

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST



KIRSCHNER COVERS KABARETS BY AL KIRSCHNER

Here comes Friday the 13th again. If this is your birthday just be careful. If we were a follower of the Sort of Kings we would go to the Rendezvous or the Santa Anita race book and bet on all the #13 horses. If #13 doesn't win this means it's your hardlucky day. Of course if Friday the 13th is your birthday you have the same privilege that all our hotels have. They eliminated the 13th floor (Just got this very important information from Phil Arce, manager of the Sahara). This means that you have the privilege of eliminating your birthday. Goody we won't have to give you a present.

They must be kidding, but we just heard a rumor that President Pompidou's wife is seriously considering having some gowns made by an American designer whose name is Berstein. Wouldn't it be nice if the American ladies would follow through and buy merchandise made in the United States. We Jews should be thankful that many nice people among us still believe that Americans can do everything that anyone else can, and believe it or not, the junk made in all these foreign countries that actually hate us was copied from United States ingenuity,

and our country actually financed most of their manufacturing. This reporter's only hope is that the 168 jets that France sold to the Arabs are as poorly made as the millions of dollars worth of French merchandise purchased by the Jews in the United States. We must repeat, this country makes things better otherwise why do the lovable Germans, Japs and French copy us. As one foreign sage said (his name escapes me) "If it costs you a Billion to send a man to the moon, we can do it for half the price."

Let's get to more pleasant matters, the most pleasant being our Las Vegas where fun works 24 hours a day. Irving Berent, who is strictly Kosher just had two wonderful weeks here and was able to get strictly Kosher Meats in the Somerset Disco-Mart. He and his Florence got to see every wonderful show in town; at midnight, after Mincha, after Mahrev and after dinner. They had a ball and will bring wonderful tidings back to New York City that Jewish Orthodox people can come here and enjoy. We're glad we met them. They are nice Heymishe Menchin.

Bathhouse Sam Rosen (Dice pit Frontier Hotel) claims

that when Rip Van Winkle woke up he said "just give me five minutes more." Isn't that what friends are for so they can give me stories like that. Keep it up Bathhouse, someday you will give me a good one.

There is no truth to the rumor that this reporter is going to write a daily column for one of the daily papers. Got news for you we don't have the Koyche (this means strength).

Finally had some fun visiting the Somerset Market where they actually sell strictly Kosher food. We had two gorge days with delicacies. Won't mention the names of the new operators of this very alert group until they give me the go ahead.

We are very happy for the Thunderbird Hotel and for Frank O'Neill, new comptroller. A nice guy and a nice friendly hotel got together. The Thunderbird, which has always the hangout for locals, has taken a step in the right direction by adding one of our very favorite locals to the staff.

We wrote very briefly about the Wayne Newton opening at the Frontier because of the deadline last week. Now we can tell you the whole story. This young man is just about the greatest performer who appears in Las Vegas. A standing ovation from a celebrity packed room was proof that the public still likes good clean entertainment. The tingle that runs down your spine when he belts out a song means he is the new star material that will take the place of the Sinatras, the Martins and the



JIMMY WEISS AND LORETTA ST. JOHN DO THEIR THING IN THE MUSICAL SUPERSPECTACULAR "PZAZZ '70" WHICH IS NOW IN ITS 8TH MONTH AT THE DESERT INN. IN THIS SEGMENT OF THE 90 MINUTE FRANK SENNES/DONN ARDEN PRODUCTION, WEISS DOES A PARODY ON HARRY RICHMOND'S FAMOUS ACT AND MISS ST. JOHN IS HILARIOUS AS "APPLE ANNIE."

Lewis's when these great old time performers eventually have to give way for the new. We are going to mention the names of the people we knew that were there and realized that this paper doesn't have room for 800 enthusiasts.

One of the sweetest couples in town has to be Vic and Ann Silvagni. Since Victor was not feeling well on my birthday they remembered and brought me a lovely gift from ISRAEL. We like nice people and they are the nicest.

Hey, did you see the pictures of Ed Fike (our Lt. Guv and Dave Pearl boxing coach wearing those Russian

Cossak hats? A reader was curious and asked what the Heck is the Lt. Gov. of Nev. doing in Russia? Our politicians in both parties would do more good for Nevada if they spent their time and Nevada's money building up tourism within the confines of the United States. (ED NOTE: Fike, official host to Russian Ambassador attending the inter-country boxing tourney in Vegas, accepted invite to accompany U.S. team to Russia. J.T.)

The favorite stop for people who like extra fine tailoring is still Raul of Vegas in the Somerset Shopping center. Did you know that all the show people claim he is the

only one that fits them right? Incidentally if anyone has a problem with Spanish both Raul's and the Master Furriers are two stores in town that have interpreters.

Did you notice that Pat Ginn uses his Jr to promote the free rice bowls and chopsticks? We have to admit his Cantonese food has never been equalled. Flavor and quality is the superior difference. (ED. NOTE: Pat Ginn Jr. is an adopted grandchild of the Israelite. He is adorable. J.T.)

Many of you don't realize how unimportant this information is but Vic Damone's real name is Vito Farinola. We always knew he wasn't Jewish. Can't wait until he gets back.

Prominent local, Burt B. Mold, is showing his Italian Barteleno shoes at the Biltmore in L.A. next week. Knowing Burt's penchant for perfection we feel he has a real winner.

Must repeat what I Cassarotto (Pit Boss at the Sahara) says. "Most Las Vegas showgirls only make a bare living." Not bad, AL.

We wish Billy Snyder (host at the Dunes) would get active again with the Saints and Sinners. The greatest wit and the fastest mind that the Las Vegas Saints and Sinners ever had belonged to Jester Lee Fisher (publicist at the Dunes Hotel). Neither of these two men have to resort to filth to be funny.

Heavyweight Ruth Karp tells me about a combination birth control and diet pill she just invented. If you get pregnant she says, you won't gain too much weight.

More Kabaret next week.

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