, the unidentified sex symbol, and a showstopping country western take-off that takes off from Artie Malvin's hilarious country lament "S-P-L-I-T". Miss Buzzi will definitely be back on the Strip many times over; this is her first comedy revue and it's the hit of the year!!...THE CRYIN' COMEDIAN, RIP TAYLOR is starring in Alan Lee's all new "Folies Bergere" - now at the Tiffany Theater of the Tropicana Hotel - and Taylor's as wild, mad and mirthful as ever! Rip's spot is the perfect ending to a lavish and elegant spectacle of singers, dancers, fantastic acrobats, gorgeous sets and scenics (by BILL MORRIS) and elaborate production staged and choreographed by JERRY JACKSON. The witty, wacky, only-one-of-his-kind star winds his slot with an all out production sequence with the Folies cast in "It's Not How You Start, It's How You Finish". The Folies Bergere opens, officially, tonight (Mar. 21) for an indefinite run.....

CHERRIE & DON, SHE ON HAMMOND ORGAN AND HE ON DRUMS, PLAY FOR THE LATE NIGHTERS IN THE INTIMATE NIFTY NOOK LOUNGE OF THE LANDMARK HOTEL.. THOUGH SMALL IN SIZE, CHERRIE IS BIG ON TALENT AND THE TWOSOME HAS TO THEIR CREDIT A COMMAND PERFORMANCE FOR THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND, WHATEVER THE PLEASURE THE DUO WILL PROVIDE EVERYTHING FROM THE CLASSICS TO JAZZ AND CONTEMPORARY.

CLANCY joins the cast of "Hallelujah Hollywood" at the MGM Grand...Movie star-singer JAMES DARREN, a frequent Strip attraction at the Sahara, has two big movie projects already underway this year. Jimmy will star as "Rudolph Valentino" in a new musical bio film, and has

just been signed by producer ROSS HUNTER to gueststar in a new television special and spin-off series starring SHIRLEY JONES in "The Lives of Jenny Dolan"....Beautiful BOBBIE GENTRY, returning in June to the Desert Inn, is script-reading for a major movie debut later this year. Bobbie will be doing a brand new show for her next appearance and has scenic genius BILL MORRIS and choreographed-director DON BRADBURN hard at work with sketches, musical concepts, and production numbers....WELCOME HOME (to Vegas) to the cast of BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP" back from a smash five week premiere of the 1975 edition of the long running musical comedy hit. "Bottoms Up" rapidly filling up its new year agenda with nitery and hotel as near as Reno (in May) and Australia (in December) should be announcing its new Las Vegas headquarters hotel shortly. "BU" has been a Las Vegas fixture for years and years with capacity plus long run engagements at Caesars Palace, the Flamingo, the Thunderbird, Circus Circus and most recently the Las Vegas Hilton...THE RICHARD CURTIS SHOW starring singer-dancer Richard Curtis with KIM RICHARDS and ROBIN TINDER, showcasing their new show at the Golden Nugget. DANNY FLANNERY (guitar), DAVE SOMGALSKI (bass) and DAVE ATTAYA (drums) are the group's musical back up ensemble. JERRY NORMAN & JOYCE ROBERTS staged and choreographed.....

IS IT NEWS?.....that PAUL ANKA will replace DIANA ROSS, opening April 3 at Caesars Palace with "Chico and the Man" tv star-comedian Freddy Prinze in his Las Vegas debut?.... that TAKEUCHI KEIGO & BILL LLOYD'S new "Orient Follies" will open March 31 at the Landmark Hotel starring Keigo, Pat Suzuki and The Tudera Sisters?....that ENGLBERT HUMPI RDINCK makes his second Strip appearance this year, opening April 3 at the Riviera? ....that DEBBIE REYNOLDS, the darling dynamo at the Desert Inn, is now celebrating her 27th year in show business?....that JOAN RIVERS heads next to Pittsburgh to headline her own show at the Holiday House in Monroeville for entertainment boss Bert Sokol? Joan opens April 1.....that the recently shuttered Riata Casino (on the Strip opposite the Stardust) is being readied for a Grand Re-opening with new owners and a new name?.....

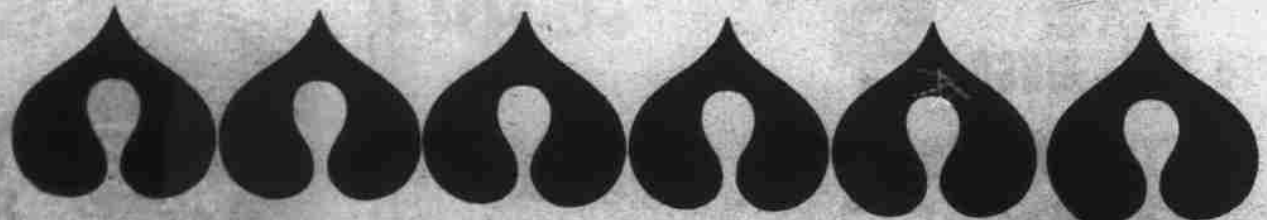
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