

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

RED McILVAINE's "II" beauty pageant at the Frontier has been put on hold until late June with a couple of interested production companies looking over possibilities after MERV GRIFFIN PRODUCTIONS backed off. One prospect is Annheuser Busch people with NORM CROSBY, another is JILLY RIZZO's Monarch Productions and a third is former AFM Local 369 musician GEORGE SOARES, now video-packager in L.A. who has the JACK JONES "Palace" show in Toronto...FRED TRAVALENA is scotching rumors that he and SHIRLEY MACLAINE wouldn't be working together on future Vegas and other dates...Budding comic PAUL TERRY, who also writes, directs and produces dramatic epics for Channel 10, spotted with the AIN'T BROS. last Tuesday at Royal Inn's Comedy Nite breaking up the tablers.. NAT HART can take a low bow as Travel/Holiday mag handed Caesars Palace' Bacchanal and Palace Court restaurants Fine Dining Award for quality of food,

service and ambiance. Ambiance, in case you wondered, is liver & onions....And congrats to saxist JIM MOODY and longtime reedman GARVIN BUSHELL for their jazz fellowship grants from National Endowment on the Arts, ditto MONK MONTGOMERY for engineering a \$20,000 grant for Las Vegas Jazz Society.

took home \$10,000, silver candelabra after their all - expense paid trip to the Hilton.

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BOB HOPE on PIA ZADORA: "I caught her act three years ago at the Riviera and again at the Scandals in Hollywood about 15 months ago and was impressed by her progress. But I really became a fan when she appeared on a telethon in Houston a few months ago." She's with Hope in Albany after an Atlantic City date with FRANK SINATRA and her current fortnight at the DI with TONY ORLANDO, MAC DAVIS, packing 'em in at MGM Grand, is set for June Vidgustings on the "Val Doonican Show" in London, a "Monte Carlo" spec and back to London to tape "The Muppets Show"... BOBBY VINTON and DAVID BRENNER teamed for a Sandstint Wednesday as TONY BENNETT split for theatre dates in New Orleans and Cleveland, then Resorts International and back Sandside June 25... Jazz at the Hacienda spotlights SONNY STITT Monday night while "Jazz Month" wraps hot programs throughout the city, a successful run sure for a repeat next year.

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For years bandleader TONY CELESTE was plugging arm wrestling championship matches and now the sport has attained some popularity as witness the only invitational NFL arm wrestling champ event in the U.S. Thursday, the Jenos \$21,000 "You Top It" Super Classic III hosted by the Riviera, VIRGIL ARCIERO, is defending heavyweight champ and JOHNNY WALKER is light - heavyweight topper...PERRY SHEEHAN ADAIR will have competition for Screen Actors Guild president from TOM ANDREWS, ANN HALVORSEN and BARRY LEVIN as ballots are now out with June 5 deadline receipt at Hollywood HQ.. SAG national prez WILLIAM SHALERT is guest of honor at annual meet of Nevada branch at the Showboat June 8..... LIBERACE's keyboard entertainer search won by pianist JANET CARR and organist ROBERT SPEAKER, both from St. Petersburg, Fla. Each

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