

LAS VEGAS

SUNDAY EAST

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

You can't win -- The Clark County Commission's ordinance knocking out "head shops" pushed by the indefatigable THALIA DONDERO is met by a slick, fancy brochure titled "Mellow Mail" flooding Southern Nevada homes. Most of the mellow gaudily and flagrantly shown has to do with Puff the Magic Dragon and Sniff the Powdery High... WAYNE NEWTON puzzles some top resort owners with his burning desire to become one of them as a boss of the Aladdin. "Being the top entertainer in town with the money he gets and all those weeks working about four hours a night is a hell of a lot different than 24 hours of problems, none the least being the high cost of entertainment," muttered one longtime Vegas poobah. While contemplating his executive suite for a \$15,000,000 down payment, Wayne racks up another batch of weeks at the Sands... That was quite a brouhaha between Sahara boss ED ZIKE and entertainment chief JACK EGLASH opening night of "Sahara Girls Revue" in the Casbar. Now comes this flash from the Sahara promo division and DAVID DEARING which breezily notes "PIN-UP AGAIN -- Returning by popular demand to the Sahara Casbar Theatre is the fabulous revue, "Pinups at the Movies," nominated for Las Vegas Lounge revue of the year." As a consolation perhaps, the Eglash proteges, the 18 dancers trip into the main showroom with JERRY LEWIS and

ABBE LANE. JAN MURRAY alternates with "Pin-Ups."



TOM JONES is due in at Caesars Palace Thursday working with one time ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK regular, DICK CAPRI dishing up the yockables...JOE BEHAR has one of the few improv comedy shops in town now, with his 2 ayem gatherings at the Treasury hotel-casino. Also BEHAR's Comedy/Drama Workshop presents "Boxer," a one - set fight drama written and directed by NICK VELTRI Sunday at Tamarus Civic Center... After many a Summer comes SOMERS with RICH LITTLE -- indeed SUZANNE SOMERS in her Vegas debut at MGM Grand Thursday, to be followed by DONNA SUMMER in a week... Oddsmaker BOB MARTIN at the Union Plaza puts the California Angels and the Yankees to win the 1980 pennant, both at 3 - 1, ditto for the Dodgers and the Pirates. MARTIN also runs odds that BILLY MARTIN is a 2/1 fave not to complete the season and EARL WEAVER is 5-6 to be tossed out of six more games than MARTIN....GLENN CAMPBELL snuck into the Desert Inn with LONNIE SHORR for a session through the 31st.



The Hacienda weekly jazz concerts on Monday are a high - note success with FREDDY HUBBARD teeing the events followed by KENNY BURRELL and JOHN PHILLIPS hamming the lounge....The CHUCK BARRIS kaputs are causing some fits around town. WENDY BARRY, daughter of Sands' comic DAVID BARRY, won a trip to Rio a year ago on "Dating Game," got stalled by the CB people and found others had received the same cavalier treatment -- not being able

to collect on their winnings for as long as two years ago....LARRY SCARANO, young comedian who opts for the LENNY BRUCE truths in his material, was tabbed by NORM CROSBY for "The Comedy Shop" to be aired from the Frontier in June. Also in the funnyfold, CORK PROCTOR....The Frontier's RED McILVAINE, inventory of the original "11" contest, finds BOB HOPE competing with the same gimmickTERRY MORETTI & COMPANY are now in the Flamingo Hilton lounge...DEE SPENCER, late of the Stardust PR dept., moves over to the Treasury....Wrong Spelling -- flier announcing grand opening celebration of KRXV at Desert Inn Tuesday had this copy: "An ARRON SPELLING PRODUCTION, Producers of VEGA\$ cordially invite you etc"....More radio news -- good listening for classical lovers as Nevada's first public radio station KNPR soothes the air.



BOB ANDERSON flees the Top 'O the Dunes for Vegas debut of JIMMY DAMON, Memphis native and Chicagoan by preference. DAMON is touted as a hot popsi warbler...Into Barbary Coast lounge on the 28th for a fortnight sailed JUDY BENTON and QUINTET. You may remember JUDY with hubby JOHN McDANIEL on keyboards as the duo Charisma at the Silverbird, Landmark and Sahara lounges...Showboat rocks to Good Vibrations in Trophy Star lounge through April 5, then it's SWEETTOOTH for two frames....Finale time for the Silverbird Lounge finds the CHECKMATES and ROBYN LEWIS SHOW closing the place up on April 20 for a poker parlor. Also the O'NEILS play through April 6....Lineup in the Union Plaza's Omaha lounge reads TWIN VASION, ANNE BRIDGE and MEANDYOU....

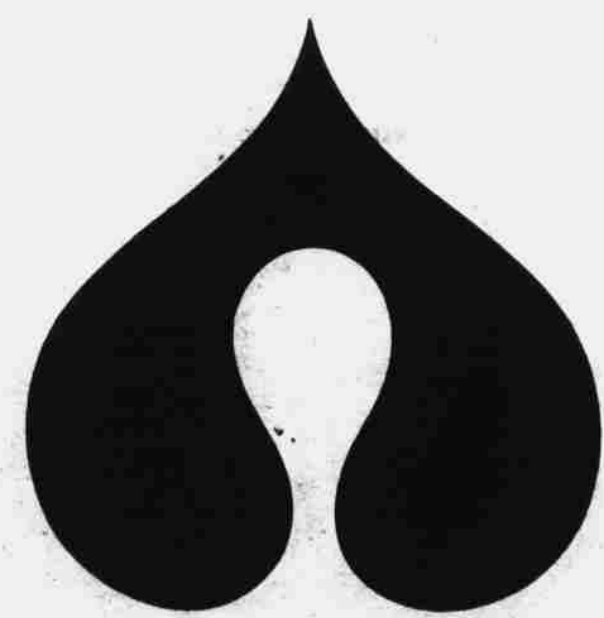


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