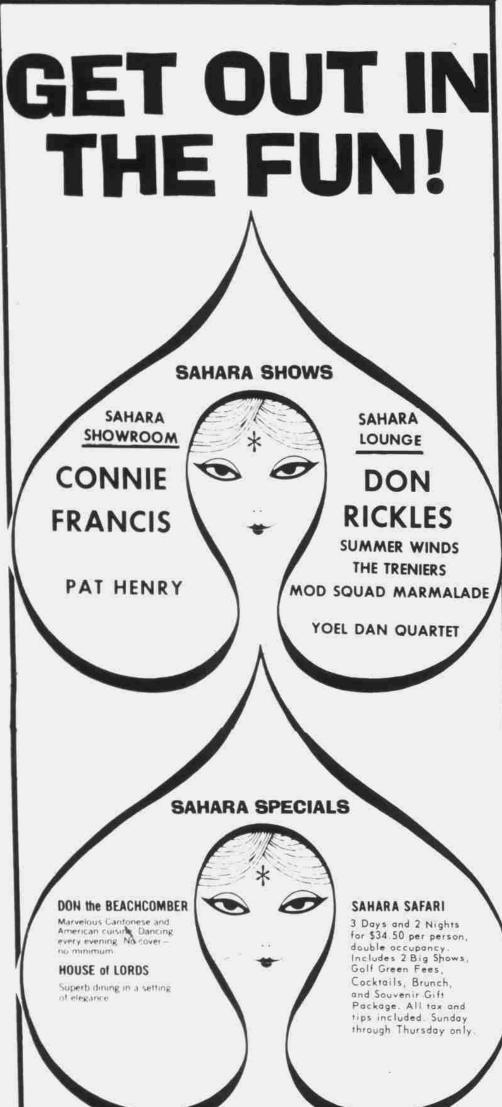
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LLA'S VEGAS By Percy Villa

Las Vegas has many interesting personalities, but the most unusual one I've ever met is JIMMY GRIPPO of Caisars Palace who headquarters as the house magician at the plush Bacchanal Room.

Grippo is the celebrated mental mystic who once hypnotized Melio Bettina into the world's light-heavyweight boxing championship. Melio was the kid everybody in the neighborhood licked until Grippo shot him full of confidence with hypnotic darts.

Jimmy is one of the seven wonders of the world. He is in his 70's and a veteran of



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complection and energy of a youngish man of 50. He is a minipulator of cards, a frequent lecturer at colleges on the subject of hypnotism, and a practitioner of extra-

We asked Grippo about the Olympics? He says: "The only was the U.S. can beat Russia is by hypnotism. They are using it. The United States will use hypnotism in the future. They'll have to. Our athletes are the best in the world and through hypnotism our boys could bring out the best that's in them." Jimmy was born at Ven-osa, Italy, He came to these shores about 40 years ago. He landed at Beacon, New York. He is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and a trim 165 pounder.



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He and his wife Francis live at 3716 Central Park

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ROGER WILLIAMS ARBORS OPEN TROP DATE TONITE

The Roger Williams Show featuring the Arbors rolls into the \$1 million Blue Room of Hotel Tropicana June 14 for a two-week engagement.

Williams, the all-time top-selling instrumental recording artist, has created 49 best - selling albums with a total sale exceeding 15 million. His "Autumn Leaves" recording, which enjoyed tremendous success, is now being crowded by his recording of "Born Free."

Network f television appearances, sellout concert tours and a consistent schedule of recording sessions have boosted Williams to the spot in his field. top Throughout the world Roger Williams is known as "Mr. Piano."

The Arbors, a popular recording group, is featured on the same bill.

Circle. They have a pretty daughter, Roslyn.

In the 40 some years that he has been in this profession Jimmy has played in every city that has a population of 20,000 or more. His hobby is his profession. Reading books that pertains to the knowledge of the human mind occupies all his sparetime.

He does many stage shows for convention groups. Grippo claims that more than 20 per cent of the athletes in this country have been hypnotized.

His love for people is his claim that makes him look so young.

"I've also worked with people to improve their memories and over come habits like over-eating."

Whatta man and another credit to our city, because he loves it.

