



blusters and fumes his act opening Thursday for six nights in the Cabaret, followed by HARRY BELAFONTE's limited three-nighter Sept. 26-28. The Golden Nugget Grand Prix of Poker is set to begin Dec. 1 and will last through the 19th with more than \$3 million in prize money. And GN's boss STEVE WYNN is roastmaster for the "PARRY & JERRY SHOW" Thursday at Thomas & Mack Center where E. PARRY THOMAS & JERRY MACK, the T&M of the Center, will be handed the National Brotherhood Award by National Conference of Christians & Jews. Names bandled about to help in the roastie-toast will be WAYNE NEWTON, MERV ADELSON and his partner IRWIN MOLASKY. They should put in a real roaster for the occasion, vituperative and funny ARTIE BROOKS of Saints & Sinners and the plush Palomino Club, the gentlemen's recreational center for the community...Former Caesars Palace exec HARVEY ROTHMAN is the mover of "The Neon Empire," a four-hour CBS miniseries about Vegas' history, mostly the early years from the start of gambling to the advent of the mustache brigade of the '40s and '50s where the Godfather's helpers were the shakers.



The new \$25 slot machines were in play at the Las Vegas Hilton over Labor Day Weekend and won \$245,150 for the casino, but no word about a people winner has emerged to date. The other \$25 slots are at the Riverside in Laughlin and another somewhere in the wilds of Lake Tahoe. The now lowly nickey slot can spew forth plenty of coins as witness MARY KUJAWSKI from West

Hollwyood putting in five nickels at the downtown Mint casino and instantly becoming \$14,337 richer...As for high incomes per capita, Nevada comes out 11th at \$13,320 to California's fifth at \$14,487...Caesars Palace classy new sportsbook is awaiting the million dollar football weekend Oct. 12-20 with Worldwide Tournament Consultants competition having contestants handicap both NFL and college games. Also, Caesars prez DON ALLISON is looking forward to the opening of the huge Palatium area annexed to the Olympiad Race & Sports Book sporting three dining areas with reasonable prices...Four Queens downtown readying its Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum Oct. 1 recalls the first Ripley Museum 30 years ago located in the onetime legit Birdcage Theater in the Last Frontier Village on the Strip...ED and FRED DOUMANI were okayed to expand their El Morocco and La Concha motels into a 570-room tower, 87,000 sq. foot casino, restaurants, lounge and a second-floor alfresco dining terrace overlooking the Strip.



The Riviera's entry in the local drag race, La Cage, spots JAMES "Gypsy" HAAKE, up from the La Cienega Blvd. club owned by LOU PACIOCCO & NORBERT ALEMAN. Gypsy will go wig to toe with the Strip's No. 1 dragstar KENNY KERR, star of the Silver Slipper's Boylesque revue. Press night for La Cage is on the 27th...RIP TAYLOR tossed his confetti and gags at MGM Grand opening for MAC DAVIS, but vamoosed

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with his glitter and clatter Sunday as the SMOTHERS BROS, entered Monday for a 10-nighter...GEORGE CARLIN's Thursday through Sunday sked at the Sahara will be shared with "A Chorus Line."

LIBERACE hosted a wedding and gala reception in the Crystal Ballroom of his Tivoli Gardens, toasting the restaurant's sous chef, MARIO DE BATTISTA and bride ROSEMARY ANN CASEY. Among the host of wellwishers were LEE's sister-in-law DORA LIBERACE, who suceeded her late husband, GEORGE, as administrator of the Liberace Museum. Also toasting the couple were LEE's personal manager, SEYMOUR HELLER and biz manager LUCILLE CUN-NINGHAM...TONY BENNETT shuffled off to Buffalo to guest solo with that city's Phil Orch Friday...FRANK SINATRA JR. returned to the Four Queens French Quarter Tuesday for a run through the 29th. ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz features CHARLIE ROUSE's tenor sax next week and then, voila! JACK SHELDON comedy trumpeting with serious musician CARL FON-TANA, trombone on the 30th...BUCK RAM's PLATTERS, who finished a month in the French Quarter are pointing with pride to their one hour concert with the Houston Pops on March 29. RAM hopes this Pops date will open up the big one in Boston with JOHN WILLIAMS...GEORGE BENSON will be backed by 23 pieces in Thomas & Mack Center on the 25th, with special guest KENNY G, promo direction by GARY NASEEF.



NEIL SEDAKA had MARILYN McCOO to coo with as Desert Inn tandem earlier this year, so it's a repeater Thursday (19) for three frames...KABC in Ellay is celebrating its 25th anni as the country's first alltalk radio station. Vegas radio/video personality RED McILVAINE was there when all

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