

BUDDY HACKETT, DIAHANN CARROLL AT SAHARA THRU APRIL 12



IN LAS VEGAS, PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT.....the all new nitery act of Academy Award winner RITA MORENO, now at the Riviera with the always sensational TONY ORLANDO; Rita's new act (a completely different show from her Hilton debut) is a SMASH and Ms Moreno is hotter than the proverbial firecracker on the 4th of July. Make way for a brand new Strip superlady!!.....the dazzling new set and new show of ANDY WILLIAMS, back at Caesars Palace for his 25th anniversary appearance with the comedy of GEORGE GOBEL and WAYLAND FLOWERS & MADAME; Andy's new set is an eye-popper in silver, chrome, glass, special effects, lighting, etc.....the reports that that television special called "HELLO, KAYE BALLARD, WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS" will FINALLY be getting a firm airdate and well it should. The starpower of the show is potent-plus starring BURT REYNOLDS, MILTON BERLE, JOAN RIVERS, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, GAVIN McLEOD, PHYLLIS DILLER, RIP TAYLOR, TERRY GIBBS, LEONARD PINNARIO, PATTY McLEOD, and LELAND STANFORD SCOTT III, plus BILL FANNING, PETER ANTHONY, JACK EGLASH, JAN SUTTON, and Kaye's personal accompanist, composer ARTHUR SEGAL.....the special return engagement of the all nude MARILYN CHAMBERS in her one woman show and sex lectures, questions and answer sessions, The Sex Surrogate returning April 5 to the Jolly Trolley.....the entrancing hypnotist DEBRA DUKE, now at the Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Casino, at 7 and 11, alternating with KENNY KERR & "BOYLESQUE" (at 8 and 10).....the grand opening of SAM'S TOWN at Boulder Highway and Nellis with owner Sam Boyd getting three cheers from locals for bringing back "old time Las Vegas" hospitality, specials, promotions, gimmicks, showmanship, etc etc. Cowboys, Indians, Bull Durham rolling contests, rodeos, square dancing, gold panning, bullwhip exhibitions, parades, etc etc are either happening right now at Sam's Town or coming up on the hotel/casino's busy fulfilled calendar of events.....

STRIP CHATTER.....JOAN RIVERS and PIA ZADORA (pictured here with Leland Stanford Scott III) confabbing about Joan's upcoming movie projects and a script that's "just right" for Pia's movie debut. Joan, currently in Denver at The Turn of the Century with Scott as her opening act, is currently working on three new movies, a television special, and a new book PLUS she's back on the Strip with Robert Goulet in May, with John Davidson in July, and with Bobby Vinton in August. Pia will also be a frequent Strip visitor with her upcoming stints tentatively set to include a May-date with Alan King, a July outing with Buddy Hackett, and an

"He uses those four - letter words, but the story wouldn't be funny without them," is the reaction of most nightclubbers after seeing the Buddy Hackett-Diahann Carroll performance in Hotel Sahara's Congo Showroom. Hackett and co - star Diahann are appearing through April 12 in an unusual combination of showtimes. On Fridays and Saturdays they will appear at dinner (8 p.m.) and cocktail (midnight) performances, while the remaining dates will feature only a 10 o'clock cocktail show.



BUDDY

Buddy Hackett has been making people laugh for as long as he can remember. And he does

it better than most. The combination of his impish appearance and devastating wit make him one of the most

popular performers to ever appear in Las Vegas.

Diahann Carroll can belt 'em or sing 'em tender --

and does both in this current engagement. Her feeling for a love ballad is something to behold, and then she suddenly whisks into an up - tempo classic like "If My Friends Could See Me Now." And her stunning beauty is the icing on the cake.

The Buddy Hackett - Diahann Carroll engagement continues through April 12 with a single cocktail show each night at 10, except on Friday and Saturdays when they perform for dinner patrons at 8 o'clock as well as a midnight cocktail show.

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October-fest with Ben Vereen. (Editor's Note: JOAN, PIA, CHARO, plus DAN CLARK, DENISE CLEMENTE, GARRISON WAYNE, DELL LONG, LELAND SCOTT III, DEBRA DUKE & STU SCOTT were special "Guests of Honor" at VV's Mark Tan's recent bash celebrating "March 23" (???)..... FRANK SINATRA, recently at Caesars Palace, makes his first appearance in Atlantic City in several years. Frank was MR. ATLANTIC CITY when he used to star at the old 500 Club) over the Easter holidays. He'll be at the new Resorts International Hotel where they've been accepting reservations since last month for the appearance!!.....Singer/impressionist JIM BAILEY heading off to Bermuda and The Princess Hotel is firming a Strip return, probably at the Silverbird Hotel in April....

DIONNE WARWICK SINGS AT D.I.

Dionne Warwick, "after a three year recording sabbatical" as she puts it, displays the qualities of a master show person at the Desert Inn. Her song style and "savoir-faire" combine for a delightful 45 minutes. Miss Dionne claims she stayed away

from recording for over three years for various personal reasons, one of which was the lack of quality song material offered to her. Now she is coming out with a brand new album. She wants the D.I. audience to select the best single record from it.

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