

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

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PETTYJOHN, JOEY SKILBRED and JOHN HUCABA are Kurt's "Le Sexy" costars with the Jerry Norman Dancers.....

ROUND TOWN..... NO CHANCE of confusion even though their initials are the same when RAQUEL WELCH opens this week at Caesars Palace and RUSTY WARREN pops in next week to the Aladdin Bagdad Theater. Both ladies will be appearing for special "one week" engagements. Raquel has been on a world wide tour that had made her the toast of three continents, and this will be her first Las Vegas appearance since her nitery debut a few years ago at the Hilton. Rusty's been burning up the college circuit mixing her contemporary sex education comedy with rock groups, and widening her audiences from graduates to grandparents. This is Rusty's first Strip stint in a couple of years but "oldtimers" still recall with relish when Rusty was sizzling like a female Redd Foxx at the Aladdin, Flamingo and Thunderbird Hotels in the late 60's and early 70's. Welcome home..... Speaking of sizzlers, CONNIE STEVENS who'll be on the big screen with her new movie "Scorchy" playing a sexy undercover cop, is readying an all new nitery act for her Vegas return in early '77. Connie's been offered deals at no less than three major hotel showrooms, and should be making a pick of the pack before the new year..... Sorry 'bout that..... for weeks in advance the Flamingo's new "PLAYGIRLS ON ICE" revue has been referred to herein as "producer George Arnold's new ice spectacle". The FACT is that "Playgirls" is the

product of producer BILL MOORE, a longtime associate of Arnold's and most recently a partner in the Hacienda's "Spice On Ice" shows. With "Playgirls" Moore is making his solo debut as a producer of ice revues and his name is no longer connected with the Hacienda revue. Trust that will straighten out the billing confusion and apologies to all concerned.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... Producers BARRY

AND DIDN'T YOU KNOW.....that the place to be these autumn afternoons is at the THUNDERBIRD to see the new musical melodrama, "THE ORPHANS' REVENGE" starring KITTY KOVER, with perfs at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily (except Tuesday). Now in its second week, the classic old-time original, written by SUZANNE BUHRER (of "Bottoms Up") and GENE CASEY, is being cheered and hissed by its enthusiastically participating audiences. WAYNE ALBRITTON is the hero, COLLEEN ASHTON the heroine, and the villains of the piece are those two seething scene stealers and comedy favorites, MAGGIE MONTGOMERY as Carlotta Valdez and CHRIS FOX as Victor Van Rooper..... that JACKIE GAYLE is back at the Sahara Casbar Lounge, the Strip's busiest Comedy Corner, with his razor sharp observations from that popular Mouth That Roared..... that MICK DOWD, who's appeared here with so many major star acts including ANN-MARGRET, MITZI GAYNOR, PHYLLIS DILLER, etc., is now with FLORENCE HENDERSON at the MGM Grand. Mick was also formerly the lead singer of SWING, the ten person song and dance act that recreated the 40's musical era..... that the world's number one ESCAPE artist (who has been hailed as Houdini's successor) CHARLES MYRICK is now a Vegas resident and will be debuting his death defying escape act in a special showcase perf shortly. Myrick's act includes every major Houdini escape including the famous Water Torture escape - that was the trick the great Houdini was attempting to perform when he died. Myrick's act

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includes escapes from chains, swords, ropes, safes, vaults, coffins, knives, guillotines, fire, etc. Absolutely amazing!!!!..... that BRECK WALL/PATRICK MAES new French-cabaret revue "LE SEXY" has been held over AGAIN at the Million Dollar City Dump in Houston. "Le Sexy" stars local-lad, acro dancer KURT SPROUL who attended the University here and made his show biz debut as the male star of "Minsky's Follies". ANGELIQUE

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