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CLUBS:

Where to find them, what they're like and maybe a hint at what to expect!

By Tina Lyttle

Yes friends, the summer of 1990 is undoubtedly a scorcher, so go out to Wet-n-Wild, the lake, or even into your backyard waterholes to cool down and enjoy these all-too-familiar scalding months.

But, for you numerous night-dwelling vamps out there who fear the daylight (and its monstrous heat-meddlers sunburn and skin cancer) don't fret; you too can enjoy what this wonderful season has to offer. Look no further than your favorite nightly hot spots to boogie and catch some live alternative entertainment.

Thanks to growing demand and to avid supporters of the college club and live music scene, many happenings have surfaced around the valley. So, for all you freaks who come out at night, be aware: plenty of goodies are still in store to conclude the best summer yet!

Here is a listing of the most absolutely hip have-to-haves:

Calamity's Concert House, the "grandpappy" of them all, is not your average "be-bop" nightclub. Located at 3015 E. Fre-

mont, it was *as shakin'* as The Nashville Nevada and its worn-out walls have managed to stay alive since the days when Elvis Presley graced it's stage. Now combining its unique setting for larger crowd capacities and its diverse booking featuring everyone from James Cotton to Faith No More, it is definitely a multi-people pleaser.

The Escape Lounge at 4821 W. Spring Mountain Rd. has a laid back atmosphere; you can relax and have a great time or enjoy the sounds of the Shakin' Dominoes who will be playing every toe-tapping tune under the rising sun throughout the whole month of August. They also have a great deal each Thursday, which is Ladies' Night. For a cover of five dollars, ladies drink free from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. If you're smart and broke, you'll know when to be there.

The Palladium at 3995 Industrial Rd. (behind the Mirage) is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9p.m. to 6a.m. Being the newest addition to the nightclub chain, it seems to have already made its mark as the place in town to check out. With a humongous dance floor an showcase acts you'll want to experience it for yourself.

Paradise Alley located at 6390 W. Sahara specializes in live rock seven nights a week with The Laww playing your favorite cover tunes in late July. And with not one, not two, but three bars for quick convenient service, you'll want to head on out to L.V.'s wild, wild West. They don't charge you your left lung to get in (like some clubs) so hop to it!

Sharks, at 75 E. Harmon, was voted the number one dance club in town (again) and the title is well deserved. But this unique club has a whole lot more to offer (like Muscle Madness every Thursday with finals August 16, and the Miss Hawaiian Tropic Pageant currently in session). "Latenight Dream Hunks" an exciting new gameshow, hopefully to be broadcast on a major television network, will take place every Friday from 7:30p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come on down to participate or just enjoy the fun.

Sneakers is located at 2250 E. Tropicana in the Renaissance shopping center. Known for great food and a good time, day or night, this place is happening. Their outdoor barbecue gigs with plenty of live bands like Stiff Kitty will definitely groove you mindless (unless you already are).

The Spa, L.V.'s most hip countryclub, is located at 9457 Las Vegas Blvd. This house is a-quakin' every Friday and Saturday with bands like Cries and Whispers currently leading those shimmy shakers into frantic frenzy. You won't want to miss it.

The Sports Pub at 4440 S. Maryland Parkway is one of the locals' favorite hot spots for dancing, pool, and evening entertainment. They have also jumped on the bandwagon to bring back live shows, so if you're in the mood to put on those funky disco shoes, be there. It's jammed packed and kicking.

The Stake Out at 4800 S. Maryland Parkway has a D.J. spinning favorite hits four nights a week on their upper dance floor level along with drink specials every hour. There is never a cover in their quaint, cozy corner, so give it a visit and try their tasty hello shooter.

Tarkanian's, at 4550 S. Maryland Parkway, in the Rebels' shopping center, presents specialty nights every week. Whether you like Reggae, blues, or rock music, you can choose when to cruise on over. Because of such immense turnout, each Friday brings a showcase of local bands (like Sampson's Army) will be brought forth to enthrall the pants off you.

Tommy Rockers is located at 3550 S. Decatur (next to the Escape Lounge). Tommy Roker, himself, will be belting out the 50's/60's tunes from the end of July to mid-August. If you can dig it, get there early; happy hour is between 4p.m. and 7p.m. See you there!

The Palladium:

The Chameleon Nightclubs of Las Vegas

by Debbie Tubbesing

When is a nightclub not a nightclub? When it is The Palladium, Las Vegas' newest dance club.

But unlike other clubs in town, the Palladium is ONLY opened Friday and Saturday nights. It is part of a bigger picture which includes conventions, events, premieres, and parties on a large scale.

The Palladium is the brainchild of Sam Salde, industrial designer, party engineer, entrepreneur, and now nightclub operator. During the week, Salde arranges, masterminds, and hosts convention parties in his private warehouse. With the use of cranes, moving walls, props, set designs, and modular equipment, any mood or theme can be created. Salde also has the ability to create neon, glass, and metal to specifications in his shop in the back of the warehouse.

The capabilities to change the entire warehouse, or a portion of it, allows Salde to change decor and atmosphere for The Palladium on a weekly basis. The freedom to open the nightclub because he "enjoys it" rather than strictly for profit (although that is certainly a consideration) adds to the festive atmosphere. Extensive security and a nice crowd have already enhanced its ambiance.

The Palladium opened for business on July 6 with KLUC radio station sponsoring as well as promoting the event The Palladium will continue with a mix of Top 40 and dance music, although plans for live entertainment are in its future.

The nightclub, as well as the warehouse, is located at 3665 Industrial Road, south of Spring Mountain Road and the phone number is 733-6366. However, The Palladium itself is only available to the public Friday and Saturday nights. In a city where 24 hour clubs proliferate, exclusivity is the key to the Palladium.