

OF THE STARS



A Happy Hanuka To All!

Room, opening Dec. 19.....The new MGM Hall of Fame is a great idea and a great tribute to the stars of yesteryear and today BUT how could such a gallery, have been designed and executed by a non-movie fan?? LENA HORNE, JEANETTE MacDONALD and CYD CHARISSE - three of MGM's biggest money makers in movie musicals - all had their names spelled wrong!.....Running hither and yon with his trusty Sony tape recorder, ROBERT Q. LEWIS, who seems to know EVERYBODY, cornering celebs for on the spot radio interviews for his L.A. KFI broadcasts and a new series of gabfest for syndication. When he wasn't interviewing at the Grand, R.Q. popped over to catch STEVE & EYDIE at Caesars, BOBBIE GENTRY at the D.I., ROBERT GOULET at the Frontier, and ED McMAHON at the Tropicana Superstar to add his growing hours of star-talks....L.A. TIMES' JOHN SCOTT, RICHARD CUSKELLY (L.A. HERALD EXAMINER) and MARVENE JONES and SUE CAMERON (The Hollywood Reporter) filing their feature story reports from the MGM Press Room (a new and unique idea for a hotel for out of town reporters).....JACKIE GAYLE, the first star in the new Lion's Den, biting, barking and brilliant! Jackie who'll be doing at least three more Dean Martin tv roasts in early '74, has a nightly claue of stars dropping by his Den.....Next time at the Grand, look UP above the blackjack tables and take a gander at the series of original oil paintings! It will be one of the mysteries of the age as to how and who got commissioned to create those! The paintings are absolutely the WORST!!! Not only are they incredibly bad art, technically, they are also ludicrous, grotesque and mouveau ugly!.....Insiders are insisting that FRANK SINATRA - when he finishes out his Caesars contract - will be moving to the MGM Grand, Tis said the Grand has a top salary offer of \$200 THOUSAND per week for a slate of super-superstars in '74.....

the hottest new singing star on the Strip, if not in the business, and she's going nowhere if not to the top of the heap. What power the young and beautiful Dyanna has, her vocal thunder is as uncanny as it is effortless. In her new show, Dyanna sweeps thru a hand-picked repertoire of torch songs, contemporary uptempos, country western, blues, and one showstopper after another including stunning renditions of "If You Go Away", "I Don't Want to Be Lonely Tonight", "Without You", and "Never Can Say Goodbye". Don't miss discovering the star of tomorrow, today!! Miss Whitman has already been signed to make her mainroom debut, with DON RICKLES, at Harrah's Tahoe in early '74.....

 "ROUND TOWN....."THE BEST OF ANN-MARGRET" is the best show in town! Now at the Tropicana Superstar Theater, the popular and gorgeous singer-dancer movie star is doing excerpts from various Ann-Margret revues of the past couple of years, and it's a sheer delight. A-M is at the absolute peak of her considerable form. Among the classic productions in the new show - Ann-Margret's first - and most hilarious venture into parody - "It's Tough to Be a Go-Go Girl"!.....Now in its Strip bow, with ROBERT GOULET & NORM CROSBY at the Frontier, Dane Weaver's new musical quintet, SUNFLIGHT, One of the best of the new vocal and dance groups, Sunflight, has a brief but effective spot in the Frontier show, and they make the most of it. The choreography is outstanding, the sound, both solos and in harmony, is bright, clean and powerful. In addition to Weaver, the group's members are BILL BOWERSOCK, GERRY KIRBY, JURA JILLIAN and MARY LOUISE and pianist JOHNNY LAWRENCE..... Dancer SAL ANGELICA, on vacation from the MGM's "Hallelujah, Hollywood" rehearsals jumped back into harness in the Stardust's "Lido de Paris" filling in for JIMMIE ROGERS who left the Lido to join Barry Ashton's upcoming "This Is Burlesque".....MARILYNN ROBERTSON (Female Performer of the Year) shows her new nitery act on JANUARY 28 at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Marilyn, one of the town's most popular comedienne-singer-dancers, has been rehearsing her new one woman comedy cavalcade for the past month. Agents,

 MINI-REVIEW.....At the Flamingo Casino Theater: DYANNA WHITMAN. Having seen Dyanna Whitman in an earlier edition of Matt Gregory's "Fancy That" revue is like seeing the tip of an iceberg. Now in her full fledged solo debut at the Flamingo, Miss Whitman shows what all the shouting, rave L.A. reviews, and praise was all about. She's

producers, Strip entertainment directors, and performers will be invited to the one show performance. If Marilyn's numerous appearances in other Strip shows is any indication, her solo act should be the start of something really big for the beautiful but zany Texan.Memo to servicemen, students, motorists, etc.. the recent and growing upsurge in hitchhiking and car-pooling has given rise to a new organization headquartered in Las Vegas called HITCH-HIKERS FOR AMERICA, and the concept is starting to take off in several Western U.S. cities and throughout the country. Founded by localite JOE BENTIVEGNA, the H.H.F.A. group offers its membership (and the motorists who stop to give them rides on long and short hauls) a identifying armband, an I.D. card, and a brochure on hitchhiking protocol, procedures, laws, etc. The basic idea is to encourage drivers to pick up hikers and to feel safe about it. The armband signifies that the hiker is registered with H.H.F.A., and can be readily identified by name, address, and some background info should any problem arise. Generally the members have been checked out so you can feel confident about picking them up. Servicemen and students planning to take a vacation or leave trek (to go home, for instance, for the holidays) will have a better chance to get rides quickly if they wear an identifying armband which also acts as a signal to motorists on the highways. More info and membership applications can be had by contacting Hitchhikers for America..

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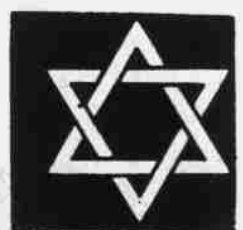
 STRIP BITS.....RIP TAYLOR headlines at the Stardust Lounge, opening tonight (14th)..... Gospel-rock trio, GLORY, signed to co-star in the new edition of "Fancy That" returning Dec. 27 to the Flamingo Casino Theater with star ventriloquist RUSS LEWIS.....STEVIE DANIK back from her holiday and Mexico City visit with husband, dancer CARY LASPINA, currently starring in "Bare Touch of Vegas".....DON McPHERSON'S lively and hilarious production of the classic "TOM JONES" opens at the Holiday Casino on January 9. Pat McPherson, Maggie Montgomery, Tom Edsall, Eugene Texas and DENNIS DAWKINS as Tom, among the cast signed for the musical comedy romp's return.....

 WEEKEND WANDERERS - LENA HORNE the must see star of stars at the Sands, with DANNY THOMAS.....DEAN MARTIN at the Grand.....ANN MARGRET at the Tropicana Superstar....BOBBY VINTON at the Flamingo.....

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