

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

The Riviera is bringing WAYLON JENNINGS out of Las Vegas obscurity to give him headline status and three year million \$\$\$ pact for '81 through '83. But first, he'll sub for the enciente LIZA MINNELLI along with DR. FRANK SINATRA and RICH LITTLE covering her Dec. 4 - 14 booking. WAYLON was a Golden Nugget fixture for years until WILLIE NELSON eclipsed him. And all but WAYLON are on loan for the LIZA fill - in, with DR. FRANK returning to Caesars Palace for a late January date and RICH doing his regular thing at MGM Grand Dec. 26... Another bit of Riv news, boss MISHULAM RIKLIS is going back to lounge presentations with his current expansion to include a 150-seater... DAVID HARRIS is Scrooge in the Meadows Playhouse musical version of CHARLES DICKENS "A Christmas Carol," adopted by PHILIP MCKINLEY with music and lyrics by MCKINLEY and SUZANNE BURHER, who gave Las Vegas the scintillating, satirical "Hot Ginger & Dynamite," both at the Playhouse and Union Plaza... HARRIS has been the mainstay of "Bottoms Up" for 15 years... Musical opens Dec. 9... PAUL LENARD now Sam's Town director of feed & beverage... LA TOYA JACKSON remembered from her singing bits with the JACKSON 5 at the Grand, has a new Polydor album on the turntables, but she looks better in person than sounds on record, if you know what I mean... Imagine the Los Angeles city limits in Boulder City? Well, the city of L.A. has agreed to sell its Water & Power Park for \$74,000 to B.C.... JANIS CARTER is in her preem perf in the Silverbird's Silver Star Lounge... JOEY CIADELLA, the singing bellman of Caesars Palace received a special humanitarian award from Southern Nevada Volunteer First Aid & Rescue Assn., for saving lives earlier this year at the hotel via the "Heimlich Method." He dislodged food chunks from throats of guests on two occasions... BEA RATLIFF answered the siren call of former boss ED TORRES and moved from her room reservation post at the Riv to the TORRES-NEWTON Aladdin, same position there... Cast members of the Desert Inn's "A Chorus Line" will teach master dance classes at UNLV Nov. 25 with ballet taught by LESLIE WOODIES, Broadway jazz by Las Vegas (Western High) PHIL RICCOBUONO and DENNY MARTIN FLINN on tap. In the smash D.I. musical PHIL plays Paul, LESLIE plays Lois and DENNY plays Greg... ROY WOOFER's Country Rebel on E. Desert Inn Rd. brings on a new country combo called THE COUNTRY-

MEN for all the Urban Cowpersons.

TYPICAL TEEN FROM Our Town is TONI ISOLA, 17, daughter of the county's garbage disposal king, RICHARD ISOLA. She is the 1980 International Arabian Horse Association National Champion in Stock Seat equitation, which means riders on western saddles are judged not horses. Her career began nine years ago when her father bought her an Arabian steed from WAYNE NEWTON. "When I got my first horse, I just became addicted," said the high school senior. "I love traveling every weekend and meeting people -- important people, not cowboys." Her first win was at 10. "Once you get to a certain level, you know it's what you want to do," she said. "For me, it was when I started winning. A lot of people have horses, WAYNE NEWTON, BURT REYNOLDS, GOV. (now President - Elect) REAGAN. A lot of wealthy people and I associate with them all the time. It makes you want to be somebody." Her future plans? "I'm going to be a politician," she smiles...

DOC SEVERINSEN co - stars with ANDY WILLIAMS at the Hilton for a fortnight opening Tuesday, a tootsweet return to Vegas for the good musical doctor who was a hit headlining



"PHOOEY ON PHOOTBALL" ..... MONDAY NIGHT WAS LADIES NIGHT AT THE MAXIM HOTEL/CASINO AS THE LADIES GATHERED TO KICK OFF THE WEEKLY EVENT "PHOOEY ON PHOOTBALL" IN THE CLOUD 9 LOUNGE. FREE T-SHIRTS AND BUTTONS WERE GIVEN TO THE LADIES ALONG WITH HOT AND COLD HORS D'OEUVRES AND TWO FOR ONE DRINKS.

ONE OF THE LUCKY WINNERS OF THE NUMEROUS DRAWINGS WAS MRS. FREIDA SHORIN OF LAS VEGAS PICTURED WITH MAXIM HOTEL ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR JIM BULLARD. "PHOOEY ON PHOOTBALL" IS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT IN THE CLOUD 9 LOUNGE AT THE MAXIM FROM 6 TO 9 P.M.

the midsummer Oldsmobile party in the Hilton showroom.... Vegas hosts 42 conventions this month wrapping with the International Association of Fairs & Expositions Nov. 30 at the Grand. Another Grand item -- MAC DAVIS, a b.o. blockbuster there earlier this month, tees his final 1980 two - framer Thursday with homespun comedian LONNIE SHORR... DANNY LEWIS is in Sunrise Hospital with congestive heart failure.. At 78, Jerry's dad is listed in stable condition. Latter is just off a couple of weeks at the Sahara where RODNEY DANGERFIELD jokes his debut there through the 26th with JIM STAFFORD. STAFFORD's co - hosting on ABC's "Those Amazing Animals" has earned him equal billing with RD.

WAYNE NEWTON dashed down - Strip from his Aladdin gig to pick up similar song and instrumental routines at the Sands with DAVE BARRY. TONY BENNETT, wrapping his Sandstand, is slated for a six state concertour at the Capitol Theatre in Yakima and wrapping at Frisco's "Elegant Celebration of Christmas" Dec. 9... BOBBY VINTON subs the full two weeks for ill ROY CLARK at the Frontier until STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, CHARLIE CALLAS arrive on the 27th... MARK CALLAS, by the by, returns to Cleopatra's Barge of Caesars

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