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DECEMBER DOODLINGS... BOBBY VINTON, at the Flamingo, has sold in excess of 25 million records (for Epic Records) and is still going strong with his latest release, "All Time Greatest Hits". Originally from Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, Bobby now lives in a Beverly Hills estate once owned by Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Cary Grant. Bobby's busy schedule of concert dates, movies (he costarred with Ann-Margret and John Wayne in "Train Robbers" last year), and niteries have kept him out of Vegas most of the year. His current two week engagement is his first Strip date since last December. Vinton's costar is comedy zany CHARLIE CALLAS. BARRY ASHTON's new "THIS IS BURLESQUE" opens December 27 at the Aladdin Hotel's Bagdad Showroom. TOMMY MOE RAFT, IRV BENSON, DENISE MONTEGO, LON FONTAINE, JIMMY ROGERS head the cast with another contingent of the famous ASHTON GIRLS. Barry's girls are known the world over for their beauty and voluptuousness. Shows bearing the ASHTON-KOCHMANN mark of distinction have been running in Las Vegas for more than fifteen years continuously. Currently Ashton's revues are headlining at both Americana Hotels in Miami and San Juan, Puerto Rico. At one time, a few years back, Barry had revues playing simultaneously in New York, Miami, Chicago, St. Louis, Los Angeles, San Juan, and two in Las Vegas! An incredible record for the man known as "the new Ziegfeld". An alumni of Barry Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque", singer-dancer-comediennne, MARILYNN ROBERTSON will premiere her new solo act on January 28 at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The invitational showcase is called "Me and My Friends". Speaking of Ashton alumni and they seem to

PETITE BRITISH SINGING STAR PETULA CLARK, FOR SEVERAL YEARS ONE OF CAESARS PALACE'S LEADING ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTIONS, RETURNS FOR A SPECIAL TWO-WEEK HOLIDAY ENGAGEMENT, SHARING THE BILL WITH MISS CLARK WILL BE THE SPECTACULAR SHIPSTADS & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES, DOING IT "VEGAS STYLE".

be all over the place comedy star NANCY AUSTIN ("This Is Burlesque") costars in the new Union Plaza production of "Hello, Dolly" with KITTY KOVER and PHIL FORD. ELMARIE WENDEL ("This Is Burlesque") is now starring at the Marco Polo in Miami in "Burlesque Now and Then" with singer BOB STRADA and exotic LILY CHARISSE. HERBIE BARRIS & CHARLIE VESPIA ("Wonderful World" and "This Is...") are the featured

comedy stars in the Silver Slipper's next venture into burlesque scheduled to open at month's end. Australian impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS (a former Discovery Star of Ashton's "Catch a Rising Star") is now on tour with JOHNNY MATHIS. Singer GORDON CORNISH ("Wonderful World") is now doing a single at the new MGM Grand Hotel's Cub Bar. SIEGFRIED & ROY, the award winning illusionist who've starred here in the Stardust's "Lido de Paris" and the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere", were brought to this country by Ashton for his "Revue Royale de Paris" in Puerto Rico. Siegfried & Roy just closed a year long engagement in Ashton's San Juan spectacle and will be stars in the new Donn Arden "Hallelujah, Hollywood" opus opening at the Grand Hotel...BILLY ECKSTINE, always a favorite here, headlines next at the Thunderbird Hotel, opening January 31. Billy will be following LESLIE UGGAMS, who opens Dec. 27. Also on tap at the T-Bird, impressionist-singer JIM BAILEY returning in February, and the marvelous Martins, TONY MARTIN and glamorous CYD CHARISSE returning March 21...And speaking of marvelous and marvels, don't miss the singers' favorite singer, the musicians' favorite musician, multi-dynamo MEL TORME who'll be opening his first Sahara Hotel engagement on December 27 with JERRY LEWIS.....

STRIP CHATTER...ROBERT GOUFFE & CAROL LAWRENCE to the Eden Roc in Miami for Christmas-New Years. Robert returns to the Frontier in February...JOAN RIVERS, opening Jan. 30 at the MGM Grand, to the Deauville, Miami, for the holidays, costarring with another MGM pactee, HELEN REDDY...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO: JACQUELINE DOUGLET (she's starring in the new "Lido de Paris" in Paris). SAMMY SHORR (he's been busy running his jammed packed COMEDY STORE niterie on Sunset Boulevard in L.A. and will be returning as the headliner at the Hilton's new Vestal Virgin showroom). DICK JENSEN (he has a 40 weeks per year contract at the fabulous new Oceania Floating Restaurant in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is just about to announce a new Vegas pact to fill up the 12 remaining weeks on his calendar year). BOB ANDERSON (one of the "hot" new singing stars of 1973 who appeared in his Vegas mainroom debut with Nancy Sinatra at the Sahara a few months ago, is now back in his hometown Detroit for the holidays, and finalizing a new deal to go to England and Europe in early '74, but not until he returns to Las Vegas in January to see his idol, Frank

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