

**Mark Tan**  
IN  
**LAS VEGAS**



**NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**Hawaiian star **CAROLE KAI** - who has played all over the islands and 'round the mainland but never Las Vegas - will be making her Las Vegas debut opening August 9 at the Sahara Hotel guesting with **DON RICKLES**. Miss Kai, who recently bowed in Tahoe as the gueststar of **GEORGE CARLIN**, has been working on a big new nitery act just for this engagement that will feature singer-dancer Ray Bengston, seven costume changes, several dance numbers, and the musical arrangements by Bill Reddie, Jimmy Hendrickson. Carole, one of Hawaii's top female stars, has appeared at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, the Pagoda Hotel, the Hale Makai, the Hawaiian Village, etc. and is one of the 50th State's hardest working community minded performers. Carole is involved in a dozen charitable causes, and performs almost constantly for childrens hospitals, veterans, benefits, fundraisers, etc. With pals like **DON HO**, **DANNY KALEIKINI**, **AUDREY MEYERS**, **THE REYCARDS**, **TEDDY & NANJI TANAKA**, **DICK JENSEN**, **DAVE DONNELLY**, **WAYNE HARADA**, **EDDIE SHERMAN**, **MIKE HICKEY**, **JACK CIONE**, **JOHN & FRANCIS KIRK**, and dozens of others of the Hawaiian entertainment community rooting for her, Miss Kai is getting a big aloha boost for her Strip debut. A special flight from Honolulu will be bringing more than 200 friends from Hawaii for her Sahara appearance.....Speaking of Hawaii, our own **RIP TAYLOR**, who just ended a three week engagement at the Le Boom Boom Room in Waikiki, will be "home" for a few days just prior to his Great Gorge Playboy and Lake Geneva Playboy appearances opening on July 31. Rip who is such a big hit in Hawaii has been "shopping" for his own nightclub on Oahu and may yet become a performer-entertainer booker if he can find the right location. Rip returns to the Sahara Casbar in late August.....**GEORGE ANTHONY**, entertainment editor and columnist for the prestigious **TORONTO SUN**, in town as part of his West Coast visit to cover movies, television, nightclubs, etc. George says Toronto has become "the Las Vegas of Canada" with so many American and Canadian stars appearing there at the Royal York Hotel, the Hamilton Palace (where Jack Jones' new tv series emanates), and other clubs, theaters, etc. Toronto is also a major television production center for several American stars filming syndicated series and specials.....**LINE RENAUD**, the longtime favorite star of the "Casino de Paris" (both here and in Paris where she stars in her own "Paris Line" spectaculars, is planning a visit to Hollywood and Las Vegas this summer. Line, who has several other projects underway including representation of France to encourage and promote American tourism, and her own recording company, is also responsible for bringing

**NEW YORKERS STAR AT ALADDIN**

Showroom audiences get a taste of the Big Apple this weekend at the Aladdin Hotel where New Yorkers **Frankie Valli** and **Rodney Dangerfield** are performing.

Valli has been performing pop music since the early 1960s. As former lead singer with The Four Seasons, he has more Top 40 hits than any other musical group.

Dangerfield has recently been signed to co-star with Chevy Chase in the film "Caddy Shack."

**CALIF. MAN WINS \$50,000**

A construction equipment dealer from Ferndale, California, became \$50,000 richer by winning the \$125,000 Sahara Summer Blackjack Classic at Del Webb's Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Alan Peers, 57, plowed his way through a starting field of more than 1,900 blackjack players from 37 states and eight foreign countries to take the title of blackjack champ and the \$50,000 cash first prize.

The Sahara Summer Blackjack Classic was a joint casino venture sponsored by Sahara-Las Vegas, Sahara - Reno and Sahara - Tahoe hotels. Play began simultaneously at the three Nevada hotels Sunday, July 8 at 8 p.m. Successive elimination rounds continued through Wednesday, July 12, when a total of 21 semifinalists from the three properties gathered to face off for the finals in Las Vegas.

many of the top names to Paris for special concert appearances (Bob Hope, Paul Anka, The Osmonds, etc). Formerly the entertainment director-ess of both the Bonanza Hotel and King's Castle Hotel/Casino, Line will be scouting talent for her own show as well for a couple of top Parisian bistros.....Direct from LONDON (where it had a four year run) and AFRICA (where it was originally created), the Silverbird Hotel is now presenting a limited special engagement of the all-African musical-play "IPI TOMBI" in its Las Vegas premiere.....

**STRIP BITS & PIECES.....**LISA SHAFFER has been named new Vice President of Steve Sheldon's STARSHINE ENTERPRISES (now headquartered in both Las Vegas and Los Angeles). Lisa will be in charge of television and records departments. Starshine's star client, comedy ventriloquist **SAMMY KING** now starring in "Bedazzle" at Harrah's Tahoe, will be commuting again to Los Angeles to fulfill several more television guest starrings. You'll be seeing Sammy (who starred here in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere") again on Norm Crosby's Comedy Shop, the Merv Griffin Show, and several others later this summer and



**JAN MURRAY**, ONE OF THE ALL TIME GREAT COMICS WHOSE CAREER HAS SPANNED A FEW GENERATIONS OF AUDIENCES AND SPECTRUMS OF TASTE, WINDS UP THE SECOND OF HIS TWO WEEK HIT ENGAGEMENT AT THE SAHARA CASBAR THEATRE, JAN'S LEGENDARY STAND - UP ROUTINES HAVE TAKEN HIM TO NEARLY EVERY SWANKY NIGHT CLUB IN THE COUNTRY. HE PLAYS TO HIS MANY FANS TWICE NIGHTLY UNTIL AUGUST 5.

fall.....Chicago singer **JOE MORMINO** is now starring in his own shows at the Top of the Strip cabaret at the Dunes Hotel. Mormino replaced singer-impressionist Bob Anderson who held down the room for nearly two years and recently closed to return to Detroit..... **JAMES DARREN**, who has a big big Vegas following as well as a nationwide fandom, will be making his first Strip appearance in nearly three years when he opens on July 31 (for one week only) joining **LOLA FALANA** at the Aladdin Bagdad Theater.... **CHER**, who more than equalled her Caesars Palace blockbuster debut with her just closed debut in Atlantic City, will make her first appearance at the Universal Amphitheater in August, and will return to Caesars on August 22.....Still saying No, No, No to constant Las Vegas bids: **NEIL DIAMOND**, **BARBRA STREISAND**, **JACKIE GLEASON**, **LUCILLE BALL**, **JOHN TRAVOLTA**, **LILY TOMLIN**, **MICK JAGGER**, and **BOB HOPE**..... **MILTON BERLE** who'll be making his Las Vegas Hilton bow with Lou Rawls opening August 7, will be back at the Riviera several more times this year. Milton is also reading two scripts for very major roles in new motion pictures and is wanted for a long awaited return to the Broadway stage.

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