

OF THE STARS



Take stock in America.



KUTASH succeeded in bringing in a huge aquarium for "Splash."



Las Vegas Hilton switched headliners Wednesday for "Bal du Moulin Rouge," spotting LOUISE MANDRELL and JIM STAFFORD in the production rounds. Set for a one-nighter in the Hilton Center & Pavilion March 5, provocative SHEILA E., with special guests, THE UNTOUCHABLES...KITTY KOVER inked for a month at LIBERACE's Tivoli Gardens, teeing March 4, following the DIANA JUST/DENNIS O'SULLIVAN 11-month marathon. LEE takes DIANA on tour opening March 8 at Premier Center, Sterling Heights, Mich....DEBBIE REYNOLDS is rehearsing "an almost new act," including surprise added impressions, one of which is hinted to be TINA TURNER. All the extra toiling for her March 4 MGM Grand playback with DOM DE LUISE...Not to be outvideo's by MILTON BERLE, PAUL ANKA has an 87-minute melange on Beta or VHS from his teen idol years to the present. At his last Golden Nugget Cabaret date, ANKA brought in topnotch video exex and distribution heads to the GN to preview "An Evening With Paul Anka" home video, not in his luxurious suite, but the tape unspooled while they were all sipping champagne and nibbling cavier in the health spa. ANKA arrives for a 13-nighter March 6.



MITZI SHORE's Comedy Store bunch this week in the Dunes showroom include LENNY CLARKE, LOUIS DUART, GEORGE MOLLER, MARK KORNHAUSER and FINIS HENDERSON. ROSEANNE BARR, a recent click not only at the Dunes Comedy Store, but on "The Tonight Show," will warm up the stage for the Pointer Sisters March 5-10 at Caesars Palace. JULIO IGLESIAS's Caesars debut was Wednesday through Monday.

MAUREEN MURPHY, after her wowie comedy moments, her 14th by the way, on JOHNNY CARSON's "The Tonight Show" as MARILYN MONROE reciting SHAKESPEARE, brought a full page in Daily Variety hailing her achievement. The pose was that famous one of MARILYN getting the air blowing and billowing up her skirt. There is also a hefty plug for MITZI SHORE's Comedy Store in the ad. Look for MAUREEN soon at the Dunes Comedy Store where, I'm sure, BURTON COHEN, Dunes bossman, will have a special blower installed on the stage to give his audiences a thrill as the MURPHY/MONROE skirt goes flying high...I'd like to get excited about such showbiz didoes anymore, but this is the type of press release that gets to me deeper than a MURPHY/MONROE blow-up. It's about the fifth annual Imperial Palace Antique Auto Run. Created for chuggers built before 1936, the event is a long time off, Oct. 24-26. You have enough time to get your new model beat up enough to resemble a '36 huffer-puffer. It won't take much despite all the "we make great cars" hype from IACOC-CA...Re the fired IACOC-CA, my Washington informant tells me that his pet project, the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Centennial, was known to be chock full of problems, including

mismanagement, profiteering, conflicts of interests, corporate commercialization, cronyism and boondoggling. "Sacking IACOC-CA," said my secret agent, "is a sign that the Fed is finally taking control of one of its most precious historic landmarks before it's IACOC-CA-ED into oblivion."



How sweet it is -- the Kid & Co. marshmallow plant to be built in Henderson. Kidd, one of the largest marshmallow manufacturing plants in the world, could be locating in Southern Nevada for a reason. Salt Lake City is the marshmallow eating capital of the world...MILTON BERLE checked in to the Riviera Sunday for rehearsals all week for his homevideo shoot, with taping March 3-5, according to the Riv's entertainment chief Sam de Stefano. Miltie, no longer an uncle, emerges in drag as Auntie Miltie for several of his characters in the video titled "MILTON BERLE Invites You To A Night At La Cage Aux Folles," a triumvirate project by BERLE, LOU PACCIOCO and MCA-TV, with setting the Riv's La Cage Showroom. Meanwhile in another part of that resort, JEFF KUTASH is working on a new finale for his "Splash," current in the main showroom. It'll be a rah-rah patriotic fling "a dance production number with all the favorites, familiar musical themes and ideas that we're all about whether it's Mt. Rushmore or the Statue of Liberty," he sez. Getting Rushmore and Miss Liberty onto the Riv stage will be some task, but

Julio Iglesias Plays The Palace



Julio Iglesias

Julio Iglesias will be in concert at Caesars Palace through March 3 as a major stop on an American tour which will take him to Atlantic City and Houston. Recently the key performer in the Third Annual Frank Sinatra Valentine Love-In benefit for the Palm Springs Desert Hospital, Julio will move on to Caesars Tahoe, March 6-8, after playing the Palace in Las Vegas. He plans a West coast tour in May, and a swing through Japan in June. Currently, Julio is working on his second English album, as yet untitled, to be released in May/June. His first English album, "1100 Bel Air Place," launched his American popularity and went on to reach multiple platinum status. The million-selling single from that first album, "To All the

Girls I've Loved Before," is a duet with Willie Nelson, who preceded Julio in the Caesars Palace showroom.

Although he recorded his first English album in 1984, Julio became an internationally acclaimed star years earlier in Europe, Latin America and Japan. Fluent in Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, English and Japanese, he has best-selling albums in each.



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