

# OF THE STARS



PROFESSIONAL AUDIO VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION's installation of new officers mixer at Botany's on E. Flamingo this coming Tuesday when DIANA ARD takes over as Prez and MR. LYNCH himself becomes 2nd veepo. Outgoing PAVCA prez JOHN NORTON will be honored in a short ceremony. I sincerely hope JOHN will be wearing more than his shorts.



Combination of Gathering of Eagles military convention of 14,000 and the Panasonic Golf Tournament which drew 45,000 last year and over 60,000 this year is expected to have an economic impact of \$28,000,000 in Southern Nevada. The Gathering of Eagles fun night at Bally Grand had CHUCK YEAGER on the hotseat roasted by PETE BARBUTTI, CORK PROCTOR, ARTIE BROOKS, CARL WAXMAN, MIKE NOON and JIMMY WALKER, a Saints & Sinners affair before 800 guests who paid \$25 per. The roasters let YEAGER have it with choice sex and scatological verbals as dozens of waitresses and fem bartenders present during dinner were dismissed during the roast...In final shooting here before leaving for Mexico, "Cinco Macos en Las Vegas" (Five Bums in Las Vegas) has the Frontier's bandleader AL ALVAREZ cast as the Dunes casino manager. Scenario and setting resembles "Oceans 11" - styled casino robbery. Film is produced by JUAN HERRERA of Victor Films S.A., directed by ALFRED CREVENNA with local personnel salting by Studio Casting. It's the first of a series of "Cinco Nacos" pix, bringing together five Mexican stars, LALO "EL MIMO," GUILLERMO RIVAS, LUIS de ALVA, SERGIO RAMOS and SERGIO CORONA.



List of signees for the new Las Vegas Hilton show policy include EDDIE MURPHY set for two concerts June 14-15 in Hilton Center, plus RODNEY DANGERFIELD and BILL COSBY. 20 other toplineers start with DONNA SUMMER May 23 after close of current "Bal du Moulin Rouge" May 18 starring VIC DAMONE & SCOTT RECORD. DANGERFIELD's date is June 23-29...They said it couldn't be done department: Two family members won \$250,000 jackpots within hours of each other at the Flamingo Hilton. Odds are astronomical on these family wins in such proximity, but HANAUE UEKI, legal secretary from Monterey Park, her daughter and son-in-law, CHERYL & WAYNE IDEMOTO -- he's a construc-

### "Tall Showdown" Result: No Decision

LAS VEGAS, NV. — The long-awaited resolution to the burning question of which Las Vegas production has the tallest showgirl was fulfilled this week with the FOLIES BERGERE and JUBILEE! contestants winding up in a 6'2-1/2" draw.

The controversy erupted some weeks ago when the MGM (now Bally's) Grand issued a routine publicity picture of their Jubilee! showgirl Sandara Fettes, describing her as the

town's tallest. The publicity department of the Tropicana Resort and Casino, miffed at this blatant invasion of their domain (for a year or more they had been sending out releases on their FOLIES BERGERE beauty Sonja Lubbers using that never-questioned title), immediately announced a challenge to all other productions for a "Tall Showdown" to be held in the Trop's Tiffany Theatre, home of the FOLIES. Sensing an old-

tion inspector for city of L.A. - hit their Pot-O-Gold machine after playing only 15 minutes.



MITZI SHORE's Comedy Store at the Dunes flings stageward comedians RONNY KENNEY, JOE NIPOTE, PAM MATTESON, JIMMY WALKER and DENNY JOHNSTON through Sunday...Meanwhile BUDD FRIEDMAN moves into his second week Monday at the Riviera Improv flaunting top-billed SINBAD, along with CAROL SISKIND & BILL MAHER & SANDY HACKETT. SANDY's dad BUDDY HACKETT is readying new words to pepper the old ones in his Caesars Palace week opening Friday with changer JAYE P. MORGAN. Hard to believe, but 10 years ago, BUDDY was veep of the Sahara and had his name in neon around the resort's tower -- time, temperature and HACKETT...Vegan LARRY HART opened his "Rocket of Love," featuring hats and original music Tuesday at the Roxy, down L.A. way...JEFF KUTASH's "Splash" in the Riviera's main showroom spots BUDDY GRECO Thursday through the 27th...ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz had tenor saxman AL COHN and trombonist CARL FONTANA for lures to the Four Queens' French Quarter. Tuesday, BUCK RAM's PLATTERS took on a month in the French Quarter, followed by a journey to Monte Carlo and Australia. Incidentally, all five PLATTERS and RAM are localites and reveal their thrall with Vegas via "Lovin,' Livin,' in Vegas," a recorded single written and produced by BUCK.

fashioned, fun-filled natural publicity stunt, the other hotel P.R. departments quickly responded and at the appointed time contestants in full costume showed up for the competition.

The Tropicana reached out to Los Angeles for some "judges" and brought in "Days of Our Lives" star Quinn Redeker, along with "Fantasy Island" actor Herve Villechaise who played Tattoo. ("Tall Showdown," get it?)

The pre-event attention by the media resulted in a crowd of some 500 who attended the activities and were treated to a just-for-laughs show.

"It was an idea whose time was ripe," commented Tropicana publicity man Alan Baer, who also emceed the affair. "We really didn't care who won, it was just a fun thing. The girls all had a good time, the audience loved it and we got some national exposure which was our prime objective in the first place."

What's next, guys, blackjack in your swimming pools?

The Landmark opened its new Nitecap lounge featuring musicomedy of EDDIE PEAK...Although ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK moves into Bally Grand's Celebrity Room Thursday for a week, there's a future for him at the Las Vegas Hilton Nov. 25 - Dec 1. Another Grandee has also skipped -- MAC DAVIS booked at the Hilton July 29 - Aug. 10...A new act for rounders to view is Tammy Graham at the Frontier's Wild Horse lounge opening Friday and continuing for the rest of the month...Another Graham, BONNIE by name is current in the Sahara's Casbar lounge, exiting on the 11th for DIANE ELLIS, then returning May 26 for three weeks...With the CRAIG HARRISON BAND in country sounds yahooing in the Hacienda's Bolero lounge through Sunday, exponent of the '50s and '60s ditties and doowops, DAVID ST. DAVID returns with his nostalgia May 12-18.



The mystery of the "To Be Announced" (TAB) non-announcement from the Las Vegas Hilton regarding the week of May 7-13 after exit of the McGUIRE SISTERS is solved. And it's good showbiz news! The JEFF McBRIDE SHOW is featured, with his new wave artistry combining drama and illusion, dance and mime, Kabuki theater and martial arts. He's an original performer, exciting with high-tech music background and fascinating lighting effects. The innovative visual theater group TRIPLEVISION is on the bill. Visual artists ALICE FARLEY, HERBIE LEITH & TED SHAPIRO introduce animation wonders with dazzling film and video effects integrated with unuaual light technology, drama and dance. McBRIDE was with the McGUIRES in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" until this past Sunday, now it's his time to headline. "Moulin Rouge" continues with VIC DAMONE & SCOTT RECORD May 14-18, then the star policy begins with DONNA SUMMER on May 23.



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