

★ LAS VEGAS ★

'SHOWCAST OF THE STARS'

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LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Up and coming Italian singing star PANFILO (out of the New York-Pittsburgh cafe circuit) gets a big build-up in early '73 from his newly signed record label, Western World Music Corporation. Panfilo's first single disc, to be released January 10 nationally, is titled "Lov'n Game" (penned by Bob Corbin & Lou Zeretto, arranged by John Abbott). Panfilo has a big (and growing) following on the east coast from Boston to Miami but has yet to make a west coast or Las Vegas bow. Western World's execs Nick Albarano and Lou Guarino plan to move Panfilo on a city to city junket breaking in the new record and wind up in Las Vegas by early summer.....WENDY DOUGLAS, BILL HUDNIT, RICH HERKERT, CHUCK BEDFORD, ROZ CLARK, & KITTY MURRAY known collectively as THE CELEBRATION, and currently at the Hilton Casino Theater, have the number one album in Venezuela. The group recently headlined in Caracas - almost a year after they had played there as the group with ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK. Next February, The Celebration joins Engelbert's pal, TOM JONES, on his tour to Tokyo, Hong Kong, etc....Sharing the Hilton stage is a brand new group called THE MASTER'S CHILDREN. The Children are making their nightclub debut this trip; they've appeared recently in concert with JOHNNY MATHIS & PERRY COMO plus on their own very successful college circuit tour.....THE JOLLY JOVERS, THE RIOS BROTHERS & MILO & ROGER head the list of specialty stars in the Dec. 28 opening of "Paris Scope", the new "Lido de Paris" spectacular at the Stardust.....Choreographer AL GOSSAN in town for some pre-holiday showstopping and visiting Vegas pals. Gossan, now semi-headquartered in Chicago, has about four shows running simultaneously in the Windy City plus a "Vegas style" revue in Montreal....Canada's BOBBY CURTOLA returns once more to the Sands Regency Room, opening Dec. 20 thru Jan. 16.....

COMING ATTRACTIONS.....JOEY HEATHERTON & DIANA ROSS will both have the Vegas edition of the Shipstad & Johnson's Ice Follies as their co-attraction at Caesars Palace. Joey opens Jan. 11; Diana on Feb. 1....Speaking of ice, isn't the new management of the Hacienda Hotel thinking 'bout presenting a nude ice extravaganza in their mainroom in '73?.....B.B. KING who opens at the Hilton Casino Theater on Jan. 10, is also the tentative special guest star for the ANN-MARGRET '73 return on Feb. 24....Choreographer JERRY NORMAN, just back from Seattle where he staged and choreographed producer Matt Gregory's "The Feminine Touch" for the new Heritage House, opens the new edition of "MINSKY'S BURLESQUE" at the Fremont on Dec. 27.....TOTIE

FIELDS will have KENNY ROGERS & TIE FIRST EDITION as her gueststars when she returns to the Riviera on January 19.....

STRIP CHATTER.....Hasn't a Strip hotel signed the sensational award winning musical "DON'T BOTHER ME, I CAN'T COPE" for a spring outing?? If the show hasn't been firmed, it should be and FAST! The Los Angeles company, now at the Huntington Hartford Theater is playing to sellout crowds. The show is also running in Chicago at the Happy Medium and on Broadway. The L.A. producer STANLEY MEYER plans to present "Cope" in several more cities including an European company and even one in Australia. The current cast featuring PAULA KELLY, AMANDA AMBROSE, AVERY SUMMERS, GEORGE TURNER, ALAN WEEKS, JERRY GRIMES, & WINSTON DEWITT HEMSLEY - will stay with the L.A. company until at least March when Meyer plans to move the show to a Vegas stage intact. Miss Summers, incidentally, is the sister of lively BETTY WALDRON, currently featured here in "Bottoms Up". Grimes, well known television featured dancer, was last here with the Connie Stevens Show. And Miss Kelly, of course, was one of the co-stars of JULIET PROWSE'S long running "Sweet Charity" at Caesars.....DON CORNELL & FRANKIE CARR have a brand new act together, currently at Harrah's Reno, and later Harrah's Tahoe. The Cornell-Carr caper is a happy one, both comedically and musically. Both stars have a long track record here for their many appearances separately at the Stardust Lounge. If the reaction at Harrah's (and before that, Puerto Rico) is any indication the duo is a sure click on the cafe circuit. Don's in a great voice and has a dozen million sellers to choose from to add to his contemporary repertoire. Carr's specialty is an endless variety of character parts from old ladies to "The Godfather". The new team plans a Vegas debut in early '73 and are negotiating a mainroom second slot for their initial turn.....CHARO will be the special guest star in MANOLO TORRENTE & FREDDY MANJON'S spicy "Latin Fire '73" revue over New Year's at the Thunderbird. This will be Charo's third year guesting with the Cuban company. "Latin Fire" opens in Athens, Greece in mid-January as the starting point of their winter '73 European tour that'll take them to Australia, Hawaii and Tokyo before their Strip return in mid-year.....

ROUND TOWN.....Chicago's SIG SAKOWICZ starts his new Vegas radio show over KVOV in January. Sig's format will be "Down Memory Lane" for nostalgia buffs and you can be sure the show will be liberally sprinkled with some of Sig's classic discs. Sig has a huge collection of oldies, original etchings, and some never heard before tapes of stars of the music world.... Speaking of musicians and the music world, welcome back to lovely KELLIE GREENE, now at the Frontier Hotel with the Nancy Adams group on the Phil Harris show. Kellie, a noted jazz pianist-composer-arranger and concert attraction in her own right, recently took on the mammoth task of composing, scoring and recording her first original background music for a still to be titled film....December 22 "OKLAHOMA" opens Union Plaza. RAQUEL WELCH opens at the Hilton.... Christmas week premiere of the new "Casino de Paris" at the Dunes starring MARC ANTHONY, Dec. 26 JULIET PROWSE & JAN MURRAY reopen the Desert Inn's Crystal Room and SAMMY DAVIS JR opens at the Sands.

Mad Magicians To Debut In Lido



MILO AND ROGER

Internationally famous zany Milo and Roger have been signed as one of the featured acts in the all-new 10th edition of spectacular Lido de Paris, set to open Dec. 28 at the Stardust Hotel.

Billed as the "Natty Mad Magicians", Milo and Roger have won world-wide acclaim with their humorous antics, which might include pulling a goose out of a hat or some other madcap comedy guaranteed to please nightly audiences.

The comedy team will join several other international stars in the new Lido, which promises to

be the most extravagant Stardust presentation ever.

Giant sets to be used in the breathtaking production numbers are already under construction, and costumers from all over the globe are working day and night to create the spectacular attire for the gorgeous Lido Girls and Bluebell Dancers.

Producer Frank Sennes and Director Donn Arden are in constant contact with Pierre Guerin and Rene Fraday, who originally conceived the Lido Show at the Stardust. The entire team is already feverishly at work to assure another tremendous Lido opening.

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