

OF THE STARS

A Happy Hanuka To All!

Sinatra opening Jan. 25 at Caesars Palace)....."UNOFFICIAL" showcount reports list the top drawing (in no special order) Las Vegas attractions for the past year as: ELVIS PRESLEY (Hilton), LIZA MINNELLI (Riviera), ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK (Riviera), ANN-MARGRET (Hilton), WAYNE NEWTON (Hughes Hotels), MITZI GAYNOR (Tropicana), STEVE LAWRENCE & FYDIE GORME (Caesars Palace), TOM JONES (Caesars Palace), SONNY & CHIEF (Sahara), BUDDY HACKETT (Sahara), SHECKY GREENE (Riviera), "BOTTOMS UP" (Circus Circus), "LIDO DE PARIS" (Stardust), TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE (Thunderbird), MEL TORME (Thunderbird), JIM BAILEY (Thunderbird), PAUL ANKA (Caesars Palace), DON RICKLES (Riviera), SAMMY DAVIS JR (Hughes Hotels), BOBBIE GENTRY (Desert Inn), JULIET PROWSE (Desert Inn), CONNIE STEVENS (Flamingo), LIBI RACE (Hilton), BELAFONTE (Caesars Palace), ANDY WILLIAMS (Caesars Palace), PHYLLIS DILLER (Hughes Hotels), JOHNNY CARSON (Sahara), DIANA ROSS (Caesars Palace), ROBERT GOULIT (Hughes Hotels), DON HO (Flamingo), TOTIE FIELDS (Riviera), SERGIO FRANCHI (Flamingo), and MARTY ALLEN (Flamingo). Strong individual favorites in infrequent appearances include LENA HORNE (now at the Sands), JOAN RIVERS, ANTHONY NEWLEY (Caesars Palace), DANNY THOMAS (Hughes Hotels), RICH LITTLE (Hughes Hotels), PHIL HARRIS (Hughes Hotels), ABBY LANE (Hughes Hotels), JAN MURRAY, JOEL GREY (Riviera), JACK BENNY (Tropicana), JACKIE GAYLE (MGM), MILTON BERLE, NANCY SINATRA, ED McMAHON (Tropicana), GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS, VIC DAMONE, JERRY VALE, LARRY STORCH, NORM CROSBY, JIM NABORS (Sahara), IKE & TINA TURNER, THE TEMPTATIONS, JAMES DARREN, JACK CARTER, GUY MARKS, JOHN BYNER, JACK JONES, THE OSMOND BROTHERS, LOLA FALANA, PETULA CLARK, PEGGY LEE and ALAN KING.....Best of the newcomers in 1973 Las Vegas mainroom debuts: LIZ TORRES, comedienne-singer at the Riviera; BOB ANDERSON, singer at the Sahara; PATTH SWALLIE, songstress with the Don Ho Show, Flamingo; TIM CONWAY, comedian, at Caesars Palace; SUNFLIGHT, musical vocal-dance group, at the Frontier; PETER GORDINO, singer-dancer, at the Riviera; JEANNINE BURNIER, comedienne, at the Sahara; ED McMAHON at



JOHN RACZKA AND TIM WELSH KNOWN AS ONE PLUS ONE, PROVE THAT TWO'S A CROWD IN THE Nighthawk Lounge of the Landmark Hotel where the refreshing new duo transmits a sound that suggests an orchestra, with offerings in the vein of folk-rock, modern country and nostalgia.

the Tropicana; DAWN, featuring TONY ORLANDO, at the Riviera.....And, the WORST PERFORMANCES OF 1973.....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....TICHI WILKERSON MILES, publisher of The Hollywood Reporter, in for a brief and rare Vegas visit, to the Tropicana to see "The Best of Ann-Margret" and join the annual Tom Douglas Fiesta very, very V.I.P. gala.....Three of the costarring specialty acts of

the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" back to work after a 15-day hiatus. THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, back from a holiday in Puerto Rico; THE REYCARDS, back after a two-week stint starring at the Oceania, in Hawaii where they filled in for vacationing Dick Jensen; and THE FLYING FEROS family back from a motor-tour of Northern Nevada, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.....

.....Outrageous and hilarious as ever, RIP TAYLOR, now back at the Stardust Lounge, with another collection of new gags, props and a wardrobe with enough sparkle and glitter to send The Supremes, Liberace and Doc Severinsen to their rooms!.....Speaking of sparkle, BOBBIE GENTRY and her "Levis by Strauss, Diamonds by Tiffany" revue return to the Desert Inn on Dec. 26. Bobbie can add "comedienne" to her long list of talents and credits which already includes singer-dancer-composer-actress-recording star-night-club blockbuster-country western star-clothes designer-painter-lyricist-producer-publisher-and television favorite!.....Ice skating champion PEGGY FLEMING makes her Las Vegas bow, next, at the Tropicana Superstar Theater.....

IT'S GRAND AT THE GRAND.....Las Vegas Number One Attraction is the new multi-million dollar MGM GRAND HOTEL. Seems like everyday since the Grand opened (officially on Dec. 5) something new has been added. There's so much to see, it takes a couple of days and several visits to get it all in. SHECKY GREENE & BARBARA EDEN are currently starring at the Celebrity Room; JACKIE GAYLE, BOBBY RYDELL & THE KOREAN KITTENS are in the Lion's Den. JAI ALAI is coming!! And so is the MGM movie theater. More shops in the shopping arcade. More restaurants. And best yet for the Grand, all the high rollers the hotel can possibly accommodate coming in from all over the United States, Europe, Hong Kong, Hawaii, Australia, Canada, Mexico, South America, Monte Carlo and Texas!.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....PETULA CLARK & THE SHIPSAD & JOHNSON'S ICE FOLLIES reopened the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus (Dec. 20).....Same night, PHIL HARRIS, HARRY JAMES, FRANK SINATRA JR. returned to the Frontier.....Tonight (21), BILL COSBY & IKE & TINA Turner start the holiday season at the Las Vegas Hilton.....The Sands reopens Dec. 26 with their super attraction WAYNE NEWTON who'll be headlining thru FEBRUARY 5!.....At the Sahara, the continuing biggest money giveaway in town at the Super Sahara Celebration. The Congo Room reopens Dec. 27 with JERRY LEWIS & MEL TORME.....Not to be Missed: THE BEST OF ANN-MARGRET, now at the Tropicana Superstar Theater!.....

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