

Guide to the Las Vegas Sun Photographs

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Physical Description:	1.5 Linear Feet (5 hanging folders, 1 flat file, and 1 shared box of negatives)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> Photographs depict significant events in Las Vegas, Nevada from 1948 to 1989 that were covered by the newspaper. The photographs partially document the gubernatorial, senatorial, mid-term, and local elections in Nevada in 1982. The photographs also include protests by African Americans for better wages and renters for fair housing practices, McCarran Airport, protests against the Nevada Test Site, the Las Vegas Strip and downtown Las Vegas, hotels and casinos, political events, parades, dedications of buildings, and aerial photographs of the city. The photographs also depict politicians during campaign events and fundraisers, including President Ronald Reagan; U.S. Senators Howard Cannon, Pat McCarran, Chic Hecht, Paul Laxalt, and Harry Reid; Nevada governors Mike O'Callaghan and Robert List; and Lieutenant Governor Bob Cashell.

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Historical Background

The *Las Vegas Sun* is Las Vegas, Nevada's second-longest running newspaper (behind the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*). The International Typographical Union founded the *Sun* in May 1950 as the *Las Vegas Free Press*, an event which was precipitated by the *Review-Journal's* lockout of the typesetters who had tried to unionize. Hank Greenspun, the publicity director at the Desert Inn, was an early patron of the paper, and

he purchased it in July 1950 and renamed it the *Las Vegas Sun*. Greenspun remained publisher and editor until his death in 1989.

The *Sun*, led by Greenspun's front page column, infamously attacked the Las Vegas gaming industry and entrenched politicians, including U.S. Senators Pat McCarran and Joseph McCarthy. Greenspun won a federal settlement against McCarran and the casino owners after an advertising boycott in 1952. Bolstered by its more irreverent stories, the *Sun* almost caught up to the *Review-Journal* in the early 1960s, but a fire destroyed its building, forcing Greenspun to publish from Los Angeles, California until a new plant could be built.

The *Sun* never matched the circulation of the *Review-Journal*, and before his death in 1989, Greenspun approved his family's negotiation of a Joint Operating Agreement that allowed the *Sun* to stay editorially independent while circulation and advertising were handed over to the *Review-Journal*. After circulation continued to decline, the two papers altered the agreement in 2005 so that the *Sun* would be published daily inside the *Review-Journal*.

Source:

Green, Michael. "Las Vegas Sun." *Online Nevada Encyclopedia*. August 2, 2011. <http://www.onlinenevada.org/articles/las-vegas-sun>

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Related Materials

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The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

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