

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



Angels of "The Cotton Club" movie, FRED & ED DOUMAINI aren't too worried about getting most of their money back from their \$26 million investment. FRED DOUMAINI, who dropped by the HART mansion Valentine's night to clear former MAYOR ORAN GRAGSON on his 74th birthday, told me that he and brother ED expect Europe showings to bring in at least \$6 million on top of HBO with at least another six and videotapes to shore up the fortune further, not to forget cable screenings down the road. This past weekend, he huddled with MARIO PUZO here in Vegas about possible money backing of "The Sicilian," PUZO's new book that is hitting high sales in book stalls. As for their two Strip tourist lures, El Morocco and La Concha, FRED revealed that plans are underway to join the two establishments making them larger and with

finer facilities...TONI, LARRY & GARY HART, as usual, turned themselves inside out to make their mansion a larkly place for the GRAGSON surprise birthday party. ORAN and his bubbly wife, BONNIE, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anni, were seated in the huge living room while the HARTS poured out their hearts in song. TONI's lawyer, TED DOTSON, tenorized "I Love You Truly" to the couple and what with that sentiment and all the other tributes and presents, there wasn't a dry ear in the house....This item has no relation to BONNIE GRAGSON, but note that BONNIE SPRINGS RANCH and OLD NEVADA are expanding convention areas and owner AL LEVINSON, hopes to build on 150 rooms after thge 25-room motel is finished for summer business...OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE receives another benefit showcase March 30 as UNIVERSAL DANCE STUDIUS' dance director SUZANNE JOHNSON & assistant dance director KEVIN IKOLA are prepping a production to display waltz, tango and quickstep....CHARLES VANDA is being honored Tuesday in the lobby of HAM HALL at UNLV. The impresario of the U's Master Series of concerts and recipients of the Governor's Arts Award for Distinguished Service, had a busy time filling the stage of Ham Hall Wednesday night after the

BUCHAREST SYMPHONY was nixed on their U.S. trip by the Roumanian government. From Roumania's neighbor, Yugoslavia, came the Slovenian Symphony Orch, conducted by MARKO MUNIH with all 83 musicians to perform and make VANDA's night.

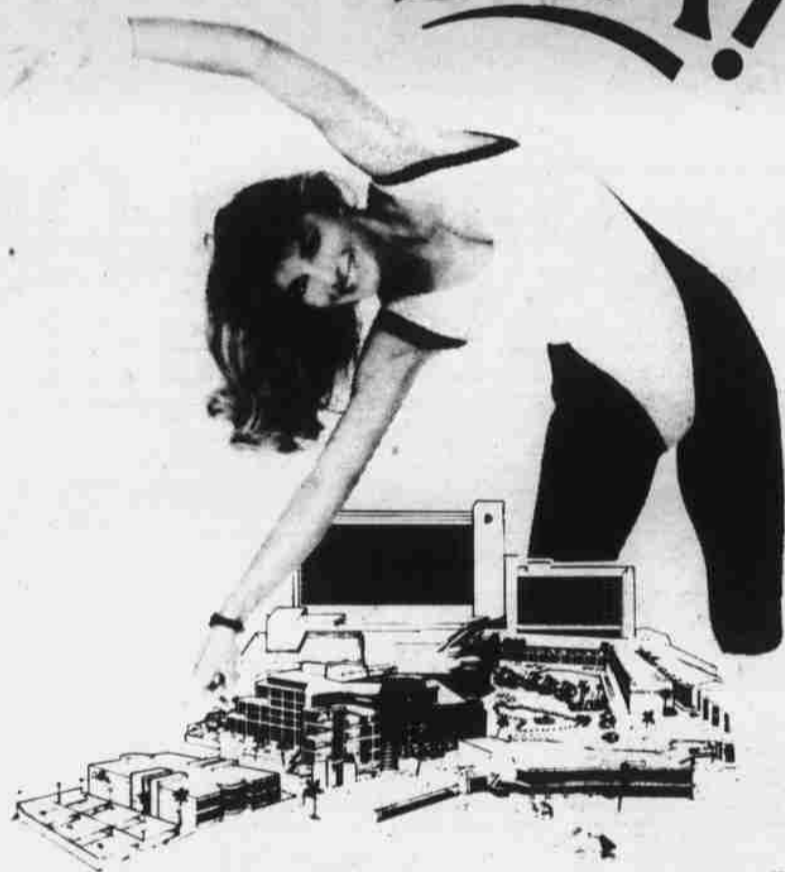


Soap opera fans can bring cameras, autograph books to the Landmark's Empire showroom Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. and get a load of soap stars. It'll cost \$25 at the door benefiting SOUTHERN NEVADA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION with luncheon money going to CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK TELETHON to be viewed June 1-2 on Channel 3. Sudsy fans can expect such stars as COUNT TONY DIMERA, ANN DIMERA, PETE JENNINGS & SHANE DONOVAN from "Days of Our Lives;" DR. MONICA QUARTERMAINE & JESSIE BREWER from "General Hospital;" WALLY McCANDLESS, ZED DIAMOND, NONO & BILL BEYERS, "Capitol" and SGT. COOPER from "Dynasty" among the dozens on view. There's also a drawing for a Cabbage Patch doll, if the soapy folks don't lure you....INTERNATIONAL GAMING BUSINESS EXPOSITION was in Atlantic City last March, but meets next Tuesday & Wednesday at Convention Center. The sessions will be led by a collection of top industry experts with practical experience in planning, financing & marketing...DOUGLAS PETERSON directs the MUSICAL ARTS SINGERS & ORCH this Sunday aft, 3 p.m. at Charleston Heights Arts Center celebrating George Frideric Handel's 300th birthday. One of the selections, "Dixit Dominus" will be performed by MUSICAL ARTS SINGERS at the National Convention of American Choral Directors in Salt Lake City March 9. MUSICAL

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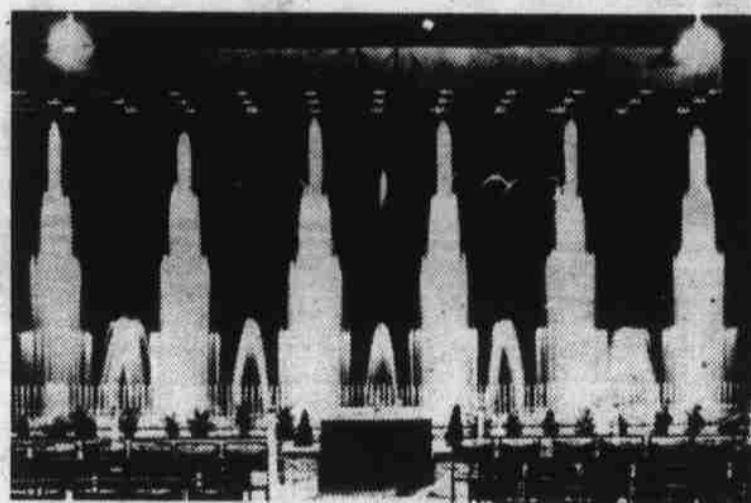
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