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'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'

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LAS VEGAS



CELEBRITY CIRCUS...Won't even try to recap the excitement and hullabaloo that attended the week long engagement of **FRANK SINATRA** at Caesars Palace. Suffice to say, it was a stream of stars from opening night til closing; everybody you've ever wanted to see in Las Vegas was there!! If you missed them at the Palace - and that was very easy to do since it was next to impossible to accommodate all the thousands of fans that wanted to see Mr. Sinatra in his first nightclub engagement since his return to show business - you could join the crush of fans waiting to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars at star-hopping shows like **ELVIS PRESLEY** at the Hilton, **MARTY ALLEN** at the Flamingo, **LIZA MINNELLI** at the Riviera, **JULIET PROWSE** at the Desert Inn, and **TOTIE FIELDS** at the Sahara....**MILTON BERLE**, **JACK BENNY**, **LESLIE UGGAMS**, **STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME**, **JACK LORD**, **ERNIE BORGNINE**, **RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN**, **ROZ RUSSELL**, **JIMMY STEWART**, **JIM NABORS**, **DOROTHY MALONE**, **RUTH BUZZI**, **EDGAR BERGEN**, **ESTHER WILLIAMS**, **DANNY THOMAS**, **JAN MURRAY**, **EDWARD ALBERT (Jr.)**, **EDDIE ALBERT (Sr.)**, **JOHNNY CARSON**, **EVA GABOR**, **ED MacMAHON**, and on and on and on is just the beginning of the list of Show Business Who's Who who've been visiting our town this past week!!..... There's more to come, tonight (Fri.), the return of the enthralling **MISS DIANA ROSS** at Caesars Palace. Diana's latest Motown single/album "Last Time I Saw Him" is well on its way past the three million mark, and Diana is still collecting awards for her Academy Award nominated performance in "Lady Sings The Blues" which has become an international film smash! Don't miss her in her all new act at the Palace!.....And don't forget the visiting press - who do so



DIANA ROSS WILL OPEN A SPECIAL TWO WEEK ENGAGEMENT TONIGHT (FRIDAY) IN THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS THEATRE-RESTAURANT AT CAESARS PALACE, MARKING HER FOURTH APPEARANCE AT THE RESORT HOTEL. COMEDIAN **DAVID BRENNER**, A TALL, LANKY PHILADELPHIAN WHO NURTURES ONE DRIVING AMBITION, "TO MAKE AS MANY PEOPLE AS I CAN LAUGH AS HEARTILY AS THEY CAN," WILL MAKE HIS CAESARS PALACE DEBUT ON THE SAME BILL.

much great public relations and publicity for Las Vegas the world over - who've been running themselves ragged trying to keep up with just another "typical" Las Vegas week of entertainment. Spotted taking notes, cornering stars for exclusives, and taking in the color and spectacle of the celebrity circuit: **RICHARD CUSKELLY** (LA Herald Examiner), **NORMA LEE BROWNING** (Chicago Tribune), **DON SAFFRON** (Dallas), **SHIRLEY EADER** (Detroit), **MARVENE JONES** (Hollywood Reporter), **MAXINE MESSENGER** (Houston), **GERTRUDE GIPSON** (LA Sentinel), **JIM BACON** (Herald Examiner), and of course our own on-the-spot sleuths like **FORREST DUKE** (Review Journal), **BILL WILLARD** (Variety), **SIG SAKOWICZ** (KLV & WGN radio), **JOE DELANEY** (L.V. Sun), **MYRAM BORDERS** (Associated Press), etc.....

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FELLOW-AQUARIANS.....**FABIAN** (MGM Lion's Den).....**TONY FERCO** (Dunes' Casino de Paris).....**DENNIS HAWKINS** ("Tom Jones" at the Holiday Casino).....**ED HUMPHREYS** (of "Glory" and "Tickle Your Fancy" at the Flamingo).....**VIRGINIA OLMEDO** ("Casino de Paris").....**JOE PETERSON**

(producer, "Bottoms Up" Circus Circus).....**JIM SEAGRAVE** (pr director, Thunderbird), **DICK McNEELY** (associate publisher, Vegas Visitor)..... **MARY RIZZO** (Girl Friday for stars like Jackie Gayle & Rip Taylor).....**JIM PARKER** (The Vegas Vampire).....**JEB STUART** (singer-composer).....and.....(name your own favorite Aquarian!).....

STRIP CHATTER.....Singer **SONNY PURCELL** (here from New Jersey and Session Records) in for his West Coast debut and special showcase performance at the Flamingo Casino Theater on Feb. 6 (Wed.) at 4:00 p.m. Showfolk and public invited!!.....

.....**HORACE HEIDT Jr's** new "Pick A Star" newcomers showcase revue set for a March opening at the Landmark Hotel supper club.....**Songbird DYANNA WHITMAN** ("Tickle Your Fancy") makes her mainroom debut this weekend, with **DON RICKLES** at Harrah's Tahoe.....

'ROUND TOWN.....After all the years he's been a star, **FABIAN** is just now getting around to making his Las Vegas debut (at the MGM Lion's Den). Fabian's nitery act is lighthearted, funny and a certain crowd pleaser. It's obvious from the standing room only crowds he's drawing that Fabian has lost absolutely none of his popularity or sex appeal; and the charming South Philadelphian is singing (and even dancing) better than ever. Fabian's nostalgic "Music, Music, Music" routine is a memory jogger for the audience that remembers the not so long ago when Fabian, **Elvis Presley**, **Frankie Avalon**, **James Darren**, **Paul Anka**, **Bobby Rydell**, **Tab Hunter**, **Tommy Sands**, etc., etc. were the teenage idols..... **MARILYNN ROBERTSON's** one-woman showcase "Me and My Friends" played to an enthusiastic and receptive audience of Strip pals, press, and hotel execs at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Also checking out the new act and an impressive display of Marilyn's versatility were such talent scout experts as **DICK LANE** (Hilton entertainment director), **FREDERIC APCAR** (producer "Casino de Paris", "Bare Touch of Vegas", "Vive Les Girls", etc.), **MONA BLUMMER** (Hughes Hotels entertainment coordinator), **FORRESTER MASHBIR** (Hilton entertainment coordinator), **JIM KELLY & RON MARCHI** (Creative Entertainment), **CHARLES MATHER & YU JU YOUNG**, and entertainment director for the After Dark chain of Cabarets (LA, S.F., Boston), **LARRY GUST**, **ART ENGLER** (Associated Booking Corp.), **MEL BAKER** (CMA), **MARK MARDON** (Juliet Prowse's manager), etc.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....Take your pick from another Cream of the Crop selection from the giants of entertainment: the comedy capers of **MARTY ALLEN** at the Flamingo, **TOTIE FIELDS** at the Sahara, **JOAN RIVERS** at the MGM GRAND, **JAN MURRAY** at the Frontier.....the razzle dazzle of **JULIET PROWSE** at the Desert Inn.....**LIZA** at the Riviera.....**DIANA** at Caesars Palace.....**ELVIS** at the Hilton.

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