

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

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ANITA WILSON AND MIKE TELL WELCOME TELLY SAVALAS TO LAS VEGAS FOR HIS DEBUT APPEARANCE AT THE SAHARA HOTEL.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS.....Enjoy the 4th of July weekend 'round town! Every showroom is doing brisk "hot" business from one end of the Strip to the other. **ANDY WILLIAMS** is the week's new arrival, at Caesars Palace. Winding engagements that started some two weeks ago: **RICH LITTLE** and **MEL TORME** at the Sands.....**HELEN REDDY** and **RUTH BUZZI** at the MGM Grand.....**TELLY SAVALAS** and **GABRIEL KAPLAN** at the Sahara.....**ANN-MARGRET** follows **GLEN CAMPBELL** at the Hilton opening July 15.....**BUDDY HACKETT** and **JAMES DARREN** open July 10 at the Sahara.....**JULIET PROWSE** back at the Desert Inn with special gueststar **NIPSEY RUSSELL**.....

STRIP CHATTER.....Sexy Cuban songstress-dancer **NORMA REYES** held over - again - at the Tropicana Blue Room. Norma's been signed to an exclusive multi-week pact at the Tropicana and will continue her headliner engagement thru Labor Day.....**JOHNNY TILLOTSON** wrapping his 20-week contract with the MGM Grand, continues at the Lion's Den with co-headliner **Lou Rawls**, thru August 5. **BOBBY RYDELL**, **FABIAN** and **JACKIE GAYLE** are upcoming with Johnny returning Sept. 3 for another month-long stay.....**B.B. KING** headlines at the Hilton Nitebird Theater at the Casino Lounge. And didja know that B.B.'s real first name is **RILEY**? The B.B. was an early career nickname that stands for "Blues Boy" (that bit of trivia was unearthed by interviewer Dell Long).....**THE MIKE CURB CONGREGATION** opens over the holiday at the Stardust Lounge; the group's first non-mainroom appearance here.....**BOB NEWHART** returns to the Frontier Hotel on August 7.... Hasn't a deal been set for **DICK CLARK'S GOOD OL' ROCK 'N' ROLL REVUE** to return to a Strip hotel for a summer-long stay?.....**BETTE MIDLER**'s reportedly toying with the idea of a Strip date later this fall but there's still no contract signed. Miss Midler who recently grossed in excess of One Million Dollars for ten weeks on Broadway is asking ALOT of \$\$\$ to return to the Strip. Her only other appearance here was just before her first album hit it big, and Bette was special guest star with Johnny Carson at the Sahara.....**BARBARA EDEN** is **Shucky Greene**'s gueststar opening July 23 at the Grand.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**RIP TAYLOR** had a one week vacation and is just about winding his special one week engagement as star of Alan Lee's new "Oriental Exotica" at the Americana Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rip returns to Vegas next week and shortly after heads to L.A. to tape more "Sigmund the Sea Monster" segments as **The Genie**.....Singing duo **JEANNE NAPOLI** and **BARBARA GLASSON** back from a tour of the Far East.

gueststar **FOSTER BROOKS**.....**THE CYCLE SLUTS**, who've already caused something of a sensation in Los Angeles - both under and above ground - return for their longest L.A. appearance opening this week at the Roxy Theater on Sunset Blvd..... **RICH LITTLE** & **MEL TORME** set for a return date at the Sands for October.....**REDD FOX** will continue his special late late shows at the Hilton (at 2:15 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays only) this week and next.....

STRIP FIREWORKS.....**RUTH BUZZI** at the MGM Grand (her second Strip appearance and her MGM bow) juggling her busy schedule of tv guestings (and her own childrens show series "The Lost Saucer" with **JIM NABORS**) to fill in her free summer weeks with other nitery engagements and to firm a return to Vegas later this year.....**MARTY ALLEN** and **THE MILLS BROTHERS** are the co-starring headliners heading for an August stint in London at the new Cunard Hotel..... **BOBBIE GENTRY** who'll be opening in September at the Desert Inn is being coaxed into a first time date at the Sands Hotel in October. Bobbie's enormously elaborate and lavish production show will have to be drastically cut, restaged and choreographed to play the smaller (by comparison) Copa Room stage.....Speaking of Bobbie, her featured male vocalist **JASON REAVIS** returns to his hometown Flagstaff, Arizona, to marry his college sweetheart **JANE VOEHMR** this weekend.....**BARRY ASHTON**'s kinky, kinky and record breaking smash at the Aladdin Hotel, "VIVE PARIS VIVE!" goes into its seventh lucky month at the Bagdad Theater.

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**JAI ALAI** at the MGM Fronton.....**JULIET** at the Desert Inn.....**DIONNE WARWICK** (doing The Bump) and a 40-minute version of "The Wiz", and special gueststar **EDDIE FISHER**, at the Riviera.....**CONNIE STEVENS** and **KELLY MONTEITH** at the Flamingo.....

and now off to Canada and a summer schedule of east coast niteries. The duo appeared here with Hawaiian star **DANNY KALEKINI** and **PHYLLIS McGUIRE** at Caesars Palace.....**PETER MARSHALL** headlines at the Desert Inn (between **JULIET** & **DEBBIE**) opening July 29 with

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