

# LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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EDDIE NIGRO, WHO PLAYS BANJO WITH BOWERY BOYS, WHILE BOB DURSK ON PIANO AND AL BELLO ON DRUMS AND BASS TURN THE LANDMARK'S NIFTY NOOK LOUNGE INTO AN OLD-FASHIONED RAGTIME SALOON WITH A "WHOLE LOT OF PICKIN', PLUNKIN' AND COMEDY GOING ON."

hypnotist Sandra Sennes, has been recently playing in Chicago, Detroit, and Toronto, and are now in Nova Scotia.....

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STRIP CHATTER.....Is KAY BALLARD coming back to the Strip or not?? Depends on who hears what, but one report was that Kay would return as the special guest star of ANN-MARGRET, opening Dec. 20 at the Las Vegas Hilton. Later reports conflict, and say Kay will be unable to make the commitment, and may wait until 1975 to make a new Strip pact.....JULIET PROWSE, just closed at the Desert Inn, spends a working holiday in Puerto Rico, and returns to the D.I. in January. Joining Juliet's act is lead dancer CARY LASPINA, who'll be with Ann-Margret at the Hilton, Juliet in January, Ann-Margret in February, and Juliet in March!!.....WAYNE NEWTON, now back at the Sands Hotel, has a short holiday when the Copa Room goes dark Dec. 18-25, then Wayne re-opens and stays on thru February 11....New singing group "SWING" who affect a circa 1940's look and sound, will join JOAN RIVERS at a special New Year's Eve show at Harrah's Reno. Swing, headed by MICK DOWD, made their Vegas debut a few months ago with PHYLLIS DILLER at the Tropicana, and have already had their own television special....Songstress DYANNA WHITMAN and personal manager-producer MATT GREGORY dissolved their association.....EDDY ARNOLD signed for a rare Vegas date, in early '75, at the Sahara Congo Room...."Hallelujah Hollywood" dancer ROSS DAVIES, "Casino de Paris" dancers JERRY WILKINS and BILL TUCKER are the featured "Discoveries" of the January issue of Playgirl Magazine. Other Vegas in the special issue include TOTIE FIELDS, JIM NABORS, STEVI DANIK (Mrs. Cary LaSpina), and Award winning illusionists, SIEGFRIED & ROY (of "Hallelujah Hollywood").....

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WEEKEND WANDERERS.....DANNY THOMAS and German songstress MANUELA at the Dunes.....BUDDY HACKETT and Hawaiian superstar DICK JENSEN at the Sahara.....GLADYS KNIGHT and THE PIPS and DOC SEVERINSEN at the Hilton.... And most of all, LIZA AT THE RIVIERA who was just voted, for the third year in succession, Las Vegas' Female Star of the Year!!.....

WELCOME "HOME" BUDDY & STERLING!!.....A couple of hundred showfolk - and quite a few hotel entertainment buyers - gathered this week at the MGM Lion's Den to give a rousing reception to the first Las Vegas appearance, in more than two years, of song and dance duo BUDDY VEST and STERLING CLARK. The special afternoon showcase performance proved once more that Vest and Clark could and should be the hottest new team in show business. Their new act, staged by Jerry Jackson, with music and arrangements by Greg Bosler, makes brilliant use of the pair's sparkling presence, singing and dancing talents, and just enough of the hip, wry comedy touches (that brings to mind an unlikely comparison - a male Sonny & Cher!). Vest and Clark, who were the stars of the last edition of the fabled "Vive Les Girls" at the Dunes Hotel, have been starring for the past two years in Paris at the Lido. Their return to the homeland is a long awaited happening. In their MGM stint, Vest & Clark themed their act to old and new friends - some of them are people and a lot of them are songs - including a segment of singing in their recently acquired second language, French. Very polished, very chic, and joyously entertaining, Buddy & Sterling are home, and you'll be seeing and hearing A LOT more about them in the coming months!!

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'ROUND TOWN.....SAMMY DAVIS JR. plagued by persistent flu and an eye ailment, bowed out of two nights of his current debut engagement at Caesars Palace. TOTIE FIELDS flew in from taping her own tv comedy special to fill in for him on Sunday. As of presstime, Sammy was expected to be back on stage at the Circus Maximus....BARRY MONROE, last here as the featured male singer-dancer in the "Casino de Paris" has been signed to debut his new solo act, opening next month at the

Tropicana Blue Room. Barry left the "Casino" a few months ago to move to Montana to raise horses and leave show biz behind forever! His "retirement" was, fortunately, short lived, and he's back to stay. Barry, who's been tabbed "the young Anthony Newley", also starred in "Vive Les Girls", and his own show at the Desert Inn and Frontier Hotels.....A new quartet of femme talents who call themselves THE GINGER SNAPS showcase their wares at a special show Friday evening, at 9:30 p.m. at the Frontier Hotel's main showroom. SUNNY SMITH, RONNA BOUCHER, BARBARA GEPHART and PATTY SMITH are the 'Snaps, and their show is open to the public.... Vegas-born group RICHARD CURTIS & COMPANY, now on the road and set to play thru March in Canada and the northeast U.S. Curtis, who is the son of former cafe



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