

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



The controversial film, "The Cotton Club" into which ED & FRED DOUMANI poured many of their \$millions\$, is supposed to come on line with a Dec. 14 premiere in 1000 theaters. Showbiz folk are wondering if the movie can make the nut of over \$40,000,000. MAURICE HINES hopes it will. He's "Cotton Club" star GREGORY HINES' dad. Remember their act at the Flamingo some years ago, HINES, HINES & DAD?...Just about everyone knows that PRINCE is crowding MICHAEL JACKSON with his "Purple Rain" blockbuster and hittune "When Doves Cry," first single record to hit platinum sales mark in '84. In the movie, PRINCE gets real sexy with singer/actress APOLLONIA, a real beauty. He named her, but I wonder if he knows that APPOLLONIA is dental patients' patron saint. Seems the goddess was martyred after her teeth were knocked out for refusing to sacrifice to

Roman gods...Keep on reading, you'll discover all kinds of great trivia...It was reported in this space couple of weeks ago that JONATHAN WINTERS & COMPANY playing the Sands, left town because of JONATHAN's illness or something. Well, the illness proved to be DIRK SUMMERS UNITED PRODUCTIONS' failure to come up with the troupe's money. That seems strange somehow. Summa Corp. demanded \$50,000 to be placed in the casino cage in case of the four-wall production skidding because of poor attendance and consequent walkout of stars...His friends are saddened by death of MISCHA VIOLIN, who graced many a Vegastage and concert performing his violin. The onetime conductor of Las Vegas Symp Orch was 85, died while on a cruise to Alaska earlier this month...ROBERT SADOFF, who produced the revue "Tom Jones" at the Desert Inn over a decade ago, went back to London where he became involved in films. Latest word has it that ROBERT plans to film the life of RUDOLPH HESS, from JAMES BARWICK's book, "Shadow of the Wolf." According to SADOFF, GENE HACKMAN has been cast as the onetime HITLER deputy who parachuted into Scotland in 1941 and has been in Spandau prison for the past 36 years. CHRISTOPHER WALKEN was mentioned as the other male lead.

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DOUGLAS PETERSON, director of MUSICAL ARTS SOCIETY, postcarded from Eisenstadt, Austria, with message he had attended a classical music seminar in FRANZ JOSEF HAYDN's workshop home, rehearsed and performed in famed Haydnsaal, "Lord Nelson Mass." PETERSON also sang in June up in Eugene, Oregon, with the Bach Choir for a fortnight, under HELMUT RILLIG's direction. PETERSON is now paging singers for MUSICAL ARTS SOCIETY songfests preparing HAYDN's "Heilig Mass" for Charleston Heights Art Center Nov. 18...MARGARET ANKA asks for help in putting forth the message about NEVADA DANCE THEATRE's season ticket sale now underway. NDS is in its 13th season of performances in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theater. Season starts on Oct. 25-28 with NDS artistic director VASSILI SULICH's "Hansel & Gretel," plus "Ballets from Famous Operas"...For ticket information call 739-3838...BOULDER CITY FIRST NIGHTERS will present the Broadway comedy "Strange Bedfellows" Sept. 27-29 in BC High School auditorium. The play is directed by JACK SCHNEPP & PAT LAMBERG...KERIN ROGERS SCIANNA is the new exec director of So. Nevada chapter of National Multiple Sclerosis Society. SCIANNA was aide to Gov. MIKE O'CALLAGHAN when he was busting up Carson City and she was producer and moderator of Channel 5's "The People Speak" for many years...Revving up FAIRSHOW, the North Las Vegas wingding Oct. 26-28, soft ball teams are being invited to participate in the tourney. You can adopt a balloon to race in the Nevada championship hot air balloon races at FAIRSHOW. So, go ahead and adopt one, they

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LAS VEGAS, Nevada — Comedy queen Joan Rivers with Doc Severinsen and Garry Shandling will fill the Caesars Palace Circus Maximum Showroom with laughter and music September 26 - October 2.

Joan returns to Caesars Palace with a popular new book, *The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abramowitz*, catching media attention. Named an alternate selection by the Literary Guild, the book chronicles the hilarious antics of a favorite Rivers "character," a fun-loving "loose" woman envied and hated by her peers. Heidi's experiences are often shared by "good friend" Joan during Rivers' guest host appearances on "The Tonight Show." She recently renewed her agreement to serve as Johnny Carson's permanent guest hostess.

Doc Severinsen is also closely identified with "The Tonight Show" where he has been the trumpet-

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