

The New Owners Of Santa Anita Race & Sports Book--A Wonderful Couple



Fred and Pamela Lawson came to Las Vegas and put new life into the Santa Anita Race & Sports Book on the Las Vegas Strip, the nation's oldest and largest independent race and sports betting operation. It was on March 20th that the Lawsons were granted a license to operate Santa Anita. Husband and wife, Fred and Pamela both switched careers from lawyers to bookmakers. Fred says, "I've enjoyed the law...but I want to stop now and smell the roses."

The Gaming Commission by granting the license to the Lawsons expressed confidence that a pair of non-gamblers, without experience in the business, could run a bookmaking operation. Proving the Gaming Commission correct, the Lawsons have taken all the necessary steps to insure the bettors every possible precaution. Santa Anita is the only sports book to guarantee all payoffs including future bets, telephone accounts and virtually any and all types of betting with cash trust accounts and an irrevocable letter of credit from a statewide bank. The Lawsons have implemented a new system of financial protection for their patrons on all future bets, telephone accounts, and uncashed tickets. All telephone account bets and future bets are deposited into a special trust account to which the Gaming Control Board has "joint" access. All uncashed ticket amounts are guaranteed by an irrevocable letter of credit made payable to the Gaming Control Board by a State-wide bank. These protections are in addition to the actual cash reserves maintained by Santa Anita for actual cash payouts on all bets. There is no other race and sports book that maintains this system of financial protection for their patrons.

With all of the improvements and changes made by the Lawsons, Santa Anita is busier than ever.

The Lawsons are innovators. They dropped the traditional \$2 minimum bet to \$1 for horse racing. Pamela Lawson says, "Our experience in financial management and our distance from the gambling world could be the wave of the future for other licensees in Las Vegas." Fred and Pamela plan to open a new casino and hotel in the near future.

In addition to maintaining a successful practice of law in Los Angeles, California during the past fifteen years, Fred and Pam have been active in the breeding and racing of Thoroughbred horses. They race and breed approximately 40

horses in Southern and Northern California, Kentucky, Maryland, and other eastern States.

Fred and Pam have three children and are planning to move the entire family to Las Vegas at the end of the summer. David Lawson (age 18) will be attending Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire in the Fall, while Barbara (age 14), and Robert (age 12), will be attending Bishop Gorman School and Las Vegas Day School, respectively.

It is our opinion that owners of gambling establishments like the Lawsons represent the way it was years ago in Las Vegas, where the tourist and the locals feel important instead of like one of the masses as so many of the casinos make you feel in today's Las Vegas.

Terrorist Bases Bombed

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terrorist infiltration of Israel by sea. The terrorists were forced ashore in the south Lebanon security zone by Israel Navy patrol boats and engaged in a fire-fight with an IDF unit. Two Israeli soldiers were killed and nine wounded. Four terrorists were killed and as many as 10 more were reported killed by the air strike later in the day.

A military spokesman said the air raid on July 14 was not retaliatory but in line with Israel's policy of striking terrorist targets at will. It followed the wounding of three IDF soldiers when their vehicle struck a mine in the security zone. The Shiite Moslem Amal militia said it had planted the mines. Three soldiers of the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) were wounded by Katyusha rocket fire in the security zone the same day. According to SLA sources, the rockets were fired from positions in the Syria-controlled Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon.

Israel, meanwhile, is apparently holding Syria responsible for the upsurge of terrorist activity in south Lebanon. Premier Shimon Peres said in a Voice of Israel Radio interview that even if Syria's role in the infiltration attempt was passive, the command headquarters of the terrorist organizations are in Damascus "and they cannot do a thing without the consent of the Syrian authorities."

Peres told a public gathering in Jerusalem that the infiltration attempt was carried out by Habash's group in conjunction with the Nationalist Social Party, a Lebanese militia

LETTERS

Dear Michael,

I just wanted to drop you a few lines to thank you and tell you what a nice gesture it is to have your newspaper at the P.S.A. Airport in Las Vegas upon arrival. It was most welcome.

Sincerely,
Barbara Wilson

"Earlier this year Col Muammar el Qaddafi of Lybia...invited five female correspondents to meet his wife, Safiya, and their seven children inside a Bedouin tent...For more than two hours Colonel Qaddafi portrayed the role of devoted husband, loving father and beneficent leader of his country's 3.5 million people..."

The Colonel might have carried off the family scene convincingly had another invitation not been issued outside the tent.

After the interview, the reporters were escorted to a nearby office building to join Colonel Qaddafi for tea. One by one, three of the five women were invited in succession into a tiny room containing only a bed and a television set. There, Colonel Qaddafi made an abrupt sexual advance at each of them and was rebuffed."

(Excerpts from the *New York Times*, June 14, 1986: "Many Faces of Qaddafi: Showman and Survivor" by Judith Miller.)

The 18th Annual Nevada School on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is set for Aug. 11-15 at UNLV.

Co-sponsored by the Nevada Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, along with UNLV's Division of Continuing Education and the department of counseling, educational psychology and foundations, the five-day symposium will examine numerous issues surrounding substance abuse and its prevention. The school is for parents, youth, health professionals, counselors, and teachers.

Part of the program, known as the Family Institute, is designed especially for parents and youth. It encourages effective communication in dealing with actual and potential drug problems.

Physicians and psychologists will discuss the relationship between drug addiction and one's diet and behavior. They will also discuss the methods and principles of treatment.

The seminars included in the symposium meet state certification requirements for substance and alcohol abuse counseling. Academic credit from UNLV is available. A small number of youth scholarships are available for the Family Institute sessions.

For information and a brochure, call 739-3394.

The Close of Registration for the ensuing September 2, 1986 Primary Election will be at 9:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 2, 1986.

The Clark County Election Department located at 400 Las Vegas Boulevard South is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; and beginning Tuesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 2nd will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M.

For those people who have moved since registering, their address must be changed to their new residence. Addresses may be changed by calling the Election Department at 386-4055 through July 25th; after that date, however, addresses may only be changed by coming into the Clark County Election Department at 400 Las Vegas Boulevard South.

backed by Syria. He stressed that Israel would seek political means to discourage Syrian support for the terrorists before resorting to other means.

But Peres seems less than optimistic about the situation. Addressing a conference in Jerusalem of the Washington-based Institute for Near East Policy, he stated, "I think Syria is preparing for war." He advised Israelis to remain calm. The IDF will contain the dangers posed by Syria and the terrorists, he said.