HELLO 1976......Have a safe and happy New Year's visit......ANN-MARGRET, PAUL ANKA, BOBBIE GENTRY, WAYNE NEWTON, THE SMOTHERS BROTHERS, ANTHONY NEWLEY, TONY BENNETT and LENA HORNE are among the Strip stars who will be bringing in the New Year with special December 31 and January 1 performances. Check with the individual hotels for showtimes, reservations and special prices. Many stars will also be doing special 2:00 a.m. shows for the stay up later than late revelers.....

MEMO TO AUDIENCES.....PLEASE try to keep in mind that your applause is what the performers are working so hard to get. It's LIVE, IN PERSON entertainment and it need your live, in person response. Las Vegas audiences have the reputation of being the best in the world, and that means that they are known for being responsive, appreciative, and excited at seeing the biggest and best stars and shows. All performers from the top superstars to the lines of singers-dancers in the Strip spectaculars deserve your most enthusiastic applause.

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STRIP BITS & PIECES ... comedienne-impressionist DAPHNE DAVIS is now in the 'star spot' of the Tropicana's all new "Folies Bergere", and winning new fans nightly with her saucy tributes to greats like Hepburn, Davis, Minnelli, Garland, Dietrich hilarious mini-impressions of stars like Cher, Charo, "Edith Bunker", Hollywood gossip Rona Barrett, etc. Miss Davis, who has appeared in Vegas in Barry Ashton's shows and in her solo act at the MGM Lion's Den, has done a lot of American television including Merv Griffin, Dinals Shore, and other guest spots, and has toured the country with her own act as well as with stars like Johnny Mathis, Daphne who laughingly admits that she has been changing her name since she was fourteen (when she first decided on a show business career in Australia) is now a resident of Los Angeles and is working on a new act for 1976 (accenting the comedy rather than the impressions she does so well) and is writing comedy material for herself and some of her show biz pals. In her show at the Tropicana, Daphne who has dozens more impressions than her time allows, has been changing her celeb repertoire from show to show to include stars like Gloria Swanson, Tallulah Bankhead, Marilyn Monroe, and Eartha Kitt ...... THE JOLLY JOVERS (Will & Fe), last here in the "Lido de Paris" at the Stardust, are now starring in BARRY ASHTON'S "VIVE LES FOLIES" at the Americana Hotel in Miami, and send their holiday greetings to all their Vegas friends. Will & Fe will stay with Ashton smash indefinitely....Speaking of producer BARRY ASHTON, his and WOLF KOCHMAN's "Las Vegas On Ice" is now as big a hit in Hong Kong as it was in its world premiere earlier this (last) year in Japan. Ashton's next Oriental venture will be the premiere of his "Las Vegas' Wonderful World of Girls" opening at the Nichigeki Theater in Tokyo in February.....KAYE BALLARD who hasn't played the Strip since her last January outing with Ann-Margret at the Hilton, opens this month at a special L.A. engagement at the Studio One Backlot (currently



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LENA HORNE, THE FEMALE PART OF THE-MUSICAL PROFESSIONALISM IN "TONY AND LENA SING," WHO WILL \*PPEAR WITHTONY BENNETT AT THE SAHARA HOTEL THROUGH JANUARY 3. JERRY LEWIS AND JIM BAILEY OPEN JANUARY 5.

under siege by Las Vegas Lounge Star of the Year winner RIP TAYLOR).....The Thunderbird Hotel plans a late January premiere of its new "Star Time" show policy under the direction of and starring JERRY VALE ..... BOBBIE GENTRY, winding the old year with her special Desert Inn date returns January 15 to the Frontier Hotel. In the interim Bobbie flies to Muscle Shoals, Alabama for a recording session for her new label Warner Brothers, and into L.A. to do the voice tracks of her "Ode to Billie Joe" film set for a "third of June, another dusty delta day" world premiere in Mississippi...... Producer-star GREG MARTIN in town to catch some shows and talk to some performers for his upcoming "SPIRIT OF VEGAS '76" revue opening Easter in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Greg will hold auditions for dancers and showgirls in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco, and is personally scouting the specialty acts for the "Spirit".....Glamor-doll KITTY KOVER, who's starred here in the "Casino de Paris" and the Union Plaza's summer prod of "Hello Dolly" will kick off the University of Nevada's special string of star performances (to help raise funds for the UNLV's Summer Theater program at the Judy Bayley Theater) with two nights February 6 and 7 (four shows). Tickets go on sale in

HAVE YOU HEARD.....that producer JOF PETERSON ("Bottoms Up", "Tickle Your Fancy", "Watusi Stampede", etc., etc.) returns to Strip action with a new comedy revue titled "RED, WILD & BLUE" — a musical spoof on the bicentennial — in association with comedy star DAVE BARRY (who will co-produce and write for the show)?" "Red, Wild & Blue" is reportedly negotiating an early '76

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