

★ LAS VEGAS ★

'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

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STRIP CHIPS.....MICKEY, LARRY & THE EXCITERS, the Philadelphia group that played here a few months back at the Hilton Casino Theater, are currently at Harrah's Reno. The flashy and funny group is awaiting the release of their first record on the Brunswick label, due out this month, and are negotiating an early return to the Strips scene.....**JACKIE GAYLE**, now back at the Sahara Casbar Theater for a month, is one of the first announced stars signed for the new MGM Grand Hotel's "Lion's Den" lounge facility. Jackie, The Tiger of Comedy, who just opened the new Century City Playboy Club in L.A., will be one of the Lion's Den's first headliners with **FABIAN, LOU RAWLS & CARMEN McCRAE** also penned for the Grand....Speaking of MGM, the big Donn Arden extravaganza opening, tentatively, in January, has the working title of "Hollywood! Hollywood!" which is also the title of a Ross Hunter film scheduled for 1974 filming with an all star cast headed by **MITZI GAYNOR, CAROL BURNETT & LUCILLE BALL.....MITZI GAYNOR**, the October 5 star opening the new Tropicana Superstar Theater, will reportedly be preceded by a special one week engagement of **SAMMY DAVIS JR.** a Tropicana co-owner who still owes some weeks to the Hughes Organization. Sammy is also scheduled to play off more of his Hughes pact at the Sands opening Nov. 28.....

'ROUND TOWN.....Movie star **JAMES DARREN**, who returns to the Sahara Congo Room on Oct. 24 with **BUDDY HACKETT**, opens this week at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club, and flies directly to London for his Sept. 24 debut at the posh Talk of the Town. Darren, now recording again for MGM Records, has three new singles into the final mixing for release this fall..... **THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS**, now featured in the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes Hotel, will be one of the first guest stars on the new NBC-TV musical variety series "Follies" airing this fall with Sammy Davis Jr. starring.

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....An absolutely herculean job was done by **JERRY LEWIS** and his hundreds of helpers for the 1974 **JERRY LEWIS TELETHON FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATIONS OF AMERICA**, held over Labor Day from the Sahara Space Center. Jerry came on singing, dancing and clowning - several hundred stars, twenty hours and more than **TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS** later, Jerry was as exuberant and energetic as ever tap dancing his way to an emotion charged finale. A magnificent effort!

STRIP HOPPING.....RIP TAYLOR, now headlining at the

Stardust Hotel's lounge (the first comic star in the hotel's history) is playing to capacity funseekers nightly with his new collection of hilarious and unpredictable zania. Taylor is at his funniest when he's at his most frantic, attacking the audience with as much fervor as he attacks his own act (and spells out the cost of his props, special material, musical parodies, and famous people souvenirs). Rip will be rippin' up the Stardust Lounge until Sept. 20; don't miss him!..... Glamorous **JACKIE HOUSTON**, the exotic "Miss Velvet" in Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque" is the showstopper with her scented oils, flashing fires, and voodoo gyrations. When she's not "working" as the sexy sizzler type, Miss Houston is seriously pursuing (and resuming) her career as a singer.....Beautiful **BOBBIE GENTRY** making her first appearance at the Frontier Hotel. As usual, Bobbie's new show is a musical marathon with lavish production numbers, funny sketches, and a touch down or two in a couple of dozen musical eras from the 1920's to the present.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....TOM JONES at Caesars Palace.....**TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE** at the Thunderbird.....**SHIRLEY BASSEY** at the Las Vegas Hilton.....**THE FLYING FERCO**s featuring **TONY & FERDINAND FERCO**, the exciting **ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS**, and the hilarious **REYCARDS** are the featured specialty stars in the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes; **MILO & ROGER, THE JOLLY JOVERS, THE RIOS**, and multi-voiced **DICK WESTON** are likewise at the Stardust's "Lido de Paris".....**JOAN RIVERS** returns to the Sahara Congo Room on Sept. 11.



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