



## Guide to the Dennis Lee Askew Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
<b>Creator:</b>	Den, the Pen
<b>Title:</b>	Dennis Lee Askew Papers
<b>ID:</b>	MS-00766
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1966 to 2013
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1977 to 1985
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.60 Cubic Feet (1 box, 1 flat file)
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2.09 Linear Feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	30 Digital Files (0.474 GB (JPG, MP3, PDF/A))
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Dennis Lee Askew papers date from 1966 to 2013 and contain "Rock Talk" columns from the <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> newspaper, posters, photographs, correspondence, audio cassette tapes, one DVD of the "Rock Talk" television special, and newspaper clippings.

### Preferred Citation

Dennis Lee Askew Papers, 1966-2013. MS-00766. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Biographical Note

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Writer and talk show host Dennis Lee Askew began his career as a lyricist for "The Universe", a rock band that performed in Southern California and Las Vegas, Nevada during the 1970s. After the group disbanded, he worked for the *Las Vegas Sun* newspaper where he composed essays, wrote feature stories, and published a weekly column titled "Rock Talk" that publicized information about all the rock and roll groups appearing in Las Vegas. Askew also hosted a live talk-radio program for two years and produced several television specials. In 1985, he left Las Vegas for Southern California. He passed away in 2016.

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## Scope and Contents Note

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The Dennis Lee Askew Papers (1966-2013) contain "Rock Talk" columns from the *Las Vegas Sun*, posters, photographs, correspondence with record companies, cassette tapes, a DVD of the "Rock Talk" television show, and newspaper clippings. Some items are originals, and some are photocopies. Many of the digital files contained in the flash drive are scanned copies of the originals that are present in the collection.

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## Arrangement

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Materials are arranged in rough alphabetical order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Note

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### Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2015 by Dennis Lee Askew; accession number 2015-088.

### Processing Note

Material was processed in 2015 by Joyce Moore. Born-digital materials (SanDisk flash media) were processed by Karla Irwin in 2016.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Collections

The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Askew, Dennis Lee. Interview, 2015 August 28. OH-01212. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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## Names and Subjects

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- Newspapers
- Radio programs -- Nevada -- Las Vegas
- photographs
- Las Vegas Sun

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Containers
Copy of the KOMP Album IV, undated	box 01
Correspondence, 1981 to 1985	box 01
Genesis, rock group photographs, undated	box 01
A "Handful of Dreams" book cover by Askew, undated	box 01
Interviews done for "Rock Talk", undated	box 01
Physical Description: 7 Audio Cassettes	

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List of prospective guests and format for television show, undated	box 01
"Pavoratti" <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> article written by Askew, 1985 March 04	oversized flat file box 02 SH-073
Performance tickets, 1980 to 1985	box 01
Personal photographs and photocopied correspondence, 1977-1978, undated	box 01
Press badges, undated	box 01
"Rock Talk" digital files, 1966-2013 Physical Description: 18 Digital Files (1 SanDisk flash media drive, 52.1 MB) The file formats are primarily JPEG with one DOC file.  Scope and Contents Note: The "Rock Talk" digital files contain scans of photographs of musicians, concert posters, news clippings, and logos/mastheads related to Askew's column and radio program. A file with links to "Rock Talk" on YouTube is also included. While some of the digital files may be unique to this collection, most appear to be duplicates of printed materials found elsewhere in the collection.  Access Note: Digital files are open for research. Advance notice and arrangements are required for access; please contact Special Collections for more information.	box 01
"Rock Talk" legal documents, 1981-1982	box 01
"Rock Talk" logos, undated	box 01
"Rock Talk" newspaper column and clippings, 1980-1984	box 01
"Rock Talk" poster, undated	oversized flat file box 02 SH-073
"Rock Talk" script, 1982 March 21	box 01
"Rock Talk Show", undated Physical Description: 1 Optical Discs  Access Note: Collection is open for research. Where use copies do not exist, production of use copies is required before access will be granted; this may delay research requests. Advanced notice is required.	box 01
Sweet Water in Concert poster, undated	oversized flat file box 02 SH-073
"Tommy Rocker" <i>Las Vegas Sun</i> article written by Askew, 1984 February 16	oversized flat file box 02 SH-073
Rock Talk photographs and audio: digital files, undated Physical Description: 30 Digital Files (0.474.3 GB) JPG, MP3	box 01

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