

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



**STAR-STRUCK.....MEL TORME**, now at the Sands with Rich Little, has signed to star in a television musical special for the PBS. The special with gueststar Woody Herman, will be taped this month for airing later this summer. The ever-in-demand Torme has also been tagged to open the New York fall nitery season with a return engagement, opening Sept. 8, at Buddy's Place, the new club owned by Buddy Rich. Also just about firm is a new Vegas pact for Mel with the Hughes Hotels; the Rich Little-Mel Torme teaming has proven to be one of the year's record breakers in both attendance and entertainment bonanzas!.....Gorgeous **ANN-MARGRET**, back from her European jaunt to the Cannes Film Festival and several openings of her smash "Tommy", returns to the Las Vegas Hilton, opening July 15.....**THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS** join **PETULA CLARK** at the Riviera in September; **THE COMPTON BROTHERS** are costarring in the Landmark's latest edition of "Country Music, U.S.A."; **THE CHAPARRAL BROTHERS** wind their stint at the Sahara and open very shortly at the Golden Nugget.....**STEVE & EYDIE** return from London and the taping of their "Tribute to Gershwin" tv special (for CBS) next month to open August 7 at Caesars Palace..... **ELVIS, TOM JONES, MAC GAVIS, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, WAYNE NEWTON** and **JERRY LEWIS** head the all star line-up being readied for mid-August and Labor Day Vegas Visitors.....Comedy star **GABRIEL KAPLAN**, now with Telly Savalas at the Sahara, leaves this engagement to start filming his own starring tv series, "Welcome Back" for ABC-TV. Because of his series, Gabriel had to turn down three major headliners who invited him to guest on upcoming nitery and concert dates..... **ANDY GRIFFITH** who hasn't played Vegas for several years since his last turn at Caesars Palace, headlines a show with Frankie Avalon and Glen Ash, opening August at the Sahara.....**KATE SMITH**, who has never played a Las Vegas hotel (although she has appeared in Northern Nevada) is reportedly at least considering one of several Strip offers for a "debut" in '76..... **LILY TOMLIN**, the last of the "Laugh In" hold-outs, may finally give Las Vegas a whirl. Lily's tv costars, including **ROWAN & MARTIN, RUTH BUZZI, JOANNE WORLEY, GOLDIE HAWN**, have all appeared "in person" with great success while Ms. Tomlin has limited her engagements to select concert dates in other cities.....**THE PLAYGIRLS** featuring songstress **MONICA MYERS**, continue their long run at the Silver Slipper lounge thru August 13.....Hawaiian superstar **DON HO**, who has stayed away from Vegas for more than a year, is reportedly listening to several mainland enticements to leave his beloved Paradise of the Pacific for at least a couple of weeks. Don stars at the Polynesian Palace at the Cinerama Reef Hotel in Honolulu for 52 weeks a year. His several "Aloha" parties here at the Hilton and Flamingo Hotels have always been enormously popular engagements.....

**NEON GLITTERS.....JAMES DARREN** returns July 10 opening with **BUDDY HACKETT** at the Sahara..... **RIP TAYLOR** to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to star for one week only in Alan Lee's new "Oriental Exotica" at the Americana Hotel.....Comedy-ventriloquist **SAMMY KING** joins **TONY BENNETT** at Harrah's Reno opening tonight. Sammy's first Nevada stint after a thirty six week engagement in Barry Ashton's "Femmes de Paris" spectacular at the Americana Hotel in Miami.....**THE JACKSON FIVE** at the MGM Grand, July 9.....**ANDY WILLIAMS**, in an all new show with a chorus of singers-dancers, opens July 3 at Caesars Palace.....**BOBBIE GENTRY** winding at the Desert Inn, off to Mississippi locations and the film version of her hit "Ode to Billy Joe". Bobbie is joining the producers in an extensive talent search for two unknowns to play the leads. **JULIET PROWSE** and **NIPSEY RUSSELL** follow Miss Gentry into the Crystal Room on July 1.....**ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK** back to the Riviera July 24.....

**'ROUND TOWN.....JERRY SCHAFER'S** new afternoon romp "GET DOWN" (with showtimes at 1:30 and 3:30) at the Hacienda Hotel. The 70-minute dance and musical revue features eight of the Strip's most notable lead dancers including **JACKIE BEER** ("Geisha-Rella"), **MARINA MAUBERT** ("Barry Ashton's Wonderful World of Burlesque"), **VIRGINIA MARTINE, VICKIE ANTHONY, AIKO BERGER, The Get Down Trio** of singers and the Lopez Brothers' "Santa Fe" ensemble. "Get Down" is the town's ONLY daytime revue and should grow into a monster hit as the Vegas summer sizzles to 115 degrees afternoons. **RENEE DeHAVEN** staged and choreographed.....

SUPPORT YOUR LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE NOW IN 11TH YEAR.

Still the most meaningful program in town...  
Evelyn Newman's 'OPEN LINE'  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
9:00 - 11 A.M.  
KVOV RADIO  
1280

**STRIP BITS & PIECES.....DONN ARDEN**, the famed director-producer-choreographer who created such legendary Strip hits as "PZAZZ", the current "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the MGM Grand, and all of the "LIDO DE PARIS" spectaculars at the Stardust as well as in Paris, hospitalized with a serious eye ailment. Donn had to postpone his trip to Paris and plans for a new "Lido" there, pending doctor's diagnosis and possible surgery.....Producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN**, now in Tokyo for the world premiere of their new "Las Vegas Ice Spectacle", signed to produce a new French/Las Vegas spectacular for the Americana Hotel in Miami. The new revue opens in November. In Las Vegas, Ashton's "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Aladdin, now in its sixth record breaking month, will play thru mid-1976 when the Aladdin plans to complete its new high rise hotel-casino and thrive as large showroom facilities.....**DIONNE WARWICKE** and **EDDIE FISHER** in a rare all-music pairing, now at the Riviera. Eddie replaced **SONNY BONO** who was scheduled to make his solo debut this month. No new date for Sonny has been set as yet.... Add to Strip trivia: this is the second time that both **EDDIE FISHER** and **CONNIE STEVENS** have shared the same opening night. Connie, now at the Flamingo, once opened at the Flamingo on the same eve that her then-husband Fisher opened across the street at Caesars Palace....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....TELLY SAVALAS** in his Vegas bow at the Sahara.....**RICH LITTLE & MEL TORME** at the Sands.....**ROBERT GOULET** at the Frontier....."LOVE AFFAIR" at the Marina..... **CONNIE STEVENS** at the Flamingo.....**JAI ALAI** at the MGM Fronton....."FOLIES BERGERE" at the Tropicana.....**HELEN REDDY** and **RUTH BUZZI** at the Grand.....

**STARDUST**  
*Le Lido Brunch*  
**\$1.49**  
SERVED EVERY DAY  
9:30 am to 1:30 pm  
Continental **STARDUST** HOTEL AND CASINO

**STARDUST**  
HOTEL AND CASINO  
**GALA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**\$90,000 CASH GIVEAWAY**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24 THRU WEDNESDAY, JULY 2  
**\$1,000** FRIDAYS THRU WEDNESDAYS AT 9 P.M.  
WINNER MUST BE PRESENT. TICKETS DRAWN. SEE WINNER ANNOUNCED.  
Drawings for **\$10,000** Every Thursday at 9 p.m.  
\$5,000  
**\$25,000 MONEY CAKE**  
Drawing - Wednesday, July 2, 9 p.m.  
\$12,500  
**PALM ROOM DAILY SPECIALS**  
BREAKFAST FROM 49¢ LUNCH FROM 88¢ DINNER FROM 99¢  
**LE LIDO BRUNCH**  
ALL YOU CAN EAT!  
SERVED EVERY DAY IN THE CAFE CONTINENTAL \$1.49  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY!  
TICKETS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE!