

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

## Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



distance dalliance with THE GOOD HUMOR COMPANY'S JOE DANOVA... BUDDY HACKETT, CLINT EASTWOOD, CHARO, JOHNNIE RAY, JEANNINE BURNIER, THE TRENTERS, and JAN MURRAY among the big Welcome Back greeters to comedy star PETE BARBUTTI packin' em in at the Sahara Casbar Theater... RIP TAYLOR, another Casbar star, back from his many work and play trips to Hawaii, New York, Palm Springs, etc., popped into Vegas to catch up with his Strip chums, see some shows, and spend some long stretches in the sun... JAN MURRAY, currently appearing "live" at the Desert Inn with BOBBY DARIN, is also being seen via the tube with two Merv Griffin guestings upcoming, and two weeks (May 15-26) on NBC-TV's "Hollywood Squares"... Downtown at the Golden Nugget, the new "pop" entertainment policy is paying off handsomely with big crowds. The management is so happy with their new image, they've given the okay to sign a dozen or so brand new acts

for the summer season. Making their first time Vegas appearances will be newcomers with colorful and unusual names like THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE BROTHERHOOD, AN OLD HATS REVUE, and THE BOOTHILL EXPRESS... JOHNNIE RAY, a super showman and song salesman in his Flamingo Casino Theatre debut, has been set to return for another four weeks opening July 20. Also coming to the lively and popular lounge: LYNNE CARTER, RUSTY WARREN, PAUL REVERE & THE RAIDERS, FATS DOMINO, and former lead singer with Mobius Loop, DEAN SCOTT in his solo debut.

COMING TO LAS VEGAS... A new nitery is in the making on Convention Center Drive (between the Stardust & Landmark Hotels) where The South Pacific and Kapone's were located. Called FORBIDDEN CITY the new club will feature entertainment, dining, between the shows and after hours special attractions, menu, etc. The club plans to feature talents that haven't been seen in Vegas; among the attractions reportedly being sought for the limited engagement line-up: singer BILLY DARE, Broadway star of "Jacques Brel is Alive..." BETTY RHODES, songstress LEE MEZA, comedian ALBERT BROOKS, femme impressionist CHARLES PILRCE (who has had rave reviews in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Chicago but has been considered too outrageous and unpredictable for Vegas showrooms), comedienne DONNA JEAN YOUNG (newest regular on "Laugh In") and L.A. special favorites like ANN DEE, MICHAEL GREET, etc. FORBIDDEN CITY plans a grand opening on or about June 2. An added attraction will be the theatrical-show biz motif now underway at the club with individual booths being named after Vegas stars ala Grauman's Chinese Theatre's famous foot and hand prints of celebs, and huge blow-up photos of stars and shows decorating the walls....

STRIP CHATTER... Busty JACKIE BEER ("Geisha-rella" lead nude) just can't seem to make up her mind when it comes to the man in her life. Jackie's having a Flamingo Fling with pr director JIM SEAGRAVE, an Aladdin amour with maitre'd ALLAN CHAPIN, and a long

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