

# LAS VEGAS SHOWGAS

## Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



**Singer Bobby Darin with comedian Jan Murray share Desert Inn's Crystal Room headline honors. This marks the third time for Darin while Murray will be making his debut at the Desert Inn.**

LIFE UPON THESE WICKED STAGES....TRINI LOPEZ, back from filming "Antonio" in the wilds of Chile, has a new act to debut at the Desert Inn, opening June 6, a new Capitol single "Ruby Mountain" and an album "VIVA TRINI LOPEZ" ready for release, AND an upcoming teleteries costarring SAMMY SHORE for '73-'74 called "For God's Sake". Trini plays a priest at an orphanage in the series....THE JOLLY JOVERS will be with LIBERACE when he opens June at the Hilton Hotel. The Jovers, Will and Fe, have also been set to join the new "Lido de Paris" at the Stardust in the 1973 edition opening in December....JACK JONES will follow the LETTERMEN at the Flamingo in mid-June for a special two week engagement....JAN MURRAY (at the Desert Inn with BOBBY DARIN) and Sahara superstar BUDDY HACKETT are this month's "Odd Couple". The duo share a house while appearing here without their families....DEBBIE REYNOLDS will return with a brand new show to open July 4 at the Desert Inn....Landmark comedienne JEANNINE BURNIER has been set to join JOHNNY MATHIS for dates back east in May and August. In between, Jeannine will headline an L.A. to Mexico cruise for SITMAR Line and entertainment booker ALAN SHARPE. The new luxury liners (Fairsea and Fairwind) have had stars like JOHNNIE RAY, ROSEMARY CLOONEY, ELMARIE WENDEL, SAMMY SHORE, etc....Comedian PETE BARBUTTI returns to the Sahara Casbar Theater in mid-May; also on the bill will be popular BEVERLEE AND SIDRO AND THE ARMADA in their Casbar debut....JOHNNIE RAY and THE TRENTERS,

currently appearing at the Flamingo Casino Theater, swapping stories of the not so long ago when they appeared at the London Palladium, and Johnnie couldn't leave his dressing room because of the thousands of eager souvenir-hunting fans thronging the theater....

STRIP BITS...."VERVE" IT STARTED WITH EVI closes its 12 week run at the Union Plaza on May 24. Producers BARRY ASHTON & WOLF KOCHMANN are due back this month from their latest talent scouting trip to London...."MINSKY'S BURLESQUE" will, after all, stay on at the Aladdin Hotel until at least December now...."TAKUUCHI KIYOGO's" long-running "GEISHARILLA" has already been firm to return for another six months to the Thunderbird opening with an all new show in January '73. Geisha/Rella closes in mid-June when "LATIN FIRE '73" resumes its usual May to December run....THE BERNARD BROTHERS, the hilarious pantomimist act now starring in "Bare Touch of Vegas" at the Stardust are booked SOLID until 1976!! "Touch" stays at the Stardust Lounge until December which gives LES BERNARD a chance to get his latest off-stage activity his new beauty salon DREAM GIRL off to a running start. Les' shop is located just off the Strip at Flamingo Road....Producer MATT GREGORY has set JERRY NORMAN (to stage & choreograph), comedian SAMMY KING, and musical director GREG GAITAN for his new "Fancy That" mini-revue opening at Hara's Reno on June 22. Gregory plans to follow his formula of changing the comedy and singing acts within the six production number framework. "Fancy" will be Hara's second nude revue in its 20 year history, the first was Matt's "The Feminine Touch" last December....ROY CLARK, who's shed 60 pounds at a recent Duke University supervised diet, will be the first Country Western star to appear at the JFK Memorial Auditorium in D.C. when he appears there on June 3. Roy returns to the Landmark on June 14.

ATTENTION VEGAS VISITORS - DON'T MISS....The third CONCERTS FOR CHILDREN on May 13 at the L.V. Convention Center at 1:30 P.M. Titled "A FAMILY AFFAIR" maestro DAVID FORESTER

conducts the Nevada Symphony Orchestra with special guest stars WAYNE NEWTON and S.O.U.P. in a cavalcade of popular music. The Symphony will present a program of international dance music in one of its solo segments....And DON'T MISS....The 1973 edition of BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON'S fun in the afternoon "BOTTOMS UP" at 2 and 4 at the Flamingo Casino Theater. DAVID HARRIS, COOPER NEAL, JAN SUTTON, ROB BARRON, DEEDA HYMES, BETTY WALDRON, ALICIA IRWIN, VIKKI ANTHONY, BONNIE BAKER and BRECK WALL are the all-star ensemble....

NOTIS FROM ALL OVER....BILLY RIZZO, former entertainment buyer for the Playboy Clubs, is now associated with DICK MAULSTBY and FRANK SINNIS JR in talent agency, General Entertainment Corporation, with offices in Los Angeles, Seattle, Las Vegas, and Chicago-New York opening. GEC's impressive talent roster includes BILLY ECKSTINE (opening May 24 with JOEY BISHOP at the Sands), the new ROSSI (Steve) & ALLEN (Bernie) coming to the Sahara Casbar, JACKIE GAYLE, THERESA BRIWER, LEE MEZA, TONY MARTIN, MISS DAMITA JO, SPIKE JONES JR., THE GOOD HUMOR CO., and THE CELEBRATION (opening with ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK at the Riviera on May 24)....SAMMY SHORE'S new "Comedy Store" nitery on Sunset Strip in L.A. drawing all the funny girls and guys in town to sit in for impromptu stints; Sammy's place is open to new, "undiscovered" comedy talents and is proving such a "buyer's showcase" that producers, agent and casting directors are making it a weekly drop in....Happy Birthday to WAYNE COCHRAN, currently at the Flamingo. To celebrate his birthday, Wayne flew into L.A. to tape a two hour long interview with KDAY's colorful WOLFMAN JACK. Cochran's new album "Cochran" is climbing upwards in Vegas sales since he opened here last week and all the local radio stations have been playing sides from the new Kapp lp....

WEEKEND WANDERERS....BOBBY DARIN and JAN MURRAY at the Desert Inn....FAY McKAY stars in the Dunes "CASINO DE PARIS" with her hilarious rendition of "The 12 Days (Daze) of Christmas" a surefire showstopper....MARILYN ROBERTSON, MISS VELVET, SHARON DALE and LISA are the lissome quartet of femme stars now in the all new Barry Ashton's "WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE" at the Silver Slipper....PATTI PAGE & JEANNINE BURNIER at the Landmark....

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