

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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ON THE TOWN.....Beautiful MARY MARCH, wife of producer-writer David March, and widow of great songman Johnny Burke, is making her first Las Vegas appearance since coming out of "retirement". Mary quit the business when she turned twenty - a few years ago - and has been busy raising her family of three. Mary's return to the-stage is a long awaited and talked about event. Just about every major star in show business is a personal friend or show biz associate of the March/Burke circle. FRANK SINATRA, PAUL ANKA, SHECKY GREENE, WAYNE NEWTON, DEAN MARTIN, MILTON BERLE, TONY MARTIN, PHYLLIS DILLER, BOB HOPE, and several thousand more are among the welcome back boosters!! Mary opens a special one week engagement at the MGM Lion's Den; her new act with three male singers-dancers, has been staged by ALEX PLASSCHAERT (who's also done recent acts for DEBBIE REYNOLDS, TONY MARTIN and CYD CHARISSE, etc.)......Scenic designer ANTHONY "TONY" SABATINO, who made his name in television specials and series, now has FIVE major Las Vegas productions to his growing credits. Tony did all the new sets for GEORGE ARNOLD-BILL MOORE's new "SPICE ON ICE" at the Hacienda as well as the scenies for stars like TOM JONES, SERGIO FRANCHI, GLADYS KNIGHT and CHARLIE RICH.....Young Rancho High School grad, songbird LYNN NEWCOMB not only auditioned for her first showbiz venture, she got it!! Lynn will be the featured vocalist in the new "Minsky's" show opening later this month in St. Louis and going on to a 25-week engagement in Chicago at the Playboy Towers.....FOSTER BROOKS, the tipsy tale-teller now with JULIET PROWSE at the Desert Inn, is revealing still another talent in the new show - as a straight and powerful singer! Foster's rendition of "My Way" is a showstopper!!And speaking of "My Way", composer PAUL ANKA - who'll be back at Caesars Palace in July - was just given a monumental



LOTUS YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL PIANIST/SINGER FROM SEOUL, KOREA NOW APPEARING AT THE PIANO BAR IN THE LANDMARK'S CLUB 27, PERFORMED WITH THE KIMSISTERS IN KOREA DURING HER TEENS AND HAD HER OWN WEEKLY TELEVISION SHOW BEFORE COMING TO THE U.S. LOTUS ENCOURAGES PATRONS TO SING ALONG AS SHE PLAYS ALL REQUESTS FROM OLD STANDARDS TO THE TUNES OF TODAY.

honor by the publishers of record biz Bible, RECORD WORLD. Paul's career and worldwide achievements are honored in the mag's special 70-PAGE tribute!!.....Are you ready for MAE IN DECEMBER?? MAE WEST, that is, who is reportedly "that close" to signing for her first Las Vegas appearance in many a year. Miss West, a legend in her own time, has finally consented to bring a new nitery act to the Strip for a special limited Christmas-New Year's engagement.....Hilarious femme impressionist CRAIG RUSSELL, now packin' em in in Hollywood, and last here at the MGM Grand Lion's Den, has an all new act that includes more than TWENTY FIVE stars all within the same show!!

Craig now goes thru all his wig, wardrobe, voice and mannerism changes right on stage. And best of all, Russell is doing stars that are instantly recognizable without having been "impressed" to boredom including DORIS DAY, LUCILLE BALL, SHIRLEY BASSEY, DINAH WASHINGTON, CAROL CHANNING, CHARO, LENA HORNE, PEGGY LEE, KATHERINE HEPBURN, RONA BARRETT, MARLENE DIETRICH, etc. His musically merry show is often as outrageous and irreverent as it is brilliant!!.....Broadway star and Tony award winner BEN VEREEN - who was so totally wasted in "Funny Lady" - makes his Strip bow this week with Alan King at Caesars PalaceDEBBIE REYNOLDS, now a Las Vegas resident, returns to the Desert Inn on May 6 for another 4-week engagement.....JERRY LEWIS, opening May 1 at the Sahara, will have CHARO as his special gueststar.....RUTH BUZZI, who recently made her nitery bow at the Sahara, will be returning to the Strip before the summer. Ruth's only problem is where and when to return; since her smash debut as a musical comedy star, Ruth has been hearing offers from up and down the Strip to appear with stars like HELEN REDDY, TONY ORLANDO and DAWN, ED AMES, RICH LITTLE, ROBERT GOULET, GLEN CAMPBELL, JOHNNY CARSON, TELLY SAVALAS and SERGIO FRANCHI.....

WATCH FOR A SPECIAL SINGERS-DANCERS-COMEDIANS AUDITION later this month and in May for new companies of BRECK WALL-JOY PETERSON's long running laugh marathon "BOTTOMS UP". Just back from their season premiere at Harrah's Tahoe, "Bottoms Up" is prepping casts and shows for so many new engagements this summer, producer Wall will be holding special auditions as soon as he returns from Chicago and New York. At presstime, deals were pending for long run stays of the longest running musical comedy revue in cities as near as Reno and as far away as Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, Miami, San Juan, Sydney, Australia, London and Toronto!!

GLITTER PARADE.....Zany Strip favorite RIP TAYLOR who's been starring in the all new "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana, is filling out his year's calendar with dates for television guestings, a new series, a continuation of his current "Sigmund the Sea Monster" series, and dozens of nitery offers. Favorite offer so far is a pitch for Taylor to make his motion picture debut in a big musical comedy being readied for summer shooting!.....Missing and missed from recent Strip outings: DIAHANN CARROLL, PATTI PAGE,

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