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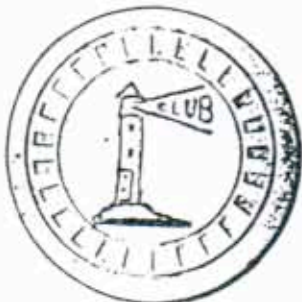
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I attended the A.C. Expo held in Atlantic City on March 18th & 19th. Billed as the "largest antiques & collectibles show in North America", it certainly did live up to its advance billing. Over 1000 dealer booths were set up in the recently renovated cavernous convention hall. Some of the club members I met that checked in at the Washoe Antiques booth were; Janice & Jerry O'Neil from Michigan, Jim Whittaker (NJ), Tom French (CA), Eric Rosenblum (NY) and of course Dean Richmond & Jodi Sones (Reno). A lot of good chips exchanged hands at this huge show and some good buys were made. If you "east coasters" missed it this year you will have another opportunity next year as Dean & Jodi were so pleased with their sales they have already put in a bid for a table at next year's "Atlantique City Expo-1990".

Elsewhere in this issue you will find an advertisement for the New Jersey Token & Medal Show in Cherry Hill, NJ to be held at the Route 70 Hyatt on June 24th & 25th. I found many casino chips and tokens I needed for sale at this show last year. If you are within driving range, I would recommend checking out this show.....plus, A.C. is only one hour away!

The show is held in conjunction with the larger Garden State Numismatic Association annual convention, which has had up to 130 dealer tables at its coin convention in the Hyatt. The token & medal show, with about 25 - 30 tables, is held in a completely different room at the Hyatt during the GSNA convention. So if coins are your thing as well as chips & tokens, here is a perfect opportunity to kill two birds with one stone....and perhaps get to visit A.C. to boot! Both shows are open to the public and there is no admission charge for either show.

NAME THAT NEWSLETTER

As mentioned in a previous newsletter issue, a suggestion was made to conduct a contest for a more appropriate name for our club quarterly newsletter. The current title, "CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB NEWSLETTER" is thought by some to be too long a name. Well now is the time to gather your thoughts and come up with a replacement title. I've already received some excellent suggestions from a few of you. But to be fair, I think that some basic groundrules should be established.

1. TITLE SHOULD BE RELATED TO CHIPS & GAMING TOKENS HOBBY.
2. CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.
3. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON 3" X 5" INDEX CARDS.
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6. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15th, 1989.
7. A 5 MEMBER PANEL (EXCLUDING OFFICERS) WILL SERVE AS JUDGES.
8. THE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN PITTSBURGH AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE 3RD QUARTER ISSUE OF THE CLUB NEWSLETTER. A SUITABLE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED.

There you have it....as simple as can be. Send your suggestions as outlined above to "Mr. Chips" P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723. Of course if you are happy with the current title, I would appreciate knowing that fact as well.

By Bruce Landau CH-002

When Archie asked me to write a short story for our newsletter I spent the next few days trying to come up with something you all would enjoy reading. Well, I don't know if you'll enjoy this but as a fellow hobbyist, I firmly beleive that, "You Gotta' Have A Plan".

Archie and I have communicated for several years and while we are both "crazy collectors", we attack this hobby in different ways. He is an Atlantic City fanatic and I am equally fanatical about Nevada chips. If it's from Nevada....I WANT IT! Whether it's drilled, notched, worn or chewed on, it makes no difference to me. If I don't have the chip.....I WANT IT! If a cleaner chip appears, I'll replace the "bad" one. If a chip has only the slightest difference compared to the one I have in my collection.....I WANT IT! Get the picture?

I collect all chips from Nevada. That's my plan. My plan for A.C. and foreign chips is different. I collect A.C. up to and including \$5 chips, as well as any roulettes I can get my hands on. If by chance I pick up an A.C. roulette which Archie needs, he'll bug me and eventually he'll get it, even if it's the only one I have. Remember, this roulette was from A.C., not Nevada. If it was from Nevada, Archie would know that he would have no chance to pry it away from me. For foreign chips, my plan is simple.....I collect one chip from every country.....the others I pick up go into my trading lists.

There is a point to all this. Whether you are collecting chips, tokens, coins, stamps, beer cans or whatever, you really should have a plan. When I started collecting, I only wanted chips from Las Vegas and only those up to \$1. My plan then changed to all chips from Las Vegas..... then all chips from the state of Nevada. Plans change, but you gotta' have one.....and no plans are wrong. I've communicated with many collectors and when I ask what they collect, they can't be specific. As I said, there's no wrong plan, it's only wrong not to have one.....and to keep things organized. It is very helpful to have a list of what you have and/or what you need. Using a computer is great if you have access to one. If not, a hand written copy will have to do.

One final thought. I said that no plans are wrong. Well, I'm wrong. Some really are. Be reasonable and set your goals. Collecting only 50 cent chips from Reno casinos beginning with the letter "P" makes no sense. Enjoy this hobby.....it's terrific. Buying, selling, trading....it will be fun and rewarding. Just plan it out!

CHIP CLEANING TIP FROM JODI SONES (WASHOE ANTIQUES)

"We receive a lot of requests from folks asking how to clean chips. I have found that a really good way to get the little crevices of the mold marks cleaned out really well, without harming the chip, is to go down to your local hobby shop and purchase an inexpensive glue brush. They usually have a metal shaft and black, rather stiff bristles. Cut the bristles off to 1/4" and brush out the dry chip crevices. It works really well, and the chip will not be harmed. Total cost is under \$1.00!"


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The membership roster continues to grow at an amazing pace as more and more chip & token collectors find out about our unique club. News releases published in "NUMISMATIC NEWS" and "COIN WORLD" have helped to boost our membership roster tremendously, as has the individual efforts of some of our current members. On behalf of the club membership, I extend our warm welcome to the following members who have joined the club since the last newsletter was published.

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Wooden Dollar Income	20.50	
	\$1547.43	Total Income

DISBURSEMENTS

Membership Cards	\$ 19.61	A.D.I. Impressions
American Numismatic Association	\$ 36.00	Annual Dues
Commemorative Wooden Dollars	\$ 55.00	Elbee Company
Newsletter Mailings (membership)	\$568.91	Postage
Miscellaneous mailings, etc.	\$ 72.76	
	\$752.28	Total Expenses

CURRENT CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF MARCH, 31, 1989

\$795.15

Bruce Landau, Treasurer



Your Attention!

Please!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

I thought that some of you might be interested in which states represent our club membership. By far, the most club members live in California by almost a 2 to 1 margin over the next runner up state, which is New Jersey, while New York is a close 3rd, followed by Nevada in 4th. Below is a table I think some of you will find very interesting. Do you see a state that is not represented.....and do you correspond with any fellow collectors from those states? If so, how about inviting him/her to join the club?

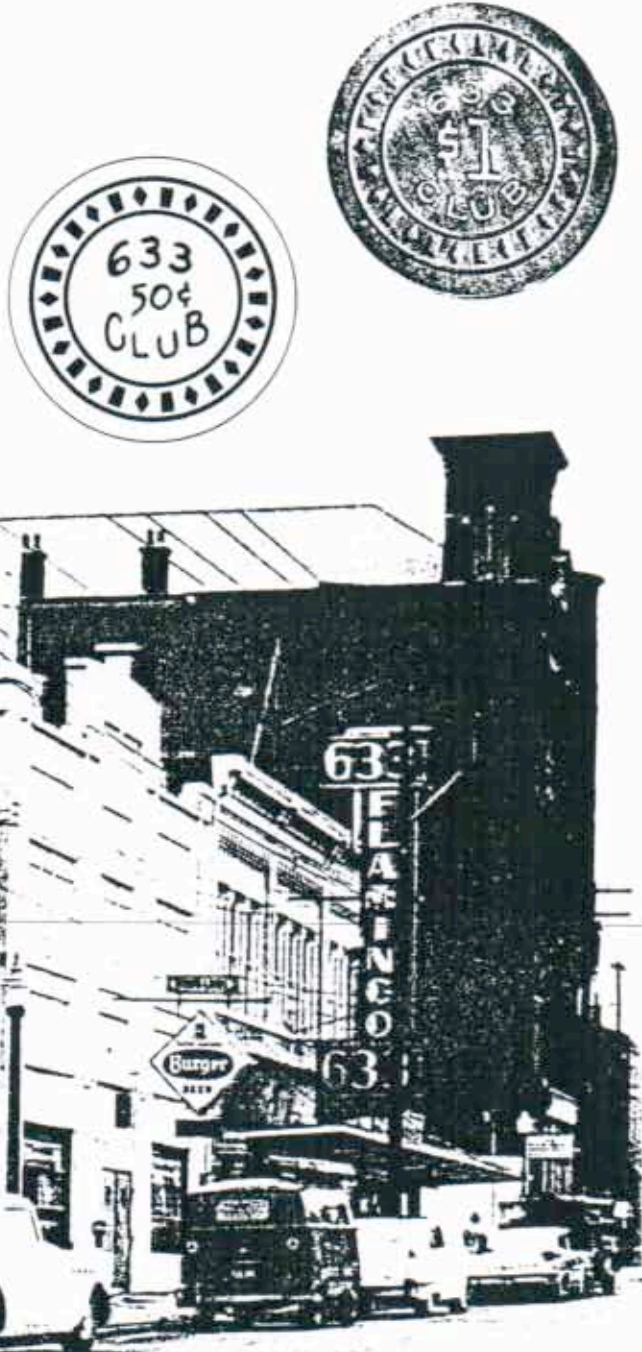
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TOTALS: 177 MEMBERS FROM 27 STATES, + PUERTO RICO

NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CHIPS

By Earl Reppetto, #R-119

Illustrated are two distinctly different styles of gaming chips from the "633 Club" (possibly also known as the "Flamingo".... see photo below) which was located at 633 York Street in Newport, Kentucky. This "famous" club was in operation during the late 1930's and early 1940's. A reform organization, "The 500 Club", forced their eventual closing. The club was recently demolished and is now just a parking lot.



Newport, Kentucky during this period was known as "Little Mexico" and "Sin City". In addition to the "633 Club" there were several other notable gambling clubs such as; "The Yorkshire Club", at 524 York Street.

"Glen Rendevous" and "Tropicana" were the same building located at 928 Monmouth Street but had two different names under different owners. Similarly, "Latin Quarter" and "Primrose Club" were both the same physical building, under two different owners, located on Licking Pike in Newport. "Club 314" was at 314 West 4th Street while another club's address, "The Avenue", was Fairfield Ave. in Bellevue, KY.

The "Beverly Hills Club", U.S. Hwy # 27, in Southgate, Kentucky was destroyed by fire on May 28th, 1977 resulting in 165 deaths. There was no gambling being conducted at the time of the fire. It was a well known supper club with well known entertainment. John Davidson, plus the "VanDells", were headliners on the night of the fire.

According to Bill Borland's "Blue Book", additional clubs from Newport are listed as; "Flamingo Club", "Hi-De-Ho Club", "Sportsman Club", and of course the "Newport Club" (see next page).



[Editor's Note: I had always thought that these "Newport Club" chips were from Newport, California as that is what is written on the 2x2 cardboard holder when I purchased them a few years ago. I also own a \$25 blue unlisted "Newport Club" chip of the same mold as the \$10 orange chip, both of which are illustrated above. Can anyone out there, who knows for sure, confirm one way or the other if these "Newport Club" chips are from KY or CA?]



The three chips illustrated above are from the "Merchants Club" which was located at 15 East 4th Street in Newport, KY and was operated by "Red Masterson", very well known in the area's gambling circles.



Another well known club in the area, named "Kentucky Club", was located on Scott Street in Covington, Kentucky. Covington is directly across the river from Cincinnati, and is where Cincinnati's airport is actually located. The illustration here is of a red chip with a brass inlay and no denomination. Do any club members know about any other color varieties?

Editor's note: In addition to my thanks to Earl Reppetto for his input, I also wish to acknowledge Michael Knapp for supplying pertinent reference material used in the forgoing Kentucky article.

Club members having additional information about Kentucky gaming chips are encouraged to contact member Earl Reppetto at; 91 Grandview Ave. Fort Thomas, KY 41075.

The "Hide-De-Hole," a secret room in the ceiling of the Hi-De-Ho Club in Newport, Kentucky.



looks a bit like a Harold's Club (Reno) chip, but one of our panel members is almost sure it's from Harvey's (Lake Tahoe). Does anyone know for sure? How about it, Mr. Historian?

Q.12: Illustrated below. This appears to us to be a typical chip made for a private individual, with the person's initials embossed on the chip, especially since both sides are identical.

Q13: How did Bugsy Siegel get involved with Las Vegas?

A13: Benjamin Siegel (who hated the nickname "Bugsy") had been a backer of Tony Cornero in his offshore gambling ships the S.S.Rex, S.S.Tango, and S.S.Lux from 1934 to 1939. Siegel was an early associate of Meyer Lansky in New York (the "Bugs and Meyer Gang") and retained that association throughout his life.

In 1945, Siegel went to Las Vegas to "persuade" club owners to subscribe to his Trans-America Wire Service, which provided horse racing entries and results. Demanding a piece of the ownership in exchange for wire service, Siegel and his group (Gus Greenbaum, Dave Berman and Moe Sedway) took over parts of the Las Vegas Club, El Cortez, Golden Nugget and El Dorado Club in downtown Las Vegas.

A year later, Siegel sold his interests in the downtown clubs to help finance construction of his Flamingo Hotel on what is now the Las Vegas Strip. The Flamingo opened on December 26, 1946, but fog in Los Angeles grounded the planes that Siegel had chartered to bring the high-roller guests he had invited to opening night. After an initial weel of disaster, the Flamingo closed, to reopen in March, 1947.

Flamingo financiers Meyer Lansky, Frank Costello, and Charles "Lucky" Luciano, dissatisfied with the hotel's initial losses, and suspecting Siegel and his girlfriend Virginia Hill of having skimmed construction funds for their personal bank accounts in Switzerland, ordered Siegel killed. He was shot to death while sitting in Virginia Hill's house in Los Angeles, in June, 1947, at the age of 42.

Siegel is credited with having had the foresight to realize the potential of the Las Vegas Strip, and for starting the trend which turned Las Vegas from a cowboy town to an opulent and flashy resort for the rich and famous.



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Q.15

LAS VEGAS UPDATE

By Janice & Jerry O'Neal (CH-008 & CH-88)

We don't have much to say this time about "what is"..... mostly about "what is to be". The construction cranes are in full swing on the Las Vegas skyline. Steve Wynn's "Mirage" is well on the way. Across the street, between construction on Imperial Palace and Flamingo Hilton, is the new "O'Sheas" which is a Hilton Corp. project. Across from the Tropicana, "Excalibur" has its foundations in and is beginning to push upward.

In the other direction, Silver Slipper is now a parking lot for Frontier. This one, I will miss. The old Silver Slipper was my favorite stop when visiting Las Vegas. On down, the Riviera is tearing everything apart to put on a whole new face. Down a little bit more, Foxy's Firehouse is well on the way to being torn down. In its place will be a new shopping mall with a casino called, "Maxine Malone's."

Across the street, in the other plaza, the little Quarter Casino is gone..... now called, "Friendly Fergie's Saloon." Then out by Gold Coast, we have the new "Rio" going up. Out on Boulder Highway, past Sam's Town, we found an almost completed casino called "The Cattle Baron." In the year to come, many new chips and tokens will be added.

Slipper makes way for 1,200-ste. hotel

The nearly 40-year-old Silver Slipper Casino on the Las Vegas Strip has been closed to make way for a 1,200-suite hotel and casino to be built on the site owned by Margaret Elardi, who also owns the neighboring Frontier Hotel and Gambling Hall.

The Slipper was the last of the casinos controlled by the late Howard Hughes' Summa Corp., which at one time had more Nevada casinos than any other company. Gaming officially ended at the Silver Slipper No. 28.

Construction of the new Elardi casino will be coordinated with the construction of two 400-suite towers at the adjacent Frontier, which Elardi bought last year when she obtained the Silver Slipper real estate. Summa continued to operate the Slipper's casino until it closed.

Now, to what we did find. New chips at Gold Coast. Same colors, just got rid of their fancy "GC" logo and put the denomination in a large white numeral on the center inlay. New at the Hacienda are very attractive \$2.50 chips on the blackjack tables (pink H&C with 2 Grn/Wht inserts and a Blk,Red,Grn on white Center Inlay.) Lady Luck has a beige "Special Events" "NCV" chip in play on 21 tables (clubs and triangles mold, gold embossed....old one was blue). Out on Boulder Highway is a new casino called "Longhorn" which is located across from Sam's Town. It is part of the Super 8 Motel chain and they have issued a red \$5 H&C 4orange/gray inserts with Blk,Red on wht scalloped CI chip. Sam Boyd's Group has bought out the Eldorado Casino in Henderson. No changes in chips or tokens yet.

That's all until next time. I would like to thank Ernie Wheelden, Michael Knapp and Archie Black for helping me with this information. Anyone having additional information on any additions or changes please write to; Janice O'Neal 50 Dove Ave. Whitmore Lake MI 48189.



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Holland's state-run casinos: sand, sea, sun and fun

The Netherlands opened its first government-run casino on Oct. 1, 1976 at Zandvoort, a seaside resort 30 minutes from Amsterdam that has one of the widest beaches in Europe. Casino Zandvoort is on the main street of the resort city, just a short walk to the beach. One year after it opened it was the most visited casino on the European continent, with an average of about 1,000 visitors per day.

The country's second casino, Casino Valkenburg, opened May 6, 1977 in a tiny town bordering both Germany and Belgium. The casino is located in the Cocarde building in the middle of the Odapark and is entered by crossing a wooden bridge over the Geul River. Aside from roulette and blackjack, the

casino has a restaurant serving continental cuisine and a *cercle prive'*, a room with two roulette tables and private bar that can be reserved.



Casino Scheveningen opened in September 1979 in the Kurhaus in Scheveningen, an extraordinary hotel frequented by celebrities, in the beach

resort of Scheveningen, part of the municipality of The Hague. The casino has three gaming rooms, a restaurant and a bar overlooking the ocean. It draws a mainly Dutch and German clientele. Casino Amsterdam, which opened in December 1986, is Holland's newest casino. Located in Amsterdam's Hilton Hotel, it offers blackjack, roulette, punto banco and slot machines.

The Dutch government has plans to open a casino in Rotterdam in the near future.

All casinos in the Netherlands are open from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily and have small admission fees. Men and women are to dress appropriately, usually a jacket with a shirt and tie or a turtleneck sweater. People 18 years old or older can play, and visitors should show identification such as a passport or driver's license.



'No-roller' gamble pays off big in Las Vegas

By JERRY HULSE

It began five years ago with the opening of the Alexi Park, a Palm Springs, Calif.-style resort that hasn't so much as a slot machine on the entire property. What's more, it gets high points as one of the peachiest addresses in town.

The Alexi opened with raves. It's still getting them.

Now there are others, including the St. Tropez, which does business directly next door. And there's Marriott's new Residence Inn, facing the Convention Center on Paradise Road. And Motel 6 on Tropicana. This being Las Vegas, it should come as no surprise that with 900 rooms, this particular Motel 6 is the biggest in the nation.

What each of these sanctuaries has in common is an appeal to the no roller. No dice, no wheels of fortune, no bingo parlors. Only grassy spreads, waterfalls and the seclusion of a resort that's divorced from the bright lights of Las Vegas.

The Marriott, with 192 rooms, comes off like an exclusive enclave uprooted from Beverly Hills. The Motel 6 is, well, a Motel 6. Still, with rooms going for \$23.95 a night, it is doubtless one of the best bets in a town that survives on bettors.

Without question, though, the Alexi Park is the leader of hotels devoted to no rollers, coming off as an oasis in the land of high hopes and broken dreams.

Low-rise and low-key, it is impossible to fault. Its developer directed workers to dig channels for streams that flow across the \$40 million property.

In a land as arid as Death Valley he created waterfalls, swimming pools and provided shade for his oasis by planting a couple of hundred palm trees. A Caribbean-style refuge in the neon-lit desert.

Low-rise and whitewashed, the Alexi resembles a slice of the Costa Del Sol. Furthermore, it's strictly the suite life, which is to say the resort features only suites. Suites with Jacuzzi baths, mini-bars, fireplaces and satellite TV.

Why, though, one wonders, would an otherwise astute businessman gamble on a hotel without a casino in Dicedland? Simply because a new breed of vacationer is becoming more interested in relaxing by a swimming pool than crying out "bingo!" This along with a desire for a sanctuary to return to after a day on the Strip—should gambling be one's passion.

The fact is, the Alexi was a gamble that paid off, what with occupancy

AS VEGAS—What with a rebel in the crowd, the heat's on the high roller. Imagine the dude who refuses to chance even a nickel in a slot machine.

Since the days of the late Bugsy Siegel, Las Vegas has courted the high roller along with the low roller. But now (trumpets, please) we introduce the "no roller."

To explain, the no roller is that adventurous soul who happens to love Las Vegas but loathes casinos. A pox, says he, on pit bosses and blackjack dealers.

He gets his kicks out of trips to Lake Mead and picnic outings to Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. Or by soaking up rays around a swimming pool, rather than getting burned at the gaming tables.

rates that remain a steady 100 percent on weekends. This is due in part to overcrowded Strip hotels that send guests to the Alexi because the Alexi isn't a threat to their own casinos.

At the Alexi, guests shape up in spas and an aerobics center. They jog and play tennis and chase the little white ball across a putting green. And for those who disdain those dreary wedding chapels along the Strip, a gazebo is primed for couples wishing to exchange vows.

Next door, that other casino-less caravansary, the St. Tropez, features suites with mini-bars, VCRs, coffee makers and wall safes. Transfers are provided from the airport along with trips to the Strip. This plus other bonuses. Come evening, the hotel pours free drinks for its guests.

There is, of course, the other Las Vegas, the never-say-die, 24-hour land of fantasy that a Russian scribe once described as both wanton and evil.

The town counters with the old claim that more churches and synagogues exist per capita here than any place in the world. Even among the pious, though, money is king. During Mass recently at the Guardian Angel Cathedral the padre announced that poker chips were as welcome as cash.

Las Vegas' casinos are on a roll, what with 50,000 slot machines and 2,600 gaming tables. And more are on the way.

Steve Wynn of the Golden Nugget is building a 3,600-room high-rise (The Mirage) at the southern approach to Las Vegas that will be a touch of Hawaii in the Nevada desert. Waterfalls will spill into gardens planted with palms. Plumeria will spread their fragrance. Myna birds will sing out from banyan trees. Volcanoes will erupt regularly. Gas jets will set reflecting pools aflame. Wynn promises everything but a personal appearance by Madame Pele.

A 17,000-square-foot atrium will be the centerpiece of Wynn's monument. Before forging ahead, Wynn and his sidekick, Barry Shier, checked out

Disney World, Disneyland, Opryland and Florida's Botanical Gardens to gather ideas. After that they hired Broadway lighting director David Hersen to set the scene for the flaming volcanoes and fiery lagoons.

A 20,000-gallon aquarium is in the works, along with a swimming pool with waterfalls to shower bathers. In addition, Wynn's resort will feature six lanai apartments with six individual swimming pools. The bill for water features alone will add up to \$30 million.

Guests at this \$565 million playpen will slip by a white Siberian tiger and cross a bridge to reach a colonial-style porte-cochere. Baggage will be moved underground. Cars will be driven beneath the lagoon. After that, high rollers will find themselves in a casino surrounded by the Garden of Eden.

It's possible that guests will ask themselves, "Is this really Las Vegas or a corner of Kauai?"

While Wynn moves ahead with The Mirage, the operators of Circus Circus are putting up a 4,000-room hotel-casino to be called The Excalibur. What's more, it promises to resemble Disneyland without the Matterhorn. A Circus Circus entourage eyeballed 20 castles in Germany, England and Scotland before coming up with their own castle theme.

Based on a variety of European castles, when completed in mid-1990 it will feature a royal village, costumed performers, shops and booths. Everything but Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Obviously, The Excalibur won't be playing to the no roller. Not with 100,000 square feet of slots and gaming tables spinning dreams of riches for its owners.

There's more.

Another developer recently jumped in with the announcement of a \$1.2 billion resort with 5,000 rooms to be called Pharaoh's Kingdom. This would make it the world's largest resort, with a casino three times bigger than those being built by Wynn and Circus Circus.

(See "No Roller" next page)

NO ROLLER

Besides the hotel-casino, the developer told of plans for an 80-acre family theme park, a golf course, a \$100 million spa and 700 villas.

With a promise of 6,000 jobs, the opening date of the Egyptian theme resort with its glass pyramids is set for 1990.

And the Riviera Hotel recently announced that it has begun an expansion that will make it both the largest hotel and largest casino in the world.

All of which leaves the no roller to concentrate on the Liberace Museum, the Imperial Palace Auto Collection, the Ethel M. Chocolate Factory, the Scandia Family Fun Center and Ripley's Believe It or Not.

Meanwhile, should some inveterate gambler be tempted to deposit a few bucks on the green felt and come up a loser, he has only to turn to Stoney's Pawn Shop off Fremont Street.

Stoney's Henry Kronberg, a transplant from New Jersey, has been rescuing gamblers since 1962. As evidence, his display cases are crowded with every imaginable item known to drifters down on their luck.

A cowboy hocked his saddle, a motorcyclist left behind his helmet and a security guard traded his handcuffs for a loan till payday.

Kronberg smiles and shakes his head. "Me? I only gamble across this counter."

Jerry Hulse is travel editor of the Los Angeles Times

MARYLAND APPROVES SLOTS FOR CHARITY

The state of Maryland banned slot machines in 1968. Now, almost 20 years later, the machines are back—for use by charitable groups for fund-raising.

On April 7, the Maryland House of Delegates approved legislation returning slot machines to eight counties on Maryland's eastern shore, and the measure, which had already passed the Maryland Senate, was signed by Gov. William Donald Schaefer. Schaefer's predecessor, Gov. Harry Hughes, had twice rejected such legislation.

Schaefer said he was not interested in extending slot machines elsewhere in the state. A ban on "casino night" gambling was passed recently for Baltimore County, and similar measures are expected to go through in Anne Arundel and Howard counties. Machines are not expected to be allowed in Worcester County, either, because city leaders in the Ocean City beach resort are against gaming.

Under the new law, organizations eligible to operate the slot machines are fire departments, veterans organizations and fraternal groups in Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil counties. They are restricted to five machines each, and must use 50 percent of the proceeds for charitable purposes.

'The Mouth' mounts bid for a casino

Move over Donald, Merv and Steve.

The above named may very well be colorful characters, but they have nothing on the new casino entrepreneur in town — the one and only Morton "The Mouth" Downey Jr.

In a move that shocked local casino insiders, the raucous syndicated television talk show host made an offer of \$120 million to purchase the Claridge Casino Hotel a few weeks ago.

What was even more shocking was the casino's reported acceptance of the offer, despite the brass' refusal to confirm or deny the deal.

However, the talk show host is confident the deal will go through, with the aid of two other unknown investors who are acting as his partners.

Meanwhile, the casino has been on a bidding merry-go-round in the recent past — a few months ago, former Atlantic City casino bigwig Stephen Wynn unsuccessfully attempted to purchase the property. The deal fell through when Wynn revealed he wanted to restructure gaming there by lowering odds.

Although Downey has no such plans, he did reveal he intends to hang out at the casino, with his blue-collar buddies, on a regular basis.

Doubtless, there will be numerous changes once The Mouth takes over.

One insider jokingly speculated that the casino might be renamed the Pabulum Puker's Palace.

POKER CHIP CAPER

A grand jury has indicted a former employee of the Burt Co. on theft charges in connection with the Sept. 23 robbery at the Portland poker chip manufacturing plant. Peter Georgocarakos, 21, of Raymond, was arrested shortly after the burglary and has been charged with burglary and theft, according to Sgt. Richard Rizzo of the Portland Police Department.

Rizzo said the department is working on a plea bargaining arrangement with Georgocarakos in an effort to recover the 16,100 blank ceramic poker chips taken in the robbery and to apprehend others who police believe were involved in the case. Four or five boxes

of poker chips, each weighing approximately 70 pounds, were stolen, police said.

John Kendall, owner of the Burt Co., said none of the chips have resurfaced. The 92-year-old company provides the poker chips to casinos and card rooms throughout the world. The chips, made of Texas clay, are worth from \$1 to \$100,000 once they have been imprinted with a casino's insignia and the dollar value.

Kendall said the robbery has not affected business. "Certainly, (the robbery) is a concern, but we improved our security following the break-in and it couldn't happen again."

Maine Enterprise featured the Burt Co. in a cover story in its April 1987 issue. The company has begun imprinting bar codes along the sides of the poker chips to inhibit counterfeiting, Kendall said. By using a scanner provided by the Burt Co., a casino can verify that a chip's bar code matches the casino's assigned code. The scanner can also keep a running tab of the casino's transactions.

Kendall, who bought the company in 1985, introduced a new process at the plant designed to manufacture chips with markings that can be detected only with ultraviolet lights. The high-tech chips make it even easier for casinos to detect counterfeit chips. □

CHIPCO INTERNATIONAL
ANNOUNCES NEW STYLE CHIPS

Michael Knapp (CH-007)

A new chip manufacturer, CHIPCO International, Inc., has announced a new style of gaming chip. CHIPCO has purchased many of the assets of The Burt Company of Portland, Maine, and is now operating at Burt's old address.

CHIPCO Vice President John Bleh has provided the club with information and samples of the company's new Pro-Tech gaming chip, which appear below. Mr. Bleh tells us that whereas "the Burt Company made chips by compression molding, CHIPCO makes chips through injection molding."

The new Pro-Tech chip, now being tested in actual play at El San Juan Hotel in Puerto Rico, have several features different from previous gaming chips. The Surface of the chips is a fine grid, creating a checkered texture, and has no standard rim design. The entire surface of the chip is flat, permitting each casino to design its own chip from edge to edge. Graphic design possibilities are therefore almost unlimited, and users of the Pro-Tech chip are not restricted to a circular center area for design and identification.

The Wrest Point Federal (Australia) sample manufactured by CHIPCO illustrates a non-circular center design, and the Lucky Strike Club sample shows an edge-to-edge design format. As with graphic design flexibility, colors are less limited than with other types of chips. The El San Juan sample below, for example, has five different colors on a white ground.

In addition to the design and color possibilities, the Pro-Tech chip will also have an invisible bar code (similar to super-market product code bars) printed on each chip to identify both the casino and the denomination of the chip. Used in conjunction with a machine being developed by CHIPCO, which was to have been demonstrated at the gaming industry show in Las Vegas at the end of February, the chips can be sorted automatically by denomination and verified for authenticity simultaneously. Counterfeiting will be difficult not only because of color and design complexity, but because the invisible bar coding will be almost impossible to copy.

In addition to the standard Pro-Tech chip, CHIPCO plans a coin-inlay version of the chip, called the Medallion series. At 17 grams, they will be among the heaviest chips manufactured. Non-value wheel chips are also made in the Pro-Tech line, which, although injection molded, are a clay composition material.

CHIPCO also makes a lighter-weight, embossable plastic injection-molded chip with a unicorn rim design, also illustrated below.

Mr. Bleh will keep us abreast of new developments and CHIPCO products.



DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

It's that time of year! Unless your 1989-1990 membership card is enclosed with this issue of the newsletter, it's time to pay your dues.

Please take time to renew now.

Save by paying dues for two years!

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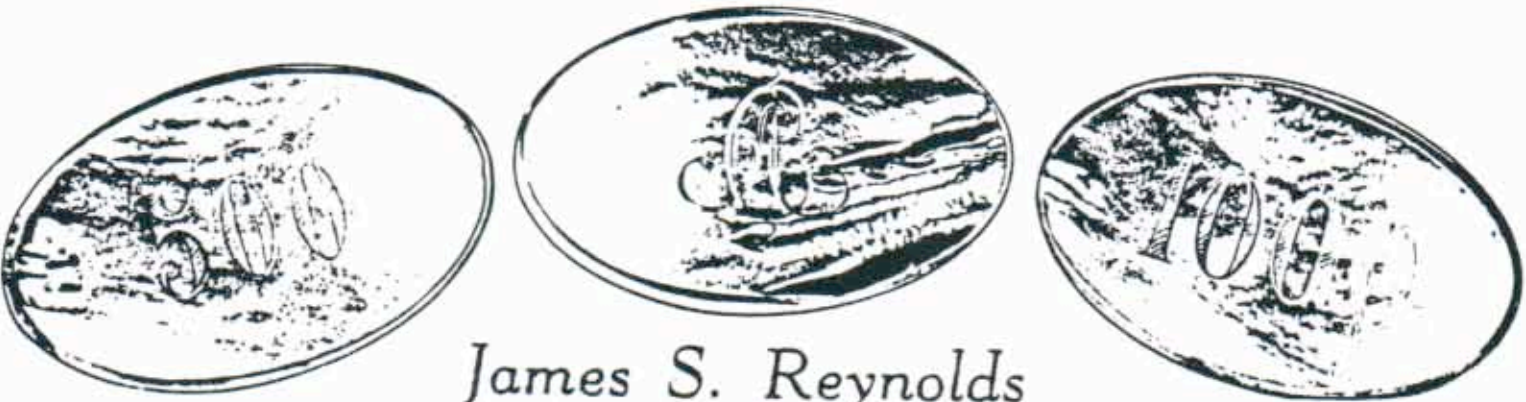
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To discover the hidden sentence, find all of the 24 terms listed below in the puzzle diagram. They can be read forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally, but they will always be spelled in a straight line of letters. Circle or cross through each one when you find it. After you've spotted all the terms, the UNUSED letters—those that are not part of words you've found—will spell out the sentence, beginning at the top left.

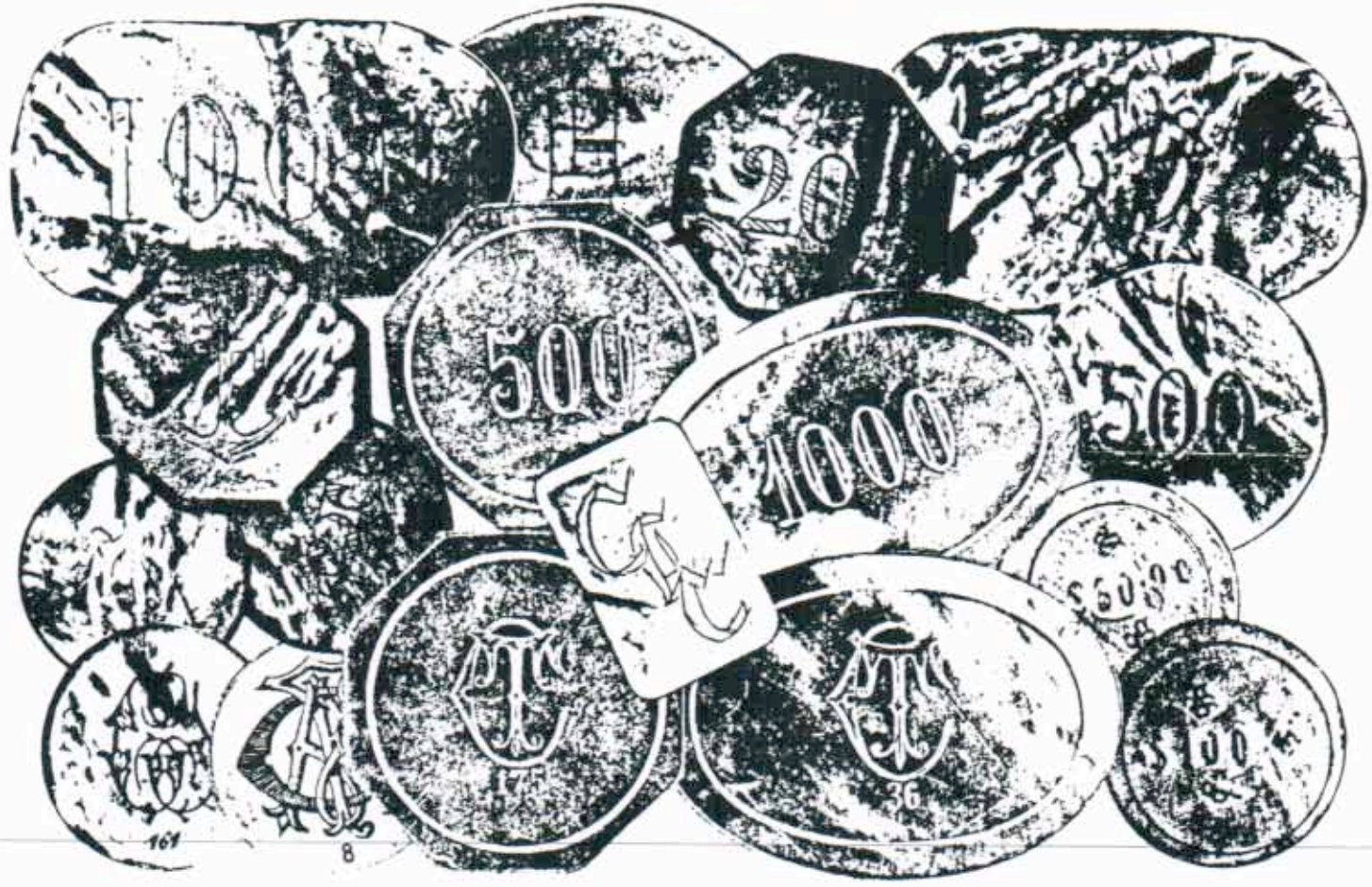
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HIDDEN SENTENCE PUZZLE



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INTRODUCING ATLANTIC CITY'S FIRST \$100 SLOT MACHINE!

Slot machine takes \$200 bets

Press Atlantic City Bureau

ATLANTIC CITY — With one pull of the handle, a slot player at Harrah's Marina can wager more than many players do at table games.

The lone \$100 machine in the city began operating Dec. 28, and accepts one or two tokens — up to a bet of \$200. The maximum jackpot is \$100,000.

"This higher limit game is new to Atlantic City, however, slot patrons in Nevada have been enjoying them," said Mando Rueda, Harrah's director of slot operations.

Harrah's was the first casino in the city to offer \$5 slots, which debuted September 1986. Their 24 \$5 machines accept up to three tokens and have a top jackpot of \$50,000.

Ten other casinos now have \$5 machines; all except Atlantis.

Harrah's also introduced \$25 machines, followed by Trump Castle. Harrah's two \$25 machines accept up to two tokens and have a maximum jackpot of \$50,000.



A guy named Alan Lincoln of Milford, Mass., was the first person to ever play one of the casino's new machines. He also became the first person in Atlantic City gaming history to immediately lose \$100 in a slot machine.

Floating casino sails the seas off Texas

PORT ISABEL, Texas (AP)—A 257-foot ship named *Le Mistral* has brought legal casino gambling to Texas, simply by sailing past an unpaved Mexican fishing village just south of the border.

Le Mistral passengers take a six-to-eight-hour trip to nowhere. No one disembarks and most never see their destination, the tiny village of El Mezquital 30 miles south of the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The pass-by satisfies a state law requiring gambling ships operating from Texas to call on a foreign port. *Le Mistral*'s casino cannot open until the ship reaches international waters 12 miles offshore.

The trips are a bold venture for Islander Cruises Ltd., based in a strip shopping center recently renamed Bon Voyage Plaza, 10 miles north of the border at Port Isabel. When it comes to the Texas market, casino cruise lines are in uncharted waters.

"No one's operated one, not at all," said Templeton Fowlkes, a Mississippi attorney with the task of guiding Islander through its start-up period. "We still don't know how many days they (consumers) want and which days."

An ambitious schedule of nine cruises per week was scaled back to six, at least until the weather warms up and the sea calms down. *Le Mistral* made its maiden voyage Nov. 18 after being postponed twice by choppy seas that operators feared would make passengers ill.

The \$39.95 day cruises and \$49.95 evening trips feature all-you-can-eat buffets, lounges with live entertainment and a strolling magician.

But the big draw is a casino with 125 slot machines, blackjack, craps, roulette, poker and a soon-to-be-added book for betting on sporting events.

Le Mistral's captain clears Mexican Customs either by radio or with the Mexican officials who often come along for the trips, Fowlkes said. The ship is required to stay clear of El Mezquital to avoid disturbing the small fishing

boats, and passes a mile or more offshore from the village before turning around. On return, U.S. Customs also is cleared by radio.

Fowlkes said the cruise offers people a chance to try out a casino without traveling all the way to Las Vegas, Nev., or Atlantic City, N.J.

No single bet can exceed \$200. "You don't find the Las Vegas people here," Fowlkes said. "You don't find the high-rollers."

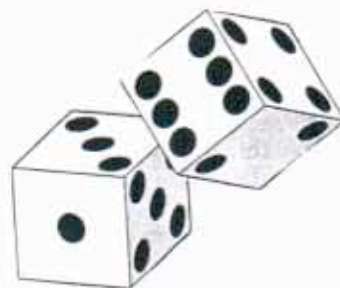
One first-night passenger won \$1,000 less than 15 minutes after the ship pulled away from the dock, according to Islander.

But Brownsville resident Melissa Dennany said she lost \$200 playing blackjack and craps in the ship's casino while celebrating her 30th birthday. Her first gambling experience was fun, she said, but too expensive to become a habit.

"I learned on that trip how addictive gambling can be," Dennany said.

The ship holds 850 people, but the company considers 500 a full passenger load. Each trip is crewed by 120 of Islander's 300 employees.

Depending how the market develops, Islander may bring in larger vessels next year for five- and seven-day cruises to points further south in Mexico, company officials said.



Big Game

Milton Berle was bored stiff with the conversation about big-game hunting and decided to call a halt to it.

"Last winter when I was in Canada," he announced, "I shot five bucks in one day."

"But you're not allowed to shoot five bucks in one day," a sportsman protested.

"You were in this game?" Berle inquired.

Harrah's
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IS THIS IDEA FEASIBLE?

By David A. Udkow CH-018

A question posed by club member David Udkow to the Editor:

"Club members who want to, (strictly voluntary) could donate to a yearly club auction sale to benefit the club and perhaps be used for a future project. Members could donate excess chips, tokens, casino miscelanea (postcards, dice, cards, etc., etc.). This could be published in detail (individual items, or in lots as appropriate). High bidder gets the item...no reserve. Buyer pays postage & shipping. Standard bid form provided in newsletter. I would be glad to contribute quite a bit of material but the real burden would be on those doing the actual work (listing, collating bids, billing & shipping)."

FUTURE PROJECT?

A small booklet on "Collecting Casino Chips & Tokens", prepared with the object of placing it in casino gift shops at low cost on consignment with the aim of creating NEW collectors and getting them as club members."

The editor seeks the input of the membership on this worthwhile suggestion by club member Udkow. Any comments? Would you (materially) support such an undertaking by donating such items to a club auction?

CALIFORNIA AREA SWAP MEET PLANNED

Club member Jim Munding (CH-043) has announced that a casino collectables swap meet (buy, sell, or trade) will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 1989 at the Bellflower Masonic Temple 9813 Beach Street in Bellflower, California. Tables are \$15 each on a first come first served policy. There are approximately 25 tables available. Admission will be \$2.00. All casino collectables such as postcards, chips, tokens, dice, ashtrays, matchbook covers, signs, cards, antique slot machines and any other items are welcome. For more information and table reservations, please contact Jim at P.O. Box 4087 West Covina, CA 91791 or phone (818) 919-0603 evenings with comments and ideas.

New Atlantic City Casino Planned

Broadway Holdings plans to build a casino-hotel on land it owns in the marina section of Atlantic City. Broadway Holdings stock trades over the counter under the symbol BWAY. The stock was trading at 11/16 bid - 3/4 ask as of Feb. 7, 1989.

The proposed casino-hotel will be called Sardi's Broadway Hotel and Casino. It will include 60,000 square feet of casino space, 600 suites, a

3000-car parking garage and a 1000 seat theatre for Broadway plays and various other features.

The casino-hotel will be managed by Carnicon, a joint venture between Carnival Cruise Lines & Continental Co.

• **UPDATE:** On Jan. 23, 1989 Broadway also agreed in principle to purchase the Las Vegas Travelodge Hotel and Casino for \$12.9 million. Last year the casino earned a net profit of 1.3 million.

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\$1, \$2.50, \$5 ATLANTIC CITY CHIPS sets for sale. \$12.50 per set from the following A.C. casinos: Atlantis, Bally's Grand, Caesar's, Claridge, Harrah's Marina, Park Place, Resorts International, Sands, Showboat, TropWorld, Trump Castle, Trump Plaza (your choice). "Mr. Chips" P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723. P&I extra.

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In addition to the previously described and nicely illustrated Harrah's new \$100 14k g.f. slot token, Bally's Grand has withdrawn all of the \$5 Golden Nugget tokens from play during the month of January and has introduced it's own antique bronze version as illustrated below. The only A.C. casino presently not having a \$5 token in use is Atlantis.



I've recently received a note from new member Robert Eisenstadt who's sharp eyes noticed that Harrah's Marina chips now have a light gray circle and lettering instead of the jet black ring and letters we were all familiar with. Thanks Bob!

A WOODEN \$20 CHIP!!

The editor recently received an unexpected surprise gift from Janice O'Neal that was so unusual I thought it deserved mention in the club newsletter. According to Janice, the illustrated "Pappa's" \$20 wood is from Jacksonville, Florida. Blackjack was played in the bar for drinks only. Pappa's closed sometime in 1987.



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Shaggy Dog Poker

Jay Marshall, the magician-comedian, tells the story about the circus performer who trained one of his dogs to play poker.

Envisioning a fortune, he took the dog to a booking agent, who was dubious. "Let's see him do it," the agent demanded.

The circus performer dealt three hands of draw poker. The dog picked his hand up in his teeth turned his back on the other two players, and then turned around, putting the cards face down on the table. With his nose, he shoved aside two of the cards and made two sharp barks. The circus performer dealt him two cards.

After five hands, the booking agent made his decision. "You got nothin' there, mister, he said. "Sure, the dog can play poker—but he wags his tail every time he gets a good hand."



Thanks to Archie Black for his input. Additions from all members are welcome.



Monte Carlo's disdain for slot machines is quite a contrast from American casinos

Well, as they say in Atlantic City, another day, another \$7.5 million.

That in turn is another way of saying the final figures for 1988 are at hand, and the total gambling winnings posted by the resort city's 12 casinos came to a record \$2.73 billion for the year.

The Atlantic City hotels are, of course, a generation removed from parent pleasure palaces in Nevada, themselves in turn linear descendants from the prototype casino at Monte Carlo, the main source of income for the principality of Monaco ever since Francois Blanc of Hamburg first threw open the doors in 1861.

It is almost geometrically satisfying to report, therefore, that on Dec. 31, the final day of the year that capped the record total for Atlantic City, Monte Carlo and Las Vegas were making casino news as well.

The announcement from the European resort had to do with slot machines: The casino at Monte Carlo had decided to get rid of them.

Why? "Because," explained a wire-service translation from the French, "officials did not want to see their casino overrun by patrons in jeans and sneakers."

The news from Las Vegas was also about slots and the types of people who play them, but with a somewhat different thrust. Far from eliminating slot

machines, the swankiest of the swank along the Strip—Caesars Palace, no less—was introducing some new ones. "Spare change burning a hole in your pocket?" an Associated Press story began. "Caesars Palace may have come up with an answer—slot machines that swallow specially minted \$500 tokens."

Given the machines that accept up to six coins per play, the familiar old nickel slot machine (of which, at last accounting, Caesars Palace had none) is slowing giving ground to those that now can swallow up to \$3,000 per pull of the handle. And given today's state of the art, where push buttons surrogate not only for inserting coins but the pull it-

self, a single player at one such machine at Caesars Palace could quite readily bet more than \$2 million an hour.

The belief at Caesars is evidently that with a rate of action along those lines, the player will add tone to the surroundings with or without sneakers and jeans.

And the people who run the Caesars organization, both in Nevada and elsewhere, deserve to be listened to. It is Caesars that led all Atlantic City casinos in winnings in 1988 with a total of \$307.6 million.

Second place went to Trump Plaza, with \$301 million, followed in order by Harrah's Marina, Bally's Park Place, Trump Castle, Resorts International, TropWorld, Bally's Grand, the Showboat and the Sands, each of which won in excess of \$200 million, and the Claridge and Atlantis, which didn't but still were up from the preceding year.

And 1989 looks to be even better, with more hotel rooms opening up but no enlargement of existing casino space on tap till the opening of Donald Trump's Taj Mahal, an event not scheduled to occur for more than a year.

What's fascinating is the question of where the winnings came from. Be the Monte Carlo experience what it may, the fact is that Atlantic City winnings for 1988 were up 9.6 percent over 1987.

Winnings at the so-called table games—blackjack, craps, roulette, etc.—were up around 4.7 percent. But at the slot machines they were up more than 13 percent.

In fact, nearly 55 percent of the overall record winning total of \$2.73 billion came from the city's 19,509 slot machines.

That startling statistic continues a trend first observed in the summer of '87, both here and in Nevada, and casino managements were swift to pursue it.

Fully a year before the coming of the \$500 machine to Caesars/Las Vegas, counterparts in Atlantic City were courting slot players with VIP treatment and surroundings previously

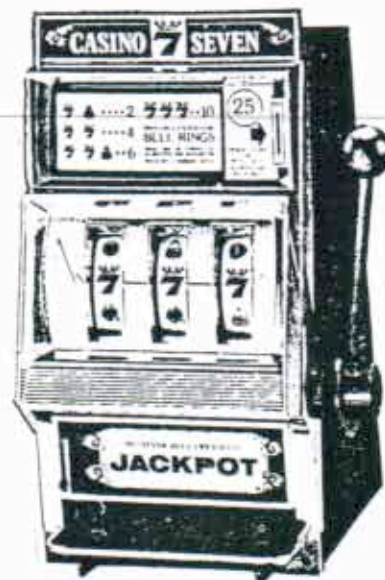
reserved for high rollers in the world of dice and 21.

TropWorld opened a classy parlor, complete to brass machines and captain's chairs upholstered in burgundy velours and pretty maids all in a row to fulfill the most fanciful request for food and drink. Other hotels followed suit, and inevitably, one of them—Trump Plaza—organized a slot tournament for "The Undisputed Heavyweight Dollar Slot Championship."

How many people showed up for this event wearing jeans and sneakers is not recorded, but anybody who wanted to buy into the contest had to ante up \$2,000 ahead of time—and 291 people did just that, presenting the hotel with more than half a million dollars in advance. First prize, won by Marion Seidler of Brooklyn, was \$125,000, and you want to know what happened just before the competition began? Ann Jillian sang The Star Spangled Banner, that's what.

Anyone in search of further respectability needed to wait only till the following Friday when the Rev. Frank Giliberti, a Catholic priest from Philadelphia, hit for a jackpot of \$1,077,777.77 on his favorite progressive machine (it was also, he said, his mother's favorite) at Trump Castle.

It was Father Giliberti's plan to give most of his winnings for scholarships and charity, and such denouement may be different from the Monte Carlo experience. But give up slot machines? Vive le difference!



Dear Jeri Marie: I'm somewhat nearsighted and have to get up close to a slot machine to find out what coins it takes. Any suggestions?

— A Newcomer From Easton, PA

Dear Newcomer: Just look at the colored light at the top of each slot machine. A green light indicates a 5 cent machine; a red light means 25 cents; orange, 50 cents; blue, \$1; and purple, \$5. Good luck!

New Jersey Token and Medal Show
 June 24-25, 1989 at Cherry Hill, NJ
 Your "chips show" in the east for 1989!
 Auction by Presidential Coin & Antique Co.
 Dealers contact:
 Paul A. Cunningham
 Box One, Tecumseh, MI 49286

See unsolicited related letter below
 which was published in a recent "Coin World"

Criticizes show promoters

I went to the Cherry Hill Capital Coin Show at the Hyatt in January on a Sunday. It was a three-day show.

When I arrived at 1 p.m., there were about 20 dealers present. The other 105 had left on Saturday along with the show promoter. The room the show was held in was a garbage dump with litter all over the floors. I wrote the show promoter asking him why he had left. One month later, I have received no answer.

I wasted two hours travel time plus gas and meal money. Is it any wonder why collectors don't show up at coin shows on Sunday? Naturally, the dealers blame the collectors.

I also wrote the show organizer of the suburban Washington/Baltimore show to see if the dealer would be at this show on Sunday or if they would all take off Saturday night. To go to the show would be a 2½-hour drive for me. One month has gone by and still no answer to my letter.

Today, Sunday, the 5th of February, I went to a local coin show in Willow Grove, Pa., at the Fiesta Motor Lodge. One problem — No one was there. This show was advertised in the major trade publications.

Since Sunday is the day I have off, I guess there is no way I can attend a coin show with two exceptions.

Every June, at the Cherry Hill Hyatt in New Jersey, Mr. Paul Cunningham puts on a token and medal show and insists the dealers stay on Sunday and I have attended this show and believe it or not all the dealers are there on Sunday. A big ovation for Paul Cunningham and the token and medal dealers.

Also, there is a local coin show in Warrington, Pa., the fourth Sunday of every month that I go to and all the dealers are at this show on Sunday when I attend it.

Jules J. Bloch II
 Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

THE FIRST "COUNTER"?

Nick Zographos, legendary member of the Greek Syndicate who died in 1953, made his first big gambling money at Baccarat. The "shoe" contained 312 cards at the outset of the game, but Zographos, with an incredible memory, kept mental note of every card that was played, and had worked out in advance the mathematical effect on the game of every card that was no longer in the "shoe."

Once when he had lost nearly \$700,000 in a week's play at Cannes, he came back to the Baccarat table with his last million francs and bet the whole amount. His first two cards were face cards, which don't count in Baccarat, but his third card was the nine of Diamonds, a sure winner. It was the turning point, and he recouped his heavy loss in a few evenings' play.

The nine of Diamonds became his trademark, engraved on his jewelry and embroidered on his linen. With it as his good luck charm, he never again found himself near financial disaster.

Downey eyes Atlantis

ATLANTIC CITY — Television talk show host Morton Downey Jr., who made a bid on Del Webb's Claridge Casino Hotel last month, now has his eye on another Atlantic City gaming hall.

Downey recently toured Elmsore's Atlantis Casino Hotel, a struggling property in the center of the Boardwalk that has been for sale since 1985, Atlantis officials confirmed yesterday.

"I was very encouraged by the reception I received at the Atlantis, and I was pleasantly surprised with the property itself," Downey said earlier this week.

He said he now must review the Atlantis' financial and structural information.



■ A view of the stage leaving Yerington, Nevada, on February 10, 1910. One wonders how many double eagles and silver dollars crossed the bar each day at The National Saloon, seen in the background with its patriotic ornamentation on the facade.

FRIENDSHIP

To have a good friend is the purest of all God's gifts. For it is a love that has no exchange of payment. It is not inherited, as with a family. It is not compelling, as with a child. And it has no means of physical pleasure, as with a mate. It is, therefore, an indescribable bond that brings with it a far deeper devotion than all the others.

Frances Farmer

TOKEN AND CHIP AUCTION

Well, many of you have requested a mail bid auction. Now is a good opportunity to get rid of some of your unwanted dupes. Keep in mind however, that common current chips and tokens, which most collectors already have, will not bring the same level of bidding interests that obsolete or scarcer issues will.

THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL APPLY:

Each member in good standing will be entitled to submit on paper up to 55 lots for publication in each quarterly issue of the club's newsletter.

Consignor's name and address will appear above or below his/her grouping of lots. All bids will be sent directly to the consignor by the bidder....not to any club officer.

A commission for listing each lot in the newsletter will be paid to the club treasury at the time the listing is submitted at a rate of 30 cents per lot (one line per lot.....maximum 55 lots). No other commissions will apply.

All lot descriptions will be made by the consignor as accurately as space will allow.

Consignor may offer lots with a reserve, or minimum bid designated (MB).

Actual postage and insurance costs will be borne by the successful bidder.

Any lot may be returned for a full refund if not as described in listing.

All disputes are to be settled amicably between buyer and seller. Unethical dealings may result in expulsion from the club if warranted, after review of no less than 3 appointed members who will serve on a grievance committee.

Colors will be abbreviated with the following 3 letter code: BLU=Blue, BLK=Black, BRN=Brown, PNK=Pink, PUR=Purple, GRY=Gray, GRN=Green, WHT=White, IVY=Ivory, RED=Red, YEL=Yellow, FUS=Fuscia, ORG=Orange.

Some of the more common manufacturer's molds will be noted by the following codes: H&C=Hat & Cane, SmCrn=Small Crown, LgCrn=Large Crown, SmMaze, LgMaze, ZIG-ZAG, HsHdRt=Horse Head Right, HsHdLt=Horse Head Left, -H-, T, DIASQ=Diamonds & Squares, D&C=Dice & Cards, BJ=Bud Jones Coin Inlay, LLL, XXX, DIA=Diamonds, RECT=Rectangle, NEV=Nevada on rim, HOUSE=Casino Name on Rim,

Inserts apply to the colored inserts in the rim (if any). Two or more inserts will be separated by /. Example: "BLU/RED/WHT Inserts".

Center linen inlays will be identified as "C.I." Center Metal or Coin Inlays will be designated "M.I." Chips without inlays are usually embossed in gold or silver letters/denominations and need not be mentioned, at your option. "EMB"=Embossed. Worn chips must be so noted, new chips must have crisp, sharp edges.

Incentive chips must be identified as such with the following abbreviations: FP=Free Play, NCV=No Cash Value, FN=Fun Nite, NN=Non-Negotiable, GFFD=Good For Free Drink, TGO=Table Games Only, ROU=Roulette, MC=Manufacturers Cancelled (holed, cut-outs, defaced, etc.), PLAS=Plastic,

Somebody once asked Socrates why he liked to go to auctions, since he never bought anything. "Just to remind myself," the philosopher replied, "of how many things there are in this world that I don't really need."

TOKEN AND CHIP AUCTION

NOTE: PLEASE SEND ALL BIDS DIRECTLY TO CONSIGNOR....NOT TO CLUB!

1.	\$1.00 A.C. Showboat (white rim w/red & peach inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
2.	\$1.00 A.C. Atlantis (white rim w/ green inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
3.	\$1.00 A.C. Resorts (white rim w/blue inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
4.	\$1.00 A.C. Tropicana (white rim w/lvdr inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
5.	\$1.00 A.C. Castle (white rim w/red&gry inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
6.	\$1.00 A.C. Harrah's Marina (white w/blk rims metal center	M.B. \$2.00
7.	\$1.00 A.C. Golden Nugget (wht rim w/org inserts) obsolete	M.B. \$4.00
8.	\$1.00 A.C. Park Place (wht rim w/tan inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
9.	\$2.50 A.C. Trump Plaza (pink w/blk inserts) current	M.B. \$4.00
10.	\$2.50 A.C. Sands (pink w/org inserts) current	M.B. \$2.00
11.	\$2.50 A.C. Harrah's Marina (pink w/metal center) current	M.B. \$4.00
12.	\$2.50 A.C. Atlantis (pink w/lt green inserts) current	M.B. \$4.00
13.	\$2.50 A.C. Tropicana (pinkw/lav inserts) obsolete	M.B. \$5.00
14.	\$2.50 A.C. Caesars (pink w/org & gray insert) current	M.B. \$4.00
15.	\$1.00 A.C. Harrah's metal token	circulated M.B. \$2.50
16.	\$1.00 A.C. Showboat metal token 1987	BU uncirculated M.B. \$5.00
17.	\$25 A.C. Brighton (Fun Nite) Green rim H&C	obsolete M.B. \$4.00
18.	\$25 A.C. Harrah's (Fun Nite) Green rim Scroll	obsolete M.B. \$4.00
19.	\$1.00 P.R. Dupont Plaza Yellow rim w/white inserts metal CI	M.B. \$3.00
20.	\$1.00 L.V. Silver Slipper Brown rim w/white inserts metal CI	M.B. \$2.00

Please send check or Money Order with bids in amount of 10%, plus \$1.00 Postage & Insurance. Unsuccessful bids will be refunded at end of auction.

SALE CLOSING DATE: MAY 31, 1989

RON COAR P.O. BOX 4051 TRENTON, NJ 08610

1.	Complete set (6) Jockey Club L.V. chips	M.B. \$22.00
2.	\$25 Sands L.V. Green w/3 beige inserts chip	M.B. \$ 8.00
3.	Hotel Nevada - Ely - \$100 chip	M.B. \$12.00
4.	Sundance (now Fitzgeralds) L.V. \$500 chip	M.B. \$30.00
5.	5 Assorted Cal-Neva (Reno) roulette chips	M.B. \$ 7.00
6.	21 Club (Henderson) \$25 chip	M.B. \$ 7.00
7.	10 assorted Free Plays (Nevada)	M.B. \$ 7.00
8.	Unicorn Bogota (Columbia) 1000 Pesos chip	M.B. \$ 7.00
9.	Paradise Island Hotel/Casino \$1, \$2.50, \$5 chips	M.B. \$12.00
10.	50 assorted Nevada chips (my choice)	M.B. \$100.00

BRUCE LANDAU 44 WEST GATE ROAD SUFFERN, NY 10901

TROPWORLD ISSUES \$100 SLOT TOKEN ALSO

On or about April 1st, Tropworld joined Harrah's Marina in the high stakes \$100 slot token race by issuing their own version of a 14k gold filled, .999 fine silver token. It will be interesting to see if the other more successful AC gaming houses follow suit and issue a \$100 token of their own.



MAIL BID SALE

DR. CLIFFORD BURGESS
P.O. BOX 13277 SAVANNAH, GA 31406
Phone: (912) 925-0852

1. A 1965 Franklin Mint Set containing 27 proof-like dollar tokens in a Whitman coin-type 3-page book. This original first-year numbered limited edition set contains one dollar token for each of the twenty-seven casinos that had tokens made by the Franklin Mint in 1965. Eighteen of the tokens were made of cupro-nickel columbium alloy. The remaining nine were made of Franklin nickel-brass. The set has remained intact and still retains the mint state proof-like condition and beauty.
2. A 1966 Franklin Mint Numbered Set containing 72 proof-like dollar tokens in eighteen four-piece shrinkwrapped cardboard sets. This original set contains one dollar token for each of the seventy-two casinos that had tokens made by the Franklin Mint in 1966. Fifty-four of the tokens were made of cupro-nickel columbium alloy. The remaining eighteen were made of Franklin nickel-brass. The set remains intact in the original wrappers. The 72 tokens retain their mint state proof-like condition and beauty.
3. A 1967 Franklin Mint partial set containing 47 tokens in four different denominations, as follows:
 - a. Two different \$5 sterling proof-like tokens.
 - (1) Riverside Hotel Casino
 - (2) Club Cal-Neva
 - b. Four different \$2 bonded silver clad proof-like tokens.
 - (1) Hotel Bonanza
 - (2) Frontier Hotel
 - (3) Jim Kelley's Nugget
 - (4) Landmark Tower
 - c. Twenty different \$1 proof-like tokens. 17 tokens are cupro-nickel columbium alloy and three are Franklin nickel-brass (identified below).

(1) Frontier Hotel	(9) State Line	(17 & 18) Casino Chevalier-Glasgow, Scotland.
(2) Mizpah Hotel	(10) Ponderosa	One is nickel brass.
(3) Big Bonanza	(11) Exchange Club	
(4) Kit Carson Club	(12) Harold's Club	(19 & 20) George Raft's Colony Club, London.
(5) Landmark Tower	(13) Hotel Thunderbird	One is nickel brass.
(6) The Pit	(14) The Colony Casino	
(7) Hotel Bonanza	(15) Riviera Hotel	
(8) Diamond Jim's	(16) Jerry's Nugget (nic.br.)	
 - d. Twenty-eight different 50 cent proof-like tokens. The first 25 are Franklin nickel-brass. The last three are cupro-nickel.

(1) Aladdin Hotel	(11) Frontier Hotel	(21) Riverside Vegas
(2) Hotel Bonanza	(12) Four Queens	(22) Sahara - Las Vegas
(3) California Club	(13) Golden Gate	(23) Sahara - Tahoe
(4) Carson City Nugget	(14) Golden Nugget	(24) Showboat
(5) Caesar's Place	(15) Hacienda	(25) Silver Slipper
(6) Club Cal-Neva	(16) Harold's Club	(26) Flagler Dog Track - Fla.
(7) Desert Inn	(17) Harvey's	(27) Lucky Arizona - Arizona
(8) Diamond Jim	(18) Holliday	(28) Daytona Beach Kennel Club - Fla.
(9) Dunes	(19) Landmark	
(10) El Cortez	(20) Las Vegas Club	

The 1967 tokens were removed from the set but they are in mint state. Bid for the total set in each year, 1965, 1966 and/or 1967. Bids end 15 days after publication. 10-day return privilege.

(Bid with confidence — All bids (over 5.00) reduced to 10% over 2nd highest).

1. The Brighton (Atlantic City) 1 FN-NV WHI H&C
2. The Brighton (Atlantic City) 5 FN-NV RED H&C
3. The Brighton (Atlantic City) 25 FN-NV GRN H&C
4. (Claridge, Atlantic City) Non-Value 1-WHT; 5-RED; & 25-GRN DIA (3-pcs)
5. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$1 FN-NV FUS D&C
6. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$2.50 FN-NV PNK D&C
7. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$5 FN-NV RED SCHROLL
8. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$25 FN-NV GRN D&C
9. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$25 FN-NV GRN SCHROLL
10. Harrah's (Atlantic City) \$100 FN-NV BLK D&C
11. Harrah's Trump Plaza (Atlantic City) \$1 FN-NV WHI
12. Harrah's Trump Plaza (Atlantic City) \$2.50 FN-NV PNK
13. Harrah's Trump Plaza (Atlantic City) \$5 FN-NV RED
14. Harrah's Trump Plaza (Atlantic City) \$25 FN-NV GRN
15. Harrah's Trump Plaza (Atlantic City) \$100 FN-NV BLK
16. Park Place (Atlantic City) 1 FN-NV WHI H&C
17. Park Place (Atlantic City) 5 FN-NV RED H&C
18. Park Place (Atlantic City) 20 FN-NV YEL H&C
19. Park Place (Atlantic City) 25 FN-NV GRN H&C
20. Park Place (Atlantic City) 100 FN-NV BLK H&C
21. Playboy (Atlantic City) 25 FN-NV GRN H&C
22. Playboy (Atlantic City) 100 FN-NV BLK H&C
23. Fun Nite No Value (Atlantic City) 1, 5, 25, 100 H&C (reg. colors, 4 pcs)
24. Casino Schools, Inc. Gaming School (A.C.) NCV / \$25.00 GRN H&C
25. E C G & E, Inc. Gaming School (A.C.) / \$25.00 GRN H&C
26. Resorts International Training School (A.C.) NCV / \$5.00 RED H&C
27. Resorts International Training School (A.C.) NCV / \$25.00 GRN H&C
28. (airplane) / (airplane) 3-pieces, red, blue & brown
29. Lot of 4-different porcelain "Siam Gambling Tokens" (colorful markings)
30. (antique auto) / (air balloon) Gaming Token 18mm brass
31. Atlantic City Vacation & Gambling Playground by the Sea (scenic view)
.900 silver round MB \$25.
32. Playboy Hotel & Casino (A.C.) 1983 (hunny) Not legal tender/Reel Winners Club
33. Atlantis Casino Hotel (A.C.) 1984 (shell) Not legal tender/Reel Winners Club
34. Dollar Gaming Token: Dessert Inn, Las Vegas, NV (white-metal)
35. Free Play Token: Hacienda Hotel & Camperland, Las Vegas, NV (alum)
36. Free Play Token: Holiday International Casino (alum)
37. Dollar Gaming Token: Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, NV (white-metal)
38. Dollar Gaming Token: 1980 Riverside Resort Hotel/Casino, Laughlin, NV (w-m)
39. Dollar Gaming Token: 1966 The Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, NV (white-metal)
40. Free Play Token: Royal Casino (crown) Las Vegas (alum)
41. Free Play Slot Token: Del Webb's Sahara Hotel, Las Vegas (alum)
42. Dollar Gaming Token: The Sand's, Las Vegas (white-metal)
43. Free Play Token: Silverbird (one word) Hotel & Casino (alum)
44. Free Play Token: Silver Bird (two words) Las Vegas, Nev (alum)
45. Free Play Token: Silver City Casino, Las Vegas, Nev (alum)
46. Token-NCV: The Treasury, Las Vegas, NV (steel)
47. Token-NCV: Vegas World, Las Vegas, NV (steel)
48. Token-NCV: Vegas World, Las Vegas, NV (alum)
49. Pinback: Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel "Bus Plus Club" A.C., NJ Grn/white
50. Pinback: Park Place Casino Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey Brn/white
51. Pinback: Resorts International Hotel Casino, Atlantic City white/blk
52. Pinback: Resorts International Hotel Casino, Atlantic City white/grn
53. Pinback: Casino taxes help seniors. How? Call 1-800-6-Casino
Atlantic City Casino Ass'n. white & yell/blue
54. Pinback: (hunny) (from, Playboy, Atlantic City) white & sil./blk
55. Old Plastic Keytag: Golden Nugget Gambling Hall, Downtown, Las Vegas



Lot 31



Lot 50



Lot 51



Lot 54