

OF THE STARS

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Sept. 6 with SS singing and Sinatra's recent pianist/conductor VINCE FALCONE backing...Onetime Supreme SCHERRIE PAYNE is now chirping in "Dream Street" at the Dunes...SI ZENTNER slides mighty tram up front his bigband Friday in Sahara Space Center...SONNY TURNER alternates with LIZ DAMON in Flamingo Hilton's casino lounge Tuesday through Sept. 5...Under aegis of SIG ROGICH'S ad agency, Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority has lensed a 7-minute short promoting L.V. as a bedroom community for the Olympics...DEACON JONES glided into town a few weeks ago in his stretched twotone Rolls limo, forerunner of the limo service he'll inaugurate soon on the Strip...BONNIE GRAHAM sashays into the Geisha Lounge of Imperial Palace tomorrow extolling her ditties with alternate lounge date SID SHAM through the 28th.

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Vegas has been bereft of STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME for some time. The pair will receive the '83 Scopus Award of American Friends of the Hebrew U. (AFHB) Nov. 13 at Century Plaza in L.A....According to TV Guide, the subject of astrology is the No. 1 no-no on any TV series, sez producer GARRY MARSHALL. The other nos are anti-Semitism, race, politics, clergy and romance among older folk...JOHN TRAVOLTA is prepping a nitery act and will be playing clubs coast to coast, maybe Vegas, for a couple of months, part of training for "Fire," in which he'll play a role of rockstar singer/danger...Daily Variety drama critic BILL EDWARDS turned thumbs down on ANTHONY NEWLEY'S "Chaplin" now playing at the Music Center Pavilion in L.A., opining that NEWLEY is "undistinguished in his perf," and the music is similarly "undistinguished." Further, "the show plays like a rush hour on the freeway," but the EDWARDS plaudits are plenty for director & choreographer MICHAEL SMUIN, also the "busy and attractive scenery" by DOUGLAS W.

SCHMIDT "is the star of the show"...SONNY KING, who opened the new Stardust lounge last week will be grand marshal along with KAY STARR of the San Genaro Feast, slated for the Dunes Sept. 16-25, sponsored by United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Nevada.

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JONAS, the guy who helped make history as lead singer with the McCOYS on the 4 million selling "Hang On Sloopy," is hanging out in the Hilton lounge these nights...BILL "WILD-CAT" MORRIS paged COLIN MCKINLEY from a PR post for Sunworld Airlines to handle press relations and trouble shoot at the Landmark, if and when the MORRIS MACHINE steams into that spa...CHARLES SUPIN replaces RON DELPIT as managing ed. of Vegas, the Sunday supplement of Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, while this reporter moves into the show review columning three-a-week post at the Review-Journal that SUPIN vacates the end of this week...BERNIE ALLEN is fit to be tied. He should have been playing the Sands lounge in a six-weeker with old partner STEVE ROSSI, but ROSSI went off with MARTI ALLEN. Meanwhile BERNIE told me he'll be partnering with DONDINO from time to time. DONDINO, now a single-o at the Four Queens French Quarter lounge will solo for a Hope Foundation of the Cancer Society special benefit Oct. 22 at the Beverly Hills hotel.

Chicago is set to do capacity biz Friday night in "Concerts Under the Stars" at Caesars Palace Arena. The band is on a new record label, Warner Bros., with a new album "16" produced by DAVID FOSTER...Did you know that TONY BENNETT, who arrives Monday at Caesars, signed a "lifetime" contract with that hotel when DAVE VICTGORSON, now the late DV, was entertainment poobah at that resort? S'fact...Southern Nevada Regional Theatre's "Stepping Out Banquet" will step into the Bingo Palace Sunday for that get-together with dinner & dancing at \$15 per. They'll be announcing cast and location of upcoming preem of ARTHUR MILLER'S "The Crucible"...The grand opening gala of the new "Follies Bergere" opening Sept. 8 will be hosted by Tropicana prez JOHN GALLAWAY and MRS. GALLAWAY after the dinner perf in the Monte Carlo Ballroom. "Formal Attire," scrolls the invite...DESERT WIND is the new entry into the Hacienda's Bolero lounge with country sounds...Funny that JOHNNY CARSON'S station KVVU-5 will be programming the loudly acclaimed rival of "The Tonight Show" called "Thicke of the Night," but the station's v.p. and g.m. RUSTY DURANTE slots "Thicke" at 10 p.m., not opposite JC, where other stations in the U.S. are hoping for a hot rivalry. Arbitron Television ranked KVVU No. 1 in July, the Henderson indie beating out the three net stations...BEE GEE fans are setting sights on Sept. 1 when one-third of that enormously successful group, ANDY GIBB, headlines in MGM Grand Celebrity Room, with funny stuff upfront by DAVID BRENNER...SAM BOYD is also sighting on Sept. 1 as opening of San's Town's 600-seat bingo parlor, capping off a \$3 million expansion with new hotel lobby and other attractions. That gives Sam's Town two bingo parlors, one for free play.

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