

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SHOWS LITTLE CHANGE IN APRIL

CARSON CITY— Nevada's statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate jumped one-tenth of a percentage point in March, Stan Jones, executive director of the Nevada Employment Security Department (NESD) announced recently.

Jones said, "Nevada's economic snapshot for the month of March is a mirror of the national picture—temporarily stuck.

All of the ingredients are present for Nevada to come out of its recent doldrums. This is true of our rural and metropoli-

tan areas."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's seasonally adjusted civilian March unemployment rate at 7.0 percent, no change 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. Nevada's statewide unemployment rate is two-tenths of a percentage point higher than March of 1992.

NESD labor economists say the slight increase is statistically insignificant, and they expect no major changes over the next several months.

Their estimates show that seasonally adjusted unemployment throughout Nevada's 17 counties ranged from a low of 2.9 percent in Eureka County—to a high of 13.0 percent in Esmeralda County.

During March, unemployment in Clark County was estimated at 6.8 percent, up three-tenths of a percent point over-

the-month, and down two-tenths of a percentage point compared to a year ago.

Washoe County's March jobless rate was estimated at 6.5 percent, up four-tenths of a percentage point during the same 30-day period. In March 1992, Washoe County's unemployment rate was 6.3 percent.

Jones said, "The March unemployment rate, while a tenth of a percent higher than February, is relatively unchanged. Job growth continued in the month-

over-month data which is a significant bench mark."

For the third straight month job growth has hovered near four percent. All but one of Nevada's industries showed over-the-year growth: the mining industry again held steady with 12,700 jobs. Those industries showing over-the-year job growth include:

- Construction gained 7,200 jobs

- Service industries (gaming, recreation, and hotels; personal; business; medical and health; legal; engineering; accounting; and management)

gained 4,900 jobs

- Federal, state & local government (including teachers) gained 3,900 jobs (Primarily in Southern Nevada's local government education-related jobs)

- Retail & wholesale (general merchandise & apparel; food stores; auto dealers and service stations; and eating/drinking establishments) gained 3,600 jobs

- Finance, insurance; and real estate gained 1,700 jobs

- Manufacturing gained 1,200 jobs

- Transportation and public utilities gained 1,100 jobs

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both contributed to Social Security and you have been married for at least a year, you may claim your benefits based on your own Social Security record or based on your spouse's record. You are entitled to receive benefits under the more favorable method. If you claim a benefit based on your spouse's earnings, the most you can receive at age 65 is 50 percent of your spouse's benefit.

Earning Limits

Earned income, including self-employment income, can result in a reduction in your benefits, depending on your age and the amount of wages or self-employment income you receive.

In 1993, those under age 65 can earn up to \$7,680 without a reduction in benefits; for every \$2 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from

benefits. Those between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$10,560 without a reduction in benefits; from every \$3 over the limit, \$1 is withheld from benefits. If you're age 70 or older, you can earn any amount without a reduction in benefits.

Claiming Your Benefit

To claim your benefits, you must apply to the Social Security Administration either in person or over the phone. CPAs urge you to obtain and review an estimate of your Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits at least every three years. To do so, contact your local Social Security office and ask for Form SSA-7004, Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate. For more information about Social Security, contact the Nevada Society of CPAs to receive a free brochure, "Planning for the Future: Your Social Security Benefits." Call the Society at (702) 826-6800 or write NSCPA, 5270 Neil Road, Suite 102, Reno, NV 89502.

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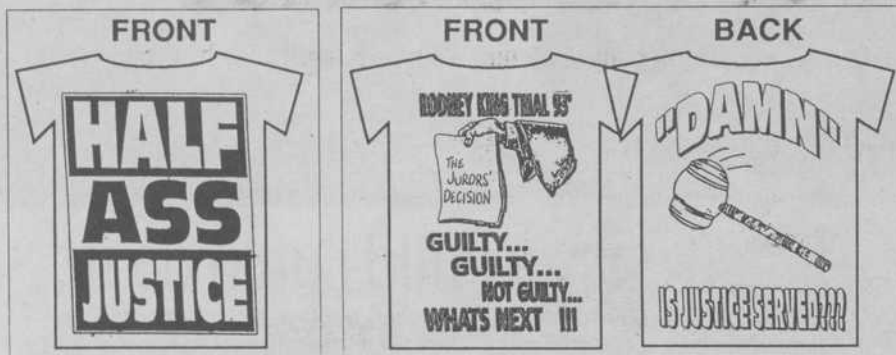
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in the rhythm of the activities.

Visit the Museum of Anthropology for an introduction to the area's Mayan past. Cedam Museum, downtown in the Bahia complex, features treasures taken from the deep by underwater explorers. El Rey is a minor archaeological site where you will see the remains of several small pyramids and buildings dating back 800 years.

For a change of pace take a "pirate cruise" to Isla Mujeres, or if you want live music, there are fiesta nights each evening of the week at any of the large resorts.

Every conceivable water sport can be learned or enjoyed. You can charter a yacht for a day of fishing or learn how to master a jet-ski. Imagine what the sunny warm waters of Cancun will do for stress or for an overworked mind.

Puerto Vallarta is a world filled with romance and culture. Experience the beauty of the uncrowded beaches and the charm of Mexican villages preserved in time.

The harmonious contrast of a Mexican village with cobblestone streets, red tile roofs, and pastel walls combining the old and new in a subtle way.

Visit the popular Zocalo, the town square, with its bandstand. The Guadalupe Church with its crown shaped steeple is the only authentic landmark in town.

To see the sights in an interesting way don't miss the half or full day cruises that depart the marina each morning. As a unique and wonderful experience rent a horse and ride along the beach or sign up for a guided horseback tour of the jungle.

For the vacation of a lifetime come to Mexico where you can rediscover the spirit that is you.

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Entry Requirements: U.S. citizens who visit Mexico must have a Mexican tourist card and proof of citizenship (valid passport or birth certificate with seal.) Your travel agent, airline or Mexican consulate will issue the tourist card for you. The card is valid up to 30 days. Extension requires issuance directly from the Mexican Consulate.

2. Mexican Customs: Prepare for a possible random search by officials upon arrival at any airport in Mexico.

3. Currency exchange: The peso fluctuates constantly, therefore, you should change your dollars at your destination in the hotel or local bank.

4. Clothing: cool casual clothing is suggested for all vacation resorts.

5. Word of caution: vacationers who travel in Mexico often express concern about stomach disorders. Dysentery is a valid concern and may occur anywhere in the world. It occurs as the result of a combination of factors such as different mineral content of water, new types of food, seasoning and purification procedures. Don't patronize sidewalk vendors and snack shops; eat only at your hotel or rated restaurants.

6. Bottled water: all hotels offer bottled water and it is suggested for drinking. AVOID ICE!

You can create a fun filled vacation that is just right for you.