

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCAST



Las Vegas, Sept. 20 -- PAUL LOWDEN is still in there pitching to buy the Sahara, but that \$75,000,000 in cash is a stymie. The Hacienda owner skied to DeeCee this week with hotel attorney and State Sen. BILL RAGGIO to arrange details for Juvenile Diabetes Telethon to be taped in Matador Arena by MAURY STEVENS' firm with ART FORREST directing. LOWDEN signed "Latin Fire Folies" for main showroom Oct. 9 indef alternating with REDD FOX and dinner shows will return. Resorts International exes snooping around the Riviera and Dunes as a buy, but the Riv is a definite nix. Also there Frank Sinatra's barrister MICKEY RUDIN huddled in the coffee shop with hotel toppers and Resorts decisionmakers. The Stardust convention center becomes Bingoland as boss AL SACHS targets opening for summer of '82. Also in the 30,000 square - foot space will be slots and table games prompting SACHS remark, "We think that bingo will bring a large number of people to us on the Strip. I hate to use the term for print, but it's what we call raising them (casino customers) from a pup."

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BURRELL COHEN'S Sunrise Entertainment is perking up Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts. BOB FOSSE'S "Dancin'" opens on the 29th for 15 perfs, broken up by a FRANK ZAPPA concert Oct. 7. Press night for the Flamingo Hilton's icer "City Lites" was Wednesday. A GEORGE ARNOLD - BILL MOORE production with RON MEREN choreos. Also on Wednesday, violinist EUGENE FODOR arrived for second of CHARLES VANDA'S Master Series in UNLV's Ham Hall. On Friday THE MANHATTANS grove up the Silverbird with GARY MULEDEER for three. MAC DAVIS, one of MGM Grand's top draws, tees a fortnight Celebrity Room reprise Thursday again with LONNIE SHORR co-starring. JUNE WILKINSON bowed out Sunday in "The Ninety-Day Mistress" at Union Plaza.

making way for PAT SUZUKI and "Flower Drum Song" on the 29th. That the same night "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" opens at the Desert Inn.

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JOEY HEATHERTON was signed by JACK EGLASH to costar with WAYLAND FLOWERS Oct. 2 through Nov. 14 at the Sahara. Top O' the Dunes spots GARY EDWARDS in his Vegas debut. ANN-MARGRET takes on her last Caesars Palace date this year opening Thursday with RAW SATIN through Oct. 7. JOHNNY CARSON'S and HERB KAUFMAN'S station KVVU-TV brought in a Nielsen rating of most-watched channel in the Greater L.V. area. New Caesars veep NAT HART has been getting congrats for his gourmet cookins class this summer. HART, head of food and beverage for the resort devoted one session to children of regular students comprised of CP employees. The kids loved the desert they had to concoct -- banana - strawberries with cream Mexico. BARNEY RAWLINGS, Trans - American Video of Nevada's public relations chief, is tossing a "25 Years Out of Show Business" concert Friday at Charleston Heights Art Center. The singing emcee at the Frontier and Thunderbird Hotels, retired in '56, said, "For a number of years there was scarcely a wedding funeral or ballgame at which I didn't sing "I Promise You," "The Lord's Prayer," or the "National Anthem"..."

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Annual "Nite of Stars" benefit dinner show for St. Jude's Children's Ranch Nov. 19 in MGM Grand ballroom again has the indefatigable FORREST DUKE producing. DAVE BURTON and DICK SAXE ORCH will make their 15th consecutive appearances as BILL DE ANGELIS, "Jubilee" exec producer directs. BIC CARROL & STEVEN FREY'S "Le Hot" opens Oct. 23rd at Korea's largest resort, Sheraton Walker Hill in Seoul on a stage larger than the one at the Stardust. In the company are 10 U.S. dancers and 46 Koreans. Opera soprano PATRICE MUNSEL'S daughter HEIDI KOCEV opened a sexy lingerie boutique here. Beaux Arts Halloween ball will be held this year in Imperial Palace Royal Hall starting at 11 P.M. with SAMMY DAVIS JR. and JOAN RIVERS King and Queen.

Hilton star JULIET PROWSE doesn't dance in her guest shot on the first seg of ROCK HUDSON'S new NBC - TV series "The Devlin Connection." She plays a thief in the series which finds ROCK as director of a music center in L.A. doubling as a private eye. (A likely story!). The Acting Company, official touring arm of the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, opens three days of perfs and workshops at UNLV next Wednesday. DAVID FRIZZELL & SHELLY WEST, one of country music's hottest performing and recording duos, make their Vegas debut in the Aladdin Bagdad Theatre Oct. 8 - 21. DAVID is brother of the late LEFTY FRIZZELL and SHELLY calls DOTTIE WEST ma. TONY ORLANDO returns to the Riviera Oct. 1 for his second appearance of the '81 season, sharing headline billing with JOAN RIVERS. Also at the Riv, ROBERT BLAKE, WAYNE ROGERS, O. J. SIMPSON, JIMMY WALKER and DON ADAMS join ELLIOT GOULD and JAMES COBURN in the Celebrity Pool tourney on Saturday, competing for \$40,000 in cash prizes with winner taking away \$20,000. Aired by NBC Sports the event will also spot erstwhile pool champ and trickshot artist JIMMY KARAS. A new act arrives Oct. 1 at the Frontier lounge sandwiched between SAM BUTERA and FREDDIE BELL SHOW -- BOB KELLY & THE KID. And the news from the Frontier main showroom is subbing of DAVID BRENNER for SHECKY GREENE in the TAMMY WYNETTE episode Oct. 1 for a fortnight, then the room goes dark again until Nov. 5 when SIEGFRIED & ROY star in "Beyond Belief" for indef run. The West L.V. hotspot street, Jackson Ave. will be revitalized. At one time SAMMY DAVIS JR. and BILLY ECKSTINE had a piece of the Carver Hotel and were impresarios of the cabaret shows nightly. Good to see Jackson Ave. glow again. Wedding bells ring for ANDREA BOGGS, astute news director of KORK radio back in Washington, where she will marry a local businessman in the DeeCee community and possibly take up

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One of the most popular performers in show business history will open in the MGM Grand's Celebrity Room in Las Vegas on Sept. 17. Dean Martin opened the 1,200 - seat Celebrity Showroom when the MGM Grand first opened back in December of 1973, and has the most impressive drawing record in Las Vegas ever since. After eight years at the MGM Grand, Dean has not played to an empty seat and has been seen by almost a million people.

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