

LAS VEGAS SHOWGAS

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AND IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.....where a brilliant and utterly captivating KAYE BALLARD is winding a month-long stay as the star of her one-woman comedy concert "NOBODY BUT ME (And a Few Friends)" at the stately Lincoln Plaza Playhouse. Kaye has never been stronger or more winning than in her new showcase. What a dynamic and versatile star! Busy as she is between television and Broadway and theater concerts like this one, Miss Ballard most DEFINITELY belongs in a mainroom in Las Vegas! Her all new act is one of her best ever. The material is absolutely first rate and Kaye gets ample opportunity to display a full range of her versatile talents. Some people who may have forgotten that Kaye was originally a singer will be heartily reminded that she is one of the best in the business. Her comedy bits are sharp, incisive and topical. The popular and personable star of tv's "The Mothers-in-Law" is enormously appealing and has a powerful rapport with her audiences who obviously adore her. Kaye's family-fare revue is highlighted with nearly all special material tailored to her personality, her real life and her Italiano imagery. A marvelous show for a very special talent. ARTHUR SIEGEL is Kaye's pianist-musical director; RICHARD SPENCER & JOEL GOLDSMITH are her talented "Friends" in the show directed by JONATHAN LUCAS.....The Lincoln Plaza Playhouse, part of a complete hotel-convention-restaurant complex, just a few blocks from the state capitol building has a full schedule of talent upcoming in dramatic, musical and



IRREPRESSIBLE CHARO APPEARING WITH JOEY BISHOP AT THE SAHARA.

comedy vehicles. TAB HUNTER stars in "Here Lies Jeremy Troy" this month with MICKEY ROONEY, MARTHA RAYE, JOSEPH COTTEN, and many, many more favorites scheduled to follow.....KAYE BALLARD has broken all attendance records at the Playhouse - now in its 2nd year - and has set a new high, and deservedly so, for standing ovations!!.....JOHN S. LEWIS is the Playhouse's executive producer; B.J. SMITH is public relations director.....A permanent company of young college-student singers and

DEAN MARTIN STAGGERS INTO MGM AUG. 6

Supercrooner Dean Martin will return to the Celebrity Room of the MGM Grand Hotel August 6 for a six-day engagement.

On the same bill with the unflappable Martin will be trampolinist Charly Charles and the talented Third Generation Steps.

Martin, who first gained prominence when he and comedian Jerry Lewis pooled talents, has come a long way since he and Lewis severed their relationship in 1956.

He's been a top draw in the movies, where he starred in the Matt Helm series, "Texas Across The River," "Bandelero," "Airport," "Something Big," and "Mr. Rico," to name a few.

His recordings have also been widely accepted. His first "That's Amore," sold more than 3 million copies. And he's recorded a dozen more million-sellers since.

Dino holds the all-time showcount record in the Grand's plush Celebrity Room, and plays to virtually sell-out audiences twice nightly during each engagement.

Songstar Bobby Vinton and zany comedienne Joan Rivers will open a two-week stint at the MGM on August 13.

dancers called THE SHINDIGGERS (under the direction of KEN LUNDY) open the Playhouse performances.....

AND IN LAS VEGAS.....where singer-guitarist RICHARD GOLTRY and his talented wife TINA (who sews for all the stars) hosted a "surprise" luau for BOBBIE GENTRY's July 27 birthday. Bobbie will be leaving her Vegas home this week to head south to Greenwood, Mississippi where filming of "ODE TO BILLIE JOE" gets underway in August. Bobbie is writing all the music for the film and will sing the title song. Miss Gentry and her RAINBOW EXPRESS revue open at the Desert Inn in September, will move to the Sands Hotel in October and back to the D.I. in December.....CHARO, now cuichi-cuichi-ing up a storm at the Sahara - with JOEY BISHOP - will star in her own musical variety-comedy series for ABC-TV, debuting in January.....Comedy ventriloquist SAMMY KING gueststars in the new Mickey Finn Show opening this month at the Stardust Lounge. Sammy who's last Strip appearance was in the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana, recently closed with Tony Bennett at Harrah's Reno.....All that dancer-choreographer MICHAEL DARRIN ("Love Affair", "Juliet Prowse Show", etc.) needs now is a producer to mount his own - still untitled - musical revue. Darrin has everything ready to go - he designed the costumes, the sets, the production concepts, the choreography, and even has a top notch Las Vegas cast of dancers-singers in mind for the project, if and when he gets the producer backing. There's a definite need for new ideas and new talents in Las Vegas showrooms. Hotels planning revue shows should take a look at Darrin's originality and creative efforts!!.....

MEMO TO DANCERS.....A "pony" sized dancer (5' to 5'5") is wanted immediately to join The Richard Curtis Show. Must be available to travel as well as work in Las Vegas. Ballet training is helpful but not necessary. Some singing talent and a flair for comedy. Contact Miss Kim Richards at 732-2494, Suite 106.....

STRIP GLITTERINGS.....JACK CARTER, going like a comedy house-a-fire in his special guest starring with Barbara Eden at the MGM Grand, poppin' round town to visit Strip pals at work like DON RICKLES, JOEY BISHOP, NIPSEY RUSSELL, PETER MARSHALL, etc. Carter who is also in constant demand for straight acting chores both in films and for television, may have to jet off to Chicago as soon as he closes here to replace ailing Pat O'Brien. Last summer Jack and his actress-wife Roxanne toured the country with their "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" comedy emoting. Jack'll be back on the Vegas scene later this year, and probably will repeat his earlier success guesting with Gladys Knight & The Pips. Jack and Gladys played the Hilton a few months ago; the Buddah recording stars now with their own summer tv show, are

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