

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



Former tropicana orch leader SIZENTNER, who made the perilous Atlantic City trek, is back in town, much the wiser after his elimination as entertainment chief at the Brighton, now at the Sands. He's suing... Oh, those savory duck dinners are back at Top o' the Dunes where LORETTA HOLLOWAY charms with her songs. New public relations director there is DEBRA AMIRA, who wrote a column for the ISRAELITE for three years. Also the Dunes has ties to the Orient where biz is booming with new offices in Hong Kong and Singapore. Watching over that influx of trade is new senior consultant of casino operations, DADI DARMA. FAY MCKAY IS BACK. Headline that news. She's in the new revue "Bloopers," a MICKEY FINN production at the Marina. Landmark entertainment hasn't received a column play for some time, but here is -- BRUCE ZARKA, onetime flash organist with the late LOUIS PRIMA and with the GOOFERS, now solos in the Galaxy lounge afternoons from 3 to 9 p.m. when SHAUNTEE and FREDDIE EMPIRE alternate until 3 a.m. Anent LOUIS PRIMA, there was SAM BUTERA blowing wild for all those years alongside THE CHIEF. Now SAM and his group, called THE WILDEST, are in the Frontier lounge. Another longtimer around Frontier lounge with PATTI YORK... TONY ORLANDO, LOLA FALANA & PAT HENRY are among celebs slurping spaghetti in Night of Stars pasta eating contest Sunday midnight at Tower of Pizza, all proceeds going to Multiple Sclerosis. STEVE BEYER & ALLYN GAMBLE and cast of "For the Fun of It" held over indef in Sahara Casbar. Union Plaza lounge spots PAUL DELICATO, REJOYCE & BACK... VICKI CARR sings for her supper and a little envelope with some \$25,000 in it, when the Riviers tosses a fiesta for 350 Mexican guests next week. VICKI, who is of Mexican heritage, was their unanimous choice to entertain at the affair which commemorates Mexico's national day of independence. And one Mexican guest the other Sunday went back to Monterrey with

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\$292,000 he won on a \$5 progressive slot machine at the Sands. The insurance broker had tossed in about \$600 when he lined up the five 7's.

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Labor Day weekend, summer's grand finale, had prognosticators hedging bets about business for the next few moons. The Hearn-Leonard fight at Caesars Palace this month will bring up averages all over town, ditto another Caesars event in October the Grand Prix initialer, but after those whoppers look for Vegas to echo the national economic wails... ROSSI RALENKOTTER, Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority director of marketing & tourism, is bullish about the months ahead. "Our convention business looks very good for the fall and there doesn't seem to be any immediate effect of the air traffic controllers' strike at this time. We're anticipating a strong fourth quarter barring any unforeseen problems in the marketplace," he predicts... Property owners are screaming about promised tax reductions of 50%, actually amounting to 28%. They're pointing to Strip hotel reductions, \$145,000 for Caesars, \$367,000 for the Hilton and MGM Grand \$534,118. In one area, Mount Charleston, taxes went up 1333%... Riviera okayed by Planning Commish to change its new tower with 969 rooms from 31 flights to 36 and 411 feet high. This year was the 10th for Trans-American Video of Nevada on the JERRY LEWIS MDA Telethon feed to CBS net.

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JOAN RIVERS, headlining the Riviera with DAVID BRENNER, also has dates with DAVID in October at the Mill Run Theatre, Miles, Ill., and in February at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center, proof the new comedy lashup is hot. Four previous RIVERS/BRENNER 81 tandem stands broke East Coast records... No sooner did Aladdin food & beverage chief LEN PAVES give maitre d' PAT FARELLO the nod to open the plush Fishery restaurant, he hit the gong to open House of Chan, the classy oriental eatery. Aladdin now has four posh restaurants including the Continentale and Hickory Grill, just what boss ED TORRES sez attracts high-rollers more than expensive entertainment. However, the Bagdad Room sports WAYNE NEWTON through Oct. 21, no penny - ante

headliner and also boss of the Aladdin. Frontier is closed for remodeling, building an elephant house for SIEGFRIED & ROY'S epic "Beyond Belief" bowing Nov. 5. But SHECKY GREENE & TAMMY WYNETTE are pairing in the show-room, elephant house or not, Oct. 1 for a fortnight.

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Ads in local newsheets last week announced "last chance" to acquire the DeVille Casino. The empty building opposite the Landmark and Convention Center, was built by FRANK CARROLL, who put up the Landmark in the early 60's and waited until buyer HOWARD HUGHES picked it up at an overpriced \$17,300,000 and opened it in 1969. Comedian GEORGE WALLACE, who played dates with Donna Summer in Atlantic City and San Fran, teams up with her again at the Grand Thursday for a week... LENNON SISTERS replace CLINT HOLMES Thursday in the DON RICKLES blast until CHARO returns with JACK JONES on the 17th... Dancing chic to chic Friday at Caesars benefits Symphonic & Chamber Music Society of L.V. with fashion show by Nassiri's Collection and commentary by LOLA FALANA, one of those black tie optional affairs. Another event pumped up finances of Southern Nevada Music School & Music Conservatory of "Fall Celebration of Music" with Bullock's fashions, dancing to DICK WRIGHT'S Orch in Aladdin Imperial Ballroom Tuesday night, also a black tie thing.

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MAYNARD SLOATE is paging oriental types for "Flower Drum Song," next on the boards at Union Plaza. Bosses there instituted a three - months only policy for shows, no matter how successful. Afraid a high - roller or two might have seen the show on previous visit and go shoot craps at another joint was the thinking. Also, U.P. loses the topodds maker in the U.S. -- BOB MARTIN retires from the sportsbook... First of new jazz series concerts Sunday at the Hacienda Matador Arena found BUDDY RICH & ORCH in full swing as PAUL LOWDEN, music director RON ANDREWS team with producer/trumpeter JOHN DISNEY for the good jazz ahead... FIFTH DIMENSION return to the Silverbird Friday for two frames. At the California Hotel's Redwood Bar & Grill, RONNIE JAYNE and HEINZ CHRISTIAN entertain from 5 to 5...



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