

# OF THE STARS



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## MEADOWS HAS CHRISTMAS CAROL

The classic Christmas story of A CHRISTMAS CAROL by Charles Dickens will open November 27 at The Meadows Playhouse. The annual presentation of this production had its premiere last year at the Playhouse. Adapted by Phillip McKinley with music and lyrics by McKinley and Suzanne Buhner, last season's critically acclaimed CAROL played to sold out houses its four week run.

In order to accommodate the community's demand for A CHRISTMAS CAROL, the Playhouse has expanded the run of the show to five weeks. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving and running through December 30, A CHRISTMAS CAROL will play Monday through Saturday evenings with Saturday matinees beginning November 28. A special offering is being made to Senior Citizens on November 27 in the evening, November 28 in the afternoon, and the November 30 Monday matinee. All tickets for seniors during these performance dates will be \$2.50. For any performance, the ticket price for children

under 12 will be \$3.50. All other evening performances will be \$8.50 for adults; matinee performances will be \$6.50.

For reservations, call the box office at 739 - 7525. Private parties and special group seats are available.

The second annual presentation of A CHRISTMAS CAROL is sponsored by The Barbary Coast Hotel, Diamonds Levi Strauss, Mervyn's, Nevada National Bank, Valley Bank, and The Nevada State Council on the Arts. William Damron, a professional actor from Tucson, stars as Scrooge.

Other cast members include local variety writer Bill Willard as Marley, Andrea Franchi as Christmas Past Sandy Smith as Mrs. Fezziwig, George Novotony as Mr. Fezziwig, John Hemmeter as Mr. Cratchit, and R. Michael Greer as the Ghost of Christmas Present and Future. The production is co-directed by Judith Brenner and Joan Snyder of the Playhouse staff. New musical interludes and songs are composed by Ms. Brenner and Suzanne Buhner.

## WAYLAND PLUS ABBE ROCK SAHARA

Just before the holidays, when many showrooms in Las Vegas close down, the Sahara Hotel's Congo Showroom is in high gear with the hilarious antics of comedy puppeteer Wayland Flowers and his outrageous characters and the dynamite singing of Miss Abbe Lane. Friday and Saturdays, Wayland and Abbe star in two big shows a night -- 8 p.m. dinner shows and 12 midnight cocktail shows. Other nights except Mondays there is a special 9 p.m. cocktail show only. Call 735 - 4242 for Congo reservations for a holiday treat.

Wayland's irreplaceable Madame is rapidly becoming one of the world's most famous puppet characters. The critics call it "pure magic" when handsome young Flowers makes her come alive. Equally magical is the way he develops total personalities for his other "friends," the

earthy and street-wise Miss Jiffy and the indomitable Crazy Mary.

Flowers truly is a unique comedy personality - the hallmark of the top professionals in his field. His philosophical mind shines through the many humorous observations of his characters. And the laughter never stops when he and his friends are on stage.

Abbe Lane is pure show business. This seasoned performer could well hold

an audience spellbound with just her fabulous singing style or her easy-going stage presence, or her gorgeous good looks. But she does all of this and more

True to her Broadway experience and style, she combines her talents with dynamic characterizations of some of her favorites -- Ruby Gonzales or a Ziegfeld star. It's a dynamic show not to be missed!

## "WHOREHOUSE" STILL PACKS 'EM IN

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," the rip-roaring, raucous musical that irreverently pokes fun at modern social morality, is delighting audiences at the Desert Inn and Country Club.

The Tony - Award winning show is loosely based on events surrounding the closing of the oldest continually operating bordello in the Lone Star State and stars June Terry as the madame and William Larsen as the sheriff.

Blues singer Jackie Teamer plays the housekeeper, and the television crusader is

portrayed by Kevin Cooney. In addition, audiences are treated to an exceptional cast of bigger-than-life Texas characters who provide just about as much fun and entertainment possible on any stage.

Musical back-up is provided by the Six Easy Pieces Band with Tony Booth as narrator and Art Yelton as leader, featuring one of Texas' outstanding fiddle players, Bob White.

Desert Inn showtimes are 8 p.m. and midnight, except Mondays. Call 733-4566 for reservations.



"GAUCHOS & GIRLS" AT MAXIM.....THE SPECTACULAR REVUE, "GAUCHOS & GIRLS." CONTINUES TO DELIGHT AUDIENCES IN THE CABARET SHOWROOM AT THE MAXIM HOTEL. SHOWTIMES FOR THIS DYNAMIC GROUP OF PERFORMERS ARE 4 AND 6 P.M. EXCEPT MONDAYS. THE SHOW STARS LOS ARGENTINES AND FEATURES THE HOT & SASSY DANCERS AND VOCALIST PEGGY WILLIAMS, ALL BACKED BY LOS AMIGOS.

KIAMESHAAKE, N.Y. (WNS) -- The new president of the United Synagogue of America, Marshall Wolke, elected to the post during the week long biennial convention here at the Concord Hotel pledged that his organization will attempt to concentrate on meeting the needs of the "now generation" to increase Jewish religious education for adults. Wolke a Chicago businessman and activist in the conservative movement for 30 years told the 2500 delegates attending the convention that this generation was those who grew up in the 60s, 70s and who are "now emerging in the Jewish arena of the 80s." He called on the Jewish community to intensify its efforts in the teaching of Judaism.

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