

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

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LAS VEGAS

SEPTEMBER SONGS.....ANTHONY NEWLEY, always such a rare treat for Strip showgoers is at the Riviera in a special engagement with **BURT BACHARACH**. A brilliant and entrancing pair of artists unique showmen and gifted musicmakers; Bacharach and Newley also do a stint together wherein Newley Does Bacharach (i.e. "A House Is Not a Home") and Bacharach Does Newley ("Who Can I Turn To?"). Put the Riviera pairing high on your Don't Miss List!!!.....**JERRY LESTER**, who pioneered late night television with his zany "Broadway Open House" (remember DAGMAR??) is back in town and starring in producer **Maynard Sloate's** new production at the Union Plaza, "NORMAN, IS THAT YOU?";.....**JOAN RIVERS** in Reno this week, at Harrah's with Peter Marshall, is the hostess of the ABC-TV special being taped from there "Bachelor of the Year". The "BOTY" is being selected from a random group of eligibles from all over the country. Among Joan's gueststar panel of judges: **ABBE LANE**, **PETER MARSHALL**, **FLORENCE HENDERSON**, **ANDY GRIFFITH**, and **ELLEN CORBY** (of "The Waltons"). Joan returns to Vegas and the MGM Grand again in November with **HELEN REDDY**.....Academy Award winner **JACK ALBERTSON** ("The Man" of tv's popular "Chico and...") makes his Las Vegas debut as a song and dance man opening October 1 with **SHECKY GREENE** at the Grand. This won't be Jack's first time on a musical stage, however; he got his start in show biz in oldtime vaudeville and burlesque where he hoofed and sang and did burlesque



BUDDY

comedy sketches. Jack's recent tv guestings such as **MITZI GAYNOR's** last special "Mitzi and 100 Guys" got such good notices Jack decided it was time to put on his dancing slippers and practice his scales again.....**THE HUDSON BROTHERS** who had a brief fling with their own summer tv series make their first Strip bid as special gueststars of **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN** who'll be making her headliner bow at the Riviera on October 2.....Another **JOHN - ELTON** - will also be making his first and only appearance in Las Vegas on October 2. Elton's one night concert at the Las Vegas Convention Center was a complete sell-out hours after the tickets went on sale. Elton's Vegas stopover is part

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BUDDY HACKETT, JIM BAILEY AT SAHARA

The blockbuster entertainment coupling of comedy superstar **Buddy Hackett** and singer-impressionist **Jim Bailey** is jamming the Congo Room of Del Webb's Hotel Sahara to capacity for two shows nightly.

From opening night, it's been wall-to-wall people for the unique offering of Hackett's x-rated comedy dialogue and Bailey's stirring half-hour impressions of such stars as **Barbra Streisand**, **Judy Garland** and **Phyllis Diller**.

Most of Hackett's fans are in the room because they appreciate his unique brilliance -- his ability to change materia! with every performance. Even his classic routines dif-

fer considerably from show to show, which has given credence to the notion that Buddy does a different show every night.

Bailey not only does a different SHOW every night, but a different PERSON! The number one singer-impressionist of all time, Bailey has achieved world-wide fame for his amazingly real characterizations of superstar females.

Earl Wilson has called Bailey the hottest thing in showbusiness and the late **Judy Garland's** daughters, **Liza Minnelli** and **Lorna Luft**, are among his greatest fans.

Hackett and Bailey will be featured at the Sahara through October 1. Tennessee **Ernie Ford** follows.

of his just starting west Coast tour.....**RICH LITTLE** opening October 1 at the Sands will be making his move to his new hotel, the Riviera after that engagement. The Riviera is hoping to firm Rich's first stint for as early as January.....

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AND A NOTE TO SHOWFOLK & FRIENDS.....The BEAUX ARTS HALLOWE'EN BALL will be held on October 31 at the Circus-Circus Big Top Convention Arena. Tickets go on sale this month at all backstages and at several boutiques, dance studios, bars, etc. Tickets will be \$6.00 in advance, \$7.50 at the door. Special entertainment for the Ball will be announced later this month. This year's panel of celebrity costume judges will be headed by **MITZI GAYNOR**, **JOHN DAVIDSON**, **BOBBIE GENTRY**, **JULIET PROWSE**, **ROBERT GOULET**, and others to be announced. As usual, the Ball is open to the public (it starts at 11 p.m. and runs til mid-morning of Nov. 1) and

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