

# ANNUAL WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY GONG SHOW FEATURES 34 RARE AND UNUSUAL ACTS

Fire eaters and snake acts . . . a table top tap dancer on roller skates . . . a tennis ball juggling break dancer . . . are just a few of the 34 rare and incredible acts scheduled for West Las Vegas Library's fourth annual Gong Show which by tradition features the untraditional.

This year's showtime is set for 6 PM (Saturday) July 25 in Heritage Hall, 932 W. Owens Avenue. Performers will try to beat the gong while competing for cash prizes: a \$200 first prize, a \$100 second prize and a \$50 third prize, donated anonymously

by library patrons.

"But the real prize for the contestants," according to West Las Vegas Librarian and coordinator of the event, Deborah Richards, is "the chance to perform before a live audience. Some of our aspiring entertainers from previous shows have made appearances on 'Star Search,' 'Putting On The Hits,' and 'Dance Fever.'"

This year's show will highlight the premiere performance of the Gong Show Production Dancers and the Junior Gong Show Dancers. Master of Ceremonies, Seat Williams from Radio KROL,

will keep the antics going . . . going . . . gong!

Judges in control of the gong will include Rikki Cheese, News Anchor Reporter for KVBC Channel 3; Andre Crockett, president of the Las Vegas Edwin Hawkins Music and Arts Ensemble; Jimmy Johnson, theatrical producer and entertainment manager; professional dancer, Spense Clark; and professional model and actress, Tamra Atkinson.

The public is invited to come and cheer for their favorite acts. Admission is free for the whole family.

## FESTIVE SUPER HOP '87 FILLED WITH MUSIC, DANCES, CONTESTS

Wolfman Jack, Frankie Avalon and Flip Wilson will rotate as emcees at the "Super Hop '87" concerts and dances held nightly from 7:30 to midnight, July 29 through Aug. 1, at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

the public. These get under way July 30 with "Baby Boomer Trivia" preliminaries from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the main showroom of the Dunes Hotel. Preliminaries continue the following day, with finals judged on Aug. 1. Times

most contestants. Schedule calls for quarter-finals July 30, semi-finals July 31, and finals Aug. 1. Times each day will be 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per couple.

Wet 'n Wild Water Park will host the "Belly Flop Diving" contest. Preliminaries held July 30 from 2 to 4 p.m.; finals the following day, same time. Entry fee is \$10.

"Prom Night" will take place July 30 from 7:30 to midnight at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Couples will dance to the sounds of the Diamonds, Jan & Dean, Brenda Lee, the Righteous Brothers, and various performers from the Imperial Palace's "Legends in Concert."

Saturday, Aug. 1, is the day for car buffs to test their road machines at the "Burn Out" competition and the "Grudge Races," both held at the Las Vegas Speedrome from 8 to 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$5 per run.

Spectator admission tickets for the Individual Super Hop contests are priced at \$3 advanced or \$4 at the door. Tickets for all Super Hop events can be purchased at the Thomas & Mack Center, the Las Vegas Convention Center box office, and all local Ticketron outlets.

Entry forms for the contests are available at Caesars Palace, Frontier Hotel, radio station KEY 93, Dizz's Diner & Lounge, Las Vegas Athletic Clubs, Sports Club Las Vegas, and Mickey Cole Travel Service.

consistent each day. Entry fee is \$10.

Ladies 18 to 35 years of age are invited to enter the "Miss Super Hop '87 Pageant," to be staged in the Americana Room of the Frontier Hotel. Three-phase judging will include baby doll pajama competition, telephone conversation / personality segment, and '50s dress competition. Preliminaries are scheduled July 30 and 31 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; finals on Aug. 1, same time. Entry fee is \$10.

That room will also be the scene of the "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" contest. Entrants' bikinis should be designed to reflect those worn during the '50s. Entry fee is \$10.

Organizers estimate that the dance contest, held in the Las Vegas Hilton's Ballroom, will attract the



Flip Wilson

Nearly 30 of the biggest names in rock 'n' roll history will perform at this nostalgia revival designed to re-create the carefree era of the late '50s and early 60s. Among those names are such living rock legends as Chuck Berry, the Supremes, Chubby Checker, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas.

Super Hop officially kicks off at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, with a parade of more than 2,000 vintage and classic cars that will cruise from downtown's Fremont Street to the Las Vegas Convention Center. The cars will later be on display at the "Super Run '87" car show held at Sunset Park from July 30 through Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$40 per vehicle and payable to the Las Vegas Cruisin' Assn.

Other activities linked to Super Hop will include a variety of contests open to

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to make the trip.

"THE WAY NOT TO GO" is how Detroit's Institute For American Business may have to change its slogan from "Entrepreneurship—The Way To Go." The group is trying to solve the "no show" mystery of biz tycoon J. Bruce Llewellyn, ch'man Phila Coca-Cola Bottling Co. He was to receive the organization's top award, Entrepreneur of the Year and give the keynote address after an introduction by the Hon. Damon J. Keith, judge, U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit. It's said that the honored guest made the Detroit airport, but never reached the Westin Hotel.

OF THEE WE SING — Endowed with deserved pride of past accomplishments the leaders and delegates of the NAACP, strengthened by hundreds of accompanying members, invaded NYC with its always vigilant agenda for future achievements in the racial arena of our nation. Dr.

## EDWARD LEWIS NEW DIRECTOR OF TIRE SAFETY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Edward Lewis has been named the new Director of the Tire Industry Safety Council, it was announced by Donald G. Brotzman, Chairman of the Council and President of the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

Lewis' appointment as Director is effective July 1, 1987. He will succeed Frank Holeman, the first and only Director of TISC, who plans to retire June 30, 1987.

"Ed is well respected for the fine job he has done for the Council and the tire industry these past eight years and certainly merits this promotion and recognition," Brotzman said. He will now assume full responsibility for council activities.

The Council, formed in 1969, is a communications organization supported by U.S. tire manufacturers. Its purpose is to provide helpful information on tire care and safety to consumers.

Lewis, 34, a native of Memphis, Tenn., joined TISC as staff writer in September 1979. He was promoted to Deputy Director in 1984. Earlier he had worked as a reporter for the Memphis Commercial Appeal and as editor of a Washington-based health newsletter.

Ben Hooks' hordes made a chest-out impression on this huddle of habitation mix hard by the Hudson River, shadowed, in spots, by the Statue of Liberty. This 78th NAACP convention was caught up in the eye of a positive hurricane of attention that generated full media, political and lay participation in all that was required. By a long shot there is far more that is right, than that which is wrong, with The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Its ActSo program is steeped in unheralded purpose and greatness. Under the banner, "Black is Brilliant," it encourages and honors the scholastic achievements of thousands of students from throughout the country in 22 categories of the Humanities, Sciences and the Performing and Visual Arts. A creation of Chgo's columnist Vernon Jarrett, for the NAACP it is a human magnet. It is embraced by this scribe with great pride, reverence and renewed faith in

the eligibility of youth . . . Rhythm - and - blues delineators Midnite Star is headline headed after making the big sounds on the Miller Sound Express. The special truck the suds brewery sent to the road for a series of special free concerts is attracting eyes active or inactive. It's a sight to pleasure eyes and ears. It's a lotta wheels . . . Sammy Davis, Jr. is preparing for corrective hip surgery, his second . . . This week the tipped hat is to Garth Reeves, the publisher of the Miami Times. His prowess in the arena of unselfishness has brought him another deserved honor, "The Garth Reeves Sr. Eminent Scholar Chair" in the School of Journalism, Media and Graphic Arts, Florida A&M University. Our cause has profited immensely by his rise through "equal, but separate" to reach heights of total involvement with his peers of all races and sexes as equals . . . STAY LOOSE.

Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist



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