

# OF THE STARS



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Four Queens. BILLY baritones at night through March and daughter GINA sings in the afternoons through April 5. BILLY was starred Monday night when ALAN GRANT tossed a special 4th anni party in the French Quarter. "Four Queens Jazz Night from Las Vegas," the nationally syndicated series from American Public Radio, begins its fourth year this spring of GRANT's hosting the best of mainstream jazz talents.... PAUL ANKA has taken over the Golden Nugget's Cabaret through the 18th and at MGM Grand, MAC DAVIS readies his glottal persuasions Thursday with the SMOTHERS BROS.



Jazz has always rated high in preference on my music lists, so it is with some elation I travel this weekend to the Camelback Inn in Phoenix for the 9th anni DON & DUE MILLER event known as the PARADISE VALLEY JAZZ PARTY. My colleague in jazz, LAMONT PATTERSON of the L.V. Sun, will also be taking in the musical explosion starting Friday night at the MILLER's sumptuous home in Paradise Valley. This year, trumpeter JOE NEWMAN is guest of honor, with his cohorts being RAY BRYANT, RALPH SUTTON, BOBBY ENRIQUEZ, piano; MILT HINTON, MAJOR HOLLEY, JOHN CLAYTON, bass; BUTCH MILES, BOBBY ROSENGARDEN, JEFF HAMILTON, drums; BARNEY KESSEL, guitar; CLARK TERRY, BILLY BUTTERFIELD, trumpet; AL GREY, URBIE GREEN, trombone; BOB WILBER, soprano & alto saxes & clarinet, PEPPER ADAMS, baritone sax, KENNY DAVERN, clarinet, BUDDY TATE & SPIKE ROBINSON, tenor saxes, LOU TABAKIN, tenor sax & flute and CARRIE SMITH, vocals...Interesting article in the March 5 VARIETY out of New York has TOM CANTONE, entertainment director of the Sands, Atlantic City saying "It's no cardinal sin if a hotel does not book talent on

## Diana Ross Returns To Caesars Palace



Diana Ross returns to Caesars Palace through March 24 to headline in the Circus Maximus Showroom. Ms. Ross, who first gained national attention when she sang with The Supremes, has hit records stretching over the past 25 years. Her first singles with The Supremes, "I Want A Guy" and "Buttered Popcorn," were released in 1961. Every year since has brought more memorable hit records, like "Stop! In The Name Of Love," "Reflections" and "Endless Love." The latest

album, "Eaten Alive," features cuts penned by the Bee Gees brothers and Michael Jackson.

Although music has been her base, Diana has expanded her creative energies into a number of other fields. She has formed her own production company, Anaid Film Productions, Inc. "I love to make movies," she explained. "I always have. But I need a project that thoroughly inspires and excites me. That's the idea behind Anaid. I realized that if I was going to set

a weekend, even in summer" and "it's wasteful to book headliners on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays." To him, seven-days-a-week cabaret operations are a waste of time and money. CANTONE would book headliners when they are in the news, "either through a hit record, film or television show or through a hit in some other field." He would rather have the cabaret go dark than go with the wrong headliner, he sez...PAUL SZIGETY, entertainment boss of the Union Plaza, is getting ready to change the marquee to "GYPSY" for March 20 opening. Vet actress CHARLENE KASE will portray ROSE, GYPSY ROSE LEE's tough mother, and KASE's real-life daughter, LAUREN HATHAWAY will play GYPSY...FIFTH DIMENSION have returned to "Splash" at the Riviera. Not too long ago I was bawled out by JEFF KUTASH's publicity gal in Ellay. She said from now on the correct way to refer to the show is JEFF KUTASH's "Splash." But, you know me, I'd never be coerced into such flagrant depicto...RIP TAYLOR fans will have a gander at their boy in a vidseries "Down to Earth," where the RIPPER makes his acting debut as Stanley, the Heavenly Power Giver, a mischievous angel who complicates the lives of everyone around him. They got the right guy for the role. Typecasting, that's what it is.



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such high standards for my films, I was going to have to be the one to see that they were satisfied."

Television, films, and activities as a businesswoman, entrepreneur and humanitarian keep her life moving at an exciting pace, but her music is never forgotten. "Music is my foundation," remarked Diana. "I feel most fully alive in my music. No matter where else life may take me, I'll never give up my music."

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