

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



**STRIP HOPPING.....**Showstopper: **BUDDY VEST & STERLING CLARK**, electrifying and exciting singing stars of the Dunes' "Vive Les Girls", bring the roof down and the audience up for a standing ovation for their new rendition of "Walk A Mile In My Shoes".....New and Noteworthy: Leggy singer-dancer **LISA MARNE**, in her Vegas debut at the Stardust Lounge, brings her own kind of magic to a musical mixture of rock, pop, and standards. The blue eyed brunette, backed by her own group The Counts, is being hailed as a combination of Janis Joplin and Liza Minnelli!.....Sexy **JACQUELINE DOUGUET** - who personifies all the pizazz and glamor of Las Vegas - jaunts to Honolulu for her debut at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel with her partner **BERNARD CHAREY**, as special guest star with headliner **ESQUIVEL!** Jackie's manager **DONNA TAYLOR** is already swamped with bids for the saucy Gallic singer-dancer to appear at Hawaii's military installations and other island hotels.....**FREE JAZZ CONCERT** on Sunday, April 18, at the Frontier Circle F Theater. Composer-arranger **RON MYERS** conducts. Myers has played with big bands like **BUDDY RICH**, **STAN KENTON**, **DON ELLIS**, etc., and has written for **DELLA REESE**, **GEORGIA GIBBS** and **FRAN JEFFRIES** to mention a few. The jazz fest starts at 3 p.m. Ron, by the way, is the brother of oft featured singer **JEB STUART** ("Lido", "Edie Adams Show, etc.).....The indestructible "BOTTOMS UP" (now in its 13th year!) opens April 16 at the International Casino Theater, with performances at 3 and 5 p.m. Spotted in the crush of "Welcome Home" celebrants at the open house party with **MRS. RHODA WOLF** acting as hostess, at the home of producers **BRECK WALL** and **JOE PETERSON**: **RIP TAYLOR**, **ELMARIE WENDEL**, **VEST & CLARK**, **JERRY NORMAN**, **FORREST DUKE**, **FEDORA BONTEMPI**, **SHIRLEY NORMAN**, **AL GOSSAN**, **MONICA MYERS**, **MARION COLBY**, **RICK HAMILTON**, **NICK NAFF**, **BRUCE BANKE**, **TRISHA NOBLE**, **PAT GILL**, **CHARLES MATHER**, **LARRY CLOSE**, **THE BERNARD BROTHERS**, **RANDY COSTA**, **CASSANDRA PETERSON**, **DAVID WALKER**, **STAN "STOSH" ZAWACKI**, **CRAIG GARDNER**, **JACQUELINE DOUGUET**, plus reps from the Governor's office, the State Assembly, and dozens more local VIPS. Strip performers, press corps, etc. ....

**SCUTTLEBUTT.....**Welcome back to the always popular **JOLLY JOVERS** - Will & Fe - now the featured comedy stars in "London Playgirls Revue" at the Sands Celebrity Theater. The Jovers were previously featured here in "Pzazz" and "Tickle Your Fancy".....**ERIC BROWN**, former lead dancer in Line Renaud's "Flesh" at King's Castle, joins the "Folies Bergere" company at the Tropicana.....Choreographer **TONY CHARMOLI** in town for a few days for the opening of **BOBBIE GENTRY** at the Landmark. Tony staged her new act, and now commutes between here and L.A. prepping the new **JULIET PROWSE SHOW** opening May 4 at the Desert Inn.....Producers **BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN** add another revue to their

busy schedule; this one will be in Puerto Rico at the Americana Hotel in July and will be in addition to their presently running spectacular "Revue Royale de Paris".....**THE ESTABLISHMENT** set to headline at the Fremont with **PAT BUTTRAM**, follow that date with a May appearance at Caesars Palace with **LIBERACE**.....Hasn't **GEORGE ARNOLD** been tapped to produce a new edition of "NUDES ON ICE" for the Landmark lounge???.....Former Entertainment Director **DAVE VICTORSON** returns to Caesars Palace as Casino Host. A title that mystifies all but the most in insiders!.....Talent scouting these nights is Fremont comedy star **JUD STRUNK** who has his own syndicated tv series upcoming in the fall called "Jud Strunk's General Store".....

**AUDITIONS** for Line Renaud's new "LOVE IN" set to open July 1 at King's Castle being held Friday, April 16 at the Stardust showroom. Dancers, nudes and showgirls will be seen at 1 p.m.; boy dancers at 3 p.m. **JAIME ROGERS** will choreograph.

**ROUND TOWN.....**The new format of comedy favorite **SAMMY SHORE** as "Brother Sam" makes nightly converts to his hilarious, irreverent comedy capers, at the Int'l Casino Theater. Another sermon of love, peace, brotherhood set to the soul-raising music of indefatigable **BOBBY STEVENS** and **THE CHECKMATES** completes the Int'l Casino line-up. Among the packed houses in to see **SAMMY & BOBBY**: **JACK CARTER**, **JOHN BYNER**, **BERRI LEE**, **SONNY CHARLES**, **ED AMES**, **TRISHA NOBLE**, **RIP TAYLOR**, **THE KIM BROTHERS**, and showfolk from every show on the Strip!.....Comedian-actor **LEE TULLY** who just closed at the Elmwood Casino in Ontario, co-stars with **Bobbie Gentry** at the Landmark. Tully's last Vegas appearance was at

the opening of Caesars Palace.....Showstopper: Gorgeous **MARINA MAUBERT**, lead nude dancer, in the violent and erotic bordello production in the all new "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper.....**DICK MAULTSBY'S GEC** (General Entertainment Corporation) has been signed as exclusive booking agency for the new St. Francis Hotel (San Francisco) opening in December, and the Seattle Washington Plaza. **FRANK SENNES JR.**, now a GEC vice president handles the Vegas rooms.....Showfolk 'round town are happily spreading the rumor that popular **RIC MITCHELL** will be returning to his post as head of **AGVA-Las Vegas** within months. Report is that Ric is being tapped by the Washington D.C. offices of **AFL-CIO** to take over the position here.....Speaking of Mitchell, last year's Halloween Ball put on by Ric and his associates, will be given feature story play by a top Hollywood fan magazine. The ball, one of the country's most elaborate and successful every year, is already in the early preparation stages.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**The line for **TOM JONES** (at Caesars) starts at the Henderson Freeway turn-off!!!.....Don't Miss: **JOAN RIVERS** - funny, frantic and unforgettable Queen of Comedy at the Desert Inn.....The Crying Comedian **RIP TAYLOR** stars in "Funny Farm" at the Aladdin.....The Great **AL HIRT** stars in the Blue Room at the Tropicana.....

## COSBY, UGGAMS AT INTERNATIONAL

Bill Cosby, one of the world's most honored comedians, and song star **Leslie Uggams** will combine talents for the first time when they open in the main showroom of the International Hotel on April 21.

The Cosby approach to humor is in a class all its own. His hilarious childhood stories about "Fat Albert," "Old Weird Harold," "Dumb Donald" and other pals have earned him an unprecedented five Grammy awards for Best Comedy Album of the Year. He is also the

first comic to have four albums rated in the top 50 simultaneously.

Miss Uggams, though young in years, is a veteran of show business. Now in her mid-twenties, she has achieved stardom in the Broadway theater, on her own weekly television variety show, on her own TV special, "Hallelujah Leslie," and continues to rate as one of the most popular vocalists on the nightclub circuit today.

Bill Cosby and Leslie Uggams will appear twice nightly through May 12 with **Glen Campbell** to follow.



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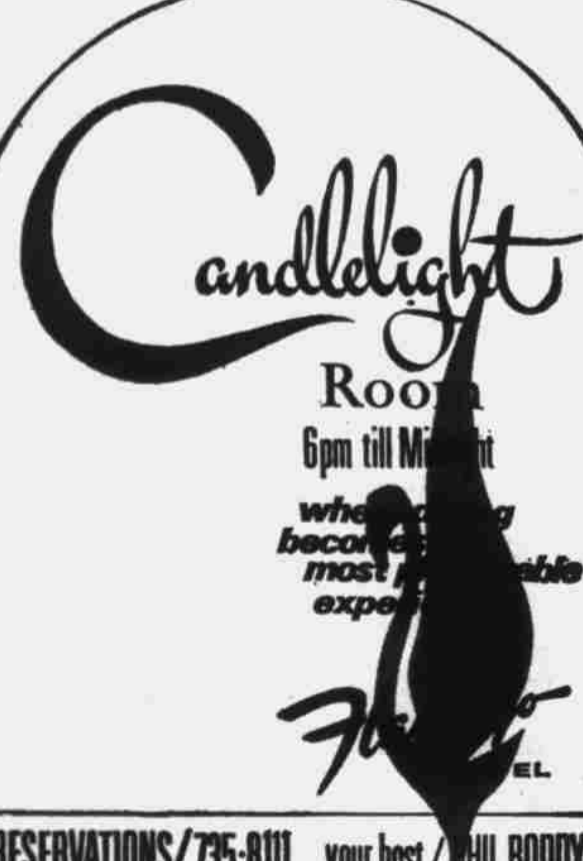
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