

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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SAHARA SUPERSTARS: JOHNNY CARSON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THEN MIDNIGHT UNTIL THURSDAY. TONY BENNETT APPEARS AT DINNER SHOW OCT. 16 THRU 20

NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... SUZANNE FARRELL & PETER MARTINS, stars of the NEW YORK CITY BALLET, will make a special and much awaited appearance in Las Vegas on a special program of dance by the NEVADA DANCE THEATER at Ham Concert Hall at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on Sunday, October 23. Miss Farrell and Mr. Martins will dance "Tchaikovsky's Pas de Deux" by Balanchine and "Flower Festival" by Bournoville. Also on the program will be three ballets from the Theater's repertoire including VASSILI SULICH's "Bolero" and "Peter and the Wolf". For ticket info & reservations, call the Nevada Dance Theater at UNLV at 739-3838..... Aladdin musical director AL GAMBINO who also happens to be a singer, will be giving his pipes a workout as the special guest artist with BRIAN KENT'S BIG BAND CONCERT set for October 16 at the Hacienda Hotel's Fiesta Room at 2:00 P.M. The concert is free of charge and the public is invited. Gambino who has had several groups appearing at major Strip hotels, is currently the musical conductor for the Aladdin's production of "Grease"..... PIERRE COSSETTE'S "HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAS VEGAS" tv special (airing Oct. 23 on ABC) continues its hectic and star studded taping schedule all over town this week (with the public invited) including LIBERACE at City Hall, JJOAN RIVERS, at "Chapel Row" (tonight at 10 P.M.), TOTIE FIELDS at the Strip White Cross Drug Store (Oct. 15 at 9 P.M.), plus RIP TAYLOR, RODNEY DANGERFIELD, NORM CROSBY, FOSTER BROOKS, REDD FOX & WAYNE NEWTON at times and places still to be announced..... Singing star TOM CHRISTI, now in his 11th month at the Landmark Hotel's Nifty Nook, will be the gueststar emcee and performer at the "MISS TEENAGE LAS VEGAS" pageant at the Tropicana's Tiffany Theater on October 15 at 1 P.M. The event is the preliminary for the Miss Teenage America competition..... LEONARD NIMOY, the famed Dr. Spock of tv's "Star Trek", will make a special appearance at the UNLV on October 24.....

MORE STRIP BITS & CHATTER..... ROY CLARK, opening at the Frontier Hotel Nov. 3, will be the star subject on a new television pilot series titled "GOING HOME" with ED McMAHON as host. The series will trace the roots and childhood of its celebrity subjects by visiting the star's hometown (in Roy's case it'll be Meherrin, Virginia) and visit with former friends, members of the family and people who "knew them when"..... THE COMMUNITY DRAMA WORKSHOP under the direction of JOE BEHAR, will once again present its annual spectacular at the Union Plaza Hotel in November (date still to be announced). The show this year is titled "NOSTALGIA OF BROADWAY". Producer Behar advises that the show is still casting and interested performers should contact the CDW at 647-1304 for more information and details on the roles still to be set in the musical opus. RICH NEWMAN will direct "Nostalgia", with DEBBIE COONS choreographer and MARJORIE CLIFTON musical director..... "Mr. Old Black Magic" himself, BILLY DANIELS will be making a return to the Strip scene as a special gueststar with DON RICKLES when "Mr. Warmth" returns to the Sahara Congo Room opening Nov. 17.

UP & COMING AND COMING UP..... The 7th annual LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS to be taped before a live audience at the Aladdin Hotel's Theater for the Performing Arts the week of November 20 with an all star cast of performer/presenters including past & current



JOHNNY

For 15 years, Johnny Carson has "owned" the 11:30-1:00 time slot on television with his outstanding Tonight program. And it's been about that long since he has been playing to capacity showroom audiences in Las Vegas. Tonight (Friday) he opens at Hotel Sahara's Congo Room with guest star Phyllis McGuire, and as usual the reservations booth phone has been ringing off the hook. The Carson-McGuire show will play two performances (9 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., cocktails only) on Friday and Saturday, then finish out the week with a midnight show only through next Thursday.

Meanwhile (are you taking notes?). Tony Bennett and Joey Heatherton will perform at the 8 o'clock dinner show Sunday through Thursday be-

Award winners like ANN-MARGRET, WAYNE NEWTON, SAMMY DAVIS JR., JOAN RIVERS, TOTIE FIELDS, DON RICKLES, SHECKY GREENE, etc etc. The Las Vegas Entertainment Awards' first ballot which went to more than 1500 voting members of the Academy of Cabaret & Variety Artists last month is now being tallied to announce the top five finalists in twenty four categories. A second & final ballot goes out later this month. The awards will be presented on NBC-TV as a Sunday Night "Big Event" special in early December.....

UP & COMING AND COMING UP..... FRANK SINATRA at Caesars Palace Nov. 3..... TOTIE FIELDS at the Sahara, Nov. 3..... ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK at the Riviera, Nov. 17..... PAUL ANKA & REGINE at Caesars Palace, Nov. 17.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... Hypnotist DEBRA DUKE at the Tropicana Blue Room nightly at 12:30 A.M.; special late shows on Saturday at 2:15 A.M..... "LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS" starring MARTY BRILL, MARILYN CHAMBERS & JANE KEAN at the Union Plaza..... MAC DAVIS & JOAN RIVERS at the MGM Grand..... BOBBY VINTON & DAVID BRENNER at the Riviera..... JOHNNY CARSON & PHYLLIS McGUIRE at the Sahara.....



TONY

DOUBLE PLAY -- THE CONGO ROOM OF DEL WEBB'S HOTEL SAHARA IS THE SCENE OF AN UNUSUAL SCHEDULING MANEUVER THIS WEEK WITH THE SPLIT BILLING OF JOHNNY CARSON AND PHYLLIS McGUIRE, PLUS TONY BENNETT AND JOEY HEATHERTON. CARSON AND McGUIRE PLAY THE ROOM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WITH COCKTAILS - ONLY PERFORMANCES AT 9 P.M. AND 12:30 A.M. BUT SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY THERE WILL BE AN 8 O'CLOCK DINNER SHOW STARRING BENNETT AND HEATHERTON, WHILE CARSON AND McGUIRE HANDLE THE ENTERTAINMENT CHORES AT A MIDNIGHT COCKTAIL PERFORMANCE.

fore assuming their regular two - week, two - shows - a night schedule October 21 through November 2.

Johnny Carson is probably the best known entertainer on the scene today. His stature has increased through years of dealing with every conceivable situation on his TV show and his list of guest stars includes "everyone who is anyone." Carson's cabaret appearances involve

a great deal of "stand-up" comedy with a choice selection of classic sketches and bits he has developed. Not one to underestimate an audience, he never fails to bring along a lovely girl singer as guest star. In this engagement it is tall and gorgeous Phyllis McGuire, whose solo credits add a new dimension to her former image as "the girl in the middle" of the famous McGuire Sisters. Blessed with a marvelous singing voice, a great sense of humor and those striking good looks, it is no wonder that she has scored well in films, recordings, supper clubs and the

concert stage. In Tony Bennett, the Sahara has "money in the bank." His raft of gold records attest to his incomparable way with a lyric and he can never get through a performance without his most famous song -- "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

One of the most sought after entertainers on the night club and concert circuit, Bennett is booked solidly ahead for many months to come.

Joey Heatherton has come a long way from her days as a child dancing star. A mature and glamorous woman, she demonstrates a rare combination of vocal and dancing talents, and a flair for comedy, amply demonstrated in her exchanges with members of the audience.

With Bennett and Heatherton doing the dinner show while Carson and McGuire handle the midnight performance, a lot of Las Vegas entertainment can be enjoyed without even leaving the Sahara!

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