

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



Her second week was not a good one for DIANA ROSS, in and out of Desert Springs Hospital with alleged fever and stomach flu. But PAUL ANKA came to her rescue at Caesars Palace starting Wednesday and finishing Sunday. If all's well LADY DIANA will continue through the 27th earning her \$400,000 a week....Meanwhile a gaggle of celebs converges on Caesars' courts for tennis action in ANKING's Classic. If the resort's publicity office sends out long releases on everyone like they did on CHEVY CHASE "flipping" over the AK event, media folk will be inundated with paper, there were that many whacking their rackets for the KING-SIZE event wrapping Sunday....LOVELACE WATKINS left his Imperial Palace environs for a singspiel at the L.A. Travel Show warbling a tribute to MARIO LANZA with "Be My Love,"

And there were the two National Anthem guest appearances at the new Cashman Field for the Padres/Mariners exhibition preem of the stadium and Pacific Coast League getaway season opener with the Triple A Las Vegas Stars & Salt Lake City Gulls. His "Star Spangled Banner" really waved with soul.

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WATKINS exits the IP on the 30th after many weeks headlining the main showroom, giving way for "Legends in Concert," recreating five legendary superstars, BUDDY HOLLY, MARILYN MONROE, BOBBY DARIN, JANIS JOPLIN & ELVIS PRESLEY. The production will be enhanced with Dancing Waters, lasers, multi-media effects and quadsurround sound. In the Geisha lounge, MARILYN JOHNSON SHOW plays through Saturday....JOSEPH BERNARD resumes his acting studio teachings after principal role in BLAKE EDWARDS' "The Man Who Loved Women," a BURT REYNOLDS & JULIE ANDREWS starrer...The Royal Americana becomes Riverboat Inn & Playhouse, a \$6,000,000 launching, targeted for docking Aug. 15. The resort has been open only part of the day during the week to maintain its gaming license after going

belly - up several months ago....BRECK WALL, DAVID HARRIS and assorted bottoms ready for Sands' Copa Room fun Friday in "Bottoms Up '83."

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Another headliner on the way to the Aladdin this summer is MICKEY GILLEY. PAUL ANKA follows SAMMY DAVIS JR. on the 27th for a fortnight. WILLIE TYLER & LESTER are SAMMY's Bagdad showroom companions... When SIEGFRIED & ROY take their vacation mid - May from "Beyond Belief" at the Frontier, it'll be JIM HALSEY month with ROY CLARK & LYNN ANDERSON and MEL TILLIS & CARL PERKINS filling the month through June 13....Taking in the Writers Conference at MGM Grand this past weekend were FRED KERNER, v.p. of Harlequin and MARK HOWELL, managing ed of Gold Eagle Books. Harlequin is purveyor of male heroic adventure yarns....MELISSA MANCHESTER has a week at MGM starting Thursday followed by two frames of RICH LITTLE & TINA TURNER... LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROTHERS BAND, current at the Riviera with ROGER MILLER, are in midst of a \$5,000,000 marketing blitz for the fashion status label "Members Only"

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The Maynard Sloate production can be seen twice nightly in the hotel's main showroom at an 8:00 p.m. dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail show.

One of the men on the chase is college professor Tom, played by veteran actor Phil Ford. His wife of many years, Meg, has walked out of their old marriage and into a new apartment. Meg is played by the lovely Jean Kean. The story of this light and cheerful comedy is about their newly discovered relationship within this new apartment.

The Phil Ford character does not have an easy time of it, however, because two other men, Gordon and Roger, are also chasing Meg with equal enthusiasm.

Gordon is played by Tony Russel, who was last seen at the Union Plaza in the comedy "Too Many For the Bed." Roger is played by Virgil

Curry, who has spent many successful years doing major roles in dinner theaters throughout the country.

Jane Kean, of course, is known and loved by millions of television watchers as "Trixie" in the series "The Honey-mooners." Phil Ford has recently com-

pleted an 80 - week tour in "Sugar Babies."

The comedy "It's My Affair," by Nick Hall, is one of the liveliest romps through domestic bliss and blundering to play the comfortable showroom in the newly expanded Union Plaza Hotel.

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