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'SHOWCASE OF THE STARS'



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staged a show at Gar-side Hi called Pride and if you saw it you will appreciate the wonderful choreography and staging she did with these wonderful kids. Many of us think this is a gambling town but percentage wise our kids are subjected to more talent endeavours than any city in the USA.

Lew (Alarmco) Whitney claims that the language is confusing around the golf course. When a club member tells him that his daughter is going around in less and less each week. Lew asks "Does this mean that her game has improved or is she wearing fewer clothes?"

Dr. Parvin Modaber has a kid sister who, believe it or not, is a look alike and is also a wonderful doctor in Washington DC.

Just got through speaking with Sid Stevens who told me how strong and brave his and Adeles' son Michael is after that terrible accident.

The Dennis Ritz promotion of a ton of ten pound turkeys at the Thunderbird is packing the place. This Dennis is going to go very far.

This weekend is indeed a memorable one for us. Our nephew and niece, Rabbi Norman Pauker and his pretty Rita, are in town.

CUGIE PACKS TROP BLUE ROOM

Xavier Cugie is generally regarded as the Father of Latin American music, and a trip to the Hotel Tropicana's Blue Room finds him happily in the same musical frame of mind. Joining "Cugie" in the current three week stand at the Tropicana is his former chriper, fiery Carmen D'Oro and Spain's singing sensation Benjamin Ocasio.

Taking his talent into territories where the natives are always friendly, the tunes are for the most part, familiar, but Cugie supplies the creative touch that rejuvenates them. Among the offerings are "Siboney," "Lady of Spain," and "Cuando Cuando."

More of a good thing is offered with the return of Carmen D'Oro to the Cugie bandstand. Miss D'Oro comes on strong with a performance that positively glows with zestful gusto and polished charm. Though the diminutive Puerto Rican canary has been away from Cugie for a while, she and the maestro prove they can get down to the nitty-gritty with knowledgeable ease as they tackle standard and newcomer, both Latin and today sounds with such offerings as "Guantanamo" and "Something."

Carmen D'Oro's tone is masterful; her technique, assured; and the range and intensity of feeling she conveys

is marvelous.

The golden-throated Benjamin Ocasio reminds audiences of the late Mario Lanza whether they have their eyes open or closed. He not only sounds a great deal like the great tenor, but his physical appearance is astonishingly similar as he electrifies audiences with his delivery of "Granada," "Pagliacci," and others.

The "Now" year edition of the world-famed Folies Bergere, which has already proven itself the strongest of the longest running stage spectacular in history, will be spiced up even more with the addition of five sensational new acts, it was announced by J. K. Houssels, Jr., president of the Tropicana Hotel and Country Club.

Turkey day has just passed and we and most households will have Thanksgiving day sandwiches for several days yet. When a friend boasted to Sam Mannis (the Fur King) that he was a self made man, Sam promptly replied that relieves the Good Lord of a terrible responsibility.

When a lady politician asked Irving Corbs to support her, he replied "Lady you're too late, I have been supporting my wife for many years."

When Frank (Master Furrier) Robb asked me did I believe in Hell? When I replied no, Frank exclaimed "then where has the business gone to?"

Sahara's Casbah Room has a fantastic hit in Va Va Va Voom - Just saw Dorothea Lewis one of the Vooms and she looks wonderful with her clothes on, Va Va.

Welcome back to loveable Lenny from Churchill Downs. He is now healthy and looks well enough to even

smile to the customers. Nelson Sardelli is going all the way to Istanbul to do a benefit for American Hospital there.

We have to wait until spring for Nelson to return to star in Las Vegas.

When someone asked Sol Wolf if he saw the levees on his last trip down the Mississippi, the wise guy said "they weren't home so we stayed with the Cohens instead."

We can honestly state that we are one of the few writers who don't take A PAYOFF in this town. We will knock any act that is in poor taste and we don't ask for a free ride anyplace. A lousy show is a lousy show and all the plaudits of the columnists cannot change this. Love the name Twain Ave. Did you know there is not one inch of Twain Twack on Twain Ave.

Tony Michaels' Ruth came up with a wonderful idea. It was on TV 3 yesterday. Ruthie

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