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Always, always, my movie career evades me. The most recent picture "Fever Pitch," during which my scene with RYAN O'NEAL captured raves from neighbors, has been submerged by "Rocky IV." In New York, for instance in Daily Variety's chart of film box office successes, here is the quote on its progress. Dead last on the chart, the New York reporter says " 'Fever Pitch,' also in its second roll, is crapping out with \$5000 (five days only) at just one house, the Paramount." To think, when STEVE ALLEN, public relations chief for MGM Grand, called me to be an extra in the audience for SLY STALLONE's big fight scene in the Ziegfeld Theater, I passed. I would have been tempted by one line, even one word in "Rocky," just to say "Yo," like SLY would have made my day, but no dice...Not only those who contributed editorially to Nevada Mag and who had contact with publisher C. J. HADLEY, but readers of the publication will miss her extraordinary qualities. Now, here is a real fighter, not the cardboard characters old SLY STALLONE grunts...That St. Louis beer company spent a barrel full of money to import their CLYDESDALES during the National Finals Rodeo. They'll be cloppity-clop-

ping down Fremont St. Thursday, also disturbing traffic at the Boulevard and Meadows Malls on Friday & Saturday respectively...For those who get all sentimental with Xmas caroling, Hotel Continental will provide plenty of surcease. Saturday, Bonanza H.S. choral director CAROL ELDFRICK has her singers featuring madrigals dressed in CHARLES DICKENS attire and on Dec. 21, Valley H.S. choral director ANN STOMER will pull some surprises with her choir's selections of non-traditional Xmas carols. The music is free...Las Vegas Little Theater presents JANE MARTIN's "Talking With," directed by SANDY O'BRIEN Friday & Saturday through Dec. 22's matinee in UNLV's Grant Hall Little Theater. Special added attraction will be SAMUEL BECKETT pieces after Saturday's performances....This just in from Chicago: National & local celebrities welcomed SIG SAKOWICZ last Wednesday during a luncheon in his honor in the Pump Room. That was kickoff for "Sig's Superstar Show" that showed Friday (6th) on Centel Videopath selected cable TV.

The annual ballet burst of "The Nutcracker" is underway. Locally NEVADA DANCE THEATER's presentation begins Thursday and ends on the 23rd, 8 p.m. in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theater. Matinees at 2 p.m. are on the 14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd. In L.A., the "Nutcracker" has MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV's American Ballet Theater at Shrine Auditorium, followed by at least six other productions in Southern California...Arizona artist SUZANNE KLOTZ-REILLY, a specialist in mixed-media, travels to UNLV's Alta Ham Fine Arts Gallery for her "Some Questions

Answered" show through the 22nd...Showbiz mixed media guy is JERRY VAN DYKE. He and the WRIGHT BROTHERS (fresh from their triumph at Kittyhawk) are at the Maxim Cabaret through the 22nd...Just kidding there about the WRIGHT BROS. Their style is flying contempo country...Some hot Cajun fiddling is grabbing ears of Four Queens French Quarter lounge patrons with DOUG KERSHAW's bayou bowing on the fiddle through Sunday...The buckaroo crowd that loves rowdy dancing is taking the RED STEAGALL & COLEMAN COUNTY COWBOYS treatments in the Sands Grand Ballroom. All that dancin' stops after Sunday, same as all of the hoss and bull stuff at Thomas & Mack Center. More about National Finals Rodeo financial appeal to the town later...Riding in the face of all that country barrage, MIKE SCHIVO presents HEART in concert Friday night in Convention Center. ANN & NANCY WILSON are heart of HEART...Meanwhile out at the Hacienda, MAYNARD SLOATE is polishing "Norman Is That You?" with an all-black cast starring SHERMAN HEMSLEY of "The Jeffersons" video sitcom. HEMSLEY doesn't arrive for rehearsals until this weekend, then it's some fast learning and doing for opening on the 27th...Almost forgot another kiyippee celebration for our visiting buckaroos, the Rocking NFR Party featuring DONNA FARGO & HENSON CARGILL in the Hilton Pavilion Saturday night, just before the finals of the finals raise that temporary dust at T&M.



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