

# LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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'ROUND TOWN.....The Hacienda's new revue "TURN IT ON" has a new director, JOHN BUNCH, and has been going thru a complete revamping since opening last month. New productions, new sketches and a reshuffle of the very versatile and able cast of newcomers and star JEAN-PAUL VIGNON, has reportedly given the show a completely new look.....Producer BARRY ASIITON already at work on his new spectacles for the Americana Hotels in San Juan and Miami to open later this year. Ashton's current Las Vegas revue, "THIS IS BURLESQUE" at the Aladdin starring IRV BENSON, DAPHNE DAVIS, JACKIE HOUSTON, HERBIE BARRIS, LISA & SALERNO, JIM HODGE, JACK MANN & CHARLIE VESPIA, is going great guns and reports are that the Aladdin execs will be keeping "This Is Burlesque" on an indefinite engagement status.....Producer MAYNARD SLOATE's new production for the Union Plaza, following the current and very successful "Sound of Music", will be "SOUTH PACIFIC" set for an early June opening. The actress set to play Mary Martin-Mitzi Gaynor starring role has not yet been announced.....Local group of newcomers, THE RICHARD CURTIS SHOW, just closed in Sioux City Iowa, have been set for another ten weeks of club dates that'll take them next to Kalamazoo, Michigan, then Toledo, Akron, etc.....THE KIM SISTERS return to the Stardust Lounge tonight (May 25).....Canada's BOBBY CURTOLA back at the Sands Regency Room his fifth engagement there - until early summer when he returns to headline the Calgary Stampede again back home.....Visitors from our 50th state: ARTHUR LYMAN at the Aladdin; FRNIE MENFIUNE opening at the Cleopatra's Barge at Caesars on May 31; and DANNY KALEKINI set to guest star with PAUL ANKA at Caesars opening June 21.....The popular and lively THE CHANDLER CONSPIRACY return to the Landmark supper club on June 20.....

STRIP BITS.....MILTON BERLE returns to the Desert Inn, with FLORENCE HENDERSON, on May 29. This week, Milton emcees the annual Songwriters Hall of Fame banquet in L.A. Florence, who has such a glamorous very un-Mrs. Brady image in her new nitery act, just returned from a yacht cruise off the coast of Southern France with husband Ira Bernstein. Florence was among the Emmy Award presenters this week in L.A. ROY SMITH & DAVID CHAVEZ will be returning with Miss Henderson in her song and dance act.....Dancer DAN PARKER, here at the Stardust's "Lido de Paris", and most recently featured in the JULIET PROWSE SHOW, takes over as lead male dancer this week in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere".....Choreographer AL GOSSAN, who just a few months ago had shows he had staged running simultaneously in Chicago, Montreal, Puerto Rico and Las Vegas, returns to the West Coast this week for huddles about staging a new show for a major lady star. Gossan who usually summers in Las Vegas will be in Vegas next week for a short business-holiday.....Country singer RAY FRUSHAY, now recording for Paramount, will be utilizing the local VMI Recording Studios for his next session of singles, including some of his own compositions.....DORIS DAY'S ACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ANIMALS benefit auction will be held in L.A. on June 3 with souvenirs and memorabilia from stars of every media. In Las Vegas, among the first stars to offer auction-able celebrity items have been NANCY SINATRA with a pair of her famous "BOOTS", ROBERT GOULET, STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME, DON HO, ROY CLARK, and the cast of "BOTTOMS UP". Anyone interested in getting involved in this non-profit charitable organization should contact JACKIE JOSEPHS at Actors and Others, P.O. Box 405, Beverly Hills, California.....TONY MARTIN & CYD CHARISSE returned for their first duo appearance on the

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Strip in more than six years, to the Thunderbird Hotel Thurs., May 24.....Don't Miss A Visit To: JIM SCHIFF'S new Las Vegas Wax Museum now open on the Strip opposite the Stardust Hotel. Among the celebs in wax at the new facility: TOM JONES (now at Caesars), LIBERACE (opening June 4 at the Hilton), DIANA ROSS (opening at Caesars June 7), ANN MARGRET, DEAN MARTIN, JOHN WAYNE, JULIE ANDREWS, PAUL NEWMAN, MAE WEST, MARILYN MONROE, SAMMY DAVIS JR., ELVIS PRESLEY, JIMMY DURANTE.

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WEEKEND WANDERERS.....TOM JONES (Caesars), TONY BENNETT (Hilton), SERGIO FRANCHI (Flamingo), NANCY SINATRA (Sahara) & ROBERT GOULET (Sands) make it a singer's singers paradise this week.....Country fans will find ROY CLARK & DIANA TRASK at the Frontier; luscious BOBBIE GENTRY at the Desert Inn.....The King of the Blues, B.B. KING is at the Hilton.....Kurvaceous KITTY KOVER and the dazzling ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS and the high flying FERCOS in the Dunes' new "Casino de Paris".....

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