

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

LORETTA SWIT eased into town last week for her contribution to the videotaping of EMMETT KELLY JR.'s "Circus Vegas," crooning on camera to the famous clown, "Look at That Face and Smile." ANTHONY NEWLEY, for his ringmaster chore in the spec at Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, was presented a silver whistle signifying "honorary ringmaster for life".... NEWLEY, by the way, has penned a play, "Wizard of Greedy City," and on the frontspice of the script is this inscription, "Dedicated to Berri Lee and every other lounge act." BERRI LEE, long a fixture in the Hacienda's icers, is hoping to play a lounge character in the production...Only a few more days to catch the vocaressing of LORETTA HOLLOWAY at Top O' the Dunes. She closes on the 18th.. Award winning CAROL CONNORS, songwriter who recently clefted the title song for PIA ZADORA'S "Butterfly," zoomed in from Ellay to catch PIA and RODNEY DANGERFIELD. A clip from the film which also stars STACY KEACH, is featured in PIA's act with ORSON WELLES stealing a hilarious courtroom scene as a kinky judge. I saw the "Butterfly" preview a few months ago and will predict that PIA is slated for plenty of attention when the film is shown late this fall. The ZADORA ambience is steamy sex in the film and now comes a contributing editor to the "MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW." She is DR. KAREN SHANOR, one of the nation's leading authors and lecturers

on modern human sexuality. We'll get her to explain PIA ZADORA.... Away from the physical to the spiritual uplift. SANDOR SALGO will be celebrating his 26th anni as music director and conductor of the Carmel Bach Festival. The big work to be performed during the 44th season July 17 through August 2, is the "St. Matthew Passion" by Bach, which happens to be my favorite in all of music. See you in Carmel.... Allied Arts Council has sent out its \$75 invites to DONN ARDEN'S "Jubilee" to benefit their arts programs on the 28th in MGM Grand's Ziegfeld Theatre. It's semi - formal, whatever that may be in this town. All the fast - talking auctioneers will be in town on the 30th at the Hilton for National Auctioneers Association Convention. They're auctioning everything from cheese to statues.

Silverbird sale contract was signed over two weeks ago by a California - Hawaii trio, but Mel Close, executor of the Major Riddle estate said no deposit was made and that deal for the resort, one of 40, collapsed. Meanwhile the resort will pay a penalty to state Gaming Control Board for payment of slot tax a month late. It wasn't Pan-Am nor FRANK SINATRA dealing for the Dunes, but a mysterious Oriental millionaire from Southeast Asia with two casinos there. Mysterious?

Caesars Palace, of which SINATRA is an exec fixture, is heading for more big box in September and October. The LEONARD-HEARNS fight on Sept 16 is being touted like the ALI-HOLMES event which brought \$150,000,000 to Vegas last October and \$29,000,000 casino win for CP and the Grand Prix Oct. 17, another world-class draw. This GP, by the way, ties up 75 acres leased from Summa Corp. adjacent to Caesars for a year with no runs on the

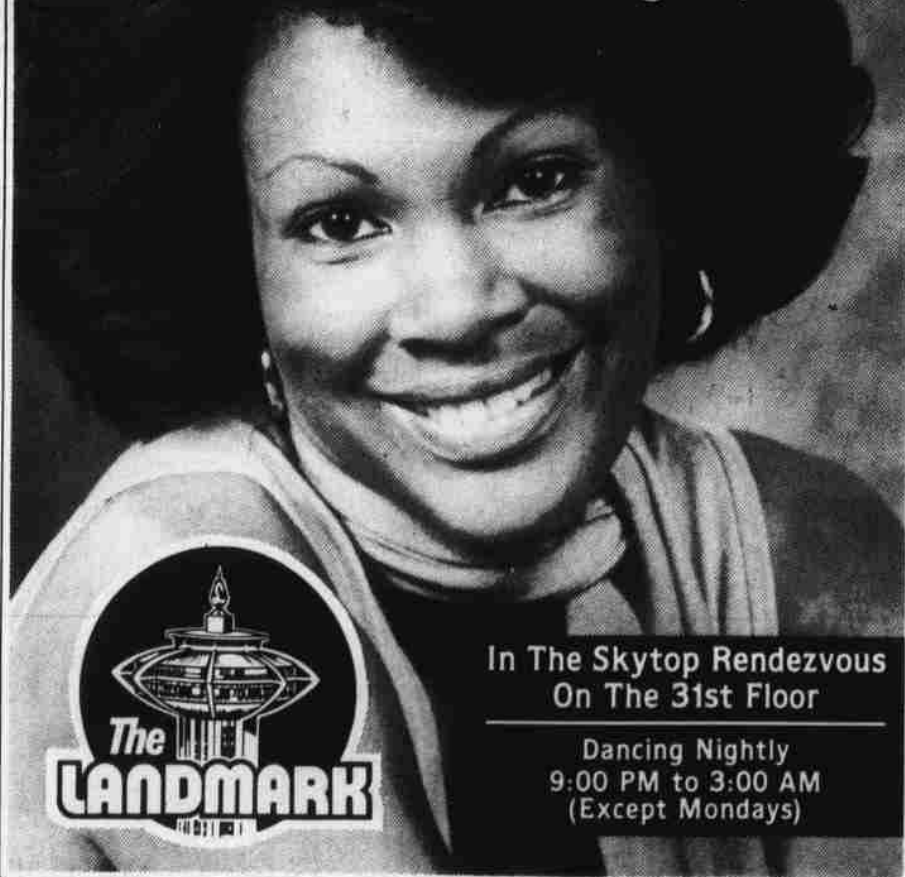
course of any kind until the '82 v-varoomer... WAYNE NEWTON'S tripple play next year will include his own Aladdin, plus MGM and Caesars along with some pix with JERRY WEINTRAUB dealing. WAYNE admitted to the Boardwalk crowd in Atlantic City he is interested in an existing hotel - casino there, didn't say which one.

Lonesome GEORGE GOBEL joined RONNIE MILSAP at the Aladdin where he'll do his schtick until the 22nd when LOLA FALANA returns bearing JOAN RIVERS.... PAUL ANKA, who lives in Carmel, takes on Caesars Thursday for two... BOBBY GOLDSBORO is GLEN CAMPBELL'S choice for working partner at the Frontier opening Thursday for a week with TAMMY WYNETTE on tap... The DOLLY PARTON bow - out at the Riviera brings back "Butterfly" PIA ZADORA and SHECKY GREENE for a couple of nights, then RODNEY DANGERFIELD fills out the frame until SHIRLEY MACLAINE & DAVID BRENNER share the surround through Aug. 5.

DAVID COPPERFIELD, now at the Hilton with BILL COSBY, has next exposure in town with CRYSTAL GALE at MGM Grand Sept. 3-9. This large - scale illusionisstuff may be the coming trend for big production shows in town. SIEGFRIED & ROY will be moving next door from the Stardust to the Frontier in November for their "Beyond Belief" opus. Along comes "Beyond Magic," already taking our full page ads in local dailies hyping "Star Wars eat your heart out," under aegis of JEFF RODEUGEN starring RANDEL & DAWN with 24 channel sensurround but no venue listed. No secret-- it's supposed to go into the Dunes a month before "Beyond Belief." Rumor that the Hilton was considering a lavish hocus - pocus extravaganza was not verified. Eminent character actor ART ENGLER ends 22 years as part owner of Associated Booking (ABC) on July 17 with resignation and forming of his own talent agency, ART ENGLER, INC.... DOC SEVERINSEN, midniting in the Sahara Congo Room avec FLIP WILSON,

SHE'S BACK!

Edie Aikels
Song Stylist



In The Skytop Rendezvous
On The 31st Floor

Dancing Nightly
9:00 PM to 3:00 AM
(Except Mondays)



"MISTRESS" ON CALL AT THE PLAZA

June Wilkinson is the talk of the town.

One reason, of course, are her obvious assets. Wilkinson is blonde, beautiful and bosomy. But there's more to Wilkinson than just what nature gave her, and the brains behind all that beauty is another reason why Las Vegas audiences are flocking into the showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel, where Wilkinson plays a most unconventional lover in J. J. Coyle's delightful "The Ninety Day Mistress."

"The Ninety Day Mistress," the story of a woman's most unusual theory about romance and how one man turns it upside down, plays nightly to an 8 p.m. dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail audience.

Wilkinson began her career at the tender age of 12 in her native England where she appeared in numerous prestigious West End Theaters. Success seemed promised from the start.

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

Dancing Entertainment 24th Floor

Top O' the Dunes

3 Shows Nightly Continuous Entertainment

An Irish Extravaganza 2 Shows Nightly

From Ireland with Love

Starring Red Hurley Karen Stanton

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