

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



FRANK SINATRA is taking on the mantle of Mr. Benefactor, something of a philanthropist with his agreement to help the Mental Health and Child Abuse Foundation of San Francisco. He'll warble at the Masonic Aud there with tickets \$100 top June 19. As for those OSMONDS, namely DONNY & MARIE and the brothers, they'll return to the Aladdin in August and are discussing a new three year deal with Harrah's Tahoe. MARIE will rep the clan on the "Walt Disney - One Man's Dream" vidspec produced by Disney Studios, outfit that gave OSMONDS their first job at Disneyland. JULIET PROWSE is holing up somewhere during the month of July to rehearse a new act for her Hilton return in August, the effort a new bit of choreography by DAVID CHAVEZ. "Bottoms Up" first team with BRECK WALL & DAVID HARRIS ups to the Hacienda from Granny's in Dallas for rest of the show's run through the 25th then the troupe goes by mule train to Harrah's Reno for a spell. The void is filled with more yockstuff as MURRAY LANGSTON, JOHNNY DARK and others move in with comedy capers indef. MAYOR BILL BRIARE and a nine - member delegation funded by the Convention Authority, buzzed off to Brazil, Columbia and Venezuela for 12 days, hosting receptions and "to penetrate the South American market to see what we could do to promote travel agents to send tourists to Las

Vegas," said perambulating BILL.... There was a rumor that the gang was an advance cadre to open up some casinos in those countries, but the Mayor huffed "It would seem very inappropriate for any casino to go in and talk about something that isn't legal..." Aw, I don't know about that. What's really illegal these days? MGM Grand prez BERNIE ROTHKOPF has started to crack the whip on those dissident construction workers slowing down the building and rebuilding of the fire - struck hotel and adjacent new tower. Workers want premium wages, can you imagine that? Say now, that RIDDLE family feud is more than an enigma, causing Silverbird prez FRED CROSSLEY, chief exec of MAJOR RIDDLE ENTERPRISES to quickly jump in as Silver City g.m., bouncing RIDDLE'S grandson WILLIAM CROYSBILL. Ouch!



More troubles for AGV as production ripe for memberships continue to close and there's an unfair labor practice complaint against the Marina and Casino & Frisco Productions with "Cheek to Cheek" which has posted closing notices. Ditto "Cabaret (Casino) Paris," at the Dunes, "Razzle Dazzle," the Flamingo's icer and the Silverbird's "Feminine Touch." Hacienda's "Ice Fantasy," was melted for "Bottoms Up '81." Dunes hasn't signed a replacement to date, but JOE PETERSON has been buzzing around offering "The Life of Josephine Baker," a tuner, and a revue pastiche "Crazy Heads"... The other change is the Frontier switching from dinners to cocktails both shows, but with Vegas showbiz in turmoil, the changes are coming fast. Stay tuned. Convention Authority lost National Association of Home Builders to Atlanta in 1989 - 91, but they're not worried. They're bidding for 1992 - 94. Circus tossed a champagne party for opening of

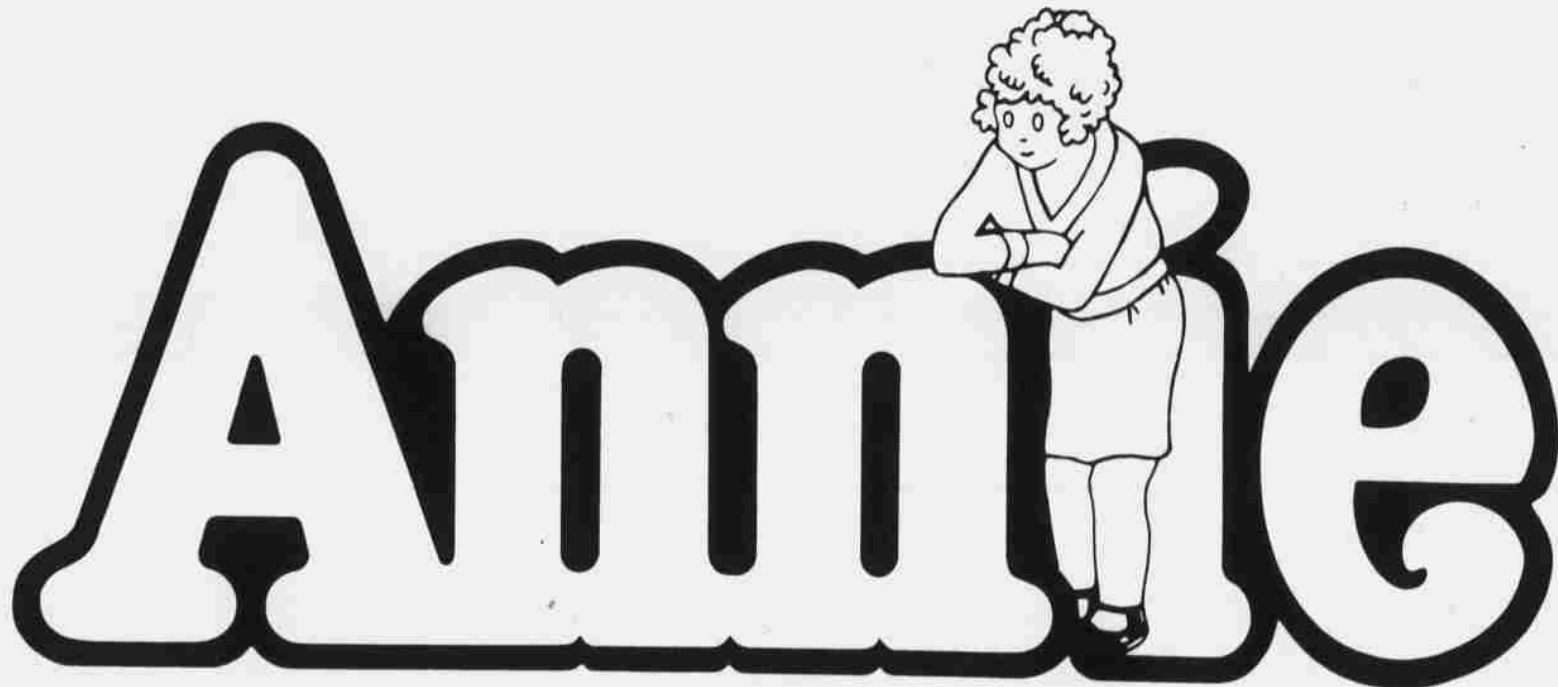
its Sky Shuttle, 1500 foot guideway transit linking the hotel and satellite motel and RV park... Whadya know, a failed murder hereabouts. Former Nevada Gaming Commission member GEORGE SWARTS' auto wired to blow up, but the device failed to detonate.



DONDINO ankleed the Royal Americana and will open with GAYLORD & HOLIDAY at the Silverbird July 17. Entertainment chief LEE FISHER has signed THE FIFTH DIMENSION for three returns including New Year's Eve... Rumor abounded that SHECKY GREENE was interested in buying the Silver Nugget in North Las Vegas, but that bark had no bite. Charles Street Symphony, a trio with banks of synthesizers; is playing there... RICK NELSON joined ANNE MURRAY at the Riviera through the 27th. The story on BILLIE JEAN KING'S tennis tourney being scotched for next year because of those headlines doesn't hold up. The courts were bulldozed for the new Riv convention area. Although the Mardi Gras Inn had a dozen or so building code violations, county commissioners okayed a slot machine arcade. So, what else is old?



JOAN RIVERS, back from Westbury Music Fair tandem with DAVID BRENNER for some sellouts, teed a fortnight Sands playback with BOBBY VINTON Wednesday... Sands is going wild with promos, giving away a house and a condo, luxury autos, trips to Mexico, dream boats, ty's and recorders and cash. Also every Friday and Saturday poolside western barbeque & beer fests got underway with a VIP and press bash last weekend... MARVIN HAMLISCH joined DON



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