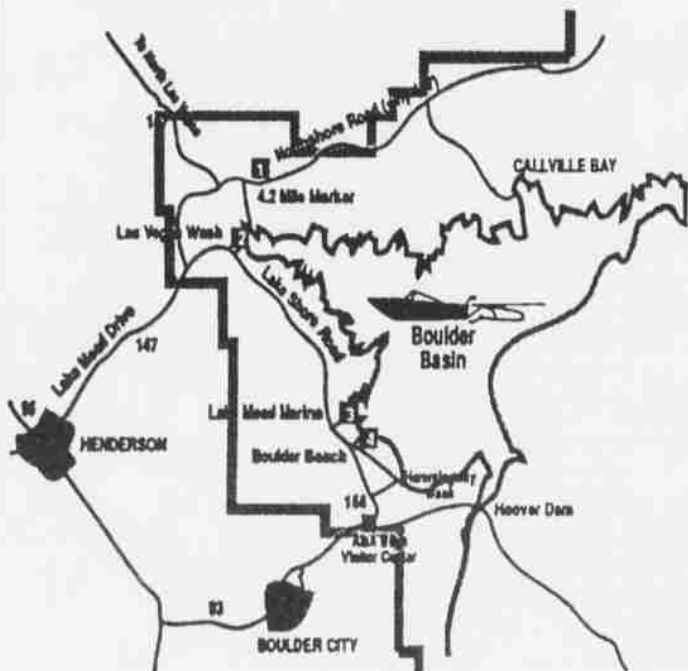


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"Mail call"

"MAIL CALL!" ... those two words are music to the ears of just about everyone who wears our country's uniform. Remember the eager anticipation when Radar or Klinger passed out the mail on "M*A*S*H?"

Americans from coast to coast joined together last year in a program with that name (Mail Call!) and had themselves a Star-Spangled Christmas while they spread "points of light" to a thousand places. Christmas was thus made just a little better for more than 150,000 of our servicemen and women many of them young people away from home for the first time.

"Mail Call!" combines greeting form thousands of members, re-sorting all the cards and letters into more than 1,000 bundles, which are then sent priority mail to units and locations in more than 40 states as

well as to every corner of the globe (some participants have received responses from every continent). While the number of units and ships receiving mail increased yet again last year, the highlight was the ability to quickly send almost 15,000 cards to America's men and women who fought in Panama in "Operation Just Cause" during Christmas.

To learn how you or your campus group can take part in the program and help spread "points of light" to a thousand places while helping yourself to a Star Spangled Christmas, send a stamp (please do not send a self-addressed envelope, just the stamp, as an envelope would require 45 cents postage) to "MAIL CALL!" - Box 817-Christmas, FL 32709, and mention how you learned of this program. Thank you!

Berkley speaks out about UNLV's budget priorities

by Christy McDonald
Staff Reporter

The proposed budget for the entire university system for the next two years is \$535.7 million. UNLV will get a larger slice of the pie with \$200 million compared to UNR's \$144 million.

Even though this will be "one of the worst years on record" for state funding to public colleges and universities according to the College Press Service, the upcoming year for UNLV looks positive.

"Historically, UNLV has been dramatically underfunded in comparison with UNR. There are many reasons for that, one of which was the formula that was based on population, number of buildings, faculty, maintenance and personnel," said Shelley Berkley, regent of the University of Nevada System.

Berkley said UNLV has been at a disadvantage with funding because in the beginning UNR was the "mother" school and UNLV was a satellite school. Until now, UNLV has not overcome this disadvantage.

The proposed budget will correct many of the funding inequities between UNLV and UNR.

"UNLV was at a dramatic disadvantage in recruiting good quality professors if UNR right off the bat could pay them \$2,000 more a year. We changed that inequity and in the 1991 budget, for the first time in our history, UNLV's newly hired faculty will receive the same as UNR's," Berkley said.

According to Berkley, the budget gave UNR 71 percent more operating money for their library than UNLV received for its library, but the upcoming budget will be funded equally with UNR.

"I can't imagine anything more important to a university system than a good library. For years we have been at a disadvantage and have been performing miracles with very little funding," Berkley said.

This increase will help fund a new library building, along with more publications and personnel.

Berkley also said that with UNLV's ongoing growth, there is a need for a multi-purpose building. The building could be used for lower division courses from all colleges.

"As part of the budget, we have several priorities when it comes to new buildings on this

campus. The number one priority is a new classroom building. We need more space. We have 18,000 students on campus right now with facilities that are simply not designed to accommodate that number of students," Berkley said.

Another proposed project is a School of Architecture, which will be located near Tropicana by the dorms.

"Three years ago there were 23 students in the architecture program; now there are 500. It's time we build that particular discipline their own facility so they can enhance their program to attract good students," she said.

According to Berkley, Clark County is the fastest growing county in the United States and UNLV is growing even faster than Clark County. With rapid growth comes funding problems, but the inequities between UNR and UNLV are being rapidly corrected.

"UNLV is growing by leaps and bounds. I only see good, solid achievement in our future. We have come an incredibly long way, and I think a degree from UNLV is something to be proud of," Berkley said.

Nevadans alerted to dangers of radon

by Shawn Black Snider
Staff Reporter

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause among all groups.

Approximately 20,000 lung cancer deaths a year are due to long-term exposure to radon.

Depending on where and how a house is built, the concentration of radon inside the house may make breathing dangerous.

These were among the many facts regarding radon that were presented by the Nevada State Division of Health last Thursday at UNLV's Wright Life Sciences Auditorium.

"We are not trying to scare people," said Stan Marshall, supervisor of the radiological health section of the state's division of health.

"We just want to end the apathy regarding the very real health hazards of radon and in-

struct the public on the simple and inexpensive things they can do to reduce their risk of exposure," he said.

Radon is a natural occurring radioactive gas that results from the decay of uranium. It is present to some degree in all rock and soil, which makes it present in all the air we breathe.

In small amounts outdoors, it is relatively harmless; but when concentrated in enclosed areas, it becomes a definite health hazard.

This is contained in a report published by the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology in conjunction with the Nevada Division of Health. The report also said that the urgent need to measure the level of radon in Nevada homes has been bolstered by the initial findings of a survey done earlier this year.

The survey showed that approximately 10 percent of all homes in the state have radon levels which exceed what the

Environmental Protection Agency calls its "level of action," a point at which measures should be taken to correct the situation.

Marshall explained that in most cases it only requires a matter of adjusting heating and air conditioning systems, increasing ventilation and using outside barrier methods to prohibit its seepage into the house.

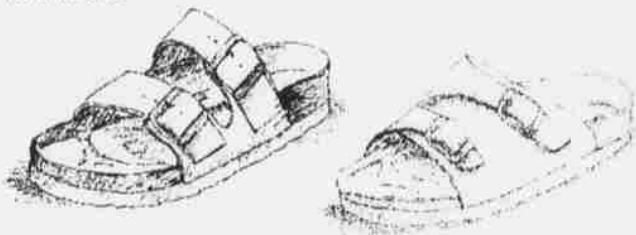
Further studies are ongoing which will reveal more information about radon levels and their "hot spots."

Marshall said this information will probably result in building codes and building site recommendations that should result in substantially lower levels of this hazardous gas.

For further information on radon and how you can get your home tested, contact the Radiological Health Section of the Nevada Division of Health, 505 E. King Street, Carson City, NV, 89710, or call 687-5394.

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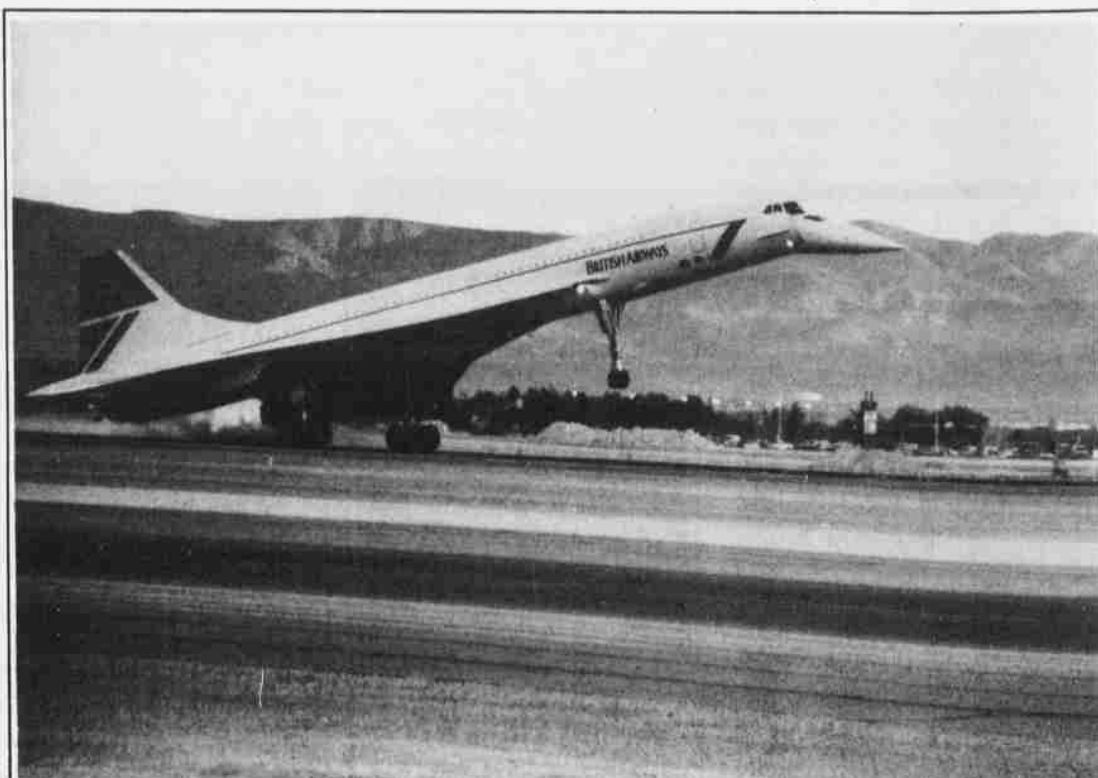
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