

# Vegas Scene

## By Joe Behar

JERRY SCHAFER, writer/director of last year's box office hit movie called "Fists Of Steel" which was filmed entirely in Hawaii, spoke to the students of the Community Drama Workshop. Scores of serious drama students asked questions and learned, first hand, about the film industry. Yours truly, Joe Behar, director of CDW casted in that movie and his character was Admiral Hooker... comic DAVE SWAN looking for a new show... veteran local actor JERRY CLEARLY recently died. He was a talented and dedicated actor and will be missed...actor MEL GIBSON and MERV GRIFFIN looking for a home in Vegas...musician/actor NED KACHER looks and acts so much like SID CAESAR his friends are telling him to put an act together... 3 of the nicest guys in town: Judge DELL GUY, ART LURIE and LOU TABAT...the old FARMER'S MARKET in Commercial Center will re-open as the new JACKSON'S CELEBRITY PLAZA. That's Michael Jackson's father...comic ROBERT ALLEN at the Improv, also he is developing into a comedy star in Reno...lovely and talented CHRIS O'ROURKE just married LYNN GUTHRIE in Carmel, Calif...also JACK LONDON P.R. ace recently got married...TOM LETIZIA and FRED LEWIS doing a great deal of community service work...GEORGE "GOOBER" LINDSEY being considered for a major T.V. comedy role...MEL LARSON at Circus Circus also has a pink Cadillac and Helicopter...actress VICKIE SUTTON pops out of a cake then goes to L.A. for auditions...DAN SAMPLE who wrote and is currently directing his film "Ex-Cop" has comic SANDY HACKETT playing the heavy. Also in the film are: NELLO BOTTARI, DICK CORNELL and ALICIA VELGOS...if you are on a special diet or a diabetic the best place to shop is the LE DIETS, ETC on Maryland Pkwy, next to the Elephant Bar...talented FRANCINE SMITH will direct "I Can Get It For You Wholesale" starting Aug. 6th, at Temple Beth Shalom...OSCAR HINES has a weekly comedy showcase Sundays at the Continental Hotel starting at 2 p.m....HENRI LEWIN, CEO at the Sands Hotel, opens a new Deli which is attracting many of the locals...popular optometrist DR. HARVEY OHRINER opens his 5th office in Laughlin...one of the best places to go in town is CATCH A RISING STAR at Bally's...one of the nicest CEO's in town is JACK SPEELMAN at the Dunes Hotel...next production at the Community College will be "The Boys Next Door" directed by KATHRYN SANDY O'BRIEN...hypnotist MARSHALL SYLVER scored a big ten at the Riviera Hotel...handsome

## Howie Katchen Known As "The Wizzard" Combines Dancing And Acting At The Community Drama Workshop



Howie Katchen "The Wizzard" dancing with the ladies.

One of the best ballroom dancers in the country, Howie Katchen, who recently introduced a new, revolutionary dance called "The Wizzard" to the Las Vegas community will be also teaching students of the Community Drama Workshop on how to incorporate dance into their acting techniques.

CDW meets every Monday night at Sam's Town at 8 p.m. and the class is free. The drama workshop has been in Las Vegas for the past 17 years and is a non-profit organization.

Founder/director of the group Joe Behar says that if you are interested in film, commercials, print work or just improving your cold reading skills its time to visit the free class on Monday nights and meet many interesting and exciting people.

For more information please call Behar at 457-0234.

and elusive CRAIG WILLIAMS was recently promoted to Director of Promotions at KOMP RADIO... ART and SHIRLEY GELLIN are appearing in the film "Kill Me Again". The film will be released nationwide in Oct...new talented faces in town: MICHAEL POVSHER, JIM OLSON, CELESTE PURDY, TAMARA HOLCOMB and BARRY ARINGTON...actor DARRAL WAYNE showcased his talented students last week and it was very impressive...Calif. State University will be coming to Las Vegas soon to shoot a film called "Queen of Diamonds" directed by NINA MENKES and Community Drama Workshop will be assisting in the film.

"Most of us spend a lot of time dreaming of the future, never realizing a little arrives each day."

## Another Silver City Winner



LAS VEGAS — MINIMANIA! It didn't take newlyweds Don & Donna Nicholas long to rack up \$12,966.44 playing Quartermania at the Silver City Casino. In fact, the happy couple made the score in less than five minutes on their first ten dollar investment. Don, a Silver City regular, has been stationed in Las Vegas for three years at Nellis Air Force Base. His pretty bride Donna teaches intellectually handicapped students at Variety School. Silver City slot shift manager Amanullah Naqshband (left) is shown presenting the winnings. While the Nicholas family had no immediate plans for the money, Don smiled, "I'll be back to Silver City for the great service and friendly employees!" You'd be smiling too.

KENDALL PARK, N.J. (JTA) — Elderly persons and their families often live hundreds of miles apart. In an effort to bridge that distance, the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies has established a national information and referral service, the Elder Support Network.

The purpose of the network is to make the resources of local Jewish Family Services available to members of the Jewish community seeking help in distant cities for frail, isolated, physically or emotionally impaired elderly people who live alone. To reach the Elder Support Network, dial 1-800-634-7654.

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