

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWGASTE' OF THE STARS

### THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



**SHOWSTOPPING.....**JOHNNY MATHIS in a brilliant return engagement at Caesars Palace is the "must see" of the week. Johnny's unmistakable artistry makes itself felt in every lyric, every mood and every nuance of his romantic ballads. It's a hypnotic and enthralling performance.....Variations on the Bolero - by JULIET PROWSE and Company now at the Desert Inn - is the extravagantly staged and brilliant highlight of her new revue. An entire wall of tilting mirrors, special lighting effects, dazzling costumes, and the incessant, haunting bolero melodies are the intoxicating ingredients so skillfully blended by director-choreographer TONY CHARMOLI, and Miss Prowse is exquisite, sexy and stylish.....In the all new "LATIN FIRE '72" at the Thunderbird, THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS are extraordinary and unique with their bolos, swords and drums dancing excitement.....

**STRIP CHATTER.....**GARY COSTER and BARRY MONROE will replace BUDDY VEST & STERLING CLARK in the Dunes' opulent "Vive Les Girls". The new duo will open June 2 when Vest & Clark take off to join JOAN RIVERS in New York.....Songstress ANN RICHARDS opened an indefinite engagement at the Sands' Regency Room. Miss Richards is considered by many as one of the greatest singers in show business and has a tremendous following in the business and with showfolk.....CAREN WILKINSON, the 19 year old beauty who won the recent "Miss Desert Inn Hot Pants" contest leaves for a D.I. promo tour to Chicago, Tulsa, Oklahoma, etc. ....TRISHA NOBLE, now starring in the Sands' "London Playgirls Revue", stars with WAYNE NEWTON in a new tv pilot that may spinoff into a series: first it will be aired as a Special.....It will be PEGGY LEE headlining with GEORGE JESSEL at the Frontier opening June 3. TERESA BREWER originally skedded bowed out because of illness.....THE LOS BLUES, starring in Alan Lee's new "Right On" at the Sahara Casbar Theater, celebrated their opening with release of their first

United Artists single - "Ain't That Loving You" and "God Help Me". The first lp "Los Blues - Vol. I" will be coming out before the summer.....The Filipino TUDERA SISTERS who got introduced as Japanese on the recent Merv Griffin guesting, made such a big hit with the audience and producers who caught the airing they are now considered prime opening-act-in-a-mainroom material.....And Filipino-Norwegian dancer STEPHAN BLAS arrives this week to take up Vegas residence: Stephan is the only performer contracted - so far - for the new Royal Las Vegas casino-showroom revue set to open July 1. Producer JOE PETERSON caught Stephan's nude blacklight dance in L.A. several months ago and signed him on the spot for a specialty number in the new show.....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**DEBBIE REYNOLDS, LIBERACE, JANE MORGAN, JOHNNY MATHIS and footballer JOE NAMATH showstopping "round town.....RUSTY WARREN, TONY CHARMOLI, WAYNE COCHRAN, JULIET PROWSE and JOHNNY MATHIS in for an afternoon laugh session with "BOTTOMS UP" at the International Casino Theater.....RIP TAYLOR, BERRI LEE ("Folies Bergere"), WAYNE ALBRITTON ("Lido"), COOPER NEAL, BETTY WALDRON, JAN SUTTON & ROB BARRON (all of "Bottoms Up"), gorgeous JACQUELINE DOUGUET, producers-stars MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON with lead nude dancer CLARITA DIAZ (from "Latin Fire '72") and "Wonderful World of Burlesque" adagio team MARINA MAUBERT & MARTIN GAVIN in to see the very, very popular THE HUES CORPORATION back for a special engagement at the Circus Circus lounge.....

### Returns To The International

Glen Campbell, his heavy television shooting schedule behind him for the season, returned to the live stage this week with a five-week engagement in the main showroom of the Las Vegas International Hotel.

The date is the longest continuous live appearance ever made by the talented young entertainer. None of Campbell's three previous International appearances have exceeded two weeks in length because of the stringent demands on his time.

With Campbell are two regulars from his own top-rated CBS television show, guitarist Larry McNeely and singer Jerry Reed, along with the Goodtime Hour Singers.

Between his busy television schedule, concert and recording dates and an active golf career - both as a player and sponsor - Glen's time has been as limited as

ever. He comes into Las Vegas with a new CBS contract for 1972 tucked under his arm, one which makes the "Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" one of a very few variety shows renewed for the coming season.

Glen's successful recording career also continues to blossom with his latest Capitol release, "Dream Baby", making a fast climb up the popularity charts. Meanwhile, his newest album, "Glen Campbell's Greatest Hits", appears well on its way to earning him his 11th Gold Record.

In person, Glen retains much of the informality that has made his TV show so popular. His boyish charm, spiced with Arkansas humor, plus an ability to vocally interpret a wide range of contemporary songs, have brought him a number of top honors including being named both "Top Male

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