First Stage of Moulin Rouge Takeover Hailed

Sarann Knight Preddy, again, has dazzled Las Vegans with a display of her entreprenurial vision and ability when she and her husband, Joe Preddy, re-opened the Cafe Rouge in the Moulin Rouge Hotel, this week.

Late Monday afternoon, a bevy of the couple's friends and well-wishers gathered at the posh intimate room overlooking the pool (formerly known as The Deauville Room) to congratulate Sarann and Joe on the realization of the first state of the couple's carefully designed plan to eventually acquire, in its entirety, the colorful West Bonanza landmark, which opened thirty years ago this month, to afford Black tourists and residents opportunity to enjoy all the recreational activities for which Las Vegas is famed in lavish and plush surroundings.

For some who were on hand, Monday evening, it was occasion for nostalgia, and a great deal of reminiscing took place about the historical opening of the Moulin Rouge Hotel in 1955 - the glamor of those halcyon days, the job opportunities for Blacks and the overall economic boost to the community which the opening of the Hotel afforded.

It is felt throughout the community that in leasing the facilities with option to buy, Sarann and Joe Preddy have given incentive to others who for so long have felt the frustration of the tortously slow growth of economic development in the City's near westside area.

On the agenda for the Hotel, later, is the acquisition and opening of the fabulous Moulin Rouge Show Room which has not seen the light of day for these past thirty years. The ultimate step, of course, and on which Sarann frankly admits is "going to take a lot of doing'' is to collect a group of investors, acceptable under the stringent requisites of Nevada's Gaming Commission, to buy and operate the whole "kit and caboodle." This Sarann believes, and her friends concur, will provide Blacks a Las Vegas Resort Hotel, comparable to any in the state. She feels that Blacks will support such a venture and will take great pride in the fact that such an entrepreneural venture is owned and operated by their own people.

Committed to a May opening, Sarann and Joe opened the doors Monday, although preparations are ongoing still for a Gala 3-Day Grand Opening in late June. Already various clubs and organizations are making reservations to hold a variety of functions at the sparkling refurbished Cafe Rouge.

Sarann Knight Preddy, the driving force in this ambitious project has long been an indefatigable worker and supporter of a program for economic development in Black Community in Las Vegas. She is the founding president of the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce and an involved participant in an impressive list of civic and community organizations.

Youth Employment Office now open -

The Nevada Employment Security Dept. has opened a Youth Employment Service for young Las Vegas and North Las Vegas jobseekers.

All 16- to 22-year-olds, regardless of family income, are eligible for the service, which offers referrals to job interviews and pre-interview workshops, Stan Jones, dept. director said.

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training through work experience programs, where youths are placed in jobs with public agencies, nonprofit organizations and private employers for up to 160 summer hours at \$3.35

per hour In addition, Jones said the service offers help to economically disadvantaged

youths through the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Program, which provides tax breaks for employers who hire qualified applicants.

Jobseekers and employers wanting to find or fill jobs through YES should call the Las Vegas Employment Office at 385-3211 and ask for the YES extension.

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Las Vegas Post Office Opens Job Register For Clerk-Typist

Postmaster Joseph A. Ryan has announced that clerk-typist exams will be given in the near future and urged that all those interested apply to take the job-related tests that may ead to Postal Service employment.

Salaries, not including fringe benefits, for clerktypist begin at \$7.70 plus 79 COLA an hour and may increase to \$11.17 an hour over a 13-year period. An-

nually, this presently represents a \$15,456 plus \$1,643 COLA starting salary for a full-time employee that increases to \$22,428 in 13 years

"I do not want to give the impression we will be hiring great numbers of participation of the coming months," the great numbers of people in ticipate approximately two vacancies will occur in the next two years that will be filled by hiring people from our job register. We need qualified people who will be willing to accept em-ployment."

Postmaster Ryan explained that those wishing to take the exam could apply to:

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