"ANNIE" RUNS THROUGH THE SUMMER hilariously wicked and

The comic strip story of a spunky orphan girl, her dog and her billionaire benefactor comes to life in Las Vegas as the Broadway musical, "ANNIE," plays the Desert Inn and Country Club through September 20.

The multi - award - winning show, which has captivated audiences the world over, is the child of director/lyricist Mar-

tin Charnin, composer Charles Strouse and librettist Thomas Meehan.

Reid Shelton, who created the role of Oliver (Daddy) Warbucks on Broadway, continues the role on the stage of the DI's Crystal Room.

Annie is played by nine - year - old Kristi Coombs, a veteran of this national touring company.

Miss Hannigan, the

hilariously wicked and often tipsy orphanage supervisor, is delightfully portrayed by Jane Connell.

The large cast includes Krista Neumann as Warbucks' lovely secretary Grace Farrell: Tom Offit as the nefarious Hannigan; Rooster Maggy Gorrill as his doxy, Lily, and Allan Wikman as F.D.R. Another veteran of the company is Buttercup in her role as Sandy, Annie's canine

sidekick.

Effective June 20, show times will be -- two shows Saturday and Tuesday 7 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday through Friday 9:30 p.m. The showroom is dark on Mondays.

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Israel's defense establishment, has decided to equip Israel's second generation jet fighter - planes, the Lavie, with American made Pratt and Whitney FV-1120 engines, it was announced. The planes had originally called for General Electric F-404 engines but it was decided on the more expensive Pratt and Whitney engine because they are longer and more powerful than the GE engine.

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