

LAS VEGAS SHOW EAST

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SHOWSTOPPING.....RIP TAYLOR stars in Alan Lee's all new "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana (see full show review next week), and looks like the Tropicana Hotel will have a long-running smash hit in the new Tiffany Theater. First week crowds have been unanimous in their praise for the new spectacle, a salute to 200 years of The Music Hall conceived, staged and choreographed by popular Jerry Jackson. Also featured in the anniversary show are singer-dancer BUDDY VEST, comedy-magician CARL BALLANTINE, pantomime favorites THE BERNARD BROTHERS, and lead dancers JANELLE & DAN PARKER. A highlight of the "Folies" is the dazzling display of acrobatic prowess by the Tropicana Acro-Dancers - featuring RON CLEMMER - with BO RAMOS, JAN RUSSELL, RICHARD BOHANNON, DAVID POST, SHIRLEY HALL, LORETTA PEREZ, RON RUGE, PAT PICKENS, KIRK THORNDIKE, DAEL STOTTS, MADONNA BUGAJ, LISA RUSSELL, DEBRA HOFMEISTER, and Acro dance captain BECKY MINER.....MAC DAVIS, now in his headliner debut at the MGM Grand Hotel with comedy star GABRIEL KAPLAN, is well on the way to breaking all attendance records in the Celebrity Theater. The Davis show turned away more than 1000 fans on one evening, and has had telephone-jamming requests for reservations since opening night!.....BOBBY VINTON, now at the Flamingo Hotel, will switch hotels when he moves next to the Riviera Hotel....."Hallelujah Hollywood" principal MARTY ROSS will be leaving the Donn Arden superspectacular to return to his first love, Broadway musicals, at the end of April. Singer-comedian JERRY GRASSE (who plays Jimmy Durante in the show's salute to Broadway shows) will inherit Marty's specialty



ROWAN AND MARTIN HEADLINE THE SHOW AT THE SAHARA WITH SONGSTAR TERESA BREWER, FEATURED ATTRACTION.

'ROUND TOWN.....LIZ TORRES, the beautiful and hilarious singer-comedienne who co-starred here last with Liza Minnelli at the Riviera, will be making her next Nevada appearance guesting with HELEN REDDY, opening in April at Harrah's, Lake Tahoe.....SHIRLEY MacLAINE makes her third appearance at the MGM Grand opening April 23. After that date, Shirley will be returning to full time movie making with an epic biog flick based on the life and adventures of Amelia Earhart.....SHIRLEY JONES, also an MGM star, is currently filming a new two hour movie special for producer ROSS HUNTER titled "The Lives of Jenny Dolan". The special will be a pilot for a spin

off series on the adventures of a topflight newspaper woman - Mr. Hunter's first venture in television production under his new pact with Paramount Studios. Making guest star appearances with Shirley in the special will be JAMES DARREN, JOHN GAVIN, STEPHEN BOYD, DANA WYNTER, LYNN CARLIN, IAN MACSHAIN, and several more name star attractions.....

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....NATHAN BOBROW, one of the nation's youngest and most successful obstetrics and gynecologists from Silver Springs, Maryland, and a frequent Vegas visitor (at the Dunes Hotel & Country Club) in from a skiing vacation in Aspen to catch a few shows like "The Folies Bergere", Don Rickles, and "Hallelujah Hollywood".....Chanteuse SANDRA "BROWN SUGER" ALEX-ANDRA, sweetens the cast (and her career) with a juicy role as the young Josephine Baker in an upcoming musical starring Liza Minnelli, to be directed by Liza's father, Vincente Minnelli. Sandra, currently appearing at Lloyd's in Hollywood, leaves for European locations later this summer.....Singing duo LARRY LOYD & PERFECTO, last at Harrah's, working on a new nitery act to preview for Las Vegas entertainment directors, producers and entertainment press, in Las Vegas in April.....L.A. press folk like JAMES BACON, VERNON SCOTT, RICHARD CUSKELLY, DICK KLEINER, MIKE KIZZIAH, WILL TUSHER, and Riviera pr director TONY ZOPPI among the guests joining a celeb studded dias on hand to "roast" popular MARTY ALLEN, last week in Los Angeles. Among the star turnout to pay tribute to the bushy-haired favorite (and it was one of the largest star turnouts for any roast) were ERNIE BORGNINE, PAT HENRY, JACK CARTER, PETER GRAVES, HUGH O'BRIEN, DANE CLARK, SID GOULD, ARTE JOHNSON, GALE GORDON, GLENN FORD, GEORGE RAFT, THE HUDSON BROTHERS, MICHAEL "THE WINCHESTER MAN" HAYNES, JACK ALBERTSON, MICHAEL LANDON, and a pair of ladies who "sneaked" into the all stag celebration to add their comments of love and friendship - CHARO and LINDA LOVELACE.....

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....DEBBIE at the Desert Inn.....ELVIS at the Hilton followed by JOHNNY CASH opening April 1.....SINATRA at Caesars followed by PAUL ANKA on April 3.....MAC DAVIS and GABRIEL KAPLAN at the MGM Grand.....FABIAN at the Lion's Den (also in the MGM)..... The all new George Arnold production "Spice on Ice" opens April 8 at the Hacienda..... DON RICKLES at the Riviera followed by ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK opening April 3.....

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