

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

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IN  
**LAS VEGAS**



**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**JACKIE GAYLE, currently at the Sahara Casbar, moves into the main room (a long overdue elevation) at the Thunderbird when he co-headlines next month with KEELY SMITH.....SUNLIGHT, the new musical group managed, produced, directed, choreographed and co-owned by DANE WEAVER (formerly of The Establishment) makes its Nevada debut at the Nugget in Sparks, with BURL IVES headlining, opening August 2.....RIP TAYLOR with his new curly blond look (but whose locks are they??) dashed into town to catch up on shows, including the debut performance of comedienne ELMARIE WENDEL in Barry Ashton's "This Is Burlesque" at the Aladdin, and to take a short rest before hitting the road again with a summer-load of cafe and television dates. Rip returns to the Strip, headlining at the Stardust Lounge, opening August 24.....Academy Award winner GENE HACKMAN made a special trip into town to catch his good pal MEL TORME (just closing at the Thunderbird). Torme, a favorite with performers as well as the public, is being nudged into making Las Vegas a long-term stopover on his busy concert and nitery schedule. A couple of Strip hotels, including of course the Thunderbird, are talking to Mel about repeating his just completed smash record-breaker show right after Labor Day.....The muchly talked about "new" KING'S CASTLE, at Lake Tahoe, and recently reopened with longtime Vegan CHRIS KARAMANOS at the helm, RON ERICKSON heading entertainment, and pr expert BILL BRAY, has a couple of dozen Vegas name stars heading up to their showroom. JOAN RIVERS opens this week with AL MARTINO. Also reportedly set for first and second and third time dates at the Castle: PHYLLIS DILLER, MARTY ALLEN, FRANK GORSHIN, MEL TORME, ABBE LANE, SHECKY GREENE, NANCY SINATRA, PAUL ANKA and JULIET PROWSE.....Newcomer RICHARD CURTIS heads his own new revue opening this week at The Moustache in Montreal, Canada. Curtis and his group are local Vegans who recently returned from their first time out on the road with club dates in Denver, Sioux City, Akron, and Detroit.....Dubbed "The Liberace of the Harp", LLOYD LINDROTH and his Harp Bizarre (his multi-thousand dollar instrument is equipped with its own stereo and light show and goes up in a blaze of multi colored smoke at the finale) returns this week to the Tropicana's Casino Lounge.....KITTY KOVER leaves her headline spot in the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" this month and will star in the new "Vive Les Girls" edition opening in Acapulco.....Arranger-composer-pianist-singer and now turned producer RICHARD BELLIS (currently musical director/producer for ABBE LANE at the Desert Inn) is in much demand by stars and acts who want the 'Bellis touch' to their upcoming Vegas stints. Bellis is currently writing a new act for Australian impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS (who opens with JOHNNY MATHIS next at Westbury on July 31), producing the new revue THE KING COUSINS, and has a hot new property in songbird BOBBIE SHEPHERD (who's being kept under wraps til her full-fledged mainroom fling later this year, and Big Time push via records and television guestings).....

**CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....**Hawaiian favorite DANNY KALEIKINI, just ending his first Vegas stand as Paul Anka's special guest star at Caesars Palace, returns to his homebase, the Kahala Hilton in Honolulu and tapings of the first batch of his new "HAWAII CALLS" television series. The radio broadcast of the same name, one of radio's longest running programs, continues from the Moana Hotel. Danny's tv-er will star Danny and his Hilton revue with special guestings by both island and mainland stars and 50th State tourists.....SHECKY GREENE will have CASS ELLIOT as his guest star when he returns to the Riviera for a quick August 1-7 date. LIZA MINNELLI, following, will introduce comedienne-singer LIZ TORRES in her mainroom bow Aug. 8-21.....GEORGIE & TOTIE FIELDS JOHNSTON, ALICE GHOSTLEY, RIP TAYLOR, HUGH & NANCY SINATRA LAMBERT, and "Laugh In" producer GEORGE SCHLATTER among the celeb pals in to see BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON'S "BOTTOMS UP", now at the Circus



**HARRY BELAFONTE, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ACCLAIMED SINGERS, AND DIAHANN CARROLL, RENOWNED SONGSTRESS AND STAR OF THE TV SERIES "JULIA", SHARE THE CAESARS PALACE SPOTLIGHT THROUGH JULY 25 IN THE HOTEL'S CIRCUS MAXIMUS THEATRE-RESTAURANT.**

Circus Hippodrome Theater. "BU" is celebrating about CC bossman JAY SARNO'S decision to sign the long running hit musical comedy to a straight, no option, year-long run which will keep the show at the double Circus until next summer. The cast will take a brief hiatus in September to fly to England for a pair of BBC-TV specials.....Movie star-singer JAMES DARREN just winding a hectic east coast cafe tour, returns to the Sahara, with BUDDY HACKETT, on August 7. Songstress JEANNIE WILSON, getting the big break of her young career, opens with BUDDY on July 31 thru August 6. And this weekend, July 6 and 7, Hackett will star in a pair of his late late "for swinger's only" shows at the Sahara Casbar with special shows at 2:30 a.m.....Busy bushy-haired Flamingo headliner MARTY ALLEN, popping up on every channel with weeklong guestings on MIKE DOUGLAS, HOLLYWOOD SQUARES, IT'S YOUR BET, & BAFFLED, among others, and who's been keeping the jets busy with projects like Bob Hope's POW benefit, the Miss Nude America contest, and a just closed engagement at King's Castle, hops on another plane this weekend for a round of Washington, D.C. and Baltimore radio and tv guestings.

**WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**GOLDIE HAWN at the Hilton.....JACK JONES at the Flamingo.....ABBE LANE & NORM CROSBY at the Desert Inn.....ROBERT (Goulet) and CAROL (Lawrence) at the Frontier....."BOTTOMS UP" at Circus Circus.....Last week to catch ENGELBERT at the Riviera.....

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