

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Off and away for smooth sailing in the year 5744 -- Shanah Tova...Some humor and a cause go together for KVOV's "No Talent" contest. This may keep you out of showbiz forever, which ain't bad from a critic's viewpoint, but this radio station is looking for people with chutzpah, mainly, for a shivaree during the San Gennaro Feast at the Dunes Sept. 16-25. The money goes to United Cerebral Palsy. Take your talent to the KVOV booth and watch judges recoil in horror. They are NANCY AUSTIN, BOB GOVOROV, DAVID LONDON, SANDY ZIMMERMAN, DAN ORMSBY, RICK RICHARDSON, ALLEN & RUTH HINDEN. At least the winners get free meals out of their feeble efforts...That San Gennaro feastie sports KAY STARR & SONNY KING as Grand Marshalls, with DONDINO emceeing. It's only a buck and kids under 12 are free, a family thing...Frontier Hotel's "BEYOND BELIEF" family thing to see SIEGFRIED & ROY make their zoo go poof is Friday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. show when all the pretty fems will have their torsos covered. No nudity is good nudity, sez Frontier publicist and family man JIM SEAGRAVE. In the Frontier's Wild Horse lounge look for VAN GEES, LINDA RILEY & TEXAS PLAYGIRLS, TOMMY

BELL and DON HOLIMAN through the 29th...What is cast in cement, shaped like a periscope and transduces the sweetest sounds this side of paradise? It's the Rauna loudspeaker at R.P. MILLER's AUDIO on E. Flamingo. I'm buying a pair because the price is right and the fidelity is high. My Hollywood outlet, Daily Variety, was honored by Los Angeles and the State of California on its 50th anni. MAYOR TOM BRADLEY declared Sept. 6 DAILY VARIETY DAY, which made editor TOM PRYOR kick up his heels in glee. SYD SILVERMAN (grandson of SIME SILVERMAN, founder of Variety in New York City, circa 1905) current prez/publisher, described Daily Variety thusly: "We're an independent, horizontal business publication. Or, as the Los Angeles Times has called us, 'a kind of jazzy Wall Street Journal for the entertainment industry'..."

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The non-punks and people with class are looking forward to GEORGE BENSON, arriving next Friday at Caesars Palace in its "Concert Under The Stars" on going series. GEORGE was listed as a gold record recipient last month for his LP, "In Your Eyes" and last week after at the Greek Theatre perf in L.A., Daily Variety's reviewer TEGE, wrote "Benson moved through a well paced show marked by a fine mix of familiar vocals and charged instrumentals plus introduction of some selections from his new 'In Your Eyes' album"...SOUTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL THEATRE CO. WILL PRESENT Arthur Miller's

"The Crucible" at Chaparral High School Sept. 30 through Oct. 15. Cast includes localite thespians PAUL THORNTON, CHRISTIAN FOX, HARI KIICK, GEORGIA NEU & MARLA MARTIN. Filling out the cast roster are RAY SAENZ, LARA ENGLAND, JAS GREENWOOD, ROCK VASILYEV, J. HELM-CLARK, TRACY CAMPBELL, WILL CAVANAUGH, LORENE MERVIX, COLETTE E. ROBINSON, AARON TRANBERG, EILEEN OLSON, CONSTANCE DELANEY & JEFF BARR. Tix for opening night are \$7.50 and \$5 for all other perf...JOE BERNARD's 19th Actors Showcase was presented Monday. At that acting bash JB announced that four of his students were cast in upcoming "The Rainmaker" at LAS VEGAS LITTLE THEATRE, directed by JACK BELL. The actors are IVAN REESE, JEANNE DUBUQUE, PATRICK THOMPSON & RODNEY GAPP...MARGARET ANKA messages that NEVADA DANCE THEATRE tix are going fast for the 12th season highlighted by the full-length ballet "Copelia" by LEO DELIBES, choreographed by NDT's artistic director VASSILI SULICH. Sez MARGARET, "Priced at only \$40 for three concerts, you can save 10%, have preferred seating and tickets will be mailed to your home." Call her at 739-3838 and if ANDY ANKA answers, don't hang up. He loves to talk to people...This pillar had the item months ago, now it's official. RICHARD J. BUCKLEY, JR., son of the late LORD BUCKLEY, filed a \$11 million suit for copyright infringement against singer JIMMY BUFFET over use of his dad's "God's Own Drunk" monolog...Doubt very much if SUZANNE SOMERS will return to "Bal du Moulin Rouge," after CHARO's electrifying perfs reach end of her pact in November. Hilton Toppers HENRY LEWIN & DICK LANE want CHARO to continue, but the Latin doll has a Harrah's Tahoe date for the Xmas holiday. Meanwhile SUZANNE



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HOTEL/CASINO

## "Sugar" At Union Plaza

"Sugar," the hilarious musical based on the hit movie "Some Like It Hot," opens in the main showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel on September 13.

The Maynard Sloate production can be seen twice nightly at an 8:00 p.m. dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail show.

The show, with music and lyrics by Julie Styne and Bob Merrill (who also wrote "Gypsy" and "Funny Girl," among other hits) will include a cast of new as well as familiar performers in Las Vegas.

Making her Las Vegas debut is shapely Katie LaBourdette, who will play the role originated by Marilyn Monroe in the movie.

Playing Monroe is not new to blond and captivating LaBourdette. She recently starred in the long running Los Angeles hit, "Movie Star," in which she played both Clara Bow

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