

LAS VEGAS

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TONY BENNETT, FRANK GORSHIN AT DEL WEBB'S SAHARA

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ROUND TOWN..... STEVE LAWRENCE, EYDIE GORME and JOAN RIVERS are the blockbuster attraction heading next to the Westchester Theater in New York for an October outing. Joan, just here at the MGM Grand, is putting the finishing touches to a couple of her numerous projects: the latest two being a new comedy for MGM-TV set in Las Vegas called "SHOW GIRL", and, with writer HAL DRESSNER, an hour long comedy series titled "HUSBANDS & WIVES" for CBS-TV..... The always popular and stylish musical ensemble THE ESTABLISHMENT, back in town and with PERRY COMO at the Las Vegas Hilton. The group, one of the Strip's favorites, was originally conceived and organized in Las Vegas several years ago. Now with all new people, new choreography and costumes, etc. The Establishment is more sparkling than ever and should definitely become a "regular" attraction round town..... Brilliant comedy performer and writer SUZANNE BUHRER ("Bottoms Up") in for a quick visit from Houston where "BU" is playing to turnaway crowds at the Windmill Theater, for some very very interesting meetings with a top Strip hotel. Can't tip the "big secret" yet but watch for more developments SOON..... The annual showfolks' BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL set for October 31 at the Stardust Hotel. The yearly free-for-all masquerade frolic is an October "must" for both locals, showfolk and visitors. In the past years the Ball's all star celebrity panels of judges have included MITZI GAYNOR, ANN-MARGRET, CONNIE STEVENS, JOHN DAVIDSON, ROBERT GOULET, RICH LITTLE, JULIET PROWSE, BOBBIE

It's another special one - week blockbuster at Hotel Sahara with two superstars on the bill -- the nation's top pop singer, Tony Bennett, and the greatest impressionist-singer in the business today, Frank Gorshin -- opening at the Del Webb resort Thursday (September 2).

Sahara executives call the show "Just what local residents and the thousands of visitors expected in Las Vegas over Labor Day weekend, have ordered to fill their entertainment appetites."

This marks Gorshin's first local appearance in more than a year.



TONY

Bennett, who just completed a record-breaking engagement in Reno, happily ad-

MENTRY, STEVE & EYDIE, SHECKY GREENE, PAUL LYNDE, RUSTY WARREN, RIP TAYLOR, MEL TORME, FOSTER BROOKS, THE 5th DIMENSION, and dozens more. This year's special guest judges will be announced this month. Tickets for the all night gala will go on sale, backstage and all over town, at the end of the month.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES..... Rumors insist that DON RICKLES will be moving from the Riviera to the Sahara in '77. Don's next Vegas visit will be, coincidentally, at the Sahara on a special holiday "loan out", opening December

LABOR DAY LABOR OF LOVE..... Vegas Visitors in town for the Labor Day holiday are in for an extra special treat with the JERRY LEWIS TELETHON FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY underway at the Sahara Space Center Sept. 5-6.

24..... BUDDY HACKETT now officially signed to move to Caesars Palace next year..... DIONNE WARWICK, and GEORGE BURNS, (separately that is) added to the roster of Hughes Hotels stars with engagements this fall..... LESLIE UGGAMS now starring in a 12-hour television production of "Roots", returns to the Sahara Hotel in December..... Happy Birthdaying in Las Vegas, and visiting her beautiful sister MARYA LINERO ("Folies Bergere"), actress-comedienne-singer-dancer JEANNIE LINERO had a lot to celebrate. Jeannie's busy summer of tv guestings will include no less than three series appearances (all airing in October): watch for her on "Baretta", "All in the Family", and "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman"..... JOHN MIKL THOR who made his Strip debut this past summer in "Red, Hot and Blue" at the Aladdin is now breaking all records in his 'back home' nitery stint in Toronto (at the Montebello in nearby St. Catherine's).

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... THE JERRY LEWIS LABOR DAY TELETHON FOR THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION, at the Sahara Space Center..... JULIET PROWSE at the Frontier..... PERRY COMO at the Hilton..... PAUL ANKA at the MGM Grand..... WAYNE NEWTON at the Sands.....

mits he turned 50 years old on August 3 -- a "very young" 50. As time goes by he gets better and better singing his kind of songs and making people dream.

And all guests do dream when Tony offers such greats as "For Once in My Life", "Life Is Beautiful", "O Sole Mio" and "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

For the superstar, the engagement marks his first Sahara appearance since his history-making stand with award-winning French composer-singer Michel Legrand.

Critics all agree that Gorshin, the perfect co-headliner, has been absent from the Las Vegas scene much too long. "There is only one Frank Gorshin -- a man who is the greatest impressionist in the world today, an actor, singer, and stand-up comedian" exclaims critics.

He continuously draws standing ovations with his famed impressions of such show business greats as Jimmy Cagney, Kirk Douglas, Marlon Brando, Rod Steiger and, in addition, has injected several new routines especially for this gigantic holiday super star show.

The special engagement will be featured twice nightly in the Congo Room with a dinner performance at 8 o'clock and the cocktail show at midnight.

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