

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

PIA ZADORA signed an agreement with Universal for "Eagle in the Sky" from the gripping WILBUR SMITH yarn, in which she'll portray the blind Israeli novelist. PIA's current Par Par Production role in "Fake Out," with DESI ARNAZ, JR. and TELLY SAVALAS, is surrounded by a parcel of local actors placed by JAKI BASKOW & ASSOCIATES. NOELLE NELSON grabbed a feature part. "Fake Out" principals and crew are headquartered at MESH-ULAM RIKLIS' Riviera (He also owns Par Par and PIA), where the first craps championship will roll May 11 for \$65,000 first prize. Friday is circled for opening of Helldorado centered around Convention Center. Saturday Strip wanderers will gander the beauty parade and kiyipees will whoop it up for opening events of the rodeo in the Rotunda...Hoover Dam is now an official landmark. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, wife ELEANOR & entourage trained via Union Pacific from L.V. to the dam for dedication 46 years ago. A new FM station hit the air last week, KUNV, emanating from UNLV, on from noon to midnight broadcasting jazz, classic rock, classical serious music, rhythm & blues and weekly Spanish program....GRACE HAYES ailing at Sunrise Hospital.

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DOLLY PARTON rests a couple of days after wrapping her Riv week Wednesday, then readies her opening at Resorts International later in May. ...CAPTAIN & TENNILLE slated for Aladdin

Bagdad start Thursday. Chinese Magic Circus of Taiwan tumbles into the Theatre for the Performing Arts Saturday & Sunday...OAK RIDGE BOYS play with DOTTIE WEST for only a week at the Frontier, followed by the patched up ROY CLARK now riding four - wheelers instead of cantankerous four - leggers which toss and injure him....KELLY MONTEITH, who pattered his comedics at the Frontier in late April, makes a fast turnaround to the Aladdin for co-headlining slot with CAPTAIN & TENNILLE. He's been huddling with JIM MOIR, producer/director of the award - winning "Kelly Monteith" BBB-II vidseries, in town from Blighty to gander scripts KELLY has originated for his third - year telly exposure in the Isles.

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NEIL SEDAKA & NORM CROSBY tandem for a Hilton week Tuesday to be brushed aside by ENGELBERT & STEWIE STONE for their fortnight....CELENE BRETT joined WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL from some kinetic vocals in the Mint's Merrimint Lounge....JIM STAFFORD will break in his new Vegas act at Harrah's Tahoe during his week around the deep blue pond during the July 4th holidays. Good jazz arrives Tuesday at the Sahara Casbar with BUDDY DE FRANCO and TERRY GIBBS, alternating with an act named ROBIN & SPUTZY. On the subject of jazz, Las Vegas Jazz Society's prez MONK MONTGOMERY married former nurse, now with Neiman - Marcus at the Fashion Show, an early celebration of May as jazz month. There'll be 37 free concerts throughout the valley... "Sharti Lach Artiz," a musical from Israel highlights a fest saluting Israel Independence Day at Convention Center Sunday aft. "A Chorus Line" tripped its famed "one" outa town with last Saturday's perf as "Annie" waits in the wings for May 12 curtain - up...JERRY LEWIS will be working hardily with MEL TORME dinner shows at the Sahara as GEORGE CARLIN & JENEANE MARIE with the SAHARA GIRLS take midnights for a week.

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ONE DOLLAR, ONE PULL, ONE HAPPY LADY



ONE DOLLAR, ONE PULL, ONE HAPPY LADY - PATSY MANKINS (PICTURED RIGHT) OF CALIFORNIA RECEIVES A CHECK FOR \$5,000 AFTER TAKING ONE LITTLE OLE' DOLLAR ON HER NUMBER ONE LITTLE OLE' VISIT TO LAS VEGAS AND HITTING 7777 ON THE DUNES BIG BERTHA SLOT MACHINE. ALAN GACK, DUNES ACTING GENERAL MANAGER (PICTURED LEFT) IS SEEN PRESENTING THE CHECK TO MS. MANKINS.

UNLV's film fest this week unspools "The Yakuza," "Dersu Uzala (The Hunter)" and "Being There" all free for public viewing... STEVE & STEVE off to Canada for eight weeks with their Treasury lounge space filled by VINITO & KNOX.....FRANK PETRELLI was ushered into casino manager's job at the Marina by g.m. BOB BROOKER. PETRELLI has worked all over Nevada in Casinos....For the first time in years, KENNY ROGERS will not head up the Vegas/Riviera Celebrity Softball Classic at UNLV diamond May 31. Confirmed stars to date are JOAN RIVERS, RON HOWARD, BO HOPKINS, HUDSON BROS., BRODIE GREER, SHARON FARRELL and TOM BOSLEY. Show biz celeb will go up against local media to benefit Nevada Special Olympics.

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GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE MAY 10

Once again a little bit of Greece comes to the Sahara Hotel as the Ninth Annual Greek Food Festival, benefitting St. John Greek Orthodox Church, takes place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The Festival has grown to become one of the most colorful and festive local events of the year. Greek music, traditional costumes and dancing, superb Greek food, and the happy smiling faces of hundreds of locals and visitors will all be in evidence this Mother's Day as the Sahara's mammoth Space Center is turned into a huge Greek bazaar.

On this day, everyone is proclaimed an honorary Greek.

Admission to this year's Greek Food Festival is \$2 for adults with children under 12 years old admitted free. A special coupon book is currently available for only \$5.00 which includes the \$2.00 admission plus a \$3.00 food purchase, a glass of Greek wine valued at \$1.50 and two pastries, valued at \$1.50 for a total of \$7.50 in discounts. These coupon books are available on a limited basis by calling either 382 - 2750 or 737 - 1824. They will not be sold the day of the Festival.

Superb seafood selections from the Seven Seas *Dome of the Sea* 'Seascapes in Music' featuring Kippy Lou, Mermaid harpist

The finest in Continental Dining *Sultan's Table* featuring Arturo Romero's Magic Violins

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