

LAS VEGAS SHOWGASTE

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ROUND TOWN.....Beautiful blonde from Dallas, Texas, JAN SUTTON (currently featured in Breck Wall-Joe Peterson's "Bottoms Up" at Circus Circus) marries Tropicana Sales Manager GAYLE MONEYHAN on June 11.....On hand to fete a favorite couple TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE, now starring at the Thunderbird, were some other famous duos including STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, NANCY SINATRA & HUGH LAMBERT, and ROBERT GOULET & CAROL LAWRENCE.....Showfolk and the public are invited by the aforementioned ROBERT GOULET to a special showcase performance of his new singing group SUNLIGHT. Sunlight will be presented at the Frontier Hotel's Music Hall on Friday, June 1 at 3:00 p.m. Two of the groups' members are DANE WEAVER & BILL BOWERSOCK, both well known to showgoers here for their appearances with The Establishment. Goulet will be on hand at the Frontier, not to sing but to host the afternoon showing.....LIBERACE, one of last summer's hottest attractions, brings back his Classic Car collection in his new show opening June 7 at the Las Vegas Hilton. Also with the glitter-happy showman will be THE MIKE CURB CONGREGATION who are fellow MGM-recording artists.....MERY GRIFFIN PRODUCTIONS will produce another "Direct from Las Vegas" special starring Caesars Palace headliner PAUL ANKA, scheduled for taping from the Circus Maximus on June 4-5. Paul's gueststars will be announced later this week but stars Paul's written songs for like WAYNE NEWTON, TOM JONES & THE FIFTH DIMENSION are likely visitors to Paul's pilot-special for a possible fall series tapings.....Speaking of Mery (who'll be back for a week of shows from Caesars later this summer), Las Vegas' Mayor ORAN GRAGSON will be making a special trip to Los Angeles to guest on Mery's show later this month and will be making the city's official presentation of an Honorary Citizenship award to the popular tv variety host.....

STRIP CHIPS.....BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP" is such a big hit in its new home at the Hippodrome Theater (Circus Circus), the management has had to open the showroom balcony to accommodate the SRO crowds. "Bottoms Up" has already set new attendance breaking records at Circus Circus, and the show has only been running for three weeks.....The Thunderbird is reportedly negotiating for a new production of "SWEET CHARITY" to star LORNA LUFT. If the deal jells, "Charity" will follow MEL TORME & DICK SHAWN into the T-Bird showroom in July.....FATS DOMINO cancelled out his Flamingo Casino Theater date because of illness last week; THE TRENIERS were held over.... ROCK HUDSON and CAROL BURNETT have been signed to co-star in a new production of "I Do, I Do" opening next month in Los Angeles at the Huntington Hartford Theater. The award winning musical "DON'T BOTHER ME, I CAN'T COPE" will close June 17 after a record shattering 34 week engagement. "Cope" is the much talked about, all-black musical revue that has been reportedly negotiating with at least two Strip hotels for an early summer bow. Star of "Cope" is PAULA KELLY.....JAMES DARREN, last here at the Sahara and set for an August return with BUDDY



ZELLA LEHR, WHO HAS BEEN CALLED THE LAST OF THE VAUDEVILLIANS, RODE HER WAY TO THE TOP ON A UNICYCLE AND IS NOW SINGING AND DANCING FOR SUPPER CLUB PATRONS AT THE LANDMARK HOTEL. ZELLA PRESENTS AN ALL-NEW SHOW FOR HER RETURN ENGAGEMENT. SHOWTIMES ARE 6, 7:45 and 9:30 p.m.

HACKETT, opens this week as star of "West Side Story" in Milwaukee. Jimmy then goes to Toronto, Canada's swank Beverly Hills Hotel for his first time Canadian nightclub date.....

HAVE YOU HEARD.....that DEAN MARTIN has reportedly axed his connection with Caesars Palace, after the much publicized contract calling for one show a night starting in mid-74, and will now be one of the superstar headliners at the MGM Grand Hotel. Most colorful rumor currently making the rounds is that the MGM Hotel will open with one gigantic star after another for a period of 4 weeks starting with FRANK SINATRA, followed by DEAN MARTIN, followed by MAE WEST, followed by BOB HOPE. That's just all too much star power to be hoped for!.....that the Riviera Hotel and TOTIE FIELDS have agreed to disagree and Totie will be leaving the Riv after her next (last) engagement. In a matter of days, rumors were that Totie had been scooped by either (1) the Hilton, (2) Caesars Palace or (3) the Tropicana's new Superstar Theater.....that Detroit singing sensation BOB ANDERSON, who just made his West Coast nitery bow with JOAN RIVERS at the Ye Little Club in Beverly Hills last month (and returns to that room with Joan opening June 5) has been signed by producer HUGH LAMBERT to make his mainroom debut in the new NANCY SINATRA SHOW opening June 14 at the Nugget Hotel-Casino in Reno/Sparks. Nancy and Hugh signed Anderson after a single afternoon audition at the Sahara Hotel last week, and Nancy will be "introducing" Bob in his own spot in the show. Anderson's also in huddles about a new recording deal with STAX RECORDS in Memphis, Tenn., a Canadian debut, a handful of tv guestings, and club dates in Miami, Chicago, Dallas and Honolulu.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....TONY & CYD at the Thunderbird.....TOM JONES, the best ever at Caesars

Palace. Tom who was preceded into Vegas with wild rumors that he was having a nervous breakdown, was 25 pounds overweight, and had lost his vocal power, has never been more syncopating, dynamic, scintillating or electrifying. In great spirits and incredibly healthy, Tom is demonstrating what being the world's sexiest male superstar is all about!.....MILTON BERLE, The King of Comedians, is back at the Desert Inn with FLORENCE HENDERSON co-starring. Uncle Miltie is Uncle Miltie is Uncle Miltie which means the Crystal Room should stay packed with comedy fans who've kept Berle busy since his eleventh comeback in 1921!!!.....JEAN PAUL VIGNON stars in the Hacienda's new "Turn It On" with a slate of bright new talents like SUSAN ANTON, NANCY BOND, NEIL J. SCHWARTZ & DIANE DESTRY.....

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