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the cold shoulders from Australia's original inhabitants, the Aborigines. The elder of a local tribe is quoted as saying, "We don't have much empathy for a Negro who wears a white glove and uses injections to make his skin paler." CBS which had planned a platinum record presentation to Michael before the group, cancelled and used another spot. Though 3 of 8 concerts have been cancelled, Pepsi, the tour sponsor is happy. Sales are up 60% down under. The CBS presentation was made as an audience exciter at the famous Toronga Park Zoo. No, nobody dropped a coin to let me know if Michael had any of his animals along. By the way Pepsi plans to pickup tour deals with Tina Turner, but Whitney Houston is a Diet Coke pick . . . The astute Harold Sims has checked out of the Johnson Publication's camp and is on his own with a number of mega deals on his front burner . . . By the way, the Bill Cosby show racked up another record. It struck out the World Series on the Nielsen TV rating diamond . . . Check your calendar for the Jan. 9th eye/earring of the H'wood NAACP's annual awards telecast. Its named entertainer of the year, Lionel Richie, will entertain . . . The saddest words of mouth or pen, "The Nat'l Dance Co. of Senegal will end its '87 tour of the U.S. Dec. 21." It may hit your area inbetween. Get cracking if it does and attach your eyes and ears to it . . . There is life after closing. There is no better proof than the revival of the unforgettable "Cabaret." To all theatre-goers who missed it the first time around, the words are, lucky people, the 2nd chance is yours. It's a marvelous eye sight and sound into the glory that was B'way, and is again, because Joel Gray, the original "Emcee," who won a Tony Award for being so good, is at it again. He heads a delightful cast of scene snatchers. There are Alyson Reed, Regina Resnik, Werner Klemperer, David Staller, Nora Mae Lyng and Gregg Edelman all together to give entertaining meaning to Joe Masteroff's book, John Kander and Fred Ebb's music and lyrics, Ron Field's dance and cabaret numbers and Harold Prince's direction. When you're in the Big Apple take a shine to this one . . .

Family Weekend With The Muppet Babies!

The all new family stage spectacular Muppet Babies Magic Box opens tonight at UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center. The show is in town for six performances this weekend, Nov. 19-22.

Jim Henson's world famous Muppets debuted in 1955 on a five-minute late night television program from Washington, D.C. They are now over 30 years old and still pushing on. To date they have starred in three movies, two TV series, numerous TV specials, educational cartoons and three touring shows.

This musical stage production is based on the popular and imaginative weekly television cartoon series "Jim Henson's Muppet Babies." It was designed to transform animation into a three-dimensional form with the added warmth and excitement only a live show can bring. Gang leader Baby Kermit, sweet Baby Piggy, comedian Baby Fozzie, funny-faced Baby Gonzo and the rest of the Muppet Babies clan star in the 90 minute production. Special guest stars Miss Piggy and Kermit are along for the fun.

The production sparks fantasy and fury from a simple cardboard box in the Muppet Babies nursery. When the Babies get one, the box becomes an invitation for all kinds of fun! A series of fast-paced, lighthearted

sketches unfold as each of the Babies takes a turn and uses the box to help act out a favorite fantasy or dream.

Behind the scenes are 13 multi-talented young men and women performing as gymnasts, roller-skaters, jazz, tap and break dancers. They work hard to bring the famous characters to life.

Presented by Jim Henson, The Muppet Babies Magic Box is a VEE Corporation production with Vincent E. Egan as executive producer and Bob Shipstad, producer. The show was written by Barry Keating and directed by Andrew Carl Wilk. The production was choreographed by Diane Arnold with musical arrangements by Paul Walberg, production associate. Art director for the show was Jim Waters with scenic designs by Jim Guenther.

Each scene is filled with singing, dancing and new surprises that will stretch any imagination to the limit. It is family entertainment for all ages.

Good seats are still available for all six performances. Opening night is KLAS TV8 night. All seats are \$5 and everyone who attends is eligible to win a handpainted cartoon cell valued at \$300.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Call 739-3900 for special offers and ticket information.

ENTERTAINERS CONTINUE TO BE ADDED TO ST. JUDE'S "NITE OF STARS" BENEFIT

LAS VEGAS, NV — Stars will continue to be scheduled during the next week, but early confirmations for this 21st annual "Nite of Stars" include David Copperfield, Frank Sinatra, Jr., Yakov Smirnoff, Louise Mandrell, Norm Crosby, Oba Oba entertainers, Bobby Berossini, Lance Burton, T-N-T Dancers and The Treniers.

The annual benefit for St. Jude's Ranch for Children will be held at Caesars Palace on Friday, November 20. Dave Burton will provide cocktail music and the Dick Saxe Orchestra will perform during dinner. Dr. Charles Vanda of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is this year's designated honoree, and Caesars Palace President W. Dan Reichartz is the general chairman of the event.

STAY LOOSE: BILLY ROWE IS A SYNDICATED COLUMNIST.

The event begins with no-host cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. and the show at 9:30 p.m. in the Caesars Palace Colosseum convention complex. The gourmet, five-course meal will include soupe en croute Elysee, salade des quatres saisons, tournedos Rossini, roasted duck with wild rice and raspberry sauce, zucchini, baby carrots, French rolls with Bacchanal butter and chocolate torte.

The ranch is a non-profit, nonsectarian home for children in need. Over the years, many abused, neglected and unwanted children have found the loving care they desperately needed from the dedicated family at St. Jude's Ranch in Boulder City, Nevada. The "Nite of Stars" benefit provides funds to care for these children.

"Carnegie: Back To The Classics"

SUNSET SYMPHONY'S FIRST CONCERT OF SEASON SET FOR NOVEMBER 22



CELESTE HARLOW, viola, and Lucrecia Young, cello, rehearse with Sunset Symphony music librarian Teresa Christy looking on, for the Sunset Symphony's first concert of the season. Harlow and Young are Rancho High School students.

The Sunset Symphony, the Clark County School District's award-winning honor orchestra, will present its first concert of the season on Sunday, November 22, at 4

p.m. at the Showboat Hotel Sports Pavilion in Las Vegas.

Conductor Steven Smith will lead some of the state's finest young musicians in a concert that includes Mozart's Overture to "The Impresario" and the first movement of Beethoven's Symphony Number 8 in F major. Other works on the program include "An Outdoor Overture" by Aaron Copland, "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" by Richard Wagner, and Johann Strauss Jr.'s "Emperor Waltz."

This first concert of the season will allow Southern Nevadans to hear the Sunset Symphony as it prepares for its April 1988 concert at New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall.

Tickets for "Carnegie: Back to the Classics" are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Sunset Symphony Travel Fund. For more information please call CCSD Fine Arts at 799-8428.

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Jim Henson Presents

the MUPPET BABIES™

★ MAGIC BOX ★

★ LIVE ON STAGE ★

WITH SPECIAL GUEST STARS KERMIT AND MISS PIGGY

UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center

7:30 pm, Nov. 19 - 22

(Sat. & Sun 1 pm & 4:30 pm)

Tickets \$8.50 & \$9.50

Thurs. Nov. 19 Opening Night KLAS TV-8 All Seats \$5

★ Win A Cartoon Collector's Item ★

Fri. Nov. 20 TV-13 Camera Night

★ All Children Receive A FREE Camera With Ticket ★

Sun., Nov. 22 KVBC TV3/McDonald's Family Matinee

★ All Seats \$5 With McDonald's Coupon ★

10¢ donation from each redeemed coupon is made to National Kids Kampus.

Tickets on sale **NOW** at the TMC Box Office & all Ticketron outlets.

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