

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT...the still-to-be published manuscript by rock concert promoter MIKE TELL that tells all about his life with Academy Award winning actress PATTY DUKE and their short, but still undissolved marriage. Tell's book, written over the past couple of months in his hideaway retreat in Colorado, is called "All I Want To Do Is MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY". The sizzling manuscript is already the subject of several forthcoming movie mag stories, and half a dozen publishing firms are after the exclusive first printing. Tell, much in the news as of late, has hired noted attorney MELVIN BELLI to handle his case to try to save his stormy marriage to the volatile actress. Mike's been passing out cigars all around town since Patty gave birth to a boy child, Shawn Patrick. Tell's book combines-bizarre lyrical poetry, philosophy, chapters on his whirlwind courtship and marriage, and his autobiographical notes on his show biz career as a promoter-producer-teen nightclub owner. It's a wild and no-holds-barred literary effort that could NEVER be made into a movie even with an XXX rating!!!

AND TALKING ABOUT...Las Vegas favorite ABBE LANE who's knocking the tough New York critics for a loop with her new nitery image at the Plaza. The beautiful and talented Abbe has offers from London, Miami, Puerto Rico, etc., piling up at her dressing room. She'll be back to the Frontier in June with BOB NEWHART...JEANNIE LINERO, who was the featured exotic dancer and comedienne at the Silver Slipper's "Wonderful World of Burlesque" snagged a role in "The Godfather" filming in New York...Rumors out of the east that the Flamingo Hotel has been sold to a New York based group. Hotel

sources deny such a sale but other sources in the east insist that a deal has been set and it's just a matter of time before the official announcement breaks....ANN-MARGRET's "AM/PM" extravaganza at the International has been held over until March 31. The beautiful singer-dancer-actress opens next at the Fontainebleau in Miami on April 7. Among the latest batch of celebs in to see the RON FIELD staged & choreographed ROGALLAN production: PEARL BAILEY, LOUIS BELLSON, TELLY SAVALAS, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, and a red haired (?) GEORGE HAMILTON. A-M plans a special late show for the many local show folk and Strip headliners....

STRIP CHATTER...THE GOOD HUMOR COMPANY, last here at the T-Bird, opens a special engagement in Los Angeles at the Gregar Theater on March 17. Manager DENIS RITZ in town to firm a Vegas return for the popular comedy ensemble said the GHC is also up front for a top tv summer replacement show....TOTIE FIELDS, always such a smash hit at the Riviera, JOHN ROWLES with "Miss Tanya" SHARON HARVEY, the Sands "London Playgirl" star TRISHA NOBLE, and ANN-MARGRET & ROGER SMITH in to see "VIVE LES GIRLS" at the Dunes....Singer GARY COSTER who's been solo-ing since he left The Establishment has his career going off in all directions. Gary's prepping a new duo act with DIANE HARTZELL to pursue some of the interest from Vegas bookers from the duo's audition show "Crazy Love" last month at the Flamingo. Gary is also choosing original material for a recording session both as a single and with Miss Hartzell...."Minsky's Burlesque" lead dancer RICK HAMILTON, now in New York at the Playboy Club, may turn up as the lead dancer in the new Silver Slipper show produced by BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMAN. Hamilton returns to Vegas by month's end, and the producers may just wait for him. Meanwhile, auditions have been underway for the Ashton-Kochman show opening late in April for singers, showgirls, etc....JACK MORGAN conducting the RUSS MORGAN ORCHESTRA at the Top of the Dunes and his wife Linda infanticipating their third in early summer. Morgan's been doing great repeat biz at the dining and dancing room overlooking the Strip....

BITS & PIECES...THE LELAND FOUR now at the Frontier have an offer to open the new Florida Disneyland.

## JERRY LEWIS AT CAESARS PALACE

Jerry Lewis, a show business phenomenon and one of the world's masters of comedy and song, and The Osmond Brothers, the hottest musical group in the country today, will headline a two-week engagement in the Circus Maximus theatre-restaurant at Caesars Palace through March 24.

Both are leading members of the elite Caesars Palace family of stars, and the combination promises to be one of the most exciting of the Las Vegas winter entertainment season.

The Nat Brandwynne orchestra will provide the musical backing.

A monument, a myth and a tradition in the entertainment world, Lewis will be making his third Caesars Palace appearance. His explosive and wide-ranging talents have impressed audiences world-wide and have long made him one of

the leading attractions on the Las Vegas Strip.

## FASTEST DRAW IN THE WEST

The fastest draw in the West is not a gunslinger. It's the Stardust Hotel's famous "Lido de Paris" revue, which is currently outdrawing the Hoover Dam in visitors. And there's only a 30 cent admission charge to the dam!

Carrying on the rich tradition of these titanic stage productions, the ninth edition of the Lido marks the thirteenth anniversary of the Parisian importation. Not only has it dwarfed all other stage spectaculars in the long history of world theatrics, but it has drawn more than 9,500,000 paying customers during its long stand at the Stardust, making it the all-time box-office champ of showbiz.

Titled "Pourquoi Pas?", the all-new edition brilliantly continues the successful format of the eight other Lido smash hit shows dating back to the Stardust's gala opening in 1958.

The over-all effect of the show is something like that of a three-ring circus of yore. It's almost too much! Key ingredients are glamour, pageantry, dazzling sets and lighting effects, excellent choreography, top-notch specialty acts and, of course, a stageful of gorgeous Bluebell Girls.

Boasting a casting that includes the cream of European singing, dancing and promenading talent, the Lido is internationally renowned for its spellbinding production numbers.

The group, winners in two regions of the current CBS TALENT HUNT, has a recording date in L.A. when they finish their current Circle F Theater stint....Greek singer STEVE LARDAS, here last as a member of both THE UNUSUAL WE and THE CELEBRATION, is now with the Debbie Reynolds Show at the Desert Inn. Miss Reynolds is also set for a return to the D.I. in August. Comedy star LARRY WILDE was here last, at the Fremont, with PAT BOONE....Don't Miss: JACKIE GAYLE back at the Flamingo Casino Theater. He's the MASTER ad-libber and completely out of control!!! The image busting funnyman moves to the Sahara in April....Playboy's still to be announced Playmate of the Year winner gets a week's vacation at the Desert Inn as part of her prizes. PR Director AL GUZMAN has the job of escorting the Playmate. That's a job????

WEEKEND WANDERERS...LITTLE RICHARD and Australian star FRANK IFIELD at the International Casino Theater....TOTIE FIELDS and TOMMY LEONETTI, back from Australia after two years, are at the Riviera....RIP TAYLOR rips up the remains of the "Funny Farm" at the Aladdin....

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