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## 'SHOWCASE' OF THE STARS

*Mark Tan*  
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**LAS VEGAS**



**STRIP CHATTER**.....Thanks to the couple of hundred (last estimate was somewhere near 550) showfolk and friends who turned out to greet special Vegas Visitors Sandy Pierucci Rogers and Diann McCormick, and Special Guests of Honor JOAN RIVERS, LIZA MINNELLI, JAMES DARREN, JACKIE GAYLE & CONNIE STEVENS at last week's "new house" bash. Too, too many to mention but among those on hand for the "til 8 a.m." hang out: LIZ TORRES (Liza's zany costar at the Riviera), BUDDY HACKETT, WAYNE NEWTON, PETULA CLARK, STEVE ROSSI, BERNIE ALLEN, JOE E. ROSS, SYBIL LEEK, THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, producers BRECK WALL & JOE PETERSON, and the cast of "BOTTOMS UP" (SUZANNE BUHRER, DAVID HARRIS, DEEDA HYMES, ROB BARRON, SHON VAUGHAN, ALICIA IRWIN), CARY LASPINA, MICKI SHARAIT & THE BERNARD BROTHERS from "Bare Touch of Vegas", RICKY & REY (THE REYCARDS), TONY FERCO and THE FLYING FERCOs from "Casino de Paris", JILLIAN & MITCH, THE JOLLY JOVERS, THE RIOS, and MILO & ROGER from "Lido de Paris", JACKIE "MISS VELVET" HOUSTON, LIZA & SALERNO from "This Is Burlesque", JIM "Vegas Vampire" PARKER, SIG & GINA SAKOWICZ, manager DONNA TAYLOR and her latest discovery, singing group from Phoenix called "GLORY" (who put on two shows during the course of the evening), director B.J. ALAN and his "Fabulous Fakes" from the Royal Las Vegas Casino (KELLY SPENCER, JAMIE SUMMERHAYES, BUTCH ELLIS, MISTY MARLOW, DANNY "Liza" KELLY, SHALEI LUTTRELL and newest member of the company MAGDA who "does" Diana Ross, Tina Turner and Shirley Bassey, and male dancer DANE CLARK), singers-dancers from all over the Strip like JAC FLOWERS, JOE LAVIGNA, JEANNIE THOMAS, JENNIFER PIERSON, SAL ANGELICA, and dozens and dozens more, plus out-of-towners Poly-Sci professor and sometime actor MICHAEL BROWN, singer-dancer BLAIR FARRINGTON (Phoenix), actor CRAIG GARDNER (last here with Connie Stevens and currently guesting on new daytime "The Young and the Restless"), musical director RICHARD BELLIS (Abbe Lane, Johnny Mathis, Connie Stevens, etc.), "Swinging Affair" stylist TOMO MEARS of Honolulu and Hollywood, actress DYANNE THORNE (soon to be seen starring in "Bloody Sabbath"), Chicago choreographer AL GOSSAN, L.A. publicity chief DAVID MIRISCH (who reps Perry Como, Merv Griffith, etc.), personal managers NORTON STYNE (Connie Stevens, Frankie Avalon, etc.) and SID LIPTON (Anne Simmons), and Circus Circus handwriting analyst MILDRED who got cornered for hours interpreting signatures, notes and scraps of writing.....

'ROUND TOWN.....Leader of the exciting Argentinian Gauchos, WASHINGTON DE LOS SANTOS and his showgirl-wife CAROL ("Vive Les Girls", "Casino de Paris", etc.) expecting their first heir in early '74.....Producer BARRY ASHTON back from his European talent hunt for new talent for his upcoming spectacles in Miami and Puerto Rico (Americana Hotels)..... JOAN RIVERS, just closed at Caesars Palace, off to the Lake Geneva Playboy Club and then back to the Strip, at the Sahara with Frank Gorshin, opening Sept. 11. Also Lake Geneva-bound, singer-movie star JAMES DARREN (closing this week with BUDDY HACKETT at the Sahara). Darren opens Sept. 7, when he closes he'll join wife Evy on a European holiday for a month, then returns with Buddy in October.....TOM JONES back for his second outing this year at Caesars on Sept. 6. THE OSMOND BROTHERS follow Tom on Sept. 20.....SHECKY GREEN will have VIC DAMONE as his gueststar when he returns to the Riviera on Sept. 5.....WAYNE NEWTON'S current engagement at the Sands Ballroom is the longest continuous appearance ever made by a Strip headliner. When he closes, Wayne will have completed a solid eleven week run, and will have broken at least that many attendance records (most of the broken

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counts set by himself at earlier engagements).....A new group from Phoenix, QUANTRELL, in their Vegas bow at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater. IMPACT OF BRASS, just vacated the slot, move onto Harrah's Reno and Tahoe.....THE KIM BROTHERS back on the scene, with RUSTY WARREN headlining, at the Flamingo Casino Theater. Their talented sisters, THE KIM SISTERS, currently starring at the Stardust Lounge til August 24 when television and nitery zany RIP TAYLOR makes his headlining debut.....

**STRIP HOPPIN'**.....REYNALDO RAMIREZ & RICARDO CASTRO who combined their musical comedy talents to become internationally known as THE REYCARDS are back at the "Casino de Paris". The Filipino favorites have been in America for the past several years and popular on the Vegas Strip since they headlined at the "Casino" and also at the Nero's Nook at Caesars Palace. Since then, Ricky & Rey have criss-crossed the country several times to include Miami, Chicago, Denver, Dallas, Atlanta, Boston and Canada to their ever-growing SRO appeal.....SANDLER & YOUNG will have RED BUTTONS as their special guest when they return to the Flamingo Hotel on August 30. Red is currently co-headlining with FRANK GORSHIN at King's Castle. Also going to the Castle: ROGER MILLER,

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BURNS & SCHREIBER, and PEARL BAILEY.....Producer BRECK WALL on a quick two-day hop to New York to audition talent for his upcoming Harrah's Reno company of "BOTTOMS UP" opening in October. Next week, Wall jets to Los Angeles for more talent-scouting to join already signed members NANCY BOND, ROBERT BEAL, JEANNIE LINERO, MARCIA LEWIS, and ARLENE PARNESS.....JULIET PROWSE returns to the Desert Inn's Crystal Room, with JAN MURRAY, on Sept. 11.....Sultry songbird JEANNIE THOMAS keeping busy scuttling between her Friday thru Monday gigs on Cleopatra's Barge, and Wed-Thurs stints at the Thunderbird Lounge.....

**WEEKEND WANDERERS**.....NOT TO BE MISSED: LIZA at the Riviera!.....ROBERT GOULET back for his +S%/\* week at the Frontier.....ANDY WILLIAMS and THE LENNON SISTERS in their once-a-year return to Caesars Palace.....The Hacienda's new production George Arnold's "Fantasy on Ice" stars SUSAN ANTON, POWERS & LaLONDE, PEPPER DAVIS, and GINNY JONES.....TONY MARTIN and his eye-stopping CYD CHARISSE back at the Thunderbird....."BOTTOMS UP" goes on and on and on at the Circus Circus Hippodrome Theater, and gets funnier and funnier.....

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