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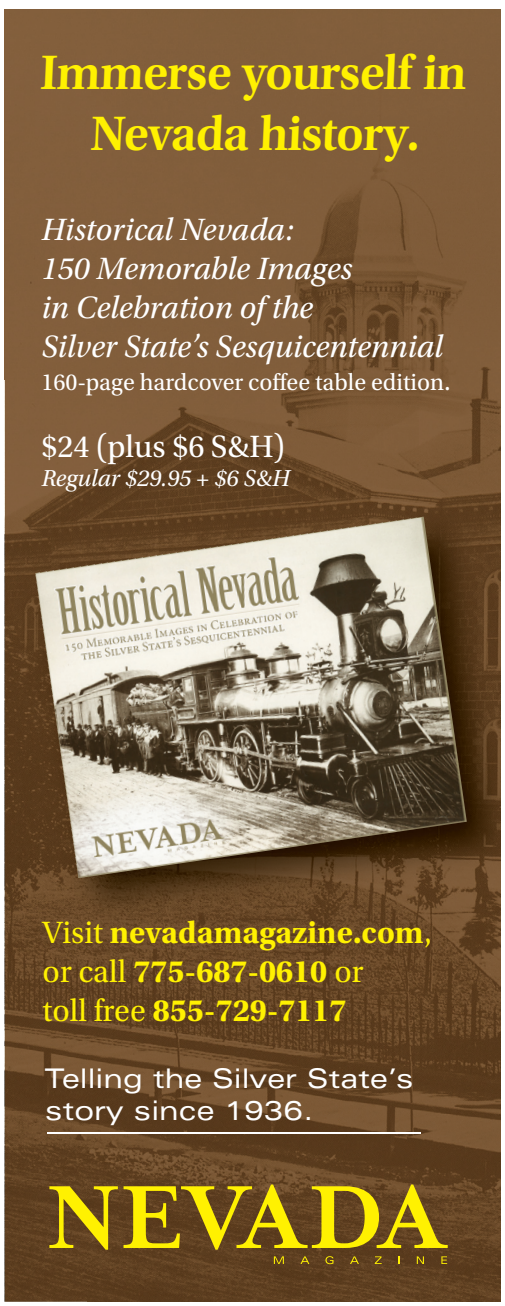

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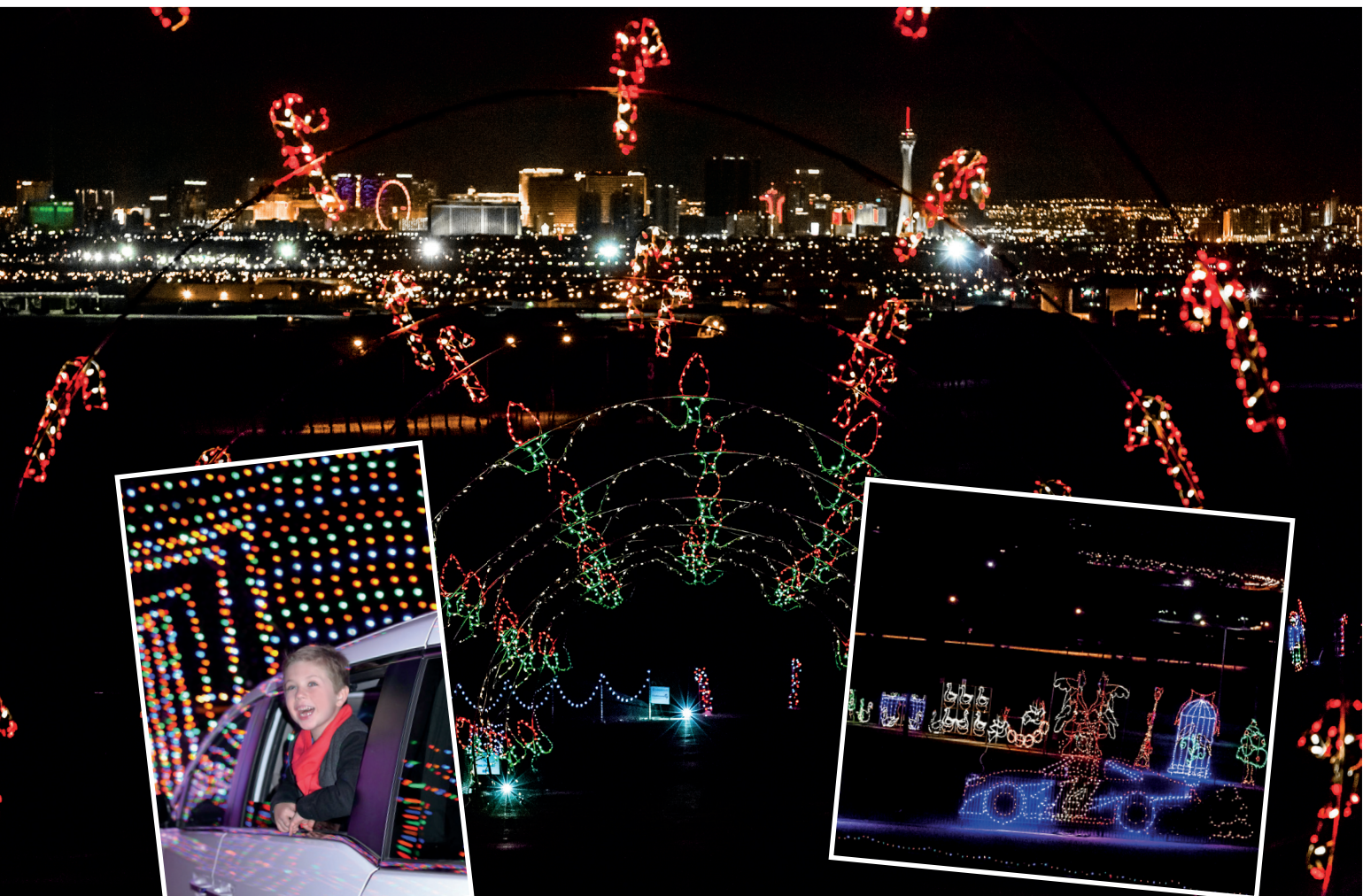

SHANNON BENTHAM, IVORY STAR PRODUCTIONS

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Located 10 minutes from downtown Las Vegas, Glittering Lights—Nevada's largest holiday drive-thru light show—features more than 3 million lights amongst a 2.5-mile course that intertwines the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. A tradition for 15 years in southern Nevada, Glittering Lights is open nightly Nov. 13 until Jan. 3, 2016. Guests can enjoy the lights 5:30-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Sunday, and holidays. Opening night is on World Kindness Day, Friday, November 13, and through a partnership with Dignity Health, the first 200 paid vehicles through the gate will receive a free ticket to return.

There are no restrictions on the free ticket, and it can be used the same night or passed along in kindness to a stranger or friend in need. Tickets are available at the gate, glitteringlightslasvegas.com, or area Walgreens stores. Entry is $20 per vehicle. Bring a donation of goods for Goodwill of Southern Nevada and receive an instant $2 entry discount.

"What a magnificent way to celebrate the show's 15th anniversary and bring on the holiday spirit. Buy one, get one, give one," says Shannon Bentham, co-founder of Ivory Star Productions. "We are grateful to our partner, Dignity Health, for truly driving home the hello human kindness motto this holiday season."

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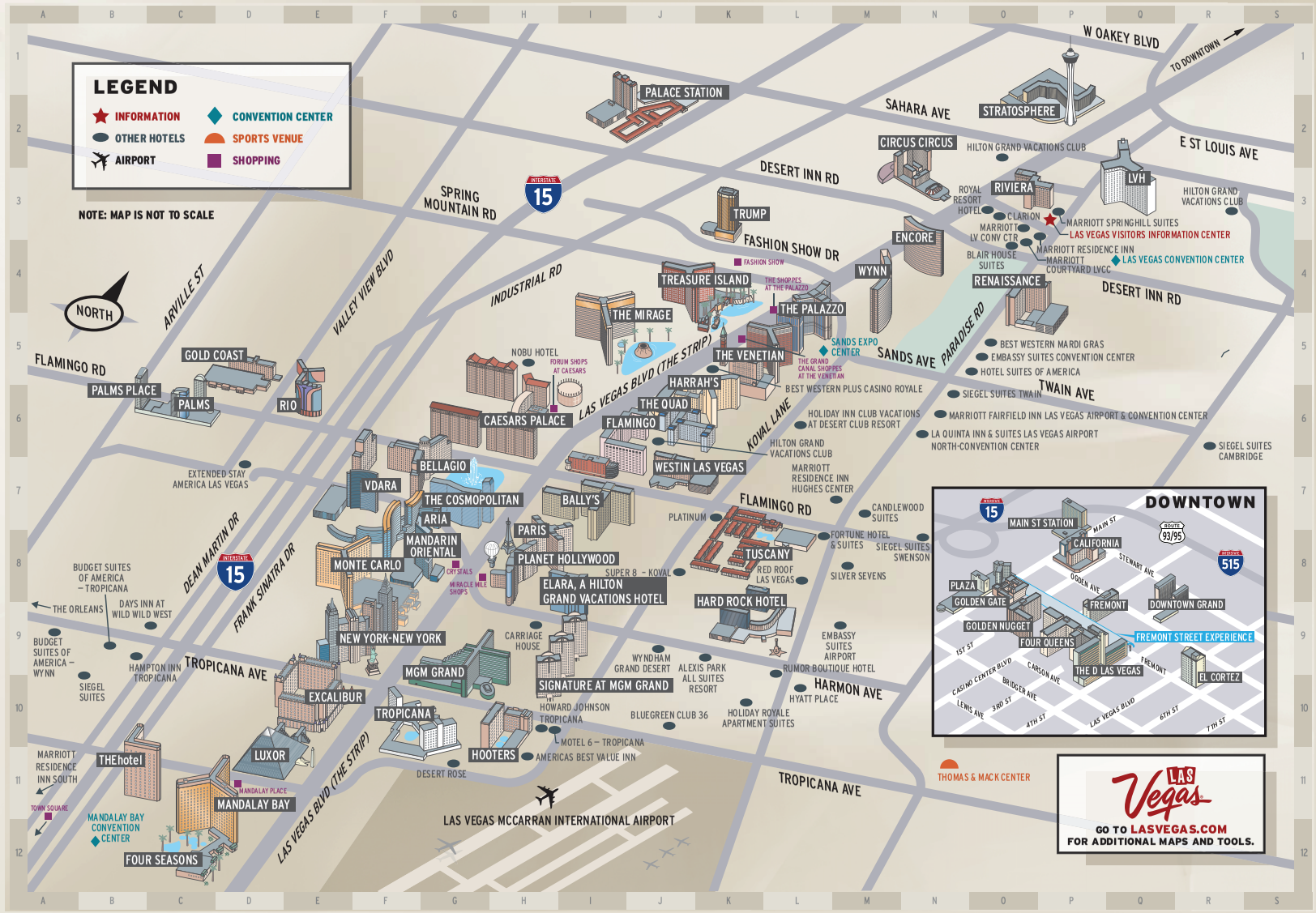

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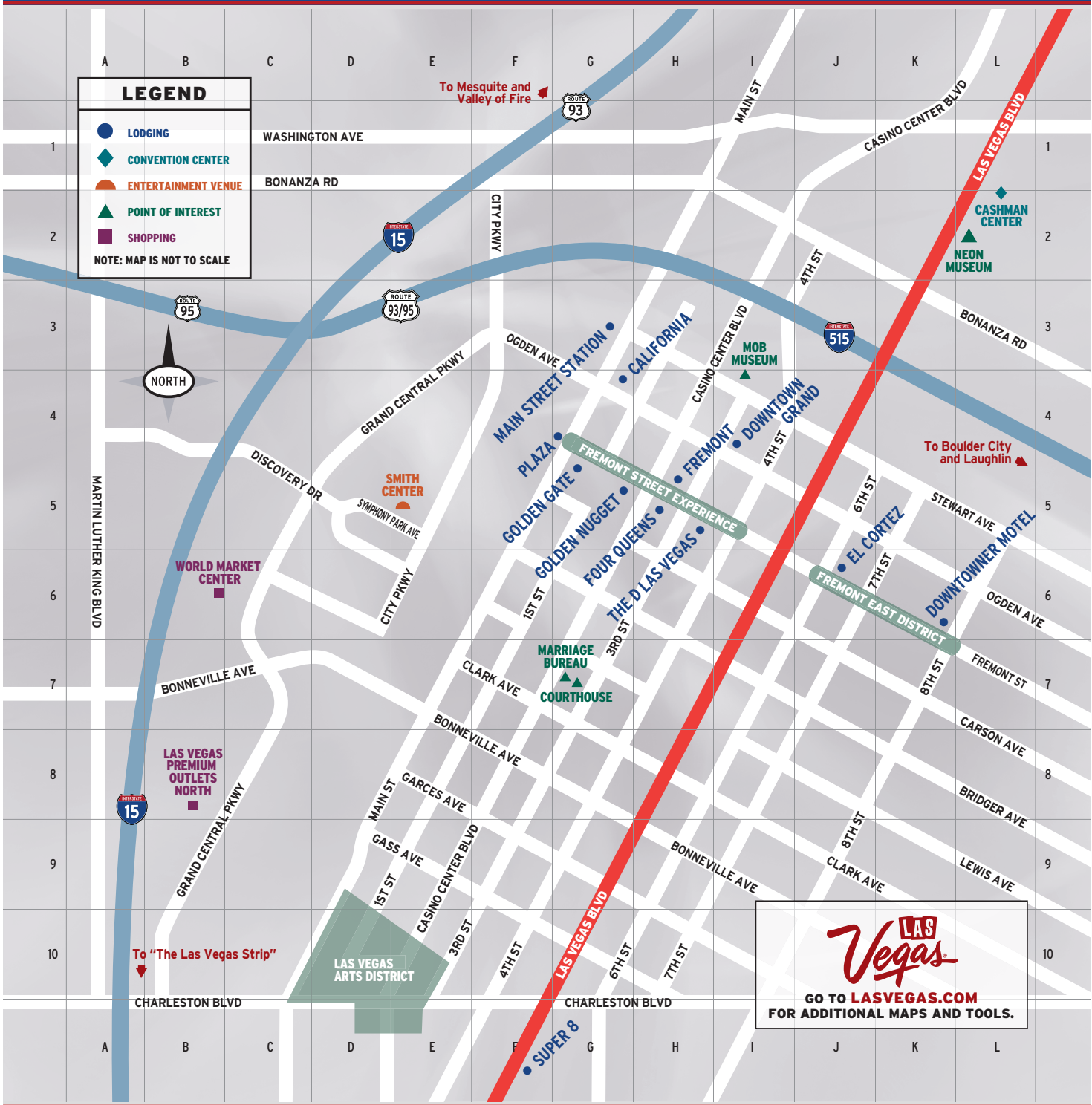

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Three-time Grammy Award-winning band Maroon 5 returns to Las Vegas for its fourth consecutive New Year's weekend performances at Mandalay Bay Events Center on Wednesday, Dec. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 31. The shows highlight Mandalay Bay's annual "Paint the Town Gold" resort-wide celebration.

Capturing the first of three Grammy Awards as "Best New Artist" of 2005 and going on to sell more than 17 million albums worldwide, Maroon 5's releases have gone gold and platinum in more than 35 countries. The band quickly won over fans and critics alike with the hybrid rock/R&B sound they introduced on their debut album, "Songs About Jane" and their double-platinum release, "It Won't Be Soon Before Long." In 2010, the band debuted its third studio album, "Hands All Over," which featured the group's chart-topping smash single "Moves Like Jagger." The song has since gone on to become one of the best-selling singles of all time. The group's latest release, "V," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top 200 chart and features the hit singles "Maps," "Animals," and "Sugar," all of which hit No. 1 on the Top 40 chart.

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Rock band Rise Against is taking over the Downtown Las Vegas Events Center on Saturday, Nov. 21. The rockers are supported by metal band Killswitch Engage.

After 15 years and six incendiary albums, Rise Against has become one of the most successful punk rock bands on the planet. Featuring lead singer Tim McIlrath, bassist Joe Principe, guitarist Zach Blair, and drummer Brandon Barnes, the group has sold more than 4 million albums globally during its last four releases, with 2011's "Endgame" debuting at No. 1 in Germany and Canada and No. 2 on the U.S. Billboard charts.

Killswitch Engage is an American metal band from Westfield, Mass., that formed in 1999. The band features vocalist Jesse Leach, bassist Mike D'Antonio, guitarists Joel Stroetzel and Adam Dutkiewicz, and drummer Justin Foley. The band has released six studio albums and one DVD.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Dead & Company—the reincarnated version of iconic rock band the Grateful Dead—is bringing its psychedelic music to life at the MGM Grand Garden Arena for a special two-night performance Nov. 27-28. **mgmgrand.com, 702-891-1111**

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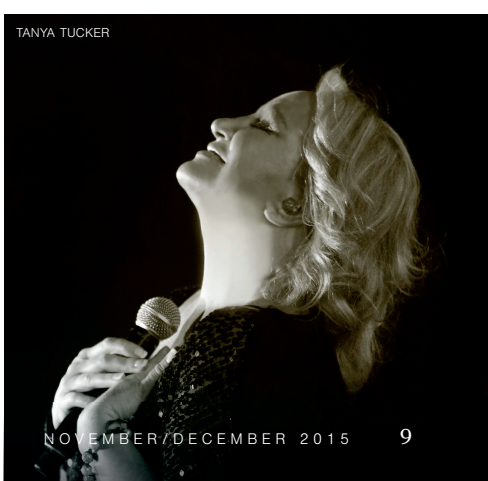

TANYA TUCKER

LAS VEGAS NATIONAL HORSE SHOW

SOUTH POINT ARENA HOSTS HORDE OF HOPPING HORSES.

The Las Vegas National Horse Show, presented by Blenheim EquiSports, returns to the South Point Arena and Equestrian Center Tuesday, Nov. 10 through Sunday, Nov. 15, with the action-packed Grand Prix event on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Grand Prix begins with the colorful Parade of Nations, introducing fans to some of the top national and international show jumpers in the world. After, the audience will enjoy pre-show entertainment by the innovative and exciting Playing by Air. Spectators witness gorgeous horses jumping giant obstacles in the $100,000 Longines FEI World Cup Las Vegas as riders compete for the fastest time. After the competition, fans will have the opportunity to meet their favorite riders and Olympians during a special autograph signing in the foyer.

"With the 2015 FEI Longines World Cup Finals in Vegas last April, we are pleased to bring world-class show jumping to the South Point Arena this November," says Robert Ridland, Blenheim EquiSports president, who has played a major role in bringing show jumping to Las Vegas.

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Based on the beloved 2003 New Line Cinema hit, "ELF" features songs by Tony Award nominees Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (The Wedding Singer), with a book by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan (Annie, The Producers, Hairspray), and Bob Martin (The Drowsy Chaperone). The production features direction by Sam Scalamoni and choreography by Connor Gallagher.

Tickets start at $29 and are available at The Smith Center Box Office, by phone at 702-749-2000, and online at thesmithcenter.com. Performance dates and times are Tuesday, Nov. 24, through Saturday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. with additional matinee shows at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Nov. 29.

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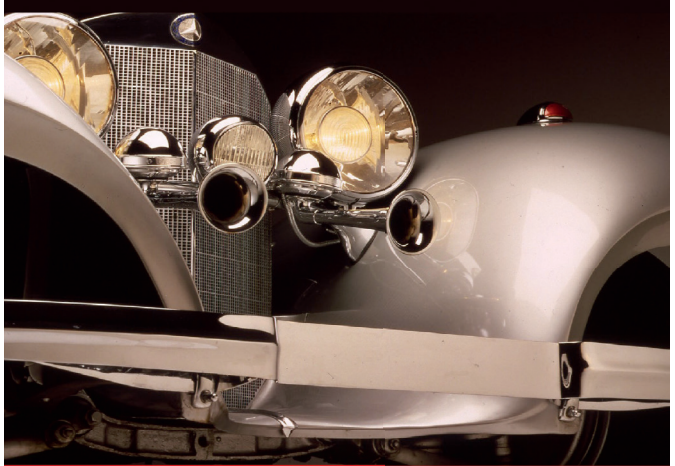

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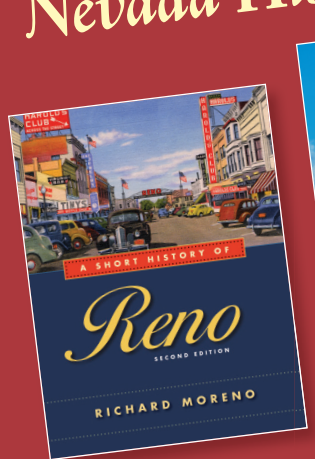

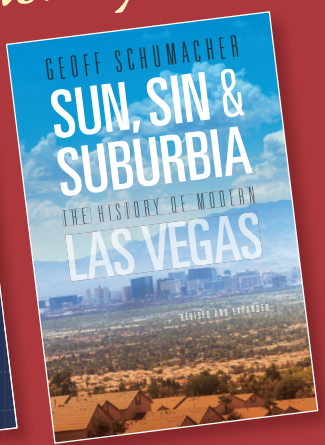

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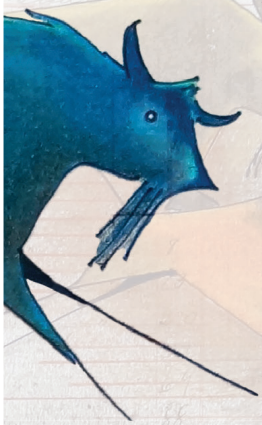

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Rick Harrison's Pawn Plaza—an open-air retail center—opened in early October. Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman, Lt. Gov. Mark Hutchison, and 2016 Presidential Candidate Marco Rubio were on hand for the opening festivities.

From treasures to trash, almost everything has or likely will pass through the doors of the Gold & Silver Pawn Shop. Rick Harrison and his son Corey—along with his dad and employee Austin "Chumlee" Russell—are challenged to determine the value of the items brought before them.

There's no doubt the pawn shop has helped revive the north end of The Strip, and the Pawn Stars' newest addition—Rick's Pawn Plaza—will continue that trend. The newly opened shopping, dining, and entertainment center is located just across from the Gold & Silver and is Rick's vision of a cool place to hang out. Tenants such as Vegas Flip Flops, Inna Gadda di Pizza, Pawn Donut & Coffee, So-Cal Speed Shop, Rick's Rollin' Smoke BBQ & Tavern, Smoke's Poutinerie, and Rita's Italian Ice were hand-selected for their cool factor. A lot of large chain stores wanted in, Rick recounts, and despite a promise of five-year contracts that would bring a lot of money, he declined.

"My dad was literally freaking out, but I was saying no," he says. "There are amazing brands that make lots of money, but you never go to them...you end up at them. I could have built the center for half the price, but I didn't want it to be some place to just stop at, but a place that was a destination."

And despite promises to his wife that life will slow down in the next couple of years, he is planning on tending bar at the barbecue joint on Friday and Saturday nights. Just don't expect any Tom Cruise in "Cocktail" flair; Rick admits the only drinks he can make are the ones that have the ingredients in the name (think: rum and cola).

While he may not be a font of libation information—or pseudo celebrities—Rick's considerable knowledge has certainly created one of the most entertaining, if unlikely, attractions in Las Vegas. And luckily, he shows no signs of selling that treasure anytime soon.

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HOLIDAYS IN HENDERSON

CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES IN THIS SOUTHERN NEVADA TOWN.

The city of Henderson was named a Playful City USA community for the eighth consecutive year in June. The designation by national nonprofit KaBoom! acknowledges cities and towns across the U.S. that champion efforts to make play a priority for children.

Henderson is special because it has events for the whole family, and it doesn't slow down during the holiday season. Adults and kids will have fun at these events happening in Nevada's second largest city this winter:

HENDERSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Henderson Convention Center
Dec. 10

The Henderson Symphony Orchestra kicks off WinterFest with a performance of holiday favorites and classics.

WINTERFEST

Henderson Events Plaza
Dec. 11-12

Mixing merriment with the magic of the holidays, WinterFest makes for some jolly good fun. Experience the excitement of a winter wonderland with activities for the entire family, including Christmas tree lighting, Santa Claus visits, and entertainment. Don't miss the WinterFest evening light parade at 5 p.m. on Dec. 12.

JINGLE BELL RUN

Pecos Legacy Park
Dec. 19

Be there with bells on—jingle bells, that is! Ring in the holiday season with a Christmas fun run for the entire family. Don your best holiday apparel and jingle all the way down a 3.1-mile course. Afterwards, enjoy your favorite holiday music and chat with old St. Nick.

HENDERSON STROLL 'N ROLL

Henderson
Nov. 14

Experience a fun way to bike, walk, skate, and play. Visitors can enjoy the community's largest car-free street festival, spanning three parks and chock full of family fun. The celebration features children's activities, live entertainment, fitness classes, and food trucks.

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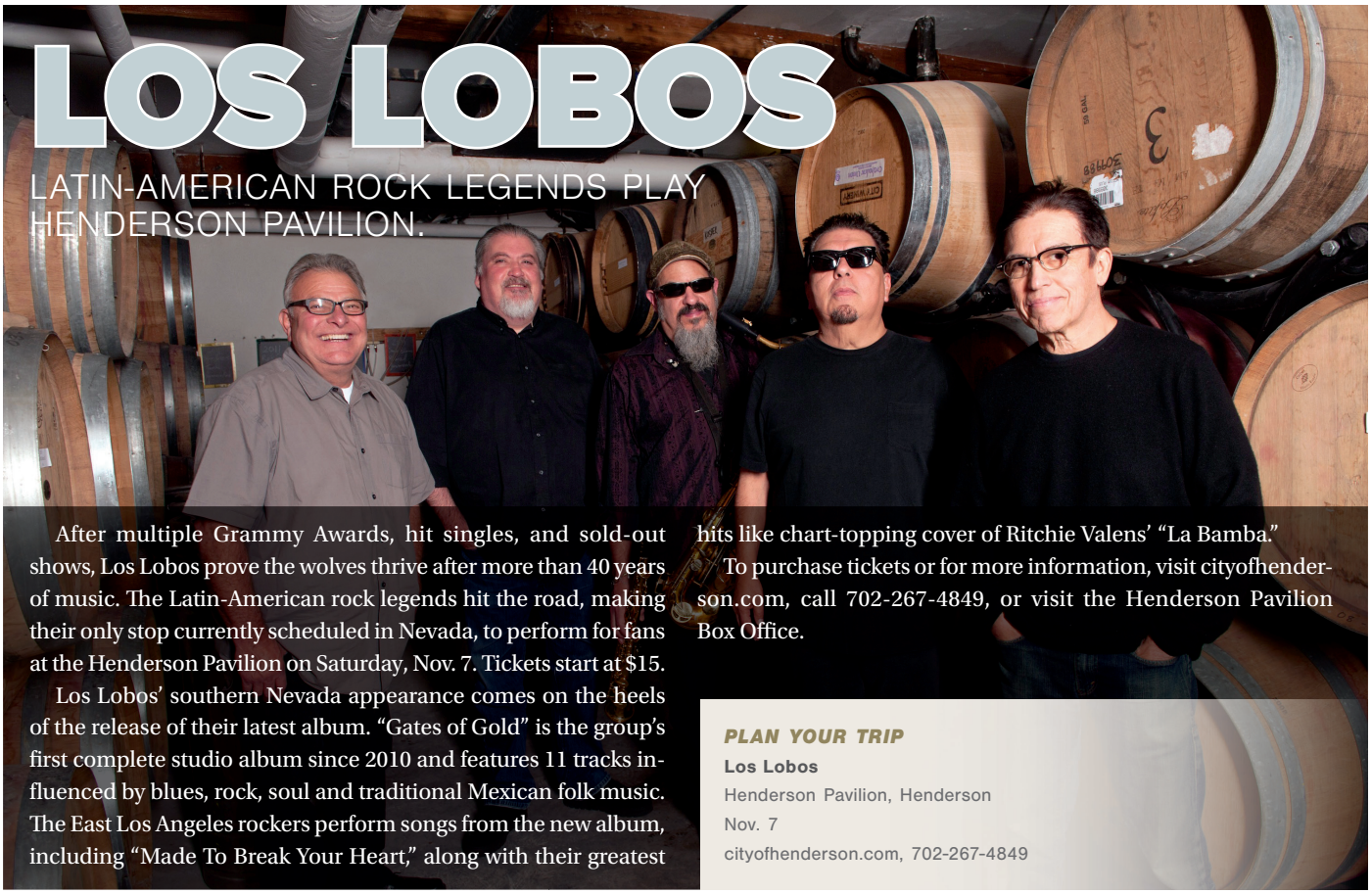

After multiple Grammy Awards, hit singles, and sold-out shows, Los Lobos prove the wolves thrive after more than 40 years of music. The Latin-American rock legends hit the road, making their only stop currently scheduled in Nevada, to perform for fans at the Henderson Pavilion on Saturday, Nov. 7. Tickets start at $15.

Los Lobos' southern Nevada appearance comes on the heels of the release of their latest album. "Gates of Gold" is the group's first complete studio album since 2010 and features 11 tracks influenced by blues, rock, soul and traditional Mexican folk music. The East Los Angeles rockers perform songs from the new album, including "Made To Break Your Heart," along with their greatest hits like chart-topping cover of Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba."

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit cityofhenderson.com, call 702-267-4849, or visit the Henderson Pavilion Box Office.

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RODNEY CARRINGTON

COUNTRY COMEDIAN BRINGS LAUGHS TO NFR.

As part of his "Here Comes The Truth" tour, comedian, actor, and writer Rodney Carrington is returning to the David Copperfield Theater at MGM Grand Hotel & Casino Dec. 3-12 during the National Finals Rodeo with his hilarious stand-up comedy show.

Carrington has recorded eight major label comedy albums, selling millions of copies. He recently released two albums on his record label, "Laughter's Good Records," both of which debuted at the No. 1 and 2 spots on the overall comedy charts. Carrington also recently debuted his new YouTube series, "Bit By Bit," which airs every Tuesday and continues his work with the Rodney Carrington Foundation—a nonprofit organization he founded that benefits multiple charities.

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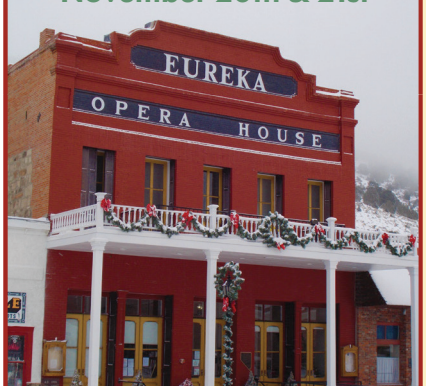

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STATEWIDE EVENTS & SHOWS

Beyond Las Vegas' glowing neon lie countless Nevada treasures waiting to be discovered. In this section we feature various events, shows, and other noteworthy happenings across the Silver State. Highlighted below are a couple statewide events you'll want to be sure not to miss.

LIFE IN COLOR
Reno Events Center, Reno
Dec. 7
lifeincolor.com

SPARKS HOMETOWNE CHRISTMAS
Victorian Square, Sparks
Dec. 4-5
cityofsparks.us, 775-353-5555

NEW YEARS EVE BRONC BASH
Elko
Dec. 31
elkocva.com, 775-738-4091

DON'T MISS

POLAR EXPRESS
Eastgate Depot, Carson City
Nov. 19-Dec. 22
vtrailway.com, 775-291-0208

The Virginia & Truckee once again brings the spirit of Christmas to life during the Polar Express train ride. Based on the classic book, the V&T features characters and entertainment that bring the story to life. Souvenir silver bells are given out to children to ensure that this is a journey they will never forget.

OFF BEAT ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

WHITNEY PEAK IS OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS OF CITYWIDE SHINDIG.

Whitney Peak Hotel in Reno has signed on as a partner for the inaugural Off Beat Arts & Music Festival. This new citywide event takes place Nov. 5-8, and showcases northern Nevada's growing music, art, and culinary scenes.

In addition to serving as the official headquarters of the festival, Whitney Peak will host several headliner shows and supporting acts at its state-of-the-art Cargo concert hall. Among those scheduled to appear at Cargo are bands Diego's Umbrella, Houndmouth, and Con Brio.

"As Reno's first non-smoking, non-gaming luxury hotel, Whitney Peak is used to doing things a little differently," says managing director Niki Gross. "We are proud to partner with other change agents, particularly when it comes to supporting the killer music, arts, and food scenes in northern Nevada that are so much a part of our community's—and our hotel's—brand identity."

CARGO'S CONCERT LINE-UP DURING THE OFF BEAT ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL INCLUDES:

Thursday, Nov. 5
- Moondog Matinee
- Soft White Sixties
- Saddle Tramps

Friday, Nov. 6
- Diego's Umbrella
- El Radio Fantastique
- Junk Parlor

Saturday, Nov. 7
- Houndmouth

Sunday, Nov. 8,
- Drinking with Clowns
- Mojo Green
- Con Brio

Tickets are currently on sale for all of the festival's shows at offbeatfest.com. General admission wristbands are $39 and provide access to 11 venues featuring nearly 85 artists. The Cargo shows are sold separately at cargoreno.com and will be discounted $5 with purchase of an Off Beat Festival wristband.

All proceeds help fund art and music classes for the community, through the local non-profit program Upbeat Reno.

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Off Beat Arts & Music Festival
Whitney Peak Hotel, Reno
Nov. 5-8
cargoreno.com, 775-398-5400

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NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

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15 BAK 5:00PM	16	17	18	19	20	21 LA 6:30PM
22 SCW 6:00PM	23	24	25	26	27 IDA 6:00PM	28 IDA 6:00PM
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6	7	8 RGV 7:00PM	9 RGV 7:00PM	10	11	12
13	14	15 OKC 5:00PM	16	17	18 TEX 5:00PM	19 TEX 5:00PM
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27	28	29	30 BAK 7:00PM			

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NEVADA OPEN

THE STATE'S LONGEST-RUNNING PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT IS BACK.

Mesquite is a golf and gaming destination and provides a beautiful backdrop to the annual Nevada Open—an event that has been played for more than four decades. In 2015, a total purse of $125,000 (up from $105,000 in 2014) is up for grabs to professional golfers, the largest total amount in the history of the event. The Nevada Open takes place Nov. 9-12 at CasaBlanca Golf Club and Palms Golf Club.

A special pro-am is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9 at The Palms while the professional competition is scheduled for Nov. 10-12 at both the CasaBlanca and Palms courses. Proceeds from the pro-am will benefit Mesquite Junior Golf. The pro-am will feature a special prize purse for professionals and amateur golfers.

"Mesquite is a large golf destination and the Nevada Open is a perfect way for us to showcase our courses, resorts, and hospitality," says Christian Adderson, corporate sales manager for Mesquite Gaming. "We are honored to host a high-level of professional golfers during this event, and the addition of the pro-am allows for amateurs to enjoy hospitality and a chance to play with the pros. The Nevada Open has been played continually for several decades—and in Mesquite since 1998—and we look forward to again rolling out the VIP green carpet for the pros and amateurs."

Among the champions of the Nevada Open throughout its history are Robert Gamez, Vic Wilk, Kevin Penner, and Tom Lehman. Other notables who have played in the tournament include PGA TOUR players Craig Barlow, Boyd Summerhayes, Graham Delaet, Kevin Stadler, Tony Finau, and Champions PGA TOUR player Jay Don Blake. The 2015 champion was Seann Harlington, a player on the Canadian PGA TOUR.

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Nevada Open

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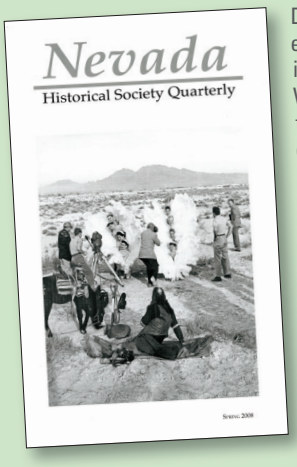

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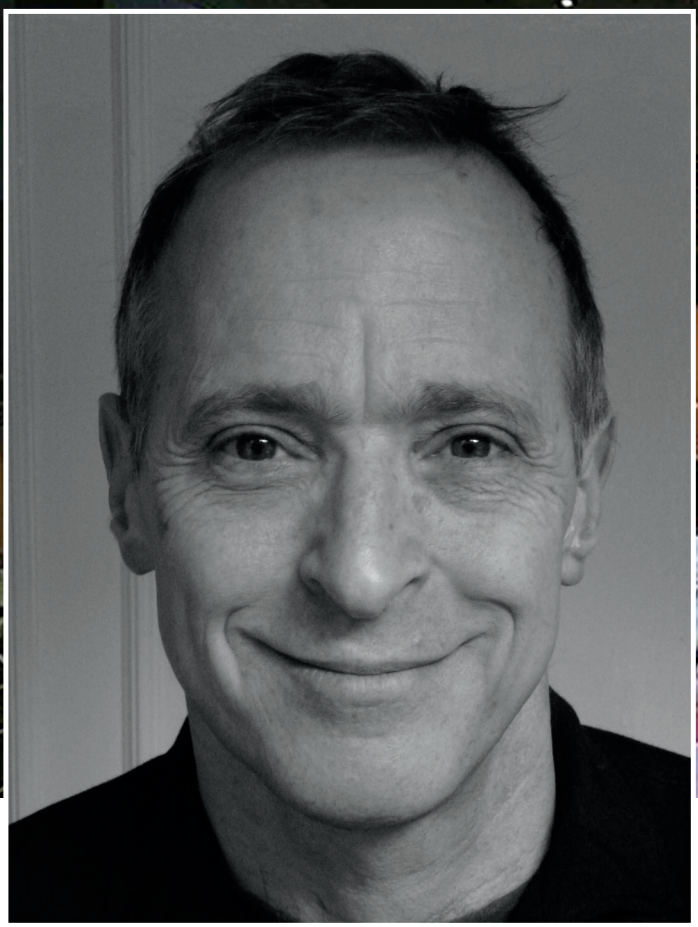

Artown presents NPR humorist and bestselling author, David Sedaris, on Friday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in The Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Reno.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.

David Sedaris is author of "Naked", "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," and "Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls." The audio version of "Let's Explore Diabetes With Owls" is a 56th Annual Grammy Awards Nominee for Best Spoken Word Album. Sedaris's pieces appear regularly in The New Yorker and have twice been included in "The Best American Essays." There are a total of 10 million copies of his books in print and they have been translated into 25 languages. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album.

Tickets are available at pioneercenter.com. Prices start at $25.

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Nov. 20

MELISSA ETHERIDGE

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
grandsierraresort.com, 775-789-2000

Academy Award and Grammy-winning artist Melissa Etheridge is taking the stage at Grand Sierra Resort's all-new Grand Theatre on Nov. 20 to perform some of her greatest hits like "Come to My Window," "I'm The Only One," and "I Want to Come Over."

NOVEMBER

1-15 — SALTORIYA
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7 — FANTASIES IN CHOCOLATE
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
fantasiesinchocolate.com, 775-789-2000

7 — LIFE IN COLOR
Reno Events Center, Reno
lifeincolor.com

11-Dec. 31 — ETHEL M CHOCOLATES HOLIDAY CACTUS GARDEN
Ethel M Botanical Garden, Henderson
ethelm.com, 702-435-2655

13 — FOGHAT
Cactus Pete's, Jackpot
ameristar.com, 775-755-2321

13-Jan. 3 — GLITTERING LIGHTS
Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
glitteringlightslasvegas.com

19-Dec. 22 — POLAR EXPRESS
Eastgate Depot, Carson City
vtrailway.com, 775-291-0208

20-21 — HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Eureka Opera House, Eureka
co.eureka.nv.us, 775-237-6006

21 — CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
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21 — SORORITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
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21-Dec. 29 — POLAR EXPRESS
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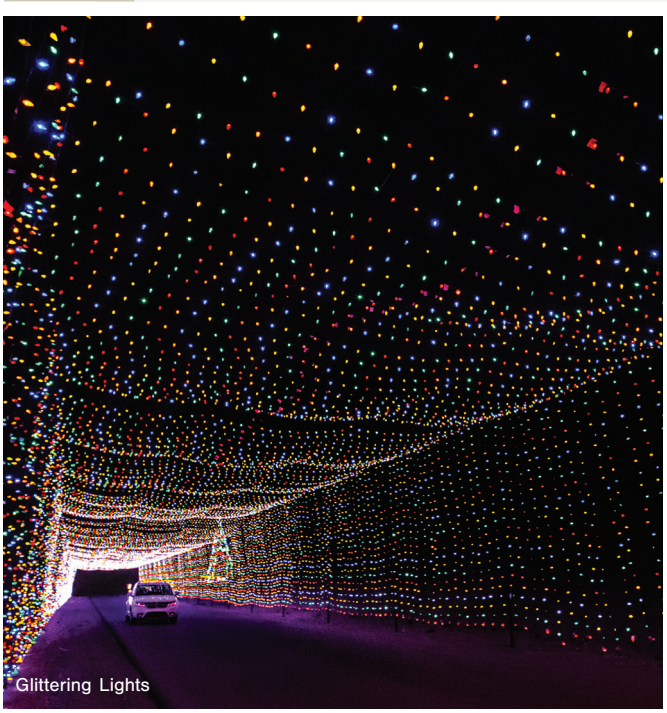

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Dec. 3-12

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Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas
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Dec.11-13

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DECEMBER

1-31 CHRISTMAS ON THE COMSTOCK
Virginia City
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2-6 LAKE TAHOE FESTIVAL OF TREES & LIGHTS
Montbleu Resort Convention Center, Stateline
festivaloftreeslaketahoe.com, 530-543-5909

4 WENDOVER IN LIGHTS
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westwendovercity.com, 866-299-2489

4-5 SPARKS HOMETOWNE CHRISTMAS
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5-6, 12-13, 19-20 SANTA TRAIN
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7-9 WENDOVER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
West Wendover
westwendovercity.com, 866-299-2489

10-12 BOYD GAMING CHUTE-OUT RODEO
Orleans Arena, Las Vegas
boydgamingevents.com, 702-284-7777

12 RENO SANTA CRAWL
Downtown Reno
renosantacrawl.com

13 GINGERBREAD SOCIAL & AUCTION
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18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTEST
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wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

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The Pahrump Social Powwow:

Nov. 19-Nov. 22

Petrack Park

The Pahrump Social Powwow is back. Social Powwow celebrates the American Indian heritage as well as friends and strangers coming together to experience fun, laughter, crafts, and games. This celebration features special intertribal dances, kid-friendly dance competitions, and traditional Native American bites perfect for the whole family.

The HUBB Classic Car & Parts Swap Meet:

Nov. 14

The HUBB

Held every second Saturday of the month, the HUBB Classic Car & Parts Swap Meet is the premier monthly automotive swap meet in Pahrump Valley. Buy antique, vintage, classic, and high-end cars and parts at bargain prices.

Pahrump Valley Speedway:

Nov. 7, 15, 21

Pahrump Valley Speedway

Race season is in full effect at the Pahrump Valley Speedway. One of the only clay-based, high-banked, quarter-mile dirt tracks remaining in the U.S., Pahrump Valley Speedway promises action and thrills galore. Bring the family for a day of racing and cheer on different classes of cars including Modifieds, Super Stocks, Dwarf Cars, Coupes, Bombers, Mod Minis, and more.

Pahrump Valley Museum Lecture Series:

Nov. 14

Pahrump Valley Museum

Calling all history buffs: the Pahrump Valley Museum is dedicated to inspiring curiosity and teaching the rich history and culture of Pahrump through its one-of-a-kind exhibits that include early farming and mining equipment, early relics from cowboys and pioneers, and Native American artifacts. In addition to the historic items on display, the Pahrump Valley Museum offers a monthly lecture series that covers a wide range of topics.

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'MONSTER FISH: IN SEARCH OF THE LAST RIVER GIANTS'

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The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum is welcoming the nationwide traveling debut of "Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants"—a 6,000-square-foot traveling exhibition from *National Geographic*, coming to Reno Nov. 14. The exhibit—presented in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno College of Science—will be at The Discovery for a limited engagement.

This incredible exhibit is exciting for northern Nevada as it has a local connection. University of Nevada, Reno professor and Nat Geo WILD series host of "Monster Fish," Dr. Zeb Hogan, is at the heart of the experience. Dr. Hogan takes viewers on an around-the-world journey to explore colossal freshwater "monster" fish, their habitats, and the people that depend on them. Dr. Hogan played a key role in making Reno the first stop on the exhibit's world tour. "Monster Fish" has spent nearly two decades searching for and studying rare, large freshwater fish species and these efforts are showcased in the exhibition.

"It is truly significant for The Discovery and our community that we were chosen as the first traveling stop for this exhibition," says Mat Sinclair, executive director at The Discovery.

"Monster Fish: In Search of the Last River Giants" features life-size sculptures, hands-on interactive exhibits, and video installations that put you face-to-face with more than 20 species—each at least six feet long and weighing more than 200 pounds. Guests will embark on a global journey to storied river basins with Dr. Hogan on his quest to find, research, and protect these freshwater giants and the habitats they call home.

Visitors can also test their survival skills in the obstacle course game "Monster Size Me" or they can assist Dr. Hogan in completing a series of scientific missions in "A Monster Mission," a touch-table game. Guests can also attempt to gather enough people to equal the colossal weight of a 1,984-lb. white sturgeon in the game "Minnow or Monster?" Young visitors can go fishing with magnetic poles along a stylized riverbank and carefully release their catches back into the river through clear chutes, while older explorers take the "Fishin' Decision" digital challenge to see how many fish species they can quickly decide to keep or release.

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Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, Reno
Through mid-April 2016
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museums.nevadaculture.org, 775-687-6953

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museums.nevadaculture.org, 702-397-2193

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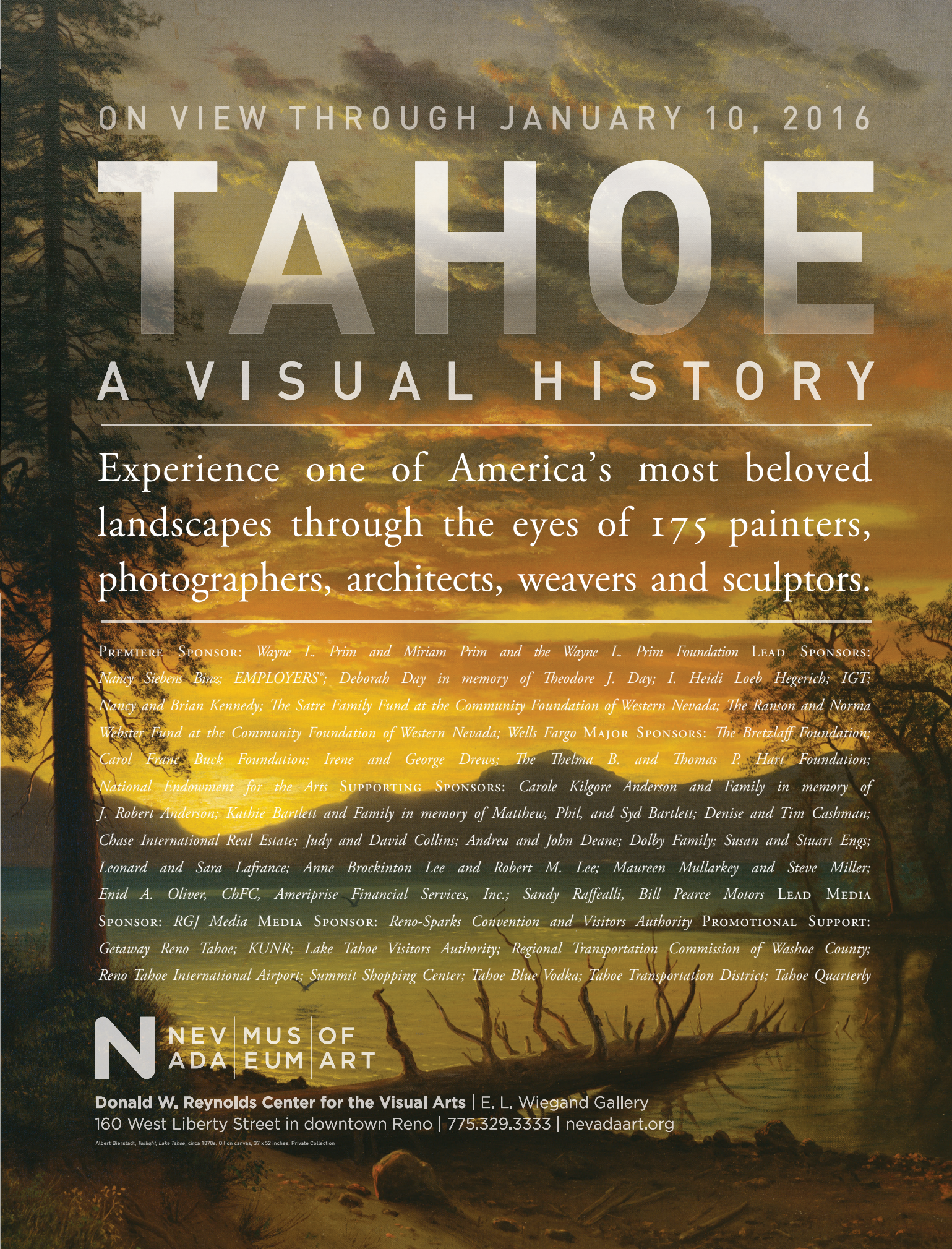
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VALLEY OF FIRE

STATE PARK KEEPS WINTER WARM WITH ABUNDANCE OF EVENTS.

An abundance of sunny skies and mild temperatures make fall an ideal time to visit Valley of Fire State Park. The park has a wide array of interpretive programs and guided hikes scheduled in November.

Nov. 1: Petrified Logs Guided Hike

This round-trip hike is less than one mile and offers participants a unique opportunity to visit a restricted access area containing a vast amount of petrified wood. As a ranger leads participants to impressive collections of petrified wood, topics such as what kind of trees the petrified wood is believed to have been from and the petrification process will be discussed.

Nov. 7: Guided Petroglyph Hike (Mouse's Tank Trail)

Join a ranger on a guided hike of Mouse's Tank Trail and observe the hundreds of petroglyphs located along this this easy 3-4-mile round-trip hike.

Nov. 7: Life Surviving in the Desert

Join a conservation educator from the Nevada Department of Wildlife for an indoor presentation covering desert wildlife and the tactics these creatures use to survive in such extremely inhospitable conditions.

Nov. 8: Make your own Petroglyphs (Children's Activity)

Children will be provided with the materials to make their own modern "petroglyphs," which will be theirs to keep. This program is designed for children ages 5-12, but all are welcome to participate. NOTE: During this activity, we will be carving petroglyphs into faux "rocks" made with arts and crafts materials. Never carve, scratch, or in any other way deface any rock in the park.

Nov. 14: 6th Annual Valley of Fire State Park Car Show

Join us for the 6th Annual Valley of Fire State Park Car Show. This year's show will be open to pre-1995 vehicles. Prizes will be awarded to the top three cars in categories such as "people's choice," and "participants' choice."

Nov. 21: The Crayon Rock Cycle (Children's Activity)

This activity will guide children through the process of using crayons to create sedimentary, metamorphic, and igneous "rocks." Children will also be shown examples of various types of rocks, and will learn the basic characteristics of each stage in the cycle.

Nov. 22: What Passed This Way? An Introduction to Animal Tracks (Children's Activity)

Join park staff at Atlatl Rock picnic area for an activity designed to teach children what some of the tracks left by various animals that inhabit Valley of Fire State Park look like. During this activity, we will go on a short hike around Atlatl Rock to search for tracks and other signs of animal activity, and identify them using our newly taught skills.

Valley of Fire State Park is approximately 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via Interstate 15, Exit 75, and 20 miles southwest of Moapa Valley via Highway 169, Valley of Fire Road. All events are free of cost; however, there is an entrance fee into the park of $10 per vehicle. Nevada residents receive a $2 discount.

Note: For times and many more events please call 702-397-2088 or visit parks.nv.gov.

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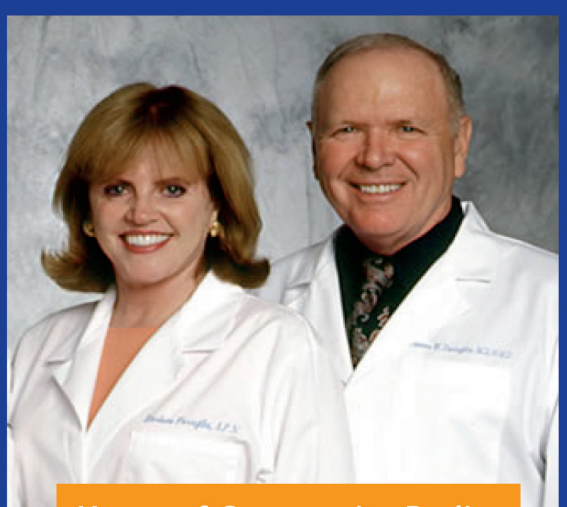

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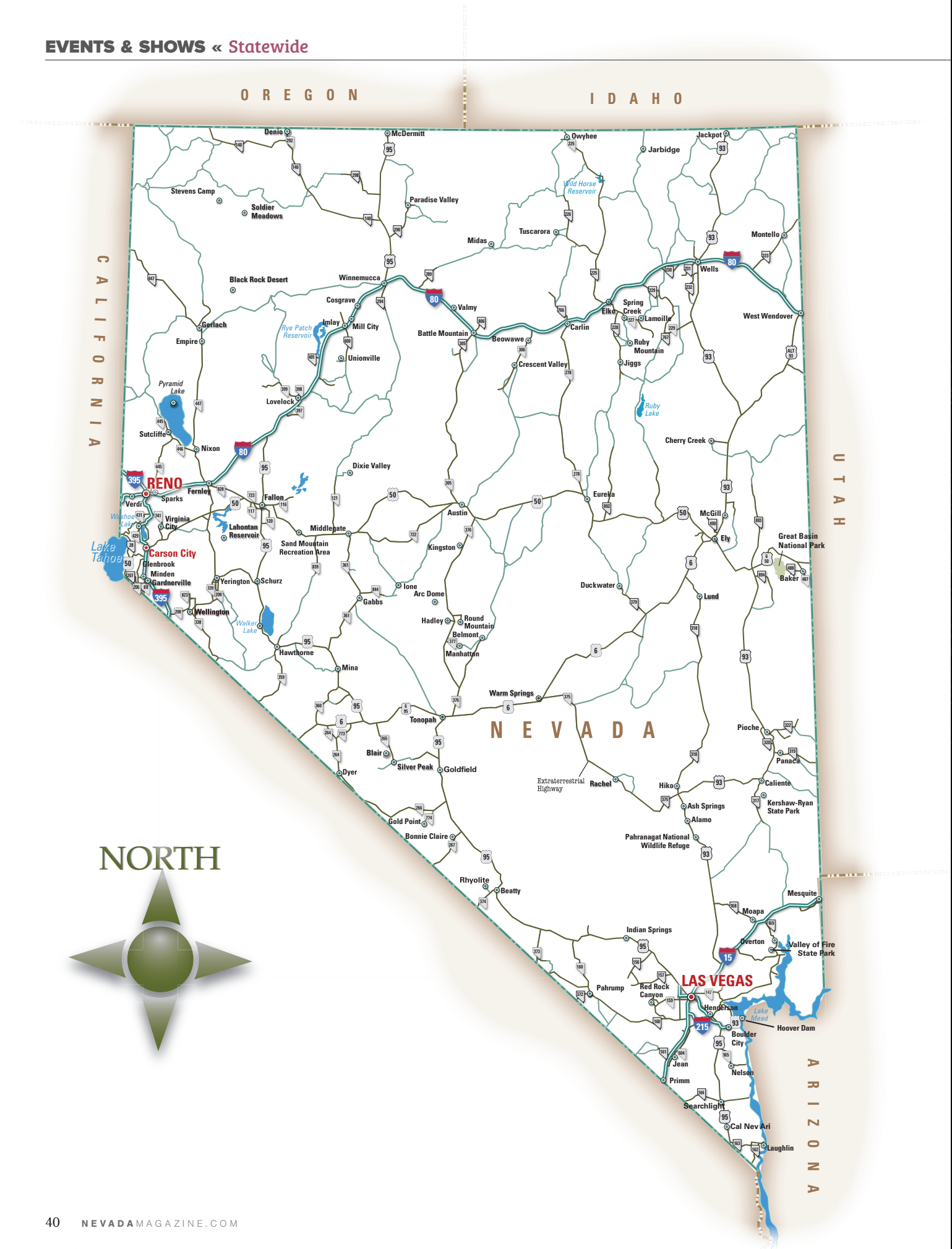
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