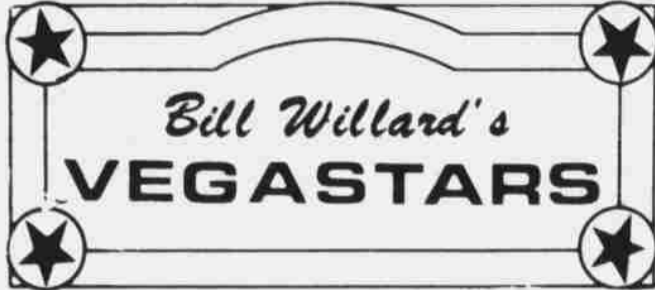


LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



SAM KINISON, one of MITZI SHORE's prize comedians who emerged from her Sunset Strip Comedy Store to international attention, has sparked a controversy. The screaming weirdo has a new Warner Bros. comedy album "Have You Seen Me Lately?" that contains his wild treatise on AIDS, which is causing a ruckus. Warner Bros. not only pastes two stickers on the cover, one a parental-guidance warning and the other a disclaimer, but inserts an "AIDS education and prevention guidelines" brochure alongside the disk...Meanwhile frantic Warner executives and AIDS people were trying to reach SAM, not knowing that he is possibly cuddling with JESSICA HAHN. The pair has teamed for a MTV titled "Wild Thing"...Those with social and political consciousness salute rock singer JACKSON BROWNE, who lives and tours to benefit causes. He founded the anti-nuke Musicians United for Safe Energy (MUSE), supports American Indian and homeless rights, actively opposes U.S. policy in Central America and appeared on the 1986 Amnesty International concert. So cheers to JACKSON and jeers to the L.V. Review-Journal for its Nov. 9 editorial, a vicious diatribe filled with lies about the Contra situation headlined "Reid and friends should aid

Contras." Definitely no aid, no war, return the mercenary "freedom fighters" to their caves back in the U.S...Over \$4 billion has been spent in the Afghan war with the C.I.A. thugs (including a U.S. Congressman from Texas) in that benighted drug-centered area. Take that amount and add the \$4 billion for the Texas pork barrel atom smasher and aid the homeless, do something to help our disadvantaged for a change...ROSEANNE BARR, another Comedy Store grad, is rated no. 2 after "The Cosby Show" for her "Roseanne" TV series. Frankly, I have been disappointed with the so-called "hit of the season" so far. ROSEANNE can do much better.



The prez-elect stole CLINT EASTWOOD's line "Read my lips" from CLINT's Dirty Harry movie character. But CLINT has redeemed himself with "Bird," the film about jazz saxist CHARLIE PARKER, premiering Thursday (17) sponsored by ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL and SYUFY THEATERS... Note from JIM HALSEY, whose talent agency handles a multitude of country stars, lauding RONNIE MILSAP at the Desert Inn through next Saturday: "In this fickle world of show business, there are some values that remain true year in and year out." He also wrote that he and his wife, MINISSA, exhibited their Indian art collection at the Tennessee State Museum Sept. 26-Oct. 23. MINISSA is a fine artist, painting and drawing Indian subjects...The recent CHARLES VANDA MASTER SERIES concert of the State Symphony Orchestra of the U.S.S.R. from Moscow was an occasion of

magnificent instrumental largesse from every section performing SCRIBAN's "Symphony No. 2" and RACHMANINOFF's "Symphony No. 1" in UNLV's Ham Hall. Conductor MARK ERMILER had authority on the podium and responded to the standing ovation after the RACHMANINOFF with two beauts from TCHAIKOVSKY's "Nutcracker Suite" as a delicious topper.



On Tuesday of this week, poet/UNLV prof WILBUR STEVENS read some gems from his new collection "The World is Going to End Up in Burma" in Allied Arts Gallery. WILBUR takes a sabbatical in January to cruise through Europe working on more verse...Maybe, just maybe I can get away long enough to sky to New York and see ROBIN WILLIAMS & STEVE MARTIN in MIKE NICHOLS production of SAMUEL BECKETT's "Waiting for Godot" at Mitzi Newhouse Theater in Lincoln Center. VARIETY's drama critic, RICHARD HUMMLER, says "Enormous demand has smacked into a stone wall of supply for this 'Godot,' in for just seven weeks"...Speaking of and for Indians, PHILIP S. DELORIA lectures Thursday (17) on "Contemporary Politics and Policy: The Native American Dilemma" in Clark County Community Library, 6 pm, admission free. DELORIA is director of American Indian Law Centre in Albuquerque and his talk is one of CCCC's Ethnic Voices series presented by CCCC and NEVADA HUMANITIES COMMITTEE...And on the other side of the artistic coin, GAIN's CLASSIC JACKPOT DOG OBEDIENCE SHOW is being held at the Hacienda Hotel Friday through Sunday. Only if

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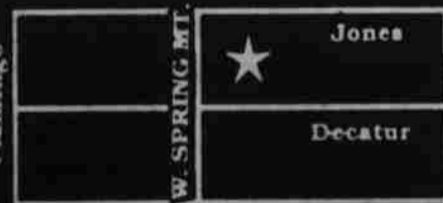
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