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Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Las Vegas, Sept. 7 -- As "A Chorus Line" company gets ready to hoof it into the Desert Inn Oct. 14, there are other showrooms possibly succumbing to T&A fever -- the Hilton and Sahara, both riding out the rest of the year with headline talent. Sahara's format next year just may find production show built around the Sahara Girls week nights and JOHNNY CARSON alternating with DON RICKLES weekends... Caesars Palace new 25,000 stadium for the MUHAMMAD ALI - LARRY HOLMES rout Oct. 2 is costing the resort between a half-mil and \$1,000,000, sez CP exed BILL WORTMAN -- all to be torn down the next day. This fist-cuff, by the way, will be the first outdoor fight here since the ARCHIE MOORE-NINO VALDEZ scrap at downtown Cashman Field in the 1950s...WORTMAN said some \$300 and \$500 seats are available, but the \$50, \$100 and \$150 and \$200 seats are all sold...And in other recession news, prospecting and mining are booming all over the state led by such

doughty diggers as Exxon, Kennecott, Anaconda, Conoco, Freeport, Newmont, all of whom will lay out \$70,000,000 or more this year to scratch the surface for gold...During the Second Chemical Congress of North America held in Vegas last week it was learned that the little old winemaker, now called enologist, bolstered by computers, machines, super technology, still considers the most important item in the laboratory a -- wineglass.

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JOHN DAVIDSON taped his talkie-single in the Hilton showroom this week afternoons, while LOU RAWLS & NATALIE COLE hold forth at night, continuing through the 22nd...CHER is a sandwich between PAUL ANKA weeks at Caesars opening the 11th. ANKA, who follows on the 18th hosts the "Solid Gold Show" with DIONNE WARWICK airing Friday on NBC. Next month he returns to Nashville to link up with Kenny Rogers' producer LARRY BUTLER for his 40th album...SIMPRIEY MACLAINE stays over to fill the BARRY MANILOW week at the Riviera. She'll have CORBETT MONICA for company. Word from the Riv is that the upcoming \$200,000 Women's Tennis Classic, hosted by BILLIE JEAN KING is looming as a sellout Sept. 16 - 22. Too bad Wimbledon champ

EVONNE GOOLAGONG CAWLEY had to bow out because of that longstanding back injury.

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JOAN RIVERS leaped in to finish out NORM CROSBY's week with JULIET PROWSE at the Frontier. She stays over a fortnight with BOBBY VINTON. BOBBY GENTRY has a week at the Sahara with FRANKIE AVALON and in the Casbar, it's MURRAY LANGSTON's seven, doing his unknown comedied in tandem with "Rawhide Revue"....VINCENT PRICE heads into UNLV's Ham Hall for two - nighter Friday and Saturday as Oscar Wilde in "Divisions and Delights"...Born in Mullinger, County Westmeath, Ireland's leading popstar JOE DOLAN, fresh from a Russian tour with eight goldies on the Continent, debuts at the Silverbird, in for three holding 2 a.m. perf. with his group THE DRIFTERS...BILLY KAY is on a two-framer in the Hacienda Lounge...Meadows Playhouse begins its new season Tuesday with replay of "Hot Ginger & Dynamite," Suzanne Buhner's sardonic slap at the town and country. CELESTE HOLM's contribution to the Playhouse gala Sunday night is "Three Women and Mr. Clifford" to Meadows' invitees who have donated \$250 or more for the season.

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LARGEST THEATRE BENEFIT SLATED FOR ISRAEL'S 33RD

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The largest theatre benefit party in history, with an expected attendance of some 500,000 people in 1,000 theatres in the United States and 13 other countries around the world, will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel on May 11, 1948. Among the designated beneficiaries of the \$100 - a - ticket Gala Event, which is expected to raise upwards of \$50 million, are: Hadassah (HMRA Inc.), The American ORT Federation, Inc., American Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Inc., and American Friends of Haifa University, with others to come. The unique occasion was conceived by motion picture producers Edie and Ely Landau with Meshulam Riklis, Chairman of the Board of Rapid-American Corporation. A subsidiary of Rapid-American is funding the project.

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