

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



National Association of Broadcasters confab with over 30,000 associates of one kind or another were in town through Wednesday. Big shot lawmakers from Washington are making up four panels and floating around Convention Center were more celebs and VDIVIPs than you could shake a mike and lens at -- and all wanting to be seen and heard. Another resort quietly opened couple of weeks ago the Las Vegas Inn & Casino immediately adjacent to the Sahara

I-15 interchange with ANDREW VASILA prez and JOHN ANDERSON casino manager... "Red Flag" shooting at Nellis AFB moves to the Aladdin and Frontier as the two - hour CBS vidfilm set for fall viewing soaked up local SAG actors ALLEN CAMPBELL, JOAN O'CONNELL, JOHN LISCIO, VAN CORWITH, CHASE CORDELL and DICK PADGETT, coordinated through CHARLENE GOLEMAN's casting agency....JAKI BASKOW'S script "Angel of Death" about the Sunrise Hospital nurse who made news last year, was sold by STEPHANIE NIELSON (aka LOPES) for JAFFE/BLAKELY Films three - hour movie of the week... And "A Chorus Line" audition was for real Tuesday, set by MICHAEL BENNETT & New York Shakespeare Festival, in the Desert Inn's showroom. In charge were casting director JOE NELSON, dance captain T. MICHAEL REED, vocal coach TONY GERALIS assisted by JEFF LEE, ALEX MCKAY, SHERMAN FRANK and ERIC HORENSTEIN OF "ACL's" international company.

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JOHNNY DARK, who made the yocks for the Osmonds at the Aladdin through Wednesday, is stopped at the Hacienda with his family, reuniting with that hotel's prexy PAUL LOWDEN. JOHNNY first played in Vegas at the Fremont downtown in '63 as half of the PAUL LOWDEN DUO -- DARK on drums and LOWDEN on organ. Meanwhile LOWDEN greeted the International Belly Dancers Convention in his Matador Arena and the BRECK WALL-PAT MAES "Bottoms Up '81" in the main showroom through May 23.. At the Riviera BARRY MANILOW arrived on Thursday. Riv owner MESHULAM RIKLIA shuttered the Lighthouse restaurant for expansion of casino area. He plans a new eatery featuring seafood and steaks in another area. "It will be one of the most exquisite dining rooms in America," he promised.

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More JIM HALSEY news -- MINNIE PEARL, TAMMY WYNETTE, OAK RIDGE BOYS, MEL TILLIS and ROY CLARK revved up the vidspec "Country Comes Home" last week. CLARK put that show under his belt before his Frontier date opening Thursday... JULIET PROWSE, who legged in with BILL COSBY Tuesday had guest star shot on CBS "Fourth Annual Collegiate Cheerleading Championships" spec taped in Miami Beach couple of weeks ago...BARCLAY SHAW held over puppeteering Toto the Clown and Madame Clara Cluck through July 15 in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere"...JACKIE HELLER recovered from accident injuries and is now warbling up a storm at the Royal Americana. TOM POSTON rejoined "The Odd Couple" cast at Union Plaza after tape seshes of "Mork & Mindy"... "Evening of Comedy" roster at the Landmark posts MURRAY LANGSTON with JOHNNY YUNE and JIM BROGAN, with WILLIE TYLER & LESTER replacing BROGAN and ROGER & ROGER taking the YUNE slot the rest of the week. Scorecard available at the Landmark.

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TONY D'ANDREA and JENEANE MARIE alternate with FREDDIE BELL in the Sahara's Casbar through May 4 when BUDDY DE FRANCO & TERRY GIBBS blow good jazz alternating with ROBIN & SPUTZY...The Sahara's Sunday initial dance contest was won by CARMINE & LUCY GIMMARO of Poughkeepsie, with the trophy presented by PHIL FORD and GINNIE PALONNE...SAMMY DAVIS JR. has his revels at Caesars Palace for a fortnight... Treasury hotel - casino was in the spotlight on "That's My Line" as blackjacker KEN USTON played a \$50,000 freeze - out match against hotel dealers. Something for everyone -- county commissioners are tightening up sex laws to freeze out burgeoning S&M clinics and couple swap clubs. However, in the S&M permit attempts by a California entrepreneurs, they stress kinky not sex and there ain't no laws against whips & chains -- so far.

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Latest scandal is that WAYLAND FLOWERS manipulated MADAME, star of "Madame Goes to Harlem" at the Sahara, into tossing her feathery stetson chapeau into the corral as a contestant in the "West's Most Beautiful Urban Cowgirl" beauty pageant. Nevada finals will be at Old Vegas April 25. The 22 - state pageant windup is skedded for the Maxim May 5 with all proceeds from admissions to L.V. Chapter of MDA... Trans-American Video exec BARNEY RAWLINGS penned a note which began thusly: "With Las Vegas again hosting the convention of the National Association of Broadcasters, TAV of Nevada is delighted to be featured on the cover of the convention issue of Broadcast Communications -- one of the foremost magazines of the trades. We (our camera) are also featured on the inside cover of the Convention

Guide -- sharing the full pages in color with MGM dancer JANET FORD, daughter of Nevada State Senator JEAN FORD.... And BARNEY went on an on listing the events TAV has been covering with cameras and crews quite a formidable list stretching all over the state.. GEORGE "GOOBER" LINDSEY, who last made contact with this scribe at JIM HALSEY'S International Country Music Festival in Tulsa last May wrapped his week's comedics at the Riviera with MEL TILLIS, to sky to London and Rotterdam where he'll be the star for MERVIN KAHN'S & HALSEY'S World Country Music Festival. BEATLEMANIA folk sure hit the hype this week with all sorts of come - ons for local press. Sunrise Entertainment & Dicesare & Engler Productions even ran a special dress rehearsal afternoon of the opening Tuesday for photogs and filming in Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts.. It's MARILYN FLANAGAS time once more when we are besieged by those Grecian Zorbas about their famous food fest which will be held in the Sahara Space Center on Mother's Day, May 10th. By the way, MARILYN made special reference to a discount coupon book, \$7.50 value for \$5 for all the goodies on the menu and the dancing et al.

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"BOTTOMS UP" RETURNS TO VEGAS

After a five-year absence from the Strip, producer and director Breck Wall brings his award - winning comedy revue Bottoms Up '81 to the Fiesta Showroom of the all-new Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino. Now in its 23rd year, the longest - running show of its kind in America, Bottoms Up '81 plays two shows nightly at the Hacienda (8 p.m. dinner and 11 p.m. cocktails). The hilarious show

has won the Las Vegas Entertainment Award twice for the "Best Revue of the Year" and has played to enormous success in its runs at Caesars Palace, Thunderbird, Tropicana and Hilton Hotels.

Producer and director is Breck Wall, associate producer Patrick Maes and choreographer Gary La Spina.

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