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DANIELLE NADLER/VIEW
Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort residents, from left, Bill and Nora Berger, along with their neighbors Debbie and Don Lane hang out at the Bergers' motor coach lot in the motorcoach neighborhood on Arville Street north of Blue Diamond Road on Sept. 8. Most of the lots in the neighborhood have an outdoor fireplace, a kitchen, a flat-screen TV and a swampcooler.

A mobile lifestyle



DANIELLE NADLER/VIEW
A luxury motor coach is parked on a lot at the Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort on Arville Street north of Blue Diamond Road. The lesser-known community is a part-time home to people from around the world who live the mobile lifestyle. Some residents sell their traditional homes to live full time in their luxury motor coaches.

Coach owners enjoy kinship in luxury community

By **DANIELLE NADLER**
VIEW STAFF WRITER

How do you picture your dream home?
Try this on ... a \$1 million spacious motor coach parked on a lot with plush grass, palm trees, an outdoor patio with a fireplace, a kitchen, a flat-screen TV and a swampcooler. Oh, and nightly block parties.
That's how the 280 or so folks inside Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort live. Just north of Blue Diamond Road, along Arville Street, sits 41 acres of a different world. The gated community's roads are lined with rows of palm trees, impeccable landscaping and concrete slabs where residents park pricey motor coach homes, their golf carts and luxury vehicles. The neighborhood sits quiet during the summer as most residents

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'80S GLAM

I Love the '80s talent show event to help raise money for Safe Nest women's shelter

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drive their motor coaches north. But within the next few weeks, it will bustle with friendly reunions that look like a scene from a college campus — except with a touch more class than dorm life.

"It's more like they buy into a lifestyle, not just a lot," said Alice Lucas, community manager with RMI Management, which manages the resort. "It's a fun, classy lifestyle."

And the residents have fought to keep it that way.

The community was built in 2001 by developer Monaco Coach Corp., which fell into bankruptcy earlier this year. For fear that the resort would fall into the hands of a buyer who would alter the residents' way of life, a group of 18 lot owners pooled their money to buy the remaining 24 empty lots, the diner, the front office and surrounding land. The group now is working to sell the lots, which start at about \$80,000 each.

"Even in this economy, they believed in the resort and saw that they could control their own destiny," Lucas said of the residents who bought into the resort. "Not many people are willing to do that right now."

The resort's owners association is working to market the community nationwide under the new ownership.

"We want people to know that we're here," lot owner Bill Berger said. "We have a beautiful resort, and a lot of people don't know about it."

The community boasts more than rows of motor coaches, but six swimming pools, a nine-hole putting green, a social hall, pool tables, a library, a laundry room, a gym, a mini movie theater and a diner that is open to the public.

Association owners fees are \$308 a month, which includes access to all the amenities. Lot owners can re-landscape and add to their lot as long as additions align with association regulations.

Amenities aside, most resi-



DANIELLE NADLER/VIEW
Bill Berger grabs a beverage while hanging out with friends in his outdoor living room and kitchen at the Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort.

dents say they bought in Las Vegas Motorcoach Resort for its community feeling.

"It has a close-knit family feel," said Nora Berger, who bought into the motor coach-

lifestyle with her husband four years ago after retiring from a job in Pleasanton, Calif.

Years ago, she refused to tag along for her husband's

work meetings in Las Vegas because she hated the desert. She couldn't imagine ever settling in the area, even for part of the year.

"Then I drove into this community, and it immediately felt like home," she said.

The events calendar is spotted with parties, cocktail hours, potlucks and an annual Fourth of July parade with decorated golf carts. On any given day, the neighborhood's streets stir with residents walking their dogs or visiting with one another; the smell of barbecue frequently lingers overhead.

The resort draws people from all over the country, and a handful from out of the country, who make it their part-time home. Some still own houses or at least rent storage units to store keepsakes, but, for the most part, resort residents have trimmed down their material possessions in exchange for a more simple life — one on wheels.

MORE INFORMATION

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"We have a rule that every time we buy a new item of clothing, we have to get rid of one," Nora Berger said, referring to her motor coach's little closet space. "So when I buy three new shirts, I throw out three of Bill's."

Don Lane admits he accused people who live life on four wheels of having rocks for brains. Last year, he and his wife sold their condo in Canada to buy a motor coach and settle in at the resort.

"I've never looked back," he said. "I just can't believe how relaxed we are. It's the nicest lifestyle I've ever lived."

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Event to raise funds with '80s rock

Proceeds to benefit Safe Nest shelter

By DANIELLE NADLER

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There are a lot of ways to draw attention and drum up cash for nonprofit organizations. The Las Vegas Valley sees its fair share of wine dinners, concerts and poker tournaments — all in the name of charity.

But this fundraiser promises to be a bit different. It will use big hair, neon tights and a heavy dose of talent — from musicians to stand-up comics — to pay tribute to the 1980s and raise money to help victims of domestic violence.

The Advertising Community Talent Show, under the theme I Love the '80s, will take the stage in the Ovation Room at Green Valley Ranch Resort, 2300 Paseo Verde Parkway, from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25

day of the show.

The show, known as A.C.T.S., has become a local tradition since it started 12 years ago to raise money for Safe Nest, a nonprofit located in Spring Valley that shelters and counsels abused women and children.

Deanne Sheehan, an account executive with Lotus Broadcasting and the brains behind the unique and often humorous fundraiser, first saw how Safe Nest helped those caught in domestic violence about 13 years ago.

"I was just so moved by everything that they did, and they needed so many things to continue," Sheehan said. "Nobody wants to really face up to domestic violence, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to do something good and really have a good time doing it."

The fundraiser idea was also a chance for Sheehan, a former entertainer from Detroit, and others in the advertising business to put their talents on

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display.

This year, several advertising companies will take the stage, including CBS Radio, My LVTN, Vegas Rocks Magazine, KVBC News 3, KVVU Fox 5, Lotus Broadcasting and a handful of others, to total 15 acts.

Some have formed bands while others will fire off stand-up comedy acts and a fair share of other oddball talents.

Sheehan's teased wig-clad troupe will perform Starship's "We Built this City."

"It will definitely be totally '80s," she said. Shannon Dillinger, account executive with Color Reflections, plans to croon Madonna's "Like a Virgin."

"The theme is 'I love the '80s,' so you have to have the

controversy from '80s," she said. "Now I just need a wedding dress."

Dillinger said every performer works for weeks or even months to perfect their acts. For the past few months, she listened to scores of 1980s music to find just the right act. Lately, she's repeatedly watched Madonna's MTV performance to fine tune her routine.

"Everybody has a lot of fun, but we all take it seriously because of the cause that it's for," she said. "It's a great show, plus, we get to raise money and be goofy."

The evening will also include a silent auction fundraiser with donations from several companies, such as spa and vacation



SPECIAL TO VIEW

Lori Heerin, who works with CBS Radio, performs during the 2002 Advertising Community Talent Show fundraising event at the Fiesta. Several advertising companies are scheduled to show off their talent during the 2009 fundraising event, with proceeds to go to the Safe Nest domestic violence shelter.

packages, artwork and signed memorabilia from Cheap Trick and Night Ranger.

A.C.T.S. has raised enough money in the past to buy Safe Nest computers, a van, bunk beds and wall coverings. This

year, the group hopes to raise \$25,000 to help buy Safe Nest other needed supplies.

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Charity dinner to focus on monkey business

By DANIELLE NADLER

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A 13-acre refuge in Gainesville, Fla., is home to 120 monkeys, most who are either retired from labs or unwanted pets. The monkeys at Jungle Friends Sanctuary roll in its grass, swing through its bamboo trees, munch on bananas and about a dozen of them paint.

A fundraiser event this weekend will display some of the monkeys' artwork in an effort to drum up money for the nonprofit and raise awareness about the need for monkeys to stay in the wild.

Monkey Biz: A Multimedia Event is on Friday and Saturday at Palace Station, 2411 W. Sahara Ave. On Friday, a \$50-per-person VIP reception

will feature Monkey Shine drinks from 7 to 8 p.m. with a Vegas Vegan dinner from 8 to 10 p.m. and a Banana Split dessert event beginning at 10 p.m. Patrons can attend one of the three events for \$20. The Monkey Biz art exhibit will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Kari Bagnall, former Las Vegas resident and founder of Jungle Friends Sanctuary, never dreamed she would have more monkeys than she could afford to care for. It started with one — Samantha, a White Faced Capuchin that her ex-boyfriend brought home at 4 months old.

The monkey clung to Bagnall and could rarely be convinced to leave her.

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