

OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.



dreamed up for Greater Las Vegas Foundation's "Fifties Fest" June 4 - 10 will be a shot at the Guinness Book of Records for one man playing guitar 240 hours, staged at Sam's Town. And coming right up and out at Sam's Town Wednesday were finals for women and men "Best Chest in the West" contest....LARRY HOLMES bodyguard BIG BOB DIGULIO, is growing at the A-Team's Mr. T. "Mr. T, he makes me want to spit," spat BIG BOB last week in reference to a onetime fellow bodyguard turned actor. "He's

a phony. All those jewels and racist stuff and that big mouth. He's all show and no substance." BIG BOB has guarded the expensive bodies of ELVIS PRESLEY, FRANK SINATRA, SYDNEY HILL and the whole bunch of ROLLING STONES.

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Sorry to see FRANK SINATRA join up with STEVE WYNN for those veddy exclusive insider parties that SINATRA will host, maybe even sing a tune or two at the Golden Nugget. WYNN is getting more elitist by the minute and few if any of his expensive plans will benefit Las Vegas to any great extent. SINATRA should entertain in a showroom where everyone can have a look and listen -- he's almost a public institution. The backers of "Lavender Follies '83" are fourwalling the Fiesta Showroom of the Fremont. The current run brings back to life one of the best showrooms in town....NANCY SHADE is Cio-Cio-San and tenor JOHN DUYKERS is Lt. Pinkerton in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" Sunday with the Las Vegas Symph directed by VIRKO BAILEY in UNLV's Ham Hall....And Prof. Harold Hill and entire company of "The Music Man" march into UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre Friday for a three - weeker...JIM SEMMELMAN plays the prof and Marian the librarian is performed by CAROL PAULSEN...ALAN BAER, the resourceful pufflicity guy from Sam's Town, sends along a "H-E-L-P" letter noting he'll be jailed at the Fashion Show Mall Monday the 9th and wants people, including me, to go his bail, all proceeds going to the American Heart Association....UNLV's student jazz band was selected by Friendship Ambassadors Foundation to perform in San Sebastian, Spain July 19-25 in the prestigious SS jazz fest. FRANK GAGLIARDI, the jazz ensemble director, sez the trip is subsidized by the Spanish gov and private contributions...This is the week of the renowned writers' conference in John Wright Hall and Flora Dungan Humanities Building at UNLV. Funded by the Nevada Humanities Committee and cosponsored by the Friends of Southern Nevada Libraries and UNLV English Dept., "In Search of the West: A Conference on Western Literature" will spot w.k. authors MADELINE DeFREES, HERBERT GOLD, OAKLEY HALL, CAROLYN KIZER, RUDOLFO ANAYA and WILLIAM STAFFORD....Final week to

SECOND ANNUAL ANTIQUE AUTO RUN AT I.P.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - The Second Annual Imperial Palace Antique Auto Run will be held November 4, 5, 6, it was announced by Hotel President Ralph Engelstad.

A variety of exciting features have been planned for this year's event, including entertainment and special prizes in an effort to make this, the second annual Imperial Palace run, one of the best in the country.

The first run, held last November, covered a distance of 58 miles through the City of Las Vegas and the beautiful Red Rock Canyon area. This year's event will again cover the same route, however, an extra leg has been added for those participants desiring a longer run.

As in the first event, celebrities and members of the news media will be invited to participate as drivers and passengers. Famed international singing stars Lovelace Watkins and Robert Goulet entered last year, as did former two-time Indy 500 winner Roger Ward.

The Imperial Palace will be extending invitations to several more stars of the entertainment and sports world to compete in this year's auto run, making it even more exciting.

A complete auto run package is available for those entering from out of town, which will include three nights and four days at the Imperial Palace. This year, every auto run package will include a specially designed auto run jacket, hat and patch for each entrant, plus a free show in the Imperial Theatre, cocktail par-

ties, a barbecue and a roaring 20's dance and dinner banquet the final evening.

All entrants and their guests will be asked to dress either in the style of the "Roaring 20's" or the era of their respective car, with special prizes to be awarded.

Last year more than 60 vehicles were entered and this year the Imperial Palace is expecting to more than double that number. In addition, a representative from Europe was on hand last year to observe, and upon departure for England, indicated there may well be a couple of European autos entered in 1983.

For further information regarding the Antique Auto Run please call or write the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino: (702) 731-3311, or P.O. Box 15050, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89109.

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GEORGE BURNS, who unblinkingly describes himself as a country singer, will also tell a few jokes when he returns to the Sahara's Congo Room May 27 - 30, highlighting Memorial Day weekend. He played to sellout crowds for five nights, two shows a night, last February celebrating his 80th anni in show biz. The party tossed him by PAUL LOWDEN after opening show is still being talked about....CLIFFORD PERLMAN is up to his old trix of upcharging for his fight events, no change from his Caesars Palace days to present Dunes where prices for LARRY HOLMES - TIM WITHERSPOON/w/MICHAEL DOKES - MIKE WEAVER May 20 double - header run \$500, \$300, \$200, \$100 and \$50. Abuilding on the Dunes parking lot is a 20,000 seat arena....Golden Nugget chairman STEVE WYNN was around two weeks ago for bulldozing down the existing swimming pool wall for building new town house tower and spa. There'll be 27 posh suites, many of them 2 - story townhouses with atriums, balconies, circular stairways, butler service and no doubt, the house Rolls for a bit of shopping.

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OLE BORRESEN, who won a gold medal with gathering of Las Vegas executive chefs at the Hotel-Motel Expo last week, becomes chef de cuisine at LIBERACE's Tivoli Gardens in LIBERACE PLAZA with grand opening next month....RONALD (SMOKEY) STEVENS, song & dance star of "One Mo' Time" at the Sands this past summer, heads up his "Sho Nuff Variety Revue" at Gotham's Village Gate with expositions of best work of Broadway performers showcased....Eastward and just off the downtown rialto, ANDY TOMPKINS' Lady Luck is humming right on schedule for July 1 opening. TOMPKINS bought the old Nevada Power Co. building and is converting it into a hotel addition....Women bowlers have converged on Las Vegas with over 73,000 members of Women's International Bowling Congress holding its champ tourney playoffs at the Showboat for the next few weeks, the 64th running with reps from Japan, Bermuda, Guam, Canada, Venezuela, Australia and The Netherlands among the participants.

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