

# LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

**ENTERTAINMENT**

**TRIP AROUND THE WORLD**



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TRIPPING AROUND.....JUANNE WOODWARD has been signed by NBC-TV to star in a four movie version of "Sybil," the true story of a woman who had 16 different personalities. No, Joanne won't do a "Three Faces of Eve" role. The lady doesn't like to repeat herself so she's going to play the psychiatrist who treats Sybil. No one has been set for the lead yet...DESI ARNAZ told host REGIS PHILBIN on "A.M. Los Angeles" that he'd consider doing a special with a revival of the Lucy and Ricky Ricardo characters. So far no word from LUCILLE BALL. Well, if SONNY & CHER can do it, why can't they?...JOAN COLLINS not only received rave reviews for her role in AIP's "The Devil Within Her" but she also received word that she will be honored as the recipient of the Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Count Dracula Society on April 24 at their banquet. That sounds like fun!...There are a couple of Valentino films, a couple of King Kong epics and now HOUDINI is getting into the act. Both ABC and NBC has announced telepics on "The Great Houdini." PAUL MICHAEL GLASER will appear as the great one in the ABC venture and NBC ain't talking about their mystery man.



**CHARO, THE LATIN BOMBSHELL, JOINS BUDDY HACKETT FOR SECOND WEEK OF ENGAGEMENT AT SAHARA.**

Glaser starts work on April 26 during the hiatus from "Starsky and Hutch".....VALERIE HARPER set to play a woman in jeopardy while driving on a highway in "Night Drive" a NBC telemovie. Valerie, by the way, received some pretty rough reviews for her performance as MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL in "Dear Liar" at the Huntington Hartford Theatre. I, for one, admire her very much for tackling a role as demanding as that. She could have very easily opted to do "The Owl and the Pussycat" and been the critic's darling for just being Rhoda Morganstern. Instead she aimed a little higher. Brava, Valerie!... JOHN DENVER is London's favorite "Country Boy" too. For his concert debut at the famed Palladium, fans started queuing up 13 hours before the tickets went on sale and were sold out completely within 10 hours for the eight performances. They started at 9 P.M. and brought along sleeping bags and food supplies and literally camped out in front of the Palladium until 10:00 A.M. the next day. Now that's fans for you!...THE SPINNERS are getting so hot that they had to turn down an offer to tour with the ROLLING STONE later this year. Reason? Their own concert schedule is busting out all over and they just couldn't do it.

MOVIE TRIPPING.....Now that all the 1975 winners have gone home with their Oscars tucked under their arms, I want to tell you about a big winner in 1976's Oscar Sweepstakes. And I do mean, "All the President's Men" starring

ROBERT REDFORD & DUSTIN HOFFMAN. It is simply the best movie I've seen so far this year. Both Redford and Hoffman will be nominated next year and are in top form in this flick. I guess everyone knows it's about the two reporters who uncovered the Watergate scandal. It may be old news to some but thanks to director ALAN J. PAKULA's genius, there is never a dull moment with his men. JASON ROBARDS has never been better and will surely be the one to beat as best supporting actor come next April and strong support comes from JACK WARDEN, MARTIN BALSAM, HAL HOLBROOK, JANE ALEXANDER, MEREDITH BAXTER & PENNY FULLER. It's an entertaining film, an educational film and a pertinent film. I don't think I'd like to be a Republican candidate though in the upcoming elections. The movie tells it like it was.

You do it like it should be done this week.

Bill Friedman, well known gambling consultant, has been named General Manager of the Castaways Hotel-Casino, it was announced by Summa Corporation.

Friedman has established himself as a consultant to casino executives throughout Nevada, in the Carribbean, and is also a consultant to the Nevada Gaming Control Board and to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. During recent summers, he has managed and been responsible for the largest casino operation in Canada, at Edmonton, all the proceeds of which go to charity. It is considered a highly successful charity venture by Canadian officials. Friedman is also a casino management instructor in the Hotel Administration College at UNLV and has authored two books on gaming.



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"I am most enthusiastic in this new responsibility," Friedman said. "I feel that the Castaways, located as it is in the heart of the Strip, has tremendous potential for a successful operation, especially in view of the growing economy of the Southern Nevada area."

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