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IN
LAS VEGAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR IN 'ROUND TOWN.....FRANK GORSHIN and PHYLLIS McGUIRE pair for the holiday season at the Tropicana, opening tonight (27th). LOUIS PRIMA and gang are in the Blue Room.....ANN-MARGRET the dazzler for any season is at her "Best of Ann-Margret" at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel with a trio of wizards called "The Wonderful World of Magic". Dancing violins, disappearing ladies, card tricks, musical dollars, and an amazing display of ESP ("your mother's maiden name was...., your social security number is....you were born on.....in the city of....., etc., etc.) are some of the mind boggling in the special attraction act. Ann-Margret, dreaming of a white Christmas, helps the audience share her wish in a winter wonderland of snow! A perfect holiday treat not to be missed!! Television's zaniest "Mother In Law", KAY BALLARD joins the A-M show on January 3..... Academy Award winner SHIRLEY MacLAINE is back at the MGM Grand Hotel with her "If My Friends Could See Me Now" musical comedy romp. Miss MacLaine, making her second Las Vegas appearance in her long and versatile career, joins the elite group of musical lady stars who've made SRO Las Vegas a standard part of their performances, i.e. Liza Minnelli, Mitzi Gaynor, Ann-Margret, Juliet Prowse, Debbie Reynolds, Bobbie Gentry, Leslie Uggams, etc.....BOBBIE GENTRY opens at the Desert Inn, thru January 20. Bobbie, Las Vegas' newest celeb resident, will play some twenty weeks this year at the Crystal Room as well as be taking a limited road show tour with her lavish production revue. Funnyman LARRY STORCH returns as Bobbie's special guest star.....TOTIE FIELDS headlines the holiday package at the Sahara Congo Room with guest JERRY VALE. CHARO will be on hand New Year's Eve with a special late late show at 2 a.m. in the Congo Room. Charo and JIM NABORS return to the Sahara on January 17.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....Newlywed dancer MARK WHITAKER, now with Ann-Margret at the Hilton, is having his first separation from his bride of less than a month. Mark will be working here for the holidays and his wife will be in Los Angeles with his and her families. The Whitakers will be reunited for New Year's Eve.....JOHNNY TILLOTSON, now headlining at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater, moves to the MGM Grand and the Lion's Den in mid-'75.....JOAN RIVERS joins HELEN REDDY at the MGM Grand in March..... LOVELACE WATKINS who did such smash biz in his mainroom bow at the Flamingo, returns January 2 to the Flamingo's new main showroom. CHARLIE CALLAS, a nominee in the Best Supporting Act category in the just passed Las Vegas Entertainment



IRREPRESSIBLE TOTIE FIELDS HEADLINING AT THE SAHARA.

Awards, will be Lovelace's co-starring attraction.....Comedienne-actress ELMARIE WENDEL, who has become a Las Vegas resident after so many years in New York and the Broadway stage, will head a new Actor's Workshop and Repertory Company to be based here. Class sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced students and professionals, start January 6.....Noted artist of the Southwest, particularly Indian tribes, customs and ceremonies, NANCY FONTAINE, will have a special one woman exhibition showing of some of her more recent works in early '75. Mrs. Fontaine, who was a former resident here and artist at Caesars Palace, has been living in Scottsdale, Arizona for the last several years and now has an arts and crafts studio in Carefree, Arizona. Mrs. Fontaine's artworks, in oils, pastels and ink are distinguished by the unique and unusual materials utilized including bark, burlap, natural woods, and canvas.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....The all new 1975 edition of BRECK WALL's long, longer, longest running hit musical comedy revue, "BOTTOMS UP" opens at Harrah's Tahoe in February. The new "Bottoms Up" will also be announcing its new Las Vegas homebase hotel in early '75..... SAMMY DAVIS JR and ABBE LANE are the special holiday headliners at the Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom in Honolulu.....A new "freak" musical group called "THE CYCLE SLUTS" is being given a big push in L.A. with special engagements all over town. The group of ten males in bizarre and outrageous glitter motorcycle 'drag' will be presented next a special showcase perf at The Roxy on Sunset Boulevard.....Hilarious femme impressionist LYNNE CARTER, who hasn't played Vegas in more than a year, opens next at the "hot" STUDIO ONE, in Hollywood, on New Year's Eve.....A lot of talk - all good - about a new group from Washington, D.C. called THE SECOND COMING, a lot more talk about the Coming

coming to Las Vegas in '75.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....Just about every Strip hotel is decking the halls with bright new shows for the holiday season. The new "CASINO DE PARIS '75" is at the Dunes..... The new "SPICE ON ICE" starring George Arnold and his company of topless skaters, is at the Hacienda.....Maynard Sloate's production of "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" is back at the Union Plaza starring MARILYN CHAMBERS, PHIL FORD, DON FERRONE and JANE KEAN..... DON RICKLES the Strip Scrooge with the twinkle of Santa Claus, is at the Riviera with special guests THE MILLS BROTHERS.....ROBERT GOULET is at the Frontier.....WAYNE NEWTON at the Sands.....PAUL ANKA at Caesars Palace.....TONY BENNETT at the Flamingo.....

LANDMARK'S MICKEY FINN SHOW NEW FACES



SAVERIO

The Mickey Finn time Vegas favorite, Show in the Landmark's Jubilee Room introduces two new faces to the blockbuster musical revue.

Along with piano-man Mr. Mickey and funny-girl and vocalist Alliene Flanery, are explosive new singing star Saverio who just closed an engagement at the Pershing in New York and side-splitting, rubber-faced comedian Kenny Cornell, long-

The music is honky-tonk, barrelhouse and dixieland, the costumes are zany and colorful and the stage is covered with funky antiques.

A giant movie screen on stage flashes forth numerous old-fashioned flicks and the musicians ad-lib among themselves, but when it comes down to the music that Finn and his mer make -- it's no joke -- just pure talent.

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