

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST



headquarters to apply... HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to FRENCHY AND MARTY ALLEN (their 12th). The bushy haired Flamingo favorite is off to Washington, D.C. to emcee the International Epilepsy convention and press conference (another of Marty's endless list of worthy charity efforts) and then to open the new CHESHIRE CAT CLUB in St. Louis, before starting his next film. Marty's "A Whale of Tale" is being set for a whopping summer premiere - and looks like it'll be one of the big, big "Family type" flicks for the year... Caesars star ANTHONY NEWLEY returns to Broadway this fall in his and LESLIE BRICUSSE'S new "It's a Funny Old World We Live In, But The World's Not Entirely to Blame", opening in Washington D.C. in September. Newley will both direct and star... A lot of folks might think Las Vegas is without a heart, but they can't say it doesn't have Soul: WILSON PICKETT at the Hilton, LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS at the Sahara, FATS DOMINO at the Flamingo, and THE HUES CORPORATION at Circus Circus and don't forget THE SEOUL SISTERS at the Flamingo (who are Korean and Indonesian in nationality but TINA TURNER, JANIS JOPLIN & ARETHA FRANKLIN in their music!).

WEEKEND WANDERERS... DON HO and his ho-ho hula show at the Flamingo... SONNY & CHER and LARRY STORCH are turning away mobs for their SRO Sahara stint... Two classic pantomimists: RED SKELTON at the Hilton and BEN BLUE at the Silver Slipper... TAKEUCHI KEIGO and his brilliant Oriental extravaganza "GEISHA'RELLA" at the Thunderbird... FAY MCKAY stars amidst Chariot races, Roman orgies, psychedelic panoramas, and other spectacle touches in the Dunes' "CASINO DE PARIS".

STRIP CHATTER... After a rash of unfounded reports, SIDNEY GATHRID personally cleared up stories that he was even considering leaving his post as Entertainment Director at CAESARS PALACE. "Absolutely not!" said the very genial and always cordial Gathrid. Sid has NEVER resigned or even thought about it, and continues his 15-18 hour days at the Palace. His latest triumph - following such blockbusters as PAUL ANKA & JOAN RIVERS, LENA HORNE & ALAN KING, ETC. - is the brilliant ANTHONY NEWLEY with the lavishly spectacular SHIPSTADS & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES '73... Comedy favorite SAMMY SHORE has taken over the Little Ciro's club on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood as a comedians' showcase and rendezvous. It's now called THE DROPP INN. Sammy will be performing and is also scheduling new talent to appear at the club. It's strictly a free-for-all stint for comedians to break in new material and routines before an audience. Interested performers can call Sammy at the club... Local based songwriter MIKE CORDA has a new disc and a new star out on his own NEW HORIZON label. Mike's "THE PLACE BEYOND THE HILL" with flip side "A LONG NIGHT COMING" were recorded live at the Desert Inn Skyroom by sultry thrush DIANNE EDDINGTON. The record breaks nationally this month. Corda wrote music and lyrics for "The Place" side and

collaborated with lyricist JACQUES WILSON for "Long Night". The new platter was produced by JAMES LAKE... Choreographer JERRY JACKSON in town to look over the "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana. Jackson will reportedly be brought in to restage and re-choreograph several of the "Folies" production numbers....

STRIP SHOWSTOPPERS... Back again by popular demand, and sounding better than ever, the dynamic HUES CORPORATION - H. ANN KELLEY, KARL RUSSELL and BERNARD ST. CLAIR - are at the Circus Circus Ring-a-Ling Lounge. The bright, high spirited trio who've played here several times, have been having a busy, bustling career since their last summer appearance. The Hues Corporation dropped by New Year's Eve to co-star with CHICAGO at the Convention Center; they'll be featured singing the title song and in the musical portions of upcoming new movie "BLACULA", and they'll follow up their recent national tv exposure (Merv Griffin Show) with a special stint on the SONNY & CHER COMEDY HOUR in May. On hand to welcome The Hues group "home": THE ESTABLISHMENT, SOUP, THE SEOUL SISTERS, and showpals from "Lido de Paris", "Verve", "Geisha'Rella", and "Casino de Paris". The Hues Corporation is on the after midnight hours, and their 3:00 a.m. performance is the Strip's most popular late late meet and greet for showfolk... A STAR IS BORN or in the case of Barry Ashton's all new "WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" at the Silver Slipper, make that THREE stars. MARILYN ROBERTSON as the hip-swiveling "Girl on the Police Gazette" and later as the hilarious "Lillian Etting"; sizzling black exotic MISS VELVET glistening with oils and bathed in flame for her showstopping voodoo ritual; and perky LISA (of featured adagio team Lisa and Salerno) who sings and dances in the show's productions as well as her own spot... THE SOCIETY OF SEVEN, who haven't played Vegas for sometime now, are back on the mainland after several months at their Hawaii homebase, The Outrigger Hotel. The Society is current at Hop Louie's LATITUDE 20 for a couple of weeks, then on to the Sahara-Tahoe on April 26. This will be the group's mainland debut of new drummer ALBERT MALIGMAT....

MEMO TO BILL MILLER, DAVE VICTORSON, SID GATHRID, WALTER KANE, BILL DEANGELIS, BILL COLLINS, ARVID NELSON, HARVEY SILBERT and ALAN LEE (Entertainment Directors all)... DON'T MISS signing a brand new act out of Dallas, Texas called "SALT & PEPPER" (Bill Bagley and Dan Hanley). They are one of the most electrifying, entertaining, and original new singing-dancing acts in show business!! You'll be hearing about Salt and Pepper a lot in the coming months; they've been signed for half a dozen clubs throughout the mid-west and south but have yet to get a bid from Vegas. The duo - handled by TC Management (Dallas & Beverly Hills) - are first-rate showmen. Bill Bagley (Salt) is from Philadelphia; his dad is the famous "Doc" Bagley who was impresario for so many years of live stage shows at Philly's Uptown Theater, with popular deejay GEORGIE WOODS. Dan Hanley is from Indianapolis and has been with several rock and top 40 musical groups. Salt and Pepper have only been together for a year and have an act together that is pure dynamite!!

BITS & PIECES... SPORTS-loving girls (which is alot different than sporting girls) are being sought for the upcoming Miss International Sportsworld Pageant (June 10 at the Las Vegas Stadium). Gals between 18-29 who are active and adept at any sport (including everything from water skiing to snowmobile racing) are wanted to represent one of the more than 50 sports categories. Contact the Stadium

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