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another LIBERACE item. Gads, this guy is newsy. He's listed as "chairperson" along with GOV. RICHARD BRYAN (who also made an earlier item this space) for a Christmas Special, the 7th anni benefit concert for LOVE ALL PEOPLE at Sahara Space Center, Dec. 15, \$12.50 donation tax deductible. Call 731-0502...The Hacienda got jealous of the Riviera's pizza parlor, so the people out there under boss PAUL LOWDEN's watchful eye, started offering pizza through room service 24 hours a day. And

down-Strip at LOWDEN's other store, the Sahara, PENNY KNAPP was handed an Award of Excellence by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. She's the relief Poker Shift Manager in the casino's card room....Don't know much about it, but MARYLIN MITCHELL signed with Las Vegas Silver Bowl to produce the 1st Las Vegas Jazz Festival May 23-25. MITCHELL is exec veep of Las Vegas Jazz Festival Inc. and she predicts the event will bring an estimated 200,000 jazz fans annually to the city. Sponsor of the jazz bash is AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF JAZZ. Funny, this bunch didn't contact old jazz buff me about the big event....Jazz great, the late BILLIE HOLIDAY, who actually appeared in Las Vegas in 1956 for a wild week at the Dunes, will be honored by a Hollywood star on Hollywood Blvd. An all-star HOLIDAY tribute & fundraiser to pay for the sidewalk star (\$3000) will take place Jan. 26 at Vine St. Bar & Grill with MISS SASSY, SARAH VAUGHAN femcee.

**Karen Nelson-Bell & Billy T,
Together Again,
In The D.I. Lounge**



DYNAMIC DUO IN D.I. LOUNGE -- Karen Nelson-Bell & Billy T bring contemporary jazz sounds to the Desert Inn's Raffles Lounge through December 16. Nelson-Bell and Billy T were on the national charts in 1977 for seven weeks with "Love Me One More Time." The duo appears in the D.I. lounge nightly except Monday.

Karen Nelson-Bell & Billy T have joined the Desert Inn's Raffles Lounge line-up through December 16.

"We're so glad to be working at the Desert Inn," says Karen. "It's the perfect place for us."

They bring their contemporary jazz sounds to the D.I. after being apart for six years.

"It seems like we've only been apart a week," smiles Karen.

Karen and Billy met in Cleveland in 1973 when she was looking for a keyboard player for her band.

"I heard a tape of Billy and knew he was the right person."

Nelson-Bell and Billy T have worked on and off together ever since.

Under the name Karen Nelson and Billy T, they recorded three albums together, saw many of their songs become international hits for other artists and stayed on the Billboard and Cashbox national music charts for nine weeks with their single, "Love Me One More Time."

They co-wrote two Yamaha World Popular Song Festival winners in 1975 and 1976 and two American Song Festival winners in 1976 and have appeared in concert with Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke, Al Jarreau, Herbie Hancock and Louie Bellson.

They also were guests on the "Merv Griffin Show." Karen has appeared on the "Mike Douglas Show" seven times, "The Midnight Special" three times and on NBC's "Fantasy" as Fred Travalena's discovery.

During their separations, Karen and Billy have kept busy, touring and recording albums. They both played with Paul Anka.

Negotiations have recently started for a new Karen Nelson-Bell & Billy T album.

The duo will appear in the D.I.'s Raffles Lounge nightly except Monday.

**B'nai B'rith Is
Receiving
Donations For
Colombian Relief**

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Declaring that 1985 "appears to have had more than its share of natural disaster," B'nai B'rith International President Gerald Kraft announced that the Jewish service organization again would allocate a relief fund, this time to Colombia. He called on its lodges, units and individual members also to contribute.

The B'nai B'rith leader said the funds would be distributed to the South American country "just as soon as the most effective use of the money can be determined." He added the B'nai B'rith is also planning other means of assistance.

Kraft said contributions to help victims of Colombian disaster should be sent to B'nai B'rith Community Volunteer Service, 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Checks should be made out to B'nai B'rith International and earmarked Colombia Volcano Relief.

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