

# OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.

Store at the Dunes is fast becoming the laugh-in place, this week spotting KARIN BABBITT, BLAKE CLARK, STEVE OEDEKERK, DENNY JOHNSTON & ANGEL SALAZAR, all proven yockstars from past perfs here...DAVID BRENNER, who got his start in the small comedy clubs, is ensconced in the Golden Nugget's Cabaret through April 5.

The non-pugilistic news emanating from "Heat," the BURT REYNOLDS starrer shooting here, is a mild item about the film's producer, ELLIOT KASTNER, was guest speaker last Friday at the JOSEPH BERNARD ACTING STUDIO. He gave the students thespans an earful on "How actors are cast in motion pictures"...Rapid ROBERT HOPE will be the center of attention next month at a private party marking official opening of the Tropicana's conversion to "The Island of Las Vegas." Public events include a Hawaiian revue on the lush island between the two towers and concerts under the stars poolside during weekends during summer months...April also finds the start of the 17th anni World Series of Poker at Binion's Horseshoe hotel-casino running from the 28th through May 22. Prize money is expected to reach \$4,000,000...Showbiz folk mourn the death of FRANKIE CARR onstage in the Mint's MerriMINT lounge. His ticker, already in stress from quintupal bypass a few years ago, gave out in the middle of one of his fast-paced clowning routines...Nevada State Bodybuilding Championships will be staged at the Riviera on April 19 with up to 100 entrants expected to compete...Caesars World, getting sued by DONALD TRUMP because they nix him from renaming his second Atlantic City casino "Trump's Palace," overlooks and ignores Imperial Palace across the Vegas Strip when they claim exclusive right to use of word "Palace" in the name of any U.S. gaming hall.

LIBERACE, as ROBERT GOULET is doing, bypassing usual rack sale for his albums, is going directly to customers via Family Weekly and other publication outlets to hawk his LPs with the London Philharmonic Orch. LEE wrapped 5 nights at Valley Forge Music Fair and wings west for the first of his two fortnights at Caesars Palace teeing Wednesday. Guest stars are DIANA JUST from his Vegas Tivoli Gardens restaurant, and teener pianist ERIC HAMELIN, who wowed 'em in his debut with the showman at Radio City Music Hall and later at Caesars Palace...

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Nobody knows who's gonna be boss of the Grand when Bally takes over, but for a week starting Thursday DEAN MARTIN will be No. 1 honcho in the Celebrity Room. He'll have his fave partners, the GOLDDIGGERS, for company...Video actor, writer and head of Community Drama Workshop, JOE BEHAR, is getting roasted at Palace Station April 1...The Society of Magicians at Magic Castle handed the Tropicana's LANCE BURTON honor of "Magician of the Year"...The COUNT BASIE BAND swung for dancing in the Triple Crown ballroom of Union Plaza Monday night with THAD JONES conducting.

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They're calling JEFF McBRIDE "a new wave illusionist" with his mime, dance, martial arts, Kabuki theater, quick-change masque performance to contempo music. Only 24, he'll share marquee space at the Hilton with the McGuire Sisters in the Hilton's "Bal du Moulin Rouge" from April 2 through May 6. Hilton exex haven't made it official yet, but JOE GUERCIO has resigned as entertainment chief for the chain, but he'll stay on as entertainment consultant...TONY BENNET takes to the high C's next Sunday, a three-nighter on Sitmar's SS Fairwind cruising between Ocho Rios, Jamaica & Nassau...Showboat bowling center, long recognized as a major bowling tourney site, hosts two pro contests this summer, the PBA Seniors Invitational & PBA Doubles Classic starting May 31 to open Professional Bowlers Assn. (PBA) summer tour...MITZI SHORE's Comedy

## Sands Copa Room Is Sizzling



The hot, new musical revue "SIZZLE," showcased in the famed Copa Room of the Sands Hotel & Casino, opens with a fast-paced production which dazzles audiences. "Dance Attack," the theme song for the opening, creates an exciting atmosphere, setting the mood for the highly entertaining production.

## 'Gypsy,' One Of Broadway's Best Shows At Plaza

Lauren Hathaway will portray the gawky adolescent who emerges into statuesque beauty and fame with a new sophisticated approach to striptease, lacing her act with witty banter as Gypsy Rose Lee, the world famous striptease artist.

'GYPSY' opened recently at the Union Plaza Hotel and Casino's main showroom in downtown Las Vegas.

Charlene Kase stars as the driving, determined mother of the stripper and her sister June who had been the breadwinner of the family until Gypsy's suddenfound fame.

Lew Horn plays Herbie, Rose's devoted

friend and manager who becomes horrified by their entry into burlesque.

This production marks Lauren Hathaway's third portrayal of the famous "queen of the striptease," Gypsy Rose Lee.

Charlene Kase, portraying Rose, Gypsy's mother, is Lauren's real-life mother. This is the seventh "turn" for Charlene as Rose in 'GYPSY.'

The score boasts the rousing "Let Me Entertain You," and "Together, Wherever You Go" among other memorable tunes. Jule Styne wrote the musical score with stage adaptations written by

Arthur Laurents and Stephen Sondheim, the team that wrote "West Side Story."

'GYPSY' is based on the best-selling autobiography of the same title by the noted eclysiast, a term added to the language to describe Miss Lee's expertise, as "strip tease" was considered too common.

'GYPSY' showtimes are 8 p.m. (dinner or cocktails only) and 11:45 p.m. (cocktails).

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WASHINGTON (WNS) — Six national and regional leaders of the American Jewish Congress were arrested as they sang "Hatikvah" and other songs in Hebrew at the gate of the Soviet Embassy here. The demonstration took place after the AJCongress ended its national biennial convention, attended by some 500 delegates at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (WNS) — Uruguay's Foreign Minister told a B'nai B'rith forum here that although the South American country will open up to the Third World, his nation will not alter its friendship with Israel.



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