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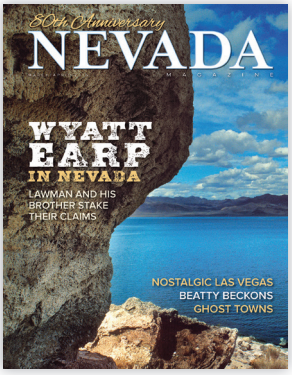

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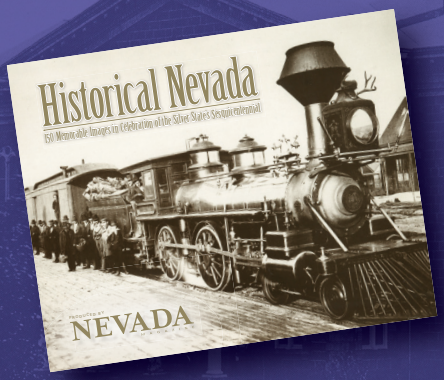

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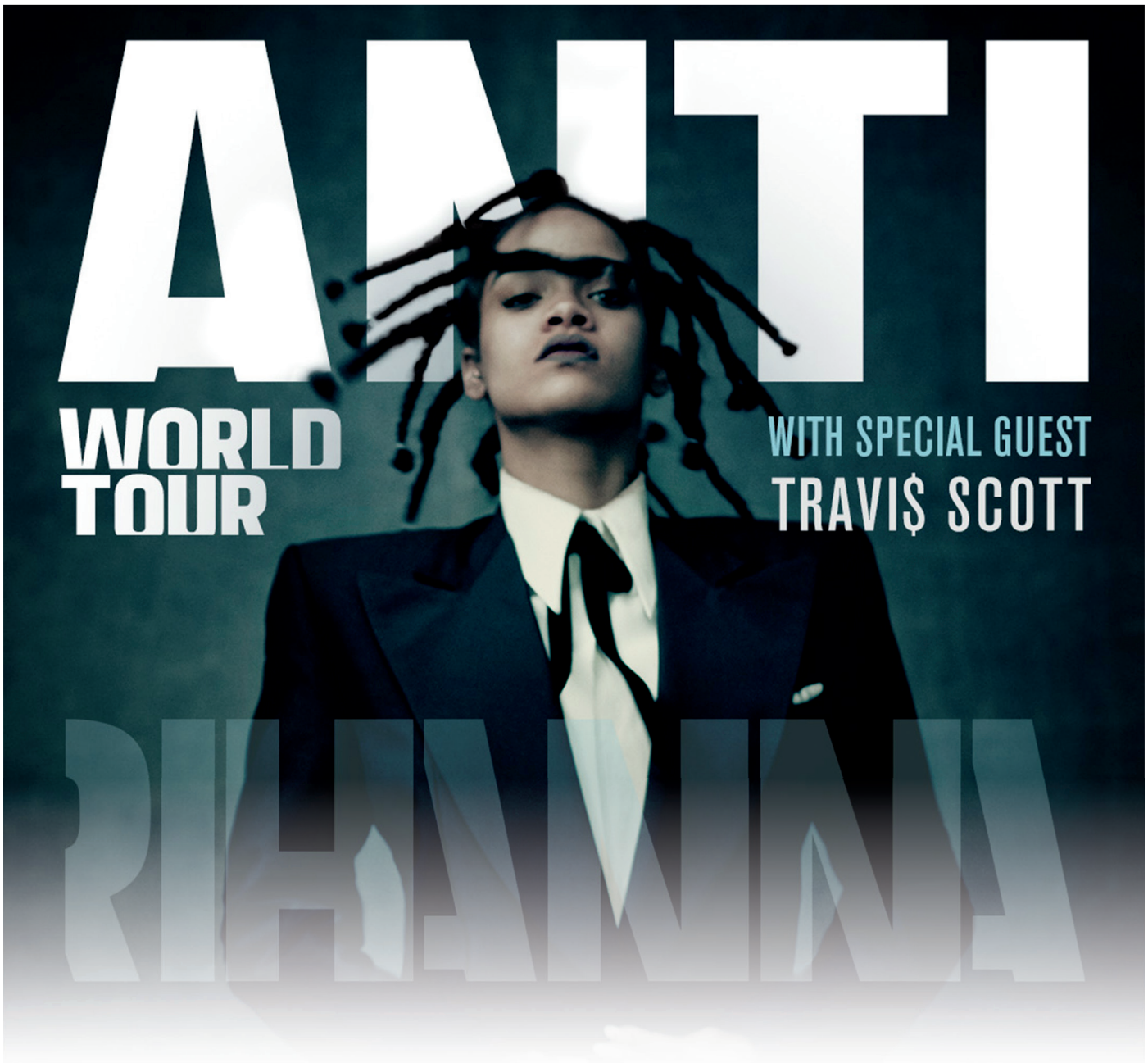

Due to extraordinary demand for her Friday, April 29 concert, eight-time Grammy Award-winner Rihanna brings the ANTI World Tour back to the Mandalay Bay Events Center for a second electrifying performance Saturday, April 30.

Rihanna has become a modern music, entertainment, and fashion icon. As an accomplished performer, she has sold 54 million albums and 210 million digital tracks worldwide making her the top-selling digital artist of all time. She's released seven albums in seven years, achieved 13 No. 1 singles, and won eight Grammy Awards. She has successfully launched six fragrances, two capsule collections with Armani, as well as four River Island collections and is currently the spokesperson for MAC & Viva Glam and the new face of Dior's "Secret Garden" campaign.

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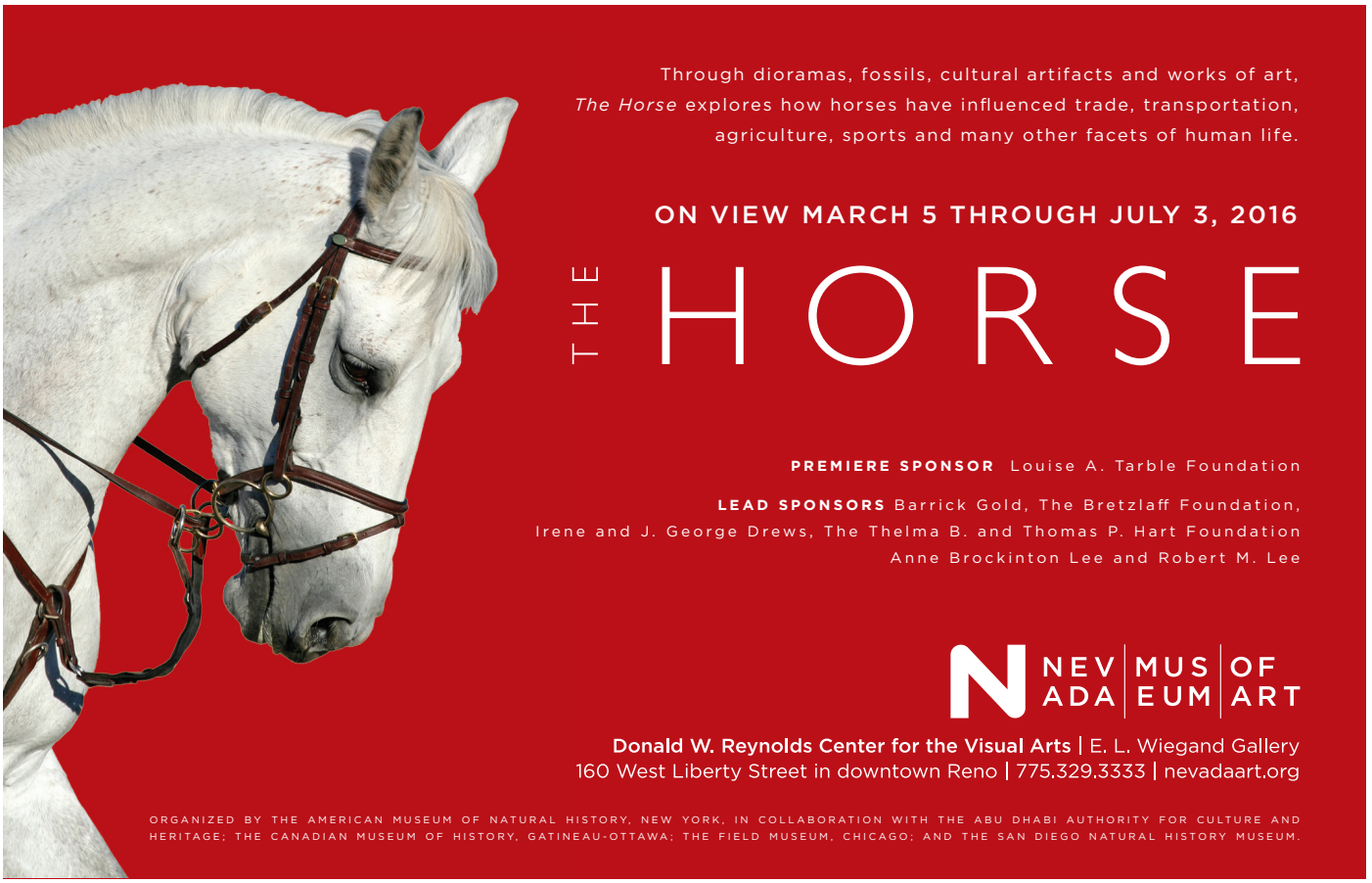
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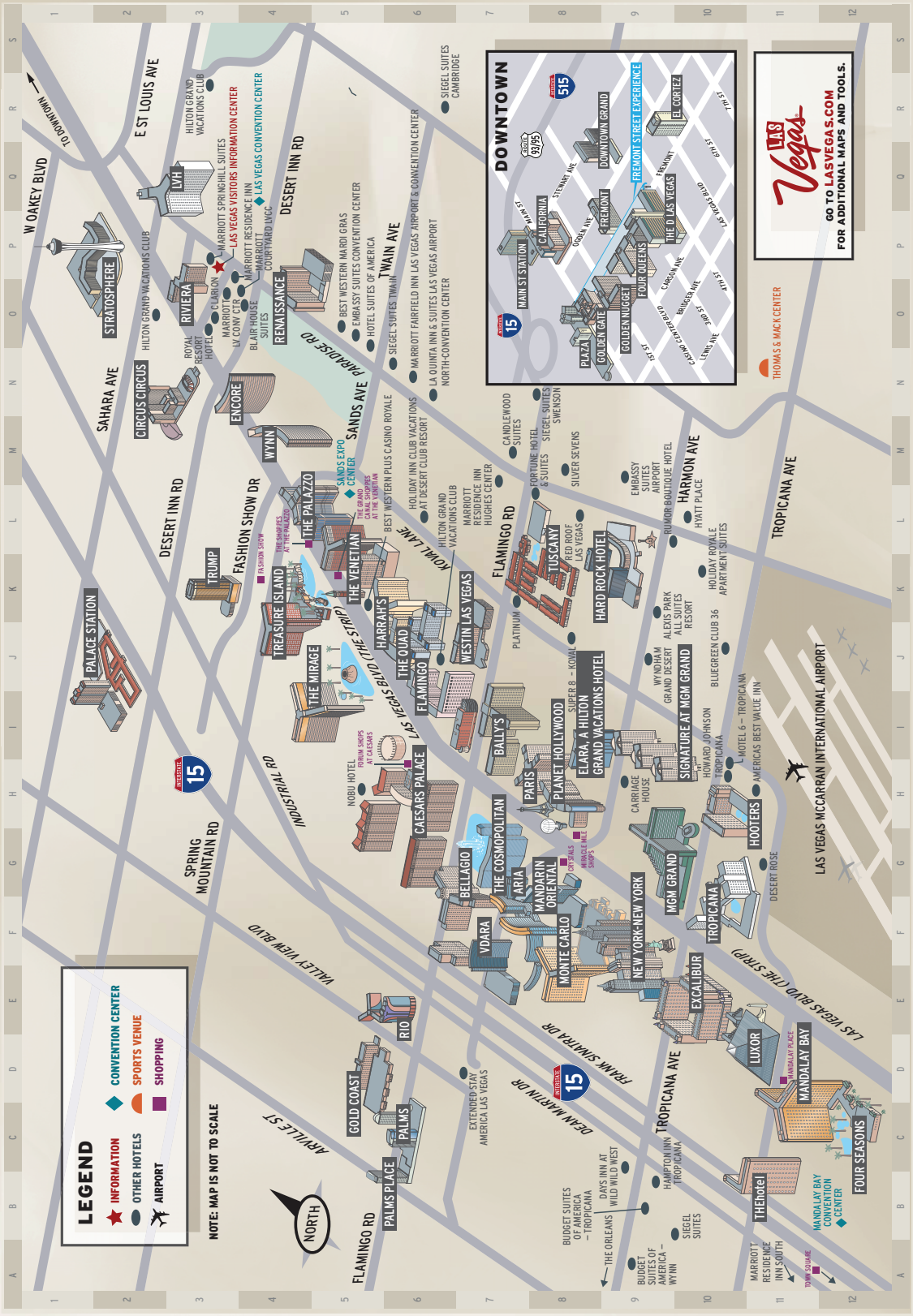
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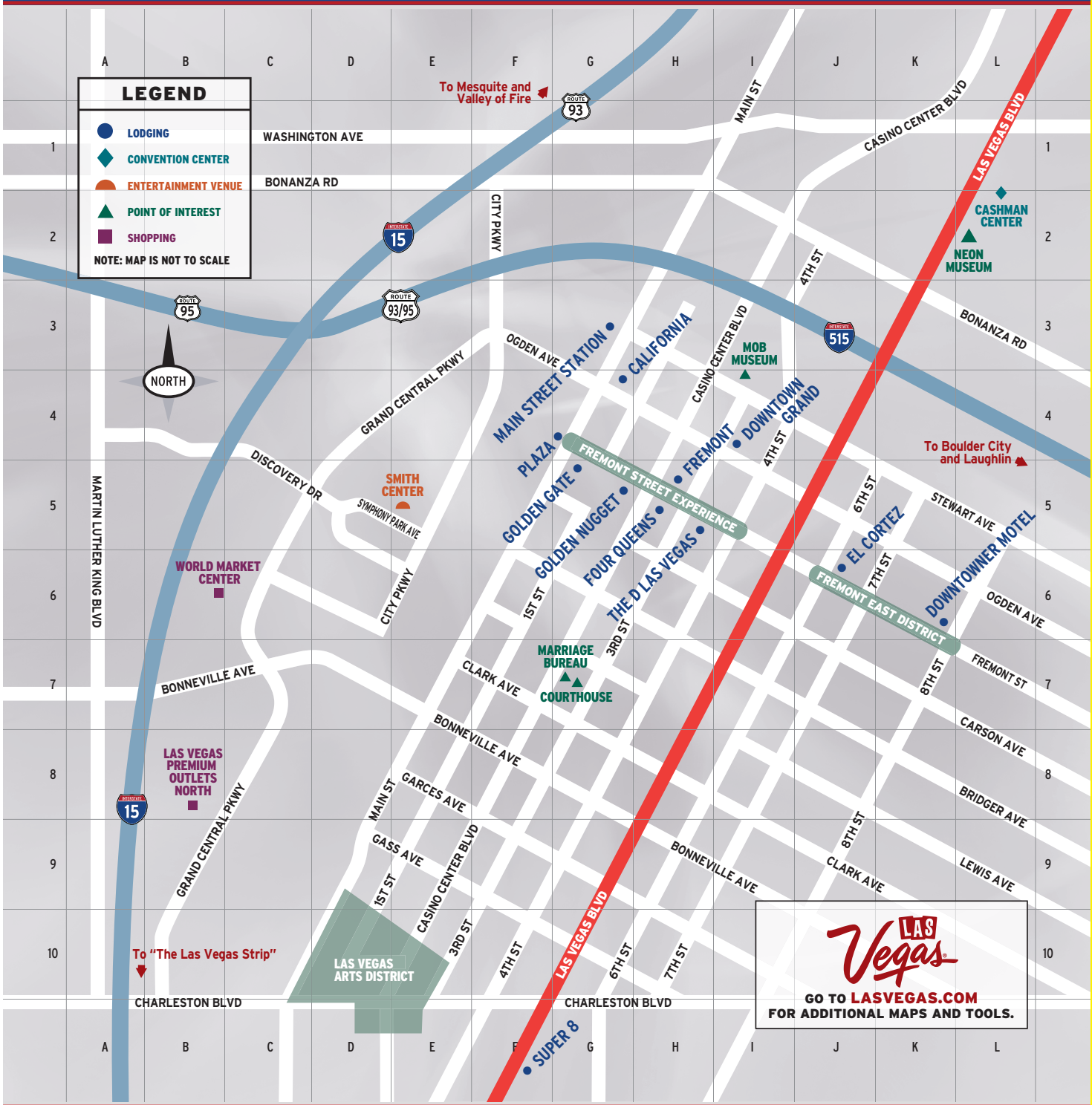

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LAS VEGAS LOCAL BAND ROCKS THE FIRST SHOW AT T-MOBILE ARENA.

Las Vegas' favorite hometown band, The Killers, is the first act to perform in the new T-Mobile Arena, just west of the famed Las Vegas Strip. One of rock music's most distinctive and innovative bands, The Killers returns to its hometown April 6 for the grand opening of the city's newest sports and entertainment venue. The concert serves as a tribute to Las Vegas' unique history of timeless talent, as it includes special guests "Mr. Las Vegas" Wayne Newton and newcomer and North Las Vegas local Shamir.

"It's only fitting that we open the new Las Vegas Arena with the biggest and most successful performers to come out of Las Vegas," Bobby Reynolds, vice president of Booking for AEG Live, says "We couldn't be more excited to welcome The Killers home at this incredible new venue and back to their adoring Las Vegas fans."

The Killers are a Las Vegas-based four-piece band that formed in 2003. The band has received countless accolades for their artistic achievement, including multiple Grammy nominations, American Music Award nominations, MTV Video Music Awards, NME Awards, and more. The Killers released their most recent album, "Battle Born," in September 2012.

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Multi-platinum-selling artist, four-time Grammy Award winner, and music icon Lionel Richie is beginning his Las Vegas headlining residency show, "Lionel Richie - All the Hits," inside The AXIS at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on Wednesday, April 27. The show features a set list of Lionel's brightest and best anthems, including "All Night Long," "Hello," "Stuck on You," "Say You, Say Me," and "Dancing on the Ceiling."

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

"Star Trek: The Ultimate Voyage" brings 50 years of "Star Trek" to the Orleans Arena for the first time on April 4. The production consists of a live symphony orchestra and international solo instruments, bringing the music of "Star Trek" to life while the serie's most iconic film and television footage is played on a 40-foot-wide screen in high-definition.
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Superstars Luke Bryan and Dierks Bentley are co-hosting the **51st Academy of Country Music Awards**—country music's party of the year—which is returning to Las Vegas' MGM Grand Garden Arena and broadcast live on April 3. **acmcountry.com, 818-788-8000**

THE PARK

DYNAMIC PARK, DINING, AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT DEBUTS IN APRIL.

Rendering

MGM Resorts International is debuting its dynamic park, dining, and entertainment district on the Las Vegas Strip April 4. An eclectic blend of restaurants, bars, and entertainment tucked into rich desert landscaping, The Park will become a central gathering place on The Strip's west side connecting New York-New York and Monte Carlo resorts as well as the new 20,000-seat world-class T-Mobile Arena. An interactive and social environment, The Park aims to build a sense of community through innovative programming and events.

The Park re-envisions the traditional pedestrian experience by adding a new layer of diverse social spaces in Las Vegas. Inspired by the iconic plazas, promenades, and squares that have served as important public gathering destinations within the world's great cities throughout history, The Park will offer an array of common spaces for socializing, relaxing, exploring, and sampling the surrounding tastes, sights, and sounds.

By day, visitors will be able to bask in pockets of sun or enjoy shade beneath mature trees or one of the stunning, trumpet-like shade structures towering more than 50 feet above. Patio-style seating will encourage a genuine social environment, while seating alcoves tucked into large planters will provide areas for respite. Unique water features, including water walls stretching more than 100 feet in length along the entrance, will add unexpected visuals, as will dramatic plantings incorporating a variety of beautiful desert blooms.

Not unlike the small cafes and bistros that spill onto iconic promenades, clusters of casual restaurants and bars with outdoor seating will open each resort to The Park creating a colorful patio ambiance. Ranging from fast-casual to mid-level, each offering will be a unique-to-market, up-and-coming brand. Confirmed partners include Shake Shack, Beer Garden, California Pizza Kitchen, Sake Rok, and Bruxie.

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The Park

Opens April 4

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MORE THAN 400 CRAFT BREWS AVAILABLE TO SAMPLE DURING ANNUAL EVENT.

PHOTOS: FRED MORLEDGE

Nevada's largest and most anticipated craft beer festival, Motley Brews' Great Vegas Festival of Beer (GVFB), returns for its sixth installment to the streets of Downtown Las Vegas on Saturday, April 9 from 3-7 p.m. with new brews, bites, and entertainment for all festival goers to enjoy.

"The Great Vegas Festival of Beer has transformed into a huge event that not only locals look forward to every spring, but an occasion that people travel across the country for," says Brian Chapin, founder of Motley Brews. "By bringing in new breweries, chefs, and experiential elements, this festival is going to be nothing like our fans have experienced before."

Thousands of ticket holders will line the streets of Downtown Las Vegas while sampling more than 400 craft brews from nearly 100 different local, national, and international breweries. Craft beer enthusiasts can expect to see new breweries at this year's GVFB, including PT's Brewing Company, Lovelady Brewing, Coachella Valley Brewing Company, and more.

Craft beer won't be the only thing headlining the festival. The Gastropub offers an extensive mouthwatering culinary experience where festival goers looking to taste local chefs' beer-inspired fare won't have to travel far for delicious dishes prepared by Truck U Barbeque, Cousins Maine Lobster, Pot Liquor, Glutton, Sausagefest, Stripchezze, and more.

Motley Brews is curating an exciting lineup of pop-up entertainment to roam the festival grid, where guests can enjoy a variety of acts in every corner. The Human Arcade, presented by Zappos, allows festival goers to bring out their inner child and play classic party games such as cornhole, life-size checkers, beer pong, and more. In addition, guests will dance the afternoon away at the Silent Disco and learn the in's and out's of craft beer with industry professionals during the redesigned BrewLogic sessions.

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April 9

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ELECTRONIC POP VOCALIST BRINGS HER TALENT TO LAS VEGAS.

British vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Ellie Goulding is bringing her unique electronic pop sound to Mandalay Bay Events Center for an unforgettable performance Saturday, April 9.

Leading the indie and electronic pop genres, Ellie Goulding rose to fame in 2011 with her debut album "Lights." The artsy singer is known for her unique voice, eclectic sound, and chart-topping hits including "Burn," "Anything Could Happen," and "Love Me Like You Do." Awarded "Best Female Solo Artist" by the 2014 Brit Awards, Goulding has sold more than 4 million albums and 15 million singles worldwide.The British superstar's 2016 tour supports her upcoming studio album, "Delirium."

Tickets start at $39.50 and can be purchased at all Mandalay Bay box offices, livenation.com, ticketmaster.com, all Las Vegas Ticketmaster locations, or by calling 800-745-3000.

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Priced at $350, the Family Four-Pack package includes four Category A seats, resulting in nearly $200 in savings. Designed to bring the audience closer than ever, Blue Man Group brings its euphoric celebration of life in full color alive inside the redesigned Blue Man Theater. The award-winning production features new music, creative design, innovative technology, and a reimagined finale.

The family four-pack ticket offer can be purchased at blueman.com, luxor.com, in person at the Luxor Box Office, or by calling 800-557-7428.

Blue Man Group Las Vegas allows children of all ages but recommends ages three and older due to loud percussion and as a courtesy to other guests.

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Luxor

March 14-April 10

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FREE TO BREATHE 5K RUN/WALK

INAUGURAL EVENT RAISES MONEY FOR LUNG CANCER RESEARCH.

The lung cancer community is on a mission: to make surviving lung cancer the expectation, not the exception. Hundreds of local residents will join in that mission by participating in the inaugural Las Vegas Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk on Saturday, April 23 at Sunset Park. All proceeds from the event support Free to Breathe—a lung cancer research and advocacy organization dedicated to doubling lung cancer survival by 2022.

"Fundraising for lung cancer research can help families think of survival in terms of years, instead of months," says volunteer event chair Courtney Friedman of Las Vegas. "By taking action in the Free to Breathe movement and fundraising, you're bringing hope and empowerment to all those touched by the disease."

United in the belief that every person with lung cancer deserves a cure, the Free to Breathe community has helped raise more than $12 million to fund groundbreaking research, enroll more patients in clinical trials and provide free educational resources to those living with lung cancer. Event chairs hope to reach their goal of $40,000, which will go a long way in supporting lung cancer research and educational programs.

The 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk will be the main focus at this year's enlivening event. Opening and closing rallies will accompany an already invigorating day that the entire family can enjoy. Special recognition will be given to top finishers and fundraising heroes. Help double lung cancer survival by 2022. To register and begin fundraising, visit freetobreathe.org/lasvegas.

Those who aren't able to attend the Las Vegas Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk can still have an enormous impact by registering and fundraising as a virtual walker in the event. Or, those who wish to create their own unique fundraiser can access tools from Free to Breathe that will help turn any passion into a custom fundraising opportunity. The possibilities are endless but the end result is certain—improving the lives of everyone affected by lung cancer.

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Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk
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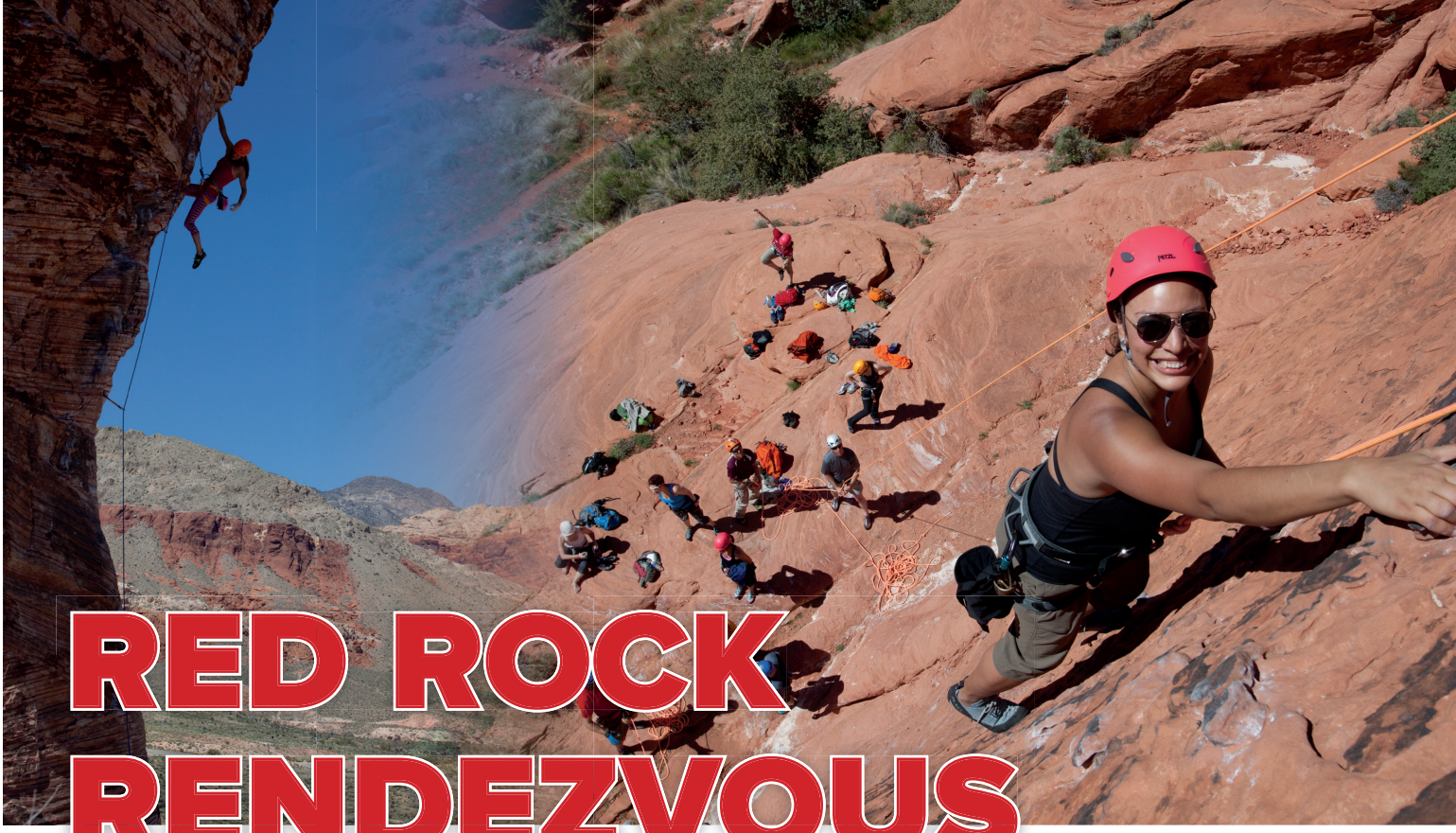

RED ROCK RENDEZVOUS

PHOTOS: ERIC ODENTHA

ROCK CLIMBING FESTIVAL EMBRACES MYRIAD OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

The 13th annual Mountain Gear Presents: Red Rock Rendezvous (RRR) returns to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area near Las Vegas Friday through Sunday, April 1-3. Registration packages start at $139 for the weekend clinics with world-class athletes and the nation's top climbing guides.

For the first time in its existence, RRR gives the indoor-gym climber the opportunity to experience outdoor climbing. The "Gym-to-Crag" track teaches indoor climbers the skills needed to take their craft to outdoor environments.

Another first for the event, RRR is offering women-only clinics. This year's event also features expanded clinic hours, advanced full-day clinics (big wall, crack climbing, trad, and sport climbing, as well as photo and gear placement), Friday and Saturday night happy hours, and VIP options with exclusive backstage benefits.

Included in the $139 Weekend Participant registration option is access to a morning or afternoon clinic on both Saturday and Sunday. In addition to the clinics, participants can also choose from various other off-the-rock activities including slacklining, mountain biking, trail running, knot tying, first aid, and GPS.

The Gym-to-Crag registration package is $199 and includes everything in the Weekend Participant coupled with a full-day Friday clinic that will introduce indoor climbers to outdoor climbing, learning such skills as building top rope anchors, reading rocks, and moving on the outdoor rocks.

RRR offers several other packages of varying price and activity levels. All packages include access to the opening ceremony on Friday night with food cooked on-site; Friday and Saturday happy hours with beverages by New Belgium Brewing; Saturday night buffet and party; pancake breakfast on Sunday; and an event t-shirt and swag.

Base camp for the festival is at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, located about 10 minutes from the entrance to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, with participant camping available at Spring Mountain Ranch.

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Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off

Sparks

Jokes aside, northern Nevada town is a little slice of heaven.

BY MEGG MUELLER

Sparks Councilwoman Julia Ratti had a big birthday wish.

"I was traveling to New York City and I grabbed *Nevada Magazine* at the airport and saw the Tour Around Nevada story," she recalls. "I posted on Facebook my birthday wish was for Sparks to win."

Happy birthday, Julia! To say that the citizens of her town responded is an understatement. My inbox almost crashed from the number of emails I received voting for Sparks. While some mentioned Julia's request, most came with information about why Sparks should be chosen; this was no mere gift for a friend or colleague…it was full-on community pride at work.

Top left: Last Chance Joe lived in front of The Nugget since the 1950s, but was relocated to his new home at the museum. Middle: The Sparks Museum and Cultural Center at Lillard Park is home to the replica of a Southern Pacific depot.

The history information in this article came from Nevada Magazine's May/June 2014 issue. Visit nevadamagazine.com/sparks to read the story.

PHOTOS: CITY OF SPARKS

RIDING INTO HISTORY

In 1902, the Southern Pacific Railroad Company shortened and straightened its lines across the Forty Mile Desert, eliminating Wadsworth, the division point at that time. This move created the necessity for a new division point. Rather than ante up for the higher-priced real estate in Reno, the company settled for the swampy, flood-prone area just east of the city.

After six months of spreading new ground, the average elevation of the site was raised by 18 inches, and from 1902-04, construction of the railway roundhouse and new railway facilities was underway.

The roundhouse and accompanying businesses served as the central employer and revenue generator for Sparks for 54 years, before the advent of the diesel locomotive led to the demise of steam locomotives.

In the 1950s, subdivisions began springing up in the grazing lands northeast of the city. With the railroad now playing a diminished role, Sparks began to transform into a residential community. In the 1970s, warehousing and manufacturing plants were constructed on the south end of the city, giving Sparks a network of new roads.

The city continued to develop and its first high-rise hotel and casino—John Ascuaga's Nugget—was completed in 1984.

In 1997, Mother Nature delivered a surprise. Helms Pit—a gravel pit more than 100 feet deep in east Sparks that had been used to supply rock for road and construction projects—was at the mercy of torrential rain. The rain brought some of the highest recorded flooding in the area's history, and subsequently filled the gravel pit. The unexpected Sparks Marina has given rise to residential development and recreation, including fishing, kayaking, SCUBA diving, and sailing.

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MATTHEW B. BROWN

Top right: Great Basin Brewery anchors Victorian Square. Middle: The Nugget Resort Casino began life in 1955 as a small casino and coffee shop. Above: A Pullman executive car resides in Lillard Park.

THIS PLACE IS NO JOKE

A long time ago, there was a joke that stemmed from this historic railway town's close proximity to its more indecorous neighbor. It was said "Reno is so close to hell, you can see Sparks!"

I remember thinking that play on words didn't do either city justice. The flavor of Sparks is so distinct, and yet it complements Reno's larger-city vibe so well, a symbiosis takes place that elevates the entire region.

"I love the character of the urban core; it's my favorite part," Julia says. She and her husband live in a house built in 1948 in downtown Sparks and protecting the older core neighborhoods is one of the things that prompted her to run for the city council.

"We can hop on our bikes and ride to the brewery, or all the wonderful special events happening in Victorian Square," she says. "I love the pieces of Sparks that aren't the polished suburban development."

Victorian Square is the home of such events as the Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Hot August Nights, Sparks Hometowne Christmas, and the state's largest farmers market each summer. As the city continues to recover from the economic downturn, Julia notes that development of the Victorian Square pedestrian-friendly area is continuing, with apartments being built and formerly shuttered businesses reopening with fresh offerings.

"The biggest misconception about Sparks is people hear 'family friendly' and think there's not a lot of activity going on," Julia says. "That's definitely not the case here."

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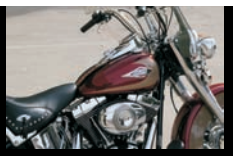

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Population: 94,708 (census.gov)
Elevation: 4,413

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What experience are you looking for? Educational fun for the kids? A little retail therapy for you and friends? Some competitive sports, hiking, kayaking? You'll find it all—and then some—in Sparks.

The Sparks Museum and Cultural Center tells the story of the area's history and people through exhibits and collections, but also an outdoor train exhibit with a steam locomotive, caboose, and a Pullman executive car.

The Legends Outlet Mall is seeing new retailers and restaurants join its ranks and it's home to the area's only IMAX theater. In east Sparks, the Golden Eagle Regional Park is hosting so many tournament sporting events year-round, it's responsible for more visitors to the city than all the Victorian Square special events combined.

There are more than 50 parks in the city, with a location and design sure to please any need. Some highlights include Pah Rah Park—a 16.5-acre community park that hosts the city's only all-abilities playground. Other amenities include more playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, and many more ways to get outside and have some fun. Then there's Rock Park along the Truckee River, which has a new whitewater park suitable for rafting, tubing, and kayaking; Burgess Park which has a skate park and tennis courts; and Shadow Mountain Park that is home to some serious softball tournaments due to the number of available fields.

The granddaddies of Sparks' recreation offerings are certainly the marina and Golden Eagle Regional Park, however. In addition to the water sports at the marina, there's a dog park, walking paths, playgrounds, and picnic areas, all with scenic views of the surrounding mountains. Golden Eagle is a massive park—it has the largest single installation of artificial turf in North America at 1.4 million square feet. If you're looking for some wide-open place to play, this is your spot; there are softball, baseball, soccer, and football fields, plus volleyball courts, bocce ball, and a pro shop.

Bad jokes aside, Sparks' proximity to northern Nevada's myriad outdoor offerings, its rich culture and history, plus a delightful small-town feel, , leave the town in the perfect position to live in and visit. No matter who its neighbors may be.

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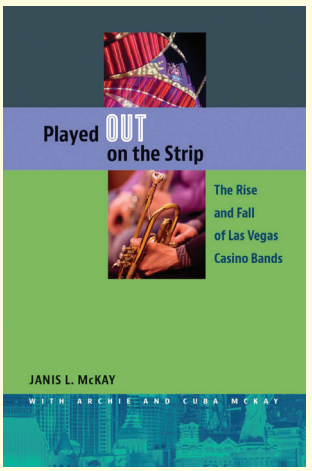

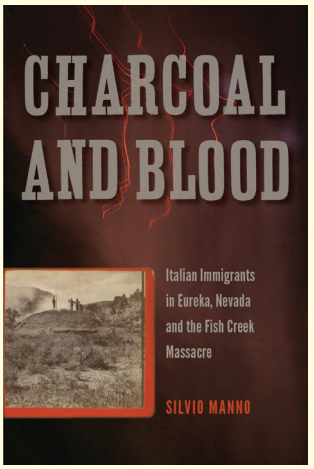

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'THE HORSE' & 'HORSES IN THE AMERICAN WEST'

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EQUINE EXHIBITIONS DEBUT AT THE NEVADA MUSEUM OF ART.

"The Horse"—a comprehensive exhibition detailing the enduring bond between horses and humanity—opens March 5 at the Nevada Museum of Art, Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts, E. L. Wiegand Gallery. "The Horse" explores early interactions between horses and humans and shows how equines have influenced civilization over the centuries, including major changes in warfare, trade, transportation, agriculture, sports, and many other facets of human life. A concurrent exhibition, "Horses in the American West," showcases the significance and impact of horses in the settlement and culture of the western U.S., including Nevada. Both exhibitions remain on display through July 3.

Created by leading scholars and scientists at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage; the Canadian Museum of History, Gatineau-Ottawa; The Field Museum, Chicago; and the San Diego Natural History Museum, "The Horse" explores our history, interdependence, and emotional connection with the animal. Dioramas, skeletal mounts, fossils, artworks, global cultural artifacts, and interactive computerized modules produce an immersive, multi-media experience that draws visitors into the world of the remarkable equine. Exhibition highlights include a 220-square-foot diorama depicting some of the horse species that existed 10 million years ago in what is now Nebraska, a Crow woman's ceremonial horse gear, an interactive zoetrope—a precursor to the modern movie projector—for a look at photographs taken by the famous photographer Eadweard Muybridge, sculpture by Deborah Butterfield, and a terra-cotta horse from India.

"Horses in the American West"—a collaboration between the Nevada Museum of Art and the Western Folklife Center in Elko—draws both from the extensive permanent collections of the museum and significant private collections to illustrate the impact of horses on the culture of the western U.S., particularly Nevada. An audiovisual presentation of Texas poet Joel Nelson's poem, "Equus Caballus," plays alongside historical and contemporary paintings, photographs, and sculptural works to generate a contemplative, reflective environment showing reverence for the beloved creatures.

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Through July 3
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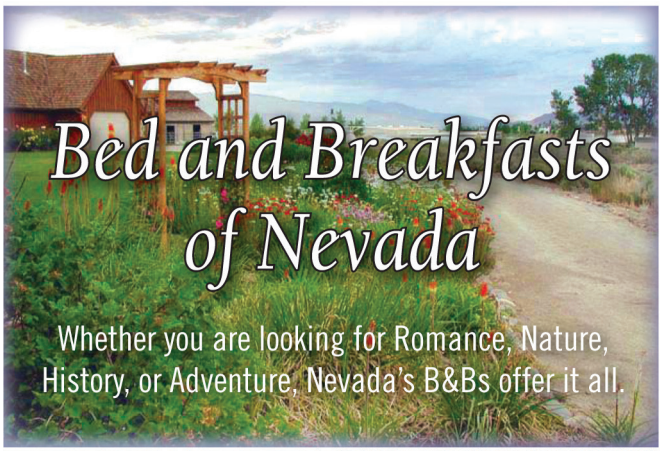

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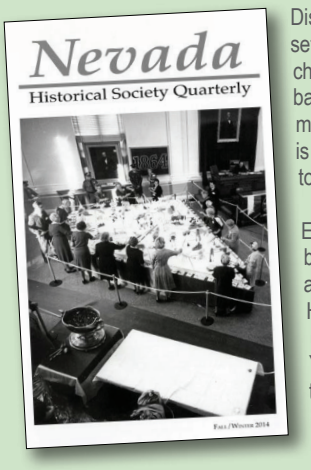

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The Visitor from Philadelphia is a wife who arrives at the suite prior to attending their nephew's bar mitzvah, only to catch her husband "en flagrante delicto" with a drunken hooker.

Visitors from London brings a British actress and her antique dealer husband to the suite on the night of the Academy Awards. Diana returns from the ceremony empty-handed, to try to find solace with her husband Sidney, whose sexuality will be of little comfort to her tonight.

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Advanced purchase ticket prices are $15 for adults and $13 for students and seniors. Tickets bought at the door are all $15. Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended. Because of the themes explored in this production and some adult language, this show is not recommended for those under 13 years of age. For more information call CVCT at **775-292-0939** or email **cvctheatre@gmail.com**.

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She bet me we couldn't bike 100 miles.

A guy at the bar said to try a Picon Punch cocktail.

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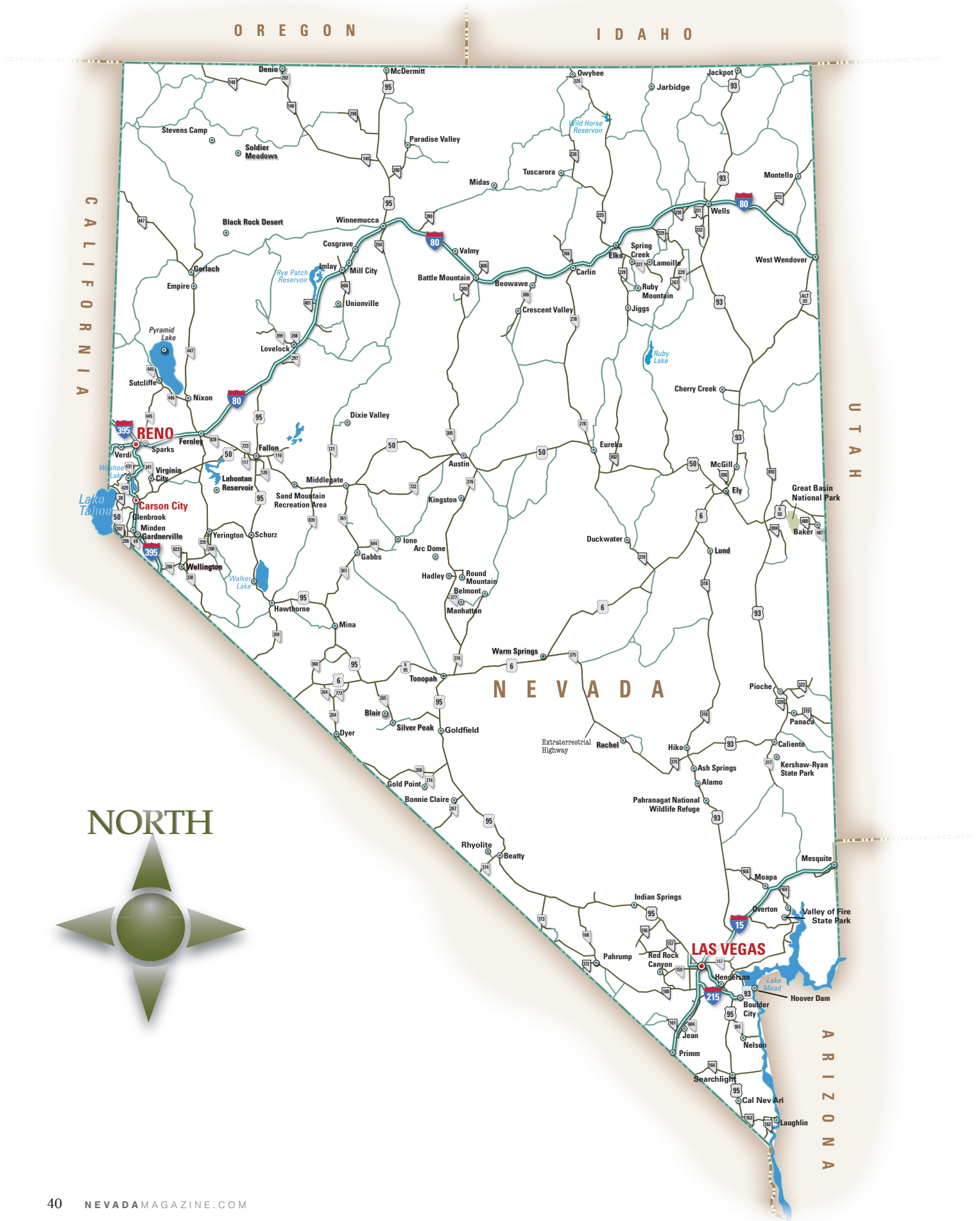
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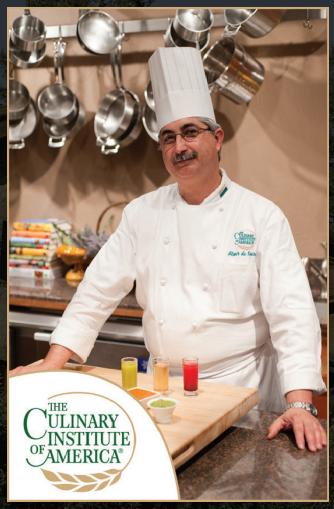

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