

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



MY FIRST EXCLUSIVE -- Analysis Films, New York City, will distribute the PIA ZADORA - STACY KEACH scorcher "Butterfly" in late September. Meanwhile PIA plugs her film and showings at the Montreal (Aug. 20) and Deauville (Sept. 3-10) film fests with a FRANK SINATRA date at Resorts International sandwiched Aug. 24. My first non-exclusive -- DIANA ROSS makes her long heralded bow at the Riviera Aug. 20. She'll be in for 10 days and walk out with \$500,000. Final four days of the fortnight will be filled by BUDDY HACKETT & TINA TURNER...Also not so exclusive is item that JOAN RIVERS & DAVID BRENNER co-headline at the Riv. Sept. 3. The pair were a smash together in Miami Beach a few weeks ago and on some one-nighters. Question is with the duo -- who's on first? BOBBY DOUGLAS warbling afts in the Frontier lounge, wed CHRISTMAS MAY on July 9 in Little Church of the West. He'll spot his bride within his New Conspiracy Band when they jump from the Frontier to Barbary Coast July 30...KIM SISTERS featuring YOUNG KIM, have made a triumphant return to the Strip, starring in ROCKY SENNES' "Wild World of Burlesque" at the Holiday Casino. The KIMS made their debut at the old Thunderbird in 1959. Sisters JANE, SUE & AJA are all married and living in Las Vegas. Sound of dozens of auctioneers will be heard at the Hilton July 30 when National Auctioneers Association convenes. Host-

ing is Silver State's NSAA co-chair J.M. BILL WATSON & STAN ZURAWSKI, JR. Public is invited, but must register with Fun Auction clerk to receive a name badge and bidder number...UNLV campus FM radio station KUNV now has a couple of studios, one at the campus and the other at the Dunes, on the air from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. When KUNV hit the air less than three months ago broadcast emanated from a bathroom in the Moyer Student Union... JULIET PROWSE is dashing about with a new musical production touring three cities -- opening at the Sands in A.C. July 29 through Aug. 4, then on to Dallas Music Theatre Aug. 11-17 and winding up Aug. 18 - Sept. 7 at the Las Vegas Hilton. DAVID CHAVEZ is choreographing the new show.

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With the restoration of MGM Grand's gambling and liquor licenses by the county authorities, the last official impediment was hurdled for opening Thursday. The preview of DONN ARDEN'S "Jubilee" Tuesday benefited the Allied Arts Council, umbrella group for Southern Nevada arts orgs. Double opening of the Celebrity Room Thursday will have CARY GRANT introducing DEAN MARTIN on the dinner show and MAC DAVIS at midnight. DAVIS has LONNIE SHORR with him early and late shows starting Aug. 6 and both vividly recall the abrupt termination of their previous Grandate last Nov. 21 when the tragic fire struck the hotel early in the morning. LONNIE, who barely escaped with his life, fires his laffers for reopening after closing the Sands Copa Room with GLEN CAMPBELL last month...PUBREL/AD HONCHO BILL BRAY brought in vet P.R. guy HANK KOVELL as press coordinator pre and post opening periods of the Grand.

MERV GRIFFIN sunk some dollars into his Trans - American Video of Nevada hardware, updating to state-of-the-art 40 foot mobile production unit, new cameras and VTRs, triax system, 32 channel audio console with stereo and quad capability, expanded production area -- the works ready for August rolling...JOAN RIVERS, laughing it up at the Aladdin with LOLA FALANA, is causing local buzz via her living color display in August Playboy. In the full page photo accompanying the interview, she's togged to the toes, which should be some turn-on for clothes fetishists...MERVY'S clothing mart here was principal sponsor for Meadows Playhouse production of "Godspell," directed by JUDY BRENNER, playing through Saturday. The musical marks the finale of fourth season for the Meadows and unless some moneybags are in the offing quickly, there may not be a fifth season...SIG SAKOWICZ "Vegas Hotline" goes to Chicago Aug 22 in 3 - min weekly segs for Channel 26.

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ROY CLARK joins TAMMY WYNETTE at the Frontier Thursday for a week and stays on with BOBBY GOLDSBORO as opening act Aug. 6-19 when SHECKY GREENE returns with CLARK's bow-out...DR. WALTER ANDERSON from National Endowment for the Arts, brought good news as keynote speaker for recent Western Regional Federation for Jazz at the Tropicana, disclosing that NEA will provide immediate support for the year-old org from rarely-used discretionary funds. "Oklahoma" skedded for Aladdin Theatre for Performing Arts Aug. 8-23, cancelled by DANNY DEEDS of St. Louis Theatrical Co. But TPA fills Aug. 8 with basketball double-header featuring all-star NBA players to benefit Independent Youth Ath-

## "ANNIE" CONTINUES RUN AT DESERT INN

The comic-strip story of a spunky orphan girl, her dog and her billionaire benefactor comes to

life in Las Vegas as the Broadway musical, "ANNIE," plays the Desert Inn and Country Club through Septem-

ber 20.

The multi-award-winning show, which has captivated audiences the world over, is the child of director/lyricist Martin Charnin, composer Charles Strouse and librettist Thomas Meehan.

Reid Shelton, who created the role of Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks on Broadway, continues the role on the stage of the DI's Crystal Room.

Annie is played by nine-year-old Kristi Coombs, a veteran of this national touring company.

Miss Hannigan, the hilariously wicked and often tipsy orphanage supervisor, is delightfully portrayed by Jane Connell.

Showtimes for the Desert Inn production of "ANNIE" are Tuesday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday through Friday, 9:30 p.m. The showroom is dark on Mondays.

For reservations, call 733-4566.



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