

New Strip Brilliance



The illumination date of the Excalibur Hotel/Casino marquee is scheduled for December 22, just in time for holiday visitors. Two identical structures will typify the medieval themed property. One will stand at the Tropicana Boulevard entrance and the other at the Las Vegas Boulevard South entrance. The marquee will tower to a lengthy 101 feet, one inch in height. Circus Circus Enterprises, Inc.'s newest property, Excalibur Hotel/Casino will be the world's largest resort with 4032 deluxe rooms and over 100,000 square feet of gaming area. It also will house a 1,250-seat amphitheater for shows featuring jousting and stories of the King Arthur era.

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**Diana Ross Workin' Overtime
At Caesars Palace Now
Through July 3**



Diana Ross returns to the Circus Maximus Showroom spotlight at Caesars Palace, starring in cocktail shows now through July 3 (dark June 27).

Ross, who became an internationally popular recording artist as lead singer for the Supremes in the 1960s, has a new album, "Workin' Overtime," and a new world tour of the same name. This is her first tour since her marriage to Norwegian shipping magnate Arne Naess in 1985 and the subsequent birth of two sons.

Ross says she has profoundly missed touring these past few years. "There is no place as exciting for me to be as up on a stage performing for an audience. It's exhilarating not just because of the thrill of live performance, but because it really represents my total effort. I've worked on every aspect of the show, from songs to lighting, so a concert really lets me share all parts of myself with the audience."

"Workin' Overtime," her 56th album, marks her

return to Motown," the label where she first made her name. She returns not only as a top recording artist, but also as an equity partner and governor of the company.

"It's a new day for both Motown and myself, explains Diana. For me, it's an opportunity to put back into the music industry some of the knowledge that I've gained. I especially want to use my experience to guide younger talents as they start their careers. My return also reflects my belief in Motown as a label capable of tapping the energy and style of today's youth. Motown created the sound that the '60s moved to. I believe that now Motown will be able to define the sound that will move the '90s. I think we've started with my first release."

Ross has had hit records spanning 28 years, scoring with The Supremes such gold and platinum classics as "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," "Stop! In the Name of Love," "Reach Out and Touch (Somebody's Hand)," "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" and "Baby Love." The '80s have found Ross climbing the charts as a highly successful solo artist with "Endless Love" (with Lionel Richie), "Mirror, Mirror," "Muscles," "Telephone," "All of You" (with Julio Iglesias) and "Eaten Alive." Her career has brought accolades not only for hit records but also for screen successes "Lady Sings the Blues," "Mahogany" and "The Wiz."

At Caesars Palace, Diana Ross performs nightly at 10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Showtimes Thursday through Sunday are 8:30 p.m. and midnight. For reservations telephone 800/445-4544 or 702/731-7333.

**Soviet Jewish Aliyah Reaches
14-Month High**

NEW YORK (JTA) — since January to 17,797, The percentage of Soviet Jewish emigres who moved to Israel in May was double the January figure, and the highest since April 1988, Soviet Jewry groups reported recently.

The 549 emigres who made aliyah represented 14.5 percent of the month's total of 3,779, according to both the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

Since January, the percentage of Soviet Jews choosing Israel over the United States and other countries was not higher than 10 percent. In April 1988, 16.8 percent of the emigres made aliyah.

Although 778 fewer Jews emigrated in May than in April, the figure still comes close to the more than 4,000 per month who immigrated during the benchmark year of 1979, according to NCSJ spokesman Jerry Strober. May's figures bring the total number of emigres

only 1,168 less than the number for all of 1988. Strober said the slight drop since April may reflect a backlog in the number of emigration requests the Soviet authorities are able to process in Moscow. But he stressed that the increase in Israel-bound emigres seems significant. Ten thousand Soviet Jewish tourists were able to visit Israel last year, he said, and the result may be that "they are able to go back and give family and friends a more reliable and accurate portrayal of what life in Israel is all about."

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