

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



Almost gone with the wind was the recent RAMON ABI-RACHED \$80,000 party in the Spring Mountain digs of his PARTOUT distributing company of rare glass, ceramics, woodcarvings, expensive gifts for the rich. They all gathered, the moneyed clan, around a lavish board including caviar catered by ANDRE's. The event, which also found a smattering of unwealthy newsfolk, was produced for ABI-RACHED by ELEANOR ROTH GRASSO & KANANI MALIAN, who own GOLD CONVENTION SERVICES. That was the first cold night of fall and it brought me a bad cold. ELEANOR ROSS (GRASSO), longtime Vegas will remember, reigned supreme with JACK ENTRATTER, Sands major domo from 1952 through ENTRATTER's death in 1971. She stayed on in the same position as exec secretary to the late WALTER KANE...Actor CLIFF

OSMOND (no relation to the OSMOND FAMILY), who has been busy over the years writing and appearing in many vidshows, is holding an actors workshop Saturday and Sunday. For info & reservations, call 733-6888...There have been dozens of film and tv studios planned for this area over the past several years. Latest to announce construction is UNITED GENERAL STUDIOS which will build a facility in North Las Vegas, it sez here. CORNWALL ASSOCIATES, design studio for film and tape studios, will oversee conceptual design, physical plant and tech engineering. UNITED GENERAL, to show it is serious about the project, is plotting a one-hour dramatic vidseries using local sites and Vegas entertainment doodahs in a plot that includes a sweepstakes offering, called "Mecca." Now, if that deal sounds familiar ----JOHN & JANICE BIGANDO, names synonomous with the most delicious cheese cake in the world at their neat little eatery called SWEET TIME in Commercial Center (Carriage Trade Center Courtyard) will be packaging a tiny cheesecake for 7-11 stores. The baby cakes have the same marvelous recipe as the large ones. JOHN B, by the way, when not hosting his restaurant, is a Caesars Palace floorman...DEBBIE KELLER has been

held over at SKIPPERS, the new restaurant/cabaret at Sunset Road & Mountain Vista. She's a homegrown talent and with a voice that makes a ballad have true meaning, if you know what I mean.



Jazz combos are beginning to be heard around town. F'rinstance at CHATEAU VEGAS on Desert Inn Road, listen to JOE DARRO, piano and very interesting vocal style; TY LEMLEY, guitar, also vocals; BOBBY BAKER, bass and JOE LOCATELLI, drums. They dish up some fascinating ideas Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m....If there's a roulette aficionado reading this pillar, the Las Vegas Hilton has imported an essence of Monte Carlo with addition of European style single "O" roulette wheel in the baccarat pit. This single "O" over the double "OO," increases the odds in favor of the player by eliminating one number on the wheel. If you win (and let's all go right on over and break the bank of the Las Vegas Hilton's Monte Carlo), the house pays a higher percentage...The upcoming COMDEX Computer Show Nov. 14-18, is expected to really crowd the Com

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"The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas" At The Union Plaza

A rare pleasure -- among many -- that awaits you this week in the main showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel, is to watch actor William Hardy give his 1,000th performance as the Sheriff in the

musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." The Maynard Sloate production can be seen twice nightly at an 8:00 dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail show. William Hardy, who

played the role in the Broadway production, will reach his milestone on the evening of October 29. Hardy is one of the most accomplished character actors working in the theater today, and he brings a genuine sense of joy to his role of the town official who has to keep the peace no matter what.

Keeping peace is not easy in this funny, award-winning musical. On one hand he has to contend with the ladies of the Chicken Ranch, and, on the other hand, he has a group of self-righteous townspeople being led by a narrow minded television evangelist who wants to clean the town of these happy ladies of the night.

What's a Sheriff to do? What performer Hardy does is what everyone else does in this production. He sings and dances and carries on in the most delightful way. And he brings down the house with his zany antics.

Everything's wonderful about "The Best Little Whorehouse In Texas," but the man we give special applause to is William Hardy, who celebrates that rare distinction of giving 1,000 excellent performances of a musical, right here in Las Vegas.

A RENAISSANCE



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