

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

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**LAS VEGAS**



**STRIP HOPPIN'**.....**ABBE LANE** makes her next Vegas visit opening in August at the Sahara with **JERRY LEWIS**. This will be Jerry's annual pre-Labor Day Telethon engagement. When he and Abbe close on September 1, Jerry puts the finishing touches to the year long planning that goes into his annual Muscular Dystrophy fund-raising show.....**DON RICKLES** who made a smashing "sentimental journey" back to the Sahara where he started his Vegas career some 18 years ago, will be going back to his Strip base, the Riviera Hotel opening next month with Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis (the former members of The 5th Dimension who've been on their own as a duo for a couple of months)..... **WAYNE NEWTON** got special permission from Hughes Hotels entertainment director **WALTER KANE** to wind his show a bit earlier one night last week, so that he could pop over to the MGM Grand Hotel to welcome back **SHECKY GREENE**..... Singer-songwriter **JIM STAFFORD** makes his L.V. debut, next at the Grand, opening July 22..... Hear-tell that the **FLAMINGO HOTEL** has already firmed a deal to buy a new ice skating spectacular for its showroom opening later this fall.....And how come we

## LINDA HART SINGS IN MIGHTY OAK RIDGE BOYS REVUE AT LANDMARK

A pleasing sight and sound are the Oak Ridge Boys -- five musical Oaks making up the band, and four singing Oaks up front (Joe Bonsall, tenor; Duane Allen, lead; Bill Golden, baritone and Richard Sterban, bass) making a quartet the likes of which has not been heard on the Vegas scene in over a decade. Currently headlining the Landmark's Jubilee Showroom, the Oak Ridge Boys lay down a show filled with rock, pop, country and gospel that lifts the audience right out of their seats and doesn't let up until the last hand clappin', foot stompin' song is delivered. Also appear-



LINDA

ing in the jubilant revue are Linda Hart, Mike Caldwell and

Skip De Vol. Linda Hart, who earlier in her career was

a member of the New Christy Minstrels, has appeared with Bob Hope, Johnny Cash and Roy Clark; toured Japan at the beginning of the year and has played the Jubilee Room with Tommy Overstreet, Tex Williams and trjice with the Oaks. With a powerful, well - cultured voice housed in a great body, she is well on her way to becoming a c & w superstar.

Mike Caldwell presents a "well - rounded" bag of magic, comedy.

"The happiest banjo picker in the whole U.S.A.," Skip De Vol creates a new concept.

Opening Monday, July 19 -- The Johnny Tilotson Show.

keep hearing that beautiful **ANN-MARGRET** may have to postpone her scheduled August date at the Las Vegas

Hilton. The movie **A-M** was supposed to start then has been temporarily shelved. So enough with rumors. Ann-Margret will DEFINITELY open at the Hilton in August as announced and as a matter of fact **A-M** will head the special gueststar roster of the new **PERRY COMO** television special, taping at the Las Vegas Hilton during her engagement. Perry's special is called "**LAS VEGAS, COMO STYLE**" and will also feature portions of the award winning "**BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS**" revue in the show. Mr. Como, as you know by now, will also be making his long awaited Las Vegas return; he'll open following **A-M**..... The notorious L.A. rock group, **THE CYCLE SLUTS** who nearly had a Vegas date last fall but were considered "too outrageous for the Strip" are packin' in the rock fans on their current tour of Australia. The group also played to **SRO** crowds on their recently ended London bow.....

**MEMO TO PRODUCERS ARDEN, APCAR, ARNOLD, ASHTON, LEE, etc., etc.**..... **JOHN MIKL** (Thor), the former Mr. Canada and Mr. U.S.A. "muscle rock" star who was making his American debut in the Aladdin's "Red, Hot and Blue" is rather suddenly available and without a Strip base. John was signed to a "run of the show" contract and expected to play out the summer at the Aladdin. Vegas observers are STILL trying to piece the parts together and figure out why the new hit musical comedy revue was so abruptly shuttered last week. Reports persist that "Red, Hot and Blue" will reopen very soon but singer-muscleman Mikl's manager is burning up the long distance wires to land his star back on the Strip even sooner than that. In "R,H&B", Mikl was doing a 20 minute segment of his longer concert act; combining a couple of rock tunes with feats of strength (i.e. blowing up and bursting a hot water bottle, shattering concrete blocks, bending steel bars, etc). Needless to add, John was rapidly becoming a new Strip sensation. His manager Bruce Wilson, is located in Toronto, Canada and can be called directly at (416) 422-4710. With Mikl's momentum, he'd be a star addition to any Strip spectacular in a specialty special attraction slot.....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES**..... **THE CHINESE CIRCUS OF TAIWAN**, now the lone afternoon attraction on the Strip, at the Thunderbird, is strongly showing what the aforementioned "Red, Hot and Blue" revue was starting to prove.....there is definitely a market for good old-time Las Vegas afternoon entertainment. The crowds lining up for the Circus' two afternoon performances get bigger with each passing, sweltering Vegas day. **DICK CLARK'S GOOD OL ROCK 'N ROLL REVUE** returned this week for the night-time performances at the Thunderbird..... **JOHNNY MATHIS & HENRY MANCINI** set for two concerts at the Aladdin's Theater for the Performing Arts, July 20-21. Rock stars "**YES**" appear for one night only on August 1..... Don't miss a visit with **RODNEY DANGERFIELD**, now at the Tropicana Blue Room twice nightly.

.... Hacienda comedy star, zany satirist **CORK PROCTOR** also has a "birth" of sorts to celebrate. It's Cork's new comedy album titled "**CORK PROCTOR - WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?**" on the Satyr label. The album full of Cork's classic zingers, social commentary, and Procterized observations on just about everything and



**Tony Bennett**  
sings  
with  
**Michel Legrand**  
and orchestra

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for Mr. Bennett - **TORRIE ZITO**

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