

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

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'ROUND TOWN....THE DIAMONDS, now at the Stardust Starlight Theater for their first Strip visit since their big click with the soundtrack of the top rated tv-er "Happy Days", have their fans swarming 'round to hear such old favorites as "Why Do Fools Fall in Love", "The Stroll", etc etc and of course their monster hit "Little Darling". That latter song, incidentally, is also being featured in a special tribute seg by JOHN DAVIDSON in his "Love Songs" medley. The Diamonds are one of those rare musical groups of the '50's and '60's that have been able to successfully make the transition into the rock sounds of the 70's; their popularity and "discovery" by each new audience keeps them one of the most sought after and BUSY musical ensembles on the scene. Welcome Back, Diamonds....**JAMES DARREN**, just at the Sahara in a special holiday stint with BUDDY HACKETT who was making his last appearance at that hotel (Hackett opens at Caesars Palace in February), will be starring this month (Dec. 21 to be exact) on "Baa Baa Black Sheep" with series star Robert Conrad. Darren plays, appropriately enough, a movie star of the wartime years who goes into the service as an officer assigned to Pappy Boyington's squadron, and keeps the Hollywood hometown press filled with his daring, newsworthy but non-existent bravery....**STEVE SHELDON**, prexy of STARSHINE ENTERPRISES (Los Angeles, New York, Miami) in town for the showmen's convention at the MGM, and keeping busy writing contracts for the '77 season of fairs, theaters, niteries, etc. Sheldon who arranges, coordinates, books and manages talent all over the world, has produced variety shows for conventions, cruises, colleges, resorts, banquets, etc etc with stars like MILTON BERLE, SAMMY KING, DONALD O'CONNOR, VIC DAMONE, ROSEMARY CLOONEY, MARTY ALLEN, JACKIE KAHANE, JOANNE WORLEY, KAYE BALLARD, ABBE LANE, HARRY BLACKSTONE JR., JACKIE GAYLE, ROSE MARIE, and dozens of others. One of the Starshine clients, ventriloquist comedian SAMMY KING is now starring in Barry Ashton/Wolf



JIMMY VINCENT, DRUMMER WITH THE INCOMPARABLE GOOFERS APPEARING IN THE LANDMARK'S NIFTY NOOK LOUNGE, GOOFS AROUND WITH HIS NOW LEGENDARY APE BIT -- A SUPERIOR PIECE OF COMEDY HE ORIGINATED OVER 24 YEARS AGO WHEN HE FIRST JOINED THE GREAT LOUIS PRIMA.

Kochmann's new Miami Americana Hotel hit, "Paris Enchante".... Gorgeous **BOBBIE GENTRY**, now packing them in at the Frontier Hotel with her all new show, will finally get to have the Christmas and New Year's holidays "off" -- this will be the first time in seven years that Bobbie hasn't been working the holiday season -- and will celebrate at her home in Las Vegas. Bobbie will be back at the Frontier for her first '77 appearance in late January....**SHECKY GREENE & ABBE LANE**, in their first Vegas teaming, open Dec 9 at the MGM Grand Hotel. The Grand showroom goes dark Dec 19-25, reopening with its Christmas star **PAUL ANKA** on Dec 26....**JIM NABORS** who hasn't played Vegas all year, will make a special return engagement at the Sahara Hotel opening Jan 20 with special gueststar **KAY STARR**. As everyone has heard by now, it was in a bit part in Kay's nightclub act that Nabors got his first "break"....

DOGWOOD FESTIVAL in Atlanta, Georgia in April will be a week of stars and star studded festivities which just might include an appearance by the new President **JIMMY CARTER**. The annual affair, one of the Southeastern U.S.'s most prestigious and social events of the year, is being coordinated by the E. F. JESSEE agency in Atlanta. **PHYLLIS DILLER, JAMES DARREN, JOAN RIVERS & JOHN DAVIDSON** are among the headliners that the agency is hoping to have host and hostess the weeklong events....Beautiful **ABBE LANE** will be jetting directly to Puerto Rico and her headliner stint at the Americana Hotel in San Juan for Xmas and New Year's when she closes her upcoming MGM date. The Americana a longtime "home" for Barry Ashton spectaculars will be initiating a name star policy for '77....**HARRY BELAFONTE** will make his first Vegas appearance in more than a year and will be returning to Caesars Palace opening January 20. Preceding Belafonte will be **FRANK SINATRA** (Jan 6) and **SAMMY DAVIS JR** (Jan 13)....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS....THE SUPREMES (Mary Wilson, Scherrie Payne, and Susaye Green) are guesting with Alan King at Caesars Palace in their Palace debut. The Motown recording stars who have sold close to some 75 MILLION records since their 15 year reign as the top female group in the music business. The Supremes album "HIGH ENERGY" was the "first" by the present trio; a second album "MARY, SCHERRIE AND SUSAYE" is the newest release by the vivacious and beautiful threesome....Producer **BILL MOORE** whose "Playgirls On Ice" is such a big favorite at the Flamingo, is negotiating for still another ice revue to open next year in Northern Nevada....Singing "discovery" **TOM CHRISTI** who has been working at the Landmark and Frontier Hotels for the past ten weeks, has more weeks to play on his current Hughes Hotels pact. Tom is also wanted for a special holiday stint in Hawaii as soon as he is available. A big junket from Chicago, at the Desert Inn for a golf tourney, was headed by Christi fans who kept the Frontier's Winners Circle jumpin' throughout their five day visit....**PHOTOPLAY** Magazine will be doing a series of "At Home, in Las Vegas, With..." feaures starting with photo layouts of **BOBBY GENTRY, WAYNE NEWTON, and RIP TAYLOR** at their Vegas residences....

WEEKEND WANDERERS....ELVIS AT THE HILTON....LIZA AT THE RIVIERA....ALAN KING & THE SUPREMES at Caesars Palace....BOBBIE GENTRY at the Frontier....JULIET PROWSE at the Desert Inn....



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