

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



THOMAS REED, who resigned as special \$210-a-day assistant to PRESIDENT REAGAN and is embroiled in controversial stock deals, spoke at a \$200-a-plate dinner at UNLV. As MX missile advisor he raised the spectre that the university might become a weapons mill. The REED visit March 12, kept very quiet, netted UNLV's Engineering Dept. an estimated \$30,000... There is a local thrust toward computer and high tech development as an alternative to Nevada's leading industry -- gaming... American Automobile Association handed its "Four-Diamond" rating to Caesars Palace, Desert Inn, Frontier, Golden Nugget, Las Vegas Hilton, MGM Grand, Sahara, Sands, Riviera and Union Plaza. However, AAA's top rating is five diamonds... Major crimes decreased last month in all categories except murder, dropping 15% com-

pared to a year ago, per Metro Police.... At Caesars Palace, tv producer GEORGE ECKSTEIN speaking at a Jewish Federation Women's Division luncheon zapped the medium; "TV is a crap shoot. It has nothing to do with creativity... television is a mindless medium simply because networks are in the hands of non-creative people...."



DENNIS McNALLY, author of the Jack Kerouac story, "Desolate Angel," biographer for THE GRATEFUL DEAD and BILL GRAHAM's archivist, has a looksee at Vegas when the DEAD liven up Aladdin Theatre for Performing Arts Saturday.... JOAN RIVERS, finished romping her visibles at the Riviera with PAUL WILLIAMS & JIM STAFFORD, hosts "Saturday Night Live" April 9. TONY ORLANDO took over the Riv-stage closing April 6.... Off of a soldout week of JULIO IGLESIAS at MGM Grand, DEAN MARTIN & THE GOLDDIGGERS keep the attendance counts up for a week pending arrival of another blockbuster act, the OAK RIDGE BOYS on the 31st.... DON RICKLES has a five night shot at the Sahara Tuesday with CARTER & CHANEL, new song & dance act. A sortie of strippers

destined for the Sahara for "S.T.A.R. '83" (Strip Tease Artists Roundup) June 17 - 18 will culminate in the "Golden G-String Award" open to all sexes. Stripper JOANNE HATCH from Calgary, sparking the bumb & grinder, hopes "thousands will attend."



'Tis the season to be a - peeling, with Playboy Channel shooting "The Great American Strip - Off" for rank amateurs last Saturday at the Gypsy. Early Sunday ayem at the Gypsy, JOAN RIVERS, MARK TAN, JOE ROSENBERY and BOB LEONARD presented a sneak of "Las Vegas Jewel Box Fantasies".... Holy smoke -- Baptists are coming to Sin City with 20,000 delegates in '89. Quote a churchman re the Vegas confab, "The best troops are where the fires are hottest".... DAVID COPPERFIELD's comely assistant, CHRISTA DANIEL, waltzed off with Miss Nevada crown at the Holiday Casino. Just turned 18, she's a senior at Eldorado HS.... REDD FOXX makes it XXX-time in Hacienda's Fiesta Showroom between perfs of the blader, "Fire & Ice." Folks stay on expecting to see old Sanford from FOXX's earlier running sitcom and what they hear is a complete unabridged lesson in porn... JAY RAMSEY BAND and combo called JONES are playing leapfrog dates in Maxim lounge through June 4, while JTO and his Bobby Duck work both the lounge and the Cabaret showroom in "Shameless."



WAYNE NEWTON has a week at Caesars, then he'll be looking for another venue on the Strip with "42nd Street" moving in after DIANA ROSS's month... Amidst all the hurly-burly there was calm in the concert of the Las Vegas Symphony Orch, directed by VIRKO BAILEY Tuesday night in UNLV's Ham Hall.... VERNE BYERS

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Tickets are now on sale for the \$200,000 J&B Scotch LPGA Pro-Am to be held April 7 - 10 at the Desert Inn Country Club.

Daily tickets for Thursday and Friday, April 7 - 8, are priced at \$6 each day, and for Saturday and Sunday, April 9 - 10, are priced at \$8 each. Seasons tickets, good for all four days of the 72 - hole event, are priced at \$15.

Tickets may be purchased at the Desert Inn Country Club pro shop or by any member of the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Southern Nevada Inc., the official charity of the tournament.

Two - time winner Nancy Lopez will defend her J&B Scotch Pro-Am title against 89 other LPGA players, including Donna Caponi, another double winner of the event. Also entered are 1982 Player of the Year JoAnne Carner, J&B Gold Putter Award champion Beth Daniel and Reno's Patty Sheehan, who has displayed tremendous form on the current tour.

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