



THE ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS, ON & OFF-STAGE VIGNETTESLIZA MINNELLI, winner for the second consecutive year of the Female Star of the Year. dashing in from the airport, late for the start of the show but in time to make her presentation. Liza stayed over to celebrate her award and the awards given to her chums at the Stardust's "Bare Touch of Vegas" (Revue of the Year, Male Performer (ROGER MINAMI) of the Year, and Show Band (JIMMY PACKARD) of the Year, JACKIE GAYLE, selected as Lounge Star of the Year, was one of the most popular winners, and also one of the most touching as he dedicated his winning to the memory of the late DICK KANELLIS, the entertainment director who gave Gayle his running start in Las Vegas by booking him into the Aladdin mainroom a few years back Producer FRANK SENNES on hand to accept the award for SHOW OF THE YEAR, the Stardust's "Lido de Paris", winner for the third consecutive year... "Lido" singer-dancer WAYNE ALBRITTON, the show's first winner in this year's new category Ensemble Boy of the Year. DEBE PACKARD, Ensemble Girl, unable to attend was represented by "Folies Bergere" lead dancer, JANELLE URBINA....Stars of a string of "Tarzan" epics, JOHNNY WEISSMULLER & GORDON SCOTT, both soon to be Las Vegas residents, made a special guesting as presenters.... Male Star of the Year, a three time winner, SAMMY DAVIS JR, graciously credits Sands-star WAYNE NEWTON as being responsible. for the jump in ratings in Sammy's just renewed "NBC Follies" tver. Sammy hosted the awards and was, as always, a superlative, charming, funny, warm and masterful emcec. His interest and support of the annual awards added to the growing stature and importance of the event in the entertainment world....Backstage huddles and hello-ing: JIM BACKUS, JAMES DARREN, SHECKY GREENE. MEL TORME, Hughes Hotels entertainment director WALTER KANE, WAYNE NEWTON, Awards producer BRECK WALL (commuting from Harrah's Reno where his second company of "Bottoms Up" is playing to SRO crowds and rave reviews), producer MATT GREGORY and choreographer JERRY NORMAN (whose "Fancy That" production numbers were the featured entertainment at the Awards), and dozens of friends from Strip shows....Thunderbird star MEL TORME giving a plug for his T-Bird JOE BERLINGERI orchestra for next year's awards, and presenting the final award of the 3rd annual presentation....Spotted in the more than 1100 mostly-performers crowd in the audience at the Tropicana mostly-performers crowd in the audience at the Tropicana Superstar Theater: THE BERNARD BROTHERS, TOMMY MOE RAFT, JILLIAN & MITCH HRUSHOWY, BOB ANDERSON, TOMMY DEERING, THE FLYING FERCOS, PETER ANTHONY, BARRY MONROE, PAT GILL, JOYCE ROBERTS, SIG & GINA SAKOWICZ, SUZANNE VEGAS, JAC FLOWERS, HEATHER VICTORSON, THE JOLLY JOVERS, STEVIE DANIK, "BOTTOMS Cooper Neal, Deeda Hymes, Alicia Irwin, Suzanne Buhrer, Jan Sutton, Rob Barron, Ralph Shoemaker, and David Harris - UP", and dozens more.....

IN A JAM, CALL COVILLO Special mention to Miss MARII COVILLO, one of the unsung but overworked behind-the-scenes girls 'round town. Marie is a secretary-coordinator- Girl Friday type whose dilligence. attention to details, and organization helped make the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards and the Beaux Art Hallowe'en Ball get off the ground with such efficiency. A super-co-ordinator, Marie's multi-talents range all the way from compiling lists for the Entertainment ballots, coordinating mailing: distributing tickets, posters; contacting talent, press, managers, agents, printers, etc.; organizing sound, light, wardrobe, security, seating, reservations, and a thousand and one other tasks that have no titles but just need to be done! Congratulations on many jobs all well done!.....

STRIP CHATTER Stars and Strip acts being set for the November 9 St. Jude's Nite of Stars. Columnists FORREST DUKE (Review Journal) and JOE DELANEY (L.V. Sun) are the producers-directors. The star studded charity event

is for the St. Jude's Ranch for Children in Boulder City Get your tickets early!....Local tax whiz, JOE CAMPANELLA back from his summer hiatus and reopening his Vegas offices for the deluge of 1973 income tax clients. Campanella does financial counselling, income tax and business manager functions for many strip performers, acts and businesses....Up in smoke are all those rumors that MARLENE DIETRICH & BURT BACHARACH would make a joint appearance on the Strip. Bacharach is signed to the Riviera Hotel in '74, and Miss Dietrich has no immediate plans to return to Las Vegas....New tale 'round town is that ANN MILLER is being wooed to make an appearance either in her own act or as star of an off-Broadway production show. Same story with stars like BURT LANCASTER, ARLENE DAHL, JANET LEIGH, JANE POWELL, YVONNE DECARLO, and BURT REYNOLDS....Whatever happened to the to the latest horseracing facility, LAS VEGAS DOWNS???....JOEY HEATHERTON, now at the Riviera, will be singing and dancing her way thru Christmas and New Year's at the El San Juan in Puerto Rico. Joey returns the Riv in January with DON RICKLES JACK CARTER, back from the CONNIE STEVENS-KUILIMA HOTEL tennis tourney in Hawaii, jetted in to replace The Staple Family Singers for the last three days with Harry Belafonte at Caesars....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Photographer (After Dark t-choreographer DON BRADBURN carrying a double workloa! these days. Don's auditioning male dancers and staging the new Bobbie Gentry Show, opening in December at the Desert Inn, and is also seeking male and female models for an upcoming Las Vegas feature story in "After Dark" magazine... Choreographer JERRY JACKSON auditioning male and female singers-dancers for a new revue ...Producer BARRY ASHTON in town to audition for his new "This is Burlesque" revue opening December 27 at the Aladdin and his Dec. 20 opening "Revue Royale de Paris" at the San Juan-Americana. Lead nude dancer MARYA LINI RO signed for the Puerto Rico show, Principals and cast for the Aladdin to be announced this week....ABBI LANI returns to the Desert Inn with a new act, and a new musical director, GI-ORGI-WILKINS, opening Nov. 6 with FRANKII LAINE, JIM BAILLY makes his first Strip engagement in many many months, headlining next at the Thunderbird opening Nov. 8....MARILYN ROBERTSON (last year's Female Performer of the Year) showcases her all new solo act later this month for Strip buyers, agents, etc. Marilyn's new act was written by this year's Female Performer of the Year winner, SUZANNI BUHRER, one of the stars of the long running Breck Wall-Joe Peterson "BOTTOMS UP" frolic at Circus Circus.....Movie star-singer JAMES DARREN, who just closed at the Sahara. set for at least two more return dates with Sahara superstar BUDDY HACKETT, Darren returns, first, in November, and again in January......

DECEMBER DOODLINGS & DOINGSDec. 4: BOBBIE GENTRY at the Desert Inn Dec. 5: the opening of the magnificent new MGM GRAND HOTEL with DEAN MARTIN in the mainroom, & JACKIE GAYLE & BOBBY RYDELL in the Lion's Den.....Dec. 6: ROBERT GOULET back to the Frontier Hotel.....Dec. 7: DIONNE WARWICKe & JOEL GREY at the Riviera and Dec. 11:



LIONEL HAMPTON AT STARDUST

the "Vibes President," and "Good Will Amba-Lionel Hampton is the current attraction at Las Vegas' famed Stardust Hotel.

The "Hamp", the globe, has been re- new talent to steer along presenting the U.S. That's nightly at the the newest title for the

lifetime

Often referred to as having opened the Lionel Hampton Homes in Harlem, a 29-story building ssador," the fabulous dedicated to housing for low income families, and erecting of a Lionel Hampton University, Harlem's first college.

After more than four has been appearing with decades of professional his band in virtually all music-making, Lionel the far-flung corners of Hampton is still finding

State Department, But Stardust Hotel along with his 14-piece band, King of the Vibes and vocalist Valarie Carr, Master of the Drums, and Sandman Dancer, is the "Dream Howard Simms. The Builder." "Hamp" show is at Hamp is realizing a the Stardust through dream now November 22.

the brand new ANN-MARGRET SHOW with gueststars DOC SEVERINSEN & GABRIEL KAPLAN in a special holiday attraction at the Tropicana Superstar Theater

WILKIND WANDERERS....ANTHONY NEWLEY at Caesars Palace with ALAN KING....MEL TORME & JACKIE GAYLE, the "hot" show at the Thunderbird PHYLLIS DILLIR & BILLY ECKSTINE. a super twosome at the Frontier.....Country favorites GLEN CAMPBELL at the Hilton, ROY CLARK at the Sands, JIMMY DEAN at the Desert Inn....And by all means, see one or all of the world famous Las Vegas spectaculars, see one or all of the world famous Las Vegas spectaculars, the "Lido de Paris" at the Stardust featuring MILO & ROGER, THE JOLLY JOVERS, DICK WESTON, & THE RIOS, the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana starring MIle, AUDREY ARNO, GUS AUGSPURG & HIS GIRL FRIENDS; and "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes starring MARC ANTHONY and featuring THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS (winners of the PRODUCTION ACT OF THE VEAR award). THE REVCARDS THE FLYING FERCOS YEAR award), THE REYCARDS, THE FLYING FERCOS, BARRY MONROE (Male Performer of the Year nominee). and THE RUPERT KISSING BEARS

