

# Visitors center at Hoover Dam to open

After nine years in construction, the Hoover Dam Visitors Center will open to the public June 21, Bureau of Reclamation officials said Thursday.

While the cost of the center and parking structure is \$123 million — \$53 million more than the \$70 million it cost to construct the dam in 1935 — work on parts of the center and its permanent exhibits won't be finished until the fall of next year, they said.

To offset operating costs, the tour fee for adults will increase from \$4 to \$5 on June 21. Tour fees have increased steadily since 1978 when they were \$1. The fee was increased to \$2 in 1993; \$3 in 1994; and \$4 in January.

The visitors center was built to safely accommodate the more than 1 million visitors who are expected to tour the dam each year.