

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Everybody's friend, EDDIE PEDDIE, entertainment chief of DON LAUGHLIN'S Riverside Hotel-Casino in Laughlin, sent along info about "Laughlin Founder Days" July 28-Aug. 2. "We will have school bands from across the river, Bullhead City, Kingman and Havasu," typed EDDIE, "also a beauty pageant, tube racing up the Colorado River. Junior fishing derby for the kids. Macho Man Contest (I might get in on this one). Exhibition: Bare foot skiing, Barbecue. All the casinos (7) are involved, so it looks like our first "LAUGHLIN FOUNDER DAYS" will be a success." EDDIE adds, "All the casinos will be selling a Bottomless Cup for \$5.00 and during the celebration with this cup you can go to any Laughlin casino and have it filled with any drink or beer for \$.25." This was written before the flooding, which means that some of the water sports may be curtailed per Coast guard, Bureau of Rec. rulings...Irony: theme for Laughlin Founder Days is "Life On The River." Maybe it should star that famous vaude team of WATT & BROADBENT, whose pixilating routine ends with the song, "Let 'em Eat Water"...Laughlin Founder Days could be good ole uproarious fun, but what I would enjoy to the fullest would be taking in the Bach Festival in Carmel, Calif., where the major work is "Passion According to St. John," with SANDOR SALGO conducting or-

chestra & chorus at the Sunset Center Theatre July 16, 23 and 31....GARRY SHANDLING, who comedies with DONNA SUMMER at MGM Grand July 21-24 is a comedy scribbler ("Welcome Back Kotter," "Sanford & Son,") but decided in '78 to take the mike and spout his own funnies. It was in March '81 he appeared on the "Tonight Show" and JOHNNY CARSON beamed upon GARRY with this accolade, "It's wonderful to see new talent with such fresh and bright material. You'll be hearing a lot about GARRY SHANDLING"...

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The SIEGFRIED & ROY party July 6-7, tossed by IRVING & KENNETH FELD, plus SUMMA CORP., was worth all of the estimated \$25,000 cost. It brought in perhaps 100 media guys &

"What The Butler Saw" At U.P.

What are those two attractive people doing behind that curtain in the psychiatrist's office?

That is just one of the many questions that you will want answered in the hilarious farce "What The Butler Saw," now playing in the main showroom of the newly expanded Union Plaza Hotel.

The Maynard Sloate production can be seen twice nightly at an 8 p.m. dinner and an

11 p.m. cocktail show.

"What The Butler Saw," a major hit from London, is a comic masterpiece by the renown author Joe Orton. It is a frenzied lampooning of psychiatrists, sexuality, authority, and the facade of propriety erected by society.

The non-stop action takes place in the office of psychiatrist Dr. Prentice. His wife, played by the voluptuous June Wilkinson, is, among other things, an alcoholic nymphomaniac, who has just been assaulted in a hotel linen closet by a bellhop.

She is being blackmailed by this bellhop, and you'd think all she has to do is tell her husband, a very proper professional man. No such luck. When she arrives at his office, he is too busy, frantically trying to hide a semi-nude young job applicant.

Playing the role of Dr. Prentice is veteran actor Bernard Fox, who has starred in films and as Dr. Bombay on the television series "Bewitched."

June Wilkinson has enjoyed many starring roles in previous Union Plaza Hotel productions, and she is considered one of the most successful of all actresses playing dinner theaters.

So, there is much zany happenings in that psychiatrist's office, and especially behind that curtain, and you'll be laughing out loud once you find out "What The Butler Saw."

gals from across the U.S. to see the pair in action in "Beyond Belief" at the Frontier, visit the posh S&R apartment backstage where some of the big cats were there to be lensed & photo'd with S&R, then to the "Jungle Palace in the Desert," the S&R manse and compound on Vegas Drive & Valley for a close look at all of the animals, lunch on the lawn, tour of the magnificent home and getting news about S&R contract extension for another two years making them highest paid entertainers in Vegas, plus seeing a trio of the cutest white tiger cubs in existence, with blue eyes yet! GOV. RICHARD BRYAN even made July 6 SIEGFRIED & ROY DAY throughout Nevada in honor of the party and VIP visitors...The FELDS are known as "America's foremost impresarios of family entertainment" because of their record as producers of such shows as "Beyond Belief," "Holiday on Ice," "Walt Disney's World on Ice" and the Broadway hit, Barnum" and the greatest circus in the world, RINGLING BROTHERS AND BARNUM & BAILEY...Also plaudits to BERNIE YUMAN, personal manager of S&R for his adroit handling of the press...

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Word from Caesars Palace that KENNY ROGERS sold out all seats for his arena concert July 2-3, is no surprise. His count for the two nights was 18,400 at \$25 top. Caesars will hold the largest pool tourney ever held in the history of the game July 20-26 with competition for \$200,000 prize money put up by a beer company...Long time, no see & hear LEE SHAEL, now chanting in Imperial Palace Geisha Lounge, alternating with LAUNI KRISTOPHER. For the past couple of years, LEE has been showcased as an actor with Actors Studio headed by JOSEPH BERNARD. He also worked with

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