

**Bill Willard's  
VEGASTARS**

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passionate understanding, counseling and financial assistance to persons who are, or have been, professional singers. Chairman of the Board of SOS is — who else — FRANK SINATRA. "Despite all the media hype," JOE WILLIAMS' letter sez, "Not all singers earned vast sums from their recordings"...This week at the Riviera Improv, SANDY HACKETT is one of the laugh-mongers, along with ROGER PELTZ, TOM MARTIN and that imperturbable jokester JOEY VILLA...NEW WEST STAGE COMPANY will conduct open auditions for LEE BLESSING's drama, "A Walk In The Woods," with R. SCOTT PHILLIPS directing Sat. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. at Clark County Community College Theatre, Room 1201. Parts are available for two males, ages 28-60. Same day, same place, director BRIAN STROM looks over hopefuls auditioning for ATHOL FUGARD's drama "A Lesson from Aloes." Parts are ready for one male and one female Caucasian, one male Black, ages 30-55. As in all auditions, a one to two minute dramatic monolog is necessary, plus resume and photo...So what's happening at The Mirage in entertainment other than SIEGFRIED & ROY opening Dec. 26? For another pactee there's SANTA FE for New Year's Eve...DARCUS SPEED, who began her Las Vegas career a few years ago at the Dunes in "Dream Street," has emerged as one of the better pop singers in our midst, exciting and provocative. She's in the Aladdin's Sinbad Lounge through Dec. 3.

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**U.S. Still Stands With Israel,  
Reagan Tells AJCommittee Leaders**

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Former President Ronald Reagan pledged recently that America will stand at Israel's side during Middle East peace negotiations. He also expressed his revulsion of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States.

"This nation is committed to Israel's security. We must never do anything to jeopardize that," Reagan said. "The peace process between Israel and her neighbors is foreign policy to us. But for the people of Israel, it's a matter of survival."

The former president made his remarks at a dinner after accepting the American Liberties Medallion, the highest award bestowed by the American Jewish Committee. The organization's National Executive Council concluded its five-day meeting here recently.

In the award citation, the group stressed Reagan's support of Israel during his administration, his commitment to freedom for Soviet Jewry and his efforts on behalf of Ethio-

pian Jews. Touching on domestic concerns, Reagan said, "I share with you the deepest revulsion to some of the recent episodes of anti-Semitism (directed) at synagogues, on college campuses and at your very homes."

"When one man or woman is attacked, we are all at risk," he said.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, made their appearance shortly after returning from Japan and braving considerable criticism in the American news media for accepting a \$2 million fee from the Japanese corporation sponsoring their tour.

**The Lady's A "Champ?"  
At The Riviera**



Las Vegas critics agree that superstar Liza Minnelli is a "champ" who never disappoints her audiences. Seen here on stage at the Riviera Hotel & Casino a year ago, during her first engagement at the resort in seven years, the bright-eyed gamine will return to the Rivier's Versailles Theatre Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Showtimes are 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30; 8 and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2; and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Reservations can be made by calling (702) 794-9301.

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