

★ LAS VEGAS ★

'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'



Creative Entertainment & Assoc., have effected another new merger. Morris has joined songwriter-producer ROY MARCH (Third Story Music, Hollywood) to form a new company called KENO MUSIC with headquarters here. Keno Music plans to develop new talents for recording companies with additional releases on March's own label....."DEALER'S CHOICE" the new game show for CBS-TV, and the only such show coming directly from Las Vegas (and the Tropicana Hotel) has added twelve more tape sessions to its schedule. Three shows a day will be taped this week from the Tropicana Blue Room. BOB HASTINGS is host of the new show being produced by Odyssey Productions..... ANDRE PRINCE debuts his new spectacular "CIRCUS '74" with twelve new acts and a cast of 50, at the Circus Circus Midway. The new two hour spectacle of circus greats gets underway nightly at the Circus Circus at 8:00 p.m.....East coast singer SONNY PURCELL makes his West Coast debut with a special showcase performance at the Flamingo Casino Theater on Feb. 6. Purcell, who records for Session Records, arrives in Vegas this weekend to catch up on shows starting, of course, where all singers start, by seeing FRANK SINATRA at Caesars. Purcell's entire musical group, from New Jersey, come in later to rehearse Sonny's showcase act.....

from Hollywood insist that Cher is adamant about not returning to the Strip this year!.....Singer FRANKIE RANDALL readying the first recordings of his award winning song, "HELLO, VEGAS" (chosen by the Las Vegas Public Relations Association to be the official city song). Frankie not only wrote the words and music to the ditty, he will also make the first waxing for distribution

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....MARTY ALLEN & DELLA REESE at the Flamingo.....TERESA BREWER & JAN MURRAY at the Frontier.....TOTIE FIELDS & JERRY VALE (Jan. 28) at the Sahara.....SERGIO FRANCHI & JOAN RIVERS at the MGM Grand (Jan. 30).....LIZA at the Riviera (Jan. 30).....And also a couple of singers with instant SRO appeal, at Caesars Palace and the Las Vegas Hilton.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S "Bottoms Up" - now with two companies, one here at Circus Circus and one at Harrah's, Reno - opens next at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. The company from Reno will open February 14. Star-producer Wall will resume his star spot in the Circus Circus cast for two weeks starting Feb. 1.....Hilarious femme impressionist, newcomer from Toronto, Canada, CRAIG RUSSELL has been signed to make his Las Vegas bow on May 15, opening at the MGM Grand Hotel in the Lion's Den. Russell who's been criss-crossing the country with his show, opens next in Tucson at the Pirate's Den followed by a triumphant return engagement in his hometown. Craig will be seen shortly on the Merv Griffin Show sneak-previewing some of his famous ladies like Tallulah Bankhead, Carol Channing, Mae West, Katherine Hepburn, and his classic segment on sultry stylists like Lena Horne, Diana Ross, Roberta Flack, Tina Turner, etc.....Localite JOE CAPANELLA who's known here for his expertise with business management and tax service for performers, returns this month to reopen his offices for the deluge of income tax returns for '73.....DANE WEAVER and his new musical group SUNLIGHT who debuted here recently with Robert Goulet at the Frontier, will join Goulet again for a Jan. 18-31 stint at the luxurious Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Sunlight will also be on the all-star bill for the St. Joseph's Hospital gala in Houston, Texas on Feb. 2. Robert Goulet and Bob Newhart head the star-list.....BOBBY MORRIS and his

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.....The lovely and loving "TRIBUTE TO TOMMY MOE RAFT" held last week at the Aladdin Hotel. The special third show of Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque" and gueststars like DON RICKLES, PAUL ANKA, TONY BENNETT, RICH LITTLE, PAT HENRY, HERB EDEN, PAT COOPER, HARRY JAMES, THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, SONNY KING and VIDO MUSSO, and emcee RED BUTTONS headed a three hour fund raising tribute to the late Tommy Moe, with all proceeds going to the family. In the audience: VIC DAMONE, JERRY VALE, HERBIE BARRIS, HANK HENRY, FORREST DUKE, JOE DELANEY, CHARLIE VESPIA, EDDIE FOX, NANCY AUSTIN, DAVID LONDON, MATT GREGORY, DYANNA WHITMAN, DAVE BURTON, LENNY KENT, PETER ANTHONY, JANET BOYD and FRANCINE FARRAR, MARILYNN ROBERTSON, RALPH YOUNG, LOU ASKOL, FRANKIE RANDALL, IZZY MARION, and a couple of hundred friends and showfolk adding heart and generous contributions to the evening.....The upcoming January 28 premiere of MARILYNN ROBERTSON in her one woman showcase, "ME & MY FRIENDS". Marilyn, winner of Female Performer of the Year for her last Strip appearance in Barry Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque", will present her show at 4:00 p.m. in the Flamingo Casino Theater. Seating is available to the public on a limited, first come basis to the Invitation Only performance.....The Las Vegas cancellation of all scheduled SONNY & CHER engagements at the Sahara, and rumors a-flying that the elusive Bonos will - if they haven't already - advise their agents and Caesars Palace that they will cancel out of their Caesars pact for 1974. Sonny & Cher were scheduled to switch to the Palace in mid-year; reports



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