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Folclorido Nacional de Mexico Monday. Nevada Dance Theater perfs at Bayley Theatre Feb. II - 13 will feature an abridged version of Vassili Sulich's "Romeo and Juliet" with the Tchai-kowvky score...Singer/illusionist JIM BAILEY kick off return of star policy to the Eden Roc in Miami Beach Feb. 4 - 19 in the Pompeii Room... Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge spots VEGAS COM-PANY and UPSON DOWNS ... Photog and filmer DON ENGLISH, whose skills and footage from Vegas have shown history for 33 years, was bounced from Las Vegas News-Bureau because of "economic shortfall." The '83 budget of the News Bureau, a division of the CofC, has been cut by more than \$30,000, per bureau manager DON PAYNE...Local newsheet headlined "Big Vegas Crackdown Drives Hookers to LA.

UNKNOWN COMIC AT TROPICANA

Newly elected Sheriff JOHN MORAN campaigned on a promise of ejecting the gals. "Los Angeles is reaping the benefits of our program and that's okay with me," chuckled Moran's chief hooker chaser ERIC COOPER.

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Late bulletin about Nevada Dance Theatre's third concert from MARGARET ANKA - tickets will be available Feb. 7 at UNLV box office 12:30 - 5:30 Monday through Saturday at \$12.50, \$10 and \$6....Tropicana hosts Jeno's Super-

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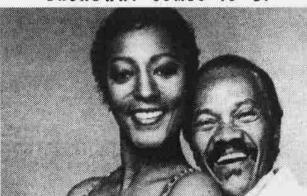
BROADWAY TREAT -- THE SINGING AND DANCING OF PAULA KELLY AND HAROLD NICHOLAS DELIGHT AUDIENCES AT THE DESERT INN, WHERE DUKE ELLINGTON'S "SOPHISTICATED LADIES" PLAYS TWICE NIGHTLY.

Three fantastically performers talented lead the terrific cast of "Sophistica-ted Ladies" onto the Desert Inn's stage twice nightly except Monday.

Starring this in tribute to musical the legacy of Duke are Paula Ellington Kelly, Harold Nicholas and Freda Payne. No strangers to the music of the Duke, each brings a special brand of magic to the

Dancer Paula Kelly recently completed successful ninemonth run in the Los Angeles company of "Sophisticated dies." She a She also appeared as a special guest star in the national live cable tele-(Continued on page 13)

heavyweight Armwrestling Championship on the 29th in the Tiffany Theatre. Defending champ VIRGIL ARCIERO, 230 lbs., and '82 runnerup, ED ARNOLD, 225 lbs., have been challenged by newcomer CLEVE DEAN, a massive 6'7' lbs, behemoth from Georgia. Also there's TINY WILLIAMSON at 6'2" and weighing 430 making total combined weight for these guys in excess of 3 tons! . . . Ecuador's consul general PETER JARAMILLO and his wife, GINETTE, are tossing a "welcome back" party for Parisienne chanteuse and one time Dunes headliner LINE RENAUD at Los Vegas Country Club, Feb. 2. Postcard from BUCK RAM from Curacao where his PLATTERS were entertaining on Queen Elizabeth 2, noting he and the group will be playing GOV. RICHARD BRYAN'S Inaugural Ball on the 28th...Comedy juggler MICHAEL MARLIN in the Trop's "Folies Bergere" was a circuc clown, briefly. "I was standing outside a Hickory Farms store juggling beef sticks when a clown saw me and I joined the circus," he laughed. "We played the Texas State Fair in Dallas, but I was fired after only three days. It seems the old man didn't like me upstaging Then my career took a swing in a new direction -- I was hired as an elephant handler, but the only handling I did was with a shovel behind the big beasts!" The ever-busy JOAN RIVERS has posted a "Sold Out" sign at New York's Carnegie Hall for Feb. 4 and has a yocky album just about ready titled, "What Becomes a Semi-Legend Most." Also, JOAN awaits greenlight for "Poor Little Rich Girls" at Paramount with LILY TOMI IN and has been paged by NEIL SIMON for his new version of "The Odd Couple," co-starring with NANCY WALKER, to open in San Fran, then to LA before hitting Broadway.....If JOAN RIVERS posted a sellout in her Carnegie Hall blast, consider BARRY MANILOW'S selling out 12 shows at the Uris Theatre in Gotham at \$35 top, grossing over \$780,000. And over at Radio City Music Hall, BETTE MIDLER sold out her March 8-9, 11-14 concerts in less than three days, also at \$35 top. Obviously the depression has bypassed some entertainment offerings. There's money still flowing out there.



MURRAY LANGSTON (THE UNKNOWN CO-MIC) ALONG WITH COMEDY/MUSICAL TEAM, ROGER & ROGER, AND RUSSIAN COMIC, YAKOV SMIRNOFF ARE PRESENTING AN EVENING OF COMEDY EACH FRIDAY, SATUR-DAY, SUNDAY EVENINGS IN THE TROPICANA'S FOUNTAIN THEATER, LANGSTON IS THE ZANY, CRAZY AMONG THE CROWD WHILE ROGER & ROGER DO SOME MUSICAL FA-VORITES IN BOTH THEIR OWN VOICES AND THAT OF MANY OF YOUR WELL - KNOWN RECORDING PERSONALITIES, THEY ALSO DO SEVERAL VOICES THAT ARE NOT CON-NECTED WITH MUSIC, BUT ARE HOWLARIOUS TO HEAR WHAT THEY SAY, YAKOV SMIR-NOFF COMPARES THE U.S. TO HIS NATIVE, RUSSIA, FROM WHERE HE ESCAPED 5 YEARS AGO. HIS ENGLISH IS NEARLY FLAWLESS AND HE WILL SURELY MAKE YOU LAUGH HYSTERICALLY. DON'T MISS THE ONLY ALL COMEDY SHOW IN TOWN, SHOWTIMES ARE 10 P.M. FRIDAY & SUNDAY AND 10 P.M. & 12:30 A.M. ON SATURDAYS.



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