

OF THE STARS



Symphony presents its annual opera, "I Pagliacci," with tenor JOHN DUYKERS singing the role of Canio. Production is being sponsored by Chaisson Motor Cars, our friendly neighborhood Rolls Royce dealers.



I have to smirk at BILL COSBY as he chuckles all the way to the bank. His vidshow is showing signs of splitting at the seams with fewer splits of laughter from NBC-TV audiences, ratings show. COS is our true Material Man, anything to make a zillion bux or more, definitely money-oriented, and often showing a lack of taste and wit. But he got his \$5 million for the bomb movie of the year he wrote, produced and zombied in, "Leonard Part 6." His Kodak ads banner "Look how well I've developed" should read "Look how well I've overdeveloped"...Astute businessman and star PAUL ANKA, who makes his money the perfectionist's way, will star in a "Rap," admission free, at Ham Hall, UNLV, Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 12:30 p.m. He'll be headlining at the Golden Nugget, but takes time out for a discourse with Las Vegans about his career, the event sponsored by UNLV Department of Music and Popular Music Research Center, headed by author/composer ARNOLD SHAW...In Thomas & Mack Center, for jazz fusionists, LEE RITENOUR appears in concert Jan. 8, at 8:30 p.m. with TOM SCOTT, PAULINHO DACOSTA & PHIL PERRY...But on the same night in Ham Hall, f'r gosh sakes, competition to LEE will be presented by rock entrepreneur BILL GRAHAM in per-

sons of KENNY G. & STANLEY JORDAN, 8 p.m....Audition time for the comedy classic "Harvey" by MARY CHASE is Friday & Saturday nights, 7 o'clock in I.A.T.S.E. Local 720 Union Hall, 3000 S. Valley View for LAS VEGAS LITTLE THEATER. Twelve roles are to be cast, six males, six females with JERRY CLEARY directing, headed for opening Feb. 19 at Helen J. Stewart Auditorium...And last week JAKI BASKOW AGENCY was searching for girls 5'11" and taller for a national car blurb. Now, that means the really tall girls must look elsewhere for their spots as JAKI added "All girls over 5'11" to 6'7" must come in to J. BASKOW AGENCY, 2770 So. Maryland Pkwy Wednesday." Tall ones call JAKI anyway at 733-7818, she might extend the audition a couple of days...JAKI, by the way, was presented with a gift Arabian colt named MAGNUM for the agency's 10th anni from LE CHEVAU, her P.R. firm...BARRY MANILOW worshipers are looking forward to Tuesday when he opens at the Las Vegas Hilton for a 6-nighter.



BUDD & ALEXANDRA FRIEDMAN skied to Rome, Paris and London for the holidays. He moseys into his Improv at the Riviera Monday for a bit of emcee jokery introducing ROSIE O'DONNELL, DOUG FERRARI & T.A. BURROWS... "Who the hell is JOEY VILLA?" is the title of an HBO special in work, featuring guestars BURT REYNOLDS, MICKEY ROURKE & JERRY LEWIS. Revelers attending the Riviera's New Year's Eve shindig found out who JOEY was

and is -- opener for PIA ZADORA. She had another comedian for her extra gig after the revels in ALAN KING, who admits BUDSY SIEGEL gave him his start in Vegas at the Flamingo 40 years ago...Horsing around at the Tropicana starting Monday will have riders and cutting horses for nine straight days vieing for \$165,000 in prize money. But the Trop assures that "about \$3/4 million will be up for grabs among the near 800 entrants." More than 5000 head of cattle will be used in the arena. Cutting horse competition, for the uninitiated, reveals skills of horse and rider in separating and holding one animal out of a herd from getting back into the herd. GEORGE STOUDE first brought the Cutting Horse Spectacular to Vegas and the Trop seven years ago...PETE BARBUTTI, one of my fave alltime laughmongers, gives a boost to the NORBERT ALEMAN "Hot Lips" revue at the Paddlewheel, doing his schtick with cigars and broom as the fleshly delights of the NICK NAVARRO DANCERS and magician VALENTINO fill out the bill...For those ANDY WILLIAMS fans who have waited patiently for his return to the Strip, be assuaged that his Vegas date on Feb. 25 - Mar. 9 at the Desert Inn will be amid his "America the Beautiful Tour"...In the window of ANNA NATEECE LE NOBEL fur salon at the Dunes is a fancy old upright piano of the late LIBERACE. ANNA was his fur designer for years and was working on a tour de force with long, long train complete with black and white piano keyboards in full at the time of his death last February...For those who have missed my cutting tributes to PRESIDENT PRUNEFACE, be assured that I'm still in there pitching for his resignation or impeachment. Columnist ART BUCHWALD had an imaginary comment of things said in 1987 certain high muckey-mucks regret: "RONALD REAGAN: I don't like pardons, but what else can I do for a team player whosae only crime was that he broke the law?"

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