

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

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ROUND TOWN...COCK ROBIN SINGS today (Friday, Sep. 28) at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino Theater in his special one-time premiere performance for entertainment directors, producers and fellow showfolk (by invitation only), at 4:00 p.m. C.R., as the new singing discovery is called, is the colorful "mystery" singer whose build-up has been on for the last six months. He was officially "unveiled" in Los Angeles by his manager, JEANNE WILLIAMS WILSON, last month and is currently weighing a variety of offers for his first major nitery appearance....Tickets are now on sale, thru most major showrooms and revues and several Las Vegas boutiques, for the upcoming **BEAUX ART HALLOWE'EN BALL** to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Circus Circus Convention Hall. Tickets for the all night masquerade romp are \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. Awards will be given for the best costuming in seven categories, as selected by a panel of celeb judges headed by JAMES DARREN, MEL TORME, PHYLLIS DILLER and others still to be invited to the mostly showfolk bash....On again, off again, on again, off again, and now its definitely on again that JIM BACKUS (Mr. McGoo, Gilligan's Island, etc.) will star in a new revue opening next month at the Hacienda Hotel. Backus, in for four weeks, will be followed by musical comedy duo GAYLORD & HOLIDAY.... BRECK WALL-JOE PETERSON'S first "second company" of their long running hit, "Bottoms Up" opens at Harrah's Reno on Oct. 25. Rehearsals with the newest cast members start this month....Dancer-choreographer CARY LASPINA erroneously reported as heading the new cast of "Vive Les Girls" in Mexico City; Cary heads the new cast of the new edition of "Bare Touch of Vegas" in Mexico City. Same

producer, same choreographer, same city, close enough! Cary leaves Las Vegas, and his new bride STEVIE DANIK, in a couple of weeks to head south of the border.....

CELEBRITY CIRCUS.....RIP TAYLOR wrapping a smash five week debut at the Stardust Lounge clocked the biggest attendance of stars since the era of Shecky Greene at the old Starlight lounge at the Riviera. Among the celebs in the catch the irrepressible Taylor: JOAN RIVERS, PHYLLIS DILLER, JACKIE GAYLE, ARTE JOHNSON, RUTH BUZZI, RUSTY WARREN, MOREY AMSTERDAM, RED BUTTONS, JOHN BYNER, ROBERT GOULET, ROWAN & MARTIN, THE FLYING FERCOs, MILO & ROGER and JAN MURRAY.....Has anybody noted that MITZI GAYNOR and the new Tropicana Superstar Theater will be opening on Oct 5 which is the highest of Jewish holidays, Yum Kipper? That's the one holiday of the year that all stars of the Jewish faith insist on having off.....PHYLLIS DILLER, now at the Sands, gets a short vacation when she closes there Oct. 2. Phyllis and BILLY ECKSTINE will open a few weeks later, RIVERS for some Vegas-to-Las Angeles-to-Las Vegas commuting to tape their upcoming CBS TV special, "The Shape of Things" (airing in mid-October). And speaking of Joan, Miss Rivers just back from a week of taping (and commuting) a "Here's Lucy" segment is raving (even more than usual???) about the professional and personal pleasure she had working with LUCILLE BALL. Joan said her week with Lucy was "one of the greatest career experience of my life. Lucy's an absolute genius at her craft!".....More popular than ever, THE OSMONDS (and their new show now includes the Brothers, little sister Marie, and littlest Osmond Jimmy) back at Caesars Palace, will be heading next to a European tour, and another visit with former "Casino de Paris" star, LINE RENAUD and her Paris-based series of tv specials, "Line Directe".....Also, currently in England, at London's top nitery The Talk of the Town, and heading to Paris for a visit with Mlle Renaud, is movie star-singer JAMES DARREN. Darren returns to the U.S. in October just days before his next outing with BUDDY HACKETT at the Sahara, opening Oct. 24.....

COMING ATTRACTIONS.....The Union Plaza will reopen its main showroom with a new production of "Promises, Promises" in early October.....STEVE LAWRENCE &



JEANNIE THOMAS RETURNS TO THE BARGE THIS WEEK AT CAESARS PALACE FRI. THRU MON., SINGING HER POP-ROCK AND CONTEMPORARY TUNES, DESIGNED TO ROCK THE ROMANTIC AND SOOTHE THE SIPPERS. BACKED BY A SWINGING TRIO, JEANNIE CAN ALSO BE HEARD TUES. AND WED NIGHTS AT THE THUNDERBIRD LOUNGE..

EYDIE GORME hotter than ever with their just aired television special from Caesars Palace, return to the Palace Nov. 22-Dec. 5. Caesars showroom goes dark Dec. 6-19 reopening with PETULA CLARK.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO.....THE BROTHERS CASTRO???.....LYNNE CARTER??.....LITT RICHARD??.....THELMA HOUSTON??.....MICKEY MANNERS??.....JACQUELINE DOUGUET??..... THE HIP HYPNOTIST, PAT COLLINS??.....WOODY WOODBURY??.....VON RYAN'S EXPRESS??.....

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