

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



Current retrospective exhibit of RICHARD GUY WALTON at Reed Whipple Center is an eye - opener and provocative because of the artists searches into perspective. He calls it "elliptical perspective" and explains, "What that means is that you don't see a flat scene in front of you or even half a sphere. It's more like you are standing in the center of a hollow egg, looking toward one end, but that end is cut off flat a few hundred yards out. "WALTON fave for the WILLARDS is "Taaroa -- The Birth of Being," large oil painted in 1980, which explains more in form, composition and color about the WALTON theory. Before she vamoosed from the Riviera, CHIARO chalked up quite a party as honoree for the annual Variety Club Tent 39's Celebrity Golf Classic at L.V. Country Club. Along with a parcel of celebs, there was RUBY KEEPER, looking as if she would go right into her "42nd Street" tapdance ...With that tourney, add plenty more this month along with conventions totalling 51. Another event includes muscles and sinewy figures on display at Caesars Palace in Women's & Mixed Pairs Bodybuilding Championships of International Federation of Body Building, won by RACHEL McLISH from Harlington, Texas, who easily picked up \$5,000 first prize...Vet biz reporter GORDON WILLIAMS anchors a series of daily reports on KORK - radio. He was assistant managing ed of Business Week mag until he joined ABC News filing his info through the Vegas outlet...Back to the physical side, six half - hour vidshows covering the National Hockey League arm wrestling championships have been aired on net cable and viewed by over 40 million tv watchers, all taped at Imperial Palace...Channel 10's PAUL TERRY and actor VIC VALLARO headed the laughter, "That's Ridiculous" a pilot aired last Sunday eve...KLWX is prepping for national preem of "Annie" to be unspoiled at Mann's Fox Theatre in Charleston Plaza Mall May 27 with proceeds from the event going into Channel 10 coffers, per CHARLOTTE HILL, who chairs Friends of

MAC AND DOTTIE OPEN AT MGM

Singer - songwriter - moviestar Mac Davis and Dottie West, the queen of country music, will return to the Celebrity Room of the MGM Grand Hotel for a one week engagement beginning April 22.

Mac just finished his latest movie "The Next Sting" which co - stars Jackie Gleason, Karl Malden and Oliver Reed, the picture won't be released for several months, but insiders say after preliminary viewing, that it should be a huge success, opening up a new career for Mac.

Dottie West, long a respected singer - songwriter, burst into the kind of mass recognition that creates superstars, with the public acclaim that be-

gan with her recorded duet with Kenny Rogers, "Every Time Two Fools Collide." Andy Williams and Bernadette Peters will follow Mac Davis and Dottie West for a special one week engagement on April 29.

Channel 10...Wouldn't be the least surprised if CHARLIE VANDA wasn't responsible for getting WALTER CRONKITE to play in ALAN KING's Caesars Palace Tennis Classic April 19 - 25. The VANDA/CRONKITE friendship goes back many years.



MAYOR BILL BRIARE's pitch last week in Washington for his buller train from here to L.A. before the House Science & Technology subcommittee stressed that it would serve as a prototype for highspeed train service in the U.S. To put it on, however, would take an effort "rivaling the commitment our nation has devoted to the space program," said hizzoner... Onetime Lt. Gov. of Nevada, CLIFF JONES, expands his casino interests eastward from Arruba to Greece where he received okay to run games in Athens...Tropicana's craps tourney starts Thursday with players posting a \$250 advance fee, a buy - in of \$750 and keep all winnings. Based on minimum of 600 participants 1st place gets \$100,000 and trophy, second \$40,000 and trophy and third, \$20,000 and trophy. Trop will pay out a total of \$165,000 cash and, of course, those covered trophies... Union Plaza sets L.A. Dodgers and Houston Astros odds at 5/2 for the National League pennant and the N.Y. Yankees 2/1. The Angels are posted at 8/1, but for longshots try the Chicago Cubs at 100/1 or Toronto Blue Jays at 400/1...Intense detective work has failed to uncover the major hotel that sent a \$171,000 check to Las Vegas Housing Authority to save senior citizens at three local housing projects from a rent hike of \$15 a month. KLAS - TV news anchorman GARY WADDELL was middleman, but in this instance, he's not talking.



Following the hyper debut of WAYNE NEWTON at Caesars Palace, the three frames of DIANNA ROSS will seem like a breather. Her take is supposed to be the same as WN's, something like \$400,000 per...But that's possible, shelling out \$1,200,000 total, which means the showroom will have to clear \$70,000 a night...Choreo & stager JERRY JACKSON for the Hacienda's "Fire & Ice," opening the 22nd, has a bunch of musical frappes going including the DEBBIE BOONE starrer "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" in L.A., SanFran and Broadway; his French revue from Acapulco Princess Hotel moving over to Arruba June 1 and new "C'est Fantastique" into the Acapulco Princess; an untitled French revue for Montreal's Chateau Champlain and with SHARI LEWIS, "An Almost Nude Revue" for Lorimar Productions.



The cry around the Sahara is "Welcome Back Carter" meaning JACK CARTER, who heads "Burlesque Scandals" opening Thursday for 10 weeks with male stripper PATRICK, produced by ALAN LEE and GEORGE SOARES...Drum-

beaters at MGM Grand call SHA NA NA the hottest floating rock n' roll show this side of World War II, in for a frame, also opening Thursday... LIBERACE is huddling with AVI Record exec ED COBB on plans for his next album based on the nominated scores LEE played at the Acad Awards, charts by BO AYARS, skedded after current roompacking Hilton run which wraps next monday...JOE BERNARD doubling with direction of "Twelve Angry Men" current at L.V. Little Theatre and opening Tuesday in "An Almost Perfect Person" at Meadows Playhouse with JUDITH BRENNER and ART ENGLER. BERNARD also is presenting members of his acting studio in a showcase on the 19th at his studios...JIM BAILEY returns to the Strip after long hiatus playing the Sands for a week opening Thursday, with STEVE ALLEN & JOYCE MEADOWS & TERRY GIBB next.



BOB ANDERSON warbled at HUGH HEFNER'S birthday party Friday at the manse with LES BROWN's Orch backing. Per BOB (REDBEAR) LEONARD, he has booked ANDERSON into the Monte Carlo Hotel April 21 - May 3 and Club 58 in Geneva May 5...DAVID UPTON has put in 24 weeks at the Golden Nugget's posh Kenn Conservatory at the piano...JIMMY HASSELL, whose tyro singing and guitar work was first witnessed at Caesars Palace late lamented Nero's Nook in the late '60's in the Kirby Stone group, later with KENNY ROGERS and FIRST EDITION and then ROGER MILLER, joined CARLEEN TERRANO, who was lead guitarist & songstar with FREDDIE BELL for years. CARLEEN & HASSELL are now whipping up their musical mix in the Flamingo casino lounge. ALAN GRANT's jazz showcase in French Quarter lounge of the Four Queens spots LOU TABACKIN, No. 1 Downbeat flutist, next Monday...M & M TONY DARROW, for TONY DARROW & DONNA CELLINI, merged three years, are wowing rounders at Top 'O the Dunes.



SIG JOKES WITH ENGELBERT



ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK, OPENING MAY 11 AT LAS VEGAS HILTON, RECENTLY GUESTED ON THE "SUPERSTAR" SHOW WHICH IS VIEWED SAT. AND MON. NITES AT 1:30 A.M. VIA KLAS - TV 8. ENGE IS SHOWN ABOVE WITH HOST SIG SAKOWICZ.

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