

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

SUZANNE SOMERS was touted as the star of the Hilton's "Bal du Moulin Rouge" and earned the title by pushing up some healthy room counts. She exits July 12th. Last Thursday, the press gathered in the Embassy Salon of the Hilton as HENRY LEWIN, exec veep and super salesman, introduced the next star of "BDMR" -- CHARO....Summa Corp.'s Veep FRED LEWIN sez his group is not about to quickly unload the recently acquired Sands, taken back from Pratt Hotel Corp. because of payment defaults. He said Summa has received about a dozen calls to buy, but they offered "ridiculous terms. I can't see us selling for at least a year".....Chamber of Commerce Helldorado chairman MARK SMITH, boss of KLAV-TV-8 is pitching "Be Seen in Jeans," a retailers promo designed to encourage every-

one to dress western June 17-26 for the Elk's 49th Helldorado celebration....Major crimes around these parts decreased 17% for the first three months of '83, but homicides & rapes boomed in April. Those "major crimes" are burglaries, larcenies, robberies and aggravated assaults.



LIBERACE'S whirlwind Blighty trip for a week found him on two vidshows, recording two albums, playing four concerts with the London Phil and blurbing a tv spot which had two words of dialogue for a diamond firm, picking up \$35,000 for the latter chore. He winged back to Vegas to supervise several dinners booked at his Tivoli Gardens Restaurant

LEGENDS IN CONCERT AT IMPERIAL PALACE

John Stuard, Producer of the new show at the IMPERIAL

PALACE (Las Vegas, Nv.) has announced the cast of his multimedia production.

Entertainer DANA MACKAY has been signed to recreate the legendary Elvis Presley. Mackay starred three seasons ago at the Dunes in the very successful VEGAS CONNECTION. Two weeks ago he was seen on television in the movie THIS IS ELVIS.

Actress and model SUSAN GRIFFITHS will play Marilyn Monroe. Her resemblance to the great MM is uncanny, almost eerie. CELINE BRETT will recreate Judy Garland, GEORGE TRULLINGER will play Buddy Holly and PHIL SADALA will recreate his idol Bobby Darin. SHERIE RAE is remarkable as Janis Joplin, delivering seering renditions of the classic "Move Over," "Down on Me," and the comic "Mercedes Benz Blues."

RAY GUTIERREZ, GEORGE TRULLINGER, DEAN WHITE and BARRY HILL join talents to recreate The Beatles in the uniforms of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Hill solos as John Lennon.

Opening the show and doing two more featured dance numbers will be the dynamic adagio dance team JIM & JODIE KING.

Showtime for LEGENDS IN CONCERT is 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., dark Sundays. Price is \$9.95 which includes two cocktails. For reservations call 733-0234.

before the May 23 public opening....JIM BAILEY, his personal manager MARY ANDERSON and JEAN HARVEY, veep of Shoreline Prod., tossed a press conference Tuesday at the Hacienda to announce his UNLV Ham Hall concerts June 3-4....Reviving their act after four year hiatus, BERNIE ALLEN & STEVE ROSSI signed for six weeks in the Sands lounge opening Aug. 10....SID GATHRID has booked a batch of comedians after "Dream Street" closes Labor Day including SHECKY GREENE, BUDDY HACKETT, DANNY THOMAS & JERRY LEWIS into the Dunes showroom.



After years of Arabian-type decor, the Sahara is going Egyptian. Veep HENRY LACKEY is supervising the decorating blueprints, designs and friezes bas-relieving Pharaohs, Cleopatra and, naturally, her asp. But Sunday the Sahara Space Center was loaded with the annual Greek Food Festival delights for a possible 10,000 people expected to gorge on the goodies. In the showroom, TINA TURNER and JIMMY (J.J.) WALKER closed Sunday with TURNER staying over for DON RICKLES' blast through the 21st... JOE BEHAR, scripter on "Hill St. Blues," brought himself and most of his Community Drama Workshop players to romp through a funny Silver Slipper vidblurb now airing....JOAN RIVERS was ordered by her medic to "shut up," but ignored his advice at the Riviers with the SMOTHERS freres and JIM STAFFORD. She's inked for Atlantic City Sands playback June 3-4....SAMMY DAVIS JR., another play-backer, is at the Aladdin through the 23rd. And in the Thratre for Performing Arts, STEVIE NICKS & JOE WALSH arrive May 27 for a one-nighter....SI ZENTNER & BAND recall oldies during International Service Executives'40's/50's wingding at JERRY BERRY'S Berry Patch May 28.

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