

LAS VEGAS

SHOWS



ALL ABOUT THE FUNNY FOLK.....RUTH BUZZI returns to the Strip guest starring next with HELEN REDDY, at the MGM Grand opening June 19.....PHYLLIS DILLER, now at the Sands is busy, busy, busy. In addition to a string of upcoming Guest Artist appearances with several symphony orchestras, a full slate of nitery dates, and television guestings, Phyllis is also working on the final drafts of her own first screenplay. The multi-talented Diller says it wasn't originally intended to be a script for herself, but the more she wrote the more the character became so Diller-ish, there's only one possible leading lady to play the role when it goes into production later this year!.....KAYE BALLARD off to Dallas, Texas to star in a new musical comedy horror romp called "MY FAIR DRACULA". Kaye is also mulling a couple of Strip date for later this summer.....BILL COSBY returns to the Las Vegas Hilton on May 20 with special guest stars IKE & TINA TURNER.....Comedy ventriloquist SAMMY KING who starred here last year in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" leaves his featured slot in Barry Ashton's "Femmes de Paris" in Miami (at the Americana Hotel) after a smash thirty six week engagement. Sammy pops up next at Harrah's Reno where he'll appear with TONY BENNETT in June.....Comedy magician CARL BALLANTINE leaves the "Folies Bergere" in June.....JOAN RIVERS back with Sergio Franchi at the MGM Grand on May 21, slotting summer concert dates with John Davidson.....Comedian RODNEY DANGERFIELD makes his Strip bow with TONY ORLANDO & DAWN, opening in June at the Riviera.....Hilarious impressionist CHARLES PIERCE, an absolute smash in his on-going (since December) engagement at New York's Village Gate, is the star-studded "must see" in Gotham. Pierce who hasn't played Las Vegas for nearly a dozen years may bring his full scale comedy revue to a Strip hotel later this year.....MARTY ALLEN opens later this month at the Mill Run Theater in Chicago with JERRY VALE.....MILTON BERLE, away from the nitery scene as of late promoting his new autobiography, signed for a June outing at Chicago's Blue Max. JERRY COLLINS, a Vegas resident, will, as usual, be on hand as Uncle Miltie's comedy foil second banana.....Comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL, now residing in Tampa, Florida, now starring in "Butterflies Are Free" in Tampa's booming dinner-theater circuit.....FOSTER BROOKS, just closed with Juliet Prowse



CHARO, THE LATIN BOMBSHELL, IS IN THE SHOW WITH JERRY LEWIS AT THE SAHARA.

at the Desert Inn, returns next with ROBERT GOULET, in June, at the Frontier.....SLAPPY WHITE recently here at the Hilton Vestal Virgin, joins LOVELACE WATKINS at the Flamingo opening May 29.....GEORGE KIRBY opens May 15 at the Riviera with The 5th Dimension.....JACKIE GAYLE, The Tiger of Comedy, back at the MGM Lion's Den.....Satirist CORK PROCTOR who's on the brink of becoming the next ten year "overnight" sensation, leaves his perch at the Hacienda Casino Lounge to star in Nick Navarro's new "Love Affair" revue opening at the new Marina Hotel-CasinoBUDDY HACKETT, back to the Sahara next month, will bring singer DICK ROMAN in for his first fullterm stint. Roman replaced ailing Eddie Fisher with Buddy on his last Congo Room date.....

STRIP GLITTER-INGS.....BRECK WALL's 1975 edition of "BOTTOMS UP" opens May 28 at Harrah's Reno. A second company opens in early June in Chicago at the Arlington Hotel. Also upcoming on producer Wall's agenda, a new comedy frolic to open a chain of dinner theater cabarets in Texas, and a sexy, Frenchy, Las Vegasey revue called "Le Sexy" opening in Dallas. In December "Bottoms Up" opens in Sydney, Australia.....PHYLLIS MCGUIRE will be JOHNNY CARSON's special guest star on Carson's remaining three one-week only engagements at Caesars Palace. Johnny

and Phyllis open next on June 12.....DONN ARDEN's newest and most lavish epic, the "Lido de Paris" debuts May 15 at the Stardust. It's the 11th edition of the "Lido" at the Stardust and Arden's 28th year connected with the original French spectacular. Donn staged the first Lido in Paris in 1947.....STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, who buzzed into town for the Caesars Palace Connors-Newcombe tennis match, packing up for their trek to London-town where they'll be taping their next CBS tv special. Steve & Eydie return to Caesars in August.....MEL TORME returns to the Sands Hotel, with RICH LITTLE, opening June 12.....BOBBIE GENTRY, back to the Desert Inn next month, reportedly invested some \$200,000 in her all new nitery act that'll play for at least the next year on her new 20-plus week pact with the Hughes Hotels.....DIANA ROSS in her first 1975 Strip appearance opens June 19 at Caesars Palace..... Singer-composer PAUL WILLIAMS who's costarred here several times the past year, moves up to full headliner billing when he returns this summer to the Frontier.....Designer KEITH HODGES whose fashion conscious roster of celebs includes LIZA MINNELLI, RIP TAYLOR, PAUL WILLIAMS and CHARLIE RICH, in town for a few days to catch Rich's show at the Hilton and to see who's wearing what in shows

"ROUND TOWN.....RIP TAYLOR, now starring in the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana (a slot he'll be departing in early June to fulfill other nitery and television commitments) is getting another reputation in addition to being the Resident Strip Zany. Rip's becoming known as The Host with the Most with an almost nightly parade of stars dropping by to catch his show and visit To wit, gorgeous ANN-MARGRET and her ROGER SMITH made a special trip to Vegas to see Rip and celebrate A-M's birthday til the early morn. Also popping by to see the Ripper: Laugh-In comedy star ALAN SUES, singer BETTY "The Irish Senorita" REILLY, PHYLLIS DILLER, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, JACK CARTER, JACKIE GAYLE, FABIAN, JIM NABORS and JOAN RIVERS.....And speaking of Rip's "special visitors" his parents, MR. and MRS. GEORGE F. MORGAN of Washington, D.C. will be arriving mid-month for an extended visit....."COUNTRY MUSIC U.S.A." returns to the Landmark Hotel on May 12 with stars BOB LUMAN and SKIP DEVOL. "Country" has been at the Silver Slipper..... The Union Plaza's production of "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" swings into its 40th smash week this month. PHIL FORD, JANE KEAN, MARILYN CHAMBERS star.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Aladdin.....DEBBIE at the Desert Inn.....JERRY LEWIS & CHARO at the Sahara.....The all new 11th edition of the "LIDO DE PARIS" produced and directed by DONN ARDEN opens May 15 at the Stardust Hotel.....SAMMY and BILLY at Caesars Palace (Davis Jr. & Eckstine).....PHYLLIS DILLER, PETER MARSHALL and CHAPTER 5 at the Sands.....

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