

TRAVEL with Bates

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Savor the excitement and glamour of America's most tempting city in the enchanted desert of Southern Nevada. Las Vegas, perhaps no other place on earth is like this glittery, glitzy resort city.

Year-round good weather and around the clock entertainment help to make Las Vegas a memorable vacation experience anytime of the year.

The excitement and entertainment of Las Vegas draw fun seekers from around the globe, who find a world of culinary delights ranging from Maine Lobster to Alaskan Salmon even a Roman Bacchanal.

Visitors can choose from the specialist city's four dozen major resort hotels also, a speciality are the Lavish week-end brunches, and there is an abundance of the daily buffets that have become a Las Vegas tradition.

The main attraction in Las Vegas strip is America's neon

boulevard, lined with magnificent hotel resorts. Downtown Las Vegas, also called "GLITTER GULCH," may be the brightest street in the world.

While Las Vegas may be the best known city with its ability to provide a good time, there's more to the city-opportunities to play golf, tennis, handball and racquetball as well as swimming and horseback riding.

Sporting events are king in this city that thrives on competition, whether it be playing against dealer or boxer against boxer. No city its size offers as many sporting events, from professional baseball to world championship boxing matches to tennis matches with major world class players.

A side benefit of the many musicians who make their living in casino showroom is that Las Vegas boosts extremely talented community musical groups. The city offers an impressive range of classical and popular music,

including some of the best Jazz in the West.

Over the years Las Vegas has evolved from a gaming-oriented resort to a complete vacation destination for the entire family.

Wet n' Wild theme park on the Las Vegas Strip, features a variety of slide pools, lagoons and rides that are a refreshing way to beat the heat.

Experience the Guinness World of Records Museum, Las Vegas greatest three-dimensional display of all that is superlative around the globe.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum at the Four Queens Hotel in downtown Las Vegas offers a fascinating look at the bizarre and unusual.

Visit the Liberace Museum with a large collection of memorabilia that helped make "Mr Showmanship" a Legend. Expensive cars, elaborate gemstone capes, and beautiful candelabras.

The Nevada State Museum at Lorenzi Park exhibits Materials relating to the history, Archaeology of Southern Nevada.

The Old Mormon Fort on Las Vegas Boulevard was part of the original 1855 Mormon settlement that became Las Vegas.

Las Vegas is the fastest-growing metropolitan area in

America. While its population in 1960 was 100,000. Today it is nearly one million.

Las Vegas is the marriage capital of America. There is no waiting period and no blood test. If you are over 18, the purchase of a marriage license is all that is required. There are 38 wedding chapels in this city.

There are numerous reasons for the appeal of Las Vegas: a favorable business climate, taxes are relatively low, and there are no city or state income taxes. This is because gambling and sales taxes, paid mostly by tourists, have allowed the city and state government to avoid personal and co-operate income taxes.

Las Vegas is Spanish and means "The Meadows." The city was founded in 1905. Its growth began shortly after 1931, when Nevada legislature legalized gambling in an effort to lift the state from the great depression. The construction of nearby Hoover Dam economically aided the area, as well.

The Las Vegas we know now basically began after the World War II when the idea of large hotels along the "strip" was developed.

Las Vegas has more churches per capita than any other city in America.

Clark County is the 15th largest school district in the country, with 147 public schools, 16 private schools, fine special education schools, two community college campuses and two universities, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas home of the 1990 NCAA National champion Runnin' Rebels basketball team, and National University.

Las Vegas is no stranger to new development and this past year has been no exception. The foremost project under construction is the new MGM GRAND HOTEL and Theme Park, which will feature a 5,000 room hotel and family amusement park.

The project represents a
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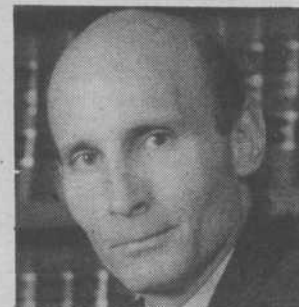
For a safe and happy Halloween, here are some things you should know about tricking and treating.

The FIRST STEP is to not let your child go alone. Older children may go in groups with one adult, but supervise younger children closely.

Be careful with your child's outfit. If your children wear masks, the holes should allow them to breathe and see without difficulty. You may want to use makeup instead.

The costume should be loose enough to allow your child to run and walk normally. Include reflective tape on the front and back of the costume.

Be careful with apples and homemade candy. If you don't know the provider well, you might consider discarding the treat or having it screened at a local hospital.



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SBA ANNOUNCES 1992 TOP MINORITY WINNER

WASHINGTON, D.C. —The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), today recognized the achievements of two minority-owned firms—a biomedical; and social science research firm and a general contracting and construction management company—and awarded them the agency's highest national minority awards.

The agency's Minority Small Business Person of the Year award recipient is Ralph O. Williams, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of R.O.W. Sciences, Inc. in Rockville, Md. His firm supports biomedical and science research and systems integration services including telecommunications.

The 8 (a) Graduate of the Year award recipient is Richard A. Platt, president of Platt Construction Company of Franklin, Wis., a general contracting and construction management company.

The 8 (a) award derives its name from the SBA program that helps firms run by individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged secure government contracts. Graduate firms have successfully completed the program and secure contracts in the traditional competitive environment.

"Both Mr. Williams and Mr. Platt have shown a dedication to excellence in their companies and in the services they offer," said SBA Administrator Patricia Saiki. "Both started and grew small businesses that excel in their fields and both mean take great pride in their firms and their employees. Their companies are known for quality and service."

Williams founded his business in 1984 with one dominant objective in mind—to be a major contributor to improving the health of the nation. Contracts presently held by the company span the entire biomedical research spectrum, including basic and applied research, program evaluation and health policy research and health communication and dissemination. The firm has 273 full-time employees.

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