

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

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**LAS VEGAS**



**LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....**Don't miss the sensational newcomer **LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III**, now at the Sahara Casbar Theater. The electrifying young star's renditions of "Gethesemane", "Pin Ball Wizard", "Bojangles", etc. help pave the way to his next big jump up the ladder of stardom....The MGM Grand Hotel's spectacular new spectacle, **Donn Arden's "HALLELUJAH, HOLLYWOOD"** has been postponed til early '74. The cast has been given two weeks vacation from rehearsals while the showroom, the Ziegfeld, is being completed....That January Week of Superstars keeps growing bigger and brighter; **MARTY ALLEN** returns to the Flamingo Jan. 24; **FRANK SINATRA** at Caesars Palace Jan. 25; **ELVIS PRESLEY** at the Hilton Jan. 26; **TOTIE FIELDS** at the Sahara Jan. 28; **LIZA MINNELLI** at the Riviera Jan. 30; and **SERGIO FRANCHI & JOAN RIVERS** at the MGM Grand Jan. 30. More to come!!! .....**BUDDY HACKETT & JAMES DARREN**, now at the Sahara Congo Room, pair again opening Jan. 10.....**KITTY KOVER**, former star of the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" stars as Dolly in producer Maynard Sloate's upcoming production of "Hello, Dolly" at the Union Plaza..... **THE REYCARDS** (Ricky & Rey) the comedy favorites of the "Casino" (now on a 15-day hiatus while **TOTIE FIELDS & TOMMY LEONETTI** headline the Monaco Room) jetted directly to Honolulu to open at the magnificent new Oceana Floating Restaurant filling in for their good pal, **DICK JENSEN**. The Reycards return to the Dunes Dec. 16. Out of the same show, the popular Czechoslovakian family of acrobats, **THE FLYING FERCOs**, off for a two week look at the Western U.S. The Ferco's, visiting America for the first time, plan to include Reno, Tahoe, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Disneyland, San Diego and Grand Canyon on their sightseeing tour....Voluptuous former showgirl, singer-comedienne **CASSANDRA PETERSON** ("Vive Les Girls") back for a visit with Strip pals. Cassandra is now rehearsing her new role as a featured singer with the **RICHARD CARUSO SHOW**, in Los Angeles, and hopes Strip buyers will be seeing the new revue in time for an early '74 debut....Singer **SOLOMON KING**, a big favorite in England, Australia and New Zealand for the past few years, finally back to his native shores, and showcasing his nitery act for entertainment directors today (Dec. 7) at the Desert Inn Crystal Room. "Lido de Paris" dancer **WAYNE ALBRITTON** is staging King's show; Sahara maestro **JACK EGLASH** is arranging and conducting....The Silver Slipper's Gaiety Theater, shuttered since early this year when Barry

Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque" closed, reopens later this month with a new burlesque revue starring **POUPEE BOCAR, HERBIE BARRIS, CHARLIE VESPIA & GRANT GRIFFIN**.....Australian singer-pianist **GORDON CORNISH** ("Pzazz", "Wonderful World of Burlesque", "Lido de Paris", etc.) opened this week as a solo act at the MGM Grand Hotel casino bar....**MORT SAHL**, who had to cut short his earlier Las Vegas Hilton debut to fly to Mexico for his co-starring role in a new movie, returns to open the Hilton's new Vestal Virgin later this month....Singer-impressionist **JIM BAILEY**, who just closed at the Thunderbird, set for a quick return opening in mid-February. Bailey has the month of December off and opens Jan. 2 at the Pagoda Hotel in Hawaii....The beautiful and talented **THE LOVE MACHINE**, the latest eye and ear treat signed by Motown and currently co-starring with **BILL MEDLEY** at the Las Vegas Hilton, fly to L.A. to cut their first sides for Motown then it's off to Puerto Rico and the elegant El San Juan for a Christmas-New Year's engagement....**BOBBY VINTON** back for another headline stint at the Flamingo, opening Dec. 13.....

**COMING ATTRACTIONS.....****MARILYN ROBERTSON**, winner of last year's Female Performer of the Year award, back to work and rehearsal after having the entire summer off. Marilyn's new project is her own nightclub act, subtitled **MARILYN & HER FRIENDS**, a one woman musical comedy show. The new act, written by Marilyn and **SUZANNE "Bottoms Up" BUHRER**, is being staged and choreographed by **JERRY NORMAN** ("Fancy That", "Minsky's Burlesque", "Bottoms Up", etc.) with musical arrangements by **BRENT PRICE**. Marilyn will be premiering her act for buyers and agents on January 28.

**'ROUND TOWN.....**Zany **RIP TAYLOR**, always such a big hit here and everywhere, returns to the headliner slot at the Stardust Lounge on Dec. 14.

**BARBARA EDEN** makes her first Strip appearance in more than a year when she opens, with **SHECKY GREENE**, at the MGM Grand Hotel's Celebrity Room, on Dec. 19. Miss Eden, in constant demand for tv guestings, movie roles, nightclubs and concert dates, has been limiting her cafe engagements to ten weeks per year. On her new MGM pact, Barbara will play 12 weeks a year PLUS accept some of the

nitery dates offered in Miami, Dallas, Chicago, San Francisco and Puerto Rico. Currently headlining at the Pagoda Hotel in Hawaii, Barbara up to her beautiful eyebrows in other projects including her new television special for a new format series for '74; the special will air in February....Everybody is talking about the hot new duo from Queensland, Australia, **THE LEGARDE TWINS**, now in their American bow at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater....Featured singer-comedian **JERRY GRASSE** taken seriously ill and hospitalized in the middle of his "Hallelujah, Hollywood" rehearsals is now at home convalescing. Jerry wants to publicly express his deep appreciation and thanks to his many many co-workers at "Hollywood"; the cast, many of whom are meeting and working together for the very first time, turned out en masse via hospital costs to keep Jerry's spirits up and make him feel missed. A really nice gesture that proved the old adage that there are no strangers among show biz performers when it comes to helping and caring about each other.....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**Star-watching stars: **GEORGIE & TOTIE** (Fields) **JOHNSTON** in to see their favorite team, **STEVE & EYDIE** (Gorme) **LAWRENCE** at Caesars Palace....**PERRY & ABBE** (Lane) **LEFF** dropping by to visit their good pal, Tropicana entertainment director **ALAN LEE** at the Tropicana's swell-elegant new **LORD BYRON** restaurant, and on to catch the **VIKKI CARR-ED McMAHON** show in the Superstar Theater....**JAMES DARREN**, handsome as the movie star favorite he is, always a cause of crowd gathering, in to see **DON HO** at the Flamingo, **LIZA** at the Riviera, and **DEAN MARTIN** at the MGM Grand....And just about everybody in town, stars, superstars, dancers, singers, comedians, hotel employees, press, and conventioners, in to catch the irrepressible **JACKIE GAYLE** at his wildest and funniest at the new Lion's Den at the Grand!!!.....



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