

Could **Gordon Ramsay** be Atlantic City's next celebrity chef?

Last month, the internationally-renowned chef - arguably the most popular chef in the world right now - was in Atlantic City, accompanied by **Caesars Entertainment Eastern Division President Don Marrandino** and **Jay Snowden**, senior vice president

and general manager of **Harrah's Resort and Caesars Atlantic City**.

While the two execs are being tight-lipped about their intimate time with Ramsay, it's hard to believe the British chef, television personality and restaurateur would be in town unless business was on the menu.

Another possibility is Marrandino and Snowden are trying to lure Ramsay to headline Caesars Entertainment's Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival this summer. But that's a long shot because Ramsay's schedule rarely allows for public appearances outside of his own restaurants.

Ramsay, who currently has three Fox series - "Hell's Kitchen," "Kitchen Nightmares" and "MasterChef" - has been awarded 12 Michelin stars in his storied career, and he is one of only three chefs in the United Kingdom to hold three Michelin stars at one time.

The Scotland native owns restaurants around the world, with several in the United Kingdom, as well as Dubai, Tokyo, Los Angeles and New York City, the latter receiving top newcomer honors by Zagat.

Known for his volatile personality and foul language on TV, Ramsay is known for being quite a nice guy off-screen.

To sum it up, having a Ramsay restaurant here would be huge for Atlantic City. Keep your fingers crossed.

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Resorts celebrates 1-11-11

**Resorts Casino Hotel** will celebrate Tuesday, Jan. 11 - 1-11-11 - with some interesting offers and promotions.

Room packages include 11 rooms offered at \$1.11, and 11 more at \$11.11. A special No. 1 room package for \$111.11 features room, \$60 food credit, access to pool and health club and 1 p.m. check out. Call 800-772-9000 and mention "One" or "Lucky One."

**Breadsticks** will offer an \$11.11 meal featuring a bowl of soup, corned beef special, french fries and a drink. **Asian Spice** noodle bar's \$11.11 dish features Ping's spring roll, Chinese rib and vegetable lo mein that will be plated to look like 1.11.11.

**Gallagher's**

and the

**Burger Bar**

also will offer \$11.11 deals, including a soup of the day and an order of two sliders with fries at the burger bar.

Other specials: domestic beers during the Flyers game will be \$1.11 at **25 Hours lounge**, parking will be \$1.11; and the

**Salon**

will offer \$1.11 cosmetic bags, \$11.11 manicures, and a facial, scalp massage and hand massage for \$111.11.

Celebrity sightings

**Maroon 5** rang in the New Year in style at the **House of Blues at Showboat Casino-Hotel**.

Not only did the band sell out HOB, its members were seen hanging out at the

**Foundation Room**

. And, lead singer

**Adam Levine**

and keyboardist

**Jesse Carmichael**

played blackjack at

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### **Back Stage**

, surprising fans that were at the Showboat lounge. Levine's supermodel girlfriend,

#### **Anne Vyalitsyna**

, also was at the concert, joining the band's other girlfriends and crew for the New Year's Eve midnight countdown.

At Harrah's, **The Pool** was jumping last week as the **Shannon Twins - Karissa and Kristina** - made appearances. The Playboy Playmates hung out in a VIP cabana and drank vodka while posing for pictures with fans.

**Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa** had a crazy New Year's weekend, with celebrities galore. **Jason Derulo**

, a featured performer on Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve, surprised the crowd who just saw him on TV by joining

#### **DJ D-Nice**

for parties at

**mixx**

and

**mur.mur**

. Derulo sang his triple-platinum hit "Whatcha Say" and "Love Hangover."

Also, **Carrie Underwood** dazzled a sold-out crowd at Borgata's Event Center on New Year's Day, with DJ **Samantha Ronson** and **Jermaine Dupri** capping the night off at Borgata's clubs.

Miss New Jersey got to meet the "Jersey Boy" as **Julianna White**, of Haddon Township, was introduced to **Frankie Valli** after his sold-out performance at the Music Box on Jan. 1. Her response: "This is such an incredible experience ... I am shaking right now."

Charitable casinos

**Resorts Casino Hotel** donated winter coats to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission this week. **Executive Vice President of Operations Aaron Gomes**

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and

**Director of Administration Jean Price**

helped deliver the coats to the mission, which helps 3,000 people annually who have fallen on hard times.

A recent wine event held with the Mondavi family at **Morton's The Steakhouse** locations throughout the country, including the one at Caesars, raised more than \$110,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The second **Pink Angels Night** at **Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort** raised more than \$19,000 for area breast cancer patients. The money raised from the 450 guests was donated to the Shirley Mae Breast Cancer Assistance Fund.

**Tropicana** executives surprised Atlantic City's Richmond Avenue School students with holiday-themed goodies before the holidays.

Caesars Entertainment's Atlantic City properties also brought some holiday cheer to area families. In conjunction with the Salvation Army, HERO volunteers from Caesars Entertainment provided toys and food to more than 60 Atlantic City families before Christmas.

Movers, shakers at Palm

Masterpiece Advertising held its annual holiday gala at **The Palm** inside The Quarter at the Tropicana. With a "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" theme, Masterpiece President

**Phyllis Lacca**

and her family paid tribute to their father

**Benny Lacca**

, who died in September.

Legendary Philadelphia DJ **Bob Pantano** provided the music, and the Palm was wall-to-wall with local dignitaries, including **Assemblymen John Amodeo**

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**Vince Polistina**

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**Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo Langford**

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**Freeholders Frank Formica**

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**Alisa Cooper**

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**Egg Harbor Township Mayor Sonny McCullough**

and others.

Borgata players

receive special treat

Borgata VIPs were treated to a special, private show with **Darlene Love** recently. But those in attendance weren't aware how special it would be. A few days later, Love was selected for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Word is New Jersey legend **Bruce Springsteen** and E Street band member **Little Stevie Van Zandt** were really pushing for her induction. Love performed with Springsteen at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Concert at Madison Square Garden in New York, and Van Zandt wrote "All Alone on Christmas," which became a minor hit for Love on the "Home Alone 2" soundtrack.

At Borgata, Love sang three songs, including her signature, "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," a song she sang on "The Late Show with David Letterman" later in the week for the 25th year in a row.

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