

LAS VEGAS

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STRIP HOPPIN'.....ANN-MARGRET, MITZI GAYNOR, SAMMY DAVIS JR., LIZA MINNELLI, CONNIE STEVENS, SHECKY GREENE, WAYNE NEWTON, JULIET PROWSE, JOAN RIVERS, TOTIE FIELDS, HELEN REDDY, JAMES DARREN, BOBBIE GENTRY, RICH LITTLE, and STEVE LAWRENCE & EYDIE GORME are among the stars being invited to join the all-star cast of presenters at the upcoming LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS, to be hosted by BOB HOPE at Caesars Palace on Nov. 12-14. The Awards will be seen on NBC-TV on November 20 as Bob's second special of the year. The winners will be determined by voting by more than 1500 members of the newly formed Academy of Variety and Cabaret Artists (all Strip performers should be receiving their membership forms this month). The Academy membership will be limited to performers, musicians, hotel executives, entertainment press, managers, producers, agents, specialty acts, etc.....**THE SINATRA FAMILY** is at Caesars Palace for one week only, and so, it seems, is just about every famous star of stage, screen and television in to see the famous family in their first Las Vegas appearance together. The Palace date is Nancy's first Strip appearance since the birth of her first daughter Angela Jennifer. Also in the act is Angela's daddy, singer, dancer, choreographer HUGH LAMBERT. The Sinatras just closed engagement at Harrah's Tahoe was even more historical, marking Frank senior's first appearance in Northern Nevada in ten years, Nancy's first public appearance since motherhood, and Frank Jr.'s first engagement there since his kidnapping from his Harrah's dressing room in 1963.....Up the Strip a bit at the Tropicana Superstar Theater, another famous family of superstars is returning.

THE OSMONDS (opening Friday the 13th). The Osmonds new show, debuted at the Superstar a few months ago, was produced by oldest brother (and newlywed) ALAN OSMOND..... The Strip's first INDIAN SUPERSTAR (before Wayne Newton) is back at the Thunderbird, KEELY SMITH who broke a long absence earlier this year with her T-Bird return, is back with more of her musical magic, and special gueststar NORM CROSBY.....Comedy genius SHECKY GREENE and his new gueststar, singer Ray Stevens, are at the MGM Grand Hotel thru Sept. 24. On the 25th it'll be SERGIO FRANCHI & PAT COOPER; on the 26th it'll be SERGIO & JOAN RIVERS. And then on October 9, SHIRLEY JONES & JACK CASSIDY return with special guest, comedy favorite RONNIE SCHELL.....

NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Statuesque BETTINA BRENNER, formerly of "Bottoms Up", and now Mrs. Richard O. Linke (the personal manager of stars like Andy Griffith, Jim Nabors, etc.) is now the mother of two little Linkes. Richard O. III arrived at the Linkes' Bev Hills address on August 26.....Impressionist CRAIG RUSSELL, a big hit in his "Manhattan Follies" frolic as Carol Channing, is hoping his agents will firm up his return to the MGM Lion's Den to coincide with the Strip return of CAROL CHANNING, opening Nov. 7 with Alan King at Caesars Palace. Miss Channing was a constant visitor to Craig's shows at the New York Plaza while she was starring on Broadway in her "Lorelei".....JAMES DARREN, returning to the Sahara with Buddy Hackett, on October 5 and again on November 5, will make a headliner return engagement to his hometown Philadelphia, at Palumbo's over the Thanksgiving Day holidays. Thanksgiving is a tremendous holiday in Philadelphia, kicking off with the annual Santa Claus Parade and the yearly Army-Navy football rivalry.....Television favorites, DON ADAMS ("Get Smart") and FLORENCE HENDERSON ("The Brady Bunch") costar next at the Sands Hotel, opening Sept 18.....Frederic Apcar unveils a brand new edition of his long running spectacular "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes Hotel for Christmas. Apcar's current "Casino" revue featuring THE REYCARDS, THE ARGENTINIAN GAUCHOS, THE STUPIDS & THE FLYING FERCOs, closes in mid-November.....Ever in demand, WAYNE NEWTON, who could easily play the Strip fifty two weeks

SHECKY GREENE BACK AT MGM GRAND

Shecky Greene returns to the MGM Grand Hotel, opening a two-week stand in the Celebrity Room. Joining the zany Greene for the fort-nighter will be the versatile recording star, Ray Stevens.

The Celebrity Room has become the Las Vegas entertainment "home" of the wildly hilarious Greene. The up-coming engagement marks Shecky's fifth in the nine-month old MGM Grand entertainment palace. The zany one's four previous Celebrity Room outings were about what one would expect from a superstar of a \$120 million resort-casino - merely smashing.

While Shecks looks forward to an insane romp through his own delightfully familiar Vegas playpen, Stevens will be hitting the Celebrity Room boards for the first time, a year to turnaway crowds, closes Sept. 17 at the Sands. He opens October 3 at the Frontier. And in November, returns to the Sands.....



SHECKY

WEEKEND WANDERERS.....IF at first you don't succeed, all you can do is try again to see THE SINATRAS at CAESARS.....See at least one, if not all, of the dazzling Las Vegas spectaculars: "LIDO DE PARIS" at the Stardust, "CASINO DE PARIS" at the Dunes, "HALLELUJAH HOLLYWOOD" at the Grand.....HERB ALPERT & THE TIJUANA BRASS in their Vegas bow, for one week only, at the Riviera.....JIM NABORS & CHARO at the Sahara.....KEELY SMITH at the Thunderbird.....



Happy New Year

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