

Nevada Is Week End Escape With Resorts, Entertainment

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Las Vegas, Nev. — 475 — They say there's one born every minute.

And Nevada casino operators are grinning all the way to their vaults these days at the thought of more being born in California.

California soon will be the nation's most populated, and in Nevada this means only one thing—MONEY.

California's spends more dollars in Nevada gambling casinos than they pay their state to build their highways, conserve their forests or educate their children.

The reasons are numerous:

Week End Escape
Nevada is a week end escape. It offers inexpensive quality entertainment, restaurants and hotels. It's a tourist attraction. Many casinos are near vacation areas — such as Lake Tahoe, where four million are visiting this year; and Lake Mead, a virtual suburb of Las Vegas.

But most of all: There's legalized gambling.

Most Californians wouldn't dream of allowing big-time gambling in their state. Yet this year they are wagering \$1.6 billion and losing \$160 million across the line in Nevada.

Nevada's unique gaming laws were spotlighted recently when former President Harry Truman led off on the state as the "black spot of the nation" because it permitted casino gambling.

Truman Blast
It was the second such blast by Truman. During a September campaign visit to Idaho he startled Democrats by legalizing a proposal to legalize local-option casino gambling in the state. The proposal was made by Vernon K. Smith, Democratic candidate for governor.

Nevada estimates 18.5 million tourists — more than triple California's — are entering the state this year. Most adults are playing some of the 19,000 slot machines and 1,400 gaming tables. There they are betting \$2.4 billion — and losing \$240 million, or 10 per cent. The state treasury is being fattened by \$12 million. And the tourists are spending an additional \$600 million on non-gaming items.

Two-Thirds Californians
Of all these tourists and all this money, about two-thirds are coming from California. And that's a pretty "neighboring" contribution, anyway you figure it.

Chasing woo tourists with free movies and baby sitting, reduced bus and plane fares, and some of the most beautiful showgirls in the west.

"They come for the attractions, such as the shows," says Edward A. Olsen, chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control board. "Then they gamble. And it's the gambling that provides the attractions most come to see."

Once inside a casino, the gambling comes easy. Too easy sometimes.

"It's a human trait," says Olsen. "People like the idea of getting something for nothing."

Actually, the tax revenue from Nevada's gambling taxes, which range from 3 to 35 per cent depending on the size of the club, wouldn't even dent the budgets of many states. California is a good example.

Horse Racing
California expects to realize \$41 million this fiscal year from horse racing — its only source of gambling revenue. Still, that's more than triple Nevada's gambling tax take and even slightly exceeds Nevada's total.

Disassembly Line Used by Butchers
New York — 475 — A meat packing plant works like an automobile factory in reverse, because meats are removed and cut on a moving belt called a "disassembly" line.

The American Meat Institute says this system was perfected by the packing industry years ago after creation of the assembly-line technique by Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.

Meat was trimmed and cut as it moved along the belt, with each employee on the line a specialist in one part of the processing. Auto manufacturers do the same in reverse.

Disassembly lines still are used in meat packing plants, but they've been speeded up so much that as many as 1,000 dressed pork carcasses can be processed in an hour. Each goes through about 150 meat cutting operations.

KITING THE CHANNEL
Calais, France — 475 — Two Frenchmen recently crossed the English channel by kite. Using parachute-type kites towed by speedboats, they crossed in opposite directions — one from Calais, England, and one from Dover, England — in 95 and 74 minutes, respectively.

Psychiatrists Check Aptitudes Of Astronauts

Houston — 475 — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration likes its space-probing adventurers, the astronauts, to be down to earth in their home lives.

That's why, when screening applicants, psychiatrists at the Aerospace School of Medicine in San Antonio ask more than 300 questions, many aimed at the candidate's domestic affairs.

There are 366 questions that can be answered yes or no. Some questions are asked more than once — sometimes in different phrasings. Some are double checks against others.

So far, all the astronauts are married men. The psychiatrists also are interested in the space men's wives.

"Ask a man enough questions about himself and you find out all about his wife," say the psychiatrists.

Here are some of the questions picked at random:

- Did you like school?
- What worries you?
- Do you panic if closed up in a small room?
- Do you often feel guilty or inadequate?
- Do you occasionally cry?
- Are you much more orderly, precise and perfectionistic than most other people?
- Does criticism upset you?
- Do you have spells of uncontrollable laughing?
- Do you bruise easily?
- Are you sometimes dissatisfied with your relationship with your wife?
- Do you have frequent financial worries?
- Are you troubled with hiccups?
- Have you ever had any supernatural experiences?

RISKY BUSINESS
New York — 475 — Of more than 2,000 popular record albums issued each year, only about 150 become popular best-sellers, notes the Catholic Digest. The rest either barely break even or flop badly.

Men Still Resist Dish-doing Chore

Addison, Ill. — 475 — A suburban 28 per cent of American husbands absolutely refuse to help their wives with the dishes, reports a survey made public here.

The survey, made by Jensen-Thorsen Corporation which manufactures kitchen sinks, found that:

- Seventy-two per cent of the American husbands help their wives with the kitchen detail sometimes.
- Only 14 per cent make a nightly duty out of the dish-washing bit.

Telephone Racket In Brazil Sends Prices Sky High

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Sao Paulo, Brazil — 475 — The increasing demand for phones in Brazil has opened the door for a new scheme—telephone racketeering.

Today a phone in any of the capital cities will sell for as much as \$500 on the black market. And no satisfactory solution is in sight.

Throughout the country, individuals and business houses have phone requests dating back 15 years, with little hope of obtaining one for at least another 15.

There was a time when it was so difficult to obtain a phone connection between Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, residents would fly the 285 miles for a single but urgent "yes" or "no" answer on a pending business deal.

In this city, there are 252,873 standing requests for phones and in Rio de Janeiro another 206,319.

Phones Are Scarce
Brazil is a country of increasing industrial might and spectacular development. It has had phones since 1890, but there are only 1,060,000 of them today for a population of over 70 million.

Last year, the issue made world headlines when Brazil's left-wing Governor Leonel Brizola seized the T & T subsidiary in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

This caused an uproar in American congressional circles. Many prominent pro-American Brazilians angrily protested the "ignorance" of U.S. congressional leaders, and their failure to understand the why's and wherefore's of Brizola's action.

To some Brazilians, what Brizola did was not entirely a matter of politics, but rather an effort to find a solution to a problem that simply must be solved.

Brazilians feel a strong

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about the fact that they cannot have a phone and Brizola obviously saw this as a golden opportunity.

To thinking Brazilians, the seizure was obvious a stunt by a clever and opportunistic governor, who planned to emerge from the clamor some sort of people's champion.

Dry Wells Result Of Slant Drilling

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Austin, Tex. — 475 — Operators on a Shell Oil company well in the rich East Texas field were astonished one day in April, 1961, to find their well suddenly producing mud instead of oil.

The discovery that their well had been pierced by another driller trying to slant his well into a producing pool was the first drop in a series of scandals that has flowed through several of the state's oil fields. The investigation into the oil piracy is far from complete.

In subsequent months, some operators restrained the commission's agents from running

slant-well surveys on their leases, so the commission turned to litigation for advice.

Investigators then became pattern that would characterize the probe — obtaining orders to keep operators from plugging or ruining their wells to prevent surveys, then the surveys themselves, followed by penalty suits or criminal indictments.

Assistant attorney general, commission workers, undercover men with the Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers and local enforcement men combining in the biggest oil investigation of the state's history. By May, more than 100 slanted holes had been discovered. Now that total has doubled.

Can Be Legal
Drilling a slanted well can be a perfectly legal and desirable phase of oil well drilling. A directional well can take advantage of offshore production areas more efficiently. A legal slanted hole is often needed to avoid geological obstructions. Drillers kick their wells into a slant by inserting a "whipstock," an elbow device placed on the drilling bit to make it slant in the desired direction.

Illegally, a well can be angled from a dry-run zone into a nearby producing zone. Operators have used plastic equipment to evade metal detection devices. Operators can change a slanted well into a "granddaddy well," tied into other wells on the lease to give all the appearance of being legally produced wells.

Sometimes, illegal wells slant off at an angle of more than 50 degrees from vertical to reach oil production.

Demand for legislation to correct the situation in the oil scandal one of the top issues of the 38th Legislature. In addition, the commission itself has changed its rules to require more close check on drilling methods.

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Women Naturally Shed More Tears

Chicago — 475 — Weep more, milder — when you're weeping at those tearjerking flickers.

In fact, you can weep bigger and better tears if you're under 30 — and science will understand.

The free-flowing tear drops are just another sign of being a normal girl, say researchers for an eye drop company.

Research shows females are quite naturally. But women from age 16 until about 30 have more tears than others. Far more than men in the same age bracket.

Beyond age 30, the tearful battle of the sexes ceases. Males weep as much — or at least at the same rate — as females.