

LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE



O'CONNOR, JAMES DARREN, BARBARA McNAIR, PETULA CLARK, THE GOLDDIGGERS, PETER ANTHONY, BILLY KAY, THE ULTRA THREE, "THIS IS BURLESQUE", THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, DAPHNE DAVIS, IRV BENSON, and dozens and dozens more Strip folk. Well done, all!!.....

PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.....The return of BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP" - Las Vegas' longest running musical comedy revue - opening May 4 at the Circus Circus Hippodrome. In September, the show flies to England for a BBC special....The first-time teaming of ROBERT GOULET & CAROL LAWRENCE (in Las Vegas that is) opening June 28 at the Frontier. Robert returns solo first at the Sands on May 16....NANCY SINATRA with two dates to play at the Sahara, makes her first appearance this year opening May 15 with THE EVERLY BROTHERS' guesting....The all-night "get acquainted" bash for Detroit singing sensation BOB ANDERSON. Anderson hosted the party to meet some of the showfolk in town and ended up greeting more than 300 guests including JOAN RIVERS (his mentor who is presenting him in his West Coast debut at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills on May 8), TRINI LOPEZ, TOTIE FIELDS & GEORGIE JOHNSTON, RUSTY WARREN, KITTY KOVER, MILO & ROGER, JACQUELINE DOUGUET, JANET BOYD, TOMMY MOE RAFT, BRECK WALL & "Bottoms Up" cast, BONNIE HAYES (D.I. entertainment coordinator), HANK KOVELL (Frontier pr), JIM SEAGRAVE (Thunderbird pr), THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, THE FLYING FERCOs, BERRI LEE, MARILYN ROBERTSON, BONNIE & WAYNE ALBRITTON, SUZANNE VEGAS, GORDON CORNISH, JEB STUART, DIANE LEWIS, FRANKIE RANDALL, GUS AUGSPURG, ELMARIE WENDEL, and a couple hundred others. Also on hand to provide live entertainment in addition to Bob's mini-concert at about 4:00 a.m. were newcomers RICHARD CURTIS and GENESIS who were joined later in the evening by dynamite songbird MONICA MYERS.....

ROBERT GOULET presented their new musical ensemble SUN FLIGHT at a special showcase audition at the Frontier Music Hall. The group has already been set for an extensive mid-summer tour, and will make a Vegas debut later this year.... At the Flamingo Casino Theater, THE UNUSUAL WE - Jerome Brandon and Jesse Salve's new group - head next for nitery dates in Tucson, Phoenix, Seattle and San Francisco. The Unusual We, played here a year ago at Caesars Palace....Hear tell there are Strip returns being negotiated for longtime favorites like JOHNNY MATHIS, THE SUPREMES, THE CARPENTERS, MIKE DOUGLAS, and BARBARA EDEN....Handsome singing idol since Robert Goulet, movie star JAMES DARREN, now at the Sahara Congo Room with superstar BUDDY HACKETT, has six new singles being readied for release with his new recording pact with MGM. Darren, who's being hailed as "the American Humperdinck", zig zags back to Buffalo and the east coast for a couple of club dates before making a mid-summer Vegas return....TRINI LOPEZ, just closed at the D.I., has ended his longterm pact with the Hughes Hotels and is now freelancing. Trini was scheduled for a mid-year return but bowed out when other commitments pushed the D.I. date into 1974....Same hotel, BOB NEWHART had to exercise his "escape" clause to resume taping of his tv series and postponed his scheduled May 29 opening with FLORENCE HENDERSON. Miss Henderson will play the date with a still to be announced co-star.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....BOBBY DARIN, the super showman, back in top form at the Hilton with perennial favorite MYRON COHEN.....Legs Galore, MISS JULIET PROWSE and JAN MURRAY now at the Desert Inn....BUDDY HACKETT & JAMES DARREN at the Sahara....ENGLEBERT is at the Riviera....The 10th edition of the "LIDO DE PARIS" starring MILO & ROGER, THE JOLLY JOVERS, THE RIOS at the Stardust. In the Stardust Lounge, "BARE TOUCH OF VEGAS" stars THE BERNARD BROTHERS, ROGER MINAMI, and The Ron Lewis Dancers.....

STRIP CHIT CHAT....Belated Happy Birthday to ALLAN CHAPIN, former Strip maitre'd and now manager of the aforementioned Richard Curtis & Genesis....DANE WEAVER (formerly with The Establishment) and

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