

LAS VEGAS SHOWEASE



ANDY'S LATEST HONOR..... **ANDY WILLIAMS** now at Caesars Palace has certainly had his share of show biz honors including such recent ones as being celebrated for having sold more than 50 million records (and that was just in albums!), dozens of award winning songs (Grammies, Academy Awards, Best Song Awards, etc.), and of course Andy's Vegas honor of being the very first star chosen to open the then-brand new Caesars Palace Circus Maximus showroom. This week, Andy will have another special kind of honor - that of being the star host for his gueststar **EDGAR BERGEN & CHARLIE MCCARTHY & FRIENDS** in the world famous ventriloquist's farewell performance before going into show business retirement. Andy and his gueststars **THE LENNON SISTERS** will share the momentous appearance which will signal the end of a long and illustrious career and one that certainly brought the talent of ventriloquism to its present art form. Edgar Bergen's "special appearance" billing on the Caesars marquee is his first Palace appearance and will be his last in Las Vegas. Bergen recently honored by the worldwide AGVA for his 'golden years' anniversary as a top ranking star and world favorite. When Edgar retires, later this year, his famous friend the ageless **CHARLIE MCCARTHY** will be placed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Andy, The Lennon Sisters and Mr. Bergen will be at Caesars Palace thru October 11 - an historic event and a show business tribute to a great artist.....

'ROUND TOWN..... **JIM BAILEY**, back at the Landmark Hotel with an all new show, has never been better! Funnier! Warmer! Or more **INCREDIBLE** with his "tributes" to **JUDY, BARBARA**, etc etc. Bailey, a sensation here in the



GLENN SMITH, STARRING THRICE NIGHTLY IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE OF THE FRONTIER HOTEL, THE SINGIN', PIANO PLAYIN' WIZ'LL BE HEADING FOR L.A., RENO, AND CANADA WHERE HE'LL APPEAR AT EACH AREA'S TOP NIGHTERIES.

JULIET PROWSE FOSTER BROOKS AT NEW DESERT INN & COUNTRY CLUB

Named Las Vegas "Female Star of the Year," singer-dancer and variety performer Juliet Prowse opened with a "powerhouse performance" in the beautiful new Crystal Room at the new Desert Inn and Country Club.

With a supporting cast of thirty, plus her staff, Juliet creates a crowd captivating show as she wraps up herself and the audience in her musically motivating numbers.

"Fantastic Foster" Brooks shares the

stage with high-stepping Juliet as the two combine for a dynamic double-bill Desert Inn delight.

Brooks, who began his career with a radio station, continues to extract every last laugh from his audience with his "lovable drunk" and humorous tales. The two appear twice nightly in the Crystal Room through October 24.

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early 1970's (at the Flamingo Casino Theater), skyrocketed to international acclaim with his concert, theater and top nitery appearances. The Landmark engagement, presented by **BOBBY MORRIS' Mohawk Productions**, is Jim's first Vegas appearance in more than two years, and **WHAT A DIFFERENCE** from his last stint at the then-Thunderbird Hotel. Jim's "question and answer" bit while appearing as himself is a charming bit of showmanship giving the curious and interested audience a peek behind the scenes and behind the man, behind the women!! As himself, singer **Bailey is in top form with a carefully chosen repertoire of powerhouse ballads and up tunes.** At the show caught, Bailey was Garland down to the last flutter, the catch in the voice, the nervous gestures, and (best of all) the funny whimsical humor and Garlandisms about herself, her career, her movies, and show biz friends. **JIM BAILEY** at the Landmark, twice nightly (each performance is a different illusion) - don't miss him!!.....

Singer/dancer/comedienne/actress **COLLEEN ASHTON** weds singer **THOMAS MCKINNEY**, in Los Angeles on October 7. Colleen starred here in the short-lived but marvelous musical melodrama "THE ORPHANS' REVENGE" and was cast for a principal role in the MGM Reno's "Hello Hollywood Hello" (a part she eventually turned down to be with Tom), and to pursue her musical comedy career in L.A.); Tom was last here as one of the quartet of stars in "MERRY GO ROUND" at the Union Plaza and Landmark Hotels.....And speaking of nuptials, dancer **KIM RICHARDS** who was here with several mini revues and featured in Sloopy's "Mini Burlesque" longrun at Harold's Club in Reno, was married over the weekend (September 23) to drummer **MICHAEL JUSTICE**, in Oakland, California. Kim and Michael met while both were appearing with the Rick Jensen Show.....

STRIP SICK CALL..... "Hallelujah Hollywood" principal dancer/singer **WAYNE ALBRITTON** out of Sunrise Hospital and convalescing at home. Wayne who had to have another operation on his ankle will be sidelined for "a minimum of ten weeks". As luck would have it, this is Wayne's second ankle injury only last year's operation was on the **OTHER** ankle..... "Razzle Dazzle" comedy ventriloquist **STU SCOTT** sidelined for several weeks and is currently hospitalized here. Stu's medics are predicting a six to eight week bed rest when Stu comes home..... **JOHNNIE RAY** rushed back from Australia where he was on a singing tour and has been hospitalized for "a very serious illness"

NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... **PIA ZADORA** and singer/songwriter **LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III** will be the star performers on the maiden voyage of the new \$25,000,000 cruise ship, the tss **FESTIVALE** which will sail from Miami on October 28 to the Caribbean Islands. The newly refurbished liner (formerly the S.A. Vaal of the Safmarine Line) will have three nightclubs, a casino, two outdoor pools, a Grand Ballroom, etc..... And speaking of trips and tripping, **RIP TAYLOR** who usually doesn't know whether he's coming or going (and neither does his hysterical audience!) will be **COMING** back to Vegas for a mainroom date and another stint at the Sahara Casbar in October and November and he'll be **GOING** back to Hollywood this week to guest on the new "Dating Game" tv-er. Rip's own NBC-TV series, "The \$1.98 Beauty Show" just premiered this month. Rip just got back from a summer end tour with **DEBBIE REYNOLDS.....** **STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME**, superb as usual in their just ended Frontier "debut", return to the Hilton in November..... **FRANKIE VALLI** returns to the Aladdin Bagdad Theater (where he broke all the house attendance records) on October 24. Frankie's latest single "Grease" is still riding the top slot of the hit parade charts all over the country, and his new album "FRANKIE VALLI IS THE WORD" is, as always, soaring into the Platinum fields already!.....**EDIE AIKELS** (at the Landmark), **BOB ANDERSON** (at the Dunes' Top of the Strip), **TOM CHRISTI** (at the MGM Grand) and **DENISE CLEMENTE** (at the Stardust) are among the brightest of the bright new stars to watch on the Strip these days. Edie and Denise are both prepping for their recording debuts; Tom is being seen weekly on the ABC-TV "VEGAS" series as one of star Tony Curtis' bodyguards; and Bob is going to make several more "Dinah" appearances as well as his debut on the "Tonight" show..... **MILTON BERLE** who'll be at the Riviera with Neil Sedaka, opening October 19, will reign this year one of the **KINGS** of the annual **BEAUX ARTS HALLOWEEN BALL**. **DON RICKLES** and **PAUL ANKA** will be Uncle Miltie's co-royalty and **JOAN RIVERS** will be the lone **QUEEN OF THE BALL.....**

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