

Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS

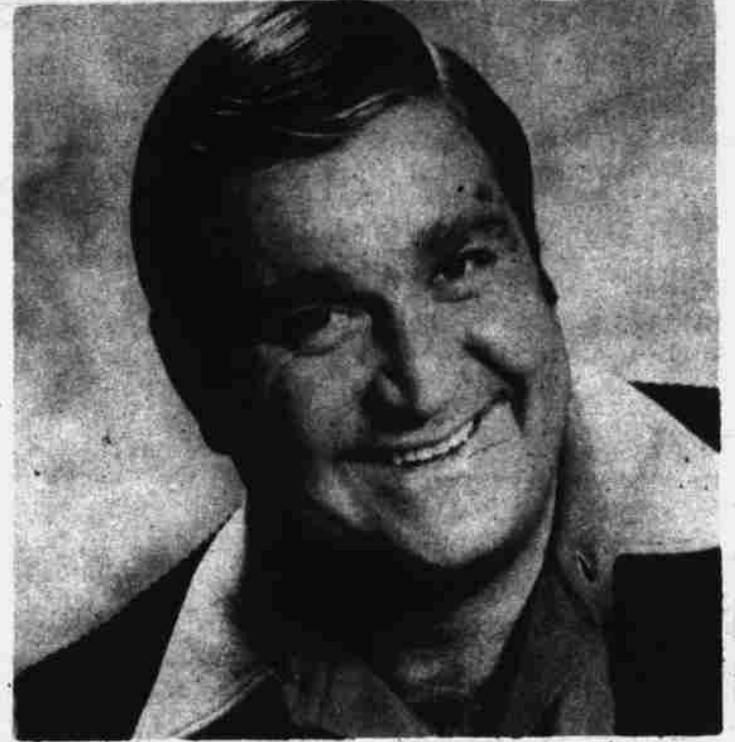


THE NEWS IS OUT.....BOBBIE GENTRY and JIM STAFFORD are infanticipating.....hence Bobbie's cancellation of their scheduled Aladdin date together. Pummongers spreading seeds of discontent in the Staffords' newlywed status should be the first to know that all is well and the Staffords welcome their first heir or heires in the fall.....STEVE MARTIN who was scheduled to headline at the Riviera in June has now postponed that engagement until early fall. Steve is currently filming his first full length movie, "He Jerk" with BERNADETTE PETERS co-starring.....PHYLLIS DILLER, currently on tour in Australia, returns to the Strip and the Las Vegas Hilton co-starring next with STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME opening late May.....ANN-MARGRET makes her first nightclub appearance of the year, in Las Vegas, at Caesars Palace in June. A-M will play a fast date in Tahoe just prior to her Vegas premiere of an all new show. Ann-Margret and Roger Smith have been on a five month hiatus, vacation and complete rest after last year's exhaustin schedule of five major motion pictures, several tv specials and appearances, and more than twenty weeks of nightery appear aces..... Former Las Vegas, comedienne-actress ELMARIE WENDEL ("Vive Les Girls") is now a fulltime casting director-agent in the Tampa, Florida area and acting in dinner theater playhouses throughout the Southeast U.S. Elmarie's agency handles actors and actresses for movies, theatres, commercials, and industrial shows.....DONNA SUMMER, who'll be headlining at the Resorts International Hotel in Atlantic City this month, returns for another "one week only" engagement at the MGM Grand in July.....Comedy ventriloquist SAMMY KING who starred here in the "Folies Bergere" is now headlining in Paris, at the Crazy

EDDY ARNOLD, GLEN ASH IN SAHARA DINNER SHOW THRU MAY 2

Two plus two makes four; twogreat stars early (Eddy Arnold and Glenn Ash), plus twogreat stars late (Flip Wilson and Jack Jones) makes for a great combination of talents in the Congo Showroom of Del Webb's Hotel Sahara. For dinner show patrons, the country-flavored songs of Eddy Arnold and humor of Glenn Ash fills the bill nicely. Eddy has been a top nightclub and recording star since the late '40's when his easy-going style and great feel for a Western lyric catapulted him to the top of his Nashville contemporaries. In recent years his

popularity has extended to the popular music field and he has become an international favorite. Glenn Ash doesn't mind being mistaken for Hoss in the old Bonanza TV series, but that resemblance is soon forgotten as he eases into his comedy routines and his truly amazing talent on the guitar and related string instruments. Possessed of a rich, full-range voice, boyish good looks and a fine feel for the music of today, his program touches just about every area of popular songs. The Eddy Arnold-Glenn Ash (8 o'clock dinner) and Flip



GLENN

Wilson-Jack Jones are scheduled in the Sahara's Congo Room (midnight - cocktails only) performances through May 2.

Horse Saloon. Sammy will wind that stint next month and plans to move permanently to Las Vegas. King who has built up such a big following in the Vegas-Tahoe-Reno markets is being set by personal manager STEVE SHELDON (Starshine Enterprises) for several mainroom outings as a special gueststar opener.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Singer-impressionist JIM BAILEY opens this week in San Francisco, at the Fairmont Hotel, for his first West Coast appearance in nearly a year. Making his mainroom bow with Jim is Las Vegas comic SANDY HACKETT, who does, indeed, have a "name to live up to" inasmuch as his dad is Sahara superstar BUDDY HACKETT.....LOLA FALANA, opening next at the Aladdin Bagdad, just completed her television special for NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL PRODUCTIONS taping all around town and at her Vegas home. NORMA MILLER is Lola's comedic sidekick in the special which revolves around Lola's "week off" from show business and work. Among the names being talked about for cameo guestings on the show: SAMMY DAVIS JR, LIBERACE, WAYNE NEWTON, NORM CROSBY, RIP TAYLOR, JOHN DAVIDSON, DEBBIE REYNOLDS, etc.....RIP TAYLOR opening this week in Chicago, at the Blue Max, will be

presented with the annual "STARDUST AWARD" from the Windy City's Young People's Public Radio Council. Nominations for the award are based on a year long survey of young adult audiences. The award recognizes "singular accomplishment in comedic style and appeal" and "achievements in entertainment and efforts to inspire positive thinking".....JACK JONES, currently at the Sahara with Flip Wilson (for midnight shows only) will have his own television special (and possibly a series of Jack Jones Hosts shows) from Toronto Canada, and the Hamilton Palace Auditorium. The first show "The Palace Presents" stars Jack with BARBARA EDEN, JIM STAFFORD, his dad ALLAN JONES, and THE HAMILTON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. The special is a WILKS-CLOSE PRODUCTION. Jack will be back at the Sahara Congo Room in June and August.....JOHNNIE RAY, in town for the D.I. OLYMPATHON telecast, is huddling with several hotels 'bout a summertime outing. Johnnie hasn't played the Strip for several years but is renewing his recording career with a new single and new album he recently cut in Nashville.....ANDY WILLIAMS returns for a quick May 3-9 stint, at Caesars Palace, of course, where Andy recently celebrated his 25th Silver Anniversary appearance.....

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RICH LITTLE, SANDY DUNCAN OPEN AT MGM GRAND MAY 3

Rich Little returns to the majestic Celebrity Showroom of the MGM Grand Hotel as the worlds greatest imitator in a three-week special engagement with Sandy Duncan May 3.

And when he flatters his fellow celebrities, he does it all out. He not only captures their individual voices but also their own unique gestures and facial expressions, as well as overall characteristics.

Sandy Duncan is one of the stars of the 'Strip' that continues to grow in popularity in Las Vegas with each engagement. She brings the vivaciousness that has made her a TV and motion picture favorite for half a decade to the MGM Grand show-room.

Rich Little and Sandy Duncan share the Celebrity Room spotlight through May 23. They will be followed by the Captain and Tennille.

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