

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Del Webb Corp. board chairman ROBERT SWANSON put sale of the Sahara - Las Vegas and Sahara - Reno at the top of the urgent list. He hopes unloading the resorts will revitalize Webb and "at least break even in 1982." SWANSON said the corp. will stay in the gambling biz, holding onto the Mint downtown, Nevada Club in Laughlin, Sahara - Tahoe and Claridge in Atlantic City... At a meeting last Sunday in Dallas the expected happened. BILL GRAHAM nixed a ROLLING STONES concert here at the Silver Bowl. It's definite, REOBERT DEIRO & ASSOCIATES bring down the gavel 2 p.m. Dec. 2 for sale of the Silverbird in the showroom... JAKI BASKOW AGENCY is casting extras for Col's "Cheech & Chong #4," assisting CHAMPION BASKER CASTING. Hunt is on for 20 fluent Mexican speaking people. HAL NEEDHAM moved his "Megaforce" troupes south a few miles to Jean for battle scenes. In and out of the action are BARRY BOSTWICK, PERSIS KHAMBATTA, EDWARD MULHARE, MICHAEL BECK and HENRY SILVA. Also ROGER LOWE AKA SAMMY FONG in "Flower Drum Song" at the Union Plaza. He plays a chauffeur. MGM Grand's head honcho AL BENEDICT makes his hotel available for the third year hosting "Nite of Stars" Nov. 19 benefiting St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

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CHER has FREDDIE ROMAN tagging along for laughs at Caesar Palace Thursday for a week, then it's Lone Star time with WILLIE NELSON & FAMILY...SORCERY, the rock - illusionist group from L.A., hit \$78,000 gross with almost 6,000 Halloweeners in Aladdin Theatre for Performing Arts prompting a fast return last night... BOB ANDERSON moves into TONY BENNETT's bailiwick, the Royal York in Toronto Tuesday with MIMI HINES. TONY toplines Cleveland's Front Row Theatre same night through the 15th costarring with PEGGY LEE...KAY STARR

fans will cheer their "Wheel of Fortune" gal next Sunday when she arrives with GEORGE CARLIN at the Sahara for a week. In the Casbar, "SADDLE TRAMPS" replaces "FOR THE FUN OF IT," alternating with CYNTHIA SCOTT for another week. MORO-LANDIS Vegas Alumni gathered at the Sahara Sunday with many dancers showing up for the reunion.

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WILLIE TYLER & LESTER pull their unique chatter for a couple of nights, 12th & 13th at the Riviera, then JIM STAFFORD joins LORETTA LYNN through the 25th...JOAN RIVERS, who wrapped her Riv romp Wednesday returns Dec. 26 for holidayzzygig with DIONNE WARWICK at the Desert Inn. ALLISON ACREE left her PR assistant post aiding LEE FISHER at the Silverbird to marry San Diego psychiatrist DENNIS ALTERS. CATHI JEMKINS fills her slot... New electronic gadgets resembling carny games in casinos will get short shrift from Nevada Gaming Commission in the future, said chairman CARL DODGE...STEVE WYNN should be making his long awaited announcement next week about the mammoth \$200,000,000 Victoria Bay between the Sahara and Silverbird...A note from TONY ZOPPI at the Riv, close pal of BOB HOPE, re RAPID ROBERT breezing breezing through town the other day and taking time out to play in GORDON MacRAE's Tropicana golf tourney -- which he won. Then over dinner, HOPE told ZOPPI about his recent experience at the White House at the invitation of RR. "They put me up in the Lincoln bedroom," he noted. "There are a lot of rumors that Lincoln's ghost prowls around that part of the house. I woke up around three in the morning and the ghost was standing over my bed. I asked what he was doing there and he said he just wanted to know how the play turned out."

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### IMPERIAL PALACE HOSTS CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM

The Imperial Palace Hotel's Classic and Antique Car Museum,

valued in excess of \$10 million dollars will open on December 1, preceded by a week of special invitational and celebrity opening events.

The new Museum which is located on the fifth level of the Imperial's parking garages, will showcase some 300 automobiles dating from the late 1800's to the early 1960's. The new Imperial facility, a 51,000 square foot fully enclosed air conditioned exhibition Hall, is the creation of Imperial owner Ralph Engelstad, who started collecting rare and unusual cars just two years ago.

The new Museum will be open daily from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. (with later hours for weekends and holidays) with admission tickets (\$4.50 adults, \$2.25 children under 12, free - children under 5).

ART ENGLER getting rave notices for his perf as Clarence Day in "Life With Father" in UNLV's Bayley Theatre...JERRY LEWIS made second visit to JOSEPH BERNARD ACTING STUDIO. He described experiences on location in Gotham where he worked in "King of Comedy" with ROBERT DE NIRO...JUDY BENTON SHOW is back in Omaha Lounge of Union Plaza with EDDIE CASH SHOW and UPSON DOWNS. BELITA closed in Backstage Lounge with RONNIE DAVID currently regaling the keyboard. Linguist LUIGI PICONE is newly appointed casino host at the Tropicana.

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Caesars Palace may run into much customer opposition with its drinkless drink shows, saving approximately 23 cents per drink after charging from \$30 to \$45 cover charge, downright robbery and bad showmanship. Circus Maximus is not set up for theatre viewing and there'll be plenty of paying customers who'll be plunked down in bad seats and nary a beverage of any kind to nurse their anger. Drawings and woodcuts of Russian - born artist BORIS STERNBERG starts showing Sunday in Reed Whipple Cultural Center through Dec. 11... DEAN MARTIN plys his inebriated caricature starting the 19th through the 24 at MGM Grand with the bubbly GOLD-DIGGERS prancing and chirping for curtain-uppers. RIP TAYLOR, about to bid adieu to "Let 'Er Rip" at Sahara Tahoe, will join DEBBIE REYNOLDS in the national touring company of "Sugar Babies"...UNLV's Contemporary Dance Theatre's artistic director DR. CAROLE RAE sez the Nov. 19 - 20 season-opener at Charleston Heights Arts Center features several guest artists and choreographers -- LAURA GARBETT, now terping at the Tro-

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