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"There's Good Rocking Tonight"

News letter for members of the Official Elvis Presley Fan Club, Elvis-Aberdeen.

Follow That Dream Revisited

Suzanne Bland met Elvis when he filmed in Florida and has some wonderful memories.

In 1961 Elvis made the movie 'Follow That Dream' in Yankeetown, Florida. My Mom found out about it so we decided to go watch them film the movie. Elvis and the Movie Crew were staying at the 'Port Paradise Hotel' in Crystal River, Florida. The Port Paradise Hotel would bring lunch for the entire crew every day and set it up at a nearby Park. When the crew packed up for the day and headed back to the Port Paradise Hotel in Crystal River, my Mom and I just got our car in their caravan and drove right into the Hotel parking lot with the crew.

Everyone assumed we were part of the crew. We got out and walked through the outside corridor of the Hotel. As we passed by one area we saw Elvis sitting outside resting by the water. I was chicken but my Mother was brave and she walked over to where he was sitting with actress Ann Helm. I felt silly standing there so I followed. My Mom said something like 'Elvis, would you mind if two Florida girls took your picture?' He was really nice and stood up and leaned on an umbrella table.

Elvis kept tapping his fingers on the umbrella while mom was trying to take the picture and my Mom told him to 'stay still!' He Laughed and told her 'If I had stood still, I wouldn't be where I am today'.

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Danish Prince & Princess born on The King's Birthday

Crown Princess Mary of Denmark gave birth to a boy and a girl on Elvis' 76th Birthday!

Crown Prince Frederik joked that since this is the birthday of Elvis Presley, they will start off by calling the son 'Elvis'. Many Congratulations to the Danish Royal Family on the new additions.

'Spinout' Duesenberg Sold at Auction

The beautiful 1929 Duesenberg Model J Dual Cowl Phaeton driven by Elvis in "Spinout" has been auctioned off in Arizona. The estimate was \$1,000,000-\$1,300,000 US and it went for \$1,237,500. The car was owned by businessman Tim Durham and seized by the FBI in connection with an investigation due to suspicion of Durham's company, Fair Finance, being run as a fraudulent investment scheme.

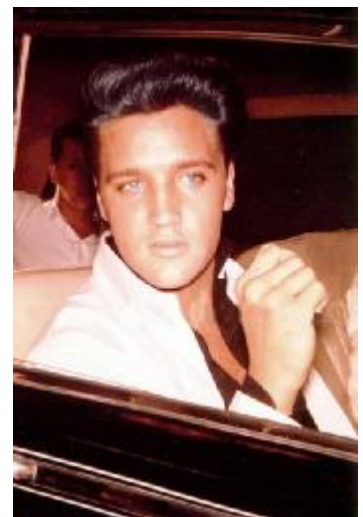
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Elvis Trivia

Edison Pena, the rescued Chilean Miner and Elvis Fan visited Graceland in January. 'I can't describe it', Pena said through an interpreter. 'It's something that makes an impact on me, visually. And being able to see it myself, is like, I feel in the clouds'. The story of the miners, known simply as 'the 33' in Chile, transfixed much of the world during their 69-day ordeal about half a mile below ground.



Elvis Novelty Banknote Fools German Bank Staff

Contrary to what many people might believe, bank notes with Elvis Presley on them are not legal tender. So when one ended up in the banking system in Germany the German Central Bank was not best pleased. The illegal tender was one of a number of personalized Elvis novelty notes that are for sale as souvenirs on the Internet to fans of The King. The German Central Bank displayed it and several others in Frankfurt this week as specimens of the 60,000 fakes which managed to get into the country's monetary system last year.

The bank said most bogus Elvis notes come in 200 euro denominations and have a slim line Presley on the front. They also come in sterling. 'Obviously it is a fraud but it entered the banking system so someone got some real money for it,' said a bank spokesman, who was clearly all shook up. Elvis banknotes can be found for sale on Ebay for £1.49 (2.3 euro, 3 dollar). One banknote specialist commented, 'I'm sure lots of people would like to see Elvis on a note, but the Federal Reserve would never do it.'



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Elvis' Friend Lamar Fike Dies at 75

Lamar Fike one of Elvis' very best friends has passed away at age 75. Lamar first met Elvis in 1954 and began working for him in 1957. Lamar stayed a close friend of Elvis throughout the years, often providing the humour that helped Elvis and the gang get through the tough days. Lamar Fike also worked for Hill and Range music publishers and brought several major songs to Elvis' sessions including 'Kentucky Rain' and 'Indescribably Blue'. Lamar travelled with Elvis after he went back on tour, working as the lighting director. He was with Elvis until he died. Lamar was well-known for his sense of humour and his outspoken honesty.

Marty Lacker, another of the Memphis Mafia and close friend was quoted as saying;

"I have the unfortunate task of officially sadly announcing the passing of Lamar Fike as authorized by his cousin Tommy McDonald who was very close to Lamar and was with him daily in his hospital room in Arlington, Texas. Lamar passed away very peacefully last night, Friday, January 21. Lamar had been hospitalized since last October 14th and then transferred to the physical therapy wing of the hospital. Unfortunately he did not improve and was sent back to the hospital about



a month ago. Outside of Red West, Lamar was with Elvis the longest and he remained close to him until Elvis' passing. Lamar was also very close to Elvis' mother.

Lamar's wishes to be cremated will be carried out and the Brown, Owen, Brumley Funeral Home, Ft. Worth are handling his funeral. A memorial service will be held in Mart, Texas, one of Lamar's boyhood homes at a date to be announced. Lamar was 75, he was born in Cleveland, Mississippi on November 11, 1935.

Those of us in the Memphis Mafia who remained his friend are greatly saddened by the loss of yet another member of our close group. May God Bless his Soul and may he Rest In Peace."

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