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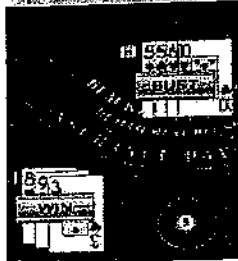
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### (USA) Trump's on a Roll with Vegas Wager

By : Paul Tharp      Date : Friday, April 4, 2003

Donald Trump is finally getting his big Las Vegas payday - doing what he likes best.

He's ready to break ground on a 60-story Trump Tower on the Vegas Strip, and he's set up a deal that could help him launch a gaming group in the world's gambling capital.

Trump's long-awaited Vegas play began eight months ago, when he quietly began building a 10 percent stake in Riviera Holdings, which owns two Nevada casinos.

Shares in Riviera shot up 40 percent yesterday after Italian land speculator Fabrizio Boccardi made an unsolicited bid to buy Riviera for \$30 million in cash and the assumption of \$216 million in casino debt.

The total \$246 million offer would be about \$8.50 a share. Riviera rose \$1.56 to \$5.51, off from last May's 52-week high of \$8.25.

Regulatory filings said Trump agreed not to unload his shares on the open market or try to merge the company with other gaming group or change the board membership.

Trump, who paid an average \$6.46 a share for his stake, said it was strictly an investment.

"But at some point I will go to Vegas (with a casino operation); it's an opportune time," said Trump.

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