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IN
LAS VEGAS



STRIPP CHATTER.....JEFF KUTASH'S "DANCIN' MACHINE" which enjoyed such a long and popular run at the Golden Nugget last year, will headline next at the Stardust Hotel Casino Lounge. The "Machine" opens an indefinite engagement on January 27..... **BERNADETTE PETERS**, on loan from the Riviera, joins **RICH LITTLE** at the MGM Grand opening February 15..... **TONY BENNETT** opens the first (of seven) engagements on his new Summa Hotels pact on Jan. 31 at the Sands, with **NORM CROSBY** guesting..... **RAQUEL WELCH** who did something less than spectacular business in her headliner stint at Caesars Palace, will be going back to that hotel with **BURT BACHARACH** in May. Raquel and Burt co-starred last year at the MGM Grand..... **JULIET PROWSE** and her husband actor/singer **JOHN McCOOK** ("The Young and the Restless") are trying it apart on a "trial separation" status. Juliet co-stars with Anthony Newley at the Desert Inn..... **DEBBIE REYNOLDS** who sued the Summa Hotels for unused weeks on her last contract, has apparently kissed and made up. Debbie will be going back to the Desert Inn and Frontier Hotels this year with a first 'engagement' set for March..... Newlyweds **BOBBIE GENTRY** and **JIM STAFFORD** are so pleased with the reception to their first dual appearance "Southern Comfort" at the Aladdin; and the hotel was so happy with the big box office the popular pair did, they will be back together again in May..... **DONNA SUMMERS**, a multiple American Music Awards winner, makes her headliner bow at the MGM Grand for a special six day stint opening April 5. Donna made her debut here at the Hilton guesting with Lou Rawls last summer..... **SANDY DUNCAN** and **LOLA FALANA** are Liberace's special guests on his just completed tv special "LIBERACE - A VALENTINE" set for airing February 3 on CBS-TV. Parts of the specials were filmed at the Hilton during his last appearance and at his Las Vegas residence.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER..... The Northern Nevada Press has - once again - named Las Vegas' own "BOTTOMS UP" as **THE BEST REVUE OF THE YEAR**. **BRECK WALL**'s long running musical comedy marathon which has been running some 17 years (and is currently breaking all records in Houston, Texas at the Windmill Dinner Theater) was chosen out of all 47 revues which played in Reno, Sparks and Tahoe in 1978. The show was picked Best by the **RENO Gazette Journal** and entertainment editor **GUY RICHARDSON**..... **RICK HARRIS** - who some Strip folks will remember best from his several appearances here with a Seattle-based group "RICK HARRIS, CANDY & MR. D" is now songwriting, producing and performing out of Gainesville, Florida and Tennessee where he now makes his home. Rick plans a visit to Vegas this spring to rep some of the top musical groups in the Southeast U.S. for Strip engagements..... **JAN MURRAY** who hasn't played the Strip in awhile will finally be getting back to the nitery circuit with his headliner debut at the Sahara Casbar. Jan will be following another new Casbar pactee, the outrageous **WAYLAND FLOWERS** and **MADAME** who'll be debuting on February 6..... And of course, you knew that sultry songbird **LAINIE KAZAN** will also be returning this year; this time it's to the Sahara with **FLIP WILSON** doing midnight shows only Feb. 8. The Sahara is where Lainie starred a few years ago with her famous soaking wet pin-up poses all over town and that "Lainie's Front/Lainie's Back" campaign..... **RITA MORENO** makes her Vegas debut, with **BILL COSBY**, at the Hilton opening February 13.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS..... **KENNY ROGERS** and **DEBBY BOONE** at the Riviera..... **JULIET PROWSE** and **ANTHONY NEWLEY** at the Desert Inn..... **TONY ORLANDO** and **DAVID BRENNER** at the MGM Grand..... **GABRIEL KAPLAN** and **THE HUDSON BROTHERS** at the Aladdin..... and the never-to-be-missed **SAMMY DAVIS JR** at Caesars Palace for one special week only (Jan. 25-31).

TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD, KAY STARR AT SAHARA DINNER SHOW TO JAN. 31

In another of those innovative split bills, Hotel Sahara entertainment Director Jack Eglash has brought in four exceptional talents, with something for everybody. The dinner show has the highly-compatible combination of Tennessee Ernie Ford and Kay Starr, while the midnight crowd is treated to the team of George Carlin and Mary Welch.

Tennessee Ernie has been pleasing audiences for many years. From his earliest beginnings as a \$10-a-week radio announcer in his home town of Bristol, Tennessee, he has developed as a TV

personality, recording artist and nightclub attraction at the highest level. But magnificent bass voice and all, he's still Ol' Ern to millions of fans all over the world.

Kay Starr can just about match the Pea-picker for durability. Her highly successful recording career started during the big bad era and she's been a favorite in any music category you care to name. Her distinctive husky tones can caress the notes of country, jazz or pop tunes with nary a pause to shift gears.

In George Carlin, the Sahara has a



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performer who has odds that "words'll proved against tough - never hurt ya."

TONY ORLANDO AT MGM

Tony Orlando, whose fun-loving, toe-tapping style of popular music has already touched two generations, made his debut in the luxurious MGM Grand Hotel with David Brenner, Thursday, before a packed Celebrity Room crowd.

The opening marked the start of a long-awaited special two-week engagement.

Though he is only 33 years old, he has been entertaining professionally for almost two decades. He got his initial taste of stardom after performing his first big hit, "Halfway to Paradise," on Dick Clark's **AMERICAN BANDSTAND** in 1961.

Since then, he has been a successful record executive, as well as performer, earning two Gold Records and a Gold Album, since 1970.

Orlando's popularity though, has extended far beyond the record industry the past five years, having had his own television show and more than his share of successes on the nightclub stage.

His co-star this engagement, David Brenner, has been the reigning Male Comedy Star of the Year and one of the most sought after performers in Las Vegas.

PROWSE, NEWLEY AT DESERT INN

Dynamic Dance and Beautifully Balladry is the way to describe the exciting Juliet Prowse/Anthony Newley billing currently at the Desert Inn and Country Club.

Juliet is "pure powerhouse" as she explodes with beauty, dance, and song. Proof positive why she was named Las Vegas female entertainer of the year.

And completing the billing, in fine fashion, is the great Anthony Newley. His stage presence is without duplication and his song selections are perfect.

Juliet and Anthony appear twice nightly in the Desert Inn's Crystal Room, through February 19.

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