

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



The behemoths of the mining world, machinery and humans congregated at Convention Center this week, some 25,000 delegates in all for American Mining Congress, largest of 53 confabs to be held this month. DAVE JAMISON, board chairman of Greyhound Exposition Services, firm setting up the show, said Las Vegas was one of the few cities that could have handled the AMS, the first convention in Las Vegas to use more than 1,000,000 square feet....WAYNE NEWTON's lawyer, MORT GALANE, is up for post of new federal judge with semi-retirement on Nov. 1 of U.S. District Judge ROGER FOLEY....The Tropicana is in the middle of "The Great Birdie Shoot-Out," the resort's first anni high-roller golf tourney, hyped as a "classic," although it isn't quite old enough to fit that definition. Pros tee off Tuesday, 18 of golf's top 60 money winners on the PGA....Another Trop special event set for Dec. 27 - 29 is the Coca Cola JAG-BMX world championship bicycle motocross in the resort's sports complex on a special dirt track. Also the first invitational trick team world

championship with bicycle acrobats will be some EVIL KNEVIL stunts on the parking lot.

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Assorted theatrical news -- "Speakeasy," directed & choreographed by PEGGY RYAN, an original musical by MARJORIE PRAGON-PIERCE & SHIRLEY SCOTT, Community Theatre production, is playing at Reed Whipple Center through the 23rd; Clark County Community College first play of the season is "Bent," by MARTIN SHERMAN opening Oct. 15; Rainbow Company's seventh season tees off with "Gypsy," directed by the late TOTIE FIELDS' daughter JODI JOHNSTON at Charleston Heights Library; The Acting Company returned to UNLV's Ham Hall for a one-nighter of Moliere's "Tartuffe." JERRY CRAWFORD's new play, "The Last President" preems Oct. 29 in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre; former Meadows Playhouse artistic director JOANSNYDER has moved to La Jolla and checks into Spring Valley's Fiesta Theatre Oct. 20 for five week run of JAY ALLEN's "FORTY CARATS," playing lead role and it looks as if "Chicago" will invade Vegas Dec. 24 when MAYNARD SLOATE mounts his version of the tuner at Union Plaza.

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Charles Vanda's seventh season of Master Series started Oct. 14 with the Vienna Symph under direction of CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH

at UNLV's Ham Hall...Ventre master WILLIE TYLER with pal LESTER joins ROBERT GOULET at the Dunes for an Oct. 15 - 18 run. GOULET has sent out invites to his wedding reception after he knots with VERA NOVAK, the festivities in the Seahorse Terrace of the Dunes Oct. 17....ROY CLAYBORNE's "The Speelcaster" production at the Landmark was produced and directed by LARRY HART with associate producer ROY JERNIGAN. HART won the Grammy in '79 for his tune "What A Friend"....Although JIM BAILEY performed as GARLAND during the five hour concert for San Fran's "Save the Cable Car," it was his real warbling persona that got 'em as he helped to raise over \$500,000 to preserve the city's most distinctive landmark with the likes of TONY BENNETT, LENA HORNE, RITA MORENA, SMOTHERS BROS., DOM DeLUISE, SHIELDS & YARNELL, TONY RANDALL, MICHAEL LERNED and PATRICIA NEAL....DEAN MARTIN makes a fast return to MGM Grand with the GOLDDIGGERS for a week followed by two other returnees, EDDIE RABBITT & DAVID BRENNER. BRENNER jumps over to the Grand Oct. 21 from the Riviera where he has funned up the CHARO show for a fortnight.

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The big doings at Caesars Palace for this week center around long awaited playback of the elusive WILLIE NELSON & FAMILY....Current in the Sahara Showroom is TINA TURNER with sidekick JIMMY "JJ" WALKER through the 23rd. In the Casbar the winning combo of PETE BARBUTTI and JUDY ANGEL TOLENTINO alternate....KRYSTOFF, a Polish songstar with sales of 40,000,000 disks in Europe is at the Mint downtown for a month....Other loungers are PAUL DELICATO and REJOYCE at Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge; DONDINO in the Frontier's Circle F; DANI & TERRI with MARK CHANNING in the Landmark's Galaxy Lounge,

## DENO AT MGM

One of the most popular entertainers in history will return to the MGM Grand Celebrity Showroom for a special one-week grandstand engagement, October 14th.

Dean Martin, who is still at the top of the entertainment business after 30 years, gets better and better. He's an absolute master of timing and the ad lib and his comedy styling is as much a part of his performance as his singing.

Since his first recording of "That's Amore" in the 50's, Dean has received 12 gold records and reigned as a superstar of records, nightclubs, motion pictures and television.

Dean opened the Celebrity Room in 1973 when the MGM Grand Hotel first opened its doors and has the most impressive drawing record since that time. He also taped his famous "Celebrity Roasts" at the MGM Grand. One of the most popular weekly shows in television history.

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