



Slow month for conventions, December brings in around 21,000 delegates. All of the resorts have put operations in low gear until after X-mas, traditionally slow period for tourism....Baseballers were all over town with commissioner PETER EUBERROTH in to address a meeting of Major League Players Association at the Desert Inn. Pals of Brooklyn Dodger RAY CAMPANELLA gave ROY a tribute last Friday at the Sahara Space Center a benefit for Help Them Walk Again Foundation...Free jazz concert & clinic was held Monday at UNLV with pianist/composer FRED SIMON & composer/reedman MICHAEL BARD with drummer PHIL GRATTEAU & bassist KEN HAEBICH. S&B's appearances draw SRO's at the U...TONY BENNETT, on the British Isles, took his coals to Newcastle Wednesday and goes the high road to Scotland Friday & Saturday for Edinburgh & Glasgow appearances, wrapping his tour at Conference Centre in London's Wembley Sunday.

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Gossip: MERV ADELSON and wife GAIL agreed on the \$ettlement, filed for divorce, but remain cozy friends -- this hot item purloined from ARMY ARCHERD's "Just for Variety" in Hollywood Daily Variety .. Poor little PIA ZADORA was ignored this year by the Hollywood Women's Press Club's Soul Apple Award. BO & JOHN DEREK were the first to be proclaimed SA winners in advance of the anni Golden Globe fete last Sunday...Friend GALLAGHER, who always is good news for the Sands during his

stopovers here, is available on vidcassettes. Paramount Home Video shipped "Gallagher -the Maddest" and "Gallagher -- Stuck in the '60s" for X-mas sales. Per GALLAGHER, future releases are skedded for next March, summer and X-mas....Thomas & Mack Center gets busy and crowded with HALL & OATES Friday, HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS on Sunday, Vegas will wait until Jan. 18 for the DOLLY PARTON & KENNY ROGERS party at T&M. This is their 1st tandem tour starting in Oakland on the 28th and wrapping in Richmond, Va., in March...Shame on the PREZ for squandering \$8 million on those bleeping inaugural idiocies next month. I'll probably receive a letter from Sen. CHIC HECHT on this blast at his hero...CHARLOTTE FOUST at Universal Dance Studio on Maryland Pkwy & Desert Inn, gives special classes each month for children with Downs Syndrome or similar handcaps. Next class is Dec. 22 combined with X-mas party....Same day, or night, BONNIE & ORAN GRAGSON celebrate their 50th wedding anni with a big party at Desert Inn Country Club tossed by KEN & MRS. GRAGSON and daughter SHIRLEY, wife of AMBASSADOR THOMAS ARANDA...KAE POHE has dreamed up "Penny Power" events for Hoover Dam 50th hoopla extending to finale June 1 next year. A fundraiser for Boulder City Museum and Historical Assoc., there will be an attempt to break the Guiness Book of World Records penny-potential, by laying down pennies from the dam to Boulder City, eight miles, requiring 675,840 coppers, weighing about 2-1/2 tons and amounting to

\$6,758.40. KAE and her dam folks hope to attract "That's Incredible" and "Real People" vidcameras. \* \* \* \*

There's quite a lot of speculation about Hilton entertainment director DICK LANE's resignation last week "to pursue other interests" after 11 years bringing in top talent to the resort. Best wishes to TERRY LITTLE stepping in with his 12years experience coordinating entertainment at the Hilton & Flamingo Hilton....ANNIE LAW-RENCE's brief singing sortie in "Solid Gold" at the Riviera a few weeks ago paid off. She's back in the production. Next month, DARCUS SPEED, winner of the Riv's Sunday night "Search for Gold," noves into the mainroom "SG," followed in February by pianist VINCE CARDELL...With all the heavyweight poker tourneys and big buck winners, it gives me pleasure to announce a normal winner in LARRY DOTY of Littleton, Colo., in Tournament #5 of the Landmark Casino's Championship Series of Blackjack. He took away \$25,000 ... SIG SAKOWICZ has the Maxim hotel-casino sponsoring his Nevada Hotline starting Jan. 1 for radio airing on KPRO-AM, Riverside. The show is heard across the board every morning sponsored by the Edgewater hotel-casino in Laughlin. Wife GINA is exec producer...These are touted as Barbie Doll lookalikes, SHERRY GORDON & COLLEEN CUSTER, chirping in the Dunes lounge with keyboarder & vocalist DOUG KELLER, who may or may not look like a Ken doll. Actually, I'm looking for a couple of dolls resembling Cabbage Patch floozies...Lineup in the Union Plaza's Omaha Lounge is LOUIS PRIMA WITNESSES, COUNTRYFEVER & RUDY VALENTINO & THE SHIEKS...Maxim's lounge has THE LAST BAND & BOW TIE DADDY, through the 22nd, then VALENTINO moves in from the U.P. replacing THE LAST BAND...Flamingo Hilton lounge sports the TRENIERS & SONNY CHARLES....JOE BER-NARD tosses his anni X-mas party freebie to

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