

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

One of the great services provided to the community and comedians in general when I was writing a column for the Review-Journal, was to revive the marvelous "Frick & Frack," spied for years on our stages by the late, very funny JERRY COLLINS. His routines inspires a yet to be written "Muck & Mire" hoot about the politics of Fall 1986. Included in the routine would be the heroic attempts by my friend and personal barrister ROY WOOFER to surmount money roadblocks and problems created by the GOP in behalf of their brightly-painted shining toy, BRIAN MCKAY. The Democrats haven't helped WOOFER in his quest for the Attorney General's office a great deal. A mailer sent out by the state Demos from the office on East Sahara, an absentee ballot request had this message on the back: "Your statewide Democratic candidates will appreciate your vote and support. HARRY REID, U.S. Senate, RICHARD BRYAN, Governor, BOB MILLER, Lt. Governor." No mention of ROY WOOFER, Attorney General, in that neat package deal. Shame on the Demos for ignoring ROY, after it was their early persuasion and vast promises of help to, in the end, let him swim alone upstream...And now, on to more

honorable items. MITZI SHORE, who opened immense vistas for comedians in our town when she bravely brought her Comedy Store to the Dunes several years ago and succeeded mightily over adversity, is on the brink of signing a pact with CBS for a weekly Comedy Store show, every Saturday night, 8-9 o'clock, live from the home base on the Sunset Strip. Most of the comedians to be spotlighted will be known to Las Vegans. Audiences and comedians alike always have a laughing good time at the Dunes...WILLIAM MADARA has kindly sent tickets for this season's galaxy of artists and orchestras appearing in their COMMUNITY CONCERTS. This is the 50th anni for SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION with MADARA as president. The opening event for SNCCA in UNLV's Ham Hall is SPANISH LUTE ORCHESTRA OF MADRID, next Thursday, Nov. 6...I like the slogan GIVE YOUR HEARTS TO ALLIED ARTS -- HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.



BITS & PIECES -- Daily Variety's headline on JOAN RIVERS goopy debut three weeks ago tells it all: "Rivers' Ratings Debut is Solid But Second Best." I thought she was insufferably nice, completely out of character for MADAME NASTY on her opening Channel 5 shot and subsequent shows...Old pal BILLY DANIELS took his "Black Magic Revue" to the newly opened Bravo Theater at La Costa and is still singing and cavorting up a storm...Another old pal, BRIGHAM

TOWNSEND, the community's top newspaper columnist 40 years ago, first talkshow host, lyric writer with songwriter MATT DENNIS, publicist for GENE AUTRY and TOMMY HULL (who started the Strip with his El Rancho Vegas Hotel in 1941) and bon vivant, would be interested to know about the revival of the late TOMMY HULL's Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Longtimers here remember BRIG's courtesy to traveling Vegans visiting Hollywood, when Mr. T would put them up for free at the Roosevelt. Later he was in public relations department for the Tropicana, but was shunned by the International's ALEX SHOOFY after BARON HILTON invited him to join the new group taking over KIRK KERKORIAN's monolith on Paradise Road. What ever happened to SHOOFY? (don't tell me). TOWNSEND celebrated his 79th birthday on October 15 and is now an ambulatory guest of the Charleston Hotel on West Charleston Blvd. across the boul from the University Medical Center...So what has KENNY ROGERS been up to lately besides selling his properties and making more millions? Here's the scoop -- he's got eyes on Hawaii where he and a fella named DAVID MURDOCH are bigshot real estate developers developing (ruining?) the island of Lanai. Already ROGERS and partner are breaking ground for a 250-room hotel, 100 room lodge and a mess of condos. Didn't say whether KENNY would put in a showroom so he could rival DON HO on the shores of Waikiki...Hope that STEVE WYNN, who holds the patent on KENNY ROGERS, doesn't name his new hotel on the Strip BOMBAY. That is too reminiscent of World War II when a bomb

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### TV Host Steve Edwards On Location For 'Hollywood Close-Up' Follows 'Legends In Concert' Marilyn Monroe To The Imperial Palace...



Television host, Steve Edwards, is on location for the Imperial Palace's "Hollywood Close-Up" show as the most talented and legendary superstars in the world's biggest talent show, "On Stage."

Edwards is now hosting "Hollywood Close-Up," a feature segment on "Legends In Concert" with Susan Griffiths, who introduced their baby white dress in the show, was in the show, Edwards commended what you'll see in Las Vegas. Marilyn Monroe made her appearance she passed by, "I think she's going." That's where she is going. That's his crew to the Imperial Palace where the "Beatles," portman, Louie Colucci, Richi re-created the "Beatles" as they stepped out of a white front of the Imperial Palace.

Inside the Imperial Palace, Edwards' crew taped segment "Legends In Concert," voted 1985 "Show of the Year." He concluded their segment with an interview with Jonathon creates Elvis Presley live "Legends" at 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.

When you see "Legend" rated PG -- Perfectly Great -- treated to live re-creations of Williams, Buddy Holly, and Swan in addition to Elvis and the Beatles.

"Pavarotti at Julliard" featured movie at a get-acquainted by the Las Vegas Symphony opening week festivities of the symphony's seventh season.

Held on Friday, November 7, 1986, UNLV's Wright Hall, Room 100 and open to the public. For more information call 3420.