

# LAS VEGAS SHOWTOWN

## ARNOLD, CAESAR, COCA SHOW GLIDES INTO 2ND WEEK AT SAHARA

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**LAS VEGAS**



**'ROUND TOWN.....** Voting is now underway, on the first ballot, of the 7th annual LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS which will be presented as a two hour television special on NBC in early December. The awards presentations and special production sequences will be taped at the ALADDIN THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS in November (tentatively set for Nov. 25-26). All registered members of the Las Vegas Academy of Cabaret & Variety Artists are eligible to vote. (Contact the Academy secretary MARIE COVELLO at 734-1616 for details and voter registration). A second ballot listing the top five finalists in some twenty categories will be mailed in mid-October. Past and current winners like FRANK SINATRA, SAMMY DAVIS JR., SHECKY GREENE, WAYNE NEWTON, ANTHONY NEWLEY, DON RICKLES, JOAN RIVERS, TOTIE FIELDS, SHIRLEY MacLAINE, ANN-MARGRET, FOSTER BROOKS, GABRIEL KAPLAN, SHIELDS & YARNELL, etc. etc. will reportedly be scheduled for performing and/or presenter appearances on the NBC special..... RIP TAYLOR who'll be gueststarring next with CHARO at the Sahara when she makes her headliner debut opening September 29, jets back to Los Angeles this weekend for a special four day engagement at the new CRESCENDO showroom in Anaheim. Rip is one of the first star attractions at the new 500-seater showroom..... ABBE LANE now in Spain for a television special jets next to Rome, Italy to pick up her special award as the "Most Loved Foreign Persona of the Decade" by the prestigious Silver Mask film industry organization. Abbe is due back almost immediately to guest with FRANK SINATRA, TOTIE FIELDS and BOB NEUHART in a special tribute to DON RICKLES at the Ahmanson Theater Sept. 25. The all-star show is a benefit for the Sinai Temple of Los Angeles..... PATRICK, THE ALL AFRICAN MALE STRIPPER who was "discovered" here by producers BARRY ASHTON and WOLF KOCHMANN is the featured attraction in the producers' last production at the Miami Americana, makes a special appearance at the popular theatrical disco LE CAFE opening October 4. Patrick is also being set to return with the all new 15th anniversary spectacular that will premiere at the Americana in November..... Speaking of discoveries, Las Vegas' own SUZANNE BUHRER and SID HARRIS (who debuted their comedy act at the Le Cafe) were a resounding SMASH HIT at the... O's Backlot in Hollywood with their one night only performance. The comedy duo was such a big click they were swamped with nitery offers in San Francisco, San Diego, Palm Springs, Honolulu, New York, Chicago and Miami BUT have put a hold on all dates until they complete their current commitment with "Bottoms Up" opening this week in Dallas, Texas. On hand to cheer the new team were a lot of old and new friends and former Las Vegas including MARCIA LEWIS, ROB BARRON, BETTY WALDRON, ROGER MINAMI, DON BRADBURN, DAVID WALKER, COOPER NEAL, RHILLO FAHIR, DOTTI ADKINS, AVERY SUMMERS, ALBERT STEPHENSON, BOBBI GRUMLEY, ALLAN CHAPIN, NANCY BOND, etc. etc. Former singer with The Celebration and more recently the producer/manager of THE CYCLE SLUTS, and currently with ROY GERBER and Associates, BILL HUDNUT coordinated and packaged the Hollywood presentation..... Speaking of Studio One, owner SCOTT FORBES, currently presenting Miss MIMI



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The world was not so complicated and we were all a lot younger when Eddy Arnold started out on a singing career that was to establish him as one of the great all-time entertainment figures. At the same time, a young musician named Sid Caesar discovered his talent for making people laugh, and made television history with "Your Show of Shows," supported by the pixie-like Imogene Coca.

These three giants have pooled their considerable talents into a stage presentation seen twice nightly in the Congo Showroom of Hotel Sahara. Eddy Arnold, like his colleagues Crosby and Como, has mastered the technique of



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economy of motion. He just stays on-stage and delivers about a dozen selections that keep his audience enthralled. It all looks so easy, they think anyone can do that.

But as the performance unfolds, it is apparent that years of preparation and painstaking care are the ingredients that make an Eddy Arnold appearance so memorable. His renditions of "Any Time," "Tennessee Waltz,"



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velous "shtiks" that accompany "The Bicycle Thief" bring peals of laughter from an appreciative audience.

Miss Coca, a diminutive bundle of dynamite, demonstrates a comedic sensitivity second to none. And Milton Frome is invaluable in his contribution to the total endeavor.

The Eddy Arnold-Sid Caesar & Imogene Coca show is a joyful experience twice nightly in the Sahara's Congo Room, through September 28.

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HINES in her Backlot bow, has set MGM and Caesars Palace songstress, HELEN SCHNEIDER for the Hollywood debut opening later this month..... JOAN RIVERS' new movie "RABBIT TEST" which features a couple of Las Vegas in comedy cameos including the aforementioned SUZANNE BUHRER, BRECK WALL, PEGGY BLOW, SAVERIO BARBIERE, will now have a special limited world premiere in December. The film will be seen in only six selected cities to qualify for next year's Academy Awards, and will be released nationwide in February.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... Israeli actor STEVE BOND who's been starring in a succession of westerns, horror, motorcycle and high school genre independent movies since he came to this country and was a Playgirl Magazine centerfold, is a likely candidate to be Hollywood's next big discovery a la Nick Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Jon Travolta, etc. In addition to currently prepping a song and dance act

for the nitery circuit, Bond is the up-front contender for that all important "breakthrough" movie vehicle. In the interim, Steve is reading more scripts on quick action yarns that parallel the route taken by stars like Clint Eastwood, Tom McLaughlin, Charles Bronson, Burt Reynolds and others who shot to prominence after several years of toiling

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... FRANK SINATRA and JACKIE GAYLE at Caesars Palace..... ROBERT GOULET and LOLA FALANA at the Sands..... JULIET PROWSE and FOSTER BROOKS at the Frontier..... GREASE at the Aladdin Bagdad Theater..... BILL COSBY and LAINIE KAZAN at the Hilton..... EDDY ARNOLD and SID CAESAR & IMOGENE COCA at the Sahara.....

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