

# Guide to the Robert Paluzzi oral history interview

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## **Summary Information**

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**Abstract:** Oral history interview with Robert Paluzzi conducted by Claytee

D. White on September 05, 2006 for the Boyer Early Las Vegas Oral History Project. In this interview, Paluzzi discusses his personal history and his experiences serving in the United States military in the 1940s. He talks about the Great Depression of 1929 and how that impacted his decision to join the military. Paluzzi then describes the state of the economy before and after joining the military, arriving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1949, and the development of the Las Vegas Strip. Later, Paluzzi shares his thoughts on organized crime and its possible connections with casino executives. He talks about the success and growth that Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino had, and his role as convention coordinator for Caesars Palace. Lastly, Paluzzi describes the growth and changes in Las Vegas and the impact that Jay Sarno

had on casino development.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents Note**

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- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Cities and towns -- Growth
- · Organized crime
- Depressions -- 1929
- Las Vegas Strip (Nev.)
- Convention centers
- Caesars Palace Las Vegas Hotel and Casino