

## Denise LaSalle At New Town Tavern Wednesday, June 24

Popular Denise LaSalle will appear at the New Town Tavern, 600 W. Jackson for two great shows on Wednesday, June 24 with the first show starting at 10 p.m. and the second getting underway at 12 midnight.

The show is presented by Bobby James Productions and Rita's Association.

Denise LaSalle Queen of the Blues, is a well recognized name in the music industry. Her latest album, "A Lady in the Street," showcases her talents as the songwriter and exciting songstress that she is.

A show business veteran, she has often been compared to Millie Jackson and Candi Staton because of her outstanding delivery and vibrant performances.

Miss LaSalle began her singing career in her hometown of Belzoni, Mississippi. Her first contract was with Tarnon Records. She has continually developed her singing and writing abilities over the years. One of her earlier tunes, "A Love Reputation," launched her career with her most notable hit, "Married

But Not to Each Other" recorded by Barbara Mandrell.

During a writing assignment for Z.Z. Hill, Miss LaSalle expressed an interest in Malaco Records. She felt the company could represent her well without the feeling of being a lost artist in the shuffle.

Her first release on the Malaco label, "A Lady in the Street," features "Don't Mess With My Man," "Just the Biggest Fool," "Telling Him About You," and the title cut, "A Lady in the Street" to name a few. All of the songs were written by Denise. Her second single off the album, "Lay Me Down," is making momentum on the charts. Also featured on the album is Denise's funky rendition of Z.Z. Hill's "Down Home Blues."

With the combined efforts of Malaco and veteran promotion man, Dave Clark, Denise LaSalle is sure to be a hit. Tickets are now on sale — pre — sale tickets are \$10.00 and \$12.50 at the door.

For information and details call 647-3996, 646-9836 or 646-5994.

## "Ain't Misbehavin'" "Boasts An Electrifying Cast At The Sahara's Congo Theatre

June 16th marked the opening of the fabulous Tony Award Winning Best Musical of the Year "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Sahara Hotel's Congo Theatre. This Maynard Sloate production features highly talented cast with Hinton Battle starring as Andre who last appeared in the Broadway hit "The Tap Dance Kid" and for which Battle won his second Tony Award as best featured actor. Nell is portrayed by the multi-talented Avery Sommers who most recently appeared in "Nunsense" as Sister Hubert and has played Nell previously on Broadway.

The 1984 Grand Prize winner of Star Search for female vocalist, Monica Pege, who also appeared in "The Tap Dance Kid" as Ginnie, adds her superb singing voice to the role of Armelia. The very versatile Jason Booker appears as Ken. He has appeared in "Ain't Misbehavin'" on Broadway and also in "The Wiz." A bright, young dynamo who appeared as Mary with Sherman Hemsley of the Jeffersons in the play "Norman

Is That You" at the Hacienda plays Charlene. Angela Teek, an often featured singer in Las Vegas, adds her singing and dancing talents as Charlene to the Sahara's scintillating stage show.

Showtimes are 8 and 11 pm nightly except Mondays.

## Jimmy "Jam" Harris and Terry Lewis Produce Patti La Belle and New Edition For The Movie "Dragnet"

Young, gifted and black aptly describes the most sought-after record producers today, Jimmy "Jam" Harris, 28, and Terry Lewis, 30. Since winning this year's Grammy Award for Producer of the year for Janet Jackson's phenomenal, triple platinum, "Control" album, everybody wants to work with Harris and Lewis.

When executives from MCA Records approached the 'dynamic duo' to participate in the soundtrack of the Universal film "Dragnet," starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks, Harris and Lewis were up for the challenge. They satisfied two career goals in accepting the venture. It was the first opportunity they have had to produce music for a movie. Secondly, they got a chance to work with two of their favorite artists — Patti La Belle and New Edition.

La Belle, who sings the uptempo song "Just the Facts" for the soundtrack, came to Harris and Lewis' Minneapolis recording studio not knowing what the song actually was. She had never worked this way before.

"I believed in Jimmy and Terry so much I said I'd do the song without hearing it. It worked the way I thought it

would; a very good song, a great song," La Belle says.

MCA was up in the air as to who would do the ballad. Harris and Lewis felt they

In order to participate in this film project, Harris and Lewis put aside requests from the "Who's who" of today's top performers, in-

La Belle and New Edition a great sense of satisfaction.

In the movie Dan Aykroyd fulfills a long-time fantasy by starring as Joe Friday,



"Just the Facts," sung by the Queen of Rock 'n Soul Patti LaBelle (center) was produced by Grammy-winning Producers of the Year, Terry Lewis (left) and Jimmy "Jam" Harris (right) for the soundtrack album of Universal Pictures motion picture "Dragnet," starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. "Dragnet," an action based on the top cop show of all-time, is scheduled for release June 26, 1987.

had a song which New Edition could sing well. The producers of the film were totally open to their suggestion and they settled on the choice.

cluding Whitney Houston, Lionel Richie, Dionne Warwick, Aretha Franklin, Olivia Newton-John, Stevie Wonder, Hall and Oates and others. This priority has given

nephew of the straight-laced police detective made famous by the late Jack Webb. Harris and Lewis, who were fans of the old series, had

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