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MGM's EFX loses leading man, bronco riders arrive

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Special to Las Vegas

David Cassidy is leaving a blockbuster show and the bull riders are arriving. There's certainly a lot happening in this entertainment mecca. Here's my view.

After a successful two-year run - during which he was named Las Vegas' best singer as well as the city's best all around entertainer - Cassidy has announced that he will leave the "EFX" show at the MGM in

December.

Cassidy will leave the \$45 million stage production at the end of the year to pursue other projects, including promoting his recently released adult contemporary, "Old Trick, New Dog." He also wants to remain a Las Vegas resident.

While the MGM isn't releasing who will take over the star position in "EFX," a story has appeared in a local newspaper indicating Broadway superstar Tommy Tune may fill in for an eight-month run. Tune still wants to

return to Broadway for a delayed revival of "Easter Parade," with co-star Sandy Duncan.

The tap sensation "TAP DOGS" will hold its last performance at the Stratosphere Tower on Oct. 25. The critically acclaimed dance production is currently in discussion with several hotels to relocate the show elsewhere in Las Vegas. The Images Cabaret where "TAP DOGS" has been holding its shows is going to be turned into a sports book.

The Professional Bull Riders (PBR)

Bud Light Cup World Championships return to the MGM Grand for the fifth consecutive year, Nov. 6-8. The four performances will be attended by more than 60,000 fans. International World Champions Ty Murray, Owen Washburn, Jim Sharp, Cody Custer, Terry Don West, Adriano Moraes and Australian Champion Troy Dunn will be among the top 45 bullriders competing for more than \$1.5 million in prize money. Tickets are \$27.50, \$35 and \$50.

TNN: The Nashville Network will

televiser the championships live on Friday, Saturday at 7 p.m., and the final round on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Once the 1998 Bud Light Cup Tour reaches Las Vegas, it will have traveled to 22 different cities nationwide.

The teen idols of the '50s and '60s now touring as The Golden Boys, will return to The Orleans Showroom, Oct. 22-25. Frankie Avalon, Fabian, and Bobby Rydell each take the spotlight performing their all-time greatest hits. The three stars also combine their talents on several songs and perform a

tribute to the material of Elvis Presley, Bobby Darin, Ricky Nelson and Bill Haley. Tickets for their 7 p.m. nightly shows are \$44.95. For information call (702) 365-7075.

A trio of rock 'n roll groups will headline in concert at the Sahara in the Congo Showroom from Oct. 19-Nov. 1. Tickets for The Coasters, The Drifters and The Platters are \$29.95 plus tax.