



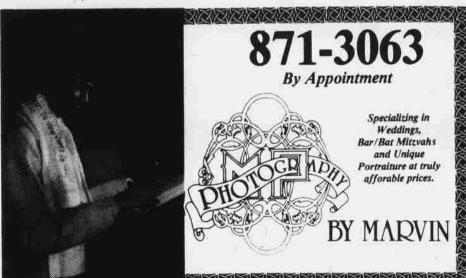
The JIM HALSEY gang takes over the Frontier for a month starting tomorrow, with ROY CLARK & LYNN ANDERSON for 10 nights, followed by FREDDY FENDER & GEORGE LINDSEY May 26 - 29 and MEL TILLIS & CARL PERKINS May 30 - June 12. The Country Music Festival marks CLARK'S 10th year as a Frontier headliner and 13th anni playing Summa showrooms on the Strip....CHRIS COLUMBO, chief of Vegas International Personalities, tossed a talent buyers showcase at the Frontier, aided by associates STAN COTT & ANTON SIMEK with a gang of agents and assorted buyers inking some 20 acts presented STEPHEN ALLEN moves into HAR-LEY AKERS' desk at MGM Grand publicy office. He's assistant director under BILL BRAY, who is chief of advertising, promotion, public relations for the resort. AKERS returns to his vidblurbing accounts. A Vegas resident for the past six years, ALLEN exited his post as managing ed of "What's On in Las Vegas," a tourist publication for the MCM which tourist publication, for the MGM whirl.

"42nd Street" has some of the most vital opening chorus line work, Hoofing a la Heart, of any recent musical, but the finish is a downer. It's playing at Caesars at exhorbitant prices, which may cause modest room counts as the summer wears on...Oh where are you RUBY KEELER when we need you now? The Tropicana's search for beauties for "Folies Bergere" wraps Saturday in the Fountain Theatre when a parcel of judges choose the "ultimate" Vegas showgirl. Saks Fifth Avenue is in the act tossing a luncheon Friday and some of the local judges are county commissioner THALIA DONDERO, an artist, by the way, Saks fashion director SHARON BADER and ELLIOT S. KRANE, described in the Trop's hype sheet as "Author, entertainment critic, and foremost authority on the stars of Las Vegas" (Dammit, I thought I was the foremost). FRED TRAVALENA will emcee the hijinks that start at 8 p.m. and there'll

be a winners reception and press party in the Monte Carlo Ballroom with members of "Folies Bergere" cast ogling the "ultimate" showgirl. I'd like to get in on some of their sotto voce remarks later backstage after they've simpered all over the new arrival....VASSILI SULICH, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF Nevada Dance Theatre, holds auditions in Dance Studio #2, Physical Ed Building, UNLV, 2 p.m., Saturday 8. Nevada's pro ballet company needs fem and male dancers with an extensive classical ballet background available from Sept. 1 through May. 31, 1984, to include 4 weeks of touring. Fems must have strong pointe work, sez VASSILI and everyone should bring along resumes and photos....Followthe highly successful religioso hallelujah several weeks ago where 5400 people stormed the Sahara Space Center, I whispered to Sahara bossman PAUL LOWDEN to bring in a musical gospel program where reviewers could attend and make some critiques. Sure enough there will be a Gospel Songfest May 23 at the Sahara with MIGHTY CLOUDS OF JOY, EAST ST. LOUIS GOSPELETTES, LOVE ALL PEOPLE and COMBACH CHOIR. Price is \$15 per... And while we're musing around Sahara territory, GEORGE BURNS will have KIM SISTERS & BROTHERS when he does his Memorial Day shot May 27-30,...Those "Kissing Marathon" bussers PAT-RICIA HAUGAN & BRAD SPACY locking lips at MARVIN KRATTER'S Flyaway to set a new Guinness Book world record, should have tried the feat being tossed about in the Flyaway, like on the tv commercials. Now, that would be some kind of record. * * * * *

Be advised that the Quannah McCall Sixth Grade Center Band, Strings & Choral will blow and sing their little hearts out May 26 in UNL V's Ham Hall. And mark this on your memo sheet: JOHN HOUSEMAN will converse on his long & varied film career June 2 at 7 p.m., also in Ham Hall. Tickets are free at the box office, limit two per person. Call 739-380l for details...JOHN HOUSEMAN has probably never heard of the JAY RAMSEY BAND and JONES, but he can catch JONES, at least, in the Maxim's Cloud Nine Lounge after his talk. They take over May 30 from the RAMSEY BAND current in that popular gathering place Another popspot is the Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge where LAUNI KRISTOPHER is the featered performer and in the main showroom, it's last nights to catch PHIL FORD & JEAN KEAN in "It's My Affair." Understand that the showroom goes fair." Understand that the showroom goes dark after "IMA" for remodeling....Another University event takes place Sunday when JES-TER HAIRSTON leads the Musical Arts Chorus in a program of his spirituals and folk songs in the Student Union Ballroom at 3 p.m. world - renowned black composer & lecturer will provide commentary about his music. The choral group, MAC, under the direction of DOUGLAS PETERSON will also perform folk songs from different lands....Current in the Celebrity Room of MGM Grand are LOLA FALANA and B.J. THOMAS. Strip rounders will remember some time ago when LOLA hit Vegas again after her highly publicized vidspecials and the production was so la-dee-da that few people recognized her. As for B.J., he played here when the Golden Nugget had a lounge for the country & western followers. He may have made appearances in some of revivals at Conventer Center, however, since the GN honky tonking....JIM HALSEY, whose company provides all of the talent for the Country Music Festival current at the Frontier, just opened a New York office on Park Ave. HALSEY reps 22 artists including ROY CLARK, OAK RIDGE BOYS, PETER NERO, TAMMY WYNETTE, MERLE HAGGARD, DON WILLIAMS & WOODY HERMAN.







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