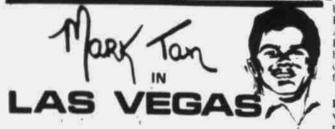




stumbling block.



STRIP HOPPING DON'T MISS: at the Hilton Casino Theater, the enthralling and exciting MISS LEE MEZA now appearing for one very special week DON'T MISS: in the Hilton Internationale showrooms, the electrifying SHIRLEY BASSEY who's a showstopper extraordinaire! Shirley's "I, Capricorn" and "Excuse Me" are just two of the Best of Bassey....DON'T MISS: the daily afternoon giggler, Breck Wall & Joe Peterson's "BOTTOMS UP" at the Flamingo Casino Theater (at 2 & 4). You'll have a problem deciding which sketch or bit is your favorite: COOPER NEAL, DEEDA HYMES & BRECK WALL in "The Maggot and the Marigolds"; JAN SUTTON, DAVID HARRIS, ROB BARRON & COOPER NEAL as the singing rages of the rockin 1950's 'Ozell Davis and the B.J. Boppers', or BETTY WALDRON, HARRIS & BARRON in the uncensored "Romeo and Juliet" are among the several dozen patches that make up the crazy quilt laughathon...DON'T MISS Zany, unpredictable and uncontrollable RIP TAYLOR now screaming the house down at the Sahara Casbar Theater. Taylor's latest riotious raid includes "Telegrams That Never Got Delivered" (i.e. To General Custer: Your transfer to the Coast Guard has been approved"). Taylor's tailored tale of the South Pacific in a hula skirt, and a hour more of Rip's special brand of insanity including his "Twas The Night Before (hristmas" parody on losing his hair....
CELEBRITY CIRCUS....ED SULLIVAN. SERGIO

FRANCHI, PAUL ANKA, and HAL BATES (Editor of The Hollywood Reporter) among the packed first-house greeting ANDY WILLIAMS & THE LENNON SISTERS at Caesars Palace. MARTY & FRENCHY ALLEN, RIP TAYLOR, singers-dancers RAY CHABLAU & STEVE LARDAS (here with DEBBIE at the Desert Inn), and members of the press like BILLBOARD'S LAURA DENI SUZANNE VEGAS, JOE DELANEY, FORREST DUKE. and critic-schoolteacher MARGUERITE RITTENDALE in the Lee Meza opening at the Hilton. Speaking of SUZANNE VEGAS, the colorful dancer-columnist has been signed as lead dancer for the upcoming Minsky revue starring MARTHA RAYI. The show will open in the east for a round of theater dates. Luscious NORMA RIYIS now with her own act tafter lead spots at Caesars Palace. the Desert Inn, and most recently MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S "LATIN FIRE" at the T-Bird) hows her solo revue in Aruba this month. Norma is also

being eyed by producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN for a 'new star' showcasing in their "CATCH A RISING STAR" opening Sept. 19 at the N.Y. Americana Hotel in The Royal Box.... Same show, same producers signed CASHEARS and Australian comedienne-impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS for the first

JUST ASKING, BUT HAVE YOU HEARD that DEAN MARTIN is being pitched to return to Vegas, and will get, after all, his demanded schedule of one show per night?? Last time Martin asked for that schedule, he left the Riviera in a huff and minus his 10% interest.....that CARROLL O'CONNOR switches to the Tropicana Hotel for his next Vegas outing, sometime in mid-summer '73??...that delightful JOAN RIVERS and husband EDGAR ROSENBERG are trying what they call "separate vacations" but Hollywood columnists insist upon tagging as one way tickets to splitsville? Joan has also been set to co-headline with TRINI LOPEZ at the Desert Inn in March 73....that BOBBY VINTON moves into headliner status with his Flamingo debut on Dec. 7, with MYRON COHEN??....that despite all his concert successes, impressionist JIM BAILEY has been unable to get booked for a Vegas hotel? Bailey's demands are reportedly the

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The Sands Copa Room one of the world's most famous niteries, will have a gala re-opening, Wed., Sept. 13 th, after an extensive refurbishing program. Sands superstar Danny Thomas will headline.

Joining the popular entertainer, and making her Las Vegas debut, will be Lorna Luft, daughter of the late Judy Garland. Showbiz veterans feel Miss Luft has inherited mother's great song quality, and predict stardom for the 19-year-old songstress.

The Copa Room has been the home of the greatest names in show business and was instrumental in establishing Las Vegas as the entertainment capital of the world. In the past two decades more than 10 million people have passed through the room's portals and stands as an all-time record.

The new decor will enhance the room with a unique but subdued color scheme, and a soft architectural lighting system. Even so, it still retains the same inti-



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macy has enjoyed since its original opening. Singers and comedians alike have heralded the Copa Room as the most effective room for reaching an audience.



ROUND TOWN.....RIC MITCHELL'S 10th ANNUAL HALLOWE'EN BALL will be held as usual this year. Mitchell is now Artistic Director at the Lansing Civic Ballet in Michigan and has two Ric Mitchell Schools of Dance in full swing. Ric long-distanced to say he'll be getting the October frolic underway sometime this month with a group of associates in Las Vegas. Ric himself will only be able to fly in a few days prior to the not-to-be-missed showfolk party of the year!....ROBERT GOULET (a big hit at last year's Hallowe'en Ball at the Stardust) will again be in town. In fact Robert will be in and around town from September 21 (when he opens at the Frontier) to Nov. I (when he opens at the Sands) to December when he's skedded to either return to the Frontier or open at the Desert Inn....THE OSMOND BROTHERS will have - of all the possible co-star acts - THE GOLDDIGGERS when they headline next at Caesars Palace (opening Sept. 28). Should be quite a mishmash with the Osmonds selling their clean cut innocence and naivete while the Diggers come thumping

DESMOND opening Sept. 18....
BITS & PIECES.....The Flamingo's femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER makes his Canadian debut next at the Beverly Hill Hotel in Toronto...."LATIN FIRE '73" at the Thunderbird making a strong big for the tourist trade and a hit with the locals...Do Drop In: JOE DELANEY's nightly radio broadcasts from the Landmark Hotel piano bar lounge, from 5 to 7 p.m. Personalities from all fields plus Strip celebs in for the free-for-all chatter PHYLLIS DILLER returns next to the Sands opening Oct. 4. Same night. NANCY SINATRA opens at the Riviera...."CABARET" opening at the Union Plaza on Sept. 26 is

down with their liard sell, frenetic package of oomph. It'll be more like "Andy Hardy Meets Sadie Thompson". Comedian GEORGE KIRBY will be in the middle- man

between the acts....The Fremont Hotel will return to a name-star policy with GEORGE GOBEL and JOHNNY

still without an announced star for the Sally Bowles role WEEKEND WANDERERS....MARTY ALLEN & LESLIE UGGAMS at the Flamingo...BOBBY DARIN & SHIRLEY BASSEY at the Hilton....DEBBIE'S at the Desert Inn....JACQUELINE DOUGUET stars in the Circus Circus opus "Love Connection".... The very talented and very funny lady, SANDRA "BROWN SUGAR" ALEXANDER at the Dunes' new casino har ...





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