

LAS VEGAS

SUNSET ROOM

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

HENNY YOUNGMAN, signed for 15 appearances on "Hollywood Squares," was in town for the Larry Holmes rout of whatsisname and sayeth: "I was in Vegas to tape the show and stayed over a few days to see the fight. I challenged Ali to fifty one - liners the day after the fight, win, lose, or draw." HENNY won that bout too -- Ali couldn't even talk....PETER MARSHALL, host of "Squares," is hosting a New Year's Party at the Palladium in L.A. with four big bands, nostalgia stuff from the MILLER-DORSEY era....Anybody wanting to reminisce about early Vegas get over to chat with CORK PROCTOR, sitting in for the skeedaddling JOE DELANEY on KDWN in the Tropicana's Atrium after 11 p.m. Belated congrats to NORETTA GOULD and SARGE ALLEN, who melded last month... Puff handout from the HANSON-SCHWAM publicity agency in L.A. typed that ANDY WILLIAMS San Diego golf tourney "will be held Feb. 408" at the Torrey Pines golf course with \$250,000 in prizes. Thirty days

hath September, etc. But another bit from the same source said that a 90 - minute salute to ANDY will be featured on the MERV GRIFFIN SHOW taping on Oct. 15th at Caesars Palace. That's the 15th, remember, not the 1500th.

BARCLAY SHAW is prepping a surprise turn with male dancer DORIAN for the Trop's Blue Room preeming next month. Meanwhile, NAYLES & LASHES and HIGA continue their amusing ways within the Blue Room show, "The Las Vegas Strip"...GARY MORRIS, who heads the Desert Inn p.r. office, confirmed that "A Chorus Line" will open Oct. 14. Four years ago the Aladdin bosses missed the boat by not booking the musical for the Theatre for the Performing Arts...At the Aladdin, LEN PAVES has joined ED TORRES to refurbish the dining rooms. He was chief of food and beverages at the Riviera when TORRES held sway those years...STAN LIPTON, prez of Universal Productions, is exec coordinator for the "Search for the Perfect Flying II" beauty and talent pageant aimed as a vidspec from Hawaii.

Out of the American Bus Association convention at Caesars Palace emerged the info that buses carried 360,000,000 on interstate

routes last year, up 22,000,000 passengers from the year before -- attributed to rising gas cost. And leave the driving to us as bus ridership grew another 2.5% the first six months of this year....There must be more winners in Atlantic City as New Jersey has the lowest suicide rate, while Nevada has the highest in the U.S. Big winner was a married lady from Glendale, Calif., MYRNA GALLELLI, husband VICTORIO, a machinist, who won \$320,000 on her birthday, at the Flamingo Hilton, largest jackpot payoff in history. She put in about \$100 before hitting the five 7's....Casino credit scam which started at the Dunes has spread around the Strip with Justice Dept., Gaming Control Board and Metro Police looking under the tables for reputed members of the Joseph Columbo NYC mob family.. Headline of the week: Hughes Airwest yellow banana merger into Republic with logo a Mallard duck called Herman prompted the Valley Times to banner "Hughes Airwest Quacking Up."

PAUL ANKA receiving congrats for his title song gracing the new LOUIS MALL film, "ATLANTIC CITY," which won first prize at Venice Film Fest....Charleston Heights Arts Center began its season featuring the ALLEGRO TRIO with next event Nevada Chamber Ensemble Nov.

"A CHORUS LINE" AT DESERT INN

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