

# LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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**'ROUND TOWN.....** CAFE PRODUCTIONS, presenting Las Vegas' first Musical Melodrama, and the Strip's ONLY afternoon entertainment when "THE ORPHANS' REVENGE" opens at the Thunderbird Hotel on October 8, has signed an all star cast to head the SUZANNE BUHRER/GENE CASEY penned "saga" of orphan Alice White to "save" the deed from the hands of the evil villain and villainess, KITTY KOVER, WAYNE ALBRITTON, COLLEEN ASHTON, MAGGIE MONTGOMERY, CHRIS FOX, JUDITH BRENNER, DAVID CHRISTOPHER, JAN MILLS, MAURICE BRENNER, CANDY RAYE, NANCI NUCKOLS and MARGARET FLORES were the chosen from an audition call that drew more than two hundred actors, actresses, singers and dancers last week.

Producer PATRICK MAES in for a quick visit to cast the newest BRECK WALL/PATRICK MAES musical revue "On the Riviera" opening at the Riviera Hotel in PALM SPRINGS, on October 8. JERRY NORMAN will stage and choreograph. The two other Wall/Maes productions, "BOTTOMS UP" and "LE SEXY" starring KURT SPROUL, JOEY SKILBRED, ANGELIQUE PETTYJOHN and JOHN HUCABA, are currently playing to SRO houses in Houston, Texas. "Bottoms Up" opens in November at Harrah's Reno; "Le Sexy" has been held over thru November at Houston's new Million Dollar City Dump..... BOBBY VINTON, opening next at the Riviera, made a special Strip visit to catch LIBERACE at the Las Vegas Hilton. The two favorite sons of Poland got together after the show for some long discussions, and hear tell that Lee and Bobby are seriously mulling a two star television spectacular to salute their native country and nationality..... ANN-MARGRET, due back at the Las Vegas Hilton in November, will be one of the star presenters at the upcoming LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS, also scheduled for late November presentation. Ann-Margret, as you know, is the



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current FEMALE STAR OF THE YEAR award winner.....

**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....** Popular LEONARD GRANT who does anything BUT dabble in so many phases of show business (he's a personal manager, producer, director, and co-owner of Hollywood's hottest disco-cabaret "Studio One" and the famous Backlot showroom) in town for some talent scouting and show stopping. Leonard whose "star" presentations at the Backlot have included CHITA RIVERA, KAYE BALLARD, SALLY KELLERMAN, LIZ TORRES, CHARLES PIERCE, BERNADETTE PETERS, RIP TAYLOR, GOTHAM, PATRICK THE ALL AMERICAN MALE STRIPPER, BARBARA COOK, and the current "MAMA'S BOYS", is already prepping his 1977 line-up of special cabaret attractions, and per usual, has been absolutely flooded with stars, acts and new "sensations" that want to headline at the Studio. And with good reason, in addition to every major talent scout, producer, director, etc., in the audience, the Backlot audience has included

such stars as LIZA MINNELLI, ANN-MARGRET, LUCILLE BALL, SHIRLEY MacLAINE, PHYLLIS DILLER, MAE WEST, JOAN RIVERS, JAMES DARREN, CONNIE STEVENS, MITZI GAYNOR, STEVE & EYDIE, RUTH BUZZI, MARTY ALLEN, ALEXIS SMITH, ALLAN CARR, BOBBY SHERMAN, JUNE LOCKHART, etc., etc., etc.....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES.....** SHECKY GREENE and special gueststar FLORENCE HENDERSON follow Sergio Franchi, next at the MGM Grand..... The Stardust's new 500-seater Starlight Theater lounge set for an October 1 opening with FATS DOMINO headlining the bill, and special attraction ROBERT CONRAD..... GEORGE ARNOLD'S all new ice spectacular set for an October debut at the Flamingo Hotel..... "Male Performer of the Year" winner, song and dance sensation BUDDY VEST was all but signed to star as the villain in the Thunderbird's upcoming "The Orphans' Revenge" but had to back out at the last minute when his Tropicana and "Folies Bergere" bosses refused to permit him to perform afternoons at another hotel. Buddy is the featured star of the "Folies". CHRIS FOX with a couple miles of show biz credits including the famed "Nitwits" comedy act of the "Lido de Paris", "My Fair Lady", "Music Man", "Irma La Douce", the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, and dozens of theater performances in London, Johannesburg, Paris, Australia as well as Las Vegas, will be replacing Vest, and his worldwide pals have been sending him congrats to assure Chris that they - and the audiences - "be hissing him in all the familiar places"..... MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S "LATIN FIRE FOLLIES" (a longtime Strip attraction) recently playing in Chicago, Puerto Rico, Montreal and New York, opens next at the Windmill Dinner Theater in Houston, Texas..... Beautiful and beguiling hypnotist DEBRA DUKE who recently turned her medically trained talents into a hit cafe act, due back from her latest successes at the Playboy Clubs in the east..... RIP TAYLOR, in and out of town in less than 24 hours, off next to a club engagement in Denver. Rip returns to the Strip (and his growing real estate holdings here) next month to headline at the Sahara Casbar lounge and Sahara Congo Room, in December.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....** ENGELBERT & CHITA at the Riviera..... The all new BOBBIE GENTRY SHOW at the Frontier..... ANDY WILLIAMS and FREDDY PRINZE at Caesars Palace..... DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the MGM.....

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