

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



Just like the metropole art centers, Las Vegas is amidst a flap about a painting pulled from a library-sponsored exhibit after some irate patrons allegedly threatened library workers. "American Dream" by 21-year-old MIKE DOMMERMUTH, UNLV art student, combines the body of a woman wearing red, white & blue string bikini attached to head and shoulders of the Statute of Liberty standing in front of the American flag. Instead of a lamp, Liberty's hand hold a fish. California artist DAVID RUBIN judged the show and found the work suitable for entry. Local patriots were displeased enough to threaten mayhem. The artist, who realized his creation was controversial, is being backed by the art colony and deplores the library's timidity. "Considering the stand libraries have taken nationally against censorship of books, I don't

see why they would censor my painting," DOMMERMUTH said. The art colony is talking about passing the hat to rent a storefront to hang the graphic work all by itself, which is something of a statement about the American Dream by Las Vegas avant garde...TELLY SAVALAS tried some hands in the Horseshoe Club's World Series of Poker, but lost. He's in town researching his Nick the Greek pic waiting for the big tourney the \$10,000 buy-in championship finale later on this month.



At Caesars Palace this past Tuesday, the largest rhinestone in the world weighing over 50 pounds was presented to Liberace Museum at a special luncheon. Swarovsky America Ltd. handed over the "Liberace Stone," considered priceless. The luncheon and gathering celebrates LIBERACE's return to CP Wednesday. He has SHANI WALLIS and WILLIAMS BROTHERS guesting for his week. The Williams freres, who played the Nicholas Brothers in FRANCIS FORD COPPOLA's "The Cotton Club," were signed by LEE after he saw them on "Star Search," when the flashy terping pair won the \$100,000 grand prize in the dance

division...Revenue from Liberace's Museum, incidentally, benefits scholarship funds for music schools throughout the U.S...ARNOLD SHAW, author and composer, was introduced as director of the new Popular Music & Research Center Monday at UNLV's Alta Ham Fine Arts Gallery. Aim of PMRC is to develop a facility to attract scholars of pop music here and abroad, the location in this city particularly fitting, considering the extent pop music figures in the life and economy of Las Vegas.



Howard Hughes Development Co.'s Wet 'n Wild theme park opened last Saturday between the Sahara and El Rancho hotels with annual payroll of \$1,400,000 employing 300. The Summa Corp. subsid, putting up the coin for the park, is hoping for 500,000 visitors the first year, handling about 3,500 a day at \$11 per, including kids...Jazz month showers units playing at the Allied Arts Gallery on the Strip from 9 to midnight through June 1. BRIAN SANDERS QUINTET kicked off the series. He's a wild tenor saxman who jazz deejays on KNPR, the public FMer here...Trombonist CARL FONTANA played last Saturday night, heading a quintet...JOHN DEN-



Now Las Vegas has a world-class spa rivaling the finest in Europe, dedicated to fitness and beauty. The marble entry, adjacent to the tennis complex, is lined with inspired oil paintings from Italy: subtle lighting creates an immediate atmosphere of charm in keeping with the Desert Inn tradition of high style. Separate facilities for men and women assure individual service by a select cadre of specialists. The Desert Inn: now the most distinguished address for health and beauty.

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"Fiddler On The Roof" At The Union Plaza

After 25 years of marriage to the same man, it isn't always easy to answer his simple question, "Do you love me?" But that's what Goldie must do when her husband, Tevey, asks the question midway through the hit musical "Fiddler On The Roof," now playing in the main showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel.

The production of this award-winning musical can be seen twice nightly at an 8:00 p.m. dinner and an 11:45 p.m. cocktail show.

Goldie is played by Bess Meisler, an actress who has done this role on Broadway and in the national company.

In the story of this musical, Goldie plays a hard working wife, homemaker and mother to the couple's daughters. Goldie toils hard as she and Tevey struggle to survive in a small village in Czarist Russia at the turn of this century. Hard as their life together might be, the two of them, however, have the ability to smile and see the beauty in their lives. This includes their very special relationship. The magic

of "Fiddler On The Roof" is in this relationship between husband and wife, and the others with whom they share their lives.

Actress Meisler and actor Alfred Dennis, another veteran of many productions are perfectly suited to bring a special kind of magic to this relationship, so when they do

sing their responses to one another in "Do You Love Me?" the audience is moved deeply by the warmth of their roles and of the show itself.

For an evening of warmth and entertainment, see "Fiddler On The Roof" at the Union Plaza. It's an enjoyable evening, you won't soon forget.

"Salute To Seniors" Handicraft Show At The Boulevard Mall

LAS VEGAS — The Sixth Annual "Salute To Seniors" Handicraft Show will be presented at The Boulevard Mall, Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd. The Derfelt Senior Center, Bonanza Senior Center, and The Boulevard Mall Merchants Association are planning a huge showing and sale of handiwork created by the senior citizens of the community.

Thousands of handicraft items will be offered at affordable prices; including quilts, soft-sculptured dolls, porcelain dolls, toys, china, oil and watercolor paintings, woodcarvings, clocks, lapidary, leather goods, crocheted items, knitted items, and unique needlepoint items.

This once-a-year celebration highlighting our seniors, who are an active, vital part of our Southern Nevada community, will take place during Mall hours; Saturday, June 1st from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M., and Sunday, June 2nd from 12:00 noon until 5:00 P.M.

For more detailed information on any aspect of the sale, contact Sydell Pearson, coordinator, at 386-6601 Monday - Friday.