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IN
LAS VEGAS



ALL AROUND TOWN.....After a couple of years of club dates, bistros, and in and out of the Vegas-Reno-Tahoe circuit, comedy artist **CORK PROCTOR** has found "his" room in the new lounge at the Hacienda Hotel. Proctor's free wheeling ad libbery and sacred cow busting banter is gathering momentum with each performance and the word is getting around - fast! - that Cork's the comer to watch in the new year. Proctor's "style" - very much his own - can do for him what Shecky Greene's did at the old Riviera Versailles Room, Don Rickles' at the Sahara Casbar, and more recently Jackie Gayle at the MGM Lion's Den. Proctor's wild; go prepared to be shocked into hilarity!.....Producer **BARRY ASHTON** who promised the Strip an all new concept in revue entertainment and the kinkiest show in town, has it in full measure in his new "VIVE PARIS VIVE" now in its world premiere at the Aladdin Hotel. Ashton's saucy, sexy romp, the first all new show of 1975, is a runaway favorite with tourists and local showgoers alike.....The Silver Slipper Gambling Hall and Saloon closed its long running show starring **STEVE ROSSI & BERNIE ALLEN** and is reportedly show-shopping for an early spring opening.....The **FREMONT HOTEL** which recently closed its two year engagement of "Minsky's Burlesque" will undergo major renovation and redecorating. A new lounge theater will open in early summer.....The **HACIENDA HOTEL's** new "\$7 million dollar face lift", now completed, is giving the longtime Strip landmark an all new look. The decor is subtle, tasteful, and beautifully executed. Don't know who the key personnel in **ALLEN GLICK's** Argent Corporation were who were responsible for the renovations but it's a splendid accomplishment!! Hacienda personnel **EUGENE FRESCH** (President), **ROY WARREN**, **PHIL MANDEL**, **GEORGE BENSON**, etc., etc. have every reason to be beaming proudly over the all-new Hacienda casino, lobby, main entrance, Sombrero Lounge, Horseshoe Bar, etc., etc.....**ELVIS PRESLEY** who got all that deluge of 40th birthday publicity along with the news that Elvis was in seclusion until he lost a lot of excess poundage, will now open March 18 at the Las Vegas Hilton. Elvis' return will coincide with the grand opening of the Hilton's \$20 million tower addition. Presley's engagement will be March 18 thru April 1, and needless to add, reservations are being taken



SAVERIO SARIDIS (ITALIAN MOTHER, GREEK FATHER) WHO WAS ONCE A N. Y. COP, IS FEATURED MALE SINGER WITH THE **MICKEY FINN SHOW** AT THE LANDMARK. HIS POWERFUL VOICE, RICH IN TEXTURE, DEMONSTRATES A QUALITY REMINISCENT OF **MARIO LANZA**, PROVIDING AN EXCITING IMPRESSION OF A MARVELOUS NEW TALENT.

NOW for his appearance!.....

STRIP BITS & CHATTER.....**MAC DAVIS** has been signed to join the growing family of stars at the MGM Grand Hotel. Mac's debut appearance will be March 21 thru April 1.....**VIC DAMONE** who still hasn't signed a new strip pact, joins **REDD FOX** for a special concert at Carnegie Hall on February 7.....**MEL TORME**, newly signed to record for Atlantic Records, and who will be releasing his first new album in a couple of years. "MEL TORME - Live at the St. Regis", scheduled to return to the Strips scene with **JERRY LEWIS**, opening February 27 at the Sahara Hotel. Mel's latest film effort, "SNOWMAN" is now set for a spring release.....**JACK JONES** makes his first appearance at the Thunderbird under his new longterm deal opening February 20.....**TELLY SAVALAS** has set June 26 as the opening of his first Vegas engagement at the Sahara.....Haven't longtime Strip holdouts **BOB HOPE**, **LUCILLE BALL**, **JACKIE GLEASON**, **BETTE MIDLER** and **NEIL DIAMOND** been just about inked to Strip outings in '75??.....**ANN-MARGRET** returns to the Las

Vegas Hilton on January 26 and will have an almost all new show - being staged and choreographed by **RON LEWIS** - ready for its premiere. After that engagement, **ROGER SMITH** will take his beautiful bride away for a long Hawaiian hideaway. Don't forget to watch A-M's new television special "ANN-MARGRET OLSSON" airing on NBC-TV on January 23. That's the special she filmed in London with gueststars like **TINA TURNER** and others who were with her in the film version of the rock opera "TOMMY".....Songsstress-actress **ANNE SIMMONS** who valiantly overcame more than two years of severe illness, breakdowns and setbacks, is up and about now and prepping as The First Lady of Nostalgia in song and story, will be telling the entire story of her long siege of illness which is extremely personal as well as courageous in a national publication shortly.....**ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK**, back for his annual American tour, opens Jan. 23 at the Riviera.....**DONN ARDEN's** latest extravaganza, the all new "LIDO DE PARIS" opening this spring at the Stardust Hotel, goes into rehearsals next month. Sets, costumes, and special effects, etc., have been on the drawing boards for several months but the final cast wasn't selected until Arden's final spate of auditions held last week at the Stardust.....Meanwhile "DONN ARDEN'S HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" - at the MGM Grand - is still the town's top drawing must see attraction! **DIANE FINDLAY**, winner as the Female Performer of the Year in the Las Vegas Entertainment Awards, is featured in the multi-award winning superspectacular.....

WHO'S WHERE & NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....**EDIE ADAMS & PETE CONDOLI**, here for a brief holiday, stopped by to catch **LESLIE UGGAMS** at the Thunderbird and **SHIRLEY MacLAINE** at the Grand.....Dancer **SAL ANGELICA** back from the road tour and still with **JULIET PROWSE** and Company at the Desert Inn.....**BOBBY VINTON**, opening in Puerto Rico in February, set to return to the Flamingo March 13.....Manager **AL CADAUX** in from Washington D.C. to finalize a Strip debut for his group, "THE SECOND COMING". The Coming is one of the hottest attractions in the East and recently wound a tour that took them from Miami to the famous Flick's in Boston. The group which is really more like a self contained musical revue features comedy, impressions, magic and A LOT of music in their repertoire..

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....**CHARLIE RICH** and company now at the Las Vegas Hilton.....**FRANK SINATRA** for one week only, at Caesars Palace. Sinatra will be followed on Jan. 24 by the return of just closed **PAUL ANKA**.....**BOBBIE GENTRY**, (thru the 20th) and **JULIET PROWSE** opening next at the Desert Inn.....**BARRY ASHTON's** "VIVE PARIS VIVE!" at the Aladdin..... **JIM NABORS & CHARO** at the Sahara.



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