

LAS VEGAS SHOWGAS

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STRIP TRIPPIN'....BOBBY MORRIS' CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT agency has taken on an international flavor with the signing of one of Manila's top cafe attractions, **THE GOOD VIBERATIONS**. The Vibrations are being lined up for a multi-city package prior to their Las Vegas debut. The group - seven male musicians and one stunning Filipino girl singer - are currently winding commitments in the Philippine Islands and will head this way, via a date in Hawaii....Morris' other booking is the popular New Zealand Trading Company, opening this week at the Hotel Bonanza's Glitter Gulch. The Trading Company recently completed one of the **LONGEST** (3 1/2 years!) runs on the Playboy Club circuit....Busty beauty **JACKIE BEER**, lead nude dancer of the Thunderbird's "Geisha-Rella" has discovered the good humor of **THE GOOD HUMOR COMPANY'S JOE DANOVA**. Which makes locals wonder: last month Jackie was all set to announce her engagement to Aladdin maitre'd **ALLAN CHAPIN**....**THE KIM BROTHERS**, always one of the Flamingo's most popular groups, play a total of some 25 musical instruments in their act. The Korean born family of

musicians have discovered American sports, golf and bowling, and are becoming quite professional in their intra-family tournaments.... **LESLIE UGGAMS' L.A.** publicity firm didn't do the beautiful and talented Flamingo star any favor by having one of their own guys write a rave review for the local press. The regular critics and their somewhat more objective and reliable reviews were replaced by the pr man's superbly slanted superlatives!....**REGINE CARTIER & TIP KELLY** will be the lead singers-dancers in **BARRY ASHTON'S** new "Verve - It All Started With Eve" revue opening March 2 at the Union Plaza. Miss Cartier was here before in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere". Kelly, a New Yorker, is making his Strip debut....Singer-guitarist **J.J. MACK** is causing big excitement up north at Lake Tahoe's Lucky Lion cabaret. Mack, originally from Baton Rouge, has been playing club dates in all the Southern California beach towns since his discharge from the U.S. Marines a few short years ago. Manager **DICK LINKE**, who guided top stars like **JIM NABORS, ANDY GRIFFITH, RONNIE SCHELL**, etc., "discovered" J. J. and now plans to present him to all the right buyers and bookers for dates in L.A. and Las Vegas. A lucky break for J. J. and that's how stars are "born"....Speaking of Tahoe, "**BOTTOMS UP**", held over until March 25 at Harrah's, has been signed for an April 7 opening at The Losers Club in Dallas. This will be the first engagement for the group (that started at the Dallas) in their homestate in more than a dozen years. "**BU**" returns to the Flamingo Casino Theater in May....Skyrocket tv and movie star **SANDY DUNCAN** ("Funny Face", "The Star Spangled Girl") is set for a Vegas bow, opening April 6 with **ANTHONY NEWLEY** at Caesars Palace. **CAROL BURNETT**, originally skedded has to postpone her Strip return til later in the summer....In case you want to make


some **EXTRA EARLY** reservations, **TOM JONES** returns to the Palace, opening April 27 til May 17....Hilarious femme impressionist **LYNNE CARTER** opens March 2 at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Except for Carter's special limited engagement to open the Royal Las Vegas Casino showroom for a month, last October, this will be his first Vegas appearance in more than ten years! His last Vegas playdate was with **ELVIS PRESLEY** and **SAMMY DAVIS JR.** at the Old Old Frontier Hotel....

'ROUND TOWN....THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FEMALE and **THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MALE** are still being sought by producer **TERRY GORDON** for his upcoming "**THE NAKED SIN - The First Love Story Ever Created**" opening March 14 at the Royal Las Vegas. The new ultra-nude panoramic suite is being staged, choreographed and directed by **MARILYN CARROLL** with a narrative by **BILL NORVAS**. The suite is based on the epic epoch of Adam's creation to the expulsion from the Garden of Eden. There are several potential "Eves" under consideration but "Adam" is proving a little more difficult to cast. Gordon and Miss Carroll are auditioning for a "fair haired, nicely built, young male" who can dance and move....zany Strip favorite **RIP TAYLOR**, currently rippin' up the Sahara Casbar Theater, had **JOAN RIVERS, BOBBY DARIN, PAUL ANKA, JIM NABORS, JACK DeLEON, FRENCHY & MARTY ALLEN, RICK HARRIS & CANDY, THE GOOD HUMOR COMPANY, PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS, GAYLORD & HOLIDAY**, and dozens more of the Stripfolk community piling in to catch his new \$10,000 act. Rip tells the audience the price of each prop, joke and bit of very special material, and when he feels he isn't getting his money worth of laughs from the capacity crowds, Rip has a fit, throws a tantrum, cries, berates the audience, and starts another round of pandemonium going!!!....**ANN-MARGRET** comes back, with or without an Oscar for her stunning "Carnal Knowledge" portrayal, to the Hilton-International. The Academy Awards nominations will be announced this month, the winners will be announced April 10....Anyone interested in learning Italian language should contact **ELIZABETH OLSON** at 878-5184. Mrs. Olson's group, with both evening and weekend classes, culminates their studies with a three week trek to Italy in the fall.... Columnist-tv personality **JOE DELANEY** will be Talent Coordinator for the upcoming **EASTER SEALS TELETHON**, emanating this year from the Sahara Space Center on March 25-26. Already pencilled in for guestings: **ROBERT GOULET, LYNNE CARTER, ALAN KING, FAY MCKAYE, FRANKIE LAINE, and TOTIE FIELDS**. More to come; contact Joe to get on the all-day, all-night talent line up for a very worthy cause....

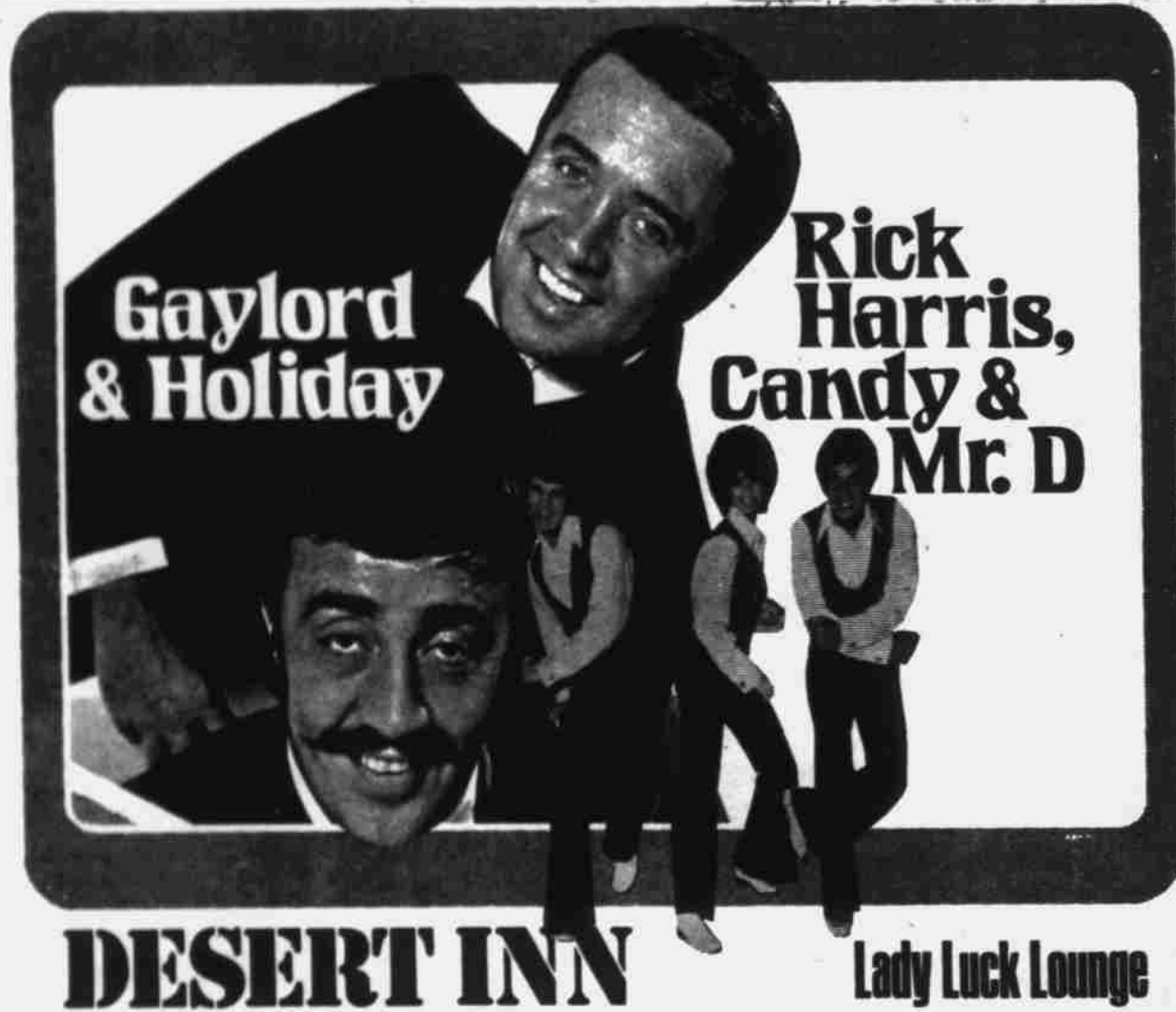
LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE....Bigger and better things in store for the popular RICK HARRIS, CANDY & MR D group winding at the Desert Inn Lady Luck Lounge; the group debuts next at Chicago's The Castaways, with dates set for Denver, New Orleans, San Francisco and a Vegas return to follow....Choreographer **AL GOSSAN** back in town for a few days visit, after several months in Hawaii, heads next for the BrBanff Centre of Performing Arts in Alberta, Canada. Gossan will be on the staff for the summer semester....Singer- impressionist **JIM BAILEY** now in Hawaii for a four week debut at the plush **C'EST BON** of the Waikiki Pagoda Hotel....**PETE BARBUTTI**, in a rare Vegas date, opens March 6 at the Sahara Casbar....**SHECKY GREENE** back at the Riviera on April 19....**JACK E. LEONARD** who ends his mainroom stint with **THE SUPREMES** at the Frontier on Feb. 23, opened last night in the Frontier's Circle F Theater....**PAUL ANKA & JOAN RIVERS** racking up tremendous showcounts for their current teaming at Caesars Palace. Paul now ranks as one of Caesars top-drawing attractions along with **ANDY WILLIAMS, TOM JONES, etc.**....Joan, who "belongs" to the Hughes Hotel chain, returns to the Desert Inn with **ABBE LANE** in August....

WEEKEND WANDERERS....MARTY ALLEN & LESLIE UGGAMS at the Flamingo....The one of a kind **DON RICKLES**, he of the sabre-toothed tongue, at the Riviera....

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