

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCAST' OF THE STARS

### THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



**CELEBRITY CIRCUS...CHRISTINE JORGENSEN, RUTH BUZZI, SAMMY & MITZI SHORE, EDIE ADAMS, ANGEL TOMPKINS, GARY COSTER, Honolulu columnists WAYNE HARADA & DAVE DONNELLY, "London Playgirl Revue" stars TRISHA NOBLE & FRANKIE STEVENS, KTTV director DICK McINNES among the capacity crowd on hand for the headline debut of JOHN ROWLES at the Flamingo...Same hotel, and still very much the Strip rage, actor-singer-impressionist JIM BAILEY kept a constant stream of celebs coming in to see his incredible portrayals of Garland-Streisand-Diller-Mae West and Peggy Lee. In addition to the Rowles celebs who dropped by, Bailey had writers BILLY BARNES & EARL BROWN (who did the "A-M/PM" Ann-Margret show at the International), director-choreographer RON FIELD, singer GARY COSTER (formerly with The Establishment) with beautiful blonde nude dancer LINDA MUNDEN, actress TIPPI HENDREN, songbird MONICA MYERS, (you're going to be hearing a lot about her in future months!) manager SEYMOUR HELLER, PHYLLIS DILLER, BARBARA McNAIR and nightly reps from the Strip's production shows...SENATOR ALAN BIBLE, MAYOR ORAN GRAGSON among the VIP-socialite crowd to greet JACK MORGAN and THE RUSS MORGAN ORCHESTRA on their return to the Dunes' Top of the Strip...JOHNNIE RAY returns to the Desert Inn Lady Luck Lounge on June 29. ELVIS PRESLEY, JULIET PROWSE, CHITA RIVERA, RUTH BUZZI, SAMMY SHORE in to see the glittering new ANN-MARGRET extravaganza (International)....**

**BITS & PIECES....It'll be THE SWEET INSPIRATIONS with comedy star SAMMY SHORE when he makes his International Casino Theater debut on April 7. Singer DAX ZANOS, originally skedded for the revue, has postponed his American debut....PHIL FORD & MIMI HINES currently "on loan" to the Sahara, return to their home base, The Flamingo, on July 15....Rumors afloat that the new UNION PLAZA HOTEL, opening in July, will be the new Las Vegas home of the world famous MINSKY'S BURLESQUE....A new revue reportedly getting ready for a Strip outing is called "ASTRO-GANZA 14" - a combination of astrological-tarot card readings with musical production numbers...Criss-Cross: delovely ABBE LANE opens this**

week at the Plaza Hotel in New York. Just closing is Abbe's good pal and Vegas favorite CONNIE STEVENS who heads for the Flamingo, opening March 25....HENRI RENE will arrange and conduct local songwriter-composer ARNOLD SHAW's new theme for localite MURIEL STEVENS' syndicated tv-er "Cookery & Conversation" seen here on KHBV-TV (Channel 5)....

**COMING ATTRACTIONS....**Producer JOE PETERSON is determined to snag famed impressionist-comedian LYNN CARTER as the opening attraction at the Royal Las Vegas Hotel casino showroom. Peterson flies to Washington D.C. to catch Carter's special Georgetown University engagement to talk about a new musical revue built around Carter...THE LELAND FOUR now at the Frontier Circle F Theater will be recording in L.A. in a couple of weeks. There's a lot of interest in the popular group, and of special interest is a deal to debut at the new Disneyland in Florida....Speaking of Disneyland, THE DALLAS SOUND TRACK, just closed at the Sahara, have a firm opening in April at the California Disneyland plus 17 weeks more during the year...."Vive Les Girls" lead nude JUDY RITSKO and the Dunes Hotel are readying a lawsuit against an out-of town publication and a nightclub that used Judy's exotically erotic "spider web dance" photos without permission. Worse, the pics are being used to promote a go-go nudie show....Don't forget the premiere of the newly formed LAS VEGAS OPERA THEATER on March 7 at the International's Theater Royale. Featured in the program will be Met Opera star tenor CHRIS LACHONA and baritone JOHN LOMBARDI. Artistic director of the company DAVID FORRESTER conducts a 30-member symphony orchestra for the one-night gala....

**CHIT CHAT....**Dancer-choreographer SAL ANGELICA has been signed to headline as the only male dancer in a big revue in Argentina. Sal has passport, ticket and contract and leaves for Buenos Aries this week, for a minimum three month run....A beautiful lady psychic, who is also a dancer, is looking for a young, good-looking male partner who can sing and dance, as part of a new act for Vegas. The male partner would also act as the lady's assistant for psychic readings and audience participation bits....Don't Miss: JACKIE GAYLE now back at the Flamingo Casino Theater. The mad comedy genius is almost as shocking as he is hilarious!!!...Hee-Haw's ROY CLARK and THE EVERLY BROTHERS are next at the Landmark...."BOTTOMS UP" returns the International Casino Theater on April 16. "BU" is closing its smash debut in Sydney, Australia on March 14; BRECK WALL and company take a brief vacation to explore Hong Kong and Honolulu before coming home....WAYNE COCHRAN, just closed at the Flamingo, takes his C.C. Riders and Sheer Delights to King's Castle for a four week debut....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS....**ANN-MARGRET stars in "A-M/PM" - a two hour blockbuster spectacular at the International, with comedy star STEVE MARTIN....TOTIE FIELDS is at the Riviera

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