

# LAS VEGAS

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ALL AROUND THE TOWN...MISS DAMITA JO is at the Hilton-International Casino Theater. Damita just completed a television special with comedian Scoie Mitchell and has a new pact with ABC Dunhill for which she just etched four singles...**"MINSKY'S BURLESQUE"** ends its current Aladdin run on June 15; **BILL COLLINS**, Entertainment Director and Assistant to President Sam Diamond announces his new show plans this week...**DON'T MISS: THE HUES CORPORATION**, now at the Circus Ring-a-Ding Lounge with shows at 1, 2 and 3 a.m. The popular and lively trio - **H. ANN KELLEY, KARL RUSSELL** and **BERNARD ST. CLAIR LEE**, - will be blazing into prominence this summer with a movie debut in **"BLACULA"** and are just about signed to a major recording label. The Hues Corporation is the most visual, exuberant and expressive musical newcomers to arrive on the scene in

years!...Making the rounds and causing such a stir with their eye-catching arrival - the eight exotic members of **THE SEUL SISTERS** (now at the Flamingo Casino Theater). Heads turned when the beautiful octet caught **ANTHONY NEWLEY & THE SHIPSTADS & JOHNSON ICE FOLLIES** at Caesars, **BOBBIE GENTRY** at the Desert Inn, **DAMITA JO** at the Hilton, and **BARRY ASHTON'S "WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE"** at the Silver Slipper...At the latter show, **RON CROWE** (Asst. to the Chairman of the Board, Cinerama Corporation Hawaii) with comedienne **ELMARIE WENDEL**, former Slipper lead dancer **MARINA MAUBERT**, **LEE BASS** (of the Hawaii Free Press), and local columnist **MARGUERITE RITTENDALE**. Ron was in town to see **DON HO** (who headquarters at the Cinerama Polynesian Palace in Honolulu) and part of big Hawaii group from **KHON-TV**. It was his first time in Vegas in more than six years and Crowe kept a breakneck pace catching "Verve" at the Union Plaza, "Minsky's Burlesque" at the Aladdin, "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes, Anthony Newley, The Hues Corporation, and Don Lane at the Sahara Casbar Theater...Also Vegas Visiting this week: Chicago's radio-tv personality **SIG SAKOWICZ** and his lovely **GINA**. Sig made the Tropicana Hotel his temporary headquarters for a usual round of radio interviews with stars and local V.I.P.'s...**MITZI GAYNOR, TOTIE FIELDS, ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK, ANN MARGRET** and **JIM NABORS** among the stars firmed for dates at the new **WARWICK MUSICAL THEATER** in Providence, Rhode Island...Comedian **MICKEY MANNERS** (who hasn't been here since his Sands Celebrity Theater stint more than a year ago) spends the summer at **MILTON KRUSHER'S COUNTRY CLUB** in the Sullivan County (N.Y.) Catskills. Krusher is going all out this season to book big name stars for the popular mountain resort. So far, Milton's firmed **TONY BENNETT, MELBA MOORE, ROBERT KLEIN** and **LOUIS PRIMA**.....

**"DIRECT FROM LAS VEGAS"** - Hilarious femme impressionist **LYNNE CARTER** bows at the brand new **QUEEN KAPIOLANI HOTEL** in Honolulu on May 10. Carter's also been set - by localite **BOBBY MORRIS'** hot **CREATIVE ENTERTAINMENT AGENCY** for a date, in August, at the Jacksonville (Florida) Thunderbird. Morris has also been booking talent in Riverside, Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. Upcoming CEA acts include **THE MARSHMELLO**

**COMPANY** (at the Hacienda), **THE JERRY SUN SHOW**, and singer **TONY ROME'S** new revue opening this week at Tahoe's Wagon Wheel... Singer-impressionist **JIM BAILEY**, who just closed a month in Hawaii at the Pagoda Hotel, returns to Don Ho's Polynesian Palace this week for a month's engagement...**BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP"** doing such smash biz at their hometown stint at Tony Caterine's **THE LOSERS CLUB** in Dallas, Texas, preem the new '72 edition at the Flamingo Casino Theater (afternoons) in May...Three Vegas comedy favorites now have their own showcase niterys going full blast in Los Angeles - **JOAN RIVERS** is at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills til her August 1 return, with **ABBE LANE**, at the Desert Inn; Hilton star **SAMMY SHORE** has the new **DROPP INN** on Sunset Boulevard for newcomers; and from **THE HORN** (Santa Monica) comedienne **JEANINE BURNIER** makes her mainroom debut here at the Landmark with **PATTI PAGE** on April 26... **THE CELEBRATION**, now touring with **ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK** (Miami, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cleveland, Toronto, Detroit, Vancouver, are just part of the itinerary!) return here with **E.H.** to the Riviera on May 24 and will, hopefully, have their first album for Motown on the racks by then.....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES**.....Maestro **DAVID FORESTER** who will conduct both the **Celebrity Concert for the Nevada Council on the Arts Judy Bayley Memorial** (at the Tropicana on April 30) and the **third CONCERTS FOR CHILDREN** (starring **WAYNE NEWTON** and **S.O.U.P.** at the L.V. Convention Center on May 13) is prepping a new series of **Summer Pops Festivals**...A dazzling quartet of stars - **MARILYN ROBERTSON, LISA, MISS VELVET** and **SHARON DALE** - currently sharing the honors in Barry Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper, are unanimously singing the praises of headliner **BEN BLUE**. Blue's first Vegas engagement in more than three years is a supposedly special limited one but his "unofficial fan club" is heading the campaign to persuade Ben to stay on indefinitely!.....**JUST ASKING DEPT:** Haven't producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** been set to do another all new extravaganza for another Strip hotel (they presently have the Silver Slipper and the Union Plaza showrooms)???...Hasn't **THE NAKED SIN**, now at the Royal Las Vegas casino showroom, been penciled in for a special late, late, late performance schedule at a major Strip hotel???... Whatever happened to the proposed **"SWEET CHARITY"** production for a summer's end date at one of the Hughes Hotels?.....

**MEMO TO THE NIGHT PEOPLE**.....**EDDIE COLLINS** (captain at the Frontier's Music Hall) is now one of the partners in the new **CARAVAN** (formerly the South Pacific, and most recently Kapone's on Convention Center Drive), where the cuisine is both Arabic and American, and the entertainment a bit of everything from Far East far-out Belly Dancers to impromptu new faces showcasing to jazz groups and unscheduled, uninhibited stints by both stars and stars of tomorrow. Eddie's catering to the late, late crowds of locals, tourists and showfolk. Swing by once and say hello to alot of your old friends 'round town, and make some new ones at the same time.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS**.....**DON HO** and his colorful all Hawaiian revue featuring **ROBIN WILSON, SAM KAPU** and **ANGEL PABLO** at the Flamingo...**JOHNNY CARSON** and songstress **BETTE MIDLER** (in her Vegas debut) for one short week at the Sahara...**SHECKY GREENE** and **CAROL LAWRENCE** (Mrs. Robert Goulet) are at the Riviera...**JILLIAN, SIGFRIED & ROY, THE VOLANTES, MARYA LINERO & JENNIFER PIERSON** among the featured delights of the eye-filling "Lido de Paris" spectacular at the Stardust.....

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