

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

The Consumer Electronics Show which ended Tuesday is one of the major events of the year for your Vegastars item collector. My particular area of attention was not the "Zoo," that crushingly commercialized spread from Convention Center Rotunda through all the huge halls and spillover into the Hilton's Pavilion and convention area. Could it be the Sahara where the XXX-adult videos and films were unspooled? (See later item about this hotspot of CEShow). No, it was the Riviera, where the high-end audio products shook floors 3 to 5 with sounds of demonstration tapes, compact disks and recordings through state-of-the-art speakers, powered by amplifiers that looked like square dreadnoughts squatting on carpets or shelves. Most impressive sound demo was from DAVID WILSON's Audio Specialties from Novato, Calif., whose \$42,000

WAMM speaker system playing his own tapes (Wilson Audiophile Definitive Recordings) revealed how exceptional analog remains despite that buzz-seller digital. Yet, despite his absolute belief in analog recording and the vinyl 12-inch records, WILSON will offer his own compact disks (analog to digital) this year. The other high-end holdouts scorning digital and those little 4 1/2 inch pitted disks played by laser beams, DOUG SAX of Sheffield Records and TAM HENDERSON of Reference Recordings have capitulated to the mainstream market and are already producing CD's. They are of superior quality, as fine as this new technique can produce in its infancy...During a brief siesta in the CEShow press room, I walked JOE BEHAR for some coffee. His info for this column covered the Community Drama Workshop, which has been JOE's driving obsession for some years. He has helped many eager young actors and in his new location at Sam's Town, Boulder Highway and Nellis Blvd., every Monday at 8 p.m., the free workshop continues in Room A on the Bowling Center Mezzanine. Community Drama Workshop, according to JOE, is involved with scenes, movies, tv and commercials. Call him or SUNDAY TODD at 458-0069...Back in town, SAN-

DY ZIMMERMAN from Dominican Republic where she, as invited guest of the government, broadcast her entire "Las Vegas Today" show on Dec. 22 to KREL-radio, Las Vegas via satellite. One of SANDY's guests was one of the original WW 2 Jewish refugees invited to settle in the D.R.'s northern city, Sosua, who told of his readjustment to farm life.

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### "Weekend With The Stars Telethon For Cerebral Palsy" To Air January 12-13

On January 12, the television event of the year will begin at 8:00 P.M. on station KVVU, Channel 5 and run for 21 continuous hours. It's the seventh annual network "Weekend With The Stars Telethon for Cerebral Palsy." Last January the show raised more than \$15 million to fund research and community services relating to the disabling condition that affects 700,000 Americans and some 10,000 newborns annually.

The program, featuring a host of television, Hollywood, Broadway and sports celebrities will be aired over 90 stations coast-to-coast. It will emanate live from Los Angeles to New York. In addition, spectacular coverage of the 1984 International Games for the Disabled will be shown featuring athletes from all over the world (57 countries): motto, "Sports through ability -- not disability." And, local cut-ins to the network local programming, co-hosted by syndicated columnist, radio and TV host Sig Sakowicz, performer Dick Wilson, and local personalities, Robin Timm and Joe

Dickey, live from the Showboat Hotel, will enable viewers to see many of the services offered by their UCP affiliate. Interviews with medical personnel and staff as well as the best in regional entertainment will also be featured.

John Ritter, star of ADC's new sitcom, "Three's A Crowd," will again anchor the Hollywood end of the telethon with Henry Winkler, while Dennis James and Florence Henderson anchor in New York. Among those who appeared on the 1984 Telethon were Diahann Carroll, Hal Linden, Nell Carter, Chad Everett, Steve Lawrence and Edyie Gorme, Tom Poston, Lee Remick, Mr. "T," Neil Sedaka, Peter Allen, Tony Orlando, Scott Baio, and Robert Goulet.

Many of these stars will be joining us again this year along with many, many more super talents from the entertainment world.

National corporations supporting this year's telethon include Coca Cola Co., the Hearst Corporation, the Thomas J. Lipton Company, Miller Brewing Company, Cir-

cle K, Avon Products, Jackie Sorensen, Aerobic Dancing, Schenley Affiliated Brands, Realty World Corp., Metromedia, and others.

Marty Pasetta, who produced four of UCP's network telethons is again at the production helm with his unique talents for turning out first-rate variety shows. Pasetta has produced and directed more than 65 Hollywood specials in the past 10 years, and is the only person to hold the Hollywood "triple crown" as producer of the Oscar, Emmy and Grammy Awards shows.

United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Nevada will be the local recipient of the funds raised. Seventy-five percent of the proceeds will remain in Southern Nevada for support of the agency's services here, with twenty-five percent allocated to the national organization for research, support of its programs and other national health services.

"We are proud to be a part of the network carrying the cerebral palsy telethon," Rusty Durante, Vice President and General Manager of KVVU TV 5 said. "In addition to top-notch talent and superb entertainment, the show presents persons with

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