

# ★ LAS VEGAS ★

## 'SHOWCAST' OF THE STARS

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IN  
**LAS VEGAS**

ROUND TOWN...BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON, producers of the hugely successful "BOTTOMS UP" (now at the Circus Circus Hippodrome Theater) will hold an open casting call for a second company of "BU" on Sunday, July 29 at the Hippodrome. The auditions will be for comedians, singers, dancers, and combinations thereof for both the present company replacements and for a second edition set to open at Harrah's Reno this fall...MICHELE RUBINI, who used to be musical director for Sonny & Cher, enroute to Oklahoma and an upcoming tour with LEON RUSSELL. Rubini has moved from behind the scenes to performing himself and will be Russell's opening act as singer-pianist. Rubini and Cher have been friends since Mrs. Bono was fourteen years old; their profession split was termed friendly but unavoidable for Michele to pursue his own career...PEPPER DAVIS, for more than twenty years one half of the musical comedy duo, Davis & Reese, and most recently public relations director for the Hacienda Hotel, is back in harness as the comedy star of the Hacienda's new "Fantasy on Ice". Also starring in the new George Arnold opus are ice skating team POWERS & DELON and singing star SUSAN ANTON...JACKIE GAYLE, dubbed The Tiger of Comedy and The Fastest Wit in the West, is making his official mainroom debut now at the Thunderbird with long-time absentee from the Strip, MISS KEELY SMITH. Jackie who has another four weeks at the Sahara Casbar (opening Sept. 3) is on loan to the T-Bird for this engagement...PHYLLIS DILLER, currently headlining at Kings Castle with THE ESTABLISHMENT, will have BILLY ECKSTINE as her special gueststar when she returns to the Frontier Hotel in October. Miss Diller will co-star first, however, with JERRY VALE at a September 5-October 2 stint at the Sands...STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME who return to Caesars Palace on November 22, will have LUCILLE BALL as their special guest when they tape, from Caesars, their upcoming NBC-TV special "A Man and A Woman"...A COUPLE OF DONS AGAINST THE WORLD - the musical-variety-comedy special starring DON RICKLES & DON ADAMS - will air in early September over NBC-TV. The special is the pilot for a new network series...ANN-MARGRET, after a six month show biz hiatus, returns to the Las Vegas Hilton on September 25...Ireland's own CARROLL & DALY back to the Landmark for their third appearance since their American debut a few short months ago...Zany favorite RIP TAYLOR, the Cryin' Comedian, makes his debut at the Stardust Lounge opening August 24. The date also marks the first time the Stardust has headlined a comedian in the popular and always crowded lounge.

STRIP BITS & PIECES...The ever dazzling and supertalented MITZI GAYNOR is finally returning to the



CARROLL & DALY, THE IRISH LADS WHO ARE NOW APPEARING IN THE LANDMARK SUPPER CLUB, MAY BE AS IRISH AS SHAM-ROCKS, BUT THEIR SHOW IS TRULY INTERNATIONAL IN FLAVOR - WITH RENDERINGS IN HEBREW, ITALIAN AND FRENCH - TOPPED WITH THE LATEST OF TODAY'S POP TUNES. SHOWTIMES ARE 6, 7:45 AND 9:30.

Strip after more than a year's absence. Mitzi will open her rave-laden revue "Mitzi Gaynor and A Cast of Thousands" at the new Tropicana Superstar Theater on October 5. Mitzi's currently touring theaters and cabarets-in-the-round with her new musical comedy revue; just prior to her Tropicana debut, Mitzi will be doing another one woman special for NBC-TV...JOAN RIVERS, now at Caesars Palace with PETULA CLARK, has been signed to co-headline next at the Sahara Hotel's Congo Room with FRANK GORSIIN September 11...BILLY DARE, The Golden Greek, and a big bistro favorite in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Chicago, etc. is now at the new Henry Slate's STEFANINO's on Sunset Boulevard for the summer. The popular singer-comedian-pianist is well known by Vegans and showfolk who've caught his unpredictable antics during his long stay at L.A. clubs like Bob Adler's 940 Club, and the old Thunderbird Room on the Strip...WEEKEND WANDERERS...BOBBY DARIN at the Hilton...PETULA CLARK & JOAN RIVERS at Caesars Palace...KEELY SMITH & JACKIE GAYLE at the Thunderbird...JIM NABORS at the Sahara...FANTASY ON ICE at the Hacienda...BARRY ASHTON'S "THIS IS BURLESQUE" at the Aladdin starring IRV BENSON, LISA & SALERNO, MISS VELVET, JACK MANN, HERBIE BARRIS, CHARLIE VESPIA & JIM HODGE.

### THREE BLOCKBUSTERS

At the Frontier Hotel in the Music Hall, an offstage voice intones: "And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Frontier Hotel proudly presents in the Music Hall 'The President of the Jack Daniels Country Club', Mr. Phil Harris". This announcement will herald not only the appearance of the favorite son of the South, but also that of Harry James and Frank Sinatra, Jr., three blockbusters on the same bill.

A consistent favorite in Las Vegas, Phil's appearances in the Music Hall are received enthusiastically. His warmth and vitality are infectious and the few well placed touches of nostalgia always elicit pleasant memories.

Harry James, too, has become an entertainment legend. From an inauspicious beginning at the tender age of eight when he sat in with a circus band, and, on the side, performed with a 65-year-old contortionist, he has become the nation's Number One trumpeter-bandleader. Harry and his Swingin' Band will delight any audience with their balanced program of current tunes and oldies.

Another of Las Vegas' "favorite sons" is Frank Sinatra, Jr., whose vocalizing of ballads, showtunes and pop favorites continue to enthrall listeners. The move to the "main showroom" from the now defunct Circle F Theatre proved to be fortuitous since his particular style fits neatly into the concert type room that is characteristic of Las Vegas showrooms.

An added bit of fun and music comes from a group with the unlikely name of

Nancy Adams & the Deer Creek Do-Gooders. Nancy, who's been called the "Nashville Nightingale" is also an accomplished musician.

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