

Flagga til topps i Ottadalen i går

Av Ketil Sandviken

LOM/SKJÅK: Tidspunktet for markeringa av frigjeringsjubileet har variert litt frå bygd til bygd. Enkelte la markeringa til helga, andre venta til rette dagen - den 8. mai. Slik var det i alle fall i dei to Ottadalsbygdene Lom og Skjåk. Rett nok foregjekk festkvelden sundag, men dei fleste fredsmarsjane vart avvikla i går - med skulane som utgangspunkt. Dessutan vaia flagga i frisk bris frå nær sagt kvar einaste gard i ein vårgrøn og vakker Ottadal.



Nei til atomvåpen. 6. klasse ved Marlo skule med Laurits Hosar som plakatbærarar nytta høvet til å åtvare mot vår tids fryktelege våpen. (Foto: Ketil Sandviken)

Fullsatt kulturhus på Otta

OTTA: Otta Kulturhus var fyllt til siste plass under avslutningsforestillingen for fredsjubileet. Reidar Lonbakken ønsket velkommen før alle sang Fagert er landet. Lonbakken framførte prolog og Ola Dahl talen for

dagen. Elever fra musikkolen underholdt med musikk og lyrikk før bevertningen. Diktlesing og dramatisering stod på programmet før Gustav Saastad fortalte historier fra krigsårene. Otta Spelemannslag, Heidal

juniorspelemannslag, Sel sangkor og Otta musikkforening var med og ga toner til kvelden. Til avslutning sang alle Norge i rødt hvitt og blått og Ja vi elsker.



Elevane ved Nordberg skule gjekk fredsmarsj på bortimot seks kilometer. Her ein del av dei etter fullført marsj. (Foto: Ketil Sandviken)

Losey-familiens dag i Mi

På fremste benk Dovres ordfører Melvin Rykhus sammen med representantene fra britiske, amerikanske, russiske og norske militæravdelinger. (Foto: Vidar Heitkøtter)

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I FERBÆDIGHET: USA-general Clepper legger krans ved minnesteinene.

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- DYREKJØPT fred for 50 år siden

DOMBÅS: - Freden vi fikk for 50 år siden var dyrekjøpt. Det understreket både den amerikanske general Clepper, den russiske oberst Volostonov og den engelske kaptein Harrod, og de militære og sivile nordmenn og utlendinger på fredsmarkeringa på Dombås i går.

Av ODD BERGDØLMO

Det ble særlig understreket at en skal være våken for alle ytterlighetsgående grupperinger i Europa i dag. Rundt 500 personer var samlet i og rundt Minneparken på Dombås, hvor det var bare fire varmegrader og sur vind.

Men de aller fleste holdt ut, for fredsmarkeringa ble en både vellykka og minneverdig feststund. Gjennomgående hos alle som hadde ordet, var at det er viktig å bringe kunnskap til de unge som vokser opp i dag, kunnskaper om krigens gru og ellendighet.

I en opplyst tid satte tysker-

ne verden i brann. Og en skal ikke være så naiv at en tar en dyrekjøpt fred som en varig garanti for fred. Det er nok å vise til at det pågår krig i Europa i dag.

Et felles håp

Håpet og målet for alle nasjoner må være å få leve i fred og frihet, ble det sagt. Dovre skolekorps og Dombås Musikkforening var med og kastet glans over fredsmarkeringa. Og de spilte både norske marsjer og amerikansk Dixielandmusikk. Ved hver kransnedlegging spilte trompetisten Martin Berg fanfarer. Ellers ble både den norske, ameri-

kanske, engelske og russiske nasjonalsang spilt.

Major Kjell Engberget ga en krigshistorisk oversikt over det tyske felttog i Norge, og nevnte spesielt fallskjermtroppene som ble droppet på Dombås og Dovre. Avdelingen ble stoppet av norske styrker, som dermed hindret tyskernes hensikt, nemlig å få tatt konge og kronprins og regjeringsmedlemmer til fange.

Veteraner

Han nevnte også militæratasjeen Robert Losey som mistet livet under bombinga av Dombås jernbanestasjon. Som nevnt i avisa i går, er slektinger

til Losey på Dombås, og de deltok på fredsarrangementet. Norske krigsveteraner var også tilstede.

De som falt i kampene på Dovre var Per Haugen, Einar Engelsen og Lars Aandalen. Og alles minne ble hedret, og familie og venner takket for slektingenes innsats for vår frihet.

Fallskjermhoppere fra Lesja fallskjermklubb hoppet ut for å markere de luftbårne styrkene over Dombås i 1940. Men de hadde det norske flagg med seg, og ikke våpen.



HÅP OM FRED: Sammen med de norske krigsveteraner, ser vi major Reinsnes fra HV-skolen, oberst Volostonov, general Clepper og den britiske kaptein Kieth Tineman.



FEIRET: Barn og norske flagg skapte en fin ramme omkring fredsmarkeringen på Dombås.

FREDS
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1945 - 1995



Minnestund

KVAM: 4. august 1943 vart tre russiske soldatar skote av tyskarane inne på Kvamsfjellet. På 50-års dagen for den grufulle hendinga avduka Nord-Fron kommune ein minnestein med inskripsjon på same plassen. I går var ordførar Gunnar Tore Stenseng (bildet) inne på fjellet og la ned krans ved steinen. Vel tjue personar - mange av dei hugsa hendinga godt - hadde møtt fram til ei stutt, men høgtidleg minnestund over dei tre ukjende russarane.

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Fredsmarsj

SØR-FRON: Elevane ved Sør-Fron ungdomsskule markerte freds jubileumet både med flaggheising, minnestund, musikk og fredsmarsj (bildet). Med plakatar og flagg var det eit fint tog som tok rundturen i grenda. Etterpå fekk alle Fredsmarsj-medaljer.

I går kveld var sørfrøningane samla til kulturkveld på kommunehuset. Her var det sang og musikk av kor og musikklag frå kommunen, kåseri og servering.

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Samla 800

VINSTRÅ: I Nord-Fron vart fredsfeiringa avslutta med stor kulturkveld i Vinstråhallen i går kveld. Omlag to hundre aktørar var på scena i løpet av kvelden. I salen benka heile 800 frøningar seg.

Det heile var opplagt i to avdelingar, der fyrste del var bygd opp kring fem scenebilde frå krigen. På bildet ser vi Ola Røssummoen, Stian Gjefsen, Vigdis Stangenes og Silje Ulekleiv. Vi fekk og servert både sang, dans og musikk som spende frå afrikansk sang til rock og hallingdans.

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May 17 in commemoration of the 50th Liberation Day Anniversary

10,000 in Brooklyn-parade, 2,500 marches in Chicago



Nothing was more proper than having the War Veterans in front of this year's parade in Brooklyn, NY, carrying the US flag is Karl Kjendal.

Norway's Constitution Day has been celebrated all over the US, and with a little extra sting to it this year, due to the recent 50th Liberation Day Anniversary.

Norway's liberation was chosen as

the theme for the Brooklyn parade, and it was also emphasized in Minneapolis as well as in Chicago. This year's anniversary is probably the last one where we still can get first hand information from those who watched

the terror and fought the war. In this regard it is important information for coming generations.

In Brooklyn, New York approximately 10,000 people participated in this year's parade. In Chicago around 2,500 people

marched, while in Minneapolis close to 700 took part in a May 17 luncheon downtown. We bring you stories from all three events in this paper as well as an editorial on the same issue.

We also feature an

article on the memorial that took place at West Point, New York, honoring the first US serviceman to die in World War II, Captain Robert M. Losey, killed at Dombås in 1940. Please see page 4, and pages 6-13.



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Dear Bob,

On behalf of the Lesja and Dovre Organizing Committee for the anniversary of the liberation of Norway, but even more, personally, I would like to express our sincere and deep gratitude for your contribution to the celebraton at Dombås on May 7. and 8. 1995.

It was very special for us to have members of Robert M. Losey's family here on this occasion, and we felt that making your acquaintance also brought us closer to this person whose name forever will be linked to that of Dombås. Also, through the slides programme which was so well researched and put together, and which we hope to have in our archives to show visitors with a special interest in the matter, we know a lot more about Robert M. Losey than we did before.

It was good to hear that your travelling in Norway went well. I now enclose a few photos from those memorable days. Keith has promised us some in return.

I have to tell you that I have not been able to read your disquettes on my old Mac. I am going to try them on a newer model as soon as I can get access to one.

In talking about those days in May, we all agree that it was a great pleasure to get to know you - that you became, in fact, in those few days, friends that we would like to see again if the opportunity arises. Maybe even next summer...

Johan Solli

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Leader of the Organizing Committee

The One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Legislature
of the State of New Jersey

THE SENATE
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

SENATE RESOLUTION

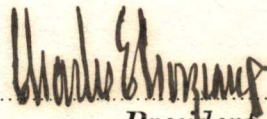
By Mr. Jamieson, of Mercer County

Introduced and Adopted by the Senate
April 29, 1940

WHEREAS, The late Captain Robert M. Losey, military attache for the United States in Norway, while engaged in the performance of his duty of evacuating Americans from the danger zone in that nation was killed during a German air raid at Dombass, Norway; therefore,


Be It Resolved, That the members of the Senate of the State of New Jersey extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Captain Robert M. Losey; and that the Senate of the State of New Jersey also extend its sympathy to those thousands of other innocent victims of the aggressive, cruel and barbaric invasion of a neutral nation whose only crime was in seeking to maintain unto itself those liberties which we in America are so privileged to enjoy.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be signed by the President of the Senate, attested by its Secretary and sent to Captain Losey's widow, Mrs. Kae Banta Losey, Hollywood, California, and to his sister, Mrs. Margaret Lee, Douglaston, Long Island.



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President of the Senate.

Attest:


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Secretary of the Senate.

Classmates Remember First American Killed in WWII

The day was April 21, 1940.

Air Force Captain Robert Losey, a 31-year-old military attache, peered into the darkness of a mountain tunnel in Dombas, Norway. He was trying to contact a group of Americans seeking safe passage from Norway to Sweden. As he stood there, the drone of German bombers thickened around the Dombas railroad center. A bomb shrieked from its hatch and exploded, sending splinters of metal bursting across the ground. One splinter struck Losey in the heart.

Thus Losey, a Trenton High School graduate who was thought to become "one of the outstanding men of the world," became the first American soldier killed in World War II.

His death shocked the United States. He had been killed in a neutral country.

Two days later the New York Herald Tribune reported that Secretary of State Cordell Hull was thinking of taking strong diplomatic action honoring Losey the New Jersey Senate deplored the "cruel and barbaric invasion of a neutral country." Trenton High School prin-

cipal Dr. William Wetzel, in a letter to Losey's family, called his death a "needless sacrifice to the fiendish ideals of a man (Hitler) gone mad."

In December, 1941, 20 months later, the United States entered the war.

Losey's classmates, eight from Bucks County, have not forgotten him. Forty years after his death they have hung a bronze plaque in his memory at the Soldiers and Sailors War Memorial Building on Willow Street in Trenton.

About 50 members of the Trenton High School Class of 1924 gathered Oct. 4 to mark the occasion and to pay tribute to Losey. They listened on that sunny day brief speeches by class president Jay Douglas Eking, Trenton Mayor Arthur Holland, Trenton public school superintendent Paul Loser and two U.S. Air Force officers from Fort Dix, Brig. Gen. J.J. Brophy and Col. F.S. Henderson.

Eking said Wetzel, who is no longer living, suggested that Losey's classmates raise a plaque in his memory at their 25th reunion 30 years ago. However, not until this year did the class have enough money in their fund.



(Associated Press Wirefoto)

Killed in Norway. Capt. Robert M. Losey, assistant U. S. military attache at Stockholm, has been killed at Dombas, Norway. Splinter from Nazi bomb during air raid struck him in the heart.

—Story on page 8.

A newspaper clip which appeared at the time of his death

Losey's Bucks County classmates remember the high school boy as one who would do well in life.

"Bob was the son of a minister

and a very retiring boy," said Eking of Morrisville. "He was an outstanding kid. He was mostly remembered I think for his friendship. He was a likeable fellow."

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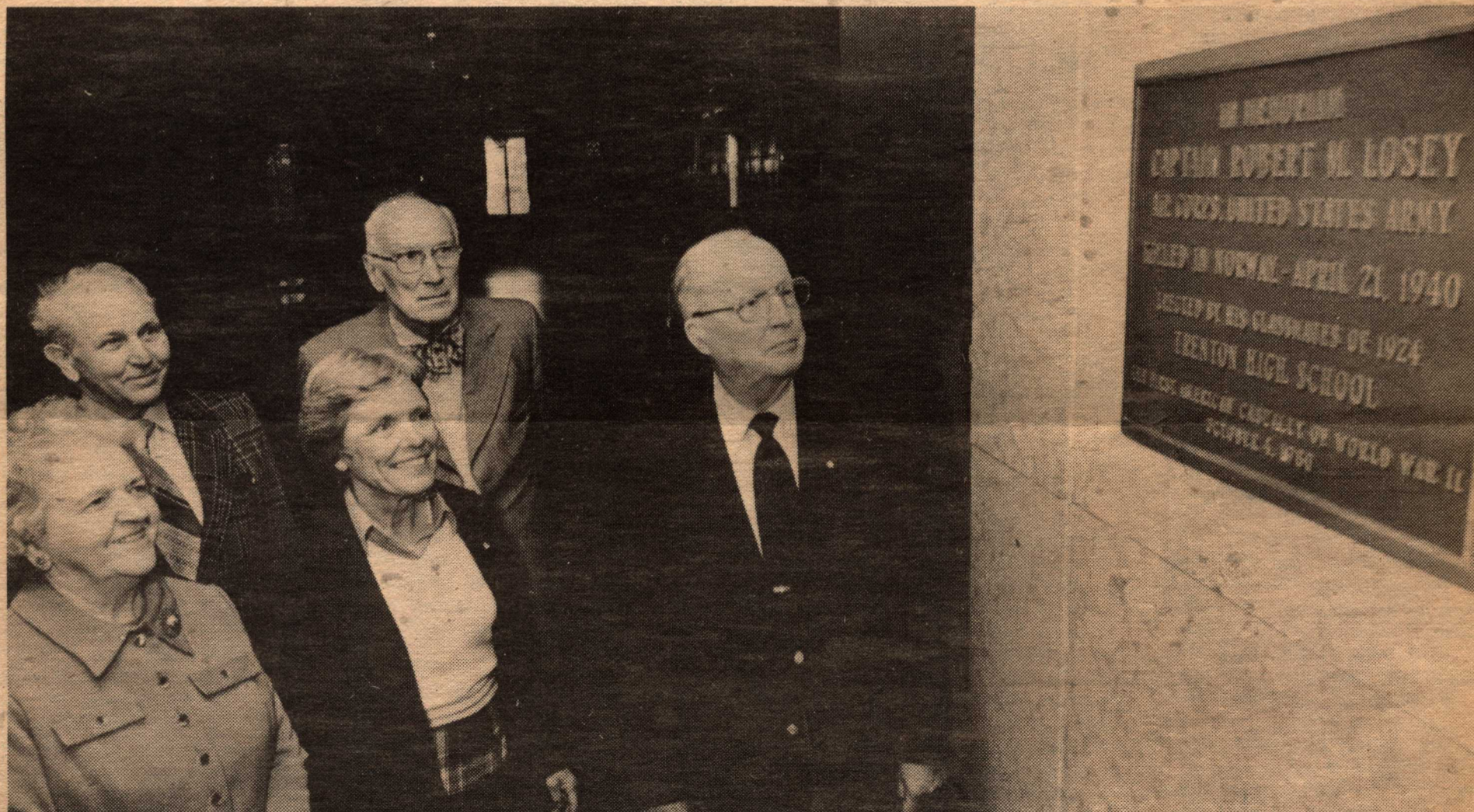


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Anna Jewell, Jack Cole, Margaret Lee, Dr. George N.J. Sommer, Jr., and J. Douglas Eking view the Robert M. Losey plaque recently

First American

Yardley sisters Helen and Louise D'Aquili did not know Losey personally, but they remember his reputation.

"He was very well thought of and his teachers thought that he would become one of the outstanding men of the world," Louise D'Aquili said. "He was very intelligent and he was kind of a reserved, shy person, but he had it where it counts the most. It's too bad that people like that have to die young."

The memorial was a surprise for Losey's sister, Mrs. Margaret Lee of Hartsdale, N. Y., also a Trenton High School graduate. She did not learn about the plaque until after the Class of 1924 decided to put it up and, even then, she was unable to make the Oct. 4 ceremony.

When Mrs. Lee arrived in Trenton recently for her 50th reunion, she drove straight to the War Memorial Building for a look. She expected to be alone, but as she got out of her car in the driving rain that Saturday, she saw a small group of Losey's classmates waiting to greet her. On hand were Dr. George Sommer of Yardley, John Cole and Ann Cole Jewell of Trenton, and Ekings.

"When I finally swam into that place, they were all standing at the window watching me," she said with surprise. "I certainly was very impressed with the plaque. It is handsome and beautifully located. I just think it was a lovely thing to do after all these years."

After graduating from Trenton High School in 1924, Losey entered the West Point Military Academy, where he was later buried. He subsequently joined the U.S. Air Corps and by 1940 had

become a flier and weather expert with two masters degrees from the California Institute of Technology, one in meteorology, the other in aero engineering.

In January, 1940 Losey was assigned to Finland as assistant air attache to study the effect of subzero cold on battles between Finland and Russia.

On Mar. 6 Losey sent his family a postcard from Helsinki, where he had been stationed for about two weeks. He noted that although the Russians hadn't dropped any bombs on the city for some time, air raid alarms sounded constantly. He ended his letter with a plea for American military action.

"How about you all getting busy back there and send these people some help?" he wrote. "If anyone ever deserved it, they do."

— Chris Biddle

CASINO NOTES

Bally Begins to Chalk Up Black Marks

ATLANTIC CITY — For the first time since it opened the city's third Boardwalk casino last December, accountants at Bally's Park Place Casino-Hotel have finally packed away their red pencils.

The company has reported that for the three-month period ending Sept. 30, it had a \$7.03 million profit on revenues of \$67.7 million. When combined with second-quarter earnings, the profits have erased a \$4 million first-quarter loss and left the company with \$4.15 million in profits so far this year on total revenues of \$157.3 million, according to Park Place board chairman Richard Gillman.

Significant increases in equipment on the gaming floor itself plus improved operating procedures and a lucrative summer tourist season was credited with helping the company finally turn the corner and register a profit after many months of operating in the red.

The Park Place Casino-Hotel project carried a reported price tag of \$300 million when it opened nearly one year ago and was judged to be the most lavish of Atlantic City's three casinos at the time it debuted. Eighty-three percent of the Park Place property is owned by the Bally Manufacturing Co. of Chicago, the world's largest manufacturer of slot and pinball machines.

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From the May Your House Be Safe From Tigers Department: Here's an item only Marlin Perkins could appreciate.

A ventriloquist's mystical "Boardwalk Magic" revue when portions of its wooden body were mangled by a well-intentioned, 600-pound Bengal tiger that is part of an animal act in the show.

"Wally," the back-talking dummy of "Boardwalk Magic" star Jimmy Wallis, is resting comfortably after undergoing emergency surgery to repair a broken arm and



Nancy Wilson will perform at the Boardwalk Regency in December

fractured skull, according to cast members who were eyewitnesses to the lightning-quick attack. The witnesses said Wallis was on stage and well into his 15-minute routine when the incident occurred.

A stagehand, they said, was carrying the dummy to the break in the curtain so he'd be able to hand Wallis the character at the appropriate moment. In doing so, he had to walk past animal trainer David McMillan, who was holding his big cat on a leash while waiting to follow Wallis in the revue.

The dummy's dangling limbs apparently enticed the tiger to strike. It playfully swatted at the dummy with its huge paw and mangled the

arm. A second swipe splintered the back of the dummy's head.

The stagehand became slightly unnerved, but in the best traditions of the theater, the show proceeded without interruption even when the stagehand casually slipped the wounded dummy through the curtain to Wallis.

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Through the looking glass: Atlantic City is becoming a huge display window for casino operators from all over the world.

A group of German casino owners, operators and European gaming equipment distributors visited the Park Place Casino-Hotel for three days last week to scrutinize

by
david j. spatz

the gaming operations there and at other casino-hotels here.

But the Germans said their biggest treat came when Park Place executives took their foreign colleagues on a tram ride on the Boardwalk.

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Boardwalk Regency entertainment director Phyllis Kaufman has booked the hotel's 466-seat Cabaret Theater with an ear tuned to jazz in December. Kicking off the weekend programs on Dec. 5-6 will be legendary vocalist Billy Eckstine with comedian Dick Capri up front.

Following Eckstine will be the incomparable sounds of Nancy Wilson, Dec. 12-13, who's appearing in concert — no opening act. On Dec. 19-20, the spotlight is on comedy with Monteith and Rand, the 1980s version of the Nichols and May comedy team, with songstress Karen Wyman handling the opening chores.

The Regency is asking for permission to go "dark" in its theater on Dec. 24-25 before turning the stage over to Neil Sedaka, who headlines from Dec. 26 through New Years Eve.

Across town at the soon-to-open Harrah's Marina Hotel-Casino, the singing team of Sandler and Young is scheduled to perform at a gala New Years Eve party in the hotel's ballroom, although no pricing policy has been set.

Speculation, however, is that the party may be for invited guests only. It's being held in the ballroom because the hotel doesn't expect to open its 1,000-seat "Broadway-by-the-Sea" Theater until mid-January.

At Bally's Park Place, band leader and vibraharpist Lionel Hampton returns once again to provide the music at the hotel's \$125-per-person New Years Eve ballroom bash. This year, the spacious room is being done over to resemble the old El Morocco Club, which was once the last word in Big Apple chic.

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