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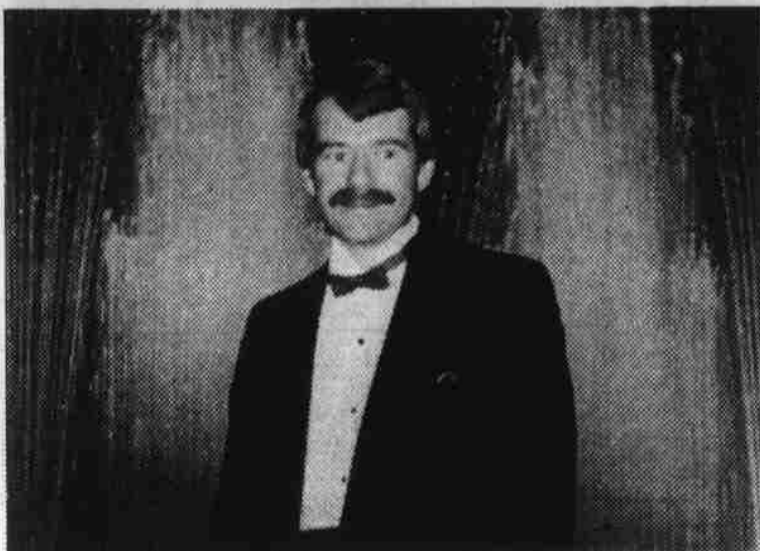


Caesars gave away rooms reserved for the convention during week of April 15, so Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority board voted to buy \$15,000 worth of ducats and giftwrap 'em for the broadcasters. Also CP toppers are considering a special closed circuit broadcast of the scrap for delegates...Latest highroller escapade happened at Caesars when a chap by name of H. ENANEY from Saudi Arabia lost close to \$6,800,000 at baccarat one evening, stayed another night and won it all back plus a sum near \$700,000...Saga of the hosstdrawn carriages on the Strip continues as the Public Service Commission stepped in to halt Cowboys Inc., operators of the Strip trot, until they qualify for proper state license...."It's looking pretty good now," said Ron Brooks, v.p. of Howard Hughes Development Corp., the Summa subsid coordinating "Wet 'N Wild," the "aquatic Disneyland" on the Strip between the Sahara and El Rancho hotels. "If the weather stays good," Brooks chortled, "we'll open on time in May -- hopefully early May."

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LARRY HART, now with his quartet in MGM lounge, is scoring music, plus cleffing some originals for "America," a grand pageant preeming in Monte Carlo at the end of April 1986 with PRINCE RANIER hosting. In collaboration with LARRY DAVIS of Palm Springs and the Olympics stager TOMMY WALKER, HART also

D. I. Dancing Water Man



Like a concert pianist, Michael Connery "plays" an organ-like console controlling the color, shape and movement of the Dancing Waters. The Desert Inn's Crystal Room offers three Dancing Waters performances daily at 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is free for adults and tickets may be picked up at the casino cage the day before the desired show. For information, call 733-4444.

The Dancing Waters are making waves at the Desert Inn. From "fireworks and dancing girls" to classical scenes with the waters waltzing and tangoing, the Dancing Waters always rise to the occasion. Combining water, light and music, the Dancing Waters are capable of hundreds of variations in color, shape and movement. The man behind the D.I.'s Dancing Waters is Michael Connery. Operating an elec-

tronically controlled console, played like an organ, Connery controls and directs the flow of 2,500 gallons of recirculating water through 1,800 jets of various sizes. A battery of pumps and motors push the water at 30 pounds of pressure to force the jet streams 15 to 30 feet in the air. Connery can change the direction and size of the opening of each nozzle at will creating the different formations. Onstage with the

has the singing lead. He sez the flying saucer on the Olympics closing show and the complete western town will be repositioned by Walker who will cast 170 and 100 animals, "not including myself"...Composer/arranger BILL REDDIE and show producer MATT GREGORY are filming and marketing music videos aimed for the 25-54 years using REDDIE's scores and filming in Nevada...HAROLD VOSKO, prez of Major Video Inc., formerly Captain Video Inc., is opening the 10th outlet in Renaissance Center, the superstore to be one of the largest in the U.S. with inventory of up to 8,000 movies. He'll toss a VIP and press party Friday "Hollywood style" with champagne, gourmet buffet, celebs and reps from major studios.

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JOAN RIVERS, vamoosed her Caesars Palace roompacker with DOC SEVERINSEN & GARRY SHANDLING, Tuesday, skied to London where she'll play Pizza On The Park on the 28th through the 30th. The trio will return to CP April 10. Current are GEORGE BURNS & LYNDY CARTER...CARTER's start in Vegas was at Del Webb's Mint downtown as lead singer in a lounge combo. She became "Miss Sahara Invitational," then on to Miss USA and video's "Wonder Woman." She was a Mint 400 girl, decorating the grueling anni 400-mile race which now attracts 500 race drivers from all over the world competing for nearly \$400,000 in prizes. Contest for Mint 400 girls is underway with event

Dancing Waters, Connery looks like a concert pianist as he moves his hands on the console.

If something goes wrong or a mistake is made, Connery either holds up a formation until the problem is corrected or improvises to the beat of the music.

Connery has been with the Dancing Waters for 14 years. Besides operating the Dancing Waters console, Connery choreographs and handles the maintenance. It's a family affair with Connery's wife, Carol, assisting with the lighting.

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skedded for May 2-5...In the Mint's Merrimint Theater, comedian DANNY MARONA alternates with "Highsteppin' "Revue...HARRY BELAFONTE plays a three-nighter in the Golden Nugget Cabaret opening March 28...Sahara's "From the Top" continues nightly except Monday, two shows, but drops to one show a night when GEORGE CARLIN arrives March 28.

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Las Vegas KELLY MONTEITH is a hit at London's Ambassador Theater. His "KELLY MONTEITH IN ONE" is being spec-filmed by BBC-TV... "Speed" opens at Caesars Omnimax Theater Thursday with a benefit for Nevada Special Olympics...Sam's Town standup comedy contest was won by Las Vegas ROBERT TANENBAUM, whose whimsies won him \$500...Punching the buttons on the organ-type console of Dancing Waters at Desert Inn for three aft shows is Michael Connery. A freebie for adults only, one out-of-towner, who saw the dancing, said there was nothing in the show to prevent kids from watching unless maybe some of the undulating waltz movements are too sexy.

Music In The Night At The MGM



Many a visitor has carried away as his or her best memory of Las Vegas the beautiful music of Sasha Semenov and his Romantic Strings. Semenov, center, and his group add to the pleasure of dinners in the MGM Grand Hotel's gourmet restaurants and in the Celebrity Bar. Left to right are Susan Barton, DeeDee Lucido, Semenov, John Lindner and Lisa Viscuglia. Semenov has been with the hotel since it opened.



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