



The Castaways isn't giving up its tenacious popular hold easily. The resort, soon to be bulldozed for Steve Wynn's elaphantine "destination center," had still another drawing for the serpentine outside neon sign running across the face of the casino, or \$10,000 in cash. UNLV senior Lisa Cervantes, who gets to keep her \$10,000, won the drawing originally and chose the money, but she was temporarily employed by the Castaways giving away the raffle tickets to customers. So, owners Summa Corp. staged another drawing and it was won by a tourist, Gene Termini of Elgin, Illinois. Neurosurgeon Dr. Lonnie Hammargen who collects bizarre things, offered Summa ten grand for the sign. Last Saturday, alumni of the Castaways gathered at a free picnic hosted by radio KKLZ "Morning Deal" host GARRY O'NEAL & MIKE OLSON and, for the resort's upscale exex and friends, Castaways prez BILL FRIEDMAN tossed a private Dom Perignon & Beluga cavier party in his suite at the hotel where the party's decor including a slot machine lying inside a black coffin... "Super Flop" woes linger as promoters pick up the pieces and refund ticket money for the four-day event to have been staged in '50s deja vu style at Convention Center last Wednesday through Saturday. "Super Hop '87" was billed across the U.S. as a hugh rock hop concert with CHUCK ROSE of Chuck Rose Enterprises staging the non-event expecting a minimum of 100,000 people generating as much as \$5,000,000. The vaunted stars, however, such as CHUCK BERRY and JERRY LEE LEWIS, never planned on hopping to Vegas for the show.

ROBERT GARGANESE, prez of Roberts Co. theaters expects to conclude the sale of his screens to United Artists Communications within 30 days. That would give UA control of 29 screens in this market. Syufy Enterprises has 23 screens, drive-ins two with screens...Another off-Strip resort called Arizona Charlie's is underway out West on Decatur Blvd., built around an existing bowling alley. Costing \$18,000,000, the 100-room casinotel is expected to open next April... Caesars Palace publicity office made an oops when a release said Julio Iglesias would be making a South African tour. A correction flurried out soon stating the tour was to South America. Iglesias returns in concert to Caesars Aug. 19 for a week.

First tickets to be swallowed up for the MIKE TYSON/TONY TUCKER fight at the Las Vegas Hilton were the cheapies at \$50 and the toppers ringside at \$750, which speaks volumes about fan types of fisticuffs...HBO (Home Box Office) was in town to pick up the fight as Showtime left after filming a seg of "Brothers" at the Golden Nugget starring ROBERT WALDEN & MARY ANN TASCAL, who is the wife of GN casino exec MICHAEL TASCAL. Cameos were of JERRY LEWIS, PAUL ANKA and GN boss STEVE WYNN...Also shooting the town last week, "Today," "Entertainment Tonight" and "PM Magazine"...Sports books exex can't wait for NFL battles to begin, saying that betting will be up 200% over last year. Riviera inherits the famous Castaways' Annual Challenge and

Ultimate Challenge NFL Handicapping...And perennial poker challenger GABE KAPLAN finally captured a big pot winning \$108,000 in the Tropicana's Knights of the Round Table Poker Tournament, a \$10,000 buy-in no-limit Texas Hold 'em event, outlasting former Golden Nugget Grand Prix of Poker champ DAVID BAX-

For the cultured crowd, it'll be RUDOLF NUREYEV & FRIENDS Thursday night in Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts at \$30 top...For the masses it will be WAYNE NEWTON's "Tribute to Elvis" next week, a six nighter starting Tuesday at the Las Vegas Hilton, Presley fans will be able to view the 30th floor Elvis suite, tours to be conducted by Col. Tom Parker, Presley's longtime personal manager...For the "Johns," who solicit hookers downtown or on the Strip, there are misdemeanor citations awaiting, handed out by Metro Police vice detectives scouring the territory. Since June 1, tickets have been a surprise gift to 197 men who can receive six months in jail or pay \$500. Vice officers say the current crackdown on "Johns," slang for prostie's customers, is part of their "continuous prostitution suppression program."

"Selections from the Permanent Collection," an art exhibit of more than 30 works donated to UNLV, opened in the Alta Ham Fine Arts Gallery Aug. 1.

The exhibit, as the title implies, is part of a larger gift donated by the Suzanne Brown Gallery in Scottsdale, Ariz. The donation, containing more than 60 works of art in total, is the beginning of UNLV's permanent collection.

"It is a collection of regional significance featuring many artists of prominent reputation whose work is influenced by the geology, character, and traditions of the Southwest," said Thomas Holder, director of the gallery.

The show will close Sept. 4. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 739-3893.

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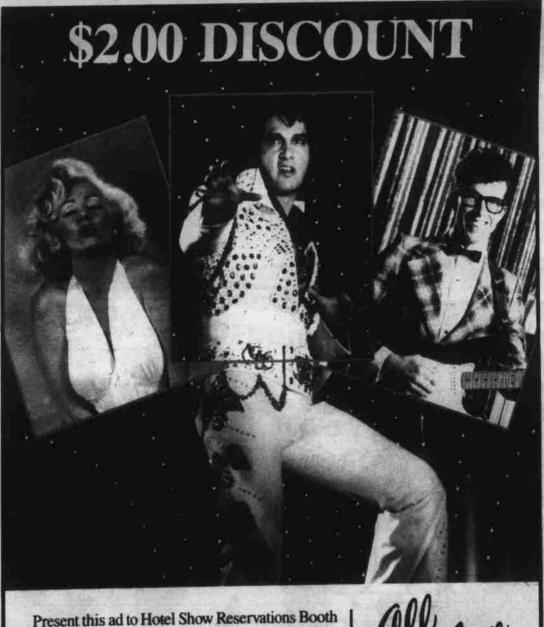
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