

LAS VEGAS

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'ROUND TOWN.....PANFILO, the powerhouse singer from Rome via Pittsburgh, in town to record a new album and single for his east coast label. Panfilo - whose name translates as "son of Pan, god of music" - has been on a coast to coast nitery and concert tour, and has a raft of reviews raving about his operatic trained baritone. Panfilo's musical repertoire, however, is very mixed including contemporary pop, standards, Broadway musicals, and even a trace of rock. Like Sergio Franchi, Enzo Stuarti & Lovelace Watkins, PANFILO's a dynamic showman. His new album is being produced at the Las Vegas Recording Studios on Boulder Highway. While he's here, the fast rising newcomer is also being talked to by several hotels re a Las Vegas bow this fall.....**PEGGY LEE**, a rare Vegas attraction, has been signed for a special two week engagement opening August 21 at the Flamingo Hotel. Comedy star **RONNIE SCHELL**, now with Helen Reddy in Tahoe and set to join Bobby Vinton in November at the Flamingo, will be Miss Lee's gueststar....
..Comedy-ventriloquist **SAMMY KING** (known here for his appearances in the "Folies Bergere" and Matt Gregory's "Fancy That" revue) will gueststar in the new **MICKEY FINN SHOW** opening next month at the Stardust Lounge. Sammy, who recently ended a thirty six week stay in Barry Ashton's "Femmes de Paris" in Miami, is currently guesting with Tony Bennett at Harrah's Reno.....**LESLIE UGGAMS** and her "Leslie at the Cotton Club" revue, gueststars next with **TOTIE FIELDS** at the Sahara.....The final five



JOEY

performances of "DAMES AT SEA" at the University of Nevada Judy Bayley Theater, set for August 1-2-3. A delightful production of the Broadway hit with **SUE NEWBRY, KIM STEADMAN, JAY STREAM, SANDY KASTEL, TREVOR PICKERING**, and hilarious **SHARI A. BASS**. Call the Bayley Theater for showtimes and reservations.....

STRIP CHATTER.....Producers ROSS HUNTER &

ED "HERE'S JOHNNY" McMAHON TO MGM

Popular television personality Ed McMahon, nationally-

famous sidekick of "Tonight" star Johnny Carson, will make his first MGM Grand appearance as the opening act for the Mac Davis show August 27.

On the nightclub circuit, McMahon has proven to be a consistently good box office draw. His last Las Vegas appearance was as the headliner at the Tropicana Hotel. McMahon's repertoire includes a well-paced package of jokes, singing and audience patter. With his free-wheeling "folksy" approach, he scores well -- and often.

MGM Executive Vice President Bernard Rothkopf said McMahon's August booking was "a welcomed addition to the Grand's line-up."

"We're delighted to have Ed join the MGM Grand Hotel's stable of superstars," said Rothkopf. "He's a tremendous performer and we're certain he'll be a great asset to our entertainment program."

JOEY BISHOP, CHARO AT SAHARA

The one-two entertainment punch of comedian Joey Bishop and sex-sational singing star Charo took over the center stage at Del Webb's Hotel Sahara Thursday night (July 24) for a two-week run.

Bishop, a popular nightclub star since bouncing to prominence as the number one replacement host on the Tonight Show, is making his Sahara debut after years of playing several doors down The Strip.

A veteran comedian, Bishop has an endless supply of material which he mixes with topical observations and ad-lib by-play with his audience. His ability to draw upon current events with humor and candor has made it possible for

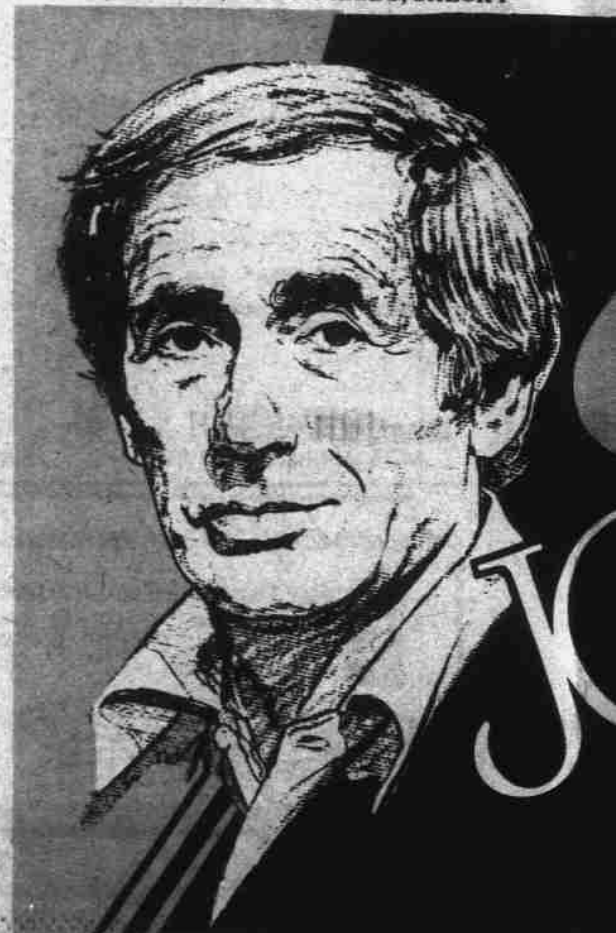
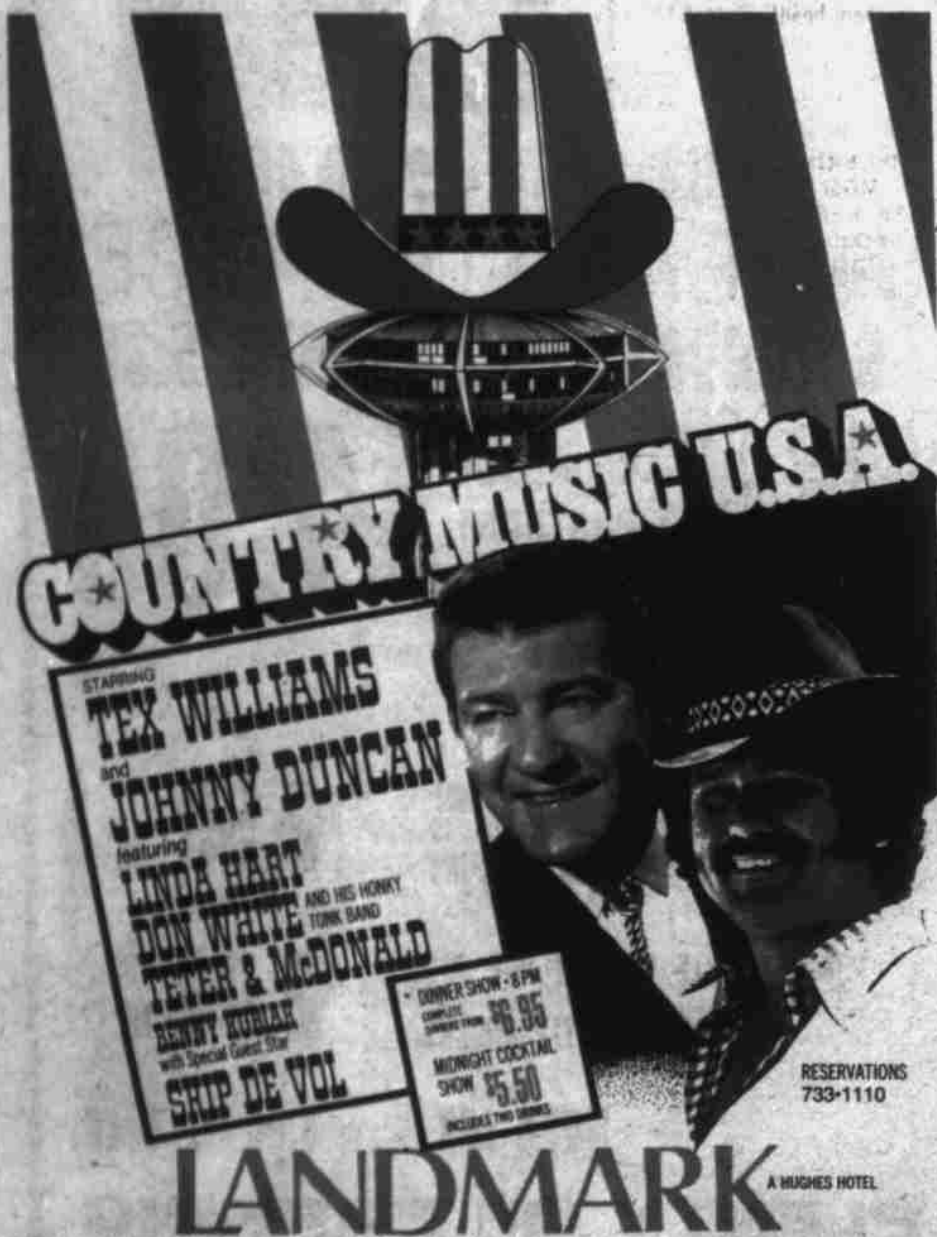
him to keep his act fresh and vibrant for nearly three decades.

Charo, best-known for her numerous appearances on the Merv Griffin and Tonight Shows, is on the verge of becoming a superstar in Las Vegas. She does it all -- sings, dances, plays the guitar, gyrates wildly and keeps her audience in stitches with between-song patter, delivered in her inimitable fractured "eeenglish."

Just watching her go-go-go for 30 to 40 minutes would take the wind out of a frail person.

Rounding out the Sahara entertainment lineup are the nude revue, Pinups, Bobby Justin and the Vaudeville Show Band in the Casbar Theatre Lounge.

JACQUE-MAPES, in town especially to catch JAMES DARREN at the Sahara, bubbling over with projects for their own television production at Paramount, and big screen motion pictures. It's too early to announce Darren's next Hunter-Mapes project (he'll be seen shortly on the first movie for tv "The Lives of Jenny Dolan" on NBC-TV this fall) but word is that Jimmy will be the biggest, most in demand leading man of 1976!.....While in and on the town, Ross & Jacque had deals to talk, movies to cast, specials to star, and a lot of show biz visiting to do. The producers were spilling over with superlatives for ANN-MARGRET and JULIET PROWSE (at the Hilton and Desert Inn, respectively) and you can just bet Ross has already singled out just the right properties for the lovely ladies.....One more Hunter note: PETER MARSHALL who'll be headlining with Foster Brooks next at the Desert Inn, is still another Hunter "discovery". Ross cast Peter in his first musical stage venture several years back in Hollywood, in a show called "Tongue In Cheek".....DON RICKLES, BUDDY HACKETT, TOTIE FIELDS, SHECKY

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