

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Some years ago radio and television personality ART LINKLETTER presented a show with children saying "the craziest things." Imagine the LINKLETTER show today with youngsters saying the most serious things. Recently a poll revealed what RONALD REAGAN's major concern should be ending the threat of nuclear war, closely followed by helping the poor, preventing drug abuse and protecting the environment. The nationwide survey polled 55,000 students from four years old to 12. What do you think the TV ratings would be on the new LINKLETTER "Kids say the Craziest Serious Things" might be?...An example of an adult craziest thing is the request of JOANNA CARSON, estranged from JOHNNY CARSON. She claims her \$44,000 monthly support from JOHNNY puts her below the poverty line and is asking

a Los Angeles court for an extra \$6,000 a month. The documents filed late in December indicated that JOHANNA had to sell stocks and bonds to meet her monthly expenses she estimated to be \$54,000...The LUCIANO PAVAROTTI encore performance Sunday March 3 at Thomas & Mack Center still has topline tickets at \$175 (VIP seating, cocktail party with the bearded tenor), some \$50, \$30 and \$15 left. The \$100 seats have been snapped up (RIP seating, cocktail party with impresario TIBOR RUDAS). Just kidding there, TIBOR....Budding songwriters who need the necessary expertise to make them commercially saleable, are directed to ARNOLD SHAW's 15-week course at UNLV starting Jan. 31. Carrot on SHAW's "Technique & Business of Songwriting" schtick is that some Hollywood music publishing firms will look over the best songs written during class hours. You don't have to be a UNLV student to enroll in the course and if you are a student, you can chalk up three credits. Call UNLV Music Department 739-3332. No singing telegrams, please!...The 1985 National Chess Open is set for March 15-17 at Imperial Palace with \$12,000 prize, largest ever for a National Open, up \$3,500 over the '84 skirmish. Night before the tourney starts, there'll be

a "Simul" with Grand Master and six times U.S. champ WALTER BROWNE playing up to 40 boards simultaneously all at once...More about Imperial Palace -- kudos were tossed to the IP's car collection in January issue of Car & Driver. Included in the article of 10 best car museums in the world is RALPH ENGELSTAD's prize baby, his auto collection. Selection was made from more than 100 car museums in the U.S. and 150 in Europe with Car & Driver pointing to six European collections and four American as the best.

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Musical chairs in pufi departments on the Strip finds MARY ANN MONTOYA of Caesars Palace leaving her desk there for another at SIG ROGICH's R & R ADVERTISING, also DAVE VERBON moving from Flamingo Hilton to the Desert Inn pufflicity office as top puffer GARY MORRIS schleps up to the Tropicana for a new job, director of retail marketing. ALAN BAER has exited the BOYD FAMILY's Sam's Town & California hotel-casino flacking, but where he'll surface again a question in our local Trivial Pursuit game...UNLV's JERRY CRAWFORD receives credit mention in Weekly Variety's Off-Broadway review of "Diamonds" at the Circle in the Square Theater, but so do 13 other writers including ABBOTT & COSTELLO. Reviewer HUMM wrote: "Not every sketch and song in 'Diamonds' is a four-bagger, but there's enough satisfying material in this baseball-themed revue to give the audience a good time. HAROLD PRINCE, making a rare off-Broadway foray, has given swift and polished staging to the collection of mostly sharp songs and skits, and he has assembled a superior cast of actor-singer clowns who put the material across with punchy

Las Vegas Israelite

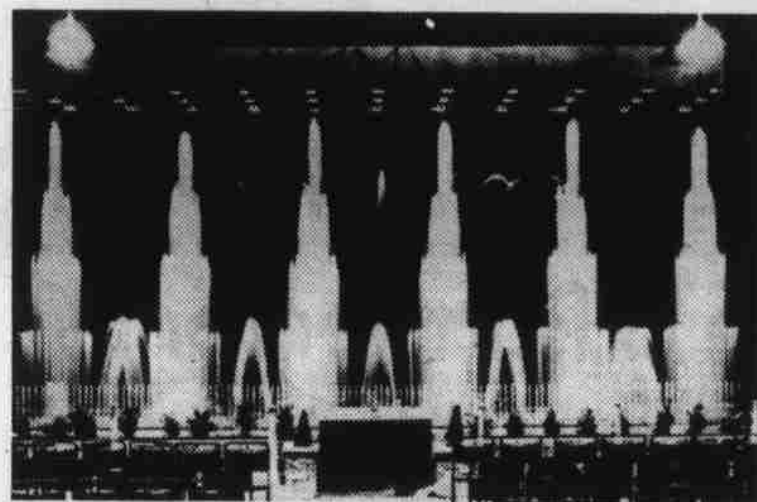
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