

LAS VEGAS

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Thanksgiving holiday weekend was a jammer with most resorts reporting turnaways. In the category of believe it or not, this holiday spans rates up there with New Year's Eve for crowd counts. Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority's director of tourism & marketing, ROSSI RALENKOTTER, says the Thanksgiving weekend brings in the second greatest number of visitors to Las Vegas. Last year's total occupancy for the weekend was 94.4%, he revealed...Many visitors attracted by the high slot machine payoffs should watch for teams moving in to take possession of the machines when payoffs are imminent. Some casino bosses allow the teams to play, but when regular customers arrive, they bump the bunches....This is the big downtown week where the Golden Nugget's famed Grand Prix of Poker will flash upward of \$3,600,000 in prize loot and some 1600 entries. The Grand Prix began Monday with a \$500 limit Texas hold 'em green felt joust...Emmy winner ("Hill Street Blues") director COREY ALLEN talked Monday night to pal JOE BEHAR's Community Drama Workshop at Sam's Town. Allen's seminar was SRO.

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The C/W inundation continues as Thomas & Mack Center preps for the National Finals Rodeo Saturday. LARRY GATLIN & BROS. are at the Desert Inn with T. G. SHEPPARD; ROY CLARK & BRENDA LEE vanish for LEE GREENWOOD & SYLVIA Thursday; non-C/W's ROGER & ROGER bow to FREDDY FENDER Friday at the Hacienda; OAK RIDGE BOYS & NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND move out of their MGM Grand digs for urban cowboy DEAN MARTIN Thursday and RED STEAG & THE COLEMAN COUNTY COWBOYS camp out in the Sands Ballroom for a week opening Saturday night...Other C/W's are GEORGE STRAIT coming to Convention Center on the 11th and DONNA FARGO & HENSON CARGILL topping the Rocking "H" National Finals Rodeo party in the Hilton Pavilion on the 14th...Wait, there's more -- SHELLY WEST follows mama DOTTIE WEST to town for a Four Queens shivaree Tuesday and in the same French Quarter room, afternoons, country thrush NORRINE LINDERMAN will be featured.

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Lounges saluting the rodeo buckaroos include the Hilton with JOHN WILLS & FAMILY TRADITION with EDDIE AKRIDGE, the CRAIG HARRISON BAND in the Hacienda's Bolero lounge and the bucolic BOB & SYLVIA at Alexis Park whose public statement is "If we embarrass you, tell your friends" ... It's possible to find other entertainment than country cowboy

bluegrass fare in town, barely possible. Look for PAUL ANKA at the Golden Nugget; BOB ANDERSON's sophisticated impressions heighten his Landmark packet, "12 Daze of Xmas," a MICKEY FINN presentation while FINN & BAND take the holidays elsewhere until Xmas night. The funshow at the Maxim with MARK & CLARK, comedienne ELSIE NORRIS & fem vocalists LACE, and at the Sahara, there's the uncountrified "A Chorus Line," while nearby in the Casbar lounge, MICHAEL THURBER & ROBIN PAGE have returned with universal repertoire...Talkshow host SANDY ZIMMERMAN has something unique going Saturday afts at the Continental. Her "Las Vegas Today" live show has emerged into a lounge attraction with topliners dropping by for a chat and some different exposure.

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LIBERACE took a hiatus from his Palm Springs writing chores on the "Wonderful Private World of Liberace" (Harper & Row) to spend Thanksgiving Eve in the kitchen of his Tivoli Gardens Restaurant here, supervising preparation of all the LIBERACE family recipes. "Wonderul," incidentally is skedded for August '86 publication...Newscaster HOWARD K. SMITH speaks on "Changing Challenges in America" Dec. 10 in UNLV's Ham Hall, a MARJORIE BARRICK lecture series date. It's free, but attendees have to apply for tix at the box office...Las Vegas will host more union conventions next year than any other city in the U.S. State AFL-CIO



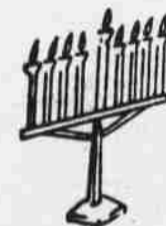
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