

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

On Monday I had the privilege of sharing theater experience with JOE BEHAR's Community Drama Workshop actors and actresses dispensing shady tales of my past spent on-stage. I found out about BEHAR's dream. Back in 1974 he founded the Community Drama Workshop after having taught theater in Los Angeles (Hollywood) with actor and current Screen Actors Guild prez ED ASNER and director COREY ALLEN. ALLEN, incidentally is the very talented son of the CARL COHEN's, longtime residents of Las Vegas. It hasn't been easy for JOE, finding rooms and areas to pull all of the potential theater crazies together. The Workshop is now meeting in Room A of Sam's Town bowling alley mezzanine. BEHAR, having energized both young and older people into the workshop programs, continues his dream of

creating a total theater environment...RIP TAYLOR, now ripping the social fabric of attendees at the Las Vegas Hilton's "Bal du Moulin Rouge," was tossed a typical HART birthday party at HARTLAND the night before he and DEBBIE REYNOLDS opened. TONI, LARRY and GARRY HART turned back the clock to a "Fab" 1960 beach party. Easily 200 dressed-down fun-seekers played games until midnight. DEBBIE arrived with her husband, to be greeted by old friend, VERA, the designer of those many scarves, linens and satins...McGUIRE SISTERS readying for their Caesars Palace date with GEORGE BURNS Aug. 7, paged BILL REDDIE for new arrangements and updates of early faves. REDDIE has also recharted JIM NABOR's musical backstops. WALTER PAINTER, who directed and choreographed most of the Hilton's "Moulin Rouge" along with a parcel of other performers' acts, will do his thing for the McGUIRES. For their lighting, the sisters called in JOHN DE SANTIS, who blazoned the Olympic Arts Festival in Ellay, also lit up nitery acts for JULIO IGLESIAS, JULIET PROWSE & DOC SEVERINSEN. The McGUIRES, by the way, debut their new act at Harrah's, Reno, before joining young GEORGE at Caesars.

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ALBERT LUCAS, the whiz ice skater/juggler in the Hacienda's "Fire & Ice," now zooms around the rink with several honors under his belt. GUINNESS WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS named him world's finest juggler and six gold medals from International Juggling Association were presented by IJA prez BILL BARR as proof he is the best. LUCAS also is first-ever recipient of THE GRAND SLAM OF JUGGLING, having won four or more categories in last year's international competition. More Hacienda news -- DEBBIE KELLER begins her fortnight Monday singing in the Bolero lounge...CHARLIE SHAFFER, who has played his piano at the Desert Inn since 1967 (with other engagements of similar exactitude in other resorts), returns poolside every afternoon except Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Shaffer began playing piano by ear when he was only 3 years old. It didn't take him long to find out that his fingers and hands were better tools hitting the keys, which shows how smart the SHAFFER kid was...BUCK RAM has produced a new CHARLIE SHAFFER single record titled "That Thing"...At the Sahara, "Promises, Promises" director JACK BUNCH was visited by GUNTHER SCHRAMM, wife GUDRUN and son STEPHAN. The most popular gameshow host in Germany for the past 12 years, SCHRAMM has also starred in films and video... Understand that the public relations musical chairs has another shift with former Desert Inn PR guy GARRY MORRIS now sitting at desk of departed J.S. "SKIP" DINOFF at the Showboat. MORRIS left the DI for a post in the Tropicana's sales & marketing department, but higher echelon leapfrogs between Las Vegas & Atlantic City left GARRY handing out his resumes all over town...Showboat news release by the exiting SKIP DINOFF tells us that the resort's vet entertainment director JOHNNY PAUL is off to London to tape his third magic show for the BBC. "I'm going to do a disappearing act for a week," said JOLLY JOHNNY as he and plane vanished from McCarran International Airport...BILL SPINNING & LUDOVKA, the explosively sensual adagio team, are exploding and sensualizing in the Marina's "Old Burlesque '85." And, when you don't see them adorning the Marina show, look for S&L on music video MTV Basement Tapes "Tourist Trap," reeled entirely in Las Vegas.

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June is supposed to be a slow month for visitors prompting jitters and panic buttons pressed in former years. Not to be jittered or panicked, Caesars is experimenting with a fortnight of darkness in the Circus Maximus showroom. Lights go up July 2 for JOHNNY

"The Mind With The Dirty Man"

At The Union Plaza

Be on the lookout for the riotous comedy hit play, "The Mind With The Dirty Man," because it is coming to the Union Plaza Hotel very soon.

The production of this delightful show will be yours to see at an 8:00 p.m. dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail show, starting July 2.

Between now and then, the main showroom of the Union Plaza, you can see the award-winning musical sensation, "Fiddler On The Roof." The show times are the same.

"The Mind With The Dirty Man" centers around the Stone family, who lives quietly enough in the small community of Buckram, Maryland.

Well, perhaps not quiet enough. Wayne Stone is the town's protector of morals, but what soon emerges in this hilarious play is that people are loudly questioning his morals and those of his son.

You see, his son is a businessman, who wishes to slip quietly

into town for the purpose of showing pornographic films in the town's theater.

Wayne opposes his son. So, why are the townspeople yelling at Wayne?

It would be unfair to give away all the plot,

but what happens is packed into 90-minutes of non-stop hilarity.

"The Mind With The Dirty Man" is a laugh riot that you'll not want to miss when it arrives at the Union Plaza on July 2.

In the meantime, you'll not want to miss the final performances of one of the greatest musicals of the American Theater, "Fiddler On The Roof."



Now Las Vegas has a world-class spa rivaling the finest in Europe, dedicated to fitness and beauty. The marble entry, adjacent to the tennis complex, is lined with inspired oil paintings from Italy; subtle lighting creates an immediate atmosphere of charm in keeping with the Desert Inn tradition of high style. Separate facilities for men and women assure individual service by a select cadre of specialists. The Desert Inn: now the most distinguished address for health and beauty.

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Uncle John's Pancake House, 3771 S. Las Vegas Blvd., is joining in the fight against birth defects by donating one half of what they make on any full stack of pancakes through June 30.

Let freedom ring for America's babies. Participate in the 1985 Telethon, June 29-30, Alexis Park Resort Hotel.