

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST



DECEMBER DOINGS.....ANN-MARGRET returns tonight (Dec. 20) to the Las Vegas Hilton. The Wonderful World of Magic opens with A-M for the first part of her engagement. On January 3. KAY BALLARD, making her first Strip appearance in more than two years, joins the glamorous and exciting superstar.....On Christmas Day, SHIRLEY MacLAINE opens at the MGM Grand with her lively "If My Friends Could See Me Now" musical comedy showcase.....BARRY ASHTON's all new Paris Music Hall revue, "VIVE PARIS VIVE" debuts at the Aladdin Hotel on December 27 with an all star cast of French specialty acts.....The Sahara Hotel reopens the Congo Room with the merry comedy of TOTIE FIELDS and songstar JERRY VALE.....Beauteous BOBBIE GENTRY with her laughable loveable co-star LARRY STORCH returns to the Desert Inn Crystal Room on December 27.....

HOLIDAY TREATS.....LESLIE UGGAMS, an international favorite just back from a tour of Australia, the Philippines and Hawaii, and awaiting the release of her first starring movie "Pretty Little Eddie", returns Dec. 26 to the Thunderbird Hotel. Leslie's engagement is a "split" date; she'll close Jan. 2-8, and reopen Jan. 9-29.....THE DOVELLS answered a personal SOS from Dick Clark to replace the ailing Ronnie Spector & The Ronettes in his latest edition of "Dick Clark's Good Ol' Rock 'N Roll" at the Flamingo. The Dovelles were appearing at Caesars' Monticello in Boston, but owner Rudy Gaurino gave them a release and they jetted in for the Friday night show. The Flamingo showroom is dark now til Dec. 26 when TONY BENNETT and comedy star MILT KAMEN open thru Jan. 1. On January 2 LOVELACE WATKINS & CHARLIE CALLAS headline.....BUDDY VEST & STERLING CLARK the dynamic song and dance stars who recently returned from a two year starring role in the "Lido" in Paris, are juggling a dozen offers from as many club owners, producers and tv shows now that they've resumed their stateside appearances. Vest and Clark, who premiered their new act at the MGM Lion's Den last week, may be joining the Spanish bombshell CHARO for a special appearance on her late late New Year's Eve show at the Sahara Congo Room. Charo's show goes on at 2:00 a.m. (Dec. 31/Jan. 1).....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Voluptuous blonde songbird (plus impressionist-comedienne) JANUARY IONES, who went from being a cocktail waitress at the Dunes to the top of the rising young stars category as a protege of Johnny Carson's and the top attraction on the television jukebox novelty called Scopetone, is readying an all new act for a return to the mainstem. January, who went into semi-retirement for motherhood and marriage, resumed her career this year with club dates in the east where she had been living. January just closed at Palumbo's in Philadelphia, and plans now to return to the West Coast to pick up where she left off a few years ago (when she was appearing at the Sahara, Harrah's, Tahoe and the most elegant supper club circuit). Meantime January sends her love and regards to all her old



THE BOWERY BOYS PROVOKE PEALS OF LAUGHTER IN THE NIFTY NOOK LOUNGE OF THE LANDMARK HOTEL AS THEY MUG AND KIBITZ EXTEMPORANEOUSLY TO THE SOUNDS OF RAGTIME BROUGHT FORTH BY BOB DURST ON PIANO, EDDIE NIGRO ON BANJO AND AL BELLO ON DRUMS. THE TRIO, EACH A NAME IN HIS OWN RIGHT, HAS PUT THE LANDMARK ON THE BAND-WAGON OF THE "GREAT LOUNGE REVIVAL" IN LAS VEGAS. ENTERTAINMENT FROM 9 P.M. UNTIL 3 A.M. NIGHTLY EXCEPT THURSDAYS.

Strip pals and West Coast boosters, with the promise that she'll be back in the early New Year to say hello in person. January's new act includes a hilarious spoof of singers like Streisand, Peggy Lee, Pearl Bailey, etc. and a lot of specially written material. Miss Jones, who's been without agent or managerial representation for the past couple of years, is interested in talking to agents, buyers and prospective managers.....

NEWCOMERS FOR THE NEW YEAR.....Remember the name THE SECOND COMING. You're going to be seeing and hearing a lot more about them in 1975. Now one of the hottest and most consistently popular box office attractions throughout the east from a couple of years playing from Boston to Miami, The Second Coming is coming west for the first time. Currently appearing at The Venus in Baltimore, the group's enormously versatile repertoire includes rock, pop, country, nostalgia, impressions, comedy, magic and individual solos by the talented all male members.....There's a big hurricane of talent coming from The Hurricane Club in Ocean City, Maryland (one of the east coast jet set's favorite resorts). His name is - simply - RENAUD - and he's being hailed as the Sammy Davis Jr. of his generation. Renaud, a native of nearby Baltimore, has big things coming his way in the new year; not the least of which is his new album master being co-produced by the singing-dancing star and the musical genius of Motown fame, GIL ASKEY. Renaud who was with the Motown label for more than a year, has been

free-lancing his talents and has about four labels anxiously waiting his and Gil's new product. Renaud, no stranger to the west coast bistros and the Vegas scene is a frequent Strip visitor while has many show biz pals like Sammy Davis Jr., The Four Tops, Gladys Knight, Diana Ross and The Jackson Five are working the Strip. Renaud, handsome and sexy as a rising young sex symbol should be, not only sings soul rock and contemporary, he also dabbles in romantic ballads in French, Spanish, Portugese and Greek. Watch for him in '75!!.....

MORE NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Now in Washington, D.C. with the latest "Minsky's" revue at the Shoreham Hotel - exotic favorite (and now a newlywed) SUZETTE SUMMERS, comedy stars HERBIE BARRIS & CHARLIE VESPIA, and lead male dancer HECTOR NUNEZ (last here with the Stardust "Lido").....EARL THOMPSON, longtime Strip veteran and hotel exec for both the Del Webb chain and later the Parvin Dohmann hotels, is now executive director of the new Sheraton Fountainbleau in Ocean City, Maryland. General manager of the hotel is another former Vegas, RON ERICKSON who left the Strip to head up north to the Reno-Tahoe area where he was involved in public relations, advertising and hotel management..... MARTY ALLEN is the holiday headliner at the Pittsburgh HOLIDAY HOUSE - the beautiful 1000 seat showroom of the stars. General manager BERT SOKOL also doubles as entertainment director is beaming about his '75 line-up which so far includes JOHN DAVIDSON, TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE, BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS, JOAN RIVERS, FLORENCE HENDERSON, NANCY SINATRA and THE TEMPTATIONS. Memo to BOBBIE GENTRY: Mr. Sokol is especially eager to have you add the Holiday House to your upcoming '75 road tour!!.....Many thanks again to TWA Passenger Service Ambassador HANK M. LONGERMAN - a frequent Vegas visitor and a big booster of the TWA VEGAS VISITOR at the Greater Pittsburgh Airport - for his many kindnesses and extra special services.....Former footballer FRAN O'BRIEN is host extra-ordinaire at his lively disco-restaurant The Anthony House in Washington, D.C. O'Brien's clientele includes politicians, lawyers, entertainers, sports figures, television and newspaper people, and all the beautiful people in the D.C. area. The Anthony House chain also extends to new bistros in Philadelphia, Annapolis with more to come.....Comedy-magician (who also sings, acts, does Shakespeare, and plays piano) STEVE CALDER, is a big favorite with the nitery goers in D.C., New York, and points east. Steve, who was a regular on the "Dark Shadows" series, says Caesars Palace artist JIMMY GRIPPO is his idol in magic, sleight of hand and illusions. Calder's added his own zany brand of comedy to the quicker than the eye deceptions.....CRAIG SPENCER, the enterprising young collector of rare antiques, stained glasses and brass objects d'art (including a priceless brass bed that the Smithsonian Institute is bidding for), makes his annual trek west to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Aspen, Colorado in early January. Spencer's on a buying and selling sojourn for his Georgetown shop called Brass Balls, Inc.....PAUL WHEELER, one of the most "in" people in the Alexandria, D.C. area is now host at the elegant The Vantage Point in suburban Rosslyn.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....DON RICKLES & THE MILLS BROTHERS at the Riviera.....ANN-MARGRET at the Las Vegas Hilton.....Donn Arden's "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the MGM Grand Hotel.....SHIRLEY MacLAINE returns Christmas Day night!.....

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