

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

THE VEGAS BAG

by Mark Tan



STRIP SCRIPT...The legendary WINGY MANONE, just back from a six month European tour, is the big attraction at the Union Plaza's Casino Lounge...Brother and sister team, PATTI & MIKE ELLEY open a month's engagement at the Silver Slipper's Red Garter Lounge on Sept. 7 Mike, a UCLA grad, played ELVIS PRESLEY'S sidekick in "Easy Come, Easy Go"...THE KIM SISTERS who've cut their show biz activities to a minimum, make their first appearance in more than a year opening Sept. 10 at the Stardust Lounge. The Sisters rejoin THE KIM BROTHERS, now at the Flamingo, for a December date at the Outrigger Hotel in Hawaii...The new BUCK RAM PLATTERS, still awaiting a go-ahead for a trek to Communist China, return to the Flamingo Casino Theater on Sept. 16...If the deal jells, former "Vive Les Girls" singing stars BUDDY VEST & STERLING CLARK will join JOAN RIVERS when she co-headlines with JACK JONES at the Sands opening Sept. 22. Vest & Clark, reportedly signed for the Paris edition of the "Lido" are currently with Miss Rivers at the Lake Geneva Playboy Club...Femme impersonator LYNN CARTER will make his Las Vegas debut for producer JOE PETERSON at the new Royal Las Vegas showroom, opening October 1...JACK MORAN, currently with THE KIDS NEXT DOOR at the Frontier, rejoins JOHNNIE RAY as one of Johnnie's Friends at the Sahara Tahoe...MILT DOUGLAS subbing for ailing TOMMY MOE RAFT top banana of Barry Ashton's long running "Wonderful World of Burlesque" at the Silver Slipper. Same show, lead exotic JANET BOYD unveils her portrait by JULIAN RITTER for a special one day showing at the Slipper later this month...

ROUND TOWN...MARTY ALLEN led the last standing ovation for the Dunes' exiting "VIVE LES GIRLS". Hundreds of Strip pals crowded in for the last show included "Casino de Paris" star HEIDI BRUHL, former "VLG" star JACQUELINE DOUGUET, former lead nude PAT GILL, and JANET BOYD, RICK HAMILTON, ED & BEV WHITING, BERNARD CHARY, SUZETTE SUMMERS, THE BERNARD BROTHERS (now starring in the Stardust's "Bare Touch of Vegas"), JACK FLOWERS, members of THE UNUSUAL WE, THE KIDS NEXT DOOR, BOTTOMS UP, LATIN FIRE '72, LIDO DE PARIS, FUNNY FARM, and CASINO DE PARIS...Frequent Vegas Visitor, Santa Barbara scion TIMOTHY HUGHES PARKER III just back from jaunts to Morocco and Hawaii, sightseeing and catching shows like MARTY ALLEN-JOHN ROWLES at the Flamingo, JULIET PROWSE at the Desert Inn, PAUL ANKA-JOIEY HEATHERTON at Caesars, and of course ELVIS at the Hilton...Stars galore in to help SAMMY DAVIS JR celebrate his 100th week anniversary at the Sands including PETER LAWFORD, XAVIER CUGAT & CHIARO, RED BUTTONS, PAUL ANKA, DAVID FROST & DIAHANN CARROLL, WILL MASTIN, DICK SHAWN, ED SULLIVAN, EARL & ROSEMARY WILSON, MELBA MOORE, MARTY & FRINCHY ALLEN, and MGM Records proxy MIKE CURB...

DATELINE: 37,000 FEET ABOVE LAS VEGAS: FRANK SINATRA JR started his first of three shows just about the time the American Airline 727 was passing over his usual Vegas showroom, the Frontier Circle F Theater. Frank inaugurated "live" entertainment on the LA to NY flight last week, and from all indications, the novel concept could become a regular attraction. The 350-plus passengers were extremely orderly as they lined up in the 747 aisles to move to the newly installed lounge area in the plane's tailend. The passengers politely took turns at the shows so that nearly everyone who wanted to sit in on the shows could and did. Frank wrote a new song especially for the occasion, "Night Sky" and spent his time between shows being swamped by autograph seekers and photo bugs. The unique talent outlet was the joint brainstorm of American Airlines vp JERRY JACOB and Frank's manager TINO BARZIE. LARRY O'BRIEN conducted Sinatra's seven man

band in the comparatively tight quarters. The three shows plus the impromptu jam session in the wee hours of the morning proved a big hit with the passengers and could open a whole new avenue of sky cabarets. Frank who was flying to NY for business and a guesting with JOEY BISHOP on the Tonight Show, heads next for Hawaii in late September, then October in Australia. He'll return to the Frontier in December...

STRIP CHATTERINGS...ANN MARGRET will play the Las Vegas Hilton for FIVE weeks not just ten days, as reported. Ann-Margret will debut her new nitery act in the time period opened by BARBRA STREISAND postponement...MITZI GAYNOR, as might be expected, is the absolute "MUST SEE" of the month in her sparkling new revue now at the Riviera...Strip Showstopper: Lovely, leggy JULIET PROWSE and featured dancer NICK NAVARRO in the first of Seven Variations on the Bolero now at the Desert Inn...Favorite rumors currently making the rounds have GLORIA SWANSON in "Coco" and BETTE DAVIS in Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana" being wooed to Vegas stages for early '72...Producer MEL SHAYNE set JIMMIE RODGERS and comedienne DONNA JEAN YOUNG for the Fremont opening Sept. 10. This is the date originally skedded for the Vegas debut of HOMER & JETHRO...JOHN ROWLES' ever colorful manager KIMO WILDER MCVEY hopped across the Pacific back home to Hawaii to get the drums beating for John's October 1 debut at the Outrigger Hotel. John's last appearance in Honolulu, at the massive new Waikiki Sheraton, was a total sellout...

WEEKEND WANDERERS...The outrageous DELILAH DE BRIS is just one of the surprise stars in BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S afternoon smash hit, "BOTTOMS UP" now afternoons at the Flamingo Casino Theater...JERRY LEE LEWIS in his mainroom debut at the Landmark Hotel...RIP TAYLOR is the funny and frantic star of the Aladdin's "Funny Farm"..."FIDDLER ON THE ROOF" continues its SRO run at the new Union Plaza, with BOB CARROLL and FRITZI BURR heading the cast of 35...As wild and uninhibited as ever, CORNELL GUNTER & THE COASTERS now at the Sahara Casbar Theater...

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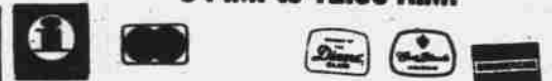
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