

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



CHILLY DAYS AND QUIET NIGHTS marked the week before Christmas in Las Vegas. A series of earthquake tremors was reported as being the most numerous shakes Vegas had experienced in more than five years... It actually snowed on the Strip... Main showrooms closed at the Desert Inn, Frontier, Las Vegas Hilton, Sahara, Landmark and Caesars Palace... **THE 5TH DIMENSION** makes its Riviera debut tonight (17th); **STEVE & EDYIE** open at Caesars tomorrow (18th) and will be followed by **MILTON BERLE & HENNY YOUNGMAN** on Jan. 3... **JACK CARTER** makes a special one week appearance at the Tropicana Blue Room opening Christmas Day... **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** returns to reopen the Union Plaza showroom for another six week run (minimum) on Dec. 21... **SAHARA VAUGHAN, BO DIDDLEY**, and popular rock group **SOUP** are keeping the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater the favorite "drop in" of mid-month visitors and showfolk... Comedian **SAMMY SHORE** returns to the Hilton in the lounge opening Jan. 11, when his longtime superstar pal **ELVIS** is in the Showroom Internationale opening January 26...

STRIP BITS... Exotic **DEBRA DUKE** and male dancer **DON CRAWFORD** will be featured in the upcoming "Minsky's Burlesque" opening Dec. 24 at the Aladdin... Singer **BILLY DARE** has returned to his native land, Greece and is currently the darling of the jet set at Athens' posh Oggi Club... **JACK MAUCK**, who used to be a director at KSHO-TV here, is now vice-president of Cinema General, and one of the moving forces behind the new **TRANS-AMERICA VIDEO INC.** that introduces its \$1.2 million mobile television unit today at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Described as a television station on

wheels, the TAV unit will be available for on the spot coverage of Vegas news and entertainment events, motion picture and television production, sporting events, etc. **MAURY STEVENS** will be TAV's Las Vegas co-ordinator and representative... **ABBE LANE**, reopening the Landmark mainroom on Dec. 29 will have **CHARLIE CALLAS** as her opening act... **JIM NABORS** set for an outing at the Sahara in February... **DAVID WALKER**, last here as the singing star of Barry Ashton's "Wonderful World of Burlesque", has been signed for a role in "PLAY IT AS IT LAYS" to be filmed here in early '72 with **ANTHONY PERKINS** and **TUESDAY WELD** starring. Walker also breaks in his solo nitery act on a LA to Mexico cruise ship stint in late January... Perfecting their craft, dozens of showfolk adding **JON GREGORY'S** acting classes to their winter hibernation schedule. Gregory has studios for acting, musical comedy, etc., on West Charleston...

"ROUND TOWN"... Hasn't Laugh In comedienne **LILY TOMLIN** been pitched for a Vegas debut in early '72?? The current issue of **NEVADA HIGHWAYS & PARKS MAGAZINE** is a special "Las Vegas Edition". **JIMMY DURANTE, ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK, MITZI GAYNOR, TOTIE FIELDS, SAMMY DAVIS JR.**, are among the couple of dozen stars featured... Dancer-choreographer **RAY CHABEAU** finally made the move from his homebase New York to the West Coast. Ray, last here with **JUDY CARNE** at Caesars, and on tour with **JULIET PROWSE'S** "Sweet Charity" last summer, has an impressive list of Broadway and television credits to get things going for him in L.A. and in a Vegas show... Speaking of L.A., **PJ's** (where **TRINI LOPEZ** got his first big push) announced a reopening with a nude revue to be called "Lido de Paris". The producer was quoted as saying it would be similar to the show "at the Flamingo in Las Vegas"... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANK SINATRA SR., SAMMY DAVIS JR., ABBE LANE**... And Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. **PERRY LEFF** (the same Abbe!)... In to welcome Breck Wall & Joe Peterson's "BOTTOMS UP" to its limited two week nighttime schedule at the Flamingo Casino Theater: **BARBARA McNAIR, JOE WILLIAMS, KAY BALLARD, LINE RENAUD, RIP TAYLOR, ELMARIE WENDEL**, London producer **ROBERT PATTERSON**, and ABC's **BOB PHILLIPS & ART ENGLER**. "BU" returns to its usual

afternoon performances on Dec. 24... **WEEKEND WANDERERS**... "LATIN FIRE '72" at the Thunderbird in its final weeks (closes Jan. 11)... **B. B. KING** reigns at the Flamingo...

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