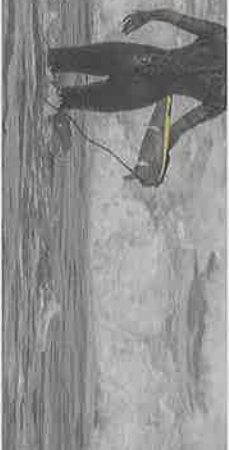


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FIRE-DAMAGED BOTTLING PLANT TO LOSE HISTORIC PROTECTION

Staff Writer, Daniel Harris

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office said yesterday that the Harwood & Co. Bottling Plant will be struck from the Register of Historic Places following the catastrophic fire last week.

John Abraham, a spokesperson for the SHPO, said that, having carefully discussed the issue and having weighed up the merits of both arguments, they decided the fire had damaged the building to such an extent that the building no longer held any historical value and was therefore no longer worthy of being protected. "The Harwood fire was a great tragedy for the city, and we did not make this decision lightly. We looked into every possibility of keeping the ruins of the Plant standing, but the fire damaged the structural integrity of the building in such a way that we feel it would be unsafe for it to remain standing."

The news comes as a blow as the Las Vegas Historical Society

had been campaigning to keep the building protected. Lucy Pascal of the LVHS said: "The Harwood & Co. Plant is the oldest bottling plant in the State, it provided an essential service to the people of this state and beyond in the days before water chlorination. While it has been some time since it was a working plant, there's no escaping the fact that, by providing safe drinking water, the Plant made it possible for people to live in this region. I think that it should be preserved, even if the building is in ruins. I mean, imagine if the Greeks and the Italians destroyed a place just because it was in ruins!"

The removal of the Plant's protection means the land the Plant stands on, purchased by the State when the Plant went out of operation in 1979 to help protect it, will now be sold off. LVHS campaigners are hoping the eventual buyer of the land may decide to keep the ruins standing, but they don't expect this to happen. Said Lucy Pascal: "my bet is that Sullivan Sykes will get the

land, and he'll bulldoze it to make way for something else. He's never shown an interest in preserving history, it just gets in the way of his business interests."

The Herald-Times approached Sykes Industries for comment, but they refused to respond to our or Ms. Pascal's comments.

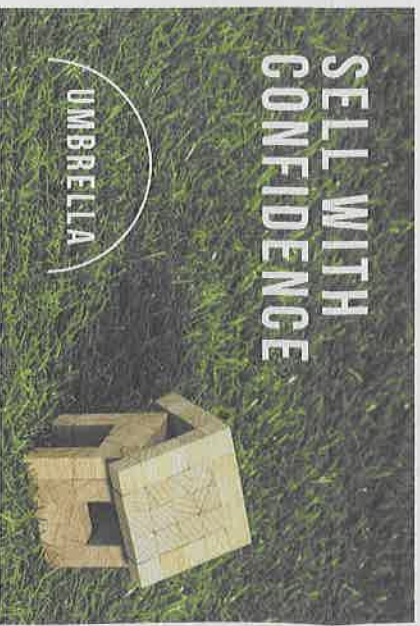
The SHPO are hoping to install some of the 19th-century cast-iron bottling machinery that survived the fire in the Museum of Las Vegas History as part of a permanent exhibit on the history of the Harwood & Co. Plant and water distribution in general. Said John Abraham: "while it's a great tragedy what has happened to the Plant, it is our intention that every measure is taken to ensure that it remains a key part of the city's history that continues to be taught for as long as the city stands."

Meanwhile, the police investigation into how the fire started is still ongoing.



The ruins of the Harwood & Co. Bottling Plant

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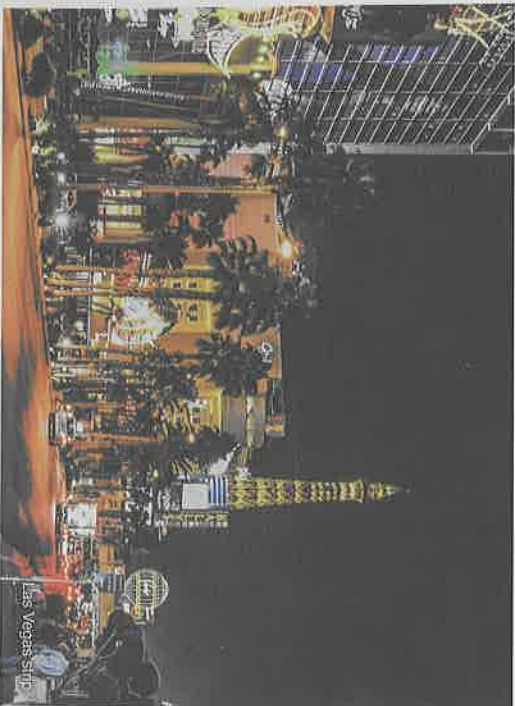
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“CITY IS SAFE” SAYS POLICE CHIEF



Jean L'Atalante

Peter Ferguson, Chief of the Las Vegas Police Department, has said that his department will step up to protect order in the city if violence between organized crime groups increases.

Speaking in an interview with KNAC radio host Barry Proust yesterday, Ferguson said that they were working in close cooperation with the FBI to stamp out organized crime in the city. When asked by Proust to respond to reports that the rivalry between the Hadorags and the Ponses was intensifying, Ferguson said “the Hadorags and the Ponses have been the two biggest mobs in the

city for some time now. They’ve always been against one another, and I don’t think that’s ever going to change. Of course, we’ll always do our best to keep the population safe and make sure criminals are brought to justice. If the crime levels rise, then our efforts to quell it will rise too.” Tensions have been high in the city since the death of mafia don Tony Hadorag, head of the Hadorag crime family, three weeks ago, as uncertainties remain about the approach his successor will take to running the gang and how much it might affect the former status-quo, but Ferguson denied being concerned: “Sure we’re familiar with the way Tony used to operate, but we’ll

learn the new don’s operating style, and we’ll adapt.” Ferguson went on to deny the allegation that the LVPF was doing nothing to prevent violence between the Ponses and the Hadorags in a bid to let the two sides destroy each other: “We’re not just going to sit back and let a war of attrition break out, we’re going to step up to keep things in order and ensure the public stay safe. We’re doing everything we can to ensure the violence levels do not increase.” He finished by saying, “I want to make it totally clear right here and now that there is absolutely no cause for the public to be concerned. The city is safe, and it shall remain safe.”

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RECORDS BROKEN FOR CHARITY

Zara Meier

Three Las Vegas friends have each made an attempt to break a world record to raise money for charity.

In the end, they raised \$1,500 together. Baker Milles Russell was the most successful, breaking the record for longest sustained note on a wind or brass instrument, holding a note on his trombone for 1 minute and 25 seconds. Meanwhile, Robert Hadley of the LVPF put his juggling skills to the test in an attempt to break the eight-ball record. However, at 54 seconds, he was just 19 seconds away from matching the record set by Anthony Gatto back in 2006.

Accountant Neil Bailey’s attempt to break the record for most t-shirts [cont. p5]



Baker Milles Russell on the trombone

FORMER MAGICIAN ON THE RUN AFTER CHEATING AT POKER

William Kent

Police were called to the Magic Mirror Casino last night after a player was caught cheating at one of the casino’s poker tables.

The man immediately fled the scene and was able to evade the casino’s security guards – police have said they have issued a warrant for his arrest and have begun a manhunt to find him and bring him to justice.

While reviewing the casino’s CCTV footage, investigators recognized the cheater as former stage magician Charlie Young. Young’s career ended when he was sent to prison in 1994 on a manslaughter charge and had been released last year when his sentence came to an end. Allegedly Young’s attempts to restart his stage career repeatedly faltered due to his reputation being irreversibly damaged by his crimes.

Showbiz promoter Danielle Rose said to us that: “He was eager to pick up where he left off and make a big return

– the 20 years behind bars hadn’t affected his enthusiasm or his skill. However, what he did 20 years ago had affected the public’s appetite to pay to watch him perform.” When asked if this had all been a stunt to generate publicity, Ms. Rose said: “I doubt it. I initially thought it might, that the Magic Mirror had signed Charlie and that this was all an act engineered by the MM to get his name about, but I’ve heard through the grapevine that this is not an act and that the MM are pretty steamed to put it mildly. If he was trying to rebuild his career, I don’t think he’d risk being thrown back into prison. My bet is that he was trying to raise a bit of dough when he couldn’t get any. Or maybe he felt he had nothing to lose and wanted to see if he could get away with it. You’d have to ask him yourself.”

The police are asking anyone with any information to come forward. They are also warning the public that Mr. Young may be armed and dangerous.

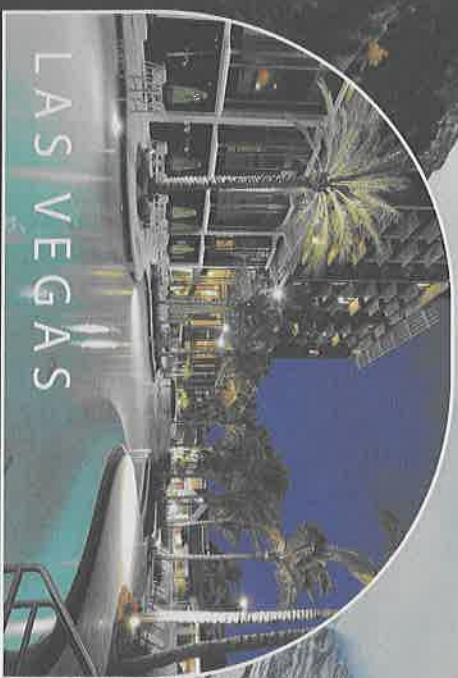


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