

Here's a look at what's making news in the West:

CALIFORNIA

Kicking off its third decade on Nov. 1 and playing through May 20, 2012, **The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies** celebrates perpetual summer vacation with an all-new show entitled *Hot! Hot! Hot!* In a city where the sun shines 12 months of the year, the Follies cast (from ages 57 to 82) recalls endless summer holidays with a music and dance-filled journey through mid-20th century America. Headliners include John Davidson (Nov. 1-Dec. 31), long-time host of *Hollywood Squares*, and singer Maureen McGovern, making her Follies debut Jan. 5-March 10. The Diamonds, best known for their '50s releases "Little Darlin'" and "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," star March 13-May 20. Performing all season is ventriloquist Brad Cummings and his sidekick, Rex



The Fabulous Palm Springs Follies dishes out memories of yesteryear.

the dinosaur. The Follies is housed in downtown Palm Springs' historic Plaza Theatre. (760-327-0225, pspfollies.com)

CANADA

Sports Empire offers a 2012 summer trip that combines the 100th annual Calgary Stampede with a leisurely tour of the Canadian Rockies. The nine-day trip starts in Edmonton and travels to Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff before concluding with two full days at the centennial edition of the Calgary Stampede. Compared to a state fair, the event includes top-flight performers, midway entertainment, and exhibitions from across the country, plus a rodeo and nightly chuckwagon races. Now in its 25th year, Sports Empire offers trips to the biggest sporting events throughout the United States and Canada. (800-255-5258, sports-empire.com)

NEVADA

A Las Vegas museum presenting the historical impact of mob activity is set to open its doors in February 2012. **The Mob Museum** is being constructed in a former federal courthouse and U.S. Post Office building, the site of trials for famous mob members like Meyer Lansky, Anthony "Tony" Spilotro and Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and a national organized crime hearing by Sen. Estes Kefauver in 1950. Museum creative director Dr. Dennis Barrie's other undertakings include the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. Barrie is the head of a research team including preservation architects, curators and exhibit fabricators working to present both the history of the mob and those who fought against it. (themobmuseum.org)

WASHINGTON

The **Tulalip Tribes' Hibulb Cultural Center** has opened on the Tulalip Reservation just north of Everett in Snohomish County. The 23,000 square-foot center is designed to revive, preserve and interpret the history, traditional cultural values and spiritual beliefs of the Tulalip Tribes. Artifacts include artwork, baskets, stone work and tools, and totems and other carvings. In the cedar long house, visitors hear recorded stories of tribal elders and see tribal presentations and historical films. Four canoes are displayed in the canoe hall and two totem poles (story poles as the Tulalips call them) inside the main entrance. (360-716-2635, hibulbculturalcenter.org)

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