

OF THE STARS

Take stock in America.



The three network vidstations battled for news supremacy with KLAS-TV (8), CBS, winning both the 6 o'clock & 11 o'clock telecasts, followed by KVBC-TV (3), NBC, and finally KNTV-TV (13), ABC...Nevada Office of Community Services accused U.S. Census Bureau of underestimating state population count by 30,000. NOCS puts the number at 975,000. Nevada is third fastest growing state behind Alaska and Arizona. But all of Nevada people could easily fit in some far corner of Los Angeles County without causing a ripple (not that they would care to)...King of Kitsch, BOB STUPAK is adding more space paraphernalia to his Vegas World hotel-casino, including his name in larger script than the neon around the tops of his two towers. Inside, to theme "The Sky's the Limit," he has a special effects display in the registration sector with 30,000 fiberoptic tips simulating a solar system. Center of the show is a mammoth docked spaceship, plus rotating solar panel, two floating astronauts surrounded by planets and moons. The STUPAK stupendo was created by Young &

Co. and G&G Optics...Revenues released by the Gaming Control Board show increased downtown casino wins of \$3,000,000 over September's plummet, up \$5,000,000 on the Strip and a \$3,500,000 gain at Laughlin.

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With bookings getting back to normal, whatever that is, after New Year's hoopla, new entries are POINTER SISTERS & RONN LUCAS, Caesars Palace, Wednesday; BOBBY VINTON & SMOTHERS BROS., Desert Inn; PAUL ANKA, Golden Nugget; WAYNE NEWTON, MGM Grand, Thursday; 5th DIMENSION augmenting "Splash" at the Riviera, Thursday and PETE BARBUTTI to follow MARLENE RICCI into the French Quarter of Four Queens on the 14th. ALAN GRANT's choice for his Monday Night Jazz next Monday is baritone saxman NICK BRIGNOLA with his group.

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Big fuss out North Las Vegas way over auto pawnshops. The ordinance will be ready for city council vote in about a week. It refers to money for pawned cars at a daily parking rate. If the owner plays back the parking rate handed over in cash, he gets his car back. If no pay in 90 days, or whatever the ordinance specifies, the car title goes by default to the pawnshop owner. The tenderhearts say it will be tough on the poor folk who live in their cars and have to choose be-

tween money and home...One seg of United Cerebral Palsy telethon was taped at Imperial Palace for "Weekend With The Stars" airing Jan. 18 over ABC. Four members of IP's "Legends in Concert," MONICA MARIS, GEORGE TRULLINGER, JONATHON VON BRANA & DAVE SWAN performed along with ROY CLARK, OAK RIDGE BOYS, LARRY GATLIN & GATLIN BROS., T. G. SHEPPARD, FRANK SINATRA JR. & CHARO, with host HAL LINDEN. Live cut-in from the Showboat will spotlight ROBIN TIMM, JOE DICKEY, BRANDON SCOTT & MARY MAGNANI. Last January the show raised more than \$17,000,000...Comedy pretzlers LOS WILSONS replace the BIZZARRO BROS. in Flamingo Hilton's "City Lites" Friday, joining holdover comedians MARIO & DANIEL and illusionist PENDRAGONS.

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JERROLD PETROFSKY aided JO ANNE TOADVINE in linking his computerized electrical stimulation devices to paraplegics walking at Help Them Walk Again Clinic last Friday. They'll demo the progress further on the 27th when HTWA springs its anni fundraiser at Convention Center honoring Men of the Year ROY WOOFER & RON LURIE...By the way, that HTWA clinic here, under JO ANNE's constant watch and tender care, is one of the few in the U.S. that charges no fee for helping quad & paraplegics walk again via the electronics from Petrofsky's National Center for Rehabilitation Engineering at Wright State U. near Dayton, Ohio...Last Monday's concert was Las Vegas Symph's UNLV Ham Hall date with soloists KALMAN BANYAK as violin soloist and CAROL KIMBALL, mezzo-soprano. Another Ham Hall event on the 14th with the Prague Chamber Orch, the conductorless ensemble, features Czech guitarist LUBOMIR BRABEC performing Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez."

"Living Statues" Featured In Hilton's Moulin Rouge



LIVING STATUES -- The Garza Brothers, a slow-motion acrobatic troupe, are one of the featured acts in the Las Vegas Hilton's "Bal du Moulin Rouge." These "Living Statues" assume formations reminiscent of the marble sculptures of Ancient Greece.

With tremendous strength and muscle coordination, they move slowly, smoothly and with very little effort as they assume statue-like formations reminiscent of the marble sculptures of Ancient Greece.

They are the Garza Brothers, also known as the "Living Statues," and they are currently appearing in the Las Vegas Hilton's lavish stage production "Bal du Moulin Rouge."

With their bodies painted entirely silver, these three finely-tuned acrobats perform

amazing feats of strength with a style and grace that is so uniquely their own. The dramatic silver coloring, along with the use of creative lighting techniques, creates an optical effect that accentuates the many moves that they perform.

"Throughout our act, we display a combination of grace, beauty, strength and athletic discipline found in the precise, formal and elaborate movement of ballet," says Mario Garza, one

of the brothers. Mario and his two brothers, Everado and Oscar, perform a variety of maneuvers unparalleled by any other act on a Las Vegas stage.

In one such maneuver, the three acrobats gradually form a human pyramid with the man on top moving, inch-by-inch, into a full, arched handstand.

In another formation, the team of gymnasts build their bodies at an almost imperceptible pace into a human sculpture with one man standing on his brother's knees as the third man wraps his legs around the elevated acrobat and extends his body and arms parallel to the ground.

The Garza Brothers have gained tremendous notoriety on the Las Vegas entertainment scene.

During their last engagement at the Flamingo Hilton, they received standing ovations for their performances.

The Garza Brothers were discovered in 1978 and they originally hail from Monterrey, Mexico.



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