

Obituaries

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of long time Las Vegas **Jayne Benedict**. Jayne, wife of longtime Las Vegas gaming chief Alvin Benedict, died Sunday at a local hospital after a long illness. She was 59.

A 35-year resident of Las Vegas, Mrs. Benedict was known as a "devoted mother and grandmother who was proud to be called a homemaker," her son, Blaine Benedict, said.

Mrs. Benedict was a past president of the Variety Club of Southern Nevada Women's Auxiliary and a member of the Sisterhood Temple Beth Sholom.

Born June 3, 1927, in Atlantic City, N.J., Mrs. Benedict graduated from Atlantic City High School and attended the University of Miami.

Her husband became noted in the gaming industry as the director of all Howard Hughes hotel operations in Nevada until 1971 and as former president and chairman of the MGM Grand, now the Bally Grand. He began his Las Vegas gaming career in 1950.

In addition to her husband, Alvin, and son, Blaine Benedict, Mrs. Benedict is survived by another son, Scott, and daughter, Lynn Benedict of Las Vegas; grandsons, Barry and Brian Benedict; sister, Geri Hackel of Boston and several nieces and nephews.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Lillian Cohen Epstein** who died recently at her Las Vegas home after a short illness. She was 88.

Born in Russia on March 10, 1898, Epstein lived in Miami, Fla., for 60 years before moving to Las Vegas nine years ago. She was active in the Judy Bayley Cancer Fund, Star Auxiliary, Hadassah and other civic organizations. She was also a member of Temple Beth Sholom.

She is survived by her son, Burton Cohen, who took over as president of the Dunes Hotel and Country Club early this year. Cohen has held executive posts at several Las Vegas resorts, and joined the Dunes after serving eight years as president of the Desert Inn. He is also former president of the Nevada Resort Association.

Other survivors include her brother, Sidney Eaer, and sisters Ann Gittleman and Rose Landau, all of Philadelphia; daughter-in-law Linda Cohen; grandchildren Celia, Wendy, Norma Sue and Steven; and three great-grandchildren.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of well-known educator and civic leader **Harvey Dondero**, who died of cancer at 76 years of age.

His career stretched from teacher to associate superintendent of Clark County schools and spanned 53 years, starting in 1931 as a math and public speaking instructor at Las Vegas High School.

He retired in 1984 and although ill, spent the following year compiling a history of the schools and the education process in Southern Nevada.

The manuscript has still to be typed but a pamphlet summarizing the project is scheduled to be published by the school district near the end of 1986.

Legendary among Nevada educators, Dondero's forte was innovative management in school administration.

"He was a giant of our profession and the finest example of commitment and professionalism," District Superintendent Robert Wentz said when informed Dondero had died.

Immediate family members, including his wife, Clark County Commission Chairman Thalia Dondero, were at his bedside when

the end came. He had battled against cancer since 1980.

Dondero is widely credited with shaping the growth of the Clark County School District and gearing it for the heavy population increases of the last three decades, plus planning far beyond the year 2000.

Largely through his influence, the district has become the 19th largest in the nation with 118 schools, a projected September enrollment of 93,200 students, and about 8,000 full-time employees.

In addition to his wife of 40 years, Dondero is survived by three sons, Rob of Las Vegas, Michael of Grass Valley, Calif., Harvey Jr. of Sydney, Australia; and two daughters, Marilyn Loop of Las Vegas and Judy Habbshaw of Mt. Charleston.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Dave Gillerman**. Dave, 78, died Thursday at a local hospital. He was a 20-year resident of Las Vegas.

A retired furniture and appliance salesman, he was born April 13, 1908, in St. Louis. He was a member of Temple Beth Sholom.

He is survived by his wife, Julia; sons, Ronald of Michigan and Lawrence of Las Vegas; and two grandchildren.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of radio personality and civic leader **Evelyn Newman**.

Evelyn Newman, 72, was born in New York, N.Y., on May 14, 1914. She and her husband, the late Cy Newman, came to Las Vegas in 1969 as owners and operators of radio station KVOV and are credited with creating the first talk radio program aimed at the black community. She hosted that program for many years.

The Newmans also owned and operated HD Productions, a television production company which produced *The House Detective*, a real estate program which ran for 30 years.

Mrs. Newman was active in the NAACP, Poor People Pulling Together, Women's American ORT, Women in Broadcasting and other community service organizations.

Survivors include four daughters, Pat Newman of San Diego, Jessi Steward, of Washington, D.C., Valerie Newman of Los Angeles and Laura Hearn of Las Vegas.

Also surviving are her sons, Rich and Ted of Las Vegas, David of Reno, Mike of Washington, D.C., and Joe of Indianapolis.

She leaves 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of long time gaming executive **Benny Peters**.

Bennie Peters, 66, died Thursday in Houston. He was a resident of Las Vegas since 1967.

A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was born August 12, 1919, in Houston and was a floorman in the gaming industry. He was a member of Temple Beth Sholom, B'nai B'rith, Las Vegas Saints and Sinners, Variety Boys Club in Houston and Mens Club Beth Yeshurun Congregation in Houston and was president of Southwest Region National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

He is survived by his wife, Ellie of Las Vegas; daughter, Diane Klokkevold of Sacramento, Calif.; and son, Allan of Las Vegas.

Northwest-Republic Merger Means Improved Air Service For Las Vegas



LAS VEGAS — Northwest Airlines soon will offer Las Vegas passengers a greatly expanded U.S. route system now that the Transportation Department has approved Northwest's acquisition of Republic Airlines.

The merger will instantly add 65 cities to the Northwest route map, including destinations in Mexico, eastern Canada and the Caribbean.

"Northwest will integrate Republic flights from Las Vegas into its own schedule from the city," said Steven G. Rothmeier, Northwest president and chief executive officer. "For Las Vegas passengers, the merger means greater single-carrier access to cities throughout the United States, in addition to our already developed route systems in Europe, the Far East and Asia."

Rothmeier said he expects Northwest and Republic operations at the local airport to be fully consolidated in two to three months.

"Northwest will operate major traffic centers in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Detroit and Memphis -- key uncongested airports for quick, convenient connecting flights," he said. "These traffic centers and cities like Las Vegas that support them with passenger traffic will be key factors in Northwest's continued growth."

By acquiring Republic, Northwest becomes the nation's fourth largest airline with more than 300 aircraft and 30,000 employees serving 130 cities.

"Las Vegas passengers already are familiar with Northwest's 60-year history of reliable, effective air service," Rothmeier said. "We look forward to broadening our U.S. routes to better serve Las Vegas."

Northwest is America's second-oldest airline with continuous name identification. In addition to serving destinations in Europe, it carries more people across the Pacific Ocean than any other U.S. airline and operates more full-sized Boeing 747 jumbo jets than any U.S. carrier. Northwest is the only major U.S. airline to earn a profit in each of the last 10 years.

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Some 2,750 Israeli Arabs, a third more than last year, left Israel July 27 on the first stage of the Haj, the traditional Moslem pilgrimage to Mecca.

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