presentation of fashion ever Tropicana Hotel and

legend, and the Holiday

Fiesta, 1972, is to be the

most spectacular

Well, it's now official. RUTH BUZZI will NOT play Agnes Gooch in the film version of "Mame". The producers want to "discover" an unknown to play the very funny Gooch role and feel that Ruth is too well-known. Isn't that a bummer! If there's anyone who could play Gooch better than Ruthie, I'd like to see her, HELEN NOGA, JOHNNY MATHIS' discov-

erer and former personal manager has discovered another career, as a novelist. She's getting congratulations on her first novel, "Ayisha" and already a couple of producers are bidding for screen rights. Helen discovered Mathis at the Black Hawk in San Francisco years ago and it was there she became intimare friends with DINAH WASHINGTON and BILLIE HOLIDAY, Helen says the film "Lady Sings the Blues" is interesting but distorted in its look at the beloved Billie. Seems to be a common complaint among those who knew the Lady.

BOOK TRIP. . . NORMA LEE BROWNING has captured the bubbling personality of Johnnie Lucille Collier beautifully in the book. "Miller's High Life". Johnnie, for those who don't know, is ANN MILLER, the toe-tapping Queen of the Golden Era of MGM Musicals. Norma didn't exactly find out "all about Ann" meaning there are no shocking confessions, but she does tell the saga of a Texas teenager and her rise to fame in a most entertaining manner. Strangely enough, Ann Miller has always been considered one of Hollywood's top Bachelor girls, but here we encounter her three marriages and consequent divorces (one was an annul-ment.) "Miller's High Life" is not strong stuff, but it is light and bubbly.

MUSIC TRIPPING. . . GRACE SLICK and PAUL KANTNER of the JEFFERSON AIRPLANE

keep Grace's gold record for "White Rabbit" glued to the seat of their toilet in their Bolinas, California home. Recently they decided to move into San Francisco, and of course they had to take the seat with them. Asking price for the home, sans toilet seat, is \$195,000. Anyone interested?. . . Speaking of toilet seats and airplanes, did you know that BILL WITHERS used to make toilet seats for airplanes? Well, I didn't. . .TEDA BRACCI, who is being touted as the only chick alive to wear the late JANIS JOPLIN'S CROWN and WEAR IT WELL, has been signed to make her Whiskey A Go Go debut early next year. Then look out, 1973 will be The Year of the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: JULIE HARRIS (2); HORST BUCHOLZ (4); MARGARET HAYES (5); WALLY COX, SUSANNA FOSTER (S. Larson) and AGNES MOOREHEAD (6); ROD CAMERON (R. Cox) and ELI WALLACH (7) and DAVID CARRA-DINE, LEE J. COBB, SAMMY DAVIS, JAMES MacARTHUR, MAXMILIAN SCHELL and FLIP WILSON (Clerow Wilson) (8).

Start your Christmas spirit early this year and enjoy this week.

HAPPY HANUKA

Country Club owner Deil Gustafson, and the country's 'party giver No.1" Tom Douglas will present a series of magnificent shows, slated for three consecutive Friday afternoons, beginning December 1.

The 3 p.m. champagne parties, being staged in the Theatre Restaurant of the Tropicana Hotel, will bring to Las Vegas three of the world's top designers, Oscar de La Renta, John Anthony and Estevez.

La Renta, who dresses more of America's distinguished and wealthy women than any other designer, will preview his entire collection for Spring,

La Renta never tours his collections, making his Las Vegas appearance a unique opportunity for local women, at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1.

December 8, Tom Douglas brings to the

Tropicana, the Coty Award winning collection of the sensational new designer, John Anthony, who will personally present his collection. Anthony, who dresses Mrs. Pat Nixon, and who will design and create her inauguration gown, will bring his showing directly from the White House where he is previewing his collection for an outstanding

diplomatic party. The third and final Tropicana Fiesta Fashion Show will be seen at 3 p.m. Friday, December 15, when Douglas presents a designer every well-dressed woman is aware of, the celebrated Latin Designer Estevez who is bringing with him the most comprehensive collection ever seen in Las Vegas, to be shown by 40 of the world's most beautiful

While invitations have been issued, a limited number of tables are available for interested Las Vegas women.

HAMPTON TOPS HOLIDAY SHOW AT STARDUST

LIONEL HAMPTON will be heading the holiday entertainment lineup in the Starlight Lounge of the Stardust Hotel, beginning Dec. 8

Sharing the dusk-to-dawn spotlight with the King of the Vibes will be singing sensation Frankie Rino, jazz pianist Big Tiny Little and the award-winning revue "A Bare Touch Of Vegas.'

Contemporary Hamp will be stomping at the Stardust for four weeks, and all indications are that this will be an S.R.O. blockbuster for the internationally-acclaimed music great.

Rino's forthcoming release will feature material written especially for him by Teddy Randazzo, arrangements by Don Costa and directorial expertise by Paul Anka.

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