
Las Vegas Jazz

BOB LEONARD

MARC HANNIBAL, a very gifted film and television actor, had a special part written for him by the producers of "Telethon," (film for TV), currently shooting at the Dunes Hotel... Marc's TV Show called "Folks," is aired every Sunday at 6:00 P.M., on ABC-TV, Channel #13. And if you care to see MARC HANNIBAL live, singing his favorite mellow songs, catch him every Thursday night starting at Midnight at The Tender Trap... Lots of fans will be in to see this very personable former Harlem Globetrotter.

Isn't it ironic, that once a recording star makes it REAL BIG, the first move they make is "dump" their manager, and let their husbands handle them... Such is the case with GLADYS KNIGHT... Her career which was very ably managed by Sidney Seidenberg, is now in the hands of her husband, Barry Hankerson... The PIPS remain with Sidney, and have a separate recording contract with Casablanca Records.

GEORGE DUKE, a very hot jazz keyboardist sat in at the Trap, and astounded everyone... There are over 100 jazz festivals scheduled for Europe in '78... It seems to me that everyone that had anything to do with PRESLEY is keeping his death super clean... Let's face it, isn't a heart attack usually from overindulgence??? The reports of his last engagement at the Hilton whereby he cancelled "stick," were never made clear to the public, but those in the know, knew he left under "very unusual circumstances."

JOE CASTRO, one of the best jazz pianists in Las Vegas, is now a featured attraction at The Desert Inn Hotel... SONNY KING is so thin you can hardly recognize him... Rumors have it, that his long term contract with Summa is in jeopardy... Record companies in N.Y., are having a cerebral trip recording what is called Loft Jazz... The hottest locations are called Studio Rivbea, Studio We, Alis Alley, Ladies Fort, Environ, and Brook and Jazzmania.

Newest nightclub and restaurant with class to open in Las Vegas, will be called Gibby's, located on the site of old Billy Jack's, L.V.'s first Disco Club... Gibby's has beautiful decor, and probably will feature cool jazz sounds, in the same manner as Don The Beachcomber at the Sahara Hotel.

TERPY RICHARDS is slowly becoming a first rate personality around town... He has impeccable singing taste and style with a true love for lyrics... The Sahara Hotel used Terry as a fill in for MARY KAYE TRIO and was so impressed they will use him for multiple weeks in the very near future.

JACKIE GAYLE has been gigging in Las Vegas for years, dreaming of that main room shot... Once during his engagement in the Casbah lounge, he was recruited for the main room for a night or two... I thought he was powerful enough to receive many offers, but nothing happened... Well, much to everyone surprise, Jackie is the opener for the Main Man in our business FRANK SINATRA, at Caesars, and he is nothing short of sensational... LENNY BRUCE's Mom, SALLY MAAR, should be real proud of Jackie... She was his first manager in LA... and if Lenny heard the humor today in his grave, he would be "Twirlin' Willie".....

PETE BINGO AT FREMONT A BIG HIT



TELEVISION PERSONALITIES JACK KOGAN, LEFT, AND GUS GUIFFRE HELP FIESTA BINGO ROOM SUPERVISOR JOYCE CAPRA PLACE PETE BINGO NUMBERS ON A SPECIAL BOARD TO HELP LAUNCH THE EXCLUSIVE GAME AT THE FREMONT HOTEL. OVERFLOW CROWD NECESSITATED THE OPENING OF THE HOTEL'S EXPLORER ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR TO HANDLE THE FIRST SESSION TURNOUT.

NEW POKER FEATURES AT RENDEZVOUS

Veteran poker expert Bob Rose, known as "Mr. Poker" in Nevada for many years, announced the opening of a new poker section in the Rendezvous Hotel and Casino.

Rose, who owns and operates a poker school in Las Vegas, announced "a new concept for poker room action." Players who wish to participate may ante \$1 extra into a progressive pool when they win a hand with a straight or better. The money will be kept in the pool until it is "hit" by a player who loses a hand with a straight flush or four of a kind. Rose estimates that the poker jackpot will be worth \$10,000 within 90 days.

He also plans to feature a World Ser-

ies of Poker featuring 5-card draw, high and low-ball. This would call for a \$10,000 entry fee and a winner's purse that might reach \$500,000.

Rose also pointed to the Rendezvous' spacious new parking lot at the corner of Ogden and Las Vegas Boulevard, North, as "a definite asset to both local and out-of-town poker players who naturally appreciate close-by, free parking facilities."

Rendezvous general manager Marty Kopolow added that the hotel "will structure ever game to meet the wishes of the players."

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A couple of years ago I wrote an item about ROSLYN KIND and carried on about her talent and how she should be a big star soon. Well it took a little longer than either of us thought but it has been worth it. Her voice is even better than it was then! She opened at Studio One and received the hottest set of reviews that I have seen this year and she deserves it. ELLIOT GOULD introduced her as "my son Jason's aunt" and then she took off. A fine musical potpourri of "now" songs, tender love songs and a funny bit on practicing the piano. Mazeltov, Roslyn and keep it up, right up to the top!

Another favorite and a very special lady, LOIS NETFLETON became the first female to make a Masquer and they threw a wing ding of a party for her. On the dais was CARROLL O'CONNOR and his wife Nancie (who is a very funny lady), JOE CAMPANELLA, FRANK CAMPANELLA and various friends. NORMAN LEAR told a funny story about why he hired Lois to do "All That Glitters." Seems in addition to his admiring her undeniable talent, he was also nursing a lech for her. All in fun, folks. Lois wore the dress she wore in a dream sequence on "All That Glitters" and she looked absolutely incredible! It was supposed to be kind of a roast but it was the most loving roast I've ever seen. Everyone there genuinely loved Lois and it showed. Really a nice evening.

DEBBIE REYNOLDS threw a bash at Pips to raise money for her museum but unfortunately got sick and couldn't make it. Pips was done up as a mini-Las Vegas with gambling galore with play money. The place was packed. Among those having a ball were JANE WITHERS, JUDY CANOVA, GEORGE MONTGOMERY, RODDY MC DOWALL, ANN MILLER, MARGARET O'BRIEN, EARL HOLLIMAN and MARK HAMILL. (Star Wars hero). RITA HAYWORTH caused the biggest furor. Everyone wanted to meet her and she was wonderful! Mac Krim was her escort again. Interesting that Mac also was the big light in KIM NOVAK's life when both Rita and Kim were at Columbia. Anyway, Debbie raised a lot of money for museum even in absentia.

Losing both ELVIS PRESLEY and GROUCHO MARX in one week was quite a shock. I had the pleasure of meeting Elvis in his dressing room at the International one evening after his opening. What a wonderful surprise to find out he was a genuine nice person. He even offered to get his guests something to drink and had something nice to say to everyone who came in. What a shame to die at 42. His like will not be seen again. And what can you say about Groucho? One of the funniest men ever to live. His television show is still being run around the country and the Marx Brothers Film Festivals are constantly going on. All testimonies to his talent. That is the good part. Presley will sing forever for us via his records and we will always be able to laugh out loud at the magic of Marx, thanks to television and films.

Make every moment count, friends. Life is short.

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