

OF THE STARS

HACKETT INTRODUCES LYRICIST SAMMY CAHN TO VEGAS AT SAHARA

Comedy Superstar week engagement at Del Webb's Hotel introducing "new-comer" Sammy Cahn Hackett, who is at a special two-nored for presending

readying a "tab" version of the Broadway comedy hit "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers". JERRY VALE will also make his T-Bird bow later this spring, and DICK CLARK with more of his "GOOD OL ROCK 'N ROLL" revue returns for July and August.....

..... LOLA FALANA reportedly shelled out more than \$100,000 for her new production spectacular that will be her headliner debut at the MGM Grand Hotel, opening April 1. Lola's special gueststar will be comedian DAVID BRENNER, just here with MAC DAVIS. Brenner will be also guest-hosting the "Tonight Show" just prior to his and Lola's MGM opening.....

 JOAN RIVERS, BACK AT THE MGM NOW WITH SERGIO FRANCHI, IS BOOKED TIL 1980 with extracurricular activities including several new books, television scripts, television pilots, motion pictures, her own television series, and months and months of live appearances across the country. Joan's already setting her summer tour to include return dates to the theaters she played last year including Chicago's Mill Run, Philadelphia's Valley Forge, Westbury Theater, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Washington, D.C., etc. Joan also has three more dates this year firm at the MGM with exact dates to be announced. Miss Rivers is currently with Sergio thru March 10..... What happened to the PEOPLE MAGAZINE television special starring ANN-MARGRET (taped at the Hilton in January) that was supposed to air on ABC-TV this month???? Seems the only city to get the special was Los Angeles. It was not carried in Las Vegas, San Francisco, Atlanta, Philadelphia, etc.....

 WEEKEND WANDERERS..... PAUL ANKA superb as usual, at Caesars Palace with his exciting protege ODIA COATES..... MINNIE RIPERTON at the Riviera with The Smothers Brothers..... WAYNE NEWTON at the Sands and ROBERT GOULET at the Frontier which is different than last month's ROBERT GOULET at the Sands and WAYNE NEWTON at the Frontier (HUH????)..... BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE PARIS VIVE" at the Flamingo..... SIEGFRIED & ROY in "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD"..... FREDDIE SALES in "CASINO DE PARIS".....

 NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... Whatever happened to AL CADEAUX and his "hot" HURRICANE CLUB entertainment plans in Ocean City, Maryland???..... BRECK WALL'S "LE SEXY" revue moved from the Players Club in Palm Desert immediately to the new Pinocchio's in Orange County, California JOHN DAVIDSON will star in his own musical variety tv series for the summer..... CHARLIE CALLAS (of "Switch") returns with ANN-MARGRET opening at the Hilton March 9..... JOEY BISHOP & TERESA BREWER, and JERRY LEWIS and ABBE LANE, upcoming at the Sahara Congo Room..... JAMES DAREN, busy with out of town nitery dates and a just completed two-part "Police Woman" star guesting, setting new Strip dates for this summer..... Pantomaniacs THE BERNARD BROTHERS now starring in Alan Lee's "other" "Folies Bergere" at the Americana Hotel, in Puerto Rico.....

exciting new talent to Las Vegas audiences as his co-stars during his two-decade Sahara nightclub career, cheated a bit this time by recruiting a long-time entertainment industry giant in Cahn. Nonetheless, he came up with a personality who has never before appeared on a Las Vegas nightclub stage.

Asked why, Cahn deadpanned, "I've never been asked."

One of the most prolific lyricists of all time, Cahn has written material for virtually every star in showbusiness during his 25-year career. An academy award winner with the Frank Sinatra hit, "The Second Time Around," written for the movie, "The Joker is Wild," Cahn is intrigued by the chance to confront a nightclub audience in The Entertainment Capital of the World.

The closest Cahn has come to a Las Vegas nightclub appearance previously was a highly successful one-man show which ran on Broadway last year. Hackett has long been the pace-setter in Las Vegas entertainment and his recruitment of Cahn is another feather in his cap. Buddy's previous "discoveries" include Sergio Franchi, Charo, James Darren, Dick Jensen and Tom Sullivan, to name a few.

Hackett and Cahn will be appearing at the Sahara through February 25.

LOUNGE STARS FEATURED AT DESERT INN

There is an entertainment extravaganza at the Desert Inn in the Gold Cup Lounge featuring four dynamic acts from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. Monday thru Saturday.

The excitement begins with the song stylings of lovely Stacey Carroll at the keyboard. Stacey is followed by the energetic and versatile Perfecto & Motion who bring back the unforgettable sounds of the forties graduating to the up-

beat sounds of today.

The saloon-singing superman, Sonny King, follows Perfecto & Motion. Tutored by Durame, Skelton and Joe E. Lewis, Sonny's stage description includes having a fantastic singing voice and a great comedic mind. Glenn Smith comes in next, with his specialty.....the piano. Glenn is among the most accomplished musicians on the lounge set today. He performs a variety of musical arrange-

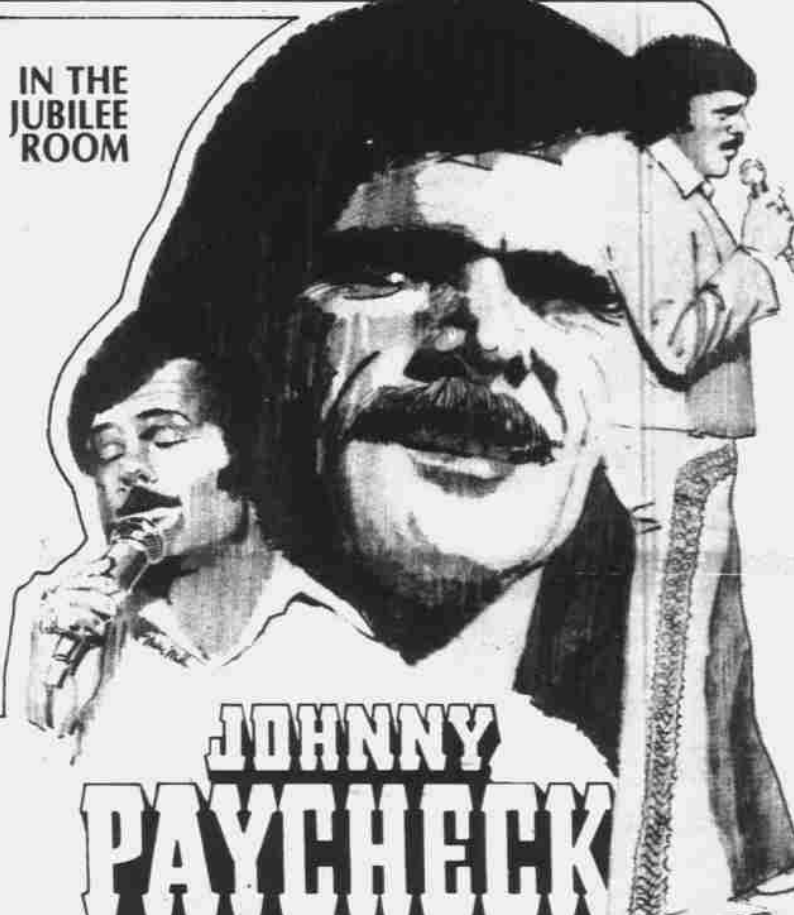
ments from contemporary pop to the sophisticated classical medlies.

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