

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

FRANK SINATRA's brief eulogy to BENNY GOODMAN, upon BG's death last Friday, "Working for BENNY GOODMAN wasn't a job -- it was an experience," brought up a question. How did FRANK know this? He had jobs with TOMMY DORSEY & HARRY JAMES, but unless for a benefit, never experienced singing with BENNY GOODMAN. Anyway, about FRANK, who is now the elder statesman of song, this tireless senior citizen will unfurl his numbers at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu July 26 sponsored by AT&T to benefit Special Olympics. FRANK hasn't been to Hawaii for 30 years, when twice he made to movies. The first, "From Here to Eternity" in 1953 won him an OSCAR and turned his fortunes around. In 1965, "None But the Brave," was a brave attempt, but no cigar. Just in case you can't trip to Hawaii to see FRANK on the 26th and can't cheer him at the Golden Nugget because of one thing and another, consider Dallas Oct. 18. Here FRANK will headline the show for PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION, U.S.A.'s third annual gala awards presentation. Years ago, he appeared with the late PRINCESS GRACE in the MGM film "High Society." The very posh Dallas event aids young students and professionals in

American theater, dance and film. Be apprised also that aside from FRANK's appearance, the weekend activities will include a rodeo, luncheon & fashion show, barbecue and steeplechase at BUNKER HUNT's Circle T Ranch and the star-studded Gala awards dinner. I'm thrilled they tossed in that steeplechase. Ever since I was a boy I have been chasing steeples. Never caught one, though. But maybe in Dallas at BUNKER HUNT's Circle T, I can nab one...MARK TAN, who wrote in this space for the ISRAELITE for many years, postcards from Hawaii "Aloha -- all going fine here -- hope the same for you. Stay well, Best." Bet he'll be at FRANK's Aloha Bowl concert...JUDI WOLFE, who plugs Imperial Palace in the ad & publicity office, also moonlights for UNIVERSAL DANCE STUDIOS. She sends along this urgent plea: "For years, the only way to purchase ballroom dance shoes in Las Vegas was to order them through a local representative and wait for them in the mail. Now at UNIVERSAL DANCE STUDIO, it is possible to purchase your dance shoes, both men's and ladies, at the studio. There will be no waiting and you can try them on before you buy." For your dance shoes, call 796-0133 and don't delay, do it today!

From the world of dancing shoes, we move to ROBERT GOULET, who will break in the new Cashman Field Theater on September 20 with "South Pacific." Presently touring with BARBARA EDEN, there is no certainty she'll be in the Vegas run, which will be extended through December, box office willing and the dust don't blow...Outdoor theater has started at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park with "Bye Bye Birdie" weekends through the 28th. Bring picnic supper and sweater, even a blanket and keep driving out Charleston Blvd. past Red Rock until you see the gates of the old CHET LAUCK/VERA KRUPP/HOWARD HUGHES ranch gates. Advance tix at Rebel Britches & Garehime Music Co. run \$4 adults, \$3 children & students Friday and Saturday and knock off \$1 for Thursday's perf...No booker on the Strip seems interested in the DEBBIE REYNOLDS/DONALD O'CONNOR team after their debut at Harrahs in Atlantic City, springing from the duo's appearance at the last Oscar fete. Starting in August, they'll start a tour to include London & Australia. DEBBIE, by the way, is marketing her new beauty videocassette, maybe with son TODD FISHER's title "Looking Great, Debbie's Way"...The late HOWARD



Magic Is In The Air At Caesars Palace

The magic of David Copperfield is back in the Caesars Palace spotlight through June 30 (dark 6/24).

Copperfield, a personable young performer, is best known for grandiose illusions performed before live audiences and televised for millions. He made a seven-ton jet vanish as a ring of unbelieving spectators stood holding hands around the craft on a runway. He also floated over the Grand Canyon and walked through the Great Wall of China -- each a centerpiece in one of his eight network television specials.

Copperfield has won critical plaudits for his accomplished technique and natural poise. Named Atlantic City's Entertainer of the Year, and honored by the American Guild of Variety Artists and the Academy of Magical Arts, he has headlined many of this nation's premiere showrooms and had appeared (and disappeared) in three Command Performances for President and Mrs. Reagan.

Comedian Dick Shawn joins Copperfield at Caesars for the limited engagement. Shawn, who starred in such feature films as "The Producers," "Love At First Bite" and "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad



DAVID COPPERFIELD

World," is basking in the success of his stage production "The 2nd Greatest Entertainer in the Whole Wide World." Created and performed by Shawn, the play is a comic's version of his life and art. It won dramatic critics awards both in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Copperfield and Shawn will perform in nightly cocktail shows at Caesars Palace. For reservations phone the Circus Maximus Showroom 702/731-7333 or 800/445-4544.

Spiritual Thought For The Week

Be wary of those in power, for they befriend a person only for their own benefit; they seem to be friends when it is to their advantage but they do not stand by a man in his hour of need.

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