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IN
LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... Delicious comedienne-actress **JEANNIE LINERO** last seen on the telly as the girlfriend of "Chico" and star of her own "Hot! Baltimore" series, has no

less than FIVE television projects, series, and specials underway with her special comedic talents underscored in starring and co-starring roles. Meanwhile, Jeannie, who is also a songwriter, has been working on her own

nitery act for a limited summer tour. In her act Jeannie sings, dances, does improvisations, sketches, sings some of her own compositions, and comedy monologues. She'll take her act to several clubs in the east including The Pilgrim House in Provincetown, Rhode Island, Toronto, Atlanta and Houston. A Vegas stint is in the offing but no deal has been firm as yet....Speaking of "new acts", former Vegas **ALLAN CHAPIN**, now living in Los Angeles and getting involved in personal management and television production, is ballyhooing new singer **DEAN CONN** who is introducing a novelty musical concept in his "country disco" repertoire. Dean, a songwriter and former gospel singer from Kentucky, is putting together a nightclub act with two girl singers-dancers and has several bids from recording labels to wax some of his own compositions in the new country disco format. With the smashing success of disco renditions of songs like "Brazil", "Baby Face", "Volare" and Teresa Brewer's new "Music Music Music", Dean thinks (and correctly so) that it's time to merge some classic country favorites with the new disco beat that has been sweeping the country in recent months. Dean's first single will be a country disco version of Hank Williams' immortal "Your Cheatin' Heart" and it has all the makings of a monster hit.... **DEBBIE DECOUDREUX** (a former "Sugar Baby" from the San Francisco bistro hit "The Cotton Club Revue", and cafe jazz singer), **JANICE WILSON**, and **LYNDA HAMILTON**, have joined the sextet of specialty dancers (i.e. Living Curtain, The Ziegfeld Shows, etc.) in Donn Arden's "Hallelujah Hollywood" at the MGM Grand....Songstress **JULIE BUDD** will perform at the "Sarah Coventry's Academy Awards" honoring the jewelry firm's managers, set for the Sahara Hotel on May 11....**STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME**, nominated for an Emmy for their "Our Love is Here to Stay" CBS special, return to Caesars Palace in July.....

STRIP CHATTER.....**DIANE FINDLAY**, the featured singing star of "Hallelujah Hollywood" and winner of the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards' "Female Performer of the Year" honors, leaves the show in May to return to her stage and nitery career in New York. First on the beautiful and talented Miss Findlay's agenda is an upcoming Broadway prod of "DuBarry Was A Lady".... **SHELLEY BERMAN & GLORIA DE HAVEN** star in the Union Plaza's new comedy play "Who Gets The Drapes" opening May 11....Vegas Visitor photog **ROBERT SCOTT HOOPER** (who does the front page VV Girl every week) has had a slew of national mag photo essays breaking in the past couple of months. Bob's had ten page spreads in "Playboy" and "Oui" magazine and will have another in the August issue, and now he's been tapped for a new special photographic assignment for a Playboy feature and Playboy Press book. Models, male and female, can contact Hooper at his Vegas studios or thru the Visitor....**CYD CHARISSE**, **FRED ASTAIRE**, **LESLIE CARON & GENE KELLY** comprise the special quartet of super MGM musical stars who'll be on a special world wide tour to promote the opening of the new "That's Entertainment, Too" opening this month.... A new \$10 million Las Vegas Television Centre opens this summer on Desert Inn Road offering complete facilities for production of tv and films, sound studios, rehearsal facilities, etc. Producer **BOB KANE** (who did tv's "Batman & Robin") is one of Centre's principals.....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**MITZI GAYNOR** kicks off her new tour with an opening date of mid-May at the Cave in Vancouver, Canada. Mitzi winds this year's tour in October and will be announcing her Vegas outing in a few weeks; as usual, the glamorous Miss Gaynor has her pick of several Strip hotels for her very special once a year Las Vegas appearance.....**Special Material Genius BILLY BARNES** (who writes all those zany musical parodies for stars like Ann-Margret, Juliet Prowse, Mitzi Gaynor, etc., etc.) and musical director **MARVIN LAIRD** ("Hallelujah Hollywood", Telly Savalas, etc.) are combining their formidable talents in a special nitery appearance now underway at Hollywood's **STUDIO ONE** Backlot Room. Billy and Marvin are "saluting" in their own irrepressible and slightly irreverent style stars like Barbara Streisand, Tatum O'Neal, Governor Jerry Brown, Debbie Reynolds



DEADPAN FUNNYMAN JOEY BISHOP HEAD-LINING THE SHOW WITH SINGER **DICK JENSEN**, IN THE CONGO ROOM OF DEL WEBB'S SAHARA HOTEL.

Hollywood Museum, the new 'nudie' show business, and a couple of dozen other "sacred cows". Delightfully breezy, utterly charming the multitalented duo is showing exactly what's so "special" about special material. Now that they have some free time on their usually jammed time schedules, Billy and Marvin are considering offers to take their two-man show to several other niteries including dates in New York, Chicago and maybe Las Vegas where both are so widely known by the star company they've kept these past couple of years.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... ENGELBERT at the Riviera..... **THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS** and **DICK JENSEN** at the Sahara..... **JOHNNY TILLOTSON** at the Landmark.....**ALAN KING** at Caesars Palace.... The all new "FOLLIES BERGERE" featuring **BUDDY VEST** at the Tropicana..... and **Frederic Apcar's** all new "CASINO DE PARIS" featuring **Freddie Sales**, **The Stupids**, **John King**, **David Wright**, and **Ginnie Pallone** at the Dunes..... **SANDLER & YOUNG** at the Thunderbird.....

"WHO GETS THE DRAPES" ORIGINAL STAGE PLAY OPENS UNION PLAZA MAY 11

The Union Plaza Hotel Casino, in a gamble never before undertaken will premiere an original stage play on May 11.

Titled "Who Gets The Drapes?" the never before performed play was written by veteran television writers **Arne Sultan** and **Earl Barret**.

The Plaza production will star **Shelley Berman** and **Gloria DeHaven**. Also appearing in the lively comedy will be **Dick Patterson**, **Frank Loverde** and **Rick Sultan**, talented actor son of one of the writers.

Plaza President and Chairman of the Board **Frank E. Scott** said the decision to attempt production of a first time play came after the success of two of the longest running plays in Las Vegas history -- "Mind With the Dirty Man" (48 weeks on the Plaza state) and "Norman, Is That You?" (32 weeks.)

"Hopefully Las Vegas and the Union Plaza can be added to the list of playwrights seeking a

stage to present their works," said Scott. Scott added that the Plaza's confidence in presenting a first time ever production should result in a new outlet for all aspects of the theatre.

"Our aim," said Scott, "is to develop good theatre for Las Vegas while at the same time encouraging residents and visitors alike that New York's Broadway does not have the only shows in the world."

The major step being undertaken by the Plaza will propel Las Vegas' title of "Entertainment Capital of the World" to even greater heights, according to Scott.

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