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**LAS VEGAS**



**ROUND TOWN.....**The scintillating Spanish cupcake, **CHARO**, now back at the Sahara with **JIM NABORS**, is being ardently wooed and pursued to film her pilot for own television series for the fall season. Charo, who has been reading scripts, treatments and formats for a couple of months, has finally found one she likes and will be going into rehearsals and shooting this spring. Meanwhile, Charo's new show at the Congo Room, is getting bigger and bigger - Charo now has a company of six gypsy dancers, two guitarists and her own bongo player. Charo's future dates at the Sahara will be with Nabors, **JOEY BISHOP**, and **JERRY LEWIS.....SHECKY GREENE**, opening January 29 at the MGM Celebrity Room, will have songstress **KAREN WYMAN** as his gueststar. Miss Wyman made her Strip debut a couple of years ago at the Sands but hasn't played Vegas since.....Also at the Grand, in the Lion's Den, **JACKIE GAYLE** is back as irascible, irreverent and uncontrollable as ever. Don't miss him!!..... **Beauteous KITTY KOVER**, who starred here for more than a year in the "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes Hotel, has been inked to join the Hughes Hotels. Kitty's first solo outing will be in April with headliner **BOB NEWHART** opening at the Sands. Kitty's working on her new act these days, and her Strip fans are hoping it'll include her show-stopping "Resurrection Shuffle" number!!.....**ANN-MARGRET**, returning to the Hilton on January 26, will have four or five brand new production numbers to premiere! Last time here, over the Christmas-New Year's holidays, Ann-Margret did her two shows a night and spent all day in rehearsal for her new show-pieces. **RON LEWIS** staged and choreographed....**WAYNE NEWTON** who has collected just about every title worth having in showbusiness, is adding to his laurels. Not only does Wayne have a sort of awesome record of standing ovations, he is also the star with the most number of weeks in Las Vegas (40), and now Wayne's clinched the title as the mainroom star to play the longest continuous engagement with his current Sands outing - from December 2, 1974 thru March 4, 1975!.....

**SHOWSTOPPERS.....****LESLIE UGGAMS**, just about the SEXIEST "girl next door" on the block, takes her entire Thunderbird revue with her on a special ten week engagement to Australia. Leslie, husband-manager **GRAHAM PRATT**, 4-year daughter **DANIELLE**, musical director **RICHARD BELLIS**, and her singers-dancers, leave for Down Under the day after she closes here (Jan. 29). Leslie's next Thunderbird stint will be in the late spring. Also upcoming for Uggams is a brand new television series, which may kick off as a special



**PANTOMINE OF RUBBER-FACED KENNY CORNELL ENHANCES THE COMEDY, FUNKY ANTIQUES, HONKYTONK, BARRELHOUSE, AND COLORFUL COSTUMES ARRANGED BY MASTER PIANO-MAN MICKEY FINN, WHOSE SHOW IS IN 28TH WEEK AT LANDMARK,**

summer series.... **THE RHODES KIDS**, last here with Ann-Margret at the Hilton, are now guesting with **SANDLER & YOUNG** at the Flamingo. **SAM CAMMARATA**, the Kids' manager, is huddling with a couple of network execs to spring the popular musical family into a starring tv series....**WAYNE NEWTON** hosts a special cocktail reception for country star **BUCK OWENS**, opening tonight at the Frontier Hotel Music Hall. "Co-host" of the reception is **ARAMUS** - Wayne's prized National Champion Arabian Stallion!.....**JIM LEE** is the new addition to director **BILL BRAY**'s publicity and public relations staff at the MGM Grand....And speaking of publicity, **THE PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION OF LAS VEGAS** (composed of all the major hotel pr directors) awards its annual "SPOTLIGHT AWARDS" to out of town newspapers and out of town columnists for outstanding Las Vegas coverage in the past year. President of **PRALV**, **JIM SEAGRAVES** (of the Thunderbird Hotel) presents the awards at a February banquet at the Tropicana Hotel. Among the winners: **MERV GRIFFIN** for his series of Las Vegas specials taped from Caesars Palace; **BILLBOARD** magazine; and **THE LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER** for its "Las Vegas Section".....

**IS IT NEWS.....**That **RIP TAYLOR**, the Strip's resident looney and favorite zany, has been firmed to star in the all new "Folies Bergere" opening March 15 at the Tropicana Hotel in the Superstar Theater. Rip's last longrun stint was as

**DEAN MARTIN BACK AT MGM GRAND**

MGM super - star club stage presence Dean Martin is back at the towering, sprawling Grand Hotel, his first Celebrity Room appearance of the new year. Dino's initial 1975 Grand-stand will be a one-week stint in the elegant 1,200 - seat Celebrity Room. Appearing with Martin will be the Third Generation Steps. Dino's combination of easy television grace and more liberal night-

continually keeps his performance before capacity audiences. During the one-week engagement Martin's new movie "Mr. Ricco" will have its world premiere at the MGM Grand Theater. Martin will participate in the festivities. The Dean Martin Show will be presented through January '28, to be followed by Sheeky Greene.

the star of "Funny Farm" which ran more than a year at the Aladdin; since then Rippy's been bouncing all over the tv tube (including his just aired special with Don Rickles, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Helen Reddy, etc.) and has been constantly on the Strip playing the Sahara, Stardust and Tropicana Hotels....That **THE SAHARA HOTEL** will be bringing back the famous Las Vegas chorus of dancers to open every show in the mainroom. The Sahara, one of the last hotels to give up its line (the Moro Landis Dancers) a few years ago will be the first to have an opening production number on a continuous basis. Caesars Palace had The CP Dancers with **CARY LASPINA** for several months but have since dropped the opener for its stars...

**STRIP BITS & PIECES.....****LILLIAN D'HONAU**, always such a delight on stage (as well as off) is back to work - now in "Hallelujah Hollywood" at the Grand. Also new in the opulent super-spectacular by the incomparable **DONN ARDEN**: dancer **JULIE ANGELICA** (her husband **SAL** is with Juliet Prowse), showgirl **MERCY ISRAEL**, singer **GARY HOOVER** and dancer **JERRY BYRD** (replacing **RICH RIZZO** who will be the lead dancer in the new Donn Arden "Lido de Paris" opening in May at the Stardust)....Acrobatic dancer **ALAN CLANCY**, back from several months in Canada with the **Acro Rudas** troupe....Dancer **JAC FLOWERS**, on vacation from "Hallelujah" off to the snows of Utah. Jac, who took up skiing last year, has become a real pro on the slopes!!!.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....****PAUL ANKA** at Caesars Palace....**CHARLIE RICH** at the Hilton.... **ENGELBERT** at the Riviera....**BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE PARIS VIVE!"** at the Aladdin....**DONN ARDEN'S "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD"** at the Grand featuring a cast of more than 150 with principals **DIANE FINDLAY**, **STEVE HARMON**, **MARTIN ROSS**, **ROSS DAVIES**, **TRICIA LEE**, **LOU GARCIA**, **REG RIEDEL**, **MARLENE VINCENTI** and Special Starring Attraction: **IEGFRIED & ROY.....**



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