

A & E Event Briefs

Robert Flynt opens exhibit at Donna Beam Gallery

Robert Flynt has brought more than five dozen of his prestigious photographs to an art show at the Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery.

The exhibit, "Blind Trust: Guides for the Uninfected," opened on Tuesday. It focuses on the lethal AIDS epidemic using photographic imagery and text.

Those involved with the project hope to educate the masses about the seriousness of AIDS by using the powerful subliminal messages of the camera. Chris Packard, who provides the text for the display, has already had several close friends die of AIDS.

Jerry Schefcik, director of the gallery, explained some of the photos have been edited by a computer and he pointed out a unique quality the photos, most of them black and white, have. "They're compositions of pictures with various poses and a lot of underwater themes which are also overlaid by text."

Flynt felt he has a greater freedom to express himself at UNLV than he did in New York. "It's a different experience, but I get to do a little more here than I did in New York," the photographer said. "It's (the photos) an installation piece. It's made up of lots of different images, but it's an art piece rather than a series of images made over time."

Flynt's collection is on display in the gallery through April 5. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 895-3895.

--Jason Sheehan

Battle of the unsigned bands rocks Ham Hall tonight

The search for America's best unsigned rock band continues at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. Local group Magik Alex, the only Vegas band in the

competition, will headline the festivities.

Billed as "UnVaileD," this phase of the competition completes the regional competition. The best two groups move on to the finals in Vail, Colo., on March 29. At the finals, eight bands will compete, with the victor receiving a recording contract.

The event's sponsors, Magnovox, KEDG, Sam Goody and Musicland, just to name a few, will give away prizes like portable CD players, CDs, \$50 travelers checks and one, all-expense paid trip to watch the finals in Vail. --Jason Sheehan

Chicago colors Caesars empire

Rock band Chicago will begin its two-weekend stint at Caesars Palace at 10 p.m. Friday.

The group's newest release, their debut on Giant Records, pays tribute to Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman. *Night & Day (Big Band)* contains a string of hits from the golden age, when folks were swinging to tunes such as "In the Mood," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," and "Take the 'A' Train." The opening tune on the album is called "Chicago," a 1922 tune popularized by Frank Sinatra nearly 32 years later.

Their signature pop-rock with horns formula, created in 1969, is an unmistakable sound in their 20 Top-10 singles and 12 Top-10 albums, five of which hit No. 1. The group, which has sold over 100 million albums, won a Grammy for the 1976 hit, "If You Leave Me Now."

Tickets are \$55 and may be purchased directly from the Circus Maximus box office. For ticket purchase or information, call the box office at 731-7333. --Jan Williams.

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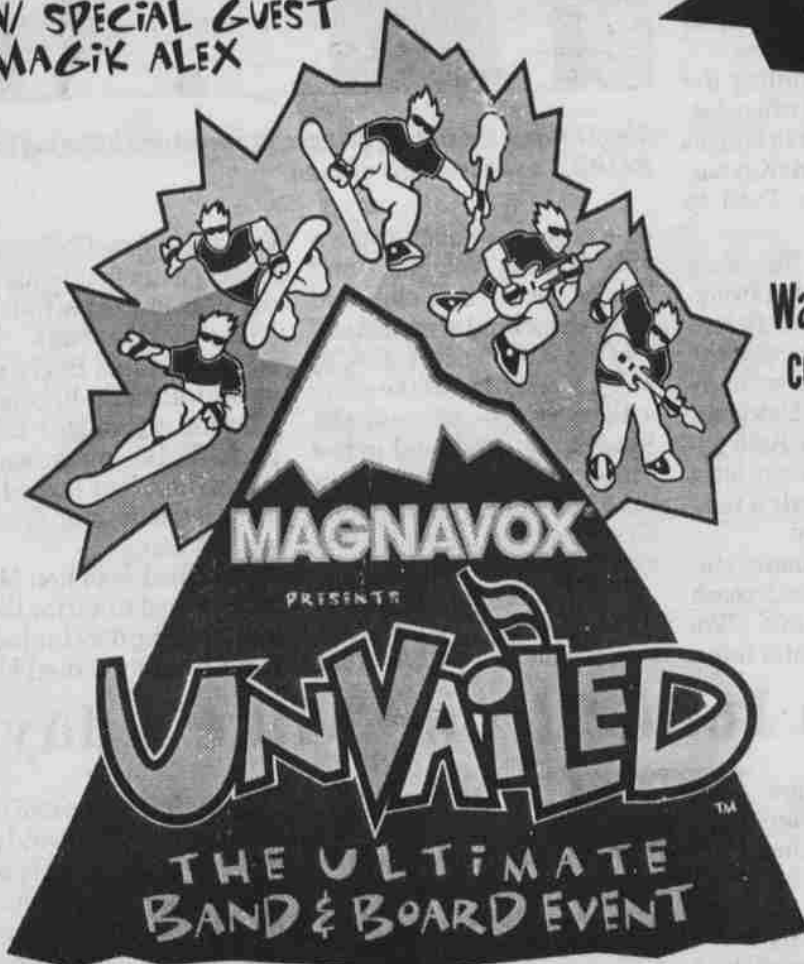
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