

# LAS VEGAS

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## LEROY VAN DYKE, WORLD FAMOUS AUCTIONEER, AT LANDMARK

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**CELEBRITY CIRCUS**....A special Vegas Visitor Welcome to Miss **NIKKI NELSON** a former dancer and now serving in the U.S. Air Force. Nikki (now a Sergeant) is home (Texas) on an extended leave from her last duty station, Seoul, Korea, and will be reporting shortly to her new assignment in Guam. Nikki is a big, **BIG WAYNE NEWTON** fan and is making a special trip to Vegas and Wayne, now at the Sands Hotel, as part of her "it's great to be home" tour. Nikki is an avid reader of the Vegas Visitor which she had sent to her every week in Korea and says getting all the news about entertainment and Las Vegas was the highlight of her week....

**STRIP GLITTER**....**THE SUPREMES** who made their first Vegas appearance in more than a year at the Aladdin's Theatre for the Performing Arts this year, will make their second date opening at Caesars Palace on Dec 2, with Alan King. The Supremes - **MARY WILSON, SCHERRIE FAYNE & SUSAYE GREEN** - are also just about to release their second album for Motown Records; a follow up to their "High Energy" disc click titled, simply "Mary, Scherrie and Susaye". The top female vocal group for the past fifteen years, The Supremes (with alumni like **DIANA ROSS, CINDY BIRDSONG, JEAN TERRELL, & LYNDA LAURENCE**) will have Eddie & Brian Holland producing their new album (that's the writing, producing, arranging duo plus Lamont Dozier) that gave the group more than fifteen of their gold plated hits....**JAMES DARREN**, at the Sahara with **BUDDY HACKETT**, for a very brief Nov 25-29 stint, is now the official tv spokesman for Plymouth Fury. Darren who played Vegas something like ten times in 1975, is making his first '76 appearance this week....Getting set for the big Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Strip hotels have been announcing their special star attractions. **DON RICKLES & DICK JENSEN** will be at the Sahara; **ROY CLARK** returns to the Frontier; **JULIET PROWSE & FOSTER BROOKS** will be at the Desert Inn; **LIBERACE** at the Hilton; **BOB NEWHART & ANTHONY NEWLEY**

The first star of the Landmark Hotel's country music series which was launched in the Jubilee Showroom nearly two years ago, **LeRoy Van Dyke** returns to headline the 28th edition of the musical jamboree along with his band, The Auctioneers, featured comedian, **Bobby Sargent** and vocalist, **Jan Freeman**.

Billed as "The World's Most Famous Auctioneer," Van Dyke's sophisticated presentation of country music appeals to both the rural and urban crowd and he is undisputedly one of those most responsible for bringing



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that music form The world's only artist / auctioneer, whose first recording to the popularity which it is enjoying today.

"The Auctioneer," was penned by himself and which became a million-seller overnight -- followed by his even bigger hit, "Walk On By" -- holds a college degree in journalism and animal husbandry and trained as an auctioneer in emulation of an admired auctioneer cousin.

**Bobby Sargent** makes this his fifth time around at the hotel, where he has found a comfortable niche among the country artists.

**Tiny Jan Freeman**, whose strong voice, fine delivery and distinctive style drew for her strong encouragement from country great **Freddy Hart**,

headline at the Riviera; **SHIRLEY MACLAINE** returns to Caesars Palace....**JOAN RIVERS** who just closed at the MGM with Mac Davis, has been set to return in January with current Grand headliner **HELEN REDDY**. Joan has just signed another pact with the Grand for ten weeks in '77....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES**....**MISS NUDE UNIVERSE, KITTEN NAVIDAD**, is now starring at the new **GUYS & DOLLS** (on Flamingo Road, opposite the Grand Hotel)....The most beautiful hypnotist in the world, exotic **DEBRA DUKE**, a big smash on the Playboy Club circuit, is getting bids for a '77 Strip debut....**BING CROSBY & FRIENDS** and special gueststar **ROSEMARY CLOONEY**, in for a one night only benefit performance tonight (November 26) at the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts. **THE ICE CAPEDES** open at the Theatre on December 14 thru Dec 26....Newest singing sensation 'round town **TOM CHRISTI**, now at the Frontier Winner's

Circle (10:30, 12:30 and 2:30 nightly) just got the good word that his first recording effort "I Know It's Love" is getting such good response that no less than three major recording labels are interested in signing him for a '77 pact. Tom also recently signed a 16-week deal with the Hughes Hotels, and will continue at the Frontier until at least early December. Christi also has nitery stints waiting for his availability in San Francisco, Chicago, Detroit and Phoenix....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS**....**THE STUPIDS, FREDDIE SALES, GINNIE PALLONE, PAUL KING & DAVID WRIGHT** head the cast of the new "CASINO DE PARIS" now at the Dunes Hotel....**HELEN REDDY & THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER** at the MGM Grand....**TOM JONES** with comedy favorite **MARTY BRILL**, at Caesars Palace....**BOBBIE GENTRY** at the Frontier....**JOHN DAVIDSON** at the Las Vegas Hilton....



**BUDDY HACKETT**

**JAMES DARREN**

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