

# UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS TWO-TENTHS OF A PERCENTAGE POINT

CARSON CITY — Nevada's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment dipped two-tenths of a percentage point in September to 7.0 percent, Stan Jones, executive director of the Nevada Employment Security Department (NESD) announced recently.

"The statewide drop in the unemployment rate certainly cannot be measured as a trend, and is statistically insignificant," Jones said, explaining that eight of Nevada's 17 counties experienced a slight increase in unemployment.

On a positive note Jones

pointed out, that even with the sluggish economy, modest statewide over-the-year job growth of 1.7 percent spans most employment sectors. He said the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate for September at 7.5 percent down one-tenth of a percentage point over-the-month. And, neighboring California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was estimated at 9.4 percent, down four-tenths of a percentage point during the same time period.

NESD labor economists'

monthly survey shows that seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates throughout Nevada's 17 counties ranged from a low of 1.6 percent in Eureka County — to a high of 10.4 percent in Esmeralda County. During September, unemployment in Las Vegas (Clark County) was estimated at 7.1 percent, no change over-the-month, and up 1.2 percent when compared to a year ago. Reno's (Washoe County) September jobless rate was estimated at 7.2 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point during the same 30-day period. In September 1991,

Reno's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent.

All but one of Nevada's industries show some measure of modest over-the-year job growth. Transportation and public utilities remained static over-the year with 33,200 jobs reported. Those industries showing over-the-year job growth include:

- Service industries (gaming, recreation, and hotels; personal; business; medical and

health; legal, engineering, accounting and management) gained 2,800 jobs

- Retail and wholesale (general merchandise and apparel; Food stores; auto dealers and service stations; and eating/drinking establishments) gained 1,300 jobs

- Manufacturing gained 400 jobs

- Finance, insurance and real estate gained 500 jobs

- Mining gained 100 jobs

- Federal, state and local government (including teachers) gained 3,100 jobs

- Construction gained 3,000 jobs

While NESD analysts are cautious, they believe Nevada's current economic trend will not alter over the next several months. They predict unemployment rates will remain close to the current level through the end of the year, while job growth will continue to inch ahead.

## PAID UTILITY SURCHARGE TAX REFUND

A paid utility surcharge tax refund program is again being offered by the City of Las Vegas.

Applications will be accepted January 14-March 12, at the Dula Senior Complex, 450 E. Bo-

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Applicants must be residents of the City of Las Vegas, individual head of household, at least 60 years old, and whose total taxable income does not exceed \$7,200 annually. If married, at least one member of the household must be 60 years old, and the combined total of annual taxable income cannot exceed \$8,700. The effective filing period for this refund application is January-December 1992. Call 229-6454.

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## BIG MAMA'S

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Mama's kitchen was located in Pasadena, California. Because of earthquake damage the family opted to open the store in Las Vegas first and then go back and re-open the store in Pasadena.

The restaurant has gained quite a reputation for it's food already. Several celebrities playing on the Strip cannot wait to dig into the mouth-watering taste of authentic Cajun and Creole fare. As for Big Mama; her fame is growing fast! For the little lady who only comes to the restaurant to supervise and give direction, the sky is the limit. There are already plans for a sit down restaurant closer to the middle of town.

Big Mama's is family owned and operated and offers a wide variety of Southern delicacies. It is a self-ordering arrangement in a food court with several other

restaurants. After browsing through the menu, the server will take your order and payment in advance. When your order is ready your number will be called for you to pick up your food.

The prices are reasonable and the food is authentic. Whether your fancy is blackened catfish, jambalaya, pinto beans, collard greens, sweet potato tarts, or peach cobbler; it's all available for you at Big Mama's. Emma McWhorter is a lady who is proud of her family, proud of her son, and proud of the Big

Mama legacy. Everything about the restaurant is reminiscent of the South and that special southern hospitality, especially Miss Emma.

Operating hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday and 24 hours, Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 597-1616. If you're itching for down home cooking — this is the place to go. "And if the server don't say 'Thank you Sir or Mam' — you tell Big Mama on them." From her mouth to the menu and she means it!

## TRAVEL WITH BATES

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