

Victor Awards Telecast Honors Sports Champions



A TRIO OF OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS help glamorize Victor Awards XVIII, which will be televised Saturday, July 28, at 8:30 P.M. on KTNV. From left, are: Scott Hamilton, winner of the figure skating competition at Sarajevo; Peggy Fleming, also a figure skating champion; and Bill Johnson, the first American to win a gold in Alpine (downhill) skiing.

The Victor Awards, a star-studded, two-hour TV special tribute to the men and women who have made the greatest contribution to sports, will be seen on KTNV in Las Vegas, at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 28.

Major sports figures in a dozen categories will be featured in the 18th edition of the Victor Awards, taped before a live audience at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

Outstanding athletes include Wayne Gretzky, of the Stanley Cup champion Edmonton Oilers; quarterback Jim Plunkett of the Super Bowl Los Angeles Raiders; former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali; boxing great Marvelous Marvin Hagler and former New York Yankee home run champ Roger Maris.

Special guests include Winter Olympics gold medalists Scott Hamilton and downhill ski racer Bill Johnson, as well as former Olympians Bill Toomey, Billy Mills, Bob Seagren and figure skater Peggy Fleming.

Top entertainers rounding out the show include Suzanne Somers, Paul Anka, Robert Goulet, Jack Jones and Jamie Farr of M*A*S*H.

The Victor Awards is sponsored by the Sportsmen's Club, a leading support group for the City of Hope National Medical Center and Research Institute, of Duarte, Calif., which conducts programs of free patient care, scientific research and medical education in the major diseases, such as cancer and leukemia. The City of Hope has a national family of support groups including the Morris Rush Chapter #1369 and the Southern Nevada Chapter #1075, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nominations for the 'Academy Awards of Sports' are made by editors of Sports Illustrated magazine, and voted upon by a national committee of sports writers, editors and broadcasters.

Israeli Soldier Missing For Two Years Is Reported Alive And Well

TEL AVIV (WNS) — An Israel Defense Force soldier missing in Lebanon was reported to be in the custody of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and will be visited soon by representatives of the International Red Cross, according to an Austrian diplomat, Herbert Amry.

The soldier, Hazi Shai, has not been heard from for two years and the IDF apparently did not know whether he was dead or alive. Amry appeared at a news conference along with IDF officials to report that he had obtained news of the POWs captured in the Lebanon war.

Amry brought the families of three soldiers held by the Palestinian terrorist group letters, personal messages and photographs he had taken with each of the POWs at their place of captivity. Along with Shai, other Israeli POWs include Nissim Salem and Yosef Grof.

Amry disclosed that the three Israelis were

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being held separately and had no contact with each other. The envoy said he did not know the locations that he was taken to for the meetings with the prisoners except that they were in or near Damascus.

The Palestinian group is headed by Ahmed Jibril.

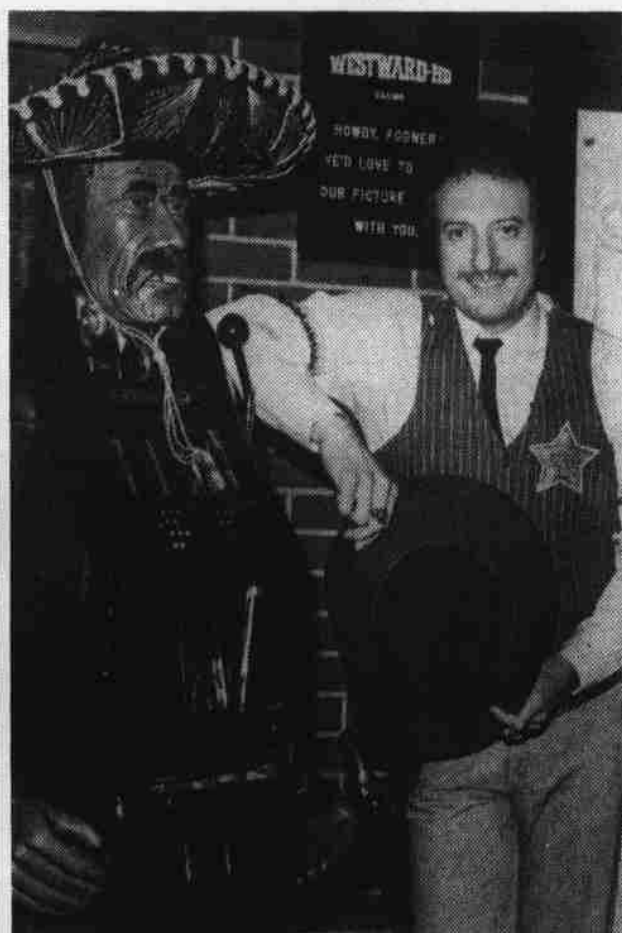
Shai was reported to be in good condition after two years in prison. He was not aware that he was the father of a two year old daughter, his wife having given birth shortly after he was posted missing in Lebanon.

Jibril's group acknowledged that Shai was their prisoner only after many months of quiet diplomacy and trips by Amry between Damascus and Tel Aviv via his legatim in Athens.

Amry said the fact that about 120 PLO men, most of them members of Jibril's group, are still held prisoner in Israel apparently decided Jibril to permit Red Cross visits and to admit that Shai was being held.



The Westward Ho's Newest Talent



Paul Delicato has sung his way into the hearts of many, and now he can be seen appearing at the Westward Ho, not only in the lounge, but also as he moseys around the casino in "deputy" attire as promotion host for July's Grubstake Jamboree. This talented performer has recorded five L.P.s and has plans to record an additional two in the near future. He's a real pleasure to see and hear, and he's only at the Westward Ho!

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