

GENERATION STEPS and ODIA COATES, with ALAN GRANT Emcee at Reed Whipple Cultural Center....SANTA FE is joined by THE LAST BAND with MIKI ADAMS in the Maxim's Cloud Nine Lounge...JOSEPH BERNARD's new acting company now presents full length plays beginning with TOM TOPOR's "Nuts" in Community College Theatre on weekends.

Caesars Palace summer al fresco concerts have lined up LUTHER VANDROSS & PATTI LaBELLE June 1; MOODY BLUES, June 2; SHEENA EASTON, July 28; BEACH BOYS, Aug. AL JARREAU, Sept. 1 and MERLE HAGGARD with RICKY SKAGGS, Sept. 15, all for one ticket price, \$12.50...JEFFREY O'HARA introduced his GOOD EARTH to Vegas Monday at a special VIParty, where founder of the GE concept, BILL GALT, took a bow...Cool summer breezes will waft over audiences of "Barnum" at the former Howard Hughes ranch, now Spring Mountain Ranch State Park July 12-27. A Shakespeare group from SanFran opened summer fests several years ago, but this year a Vegas bunch will use the natural surroundings for "A Midsummer Nights Dream" in 'August.

Many of the longtime Vegas attendees to the GINGER ROGERS tribute at the huge mansion of TONI, LARRY & GARRY HART last Friday remarked about the change from the '50s when JAKE & FERN KOZLOFF owned the house, considered lavish and comfortable, but not overwhelming as the HARTS have made it. The "Symphony of the Heart" affair which culminated in the HARTS awarding GINGER a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from HARTLAND FOUNDATION, was a fundraiser for LAS VEGAS SYMPHONIC & CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY, one of those \$50 & \$100 per ticket attractions. At the raffle, after GINGER had received her just honors, one of my tickets won a pearl necklace. However, it did not go too well with my grey suit and red tie, so I gave it to my beautiful wife, LUCY, who will wear the cultured string at the next swank shivaree we attend down the road. TONI HART, by the way, won the \$3,000 fur coat and she was so excited she almost fell off the stage into the pool. That was where the stage was built, folks, over the deep end of the indoor swimming pool in what the HARTS call the Grand Ballroom. This trio of unusual personalities (their records have been nominated

and have won Grammies) built the additions themselves and are so talented they walk on top of their pool. It's some act!...Anyone who remembers the adventures of CHARLES NIZET as an offbeat filmmaker in this town (he put on a disastrous film festival at the Dunes in 1980), will not be surprised at his announced superspectacular. On his agenda is a production titled "Commando Girls" and he has paged pert BARBI BENTON to star and she'll probably be blown up, or almost. CHARLES, with his usual underplaying and sexy Belgian accent, describes the type of movie with the same breathlessness he devotes to depicting lovely women. "We'll be using more than 10,000 gallons of fuel for explosions, 2000 kilos of explosives, 25,000 lbs. of ammo, borrowed Nellis AFB planes, 260 vehicles and 840 actors as extras. It's like the James Bond films, 'Mission Impossible' and 'Dirty Harry' rolled into a multi-million dollar production and let me tell you, the special effects will be sensational!"...It will take some doing for ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK and WAYNE NEWTON to top SHIRLEY MacLAINE's grosses at the Gershwin Theatre in New York. HUMPY takes over the stage June 5 followed by WAYNE on the 18th. They're both putting on, essentially, their Vegas acts, same as SHIRLEY did. So save your Big Apple trip and catch them next time they're in town. That's today's recipe on how to save money.

Speaking of New York, note that the N.Y. DRAMA CRITICS CIRCLE awarded TOM STOP-PARD's "The Real Thing" honor of best play of the season. Also given nods were STEPHEN SONDHEIM's controversial musical "Sunday in the Park With George" and DAVID MAMÉT's "Glengarry Glen Rose." Interesting that TED TALLY's "Terra Nova" pulled some votes. This play closed UNLV's Theatre Department season couple of weeks ago, directed by PAUL HARRIS...DOLLY COULTER is now chirping

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