

LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE



VEGAS VIGNETTES... Concert promoter MIKE TELL tells his side of his short lived marriage to Academy Award actress PATTY DUKE in a new book that is part philosophy and part autobiographical, "All I Want to Do Is Make People Happy". Tell's tome is being backed by an export-import magnate in Milwaukee for a first run printing of 100,000 this spring. Well known local talents, singer JEB STUART and dancer SAL ANGELICA are partnered in a new venture, Regency Pool Service. Business is going great guns already with all their friends on the Strip; watch for the Regency truck in your neighborhood. Producer HARRY BLOOMFIELD in association with MONTE PROSER, BILLY BAXTER & STEVE KORSEN, is prepping a '72 edition of "STAR & GARTER" and has PHIL SILVERS, JULIE NEWMAR and CHRISTINE JORGENSEN just about set to headline. Miss Jorgensen incidentally may be turning up sooner than that as the special guest star of Bloomfield's new "BEST OF BURLESQUE" opus now at the Circus Circus Hippodrome. SAMMY SHORE now at the Hilton Casino Theater, celebrates his birthday (Feb. 7), his and Mitzi's 19th anniversary (Feb. 8), the production development of his and TRINI LOPEZ'S new teleseries "For God's Sake", and the news that he'll be the opening attraction at the Hilton's new lounge skedded to open in June!

NEWS TRAVELS EAST... Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN signed the deal to debut a new spectacular at the Union Plaza on March 3. The team's latest efforts, "Paris Scandale" at the Miami Americana and "Revue Royale de Paris" at the San Juan Americana are big SRO hits. Also on the Ashton-Kochmann agenda, a new "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper Gambling Hall & Saloon, this spring, and an all-black extravaganza opening June 1 at the Tivoli Gardens, Copenhagen. Auditions for The Union Plaza revue will be held in the next couple of weeks both here and in Los Angeles. The all new CLEOPATRA'S BARGE lounge at Caesars Palace will reopen February 15, no entertainment policy has been announced as yet. That dynamic duo from MOTOWN RECORDS, pr director BOB JONIS and pr manager COLLETTE WOOD, dashed into town and up and down the Strip visiting their Vegas chums and Motown artists THE SUPREMES (Frontier), BOBBY DARIN

(Desert Inn), and THELMA HOUSTON (Flamingo)... RICK STOCK, the jolly Britisher featured in THE LELAND FOUR, now at the D.I. Lady Luck Lounge, gives up his other distinction as the group's lone single member; Rick marries Portland sweetheart MONICA MEYERHOFF on Feb. 7. Friends and relatives will gather for the nuptials & reception at leader LEE HENDRICKSEN'S new Vegas home... Speaking of the D.I., newcomers RICK HARRIS, CANDY & MR D, check in for their return engagement on Feb. 8. Harris is a distant relative of some sort of Hughes Hotels star PHIL HARRIS who will be opening at the D.I. Crystal Room with FRANK SINATRA JR. on Feb. 22.

COMING ATTRACTIONS... Downtown, THE GOLDEN NUGGET is expanding its usual country-western entertainment policy to include some selected contemporary musical groups. First up on the new policy will be the popular and lively THE MARSHMELLO COMPANY under the leadership of TOMMY RONCA. The tasty musical comedy aggregation debuted last summer at the Landmark; they'll open February 10 for a quick two week whirl. The Marshmello Company is the latest booking coup from localite BOBBY MORRIS and his CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY, on Paradise Road. Morris' agency is now one of the largest independents on the West Coast with clients like DAVIS & REESE, THE NOVELITES, THE CELEBRATION, JADES & THE J'DORABLES and a couple of dozen more now working the cafe circuits all across the country... MR. LYNNE CARTER opening March 2 at the Flamingo will have some new surprises to show in his one man concert of femme impressions. Carter opens this week at Chicago's Happy Medium where he'll be working out new material and hilarious bits for his MARLENE DIETRICH, BETTE DAVIS, MAE WEST, PEARL BAILEY, etc. etc. carbons. The aforementioned BOBBY MORRIS will be Lynne's musical conductor & arranger... The incomparable LENA HORNE makes a rare Vegas appearance with new Caesars Palace pactee ALAN KING, opening March 16... Country giant JOHNNY CASH debuts March 30 at the Hilton-International.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER... MARTY ALLEN, getting absolute raves for his performance in "A WHALE OF A TALE" sneak previews, returns to the Flamingo on February 17. Meanwhile, the bushy haired favorite is busy as ever with tv guestings, and his current military bases-hospitals tour. Marty's also been firm for two more movie roles this summer... BRICK WALL JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP" has been held over, until March 25, at Harrah's Tahoe. Breck will be taking a quick break from the show this weekend to tape his stint in the upcoming tv special "Hellzapoppin" in L.A. ... LIBI RACE joins the Hilton-International slate of superstars with a debut engagement on June 22. The glittering showman will reportedly earn between 75 and 100... that's thousands... and that's also per week!!!

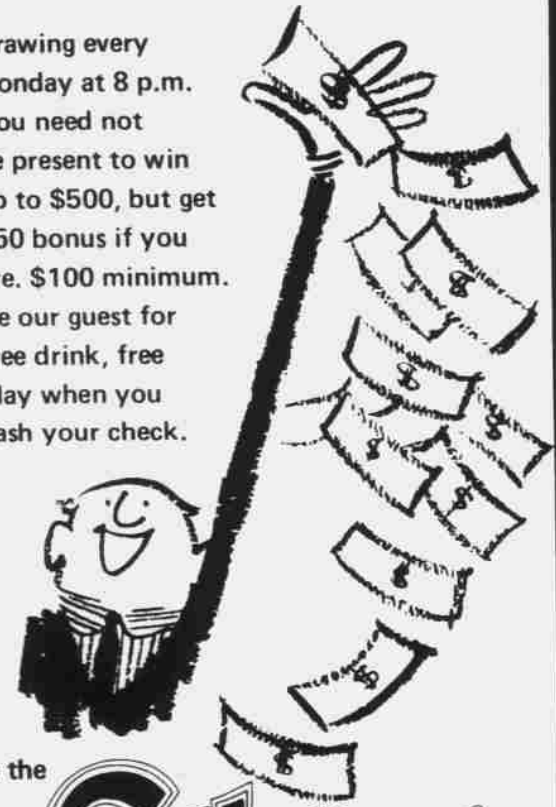
STRIP BITS... Silver Slipper stunner MARILYN

ROBERTSON featured in "Wonderful World of Burlesque" as the "surprise" stripper is also the "mother" of a baby monkey who wears diapers, drinks from a bottle, and has his own collection of toys and stuffed animals to play with. Marilyn trained the unique pet from infancy

BARBARA "I Dream of Jeannie" EDEN and FRANKIE AVALON are at the Landmark....

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