

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

I'm joining the far-out electronic computer gee-whiz age by typing on an Olympia Startype machine. It has a mind of its own and even when fed with what I consider to be the correct orders, will respond with the venerable "finger" gesture, only electronically. For instance, I just put in the page, pressed the "insert page" key and it swallowed up the sheet then immediately disgorged it with not so much as a scornful beep. As I carefully put down these words, I'm reminded over and over of the most meaningful slogan to emerge from the computer crowd - "GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT" ... On the other hand, without any help from my computer Startyper, I was able to discover a fine young talent for LIBERACE. He performed at the piano for me several months ago next door at the PAT & HARRY COLE's (HARRY is a retired NITWIT, trumpet player and sly comic with that wonder-

fully funny group that played around town in the 70s, particularly a long engagement at the Stardust). Teenager ERIC HAMELIN revealed prodigious technique and certain sensitivity, although coming across like a mini-LIBERACE at times. Anyway, I sent a cassette off to SEYMOUR HELLER, the astute personal manager of LIBERACE and in due time the youngster was rewarded an engagement with several other pianists to play with LIBERACE in Radio City Music Hall. So impressive was ERIC in the combined pianistics of "Slaughter on 10th Avenue," that LIBERACE gave ERIC a solo and that brought down the house. Upshot of the New York RCMH date is ERIC's Las Vegas debut with LIBERACE at Caesars Palace Aug. 28 - Sept. 2, off for a night, then back for another week. He gets his breakin with the LIBERACE SHOW up at Caesars Tahoe Aug. 19 for a week...It must be admitted that WAYNE NEWTON doesn't need an audition for LIBERACE or anyone, for that matter. He's singing in his grand cavorting style at MGM Grand through Aug. 14. By the way, the airport management in cahoots with the county and maybe even the Republican National Committee, has restored WAYNE NEWTON BLVD. to the McCarran International's approach overpass. You can't miss it. Turn right on or off Paradise

Road and continue until you see a day crew with orange dayglo shirts stopping or slowing cars. Ask them where it is.

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When TANYA TUCKER & RAY STEVENS call off their country tuning, Aug. 7, JERRY LEWIS & MEL TORME move right in with comedy schpritzing and mellifluous jazz singing. You can't miss them. Turn right off or on Paradise...JIM MUIR is having his hands full as the new hotel manager of Circus Circus what with summer crowds and the new tower rising across the boul...LAS VEGAS CIVIC BALLET has dance audition workshops this month and next at Reed Whipple Cultural Center, open from age 10 to infinity with jazz, ballet, adagio, pointe work Tuesday and Fridays. Instructors are TERRY BUFFET, MICHEAL DONOVAN, DOLLY RIDERPLATT & MARK SONNENBERG. Call ELIZABETH KOESTER, Civic Ballet workshop advisor at 386-6211...Acting auditions are coming up for JONATHAN REYNOLD's funny farce, "Geniuses," to be directed by GARLAND CUNNINGHAM for Clark County Community College Theater. They begin Thursday, Aug. 8 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10-noon in the

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### Westward-Ho's "Care And Share" Recognized



The employees' Care & Share organization at the Westward-Ho was recently awarded two Certificates of Appreciation for voluntarily donating time and money to the Las Vegas Senior Nutrition Program, which includes "Meals On Wheels" among its many services. Care & Share has also helped in many other local causes, including the Special Olympics, Child Haven, and the Candle Lighters. Shown displaying the certificates are (from left) Linda Lewis, casino promotions, Sylvia Broils, supervisor-casino housekeeping and Care & Share secretary, Elaine Stiglic, committee chairperson and registered nurse in the health & safety department, and Phyllis Moulyn, housekeeper.

### English Is One of 44 Languages Spoken By Staff At Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino

If a sign was posted with his reservations, in the "window" of the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino to announce traveler's needs, an employee can be found to translate for him in: Arabic, Armenian, Belgian, Cambodian, Cantonese, Chinese, Czech, Dutch, Filip-

pino, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Indian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Macedonian, Malaysian, Mandarin, Moroccan, Native Indian, Norwegian, Pakistani, Persian, Polish, Polynesian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Sign Language, Spanish, Swedish, Taiwanese, Thai, Turkish, Ukranian, Vietnamese, Yiddish, and Yugoslavian.

The list of multi-lingual employees is continually updated by Kris Engelstad, Administrative Assistant. So if a guest wants directions to the Grand Canyon, but can only understand Armenian, advertising secretary Rose Eurdekian will be glad to help, and if a guest wants to change his flight reservations, but only speaks Ukranian, maid Stella Searight will be called for assistance.

"With so many international travelers adding Las Vegas to their itineraries," says Ed Crispell, Executive Director of Hotel Operations, "it is necessary for a major hotel to be able to conduct business in many languages. We've discovered our employees are a valuable resource in that area."