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'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

Mark Tan
IN
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stage settings for the museum's gallery of Strip performers, movie stars and world history. So far, to be included in the new waxworks will be FRANK SINATRA, SONNY & CHER, MARILYN MONROE, MAE WEST, SAMMY DAVIS JR., and RICHARD NIXON.....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....That was, indeed, Academy Award winner ERNEST BORGNINE making the rounds with his lovely wife, Tove. Ernie and Tove were in town to get married - again - to celebrate their meeting a year ago (they've been married for about three months now). MARTY & FRENCHY ALLEN - who introduced the couple - were witnesses at the sentimental nuptials. Also 'round town for the opening of MARTY ALLEN & CASS ELLIOT, at the Flamingo, and celebrating with the Borgnines: tv tough guy MIKE "Mannix" CONNORS, actors DANE CLARK & HARRY GUARDINO, press rep RICHARD CUSKELLY (Herald Examiner), enroute to Houston and the premiere of Ryan O'Neal's new "Thief Who Came to Dinner" in which Cuskelly has a featured role as, of all things, a newspaper reporter!!

'ROUND TOWN.....Funnyman RIP TAYLOR's spending all his free time these days reading up on a pile of movie scripts. After all those tv exposures (Phyllis Diller, The Bobby Darin Show, Laugh In, Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin, etc.) movie scouts finally got the idea that Rip "oughta be in pictures!!" Also in the works for Taylor is a telly comedy series - the pilot is finished and word from the network is due any day now. People who've sneak previewed the "Nancy Clancy" pilot are raving about it and calling it the funniest new show to hit the tube in years!!.....**HAVE YOU HEARD:** that the Thunderbird/Mark Anthony plans to close its showroom for renovations soon and that the current attraction, "Geisha-Rella" will close in April?.....or that an all black version of "Guys and Dolls" is being offered to Strip hotels, and so is a revival of Mike Todd's "Star and Garter", and so is a Vegas production of the Lauren Bacall Broadway hit, "Applause"???and that former International/Hilton prexy ALEX SHOOFEEY, despite all rumors to the contrary, is absolutely not taking over a top man at the Grand Hotel?.....and that former Flamingo pr man JIM SEAGRAVE is now in the same post at the new Mark Anthony, where his former Flamingo boss, BURTON COHEN is now president?.....that Barry Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque" set to close at the Silver



ENTERTAINER WAYNE NEWTON IS ALL SMILES AS HE SIGNS A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH THE HUGHES HOTELS IN LAS VEGAS. JOINING THE FAMED PERFORMER ARE WALTER KANE, LEFT, VICE-PRESIDENT OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE HUGHES HOTELS AND HARRY GOODHEART, CASINO MANAGER OF THE SANDS HOTEL.

Slipper on April 1, has a "new home" in the offing on the Strip?.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....STEVE & BYDIE, MARTY & CASS, ANN-MARGRET & B.B. are the Strip's Toasts of the Town.....ISAAC HAYES in his Vegas bow, now at the Sahara.....BOB NEWHART and FLORENCE HENDERSON going strong at the Sands, til March 14 when the one and only MISS PEARL BAILEY returns.....

STRIP CHIPS.....The incomparable and hilarious impressionist MR. LYNNE CARTER is back at the Flamingo Casino Theater with a new galaxy of super star ladies like MARLENE DIETRICH, PEARL BAILEY, MAE WEST and BETTE DAVIS. For anyone who has seen Lynne in action before, it'll be a return treat to see his famous femmes in all new routines and wardrobe; for those who've never experienced one of the famous Carter Capers, it's a "don't miss". His Flamingo engagement is Lynne's first appearance in Las Vegas in several months; his busy schedule of club dates has taken him to Miami, Honolulu, Toronto, Chicago and New York in recent months keeping his West Coast appearances at a minimum. Among the first nighters in to welcome Lynne back to the Strip: MARTY ALLEN, CASS ELLIOT, RIP TAYLOR, ROBERT GOULET, JIM NABORS, ELMARIE WENDEL, SUZANNE VEGAS, NORM CROSBY, JOHNNY TILLOTSON, and from the Ann-Margret '73 opus dancers DAN WALLIS, SCOTT SALMAN, SCOTT PEARSON, plus cast members from the "Lido de Paris", "Casino de Paris", and from BARRY ASHTON'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF BURLESQUE - the trio of leading ladies, MARILYN ROBERTSON, SHARON DALE and JACKIE "MISS VELVET" HOUSTON.....Speaking of leading ladies, a longtime tippy-tappy favorite here, dancer-comedienne, LILLIAN D'HONAU ("Pzazz", "Best of Burlesque", "pipe Dream", etc., etc.) is a new Mommy (as of Jan. 22). Lillian's latest family addition is MATTHEW WILLIAM MARENGHI who weighed in at 8 lbs, 4 oz. Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marengi.....The new Las Vegas WAX MUSEUM, located in the shopping plaza opposite the Stardust Hotel, is scheduled to open in early April. Well known Vegas and Los Angeles scenic designer-artist GLENN HALSE will design and execute the

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