

OF THE STARS



Good Morning and Welcome to Vegas Nite Life: It is with a special kind of happiness that I begin our column this week, due to the fact that last week marked the happening of the one thing I wanted most to happen. The Joe Stead Actor's Workshop is now a reality. We have 20 students participating under the guidance of renowned Director and Drama Coach MR. Leslie Abbott. With the tremendous growth of our city I feel Las Vegas will soon be able to lend it's support to a theatre group, and our students will be prepared to present some of the most outstanding plays from the world of theatre.

On the Show Biz scene, Abbe Lane doing a fantastic job of displaying her talents at Frontier Hotel while husband Perry Leff commutes between here and Smogville where he is a partner of Herb Alpert's. Perry and Herb are preparing to go into movie production in the very near future. On the bill with Abbe is one of the world's greatest - Impressionists, George Kirby, who has been able to successfully master over fifty impressions. This marks George's first date at the Frontier. He formerly appeared at the Sands. But, of course, it's all one family now.

The Ed Sullivan show was a great boost for Vegas and Circus Circus, but Ed seemed to really be terribly confused throughout the show. Don Rickles was the

highlight of the evening, with his quick wit and ability to see things as they are and put them in a funny vein.

From Hollywood, actress Julie Andrews is suing two fan mags for a cool 6 Million Dollars. The mags released yarns linking her romantically with actor Sidney Poitier. Lee Van Cleeve who used to earn ten thousand per picture is now in Rome making a few Macaroni Westerns at three hundred thousand per picture. This all happened for Lee after his co starring role with Clint Eastwood in "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly."

Jerry Lewis wonderful parents Danny and Rae Lewis are searching for a home here in Las Vegas, Dennis Hunt former host on Channel 3's "Hey Kids Show" is now rehearsing for his new career as a singer. Dennis will be a featured act in Nancy Austin's new show. ED. NOTE: Dennis was M.C. at Twin Lakes Twist, seven years ago, run by Mike Tell, then 15. It was L.V.'s 1st teenage nite club.

Nancy was the former comedy star of the smash hit Bottoms Up and she has now put together her own show which I am certain will be a hit. Bill Fanning also of Bottoms Up fame has followed in Nancy's footsteps and will soon be headlining his own show.

Francis Howcroft the Sands Matri' D in the Garden Room on the late shift is proud bearer of a shiny

five year pin awarded to him last week by the Hughes Organization. Francis is one of the favorites of the entire Tell clan.

Of local interest; the rating season will soon be upon us and just watch the quality of the movies that are on our local stations as they all vie for 1st place of the scorecard. Speaking of local TV we want to offer our deepest condolences to Larry Massoli. His father passed away very suddenly a few weeks back at a very young age. Larry is one of the top cameramen on Vegas Nite Life and all the special

NANCY AT SANDS

Sonstress Nancy Wilson is making her 3rd Sands appearance in the new Copa Room show set by Producer Jack Entratter.

Nancy is featured regularly on all the leading TV variety shows, and her most recent guest appearances include the "Tom Jones Special" filmed in London, and "The Carol Burnett Show". Just released on the Capitol label is her latest album "Nancy", and a soon-to-be released album - "Nancy - Live at the Sands" - was recorded during her appearance here last August. Sharing the Copa stage with Miss Wilson is comedy star Corbett Monica in his 15th Sands engagement since joining the Sands Family of stars 9 years ago.

effects you see are his doing along with his two partners. Cameraman Frank Cortez and Director Buzz Floyd.



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