

ENTERTAINMENT



GALS GALORE

These high-stepping colleens of the Irish Showband and Korea's celebrated DaeHan Sisters lend their feminine talents to the rousing musical productions in the Aladdin lounge this weekend. Two of Las Vegas



most popular international imports, the Showband and Sisters swap sets from 9 p.m. to dawn in the hotel's intimate Casino Lounge.

KRIS KRISTOFFERSON AND RITA COOLIDGE

The Kris Kristofferson-Rita Coolidge concert scheduled for Aug. 28 at the Aladdin Performing Arts Theater has been cancelled, according to Nancy Engler, hotel entertainment director.

The Las Vegas performance was cancelled due to production delays in Kristofferson's current film project, Engler said.

Ticket refunds will be made at the Aladdin theater box office, open noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED FOR BLACK MUSIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDERS' CONFERENCE

Survival and progress of Black Music and Black artists in the 1980's is one of several problem areas to be discussed in detail at the Founders Conference of the Black Music Association, scheduled for June 8-10 in Philadelphia.

BMA President Kenneth Gamble, President of Philadelphia International Records, said the main focus of the conference will be on "the many problems of survival" faced by Blacks in the recording industry, music and entertainment business.

"Although this is our first conference," Gamble said, "we have held numerous executive committee meetings to define, diagnose, and prioritize the critical problems which prevent Blacks from gaining economic parity in the music industry. Several substantive workshops have been developed around fundamental problems which face BMA and its membership."

The workshops include "Cooperative Merchandising: Realistic Alternatives," moderated by Calvin Simpson, BMA Vice President of Marketing and Merchandising; "Black Concert Promoters: Getting a Fair Deal," chaired by Smokey Robinson, BMA Vice President for Performing Arts; "Job Security: A Vanishing Reality," chaired by Rod McGrew, BMA Vice President for Communications; "Becoming a Record Industry Executive: The Qualified Black Syndrome," chaired by LeBaron Taylor, BMA Vice President of Recording.

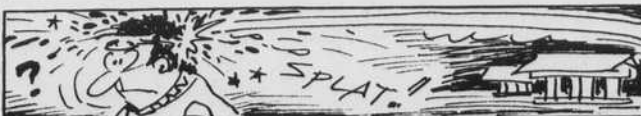
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A remarkable feat of engineering is the protection that nature has designed for the human brain. The hard, rigid skull encases three separate layers of membranes and the cerebrospinal fluid which surround the brain. These can better absorb shock and blows than can the delicate and irreplaceable nervous tissue.



Taking the clue from nature, engineers have designed motorcycle helmets with a hard, protective outer shell surrounding a softer, more flexible inner lining. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation points out that in case of impact, a helmet can absorb the shock and damage that could otherwise injure the head. Drivers who wear helmets are heading in the right direction.

In designing a perpetual motion machine, engineers can learn from nature. The human heart beats 60 to 80 times a minute during a lifetime which may last over a century. The work done each minute by the heart is equivalent to lifting a 70-pound weight a foot off the ground.



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