

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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STRIP CHATTER.....Movie star-actor-singer-and-ex-teenage idol, FABIAN, back at the MGM Lion's Den, accompanied by two lovely lasses Nancy Bergman and Rosy Cox, and multi-talented pianist-conductor-singer Larry White. This is Fabian's second Las Vegas appearance at the Grand.....Same hotel, in the Celebrity Room, comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN stars in his own CBS-TV comedy special, "JUST FOR LAUGHS" airing Sept. 3. Kaplan, just back from a tour with the new reunited Righteous Brothers, turns up next as The Carpenters' special gueststar opening October 9 at the Riviera.....Female Performer of the Year award winner, MARILYNN ROBERTSON is the special guest filling in for hospitalized Satan's Angel in Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque" at the Aladdin Hotel.....Dynamic young songstress and a big local favorite, MONICA MYERS now fronting her own new all-girl group, The Playgirls, at the Holiday Casino lounge.....JACKIE "Miss Velvet" HOUSTON, currently featured in Jerry Norman's new "The Bare Minimum" at the Royal Las Vegas, has been signed to be one of the stars in producer Barry Ashton's new show premiering in October in Miami.....THE JACKSON FIVE return to the MGM Grand on Aug. 21.....MITZI GAYNOR who opened the room will be the superstar attraction to celebrate the one year anniversary of the Tropicana Superstar Theater. The Queen of Las Vegas musical comedy shows, Mitzi opens Oct. 4-Nov. 7.....IMITZI, ANN-MARGRET, BOBBIE GENTRY have been invited to share the crown as Queens of the annual showfolks' BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL this year. Ann-Margret will be at the Hilton, opening October 29, and Bobbie, who just closed at the Desert Inn, returns to the Crystal Room on Oct. 8.....Comedienne-impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS (another alumnus of Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque") has been signed to make her MGM Lion's Den debut this December. Also MGM-bound, GEORGE MAHARIS, DICK HAYMES..... Reportedly bound for a Vegas Strip bounce: Laugh In's irrepressible RUTH BUZZI starring in her own one woman musical comedy show.....Movie star singer DYAN CANNON.....The "other" King of Rock 'n Roll, LITTLE RICHARD.....and tv-movie beauty BARBARA LUNA, just in town to see her good pals SHIRLEY MacLAINE & BUDDY HACKETT.....

LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE.....Stardust Lounge headliner RIP TAYLOR, who wouldn't know a "day off" if it fell on him, dashed into L.A. to gueststar once again on the "Tonight Show". Rip's host this week was JOEY BISHOP.....JOHNNY TILLOTSON, now a Flamingo patee, returns to that hotel's Casino Theater this week.....WAYNE NEWTON, the Strip's long distance and long run champion, now at the Sands until mid-September, has already been firmed to return to the Frontier Hotel on September 19 thru October 30 and again to the Sands on November 27. Busy, busy, busy. Wayne's recently filmed in Las Vegas (at the Sands and at his ranch here) television special airs in September.....VIKKI CARR who just closed at the Tropicana doubles right back, after the current PHYLLIS DILLER SHOW closes, for a second Superstar date opening August 30.....TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE will play just one more date at the Thunderbird, opening October 3, to wind their contract there. The Martins who've proved to be one of the more potently drawing attractions on the Strip, are listening with

IN THE LANDMARK'S JUBILEE ROOM MICKEY FINN AND HIS BAND OF MERRY MUSICIANS PLAY THE SOUNDS OF RICKY-TICK, BARREL-HOUSE, HONKY-TONK AND BOOGIE, WHILE ALLIENE FLANERY ENTERTAINS AUDIENCES WITH SONG AND HUMOROUS PATTERN AND THE WALKERS PRESENT COMEDY IMPERSONATIONS OF SUCH GROUPS AS THE SUPREMES, THE ANDREW SISTERS AND ELVIS PRESLEY, ALONG WITH THEIR OWN ORIGINAL SONG STYLINGS.

interest to several other Strip hotel deals for 1975....."The Decline and Fall of the Entire World as Seen Thru the Eyes of Cole Porter" starring comedienne-singer ELMARIE WENDEL opens September 18 at the University of Nevada's Bayley Theater.....

ARTISTS & COLLECTORS NOTE.....The brilliant young painter, JOHN PITRE, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, makes a rare "in person" appearance to unveil his latest oil, "ISRAELI MARTYRS" this weekend (Aug. 16-18) at the new Aaron Bros Art Mart (on Sahara). Pitre, well known for his beautiful and provocative surrealism (i.e. "Conflict", "War", "Overpopulation", etc.) will exhibit his newest canvas - a tribute to the Olympic athletes murdered in Munich in 1973 - to help aid in the forming of scholarships to the University of Tel Aviv and to benefit the national Hadassah. A limited number of signed lithographs of the new work will be available. Pitre was recently one of the invited feature artists at the Expo '74.

'ROUND TOWN.....Rotund MARTY ALLEN, the bushy haired "Hello Dere" comedy star now at the Flamingo with guest star Peter Marshall, will be the "Surprise" of the month in the October issue of Playgirl Magazine. Need you ask, but of course Marty will be an extra added NUDE attraction!.....JOHN MCCOOK, known here as a singer, is making his debut as a musical director for the new JULIET PROWSE SHOW, now at the Desert Inn. In case you didn't know, Juliet is Mrs. McCook. Also featured in the show is dancer-choreographer NICK NAVARRO and the Navarro Dancers.....MEL TORME, opening August 20 with Jerry Lewis at the Sahara, is a sure bet to return as Jerry's

gueststar again in October. Mel and Jerry, who have been fast friends for many years but never worked together before this year at the Sahara, have such a marvelous professional rapport, their outings together have been as much fun for them as they are for their audiences. Jerry & Mel will be staying over when they close here on August 30, to get immediately involved in Jerry's annual Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon from the Sahara Space Center. As in previous years every star and performer in town, and across the country (in New York and Los Angeles hook-ups) will be appearing on the telethon. Last year's efforts resulted in a tremendous \$13 million dollar tally.....EDDIE HADDAD, MGM Records' most exciting new talent, will be given the full star treatment when he makes his bigtime Los Angeles debut on August 26 at the Playboy Club in Century City. A big turnout of press and celebs will introduce the young Lebanese singing-dancing star, and MGM will release his new single "Saved" in conjunction with the opening.....Guitarist FLOYD DAKIL, new to Vegas audiences as a single performer, in his Strip debut at the MGM Lion's Den. Same room, a seven member group called simply THE IRISH, featuring lead vocalist DEIRDRE, also bowing. The group recently returned from a year long tour of Mexico and an 18-week engagement at the elegant Camino Real in Puerto Vallarta.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....THE PHYLLIS DILLER SHOW in its world premiere at the Tropicana Superstar Theater, August 16. This is Miss Diller's first venture into a production revue type format. Appearing with Phyllis will be a collection of new talents including THE MARK & CLARK EXPEDITION, SWING, and comedy star PAT MacCORMACK.....JOEL GREY & FLORENCE HENDERSON at the Riviera.....PETULA CLARK & ANTHONY NEWLEY, a brilliant and enchanting twosome now at Caesars Palace.....Singer-impressionist JIM BAILEY at the Thunderbird.....

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