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The Situation gets older, but does he get wiser?

Happy Fist-Pumpin' Birthday to You, and You

Las Vegas suffered from *Jersey Shore* double vision over Independence Day weekend: Not one, but two fist-pumping reality show cast members were in town to celebrate their birthdays, and many of their co-stars came to Las Vegas to watch them blow out candles and take Atlantic City West by storm.

Theirs is the kind of fame only possible in America ... at least until CBC starts production on an even cheaper knock-off version for Canadian audiences, *Newfoundland Show*.

Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino and **Pauly "D" DeVecchio** were the two celebrating birthdays, and JWoww and Ronnie were there to take in the fun.

Sitch embarked upon a whirlwind tour, hitting the Miracle Mile Sugar Factory on July 3 before partying at Vanity at the Hard Rock Hotel later that night. He stayed on site to host at Rehab on Sunday and, as we all know, this human equivalent of an '89 IROC Z, wearing a wife-beater and telling drunken girls about the Patron stock he owns, is uniquely qualified for the job.

Pauly D held it down at the Palms on July 3 where he DJ'd by the pool before bouncing to both Moon and Rain. It was also a big night for Jenni "JWoww" Farley, who debated her line of MTV-approved clothing for the pop-savvy hooker, Filthy Gouture, at Ghostbar. She also made the rounds to Moon and Rain before leaving around 3 a.m.

Finally, **Ronnie "Least Interesting Member of the Cast" Ortiz-Magro** headed up Jet at The Mirage on July 2.

While this all sounds a bit much, the kids deserve some credit: They've kept the blitz up ever since the first season became an inexplicable sensation, and have bravely defied the Gods of Overexposure as they (and many others) have tried to strike them down. Now that the second season is nearly upon us, it's back to being relevant again.

Still, we're thinking everyone will probably stop caring well before the third season fires up in earnest, which means their Vegas relevance will end about 2014.

All Hail King Larry

Larry King's life might be a shuffling, undead shamble, with CNN pushing him aside for (reportedly) **Piers Morgan** and his relationship to 83rd wife, **Shawn King**, crumbling amid rumors of divorce, infidelity and her desire to resume relationships with actual living, breathing human beings who aren't kept walking the earth through some combination of network makeup artists, voodoo and an insatiable need to interview **Justin Bieber**.

None of that, however, stopped King from bringing Shawn and the kids to see **Terry Fator** at The Mirage on July 2, even going backstage to meet the ventriloquist. Because vampires can go anywhere, as long as they're invited in first.

Hot—and She Plays Cards, Too!

Shannon Elizabeth is not just the hot chick from *American Pie*: She took second place in the World Series of Poker's annual charity tournament, Ante Up for Africa.

We're hoping her morphing into a respectable poker player doesn't mean she'll start to look like **Greg Raymer**. That would be tragic.

Poker pro **Phil Gordon** won the July 3 tournament, which raised \$275,000 for charity. It also drew celebs **Matt Damon**, **Don Cheadle**, **Brad Garrett**, **Montel Williams**, **David Alan Grier**, **Evander Holyfield** and **Jerome Bettis**.

You'd think Damon would've done better than Elizabeth just by being in a better poker movie than her 2008 *Deal*. He got to relive *Rounders* and *Ocean's 13* moments that night when he and Cheadle dined at Martorano's at the Rio and the restaurant played clips from the films on the dining room's televisions.



Elizabeth shows her poker face.

Tweets of the Week

Compiled by @marseniuk

@Maggie When you're waiting on something, cell phones are the new cigarettes.

@mindykaling Kids, don't peak early. It is better to be overlooked in high school.

@garyvee I am laser focused ... and when that happens ... crazy awesome rad super shiz ensues.

@kellyoxford Mme Tussauds, please add a wick to Kim Kardashian's wax figure. Thanks.

@GerryDuggan Mel Gibson is the Oscar Wilde of racist maniacs.

@Konstantined 750 Million, Really? Tiger had to pay her more than BP has paid out to the LA for the oil spill so far.

@bauserdotcom Sheesh. Downtown Niagara Falls looks like the Vegas Strip fucked Bourbon Street, then abandoned the baby on Coney Island.

@brittneypalmer K. Someone talk me out of buying an iPad. :-/

@oskargarcia Dear ESPN: Please stop informing me of the MLS game of the week. I don't care. Thanks!

@Pokerati Apologies to @riovegas. I hit one of your orange cones w/ car @wsop drop-off area. Can pay for damage w/ unused food comps.

@SICK_STAR Summer sweater — bear rug chest hair in the heat. Tao Beachin' with some of Vegas' finest.

@NOLA_lovebug I appreciate that "dog eating contest" is trending right now... I can only hope its meant for the hot dog eating contest....

@LVDaveG Dear liver, please forgive me for any distress I may cause you in the next few hours. It's all @TheeRealFDHC fault!

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