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## 'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

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**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**"Tonight Show" announced ED McMAHON 'round town, and in to see the new Tropicana Superstar Theater where he'll be making his Las Vegas debut on Nov. 23. Ed's been prepping for the occasion with a round of "break in" engagements for various clubs and organizations in and around L.A. People who don't know will be surprised by McMahon's musical talents; he's toured several summers with Broadway musicals like "The Music Man" .....Delightfully zany comedienne JEANNINE BURNIER back in town at the Sahara with Jim Nabors' show. Jeannine, a fulltime housewife and mother, bases her comedy tales on real-life adventures and her pre-occupation with "keeping up" with the younger generation. Quips Jeannine, "I no sooner blossomed, when I went to pot". Miss Burnier who toured last year with Johnny Mathis, has been on the road with Nabors and just closed at Harrah's Reno.....Gorgeous ABBE LANE, now a smash at the Desert Inn with her newest nitery act, will be bringing a brand new show with her when she returns to the D.I. in February with Jack Carter. Abbe's continually expanding repertoire now includes Latin, pop, gospel, blues, nostalgia, contemporary hits, and a delicious rendition of "The Last Blues Song".....At the Hilton Casino Theater, seven - count 'em seven - Miss Black California beauty contestants are joined together in a lively musical revue called The Love Machine. The septet of beauties are from all over the U.S. and have been playing nightclubs in Paris, Rome, Monte Carlo, Spain and Tokyo. Their current stint is their second Las Vegas appearance. The Machine's members are KATHY BRADLEY (Girard, Ohio), BERNICE GIVENS (Omaha, Nebraska), RENEE GENTRY (Los Angeles), PAULETTE GIPSON (New York City), SHEILA DEAN (Houston, Texas), MARY HOPKINS (Denver, Colorado) and SANDRA SULLY (Richmond, Virginia) .....SINATRA at CAESARS PALACE, Jan. 25.....Dynamic young singing star LELAND STANFORD SCOTT returns to his Vegas-home base, the Sahara Casbar Theater on Nov. 20. If you've missed him before, you're in for a treat. The handsome tune-tosser has showstoppers in his brilliant "Jesus Christ, Superstar" medley and his selections from the rock opera "Tommy".....STEVE & EYDIE returning to Caesars Palace on Nov. 22 will be presented, officially, with their award as top musical variety act in the recent Las Vegas Entertainment Awards voting.....

**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**Popular comedienne ELMARIE WENDELL ("Vive Les Girls", "This Is Burlesque") off to the Windy City to start a Milwaukee-Chicago to Miami tour with a new revue co-starring producer-singer BOB STRADA and exotic Lily Charisse.....Designer JERRY SKEELS in town to supervise the wardrobe, and last minute changes of singer-impressionist JIM BAILEY now at the Thunderbird. Skeels has been designing for Bailey's Judy-Barbra-Phyllis impressions for more than a year; some of his creations are featured on the cover shot of Jim's latest "Live from Carnegie Hall" album for United Artists. Accompanying Jerry this trip is wife, actress-singer VIRGINIA JAEGER, well known to local showgoers for her several Strip appearances including "Flower Drum Song", "Sound of Music", etc. Memo to producer MAYNARD SLOATE: Miss Jaeger is a perfect Dolly Levi candidate for your upcoming "Hello, Dolly" production at the Union Plaza.....Singer BILLY DARE, who has a lot of friends in Vegas and in show business, is now appearing nightly at the new Alberto's in Los Angeles.....DANE WEAVER, back from San Francisco where his new musical group, SUNFLIGHT made its initial appearance with ROBERT GOULET at the Fairmont Hotel. Dane, who has a residence in Las Vegas,



**FRANKIE LAINE, ONE OF THE NATION'S GREATEST ALL-TIME RECORDING ARTIST AND RECORD-SELLER, AND THE RAVISHING RED-HAIRED ABBE LANE, NOW PLAYING A FOUR-WEEK ENGAGEMENT AT THE DESERT INN & COUNTRY CLUB, BOTH ENTERTAINERS HAVE APPEARED PREVIOUSLY AT THE DESERT INN BUT NEVER TOGETHER. FRANKIE HAS GATHERED 14 GOLD RECORDS, SINCE HIS FIRST HIT, "THAT'S MY DESIRE", IN 1947.**

making the showrounds and visiting Strip chums, has a flurry of bids for Sunlight for their Strip debut in '74.....Speaking of song & dance groups, what has become of such Strip favorites as BILL HUDNUT & THE CELEBRATION?? THE ESTABLISHMENT?? THE UNUSUAL WE?? THE FIRM OF HODGES, JAMES & SMITH?? THE PROMISES??..... Singer FRANKIE RANDALL has written the "official" Las Vegas song, as selected by the Public Relations Association of Las Vegas. It's titled "Hello, Vegas" and was selected out of more than 200 entries in the PRA's search for a suitable tune to be used for convention sales hotel host functions, and wherever a Las Vegas theme song might be needed. Fair is fair, and singer-composer Randall should be getting first crack at recording the new tune.....Song & dance men RAY CHABEAU & LARRY MASSIY, both who've appeared up and down the Strip in shows and with various headliners, now with the "Ragtime Follies" of Tony Orlando and Dawn at the Riviera..... CAESARS PALACE/SINATRA/JAN. 25..... MITZI GAYNOR now at the Latin Casino in Cherry Hill, N.J. will take a brief Hawaiian holiday with husband JACK BEAN when she winds her tour after Thanksgiving. As soon as she returns from the 50th State, Mitzi starts taping her new television special "Mitzi and the American Housewife" which will be airing in February.....

**STRIP CHATTER.....**DICK LANE, longtime associate of Andy Griffith-Jim Nabors manager DICK LINKE, is the new Entertainment Director for the Hilton Nevada Hotels (Las Vegas Hilton & Flamingo). FORRESTER MASHBIR continues as Hilton Nevada Operations Entertainment Coordinator with offices at the Flamingo Hotel.....THE FOUR TOPS, MYRON COHEN & singer JOHN McNALLY open at the Las Vegas Hilton Dec. 3 thru the 20th.....JAMES DARREN signed to appear with BUDDY

HACKETT at the Sahara Congo Room for Hackett's next two dates: opening Nov. 27 and again on Jan. 10. Between the Hackett havoc will be JERRY LEWIS and newly signed Sahara pactee MEL TORME, Dec. 27-Jan. 9.....That eye catching redhead swathed in feathers 'round town is none other than our own dancer-columnist SUZANNE VEGAS. The Queen of Feather Boas, Suzanne was at the Jack Benny-Pearl Bailey opening at the Tropicana in elegant black boa, at the Hallowe'en Beaux Art Ball draped in brilliant red boa; at Jim Bailey's T-Bird opener in turquoise boa; and in to catch Glen Campbell at the Las Vegas Hilton in a traffic stopping orange. The boa touch has become Suzanne's trademark.....Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMAN will have the top two Top Bananas of Burlesque as the co-stars of their Dec. 27th opening new edition of "THIS IS BURLESQUE" at the Aladdin Hotel TOMMY "MOE" RAFT (now starring in "Minsky's" at the Fremont) and current "This is" comedy star IRV BENSON will head the new cast with singer LON FONTAINE, dancer JIMMY ROGERS, and featured exotic star DENISE MONTEGO. The new edition is being choreographed by JIM TAYLOR.....Hear tell that the Hilton Hotel is trying to persuade its super-est superstar BARBRA STREISAND to make a special limited appearance for the Christmas-New Year's period. Barbra, absolutely BRILLIANT in her new film with ROBERT REDFORD "The Way We Were" (now at the Fox Charleston) is so busy with new movies she'll be difficult if not impossible to get. Barbra has the sequel to "Funny Girl" titled "Funny Lady" coming up next on her busy agenda.....Happy to hear that PEARL BAILEY was able to return to her co-star spot with Jack Benny at the Tropicana Superstar Theater after her sudden collapse last week. Just finished reading Pearl's "TALKING TO MYSELF" - inspirational, provocative, entertaining and a rare peak at the human being behind the star power.....SINATRA - JAN. 25 - CAESARS PALACE.....SHECKY GREENE currently winding his Riviera engagement and his last appearance at that hotel, will have tv's "Jeannie". BARBARA EDEN costarring on his first MGM GRAND HOTEL engagement opening Dec. 19.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, winners of the Production Act of the Year Award, now in the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes. The Gauchos guested this past week on the Merv Griffin Show from Caesars Palace, and spent ten minutes teaching their host the art of bolo twirling and knife dancing.....WAYNE NEWTON at the Sands.....ABBE & FRANKIE (Lane and Laine) at the Desert Inn.....TONY ORLANDO & DAWN in their mainroom debut at the Riviera.....Hawaiian superstar DON HO at the Flamingo with his colorful, funny and always unpredictable Polynesian revue.....

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