

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



Double congrats to RED McILVAINE, first for his breezy compact "Visitors Atlas" on the stands and secondly upcoming wedding Dec. 12 at the Desert Inn to actress CARRIE CARTER. May all the kids be comedians... Tropicana gets off a variation of the onetime Sahara shower of money giveaway gimmick with its \$100,000 Christmas Dream Holiday, cascading bills down on the lucky person who has a minute to shove as many bucks through a little portal as possible. Trop is also tossing a poker tourney from the 14th through 24th... GREG THOMPSON'S "Fabulous Follies" picks up again with scrumptuous JULIE WILSON Dec. 27 at the Dunes for indef run. PAUL ANKA again hosted National Cerebral Palsy Telethon, this year at his home base, Caesars Palace. You'll see it Jan. 16 - 17 and find out if PAUL was able to eke out more than the \$14,000,000 of last year's national take. One of the world's superior conductors, LORIN MAAZEL makes his Vegas debut Tuesday in Ham Hall conducting Orchestre National de France batonning concert version of BERLIOZ "Romeo and Juliet" and the PROKOFIEV Fifth Symph. Preen perf of Nevada Yough Ballet on Dec. 10 showcased young terpers between ages of 8 and 16. en pointe at Charleston Heights Arts Center..

DOREEN KUHLE, PAUL HARRIS, TORI PADDELLFORD, STEVE BARKER, STEVE HORNBERG and GARY CLARK receiving kudos for perfs in SAM SHEPARD'S "Burried Child" at Bayley Theatre, UNLV, directed by FREDRICK OLSON... MIKE DOUGLAS taped his first remote for new "Entertainment Hour" on Queen Elizabeth 2's Atlantic crossing from South Hampton to NYC with PIA ZADORA, BEN VEREEN, FAITH BROWN and STEVE MERRITT DANCERS et al for January airing. Note from BILLY KAY and charming PAM now living in Sunland's Shadow Hills, a snort north of the great city of Burbank. They just disembarked from a Holland American cruise playing date and will open at

the Playboy Club in Century City, Bev Hills, Jan. 18... New comedian GARRY SHANDLING pops his funnies in front of DONNA SUMMER at MGM Grand weekend closing Sunday.



They'll probably be calling it "Archie's Airline," with CARROLL O'CONNOR'S financial backing of Interstate Airlines, a new flier from Vegas to Burbank. Attendants will be serving wine and cheese on aft and evening flights... A real estate developer from Florida with no gaming background seems to be interested in buying the stymied Shenandoah. The business is open on the hotel side with reservations handled by a New York management company, but the casino still remains closed. Hyped as the largest in the world, GEORGE McLAUGHLIN'S King Nevada with 3,600 rooms and \$260,000,000 moved its site from near Convention Center to opposite the Tropicana on the Strip. The Hawaiian architect - developer with g.m. AL CASAROTTO targets 1984 opening about 22 months of construction. And downtown one of the first hotels to be built several blocks from "Glitter Gulch," the El Cortez back in the early '40s, is now ready to move up and away with a 14 - story, 208 - room expansion project costing \$10,600,000.

Sleepytime coming with several showrooms going dark until X-mas but there are a few with entertainment. There are no blackouts for Flamingo Hilton's "City Lites," "Siegfried & Roy's "Beyond Belief" at the Frontier, "Lido" at the Stardust; "Folies Bergere" Tropicana; "Horsin' Around," Treasury; "Boylesque" and "Branded" Silver Slipper... Aladdin darkens Dec. 13 - 25; Caesars Palace 10 - 25; Desert Inn 20 - 25 with "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" continuing through the 19th; Hilton 17 - 25 dark; Imperial Palace "Bravo Vegas" 6 - 11; MGM Grand 14 - 27; Riviera 17 - 27; Union Plaza dark through Dec. 26 but WAYLAND FLOWERS with BOB ANDERSON wrapping Dec. 23 at the Sahara... The Silverbird closing after the auction fiasco last Wednesday leaves the 5th Dimension out in the cold. With the showroom, ironically skedded to dark last Sunday through X-mas day, the 5th, accordingly will not fill its Dec. 26 - Jan. 14 engagement at the late lamented resort, unless comes a miracle or a licensed buyer to open up the bird before X-mas.

MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON are extended three frames at the Hacienda with their "Latin Fire Follies." They celebrated



"Fiesta de Santa Barbara Chango" in the Barcelona Room of PAUL LOWDEN'S resort last Thursday from 11 p.m. until the dawning... There are 25 conventions set for this month with the largest, the Century 21 Real Estate people, gathering 8000 around town in various hotels and the Convention Center on Dec. 13 - 16... Lew Sall hosts the Trop Comedy Workshop Monday nights at the Tropicana. He allows as how "This will be at least on a par with MITZI SHORE'S Comedy Store on the Sunset Strip... ROY CLAYBORNE wrapped a fortnight at Merriment Lounge of the Mint Hotel and appeared on JOHNNY CARSON'S "Tonight Show"... LORETTA HOLLOWAY is back at Top 'O the Dunes for six weeks... LIBERACE, put the cap on his last '81 Hilton date Monday, plays both the Hilton and the Riviera in '82... 12 weeks at the Hilton and six at the Riv where he opens Jan. 7.



Lounging at the Sands are CHARLIE SHAFER afternoons REAL PEOPLE and BILL KANE evenings. Tenor ARTURO, whose experimental four - wall Landmark gig last year brought him local attention opens for BUDDY HACKETT at the Riviera Dec. 13 - 16... RANDY CREDICO, SANDY HACKETT and HOLLY CARROLL are the act called Lunatics & Lovers current in Sahara Casbar Lounge. Trans-American Video of Nevada's Barney Rawlings heads the firm's Teleconference Division. TAV policy makers say "with teleconferencing techniques being gradually adopted by major hotel chains and major business and industry, TAV's 'in - place - now' facilities and expertise make this innovation a natural"... Consumer Electronics Show heads here next month but closing of the Jockey Club poses a problem. Special interest (high end) audio has always exhibited there.



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