

*Mark Tan*  
IN  
**LAS VEGAS**



**ALL AROUND THE TOWN.....**ALAN LEE'S all new "FOLIES BERGERE" starring the King of Pandemonium, RIP TAYLOR, premieres tonight (14) at the Tropicana's Superstar Theater (the showroom will undergo a name change shortly). Producer Lee must also believe the adage that the more zanies the better than one, in addition to the star madcap Rip, Alan will also accent comedy with specialty acts "magician" CARL BALLANTINE and hilarious pantomaniacs THE BERNARD BROTHERS. Song and dance star BUDDY VEST will be the host-emcee.....

**JIM NABORS**, now at the Sahara with MISS RUTH BUZZI, in her Sahara bow, has one-two-three Strip hotels offering new long term pacts. Nabors who leaves the Sahara after his current engagement still hasn't picked his new Strip headquarters, but that could be because Jim has his attention heading westward to the 50th State, Hawaii, and a very exciting new variety show television series in the offing.....

**DONN ARDEN**, whose MGM superspectacular "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" is still the runaway "must see" favorite with Vegas visitors, back in town to start work on his new opus "Merci Beaucoup", the upcoming title of the all new "LIDO DE PARIS" set for a spring opening at the Stardust. Rehearsals start next month.....

Comedy star **GABRIEL KAPLAN** makes his next Strip appearance opening March 21 with headliner **MAC DAVIS** at the MGM Grand.....

Gorgeous **ABBE LANE** who hasn't been in Vegas for a couple of months, jets to Madrid, Spain for a guesting on Spain's number one tv show starring Raphael. Abbe who recently returned from dates in Hawaii and Toronto has an all new act being readied for a Vegas debut later this summer. The beautiful international favorite also has London, Paris, Rome, Cannes and Mexico City on her nitery agenda for '75.....

Producers **TAKEUCHI KEIGO** and **BILL LLOYD** debut their new "Orient Follies" starring Keigo, The Imperial Dancers, and gueststars **PAT SUZUKI** and **THE TUDERA SISTERS**, opening later this month at the Landmark Hotel. The opulent and lavishly exotic revue - sneak previewed last week at the Landmark - will also feature a new rendition of the Peking Opera House's retelling of the old western legend, "Frankie & Johnnie" and a trio of fierce samurai warriors in a kung fu dance sequence.....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES.....**Country star **FLOYD DAKIL**, in his Sahara Casbar debut (thru Mar. 24).....

**FRANK SINATRA**, opening March 20 at Caesars Palace will initiate still another new showtime policy with this engagement. Sinatra will do two shows a night but be dark on Sunday and Monday.....

**WAYNE NEWTON** returns to the Frontier Hotel on April 24. Wayne who plays Vegas in excess of 35 weeks per year, recently ended a Sands stint that lasted from November thru February!!.....

**JAMES DARREN**, who just closed another smash date in his hometown of Philadelphia, at Palumbo's, goes next to New York for



**JIM NABORS STARS IN THE CONGO ROOM AT THE SAHARA, WITH RUTH BUZZI AS FEATURED ATTRACTION. SHOWS ARE AT 8:15 AND MIDNIGHT. (DROP BY THE SAFARI LOUNGE TO SAY HELLO TO JOE DELANEY, LIVE ON RADIO, WEEKDAYS 5 TO 7 P.M.)**

some concert dates with **BUDDY HACKETT**. Darren's big flick of the year, the rock musical version of the life of Rudolph Valentino is now set for a June start date.....

Hollywood-Hawaii-Chicago and Las Vegas bistro favorite, singer **BILLY DARE** ("The Golden Greek") who just ended nearly a year long stay in Athens, is now headlining his own show at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel.....

**NEON JOTTINGS.....**A new quartet called **HOTT RODD** (Julian Sweet, Justine Halliday, Damon Barrett and Celine) are making their first bid for stardom in their debut engagement at the El Cortez Hotel. Coming from the same management stable of stars as attractions like The Checkmates Ltd., Timi Yuro, The Walkers, and The Monk Montgomery Quartet, the new group is walking confidently in winners' footsteps.....

After dinner or after hours, the new **MALA FEMMINA** Italian pastry and coffee house (next to the popular Tower of Pizza on the Strip) hosts a celeb studded grand opening on Sunday, March 16.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....****DEBBIE** is at the Desert Inn.....

**BOBBY VINTON** at the Flamingo.....

**HELEN REDDY & JOAN RIVERS** at the MGM Grand.....

**RIP TAYLOR** and the all new "FOLIES BERGERE" at the Tropicana.....

**ELVIS** opens March 18 at the Las Vegas Hilton.....

**BARRY ASHTON'S** fanciful frolic "VIVE PARIS VIVE" with **ROBERT SISSA**, **THE GREAT TOMSONI**, **SAHDJI**, and a cast of thirty "Femmes de Paris" at the Aladdin Bagdad Theater.....

**THE RON LEWIS DANCERS** featuring **ROGER MINAMI** and/or **CARY, LaSPINA**, in "Bare Touch of Vegas" at the Stardust Lounge.....

**TOMMY OVERSTREET HEADS NEW COUNTRY MUSIC STARS AT LANDMARK**

"Country Music U.S.A." features a new cast of country music personalities in the Landmark's Jubilee Room. Tommy Overstreet, "Mr. Country Ambassador" stars in the country and western revue which also spotlights The Nashville Express with Linda Hart, Skip Devol and Three Of A Kind.



Overstreet, who received a double gold record for his #1 hit

"Heaven Is My Woman's Love" also made #1 on the charts with "Gwen (Congratulations)." "I Don't Know You Anymore" and "Ann (Don't Go Running To Him.)"

Tommy's uncle, the famous entertainer Gene Austin, was the influence that lead him in the direction of national and international acclaim, carrying the message of country music to fans all over the world. The fact that Sacajawea, the Indian princess who lead the Lewis and Clark Expedition, was his fourth great grandmother may have had something to do with his strong front leadership

international country music.

The winner of the "Most Promising Male Vocalist of 1971" award takes his music seriously and knows exactly what he wants musically and how to get it. His "soft country sound" is purely Overstreet and does not even hint of others in the business.

The proud country representative and his incredibly fine backup band, The Nashville Express, have created a unique, new sound utilizing the twin steel guitars which can get the string effect of violins when called for. His latest recording, "I'm A Believer" is currently in the top ten on the charts.

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