

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

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manager. Jeannie last here in the Desert Inn's "Pzazz" and a recent edition of the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" is partnered in her new venture with her husband-arranger-conductor TONY COSTA

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....RAQUEL WELCH at the Hilton in her worldwide nitery debut.....JOEY

HEATHERTON in her headline debut at Caesars Palace with the stunning Las Vegas Style edition of SHIPSTAD & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES '73.....TOTIE FIELDS and, in their mainroom bow, KENNY ROGERS & THE FIRST EDITION at the Riviera....PHYLLIS DILLER & JERRY VALE at the Sands....

**STRIP CHATTER.....**JEB STUART, the singer-dancer who's been on a hiatus from show biz while getting his Regency Swimming Pool business underway here, returns to the greasepaint as one of the two featured males with CASS ELLIOTT in her new nitery act. Cass opens here on February 22 with MARTY ALLEN at the Flamingo Hotel, and will have a short break-in date of her act in Pittsburgh next month....Belated Happy Birthday to RIP TAYLOR who'll be back on the Strip, at the Sahara Casbar Theatre in mid-February. Meantime, Rip has just completed a co-starring role on an upcoming comedy tv pilot, will be seen this month as a guest presenter and entertainer on the Ed Sullivan AGVA Entertainer Awards telecast, tapes another "Laugh In" guesting this week, and heads for a 10 day engagement at the Playboy Club in Chicago. Other than that, the Ripper's doesn't have a thing to do!.....KAY BALLARD whose name keeps popping up as coming back to a Strip hotel, opens next month at the St. Regis Hotel in New York. Kay has the top slot signed, sealed and delivered if and when the producers get the musical life story of Molly Goldberg on the Broadway boards; at last reports the availability of a theater in New York was causing the delay....JOAN RIVERS, opening March 20 with TRINI LOPEZ at the Desert Inn, returns to the Beverly Hills Ye Little Club this month to work on new material for her upcoming Feb. 16 bow at the Deauville Hotel in Miami and the D.I. date....At the President's request, NAT BRANDWYNNE, conductor of the Caesars Palace orchestra, will play at the January 20 Inaugural Ball. Also on the program of entertainers will be FRANK SINATRA, BOB HOPE, VIKKI CARR and SAMMY DAVIS JR.....

**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO THE STRIP?.....**Hilarious femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER who does dynamite biz whenever he plays here, returns to the Flamingo Casino Theater opening March 1. Carter's uncanny Marlene Dietrich, Bette Davis, Pearl Bailey, etc. will be joined this trip by a couple of new characters of Carter's invention. His all-star galaxy, incidentally, will be decked out in new wardrobes and alot of new material although Bette Davis' rendition of "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey" will be hard to top!.....BILLY DANIELS headlines at the Hilton Casino Theater opening March 7.....Caesars Palace turns on its full star power with DIANA ROSS returning Feb. 1, ANDY WILLIAMS on March 1, THE OSMOND BROTHERS on March 22, and TOM JONES set for May 24....ANN-MARGRET just back from breaking records with her all new revue in Miami, returns to the Hilton on February 24. ELVIS opens Jan. 26.....

**VEGAS FACTS AND FICTION.....**It's pure FICTION, according to a highly reliable source, that BARBRA STREISAND is planning to change hotels from the Hilton to the Tropicana. As a matter of fact, Barbra has been so busy making movies, she hasn't even set a date for Hilton return engagement and missed 1972 almost entirely (her last engagement here was a Christmas-New Year's date in 1971-72)....It's still all FICTION that any of the major Strip hotels have been able to meet the terms of a handful of super-superstars for Vegas outings in '73. Among the hard-to-get-luminaries you can include MARI FNF DIETRICH, JULIE ANDREWS, JACKIE GLEASON, BOB HOPE, DORIS DAY, FLIP WILSON.....JULIET PROWSE & JAN MURRAY - who give way on Jan. 23 to BOBBIE GENTRY at the Desert Inn Crystal Room - have been reteamed for a return engagement opening in April and another in September....Producer LINE RENAUD'S "FANTASIES OF LOVE" opens this month at the Playboy Club-Hotel in Miami. Producer Renaud heads back to Paris shortly after the "Fantasies" opening to resume tapings of her series of variety specials....Popular songbird MONICA MYERS, a longtime "in crowd" favorite here moves out to the Strip this month to showcase her new nitery act. Monica's first date will be at the newly refurbished showroom at the new Hacienda Hotel.....Singer JEANNIE COSTA has a brand new career aborning as a personal



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