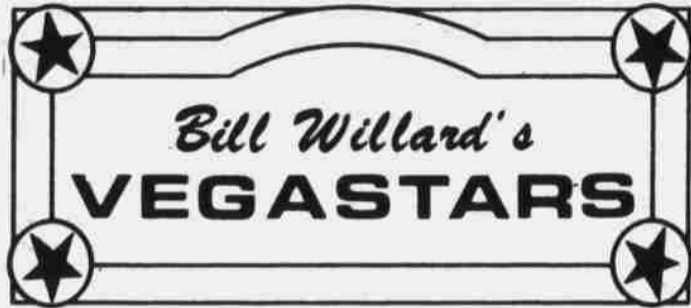


LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



Take the title "Bad News Bears" and switch to "Bad News Bulls" and you have the picture at the Silverbird where BOB COOK'S \$10,000 mechanical bucking bull OSCAR III was purloined away. Oscar was to have been in the center ring of the Silverbird's "World Mechanical Rodeo Championships" Dec. 17 - 21. Guess the urban cowpokes will have to settle for the real thing. Cheaper, too. Heerd tell of a bull, good bucker, you can hev fer \$5000. Come rat this way down to the pasture. . . Speaking of bull and stuff, very popular Xmas gifts last year around the midwest were chow chips. Waal, as I figure, tell LEE FISHER of the Silverbird to bring in the real bull and he can sell plenty of bull chips, which he knows how to do but good and make a profit out of his rodeo shebang....Old party-switcher FRANK SINATRA, who helped JFK in '60 when he was crowned Prez, aids the coronation of RR, again as producer - director - performer of the Inaugural Gals with JOHNNY CARSON emcee, DEAN MARTIN, RICHLITTLE, who'll come as four past presidents, ETHEL MERMAN, JIMMY STEWART, all of the OSMONDS. A note just in from SINATRA HQ -- he's added CHARLTON HESTON, ROBERT MERRILL, MEL TILLIS, DEBBIE BOONE, CHARLIE PRIDE and the U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY GLEE CLUB singing the dear old songs of Ronnie's youth, the Gay 90s tearjerkers... With hilarious DAVIS HARRIS in "A Christmas Carol" at Meadows Playhouse opening the 9th, look for another of his former mates in "Bottoms Up," cherubic DEEDA HYMES....ANDY WILLIAMS is in the Hilton stable now getting the big push from the hotel and his public relations outfit, HANSON & SCHWAM, old buddies from L.A. way. Don't quote me, but I think ANDY's next Hilton date in February will have JULIET PROWSE as opening act.. With ANDY hosting the San Diego Open just before his Hilton return allows this golf story from BOB HOPE, in town recently for the coveted HERB GRAFIS award, told TONY ZOPPI about his first important niblick match in the '30s. "The foursome included BABE RUTH, VIC GHEZZI and CRAIG WOOD," chuckled RAPID ROBERT. "RUTH hit eight people with his tee shots and the course was declared a disaster area. PRESIDENT FORD looked like PALMER compared to the BABE."



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MAC DAVIS, who played his shortest Grand engagement, a one - nighter before the conflagration, was snoozing at the home he rents off the Desert Inn golf course when the fire erupted. His partner, LONNIE SHORR, not so lucky, spent anxious hours on his balcony high atop Flamingo Road, but was led out safely. A funny thing happened on my way to --DAVIS' light man, PETER MORSE, was in Sunrise Hospital for days with a hand nearly severed from broken glass. ICM's JIM MURRAY was also staying at the Grand and suffered the agony of the long wait before rescue. VINCE CARDELL'S MGM club lounge booking very short and he lost reams of music scores -- water damage -- LIBERACE, mourning the passing of his mother, readies the new spectacular he brought into the Hilton Tuesday... featuring THE YOUNG AMERICANS and DOMENICK ALLEN....Winter Consumer Electronics Show, caught short with rooms, exposition space and convention areas booked at the Grand, is finding other halls, other cubicles. Upcoming show is touted as the largest ever held in January (8-11) with about 750 exhibitors using over 500,000 net square feet in three facilities -- Convention Center, Hilton and Jockey Club Hotel.

UNKNOWN COMIC RETURNS TO SAHARA



MURRAY LANGSTON, THE UNKNOWN COMIC, will return to the Sahara's Casbar Theater for the last time during the 1980 season December 2 - 14. Murray, who just finished a successful stint at the University of Santa Barbara and a W.A.I.F. benefit for orphans with Andy Williams at Century City, feels that each time he works, it is like working to one person; each audience has it's own singular personality.

Langston is most adept at learning that personality upon walking on stage and giving the crowd what they want to make them laugh hysterically with his zany antics.

He is a split personality and will first make you giggle with glee as he presents the Unknown Comic, followed by an unveiling to show himself -- Murray Langston who becomes more vulnerable, but even funnier! So don't miss this unusual character twice nightly except Monday at 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

J'Accuse is the followup flare of the MGM fire with various authorities pointing fingers and tossing out stern warnings. They should have shown such concern before the tragedy, but that's s.o.p. whenever and wherever.... Amidst all the shouting, sound and fury, disquieting news was dropped into the cauldron by James Gile, Battalion Chief of the Phoenix Fire Dept., who raced here to offer help in the acute problem solving area. He criticized the use of carpeting on the walls of McCarren International Airport walkways leading from the Gates to the main terminal. Said such decor was instrumental in a Tucson flash fire when a hotel burned killing 38 people....With all the talk from upper MGM echelon, note that the top man who owns about 50% of the company's stock and took a paper loss of nearly \$70,000,000, hasn't uttered a word. That's Kirk Kerkorian who began the Grand from the rubble of the old Bonanza. He certainly must know something as steelworkers and welders toil daily among the girders of the MGM highrise until midnight alongside the darkened hulk of the incinerated casino. Know something - KIRKORIAN can buy the depressed stock and wind up owing 70% of MGM.



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