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There was LIVE-AID, FARM-AID, AFRICA-AID and many more helpful shows for people all over the world and the U.S. Look for AIDS-AID, here in Las Vegas in mid-May sparked by AFAN -- Aid for AIDS of Nevada -- WES DAVIS Exec director and TOM ALLISON, coordinator for AFAN. Top townspeople are involved along with showfolk, with the big show to be produced and directed by HARRY SEYBOLD...It didn't take long for **ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK to return to the** Hilton. He'll be wearing a green waistcoat when he steps onstage Tuesday, St. Patrick's Night, staying over through March. Then it's NBC's favorite, WAYNE NEWTON, back for two...Have I got a show for STEPHANIE NIELSON, waitzing over to the Aladdin as entertainment director from her E.D. domain at Imperial Palace!!! TINO BARZIE received a high compliment from MESHULAM RIKLIS & PIA ZADORA when proud papa and pretty mamma gave newborn son a BARZIE middle name. New tot joining famous sister KADY (already with a restaurant at the Riviera named after her) will be signing checks as KRISTOPHER BARZIE RIKLIS. And it

probably won't be long before he'll have a checkbook as pacifier...BARZIE is PIA's astute personal manager...In August of 1985, COMMON CAUSE, The People's Lobby in Washington, alerted all House members and Senate Intelligence Committee via a letter, urging those august lawmakers to conduct a full investigation of National Security Council activities regarding the contras. A followup letter was sent a month later and again on Oct. 21, 1985, still another warning about NSC and to report its findings to the public. Sadly no action was taken and the American people paid a heavy price. Wait until the final bills arrive!...Anyway the resurrection of HOWARD BAKER has unbungled some things around the Oval Office. For a while there the tension was causing PRESIDENT PRUNEFACE sleepless afternoons.

This is the second Friday the 13th in a row. There won't be another Friday the 13th until November, so have your bad luck while you may...Now for some uppercase reportings, mainly culture: LAS VEGAS CHAMBER PLAYERS are busy this month with two concerts, the first on the 22nd with BERTRAM TURETZKY, contrabass and WALTER BLANTON, trumpet. A new trumpet concerto by Pulitzer prizewinner ELLEN TAAFFE ZWILICH features the BLANTON technique and there'll be works by Vegas composers DON HANNAH, BETH MEHOCIC and VIRKO

BALEY. If you haven't caught up with composer LUCIANO BERIO's tricky things, he'll have plenty for you to hear on March 30 with sofo instrumental works. All LVCP concerts are in Ham Hall, UNLV...SHAKESPEARE's "The Merchant of Venice," which has received mixed reviews from critics WILBER STEVENS & ARLEN COLLIER, is open for your critical inspection, the final perfs this weekend in UNLV's Judy Bayley Theater...UNLV's anni juried student show of art opens Monday in Grant Gallery and there'll be a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. to meet the artists. CARLOS VILLA, SanFran painter and instructor as SanFran Art Institute, judged the 30 works in all media...Bach lovers congregate in Carmel in July, and this year marks the 50th season Golden Jubilee of the Carmel Bach Festival. the oldest music fest on the West Coast. Major works this year are "Mass in B Minor," "Christmas Oratorio" and "The Magic Flute." Dates span July 13 to Aug. 2 and tix, reservations and inquiries can be obtained by writing CARMEL BACH FESTIVAL, INC., P.O. Box 575, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921. And if you run across MAYOR CLINT EAST-WOOD, he may buy you an ice cream cone, now legal in Carmel. Both ice cream and EASTWOOD are okay in that quaint seaside town, or didn't you read about the ice cream parlor flap?... That's enough culture for one column, now for the razzmatazz. Flamingo Hilton is gearing up for SLOT

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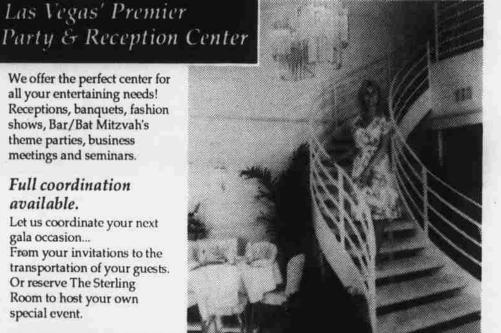
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