

# OF THE STARS

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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 HARLEY AKERS' desk at MGM Grand publicity 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 MGM whirl.


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"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 exorbitant 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....Follow the 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 GOSPELLETES, 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 PATRICIA 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.


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