

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWGART



To all of my Jewish friends entering 5745, a most Happy New Year...The theater and music season is upon us with a vengeance. Every week, there will be shows and concerts, perhaps in conflict, but at least there are many events to choose from and enjoy...For instance, the tiny Little Theater on Spring Mountain Road bows this weekend with SETH GLASSMAN's "2 By 5," a collection of JOHN KANDER & FRED EBB hits from top shows, "Chicago," "Cabaret," and other lesser musicals, directed by TIM CONROY and produced by JACK BELL. Cast includes JEANNE DUBUQUE, ZOE KARATZAFERIS, LISA PICOTTE, GINNY ROBBINS, RANDALL BROWN, ERIN BREEN & SCOTT BLANKS...Tackling the most important subject of our time, the nuclear extinction with the deadly time clock ticking close to midnight, Rainbow Company presents its artistic

director and playwright BRIAN KRAL's drama of the aftermath of the Hiroshima bombing on Aug. 6, 1945, the beginning of what could be the end. KRAL's play, "Paper Lanterns, Paper Cranes," directed by JODY JOHNSTON, opening tonight and continuing on weekends through the 21st. KRAL traces the story of the results of the horror, what happens to a teenage Japanese girl (played by KAREN MCKINNEY), who collapses on the street 11 years later and is hospitalized for cataract treatment caused by the bomb...The first Master Series of concerts under aegis of impresario CHARLES VANDA in UNLV's Ham Hall, will be the marvelous BARRY TUCKWELL, horn soloist, next Thursday, performing two concertos for the difficult instrument with SINFONIA OF ENGLAND, conducted by RICHARD HICKOX. A young star in the concert field, TUCKWELL, at 36, is also an avid soccer and tennis buff...And while attending the events on UNLV campus, mosey through the Fine Arts Gallery for some intriguing ceramic sculptures created by ROBERT SPERRY, MARILYN LEVINE, ANN ADAIR & GREG ALLRED continuing through the 26th...This attraction may not be classical but you never know, a new revue with BETTY FRANCISCO's staging & choreos, "Thorns & Thistles," plays Thursdays through Saturdays at a recently converted nitery called ROSIE'S on

Highland and Spring Mountain where there's a dinner show for only \$9.95.

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Chili cookoffs are very popular in this region. My tender throat cannot take the fiery concoctions stirred up by most contestants, but leather-throated and stomached people have another one to try some cooking skills. The North Las Vegas FAIRSHOW Oct. 26-28, claims its chili cookoff has real pizzazz with the title "Bowls of Fire." Main event of the 3-day hoopla is Nevada championship hot air balloon races. According to the tipsheet furnished by the gang out there in NLV, "Balloon pilots from around the nation will compete in the 'Chariots of Fire' rally, according to cookoff organizers CHUCK BRECHLER & CHARLES SMITH." All of the hot stuff takes place on Clark County Community College campus. Other weekend events include a 5-mile run, softball tournament, antique auto parade and show, Calcutta auction, ultralight airplane demos, carnival & Mr. Macho contest. Incidentally, you're not getting off cheap entering the chili cookoffs - entry fee is \$25 for INTERNATIONAL CHILI SOCIETY members, \$35 for nonmembers...DEL E. WEBB CORP. takeover of the Fremont hotel-casino on July 19, under the state's supervisory law, found the first full month, August, house profits rose about 14% compared to July and up 10% compared to August 83...In the Maxim's Cloud Nine Lounge, THE LAST BAND alternates with HAMILTON, JOE FRANK & REYNOLDS starting Sunday...SAM DISTEFANO was Playboy's veep of entertainment booking for the entire circuit of clubs and hotels for 25 years, but

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### The Owl And The Pussycat At The Union Plaza

A beautifully voluptuous woman is waiting for you on the stage of the main showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel, and if you meet her she might change your life.

June Wilkinson is the lady, and she's the star of the comedy hit, "The Owl And The Pussycat," which is enjoying a successful run at the hotel.

The Maynard Sloate production can be seen twice nightly at an 8:00 P.M. dinner and an 11:45 P.M. cocktail show.

June Wilkinson plays the role of Doris in this hit comedy, and Doris is a very determined lady.

Doris has been thrown out of her apartment, and she needs a new place to stay.

She chooses to move in on Felix, a young writer who would prefer to be alone with his typewriter and own thoughts.

What happens to him, however, is that after a little while he can't get Doris off his mind.

Because of the funny situations in the play, you will also have trouble getting this

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