

Taking L.A. By Strategy

By Scott Harrah



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"All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray . . . I'd be safe and warm if I was in L.A."

—The Mamas and the Papas, "California Dreamin'."

"L.A. is a great big freeway. Put a hundred down and buy a car. In a week, maybe two, they'll make you a star."

Weeks turn into years; how quick they pass. And all the stars that ever was are parkin' cars and pumpin' gas."

—Dionne Warwick, "Do You Know the Way to San Jose."

"I love L.A."

—Randy Newman, "I Love L.A."

"Only a nobody walks in L.A."

—Missing Persons, "Walkin' in L.A."

"Los Angeles treats everyone like a drunk in bed . . ."

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If New York is the city that never sleeps, Los Angeles has to be the city that never ends. L.A., as it is popularly called, is a sprawling combination of suburbs strung together by its concrete tentacles, freeways.

The West

If you're like many who refuse to spend days driving to the West Coast, you'll fly to L.A. and land at an airport that is completely Californian: Los Angeles International (LAX). No other airport in the world has a multi-lane freeway running around it. As you leave the airport, don't miss the LAX tower and observation deck. Its streamlined, space-age look is straight out of "The Jetsons" and is an

appropriate "Welcome to L.A." omen.

Once you enter this urban monster, the first thing you notice is an overwhelming sense of isolation. L.A. has none of the cramped, claustrophobic nihilism that is so prevalent in New York and San Francisco. There are no gleaming skyscrapers towering above you and no herds of people crowding the streets. You just see millions of homes crammed on the sides of mountains, shopping malls, palm trees on every corner, smog and cars. People in L.A. don't drive your average car; they zoom around the freeways in BMWs, Volvos, Mercedes Benzes, Saabs, Jaguars and Volkswagen Rabbits.

That's it. Evidently, Los Angelenos spend so much time in their car that they feel it's their home, so only luxury vehicles will do.

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Group to sponsor dance

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln International House is sponsoring a back-to-school dance Saturday in the newly renovated Piper base-

ment.

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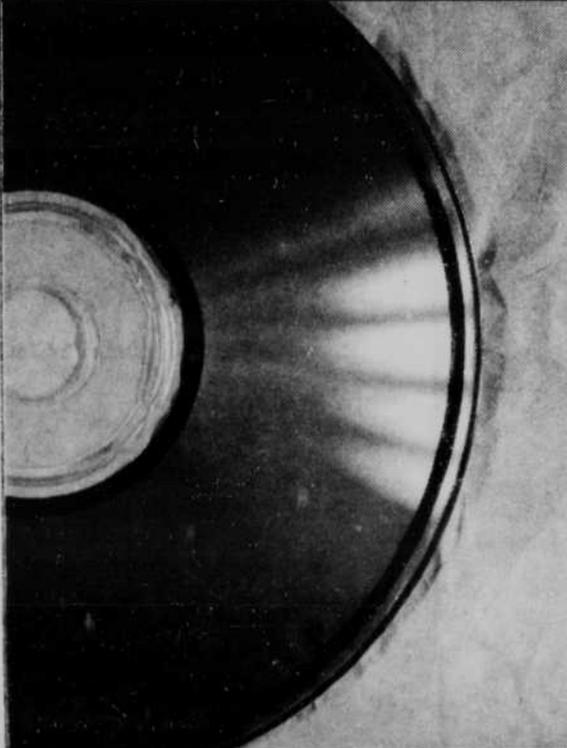


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