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Desert Inn Country Club and Spa employees got together to kick off the United Way's 1986 fundraising campaign. As the largest employer participating in United Way's "Pacesetter Program," the D.I. starts its own fundraising earlier and sets the tone for the rest of the city. Pictured are (left to right, front) Stu Nelson, Espy Murphy, Leo Wright, Lori Wallender and Marty Hennessy; (middle) Diana Pullen, Anthony McGhee, Mabel Webb, Michael Moore, Wendy Trainer, Nancy Clegg, Georgia Blagovich, Mike Cascai, Doug McCombs and Nina McLaughlin; (back) Clarence Stringer, Russell Scott, Robert Allaway, Victor Ramirez, Susan Lane, Morris Peters, Lynda Sells, and Walt Reid, who is heading up the United Way campaign at the Desert Inn.

Kobe Steak House: Imperial Palace Hideaway Specializes In Exquisite Food, Impeccable Service



Kobe Steak House in the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino is open from 5 p.m. to midnight daily.

From the moment we stepped from the bustling Imperial Palace Casino into the soothing elegance of the Kobe Steak House, it was an evening of culinary perfection. "Fine dining" should be defined as equal parts "atmosphere" and "food and service."

The atmosphere was set first by the cordiality of Maitre d' Linda Stone. The decor is exquisite -- high vaulted ceiling with a hint of hanging gardens, the soft light of unique chandeliers and wall lights. A closer look reveals they are etched crystal designed to resemble Japanese lanterns. Even filled with diners the room is quiet, the booths intimate.

We share an appetizer, Pyramid of Bay Shrimp (\$6.25), an avocado half on bibb lettuce piled high with small, fresh shrimp -- so many, in fact, we kept finding more and more under every leaf. Hot garlic bread was the ideal complement.

An Empress Salad (\$3.25) of fresh spinach, eggs, mushrooms, sauteed onions and Belgian endive is served with a perfect hot bacon dressing. (A smaller tossed salad comes with the entree if one prefers).

The list of entrees is a staggering selection of tempting dishes. Prices range from \$7.95 for Taipan's Best, a 10 oz. ground sirloin, to \$23.95 for the Imperial Feast of lobster tail and filet mignon. We saved for a future visit the Empress and Emperor's Delight, succulent Alaskan king crab legs served with drawn butter and lemon garnish for \$13.95, the Filet Mignon Perigourdine (9 oz. for \$12.95), and the intriguing Crepes Nantua (thin French pancakes filled with a medley of seafood for \$9.95) and settled on the 8 oz. Australian lobster tail (\$14.95) and Tournedoes Rossini (also \$14.95). The tender tournedoes were elegantly served with pate de fois gras and Madiera sauce.

The extensive wine list would please the most discriminating connoisseur. To complement both the lobster and the tournedoes, we chose a California Rose of Cabernet by Lords & Elwood, a lightly sparkling treasure of a wine for only \$7 a bottle.

Also saved for another visit is the Shrimp Special. For only \$9.95, you will be served all the hot, cold or deep-fried shrimp you wish.

The sight of the lavish pastry cart weakened our resolve to say "No" to dessert. The absolute perfection of the Black Forest Cherry Torte reflects the Bavarian background of Executive Chef Heinz Schoeffel.

Although the Kobe Steak House is a "hideaway," it is no secret! Maitre d' Albert Michael advises diners to make reservations to assure seating during the most popular hours, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The Kobe is open nightly from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. For reservations, call 731-3311.

Union Plaza's Smash Stage Show "Mind With The Dirty Man" Continues

When "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" was cast in Las Vegas, Al Checco again played the role of Father Jerome, a part he originally played in the Chicago run of the smash stage show. "MIND WITH THE DIRTY MAN" is running indefinitely at the Union Plaza Hotel.

Among the delightful surprises throughout the play is the character played by Checco,

whose adeptness to the role of Father Jerome with his evangelist voice and cherub face is easily accepted by the theater audience.

Al Checco's versatility as a performer ranges from "Batman" to Shakespeare performances. On the Broadway stage, he appeared in numerous stage plays including "An Inspector Calls" and "Damn Yankees" plus dinner theatre musicals and plays including "South Pacific." His film credits include "Bullitt" and "Pete's Dragon," and most recently, "How To Beat The High Cost Of Living." Show times are 8 P.M. (dinner show) and 11:45 P.M. (cocktail show) except Mondays.

Other supporting cast members are Elmarie Wendel and Jan Stearman. Cisse Cameron is featured in the role of Divina, voluptuous movie star whose X-rated film is the basis for the plot of the play.

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