

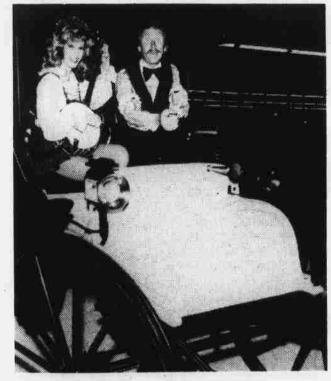


"Nine," incidentally, is based on FEDERICO FELLINI's "8-1/2" and is a joint effort of ARTHUR KOPIT, MAURY YESTON & TOMMY TUNE. It played a couple of years on Broadway...KEELY SMITH is performing her "Black Magic" and other specialties at Top O' the Dunes through July 7, relinquishing the stage for TONY SAND-LER in one of his rare singles apart from RALPH YOUNG ... BILL BENNETT & BILL PEN-NINGTON, top chiefs of Circus Circus, tossed a party last weekend celebrating opening of their Crown Pointe apartments in Laughlin. The first luxury apartments in the Colorado River resort community, the Circus-Circus-financed Crown Pointe development will total 824 units by the end of the year. This starts the move across the river from Bullhead City where casino workers have been paying high Arizona taxes....LARRY CLOSE, who has been general manager of DEL WEBB'S NEVADA CLUB in Laughlin returns to Las Vegas and takes over ANDREW ZORNE's desk at the Mint as vice prez & g.m. LARRY is well known here. He joined the Webb organization in 1969 in the ad/public relations department of the Sahara.



Between her closing this past Tuesday and Sept. 26 return, JOAN RIVERS will host "The Tonight Show" a total of four weeks. Her new book, "The Life and Hard Times of Heidi Abramowitz," published by Delacorte in October, already has been tabbed a Literary Guild alternate selection...DON RICKLES has a quickie this weekend at the Sahara...ROBERT GOULET will have Comedy Store regular JOE NIPOTE, who clicked here with earlier MITZI SHORE's yockstar collection, in his return to the Dunes. JACK JONES follows July 20 - Aug. 2, with hot possibility of the Comedy Store's playback for

Midsummer Madness Called "Mickey Finn Show" Continues At Imperial Palace



MUSICAL MAYHEM -- Your host for an afternoon of madcap comedy is Fred "Mickey" Finn with his Mickey Finn show at the Imperial Palace. Finn (pictured here with Stephanie Webb) and his talented band perform every day but Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Price is \$8.95 (plus tax), which includes two cocktails.

long run....to follow...DEAN MARTIN relit the MGM Grand's Celebrity Room after the strike, but comin' round the bend for Thursday opening are EDDIE RABBITT and the new veddy swanky looking TAMMY WYNETTE through the 27th...From a jazz outing with WOODY HERMAN & ORCH Tuesday, TONY BENNETT puts on the ritz for Sunday's Ambassadors Ball at the Washington Hilton...Highlights, a new local publication, kicks off with "Trivia Olympics" at the Landmark Tuesday with entrance fee five trivia questions.



KENNY KERR, star of the Silver Slipper's "Boy-lesque," tossed a late night tribute to Bar-bra Streisand, spanning "Funny Girl" to "Yentl" for cheers yelps and laughs when he tagged the "Yentl" scene with "And I'm not even Jewish"...DAVID GRISMAN QUARTET's concert in Ham Hall Friday will benefit Musical Arts Society of Southern Nevada and another pretty fair guitarist, LEE RITENOUR takes over Ham Hall on the 27th with special guest AFTER BUR-NER...DICK FRANCO, the chain saw juggler, is a gasper nightly in the Flamingo Hilton's "City Lites." In the Casino Lounge Frenz alternates with TERRY MORRETTI...Frontier's Wild Horse Lounge lineup includes SMITH BROTHERS, identical twin musical act bowing Friday for another doppelgang, McCALL TWINS.

The forecast is 100 degrees of laughter for the showroom of the Imperial Palace every day but Sunday. There's no better way to beat the heat than to take a seat in the cool Imperial Theater and let "The Mickey Finn Show" wash over you with their zany antics and first-class music. Whether it's Rinky-tink, Ragtime, Dixieland or Roaring '20s, Mickey Finn is a master of music sure to set your toes to tapping and your hands to clapping.

What makes show the roaring success it is may be hard to define, but its impossible to deny. Fred "MICKEY" Finn has had his finger on the pulsebeat of America from the day he hit 21 years of age and opened his own nightclub in San Diego. After 14 years there, he moved his band to Las Vegas where he has continued to write entertainment history by hosting the longest running comedy show to ever play in the city.

Showtimes for "The Mickey Finn Show" are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily, except Sunday. Price is \$8.95 (plus tax), which includes two drinks.

That erie laughter is from SID GRAUMAN as another emulator of the famed footprints/handprints/signatures gismo in the Chinese Theatre forecourt comes on with the same stuff at the Riviera. The big photog event of last week was LOLA FALANA, Texas cowboy JIM SCHMIDT and his racing ARNIE ARMADILLO pressing assorted hands, feet and paws into cement blocks adorning the Riv's Star Plaza. FALANA opened at the Sands with the PLATTERS & IM-PERIALS for a week, while TEXAS JIM brought his scaly pal for the 4th anni Texas Armadillo Races at the Riv. Also racing were the pets of TOM & DICK SMOTHERS, who also cemented relations with the hotel with their prints (they open "Solid Gold" July 4 with a bang). And others doing their bit in cement for the "Walk of Fame" last week were TONI TENNILLE, LET-TERMEN, ABBE LANE and RIP TAYLOR this week...WANDA McDANIELS "Ins and Outs" in the June 3 Herald-Examiner put Golden Nugget IN and Caesars Palace OUT. The Big Night at the Nugget is Saturday when WILLIE & FRANK inaugurate the Theatre/Ballroom through the 29th with gild-edged invitees only on the list, meaning highest of highrollers. ALAN KING returns to the GN Cabaret Friday for a week, then the marquee flashes with KENNY ROGERS' name to headline the Theatre/Ballroom for six nights.

TOM JONES arrived at the new "out" place, Caesars, Wednesday, for his stomping and shouting until RODNEY DANGERFIELD roars in with his firecrackers on the 4th...STEVE ALEXANDER JR., of Montgomery, Ala., will receive \$10,000 a month for the next 100 months after putting three coins in the fountain couple of weeks ago at the Stardust...Las Vegas Hilton's HENRY LEWIN mailed out packaged invites to the press for a wingding at BARRON HILTON's ranch at Lake Tahoe. "We're going to have a whale of a time," the message read and wrapped carefully inside was a classy blown glass whale. Occasion was Jim Nabor's debut Wednesday night in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" through July 8.

