

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.



This news item should bring a smile to those who've lived here a couple of decades or so -- "Longtime Las Vegas hotel executive BURTON COHEN has been named president of the new 2,500-room Marc Anthony hotel development. The announcement was made by CLIFFORD PEARLMAN (sic) chairman of the board of Caesars World who will build the Marc Anthony on the site of the present Thunderbird Hotel; and BARRON HILTON, president of the Hilton Hotels" (1/24/73)... Producer HARRY SEYBOLD calls to verify that DOCTOR LEON is guesting on several segs of GARY COLLINS' "Hour Show" and the popular medic/country entertainer was signed for performances on the Country Music Cable Network... MARLENA SHAW stars along with the LAS VEGAS JAZZ SOCIETY QUINTET Saturday at the Treasury Hotel, admission \$10 with \$2 rebate to Jazz Society members... RON & NANCY HOROWITZ are on pin n' needles anticipating the second opening on the Strip of their "Dream Street" opus at the Desert Inn next Tuesday for the above-mentioned BURTON COHEN. He made several jaunts up-Strip to the

Dunes to see the musical and finally signed them to replace "Sophisticated Ladies"... BRUCE ZARKA has returned to the Imperial Palace Geisha lounge where the ZARAS play through Saturday followed by SCOT FRANSINO & GINGER. IP boss RALPH ENGELSTAD will repeat last years popular Christmas Gift to Senior Citizens, with Dec. 19-21 set aside for 2250 guests to enjoy a free evening of food and entertainment, "Legends in Concert"... Calling all crapshooters/Calling all crapshooters to enter the Tropicana's fall tourney next month from the 14th through the 16th. The champ rolls for \$80,000 prize out of total \$125,000 cash... Publicist JUDY WOLFE sends a note: "This is a one-time only release, so I would greatly appreciate it if you could use it." Okay. "Las Vegas Debut -- SULTRY MYA TIELLO (her first name is SULTRY?), singer/dancer/acrobat/tumbler, will make her Las Vegas debut at the Sahara's Monday Night Talent Showcase on September 12th at 10:00 p.m. This exotic-looking and talented lady will perform contemporary tunes, blues, cross-over country and original tunes during her 25-minute spot. MYA has appeared in ABC's 'General Hospital,' CBS-TV's pilot 'Fit for a King,' and has danced in the film, 'Ice Pirates' for MGM..."

Musical friend DR. DOUGLAS PETERSON is paging warblers to join the Musical Arts Chorus and be a part of upcoming programming, "Music

from Hollywood & Broadway" Sept. 25, Haydn's "Harmony Mass," Nov. 27; Mozart's "Requiem" Mar. 18 and "Messiah Sing-In" next Dec. 18, all at Charleston Heights Arts Center... Although VIRKO BAILEY never acknowledges my presence, even after I nod with my most dazzling smile, I will, nevertheless, plug his efforts on behalf of good music. He conducts the Las Vegas Symphony Orch. and in its fourth season guides his forces in "The Many Voices of Christmas" in two concerts at the Tropicana Dec. 10 and 11. "Marche Slave" Jan. 10 in UNLV's Ham Hall Verdi's "La Traviata" with NANCY SHADE as VIOLETTA VALERY, Feb. 14, also in Ham Hall; Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" April 28, Ham Hall and "The Great American Tradition," back at the Trop July 3 and 4 for a bang-bang finish of the season. Join. For the works you pay \$42 for select seats, \$48 preferred... Southern Nevada Opera Theatre opens its season Sept. 22 with Donizetti's comic masterpiece, "Don Pasquale, in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre, \$5 general admission... After the opera, pop over to the Flamingo Hilton Lounge and cheer FRENZ and alternate act, the onetime Platter High voice, SONNY TURNER... Or zip downtown to Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge and watch the sensuous undulations of MARLIZA'S MAGIC CARPET DANCERS... Las Vegas NORM CROSBY joins entertainer pals a week from Saturday at Cedar Ridge Country Club near Tulsa for the 9th ROY CLARK CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC and The Star Night Concert to benefit the Children'

Medical Center. NORM will tee off with BILLY BARTY, JOEY BISHOP, CLAUDE AKINS, ERNEST BORGNINE, FLOYD CRAMER, JIMMY DEAN, CHAD EVERETT, LARRY GATLIN, FRED McMURRAY, DENNIS JAMES, PETER MARSHALL, TOM POSTON, SCATMAN CROTHERS, B. J. THOMAS and dozens more. ROY CLARK's manager, JIM HALSEY and JOHN HITT, senior veep of the HALSEY company are in charge of the events.

For the first time in eons JERRY LEWIS has no preceding showroom date leading up to his

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Labor Day Telethon at Caesars Palace. OVID DEMARIS prowled the city searching for more dynamite to dish up another "Green Felt Jungle," the diatribe he and Las Vegas Sun Staffer Ed Reid wrote in '63 that caused the chillies and willies among the organized mustaches then owning Vegas. DEMARIS is bringing Atlantic City into his new book aiming to reveal the mobs are still alive and racketeering in the nation's only two casino cities... Another corporate gang, having made tons of loot in Vegas, sails to A.C. The Showboat will build a 527-room casino on the Boardwalk next to Resorts International's proposed 1200-room resort. Showboat leased 10 acres... Over Labor Day weekend, Nevada's gas prices were highest in the U.S... ED TORRES, who longs to corral all his interests at El Rancho, was handed another extension over Labor Day by Victor Palmieri Co. in his continuing Aladdin negotiations with WAYNE NEWTON. TORRES had to fork over interest of \$50,000 for the postponement plus another \$100,000 by yesterday.

WAYNE & ELAINE NEWTON are honored guests at the anni Basque fest Sunday at Silk Purse Ranch. He makes his first return to Caesars Palace this week after being absent from the Circus Maximium while "42nd Street" had its shortened run... TONY ORLANDO & BERNADETTE PETERS arrive Tuesday through Oct. 4... Caesars exec director of entertainment, TOM WILLER, resigned to join Tom Carter Enterprises of Newport Beach, a company developing a golf course and theme park on the Strip south of the Hacienda... Workaholic JOAN RIVERS, who skied back from 12 days in Europe wraps one-nighters this eve in Pennsylvania, New York & Mass., before winging west for her Sept. 8-14 Riviera playback blast with Smothers Brothers & Jim Stafford... Big event downtown is debut of SYLVIA SYMS in French Quarter Lounge of the Four Queens, with VINCE FALCONE group backing. Monday night ALAN GRANT'S JAZZ has guitarist HERB ELLIS picking all kinds of notes.

The Golden Nugget is sponsoring Nevada Dance Theatre's full length "Coppelia Oct. 20, but first there was a message from NDS Wednesday when VASSILI SULICH and the company dance excerpts for vidcameras in UNLV's Ham Hall. He and Mrs. Steve Wynn, wife of the GN's chairman, talked to the press about the coming season... "Salute to the '50's," a RUSS GARY production with Tropicana showcasing for weeks, moved into the Sands Copa Room with O.C. SMITH, IMPERIALS, CORNELL GUNTHER & THE COASTERS and TIMI YURO. INK SPOTS are in the Sands lounge... Tropicana opened its 16th edition of "Folies Bergere" to the public last week, but reviewers didn't see it until Thursday and afterwards got all spiffed up for a black tie thing with the "FB" company in the Monte Carlo ballroom... Liberace's Tivoli Gardens restaurant steps to the fore during the Pro-Celebrity Golf Classic Sept. 12-18 with nightly dinner parties booked by locals entertaining players here to vie for the richest purse in PGA tour history, over a million bux. LIBERACE will be back from his two-month theatres concertour in time to dunk an eagle before he goes back to work at MGM Grand Sept. 15. DEAN MARTIN & THE GOLDDIGGERS are digging in the Grand's Celebrity Room for a frame, one show a night.

Tony Bennett was visited in his Gotham digs by ANDY WARHOL and a bunch of Italian artists which Andy formed as a coterie to salute TONY's works. He started a six city Canadian tour at Vancouver's Hyatt Regency Monday night after closing his heralded Caesars playback... CHARO, starring in the Hilton's "Bal du Moulin Rouge," recently received an award from Sociedad Cultural Hispana for her work in promoting Latino culture in America. She was also recognized as the top Flamenco guitarist in the world by International Guitar Player mag... GLENN MILLER lives at the Sahara with TEX BENEKI & ORCH playing the old GM classics aided by JOHNNY DESMOND & CONNIE HAINES, with intersliced comedy by JACKIE ("Come let us lean against the river") VERNON... Starting Friday the BENEKE bunch plays dinner show at 7 p.m. with ROY ORBISON on the 9:30 and midnight shifts. ORBISON then goes it alone Sept. 12-20. In the Casbar Lounge dynamic DENISE CLEMENTE alternates with comedian SLAPPY WHITE.

## Price Change Announced On Legends In Concert At Imperial Palace

Ticket price has been reduced on the very popular show LEGENDS IN CONCERT at the Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas. Price now for the cocktail show is \$6.95 which includes two drinks. The lower price makes the show even more appealing to families which have been spreading the word that at last there is a show on the Las Vegas Strip that is suitable for people of ALL ages.

LEGENDS IN CONCERT is a special effects extravaganza featuring live recreations of legendary superstars by talented young lookalike performers. Brought to vibrant life on stage are BUDDY HOLLY, MARILYN MONROE, BOBBY DARIN, JANIS JOPLIN and ELVIS PRESLEY. The show is produced and directed by JOHN STUART.

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