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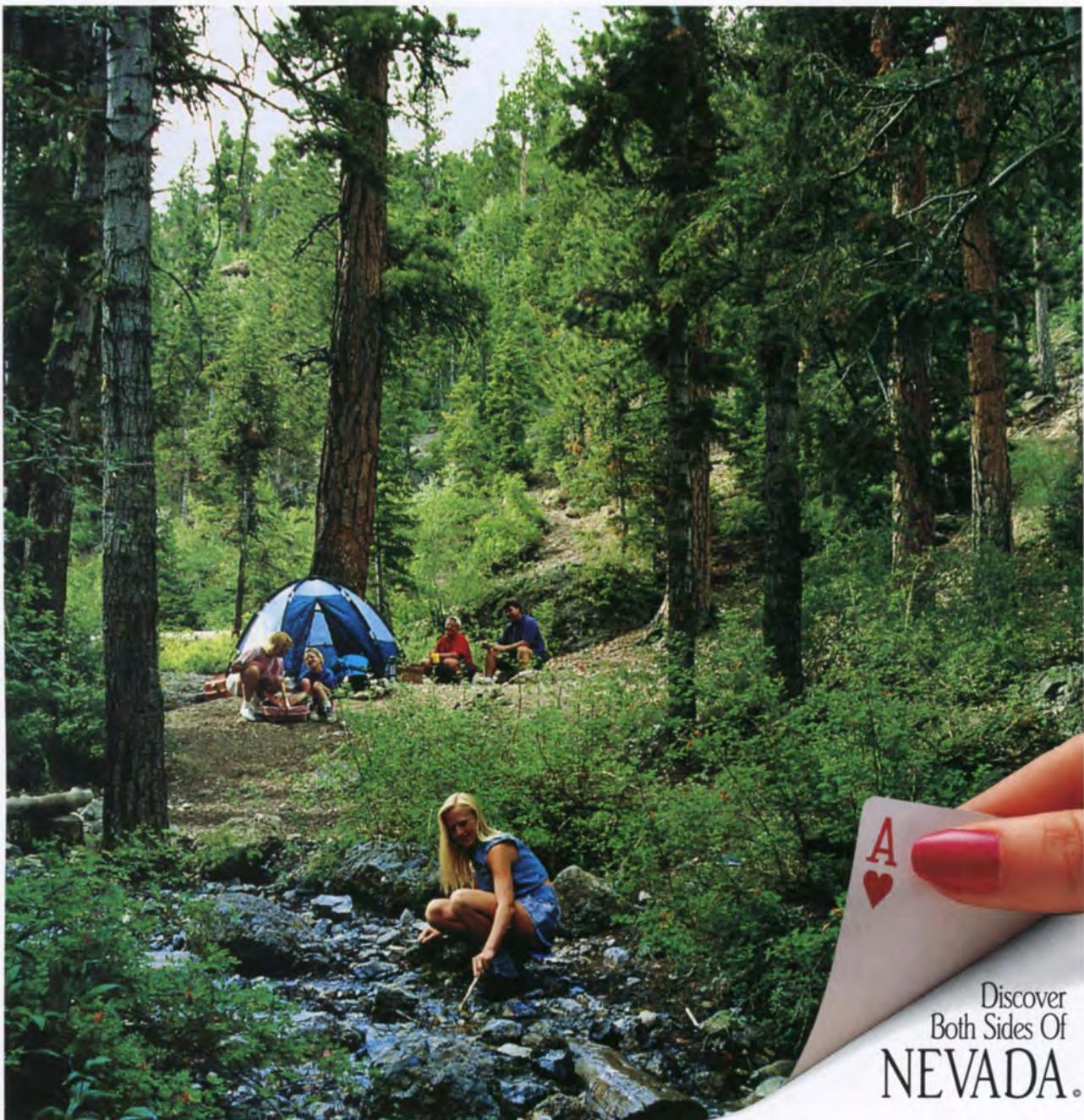


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Theme park mascot King Looey (left) joins Wizard of Oz characters in front of Las Vegas' new MGM Grand Hotel. Photo by Dennis R. Gershick



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LETTERS

Finding Eden and facing the music.

Shaky About Snakes

I just loved the article "Snake Eyes" by Jim Andersen in the July/August issue. I certainly can relate to it. Just the mention of snakes to me causes me to panic.

I can't tell the difference between a garden snake and a water moccasin. They all terrify me. But I have to agree with Jim. Nevada's beauty far outweighs the chance meeting with those creatures.

Regina Bailey
St. Petersburg, FL

Paradise Found (Almost)

A tourist from Alabama called me to say how much she enjoyed my article "Was the Garden of Eden Located in Nevada?" in the July/August issue. When she got to Reno, she read *Nevada Magazine*, saw the article, and dragged her companion to Yerington to look for the petroglyph site.

They eventually found it but stopped short of climbing the hill because they were warned of rattlesnakes by the locals.

Harry A. Chalekian
Carson City

Butler Did It Again

In the May/June issue, I enjoyed the cover photo by Gary Elam of the children in front of the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City as well as the "Butler Did It" story by Sherri Steele-Carlin in the Nevada Events section.



Tonopah founder Jim Butler had a reverent namesake.

The coverage of Tonopah founder Jim Butler reminded me of an interesting coincidence in the town's historic beginnings. There was another Jim Butler, Father James M. Butler, who left his parish at Austin to become the first Catholic priest in Tonopah, arriving in December of 1901 and staying 10 years.

He had been pastor of St. Augustine's Church in Austin from 1894 until his

departure to be the founding pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Tonopah.

Another interesting footnote in Tonopah history is that two Catholic bishops, the Most Rev Thomas Connolly of Baker, Oregon, and the late Most Rev William Johnson, the first bishop of Orange, California, were born in Tonopah.

Father John B. McShane
Laughlin

Friends Abroad

I was very interested to read the article "Boardwalk Bons Vivants" by Andria Daley about Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg in the Nov/Dec '92 issue.

In 1957 my mother, Mona Browning, was an employee of theirs in Virginia City. Charles Clegg traveled in Europe that spring and visited our family in Wiesbaden, Germany where my husband was stationed with the Air Force. On Clegg's return home, he wrote about visiting us in his "An Innocent Abroad" column.

Mrs. John Driver
Littleton, CO

In a Daze

Well, here I am in Jackpot (at long last) to claim my prize in the Third Annual Carl Hayden Daze Creative Writing Contest. I can eat and drink to my heart's content till tomorrow when things start to cost money again.

This afternoon I'm off to the gorge to test my vocal cords at the hollerin' contest. Or is that vocal *chords*? I read in the July/August issue that beautician Betty O'Banion has a "power chord" in her mobile beauty parlor. Maybe she should enter.

Richard Menzies
Salt Lake City, UT

Richard, congratulations for winning the Carl Hayden writing contest this year. And a sheepish thanks for taking note of the dissonant "chord" (an editor's miss) in last issue's "Betty's Mobile Beauty Salon" by Chuck Woodbury. It was music to our ears, however to learn that business has been booming for her. Says Betty, "There's enough music going on in that coach without even having any kind of chord." —Ed. □

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Looking Up

When the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas opened "The Flower Drum Song" in the '60s, Ann Henderson had to wait weeks to see the show. "After they asked if I was a local, and I answered yes, they said, 'Call back later,'" says Ann, Nevada's Las Vegas representative. "Now, with the huge hotels and big showrooms, they don't ask that question anymore."

Huge hotels and new styles of entertainment are the focus of Ann's cover feature, "Grand Openings." She previews the latest wave of Strip resorts, where you won't have to wait weeks to see their attractions.

During a visit to the little town of Rachel, Las Vegas writer Rob Powers found residents discussing UFOs and secret aircraft as casually as they might talk about cattle and the weather. Nearby is top-secret Area 51 on the Nevada Test Site. Fortunately, Rob's report, "In Rachel, Things Are Looking Up," was declassified for this issue.

Reno photographer Don Dondro presents a number of his celebrity images in "Dateline: Dondro." Don photographed his first celebrity, Herbert Hoover, when he was a youngster in Carson City.

Sally Zanjani, who focuses on the "Golden Girls" of Goldfield, has a personal connection with the old mining town: Her father, George Springmeyer, was an attorney in Goldfield when it was Nevada's largest city.

The Whitefeather family's annual pinenut trek in the Wassuk Range is the subject of "Harvest Home" by Kit Miller of Washoe Valley. Robin Holabird, an avid runner (and film critic) who has competed in the Boston Marathon, points out "Running Rendezvous" around the state. Marc Cramer ponders "The Sea Monster Mystery" at Nevada's own Triassic park.

Author of the *Backyard Traveler* series, Publisher Rich Moreno brings an expert eye as he presents writers' pithy impressions of "the great unknown" in "10 Great Nevada Quotes."

The cover photo turned out to be a hot assignment for Las Vegas photographer Dennis Gershick. Dennis, Art Director Paul Allée, and five stalwart models braved a sweltering day at the new MGM, saved only by quick work and lots of bottled water. —David Moore

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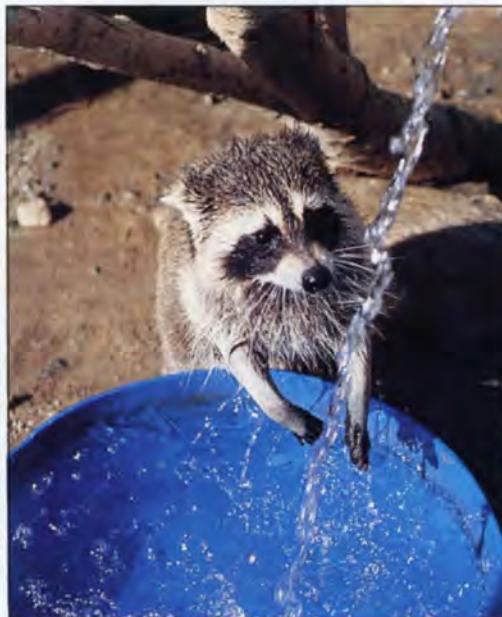
Carson's Wild Kingdom

CARSON CITY—You can meet Theodore the black bear, Comet the cougar, and other desert natives at the Great Basin Wildlife Center.

The center also is home to coyotes, antelope, desert tortoises, mule deer, opossums, a grey fox, a bobcat, and assorted birds of prey. Most of the animals at the center were either raised in captivity or have a disability preventing their return to the wild.

The Great Basin Wildlife Center is open year-round (weather permitting) and is located at 3770 Butti Way off Edmonds Drive on the east side of Carson City. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for kids ages five to 13, and free under five.

The wildlife center is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except Tuesday. Call 702-887-2172.—Carolyn Graham



J.B. the raccoon washes up at the wildlife center.

GOLF

Par 3 on Cloud Nine

LAS VEGAS—Golfers of all skill levels can tee off on Cloud Nine, Angel Park Golf Club's new par-3 course. Each hole is based on one from a famous course, and lengths range from 80 to 230 yards. The focal point is No. 10's Island Green, surrounded by water and complete with a waterfall as at Pete Dye's famed 17th hole at Sawgrass, Florida. The 12-hole course has lighting for evening play and walking or cart options. Cost: \$25. Hours: 6:30 a.m. to about 10 p.m. Located off Summerlin Parkway at 100 South Rampart Boulevard. Accepts 30-day reservations. Call 702-254-4653.—Kate Butler

MUSEUMS

Debbie's Place

LAS VEGAS—Movie buffs can see highlights from Debbie Reynolds' collection of movie costumes, props, and clips in her Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel.

Over the years Reynolds has accumulated 8,500 costumes, including Marilyn Monroe's white dress from *The Seven Year Itch* and Claudette Colbert's and Elizabeth Taylor's costumes from the two versions of *Cleopatra*.

"It's as difficult to pick a favorite piece of memorabilia as it is to pick my favorite leading man," Reynolds quips.

Film clips from the silent era to present day serve as a backdrop to the revolving display



Debbie and famous fruitage.

Stargazers usually can catch Reynolds signing autographs daily at 5 p.m. in the hotel lobby.

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—Ann Henderson



Patricia Young of Reno peddles peppers in Victorian Square.

In the Market

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SIDE TRIP

Prehistoric Path

PANACA—Condor Canyon, a scenic hideaway north of Panaca, is so isolated that it resembles a prehistoric world. A four-mile hiking trail leads through

the canyon, which angles into the hills of the Meadow Valley Wash. The trail follows a spring-fed stream along the bed of the abandoned Pioche and Bullionville Railroad, which hauled ore and passengers during Pioche's silver boom in the 1870s.

Today Condor Canyon is a great place to explore for nesting raptors, unusual plants, and petroglyphs.

The trail is a gentle climb, and after about a mile the cliffs part, exposing broad, green meadows on both sides of the stream. Three miles later at the top of the canyon, the stream dramatically drops 25 feet, forming an unexpected waterfall and pool.

Teri Knight, director of the Nature Conservancy's Southern Nevada Field Office, says the pool is home to an endangered fish, the Panaca Big Spring spinedace. Knight calls the two-and-a-half inch spinedace "hors d'oeuvre size, versus the platter-size cui-ui."

The fish was first collected in 1938 at Big Spring, just northeast of Panaca, but



The waterfall at Condor Canyon, a rugged but fragile area, is a surprise to hikers in the Lincoln County backcountry.

disappeared when the town decided to clean out the small lake, which is the community's favorite swimming hole. For 20 years the spinedace was believed to be extinct, but in 1978 Cal Allen, a state fisheries biologist, rediscovered the little fish upstream. In 1981 the Nature Conservancy bought 40 acres along the stream to preserve the spinedace.

Lynda Nelson, horticulturist at the Wilbur May Arboretum in Reno, did botanical work for the Conservancy on Condor Canyon. She says, "Much of the vegetation, such as some beautiful species of cactus, is unique because

they've been protected by those steep canyon walls. It provides a kind of sanctuary for species."

To reach Condor Canyon from Panaca, turn left (north) at Fifth Street and follow the dirt road for three miles to the cliffs past Big Spring (be aware of private property). There is no camping in the canyon, but there are sites at Cathedral Gorge State Park. Nearby attractions include three other state parks, the old mining town of Pioche, and Caliente's mission-style railroad depot. The best seasons to visit Condor Canyon are spring and fall.—Marge Knorr



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Confessions of a Sports Fan

At your friendly local sports book, it's not always who wins or loses that counts.

By Lou Thomas

Life," Damon Runyon once observed, "is 6 to 5 against." His odds seem rather generous, but in a state where bucking the odds is a way of life, a trip to the local sports book has become part of the daily routine for a lot of us. You pays your money and you takes your chance, as the saying goes.

Just a few years ago, most of Nevada's sports books were smoky dens that no respectable person would dare enter. Today most books are spacious and comfortable, and some of them are downright palatial. Instead of a guy eating a baloney sandwich, greeting you with, "Whadda ya want?" between belches, nowadays the hired help at most books is friendly and courteous. And if there's a ball game being played somewhere, there's probably a number

on it, and you can likely watch it on the book's satellite-hookup TV

What doesn't seem to have changed much, however, is your chance of cashing a ticket. Oh, in the short term you may have a shot at a good winning streak, but the day-in, day-out grind of sports wagering is a hard way to make easy money. For me, at least.

I began my betting career in Texas in the 1960s shortly after finishing a hitch in the Army. My first wager was \$10 on a Reds-Giants baseball game. I phoned in my bet to a used-car dealer who made book on the side. I was one out away from losing when the Cincinnati pitcher, Jim O'Toole I think it was, fielded a dribbler back to the mound, looked calmly to first base, and threw the ball into the stands. The next batter, Tom Haller, hammered a home run, the

Giants won the game, and so did yours truly. Hey, this is easy.

Doing Your Homework

In the 17 years I've lived in Nevada, I've seen just about every system imaginable for handicapping ball games: statistical analysis, biorhythms, astrology, tout sheets, power ratings, computer programs, you name it.

Following trends has been a hot play in recent years. It goes something like this: The Redskins have covered the point spread 10 of the last 12 times against the Cardinals when coming off a game on synthetic turf where they scored 24 or more points and were favored by six-and-a-half points or less.

Gee, and I thought it was because the 'Skins are usually pretty good and the Cards are usually lousy. Some trend

theories remind me of those tests you take in school: If Mary bought seven apples and John bought three oranges, what time does the bus arrive?

I hear there are all sorts of sharp guys down in Las Vegas, shopping for points with walkie-talkies and searching for those elusive "middles." I don't know those guys. I just know average working stiffs like myself, guys who usually lose their bet when Sluggo Sekorski, batting .653 with men in scoring position, looks at strike three with the bat on his shoulder and the tying run on third in the bottom of the ninth.

A lot of bettors research a ton of stats before making their bets. I used to do it, but I finally realized that taking a rational approach to an irrational situation (with such unpredictable elements as a bouncing football on wet grass) was, well, irrational.

Lately I just look at the board and pick a game that looks good. Get a hunch, bet a bunch. And while I've all but abandoned statistical analysis, I must admit I've resorted to a little superstition. I have an old wooden duck decoy in my study, next to my radio. When I'm listening to a game, I often rub my lucky duck between innings or at half time. Hey, whatever works, right?

The Big Tease

"I can resist everything," Oscar Wilde noted, "except temptation."

Oscar, this bet's for you. Of all the propositions on the betting board, the football "teaser" has to be the most seductive. Simply put, the teaser is too good to be true. It's the S&L that's going to pay 30 percent with no risk, the car dealer who will take your spouse and dog as a trade-in on a new Rolls-Royce. It's the prospect of a free lunch—in the soup line. Step right up.

Briefly, the teaser is a parlay in which the bettor adds or subtracts up to seven points to or from the posted point spread. The odds vary, depending on how many games you play. What usually happens, of course, is that the added (or subtracted) points don't affect your bet, but it's a comfort to fool yourself into thinking you've got an edge.

Game Within the Game

The big shots in the National Football League are keenly aware of the widespread betting on pro football games in Nevada and elsewhere. They pretend to be annoyed by it, but they know it helps football's popularity.

There is seldom a mention of the point spread during the telecast of a game.

An example of this took place two seasons ago during a Monday-night battle between the Redskins and the Cowboys. The Redskins, who had lost six straight Monday-night encounters, were favored by two-and-a-half points.

The 'Skins led 33-24 with a minute to play, but the Cowboys staged a drive that resulted in a touchdown with two seconds left on the clock—a meaningless TD to the non-bettor. The Dallas kicker drilled the extra point to make the final score 33-31. The point difference thus changed from nine to two, bringing it under the two-and-a-half-

point spread. The commentators made only a sheepish, indirect reference to this sudden turn of events.

So the bettors who backed the winners were losers, and the underdog players went to the trash basket to retrieve tickets that moments earlier had appeared worthless. The headline in the next day's edition of the Carson City newspaper read, "Redskins beat jinx, Cowboys beat the number." That's football—and life for the sports bettor. □

Lou Thomas is sports editor of the Nevada Appeal in Carson City.



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GRAND OPENINGS

While three new Las Vegas resorts hold mega-openings, an old hotel goes out with a bang.

By Ann Henderson

One day soon, Las Vegas visitors will be able to cruise the River Nile, follow the Yellow Brick Road, and dodge cannonballs fired by a pirate ship.

Las Vegas, the fantasy capital of the world, is about to embark on its newest and grandest adventure. No fewer than three new mega-resorts, representing an investment of nearly \$2 billion, will open their doors in the next few months, guaranteeing that visitors accustomed to volcanoes and castles will enjoy even more sensory overload.

The historic surge of openings began in late summer when the Grand Slam Canyon "adventure dome" unveiled its rides next to Circus Circus. Next will be Luxor, the pyramid-shaped hotel scheduled to open in mid-October. A couple of weeks later Treasure Island opens with its pirate battles on Buccaneer Bay. Then the MGM Grand Hotel, with a huge theme



Off to see the Wizard at MGM Grand.

park behind its emerald towers, will roll out the Yellow Brick Road in December.

While the new properties open with fanfare, a familiar relic of the 1950s will go out with a bang. With one push of a button, the Dunes, recently purchased by Mirage Resorts, will be demolished by a surgical strike of 400 pounds of dynamite to make way for future development. The precision blast is tentatively scheduled for October 27, the same day that Treasure Island opens, and is expected to be a major event in itself. Visitors seeking a bird's eye view of the impending "implosion" are said to be jockeying for hotel rooms that overlook the doomed Dunes.

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The openings of Luxor, Treasure Island, and MGM signal the continuation of several trends. Ever since the pioneering El Rancho Vegas opened on the Strip in 1941, each new resort has strived to be the biggest, the best, and the boldest.



Circus Circus will propel visitors to the Grand Canyon at Grand Slam (left) and to ancient Egypt at Luxor



Photos: Dennis R. Gershick (top middle), William Carr/Stock Ex (bottom left)



A pirate ship sails down the Strip in the middle of the night to its berth at Treasure Island, where it will battle hourly.

In the 1960s, Caesars Palace and Circus Circus added a new dimension, the major theme hotel, a concept carried on by newer properties like The Mirage and Excalibur.

In the days when Nevada had a monopoly on gaming, you could build a casino and, if you went about it correctly, the customers would come. But in recent years the belief has grown that gaming alone would not continue to lure new audiences to Las Vegas, so properties have looked to change from gaming resorts to entertainment-oriented resorts with gaming. A goal is to attract a wider spectrum of visitors, including families, as Circus Circus has done over the years.

"This will take Las Vegas to the next level," said Robert Maxey, president and CEO of MGM Grand, Inc., of his company's new hotel and theme park. "This will deliver on the promise we've become a destination resort, not just a gambling curiosity."

In fact, when it opens, the MGM Grand will be the largest hotel on earth,

and Las Vegas will have 10 of the world's 12 biggest resort hotels. (Treasure Island will be seventh, Luxor 12th.) The three will add 10,435 new hotel rooms, bringing the city's total to more than 86,000.

For visitors, the new resorts also will add to Nevada's greatest appeal: the freedom to choose what to do and when to do it. Want to ride raging river rapids at midnight? You'll be able to make a 10 p.m. reservation at the MGM Theme Park and play until 2 a.m. on a summer night. Never visited the Valley of the Kings? You can indulge your taste for antiquity at Luxor amid 4,000 years of Egyptian history.

Indulgence, naturally is a byword at each of this season's new attractions. Grand Slam Canyon, the very pink 165-foot-high dome next to Circus Circus, covers five acres. The setting is modeled after the Grand Canyon, with a waterfall and all the canyons, mountains, and tunnels necessary for an adrenaline rush on three major rides. The \$75-mil-

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Buccaneer Bay (above) guards the entrance to Treasure Island while the sleek MGM Grand stands on a busy Strip corner

lion adventure dome has an estimated capacity of 4,500 people and will stay open year-round.

Grand Slam was seen by Circus Circus as an additional way to attract families and to draw tourists from one end of the Strip to the other. The big attraction is the Canyon Blaster, said to be the only indoor double-loop roller coaster in the United States. The ride climbs 94 feet, has a 45-degree drop, and reaches a speed of 60 feet per second. Other attractions include animated dinosaurs and a futuristic game of laser tag.

Luxor, located just south of Excalibur, will be the third Circus Circus resort on the Strip. You won't be able to miss Luxor—the 2,526-room hotel is shaped like a pyramid, and at night a beam of light will shine 15 miles into the sky (with so much candlepower that after 15 miles you will still have enough light to read a newspaper). A 10-story sphinx reclines at the front entrance to the \$375-million resort, which was conceived as an archaeological dig. In southern Egypt, the modern city of Luxor is near the Valley of the Kings and the site of the ancient city of Thebes. Because of its ruins Luxor is one of Egypt's prime tourist attractions.

Inside the Las Vegas Luxor visitors will encounter a river

AFTER REGISTERING, GUESTS WILL BOARD A BOAT TO RIDE LUXOR'S "RIVER NILE" TO THE ELEVATORS.

that separates the casino from the hotel rooms and a giant atrium that reaches to the apex of the 30-story pyramid. After registering, guests will board a boat to ride the 1,671-foot "River Nile" to the elevators, past murals depicting Egypt's past. (Actually, the elevators are referred to as "inclinators" because they will travel at a 39-degree angle up each corner of the pyramid.)

When Treasure Island opens in late October, booming cannons will signal the event. Following the example of The Mirage, its sister property whose volcano offers curbside shows, Treasure Island will present hourly battles between two full-sized ships, a pirate vessel and a British man-of-war, between 3 and 10 p.m. On each side, 15 professional stuntmen will shoot it out and do all that buccaneer stuff, like falling overboard. One of the ships is hit by cannon fire and sinks. The winner? The pirates—after all, this is Vegas.

The hotel's theme, of course, is borrowed from Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, *Treasure Island*. Buccaneer Bay Village, with its weathered appearance and pirate's booty, will form the entrance to the 2,900-room, \$430-million hotel, which is located just north of The Mirage. On the entertainment

Historic Premieres

Over the past five decades, the Strip has evolved from a dusty road on the outskirts of Las Vegas to a world-famous neon boulevard. The following are earlier hotel openings that helped bring renown to old Route 91.

Pair-O-Dice Found

Former Los Angeles Police Captain Guy McAfee, forced to resign because of his interests in illegal gambling operations, moved to Las Vegas in 1938 and purchased the Pair-O-Dice Club



El Rancho showed the way.

on the Las Angeles Highway. He later coined the name "The Strip" because the road reminded him of L.A.'s Sunset

Strip between Hollywood and Beverly Hills.

A Strip Is Born

The Strip was launched with the 1941 opening of El Rancho Vegas, a western-themed resort. Many locals believed the 50-room motel and casino would never succeed because of its remote location.

New Frontiers

Boasting its own ghost town, pack trips, and horse-drawn stagecoaches for airport pickups, the Last Frontier was the Strip's second resort when it opened in 1942. Thirteen years later it became the New Frontier.



Bugsy invited Hollywood.

Flamingo Opens Twice

The Flamingo Hotel had not one but two grand openings. The first, on December 26, 1946, was a disaster as rooms were unfinished and bad weather prevented Hollywood celebrities from attending. A second



The Dunes' demolition is sure to be a dynamite event this fall. One scenario has a pirate's cannon blast at Treasure Island signaling the dynamite blast down the street at the Dunes.

side, the French-Canadian circus theater, "Cirque du Soleil," will end its popular run at The Mirage as a new troupe re-opens the show in Treasure Island's 1,500-seat showroom.

opening in March 1947 was more successful, and the hotel was turning a profit by May. Unfortunately for mobster-owner Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, who borrowed millions from underworld associates, the

turnaround was too slow. He was murdered in June.

The D.I. Debuts

Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy headlined the opening of the 229-room Desert Inn in 1950. At three stories, topped by the optimistically named "Sky Room," the D.I. claimed to be the city's tallest building.

Sultan of the Strip

In May 1955, the Dunes became the 10th hotel-casino to open on the Strip—and the only one to feature a 35-foot-high fiberglass sultan. Also opening in '55 were the Royal Nevada and the nine-story Riviera,



The D.I. opened in 1950.

Stepping Out

Following are information and room-reservation phone numbers for Las Vegas' newest attractions. Be sure to call ahead to confirm opening dates.

Grand Slam Canyon: The \$75-million adventure park next to Circus Circus opened this summer. Call 800-444-CIRCUS.

Luxor: The 2,526-room, \$375-million Circus Circus resort is scheduled to open October 15. Call 702-262-4000 or 800-288-1000.

Treasure Island: The 2,900-room, \$430-million Mirage Resorts property is

scheduled to open October 27. Call 702-894-7111 (room reservations 800-627-6667).

MGM Grand: Before its December 18 opening you can see the 5,009-room, \$1-billion project in model form at the hotel's preview center. The theme park's daily hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in winter, to 10 p.m. in spring and fall, and to 2 a.m. in summer. Tickets for the theme park go on sale September 7. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages four to 12, and free for children three and under. Call 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111.

Fantasy also is a strong element at the 30-story, emerald-green MGM Grand Hotel, Casino, and Theme Park, which is themed after *The Wizard of Oz*. Visitors will enter the 112-acre complex between the paws of a giant lion, the symbol of MGM, and into a seven-story Emerald City dome.

The \$1-billion resort is Las Vegas' second MGM Grand. The company's major shareholder, Kirk Kerkorian, built the International (now the Las Vegas Hilton) in 1969 and sold it to Hilton two years later. In 1973, Kerkorian opened the first MGM Grand across the street from Caesars Palace. The property was sold in 1986 and became Bally's.

When it opens in December, the new MGM will be the world's largest hotel with its 5,009 rooms, a 171,500-square-foot casino (again, the world's largest), a 15,200-seat special events arena, a youth hotel, 93 elevators, and three 6,000-square-foot penthouses, each with 27 telephones.

Then there's MGM Grand Adventures, the 33-acre theme park, where reservations will be needed. The limit will be (Continued on page 76)



Caesars: the theme reigns.

Las Vegas' first high-rise hotel.

Render Unto Caesars

The opening of the Roman-influenced Caesars Palace in 1966 ushered in the era of major themed resorts. Two years later, Circus Circus opened with a midway and circus acts.

Bigger Is Better

Barbra Streisand performed on the opening night of Kirk Kerkorian's International Hotel (now the Las Vegas Hilton) on July 2, 1969. Elvis followed a few weeks later. Thus began the age of mega-hotels.

Volcanoes and Castles

Opening only months apart in 1989 and 1990, the Mirage and Excalibur carried theme architecture to even greater heights. Huge in size—Mirage has 3,049 rooms, while Excalibur has 4,032—these hotels offered, respectively, a working volcano and an elaborate Arthurian castle.—Richard Moreno



Three's Company

Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra get together at a 1960 cast party for *The Misfits* at Lake Tahoe's Cal-Neva Lodge. Club manager Bert "Wingy" Grober (center) "tried to get in every picture I took," Dondero says.

Dateline: Dondero

Reno photographer Don Dondero focused on shooting stars.

Don Dondero recalls how exciting it was to be a struggling freelance photographer—"a kid from Carson City"—with the chance to photograph the likes of Joe DiMaggio, Judy Garland, and Marilyn Monroe. "I was always pretty awestruck by celebrities," he says.

The Reno resident gathered some of his favorite celebrity close-ups, promo shots, and remembrances two years ago in his book *Dateline: Reno, Photography by Don Dondero*, co-written with Jean Stoess of Reno.

Dondero's photographs offer intriguing glimpses of the stars and politicians he covered for

local newspapers and national magazines. The images also reveal much about Reno and environs in the 1950s and '60s, when big-name entertainers began playing Reno showrooms and movie and TV filming brought stars to the area. Dondero, who was born in Ely and grew up in Carson City, also got within flashbulb range of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and other political figures who made stops in Reno.

Freelance photography is a tough racket to break into these days, Dondero says, and now that he's semi-retired at age 73 and "eating regularly," he shoots only for enjoyment.

His book, *Dateline: Reno*, is available in Reno-area bookstores for \$12.95 or through Wild West Publishers, Box 7256, Reno, NV 89510 (include \$1.50 extra for shipping).—Jackie Ruffin



Don Dondero



Famous Faces

Few celebrities visiting the Reno-Tahoe area escaped Dondero's inquisitive camera. Clockwise from top left are Richard Nixon, John F. Kennedy, Lena Horne, and a young Robert Redford.

All the Way With LBJ

Nearly everyone was all smiles when presidential candidate Lyndon Johnson came to Reno in May 1960 looking for support from Nevada Democrats. With Johnson are Nell Sheretz (right) and her children, Billy and Lisa. The woman in the hat is Dorothy Caffrey. LBJ later comforted Billy.



Sammy and Sonny

Sammy Davis Jr. (left) playfully spars with boxer Sonny Liston in this early '60s photo. Dondero recalls, "There was a little flurry in the boxing world about rumors that Sammy was going to be Sonny Liston's manager."



Women, along with men, shared the rugged realities of life in Goldfield during its heyday in the early 1900s.

Golden Girls

Women arrived in Goldfield to stake their own kinds of claims.

By Sally Zanjani

During the rush to Goldfield in the first decade of the 20th century, a number of notable women arrived to make their mark in the burgeoning boom town. Women were outnumbered nearly 20 to one at the height of the boom, according to one press estimate, but the growing mining community granted wide-ranging opportunities for women. Far from being reluctant partners in the hardships of the early days, many spirited housewives apparently had prodded their husbands to pull up stakes for Goldfield.

One of the first women to arrive in Goldfield was Dr. Frances Williams, a tightly corseted middle-aged woman of stern appearance, with hair tightly

knotted atop her head, a thin roll of bangs, and large fierce dark eyes. Perhaps it was a clear sign of the times that Williams was an independent entrepreneur as tough, unscrupulous,

BY the summer of 1904, Dr. Frances Williams was already scooping up the first crop of dollars from gullible investors.

and aggressively ambitious as any of the men surrounding her.

Mining was just the latest of Williams' entrepreneurial ventures. At the age of 40, the indomitable Williams became a physician specializing in "electric medicine," one of the bogus sciences that endangered patients' lives in the 19th century, and built up a lucrative practice in San Francisco. She went on to mining promotions in California, where her husband eventually died.

By the summer of 1904, when most local mining promoters had barely started sharpening their pencils, Williams was already scooping up the first crop of dollars from gullible in-

vestors with her impressively printed prospectuses on "Affiliated Corporations," a promotion of coal lands in the barren desert some distance northwest of Goldfield, and the "St. Frances" mining company, which she grandly declared had been "incorporated pursuant to Act of United States Congress approved by the president."

The *Tonopah Bonanza* subsequently questioned several aspects of the Williams Goldfield promotion, and Williams sued the *Bonanza* for \$50,000. The editor could at least consider it lucky that he inflamed the Williams temper less than did Goldfield attorney Henry Lind (offense unknown), against whom Williams drew a pistol the following year. She was placed under bonds to keep the peace.

There are other indications that Goldfield women had a tough-fibered streak that differentiated them from the submissive hand-wringing model of Victorian womanhood that still prevailed in much of the country. When Mrs. Archibald, the hefty proprietress of the Imperial Restaurant, received a report that the chef had used a crass epithet toward one of her waitresses, she seized the horsewhip kept in a corner of the dining room for such emergencies and gave the cook a striping around the back and the legs.

Five men arose to assist her, but as the offender retreated out the back door with the whip snapping around him, they quickly saw that Mrs. Archibald had no need of assistance. "It won't do for any man to insult one of my women here," she declared with finality, and no one present in the Imperial was inclined to dispute her.

Other instances abound. May Phenix, wife of one of the earliest settlers, shot an attorney involved in a property dispute with her husband, George, while that same husband cowered in the background urging her on.

Others among the contingent of pioneer women came closer to the model of the sunbonneted helpmate. Although three-quarters of the original organizers of the district listed themselves as unmarried, the wives of several early settlers broke the ice on the water barrels, swept the snow from the tent floors during the winter, and were afterward ignored, while the men beside them basked in renown as the pioneers of the camp.

The city had at least two practicing women attorneys, a woman dentist, and two or three women doctors.

As Goldfield developed into a full-fledged mining community, the usual female occupations on the frontier, prostitutes, waitresses, cooks, laundresses, school teachers, nurses, clairvoyants, and so forth, were soon fully represented.

Sometimes women could not be neatly pigeonholed by occupation, as when part-time prostitution by Goldfield housewives erupted into scandal in 1907 (Emmett Arnold, who operated a lunch wagon in the tenderloin district for a while, noted in his book *Gold-Camp Drifter* that the husbands of these women viewed prostitution as acceptable because "in the code she wasn't cheating if she collected for it.")

Constable Claude Inman later estimated that at one time 500 girls worked in the tenderloin district Goldfielders remembered as a "city onto itself."

It would, however, be a mistake to assume that because the town was



Dr. Frances Williams (above) was an inventive entrepreneur.

dominated by a single industry the working female populace, aside from teachers and nurses, engaged either in sexual commerce or in outside jobs such as cooking or washing that replicated their household tasks. In fact, to be the owner of a dance hall, a restaurant, or a small hotel—and Goldfield had women in all these positions—did not represent the height of female as-



The Women's Christian Temperance Union kept an eye on Goldfielders.

piration, and women also appeared in careers far removed from either the sexual or the domestic. The city had at least two practicing women attorneys, a woman dentist, and two or three women doctors, one of whom specialized in treating women and children.

Williams, although possibly the least scrupulous, was just one of a number of women mining entrepreneurs, including a trained mining engineer Bessie Miller, another example, not only invested in mining claims but also hiked 15 miles into the desert in the heat of midsummer to locate some placer claims

and returned the same day; she was reported to possess "immense holdings." Others, like the woman who financed a Goldfield office building, invested in fields other than mining.

In the white-collar field, the rapid change that would alter the American clerical force to mostly female by 1920 was well under way in Goldfield, where so many women secretaries worked in the large law firms and brokerage houses that the Industrial Workers of the World attempted to organize them as a unit of the One Big Union. The county commissioners, however, resisted the

forward thrust of women secretaries with an announcement that male candidates, as bread winners, would receive preference for a courthouse clerical position.

This "pure and unadulterated prejudice against women as public employees which savors of a primitive age" prompted an angry protest in the *Goldfield Chronicle* from a woman and provided a rare glimpse of the difficulties faced by many working women in the city: "Does not the honorable chairman know that hundreds of good and well educated women are struggling in Goldfield to support their families?" she wrote. "I do not suppose the honorable board of county commissioners have any sentimental objection to a woman at the wash-tub, it is only at clerical positions and other easy jobs that men should have the first chance."

It should nonetheless be noted that this tug of war over the courthouse position was the only instance that has yet emerged in which prejudice barred the door to the working woman. Overall, women in Goldfield shared widely in the opportunities offered by the last gold rush. □

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Goldfield Reading

"Golden Girls" is an excerpt from *Goldfield: The Last Gold Rush on the Western Frontier* by Sally Zanjani, published by Swallow Press/Ohio University Press. Zanjani depicts the lives of Goldfielders who sought fortune in the last great gold rush. A Reno resident, Zanjani listened to the tales told by Goldfielders as well as those of her late father, George Springmeyer, who joined the rush in 1906.

Goldfield is available in bookstores for \$39.95 hardcover and \$18.95 softcover or from the publisher at 11030 South Langley Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628.



An advertisement for Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall in Las Vegas. The top half of the ad features a collage of images including a microphone, playing cards, a bowl of food, and a corn on the cob. The text "Nevada's Favorite Town." is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, a paragraph describes the hotel's amenities and a section titled "Discover Sam's Town!" provides a phone number for reservations. The bottom half of the ad features a large image of a meal, with the text "Where locals bring their friends." and the "SAM'S TOWN HOTEL & GAMBLING HALL" logo, along with the address "Las Vegas, Nevada". A decorative border at the bottom features a repeating pattern of red and blue shapes.



Visitors can bone up on the mysterious remains of ichthyosaurs inside the fossil shelter

The Sea Monster Mystery

Berlin's ichthyosaurs came to a curious end on an ancient beach.

By Marc Cramer

When prospectors searched for silver and gold in the Central Nevada desert during the late 1800s, they unknowingly stumbled upon the burial ground of prehistoric sea monsters.

Known as ichthyosaurs (ick-thee-o-sors), or "fish lizards," the creatures lurked in a warm, shallow ocean that once covered most of Nevada. The ichthyosaurs were deadly predators, the killer whales of their day, and reigned as the undisputed lords of the ancient oceans.

The fossils of the world's largest ichthyosaurs lie in rest at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, 170 miles southeast of Reno. First identified in 1928, the fossils show that about nine of the 40 ichthyosaurs at Berlin may have died in the same place at the same time.

But one mystery remains unsolved. How did these superbly adapted marine reptiles meet their end, only to surface millions of years later in the Shoshone Mountains 7,000 feet above sea level?

Two theories have emerged to explain how the ichthyosaurs might have simultaneously met their demise. Charles Camp, a paleontologist from the University of California at Berkeley who led the site's first excavations in the mid-1950s, concluded that the ichthyosaurs died thrashing about after becoming trapped in tidal mud flats. More recently, a newer but less dramatic theory refutes Camp's conclusion, suggesting instead that the giant beasts more likely succumbed to a terminal case of food poisoning.

Clues may be revealed by what we



A life-sized panel depicts the Berlin ichthyosaur, the largest animal of its day.

know of the ichthyosaurs' environment during the Triassic period, when the giant fish lizards ruled the seas.

About 225 million years ago, long before the ascent of humankind, the world was a very different place. Strange mammal-like reptiles and early dinosaurs roamed the savannas and swamps. Nevada was not a desert but a tropical beach on the western shore of Pangaea, a supercontinent connecting the Americas, Europe, and Africa in one land mass.

It was in these warm waters that the massive, fish-like reptiles swam in search of prey. *Shonisaurus popularis*, Nevada's prehistoric mascot, was not only the largest of the ichthyosaurs but also the largest creature of its time, on land or in the sea. It might have grown to lengths of 50 feet or more and weighed as much as 25 to 30 tons.

Possessing a 10-foot-long head armed with rows of sharp, conical teeth for stabbing its prey, the Berlin ichthyosaur was a formidable and ruthless predator. Its massive foot-wide eyes enabled



The mining camp of Berlin has been preserved in its early 20th-century splendor

Trip to a Triassic Park

You can take a giant step back in time at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, which is built around the fossilized remains of ichthyosaurs and a well-preserved Central Nevada mining camp.

The park's fossil shelter is opened for tours by the resident ranger at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Labor Day to November 13, and 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. During other months, tours are available by request. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children ages six to 12, and free for kids under six.

The ghost town of Berlin is maintained in a state of "arrested decay," and the buildings and mill look much as they did shortly after the town died in 1907. Rangers conduct free tours at

11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The state park has 14 campsites between the old town and the fossil site.

Running water, toilets, barbecues, and tables are provided, as well as an RV sewage dump. The elevation is about 7,000 feet, so fall evenings can be chilly. Crowds are rare.

The park is 170 miles southeast of Reno and 22 miles east of Gabbs. The little mining town of Ione is 11 miles north. Roads are good, but services are sparse, and visitors are advised to stock up on gas and supplies. Lodging is available in Hawthorne, Tonopah, and Austin.

Call 702-964-2440 or write the park at HC 61, Box 61200, Austin, NV 89310.



it to see its prey at great distances, even when swimming in deep water. Its powerful tail enabled it to maneuver with deadly bursts of speed and accuracy.

But the ichthyosaurs were so well adapted to marine life that, according to Camp's theory, their very seaworthiness may have caused their downfall. The fossil record shows that ichthyosaurs, unlike most contemporary reptiles that lay eggs, gave birth live at sea. A particularly dramatic fossil from Germany, virtually a moment

frozen in time, depicts a newborn ichthyosaur leaving its mother's womb.

But the creature had one limitation: It lacked gills. The *Shonisaurus* had to surface to fill its lungs with salty air before diving in search of prey. Similar to modern dolphins, ichthyosaurs may also have traveled in schools.

Camp theorized that the Berlin ichthyosaurs might have beached themselves while hunting in shallow water. Because of their size, the 40-ton giants couldn't crawl back to the sea. Labor-

ing under the immense weight of their bodies, they suffered a slow, lingering death by suffocation.

In the late 1980s, another Berkeley paleontologist, Jennifer Hogler, researched the Berlin site. Hogler says she looked at both the bones and the type of sediment in which they were buried. She says Camp's theory was a reasonable explanation, but her findings conclude that the sediment probably wasn't that of a tidal flat. Therefore, the water probably wasn't shallow enough to trap the huge ichthyosaurs.

Instead, she offers a different theory, working from the premise that the sea dragons' diet most likely consisted of fish, shellfish, and even other ichthyosaurs.

"They probably ate anything that was smaller than they were," says Chris Macek, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park supervisor.

Hogler speculates that microorganisms in the water might have produced a toxic byproduct. Swimming in shallow waters close to the shore, a school of ichthyosaurs might have dined on toxic fish and died an undignified death of simple food poisoning.

"At the time Dr. Camp was mostly concentrating on getting the bones out, he wasn't researching the same things as I was. His was a reasonable theory, but poisoning seems to be a better explanation," Hogler says. "Dr. Camp greatly contributed to our understanding of them as animals. Certainly this is only one area where he was slightly off. The rest of his work holds up very strong."

After the ichthyosaurs died, the ocean washed layers of sand and silt over the bodies, which rotted while deposits formed a rocky cast around the bones. Eventually, limey water seeped in, depositing minerals that slowly turned the bones to stone.

As time passed and the supercontinent Pangaea broke up, new mountain ranges were formed. Violent volcanic activity caused the ocean floor to rise, and what was once the bottom of the



Jazz Aldrich ponders the fossilized tail section of the giant ichthyosaur

ocean became the mountains and desert of Nevada. Millions of years of wind and rain eventually caused the rocky burial ground to erode and exposed the bones at 7,000 feet above sea level.

Millions of years after the ichthyosaurs' fate had been sealed by the receding ocean and massive geologic facelifts, fortune seekers in 1898 built the short-lived town of Berlin just two miles from the fossilized graveyard. Miners probably recognized the bones only as strange rocks, Macek says, and sometimes used the ichthyosaur vertebrae for dinner plates.

The ichthyosaurs rested in peace until 1953, when Camp caught wind of the site and soon thereafter began an excavation. His work convinced the Nevada Legislature to establish Ichthyosaur State Park in 1955. Upon the acquisition of the Berlin townsite, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park was created in 1970 to preserve both the ghost town and the ancient reptile graveyard. In 1977 lawmakers designated the ichthyosaur as the state fossil.

We may never know exactly how the ichthyosaurs perished. Whether they died struggling for breath on the muddy shores or with a mere whimper after a hearty meal of toxic shellfish, the sea dragons of Berlin remain one of the most remarkable vestiges of Nevada's prehistoric past. □

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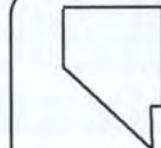
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Running Rendezvous

These routes for runners are sure to jog the memory.

By Robin Holabird

The fragrance of pine trees, the chirping of birds, the explosion of a volcano—those are just some of the attractions that runners find on trails around the Silver State.

There are many good running places in Las Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe, the areas where most runners congregate. Visitors nearly always can find an intriguing route to run near their hotel—if they remember to pack their running gear.

The following courses are recommended with at least one of three qualities in mind:

- They begin at the hotel door.
- They are runners' hangouts.
- They have beautiful scenery.

The areas also offer distances of two or more miles, freedom from traffic, nearby restrooms, and public safety. (Of course, it's always a good idea to run with a companion.) Most are good routes for walkers, too.

Las Vegas at a Lope

Las Vegas is only 2,000 feet above sea level, so if you're used to sea-level running, the adjustment isn't hard to make. During the hot summer months you can beat the heat by carrying a water bottle and by running early or late in the day.

Stepping out the hotel door can put you directly on the Strip, which is a decent place to run. Be aware, though, that auto and foot traffic is usually dense. That makes early morning (6 to 7 a.m.) your best bet and provides glimpses of startled visitors watching you as well as unusual sights like a castle and a volcano. From downtown's Fremont Street, head south on Main or Las Vegas Boulevard toward the Strip. The round trip can be as long as 10 miles.

On Saturdays you'll find groups of runners at Floyd Lamb State Park, also known as Tule Springs, 10 miles north of downtown on U.S. 95. The Las Vegas Track Club holds races there every Saturday. Local running news is available at the Running Store (702-898-7866) in Green Valley.

For scenery, a good place to run is Red Rock Canyon, especially near the



Runners like the scenery at Franktown Road, where the author (left) sets the pace for Cathy Fitzgerald, Gary Ide, and her husband, Fred Holabird, all Silver State Striders.

BLM visitor center 17 miles west of town via West Charleston Boulevard. Any spot along the Red Rock road reveals the canyon's multicolored, towering cliffs. A real challenge is to park at the visitor center and then run (or walk) the 13-mile paved scenic loop. You'll never again think of the desert as flat.

Reno Running Routes

Visitors should remember that Reno's altitude is 4,500 feet and that they may need to reduce mileage accordingly

Visitors nearly always
can find an
intriguing route to run
near their hotel—
if they remember to
pack their running gear.

Shorts and tank tops are fine for mid-summer, but winter often requires turtlenecks, windbreakers, and tights.

If you're staying downtown, an excellent route is along the Truckee River west of Virginia Street. Head west on First Street and Riverside Drive to Booth Street and then ease across to the "Crooked Mile" path at Idlewild Park. If you need more miles, head up Idlewild Drive to Crissie Caughlin Park and an asphalt path through a housing development that comes out at Mayberry Drive. You can turn back anytime or extend the workout to more than 10 miles.

A runner's mecca is Virginia Lake, which also attracts lots of walkers, geese, and ducks. Virginia Lake is a mile and a half south of downtown. To reach it go south on South Virginia, a long block west on Plumb Lane, and two blocks south on Lakeside Drive. The man-made lake has a one-mile asphalt and dirt path. It's the main runners' hangout of Reno, and you'll almost always find company. You can either circle the lake

or get advice about nearby neighborhoods.

A nice open-country run is at Bowers Mansion, a county park 20 miles south of Reno on U.S. 395 toward Carson City; watch for the sign in northern Washoe Valley. The course goes south on Old 395, passing rural farms where cows and llamas may be watching. About a mile south of Bowers you can turn west on Franktown Road, a four-mile tree-lined lane that returns you to Old 395, where it's another three miles back to Bowers. The mansion is the start of the popular Silver State Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K Run, and Walk scheduled for Sunday, August 29.

Lake Tahoe Trails

The Tahoe Basin's high altitude—lake level is about 6,220 feet—may make you think someone has inserted bricks in your lungs, so consider a run here to be a challenging workout. Tahoe's four seasons run about 10 degrees cooler than Reno's.

In Stateline, you can run out the door behind Caesars and Harrah's on Lake Parkway, a back road that connects to Pioneer Trail, a paved road that goes about 8.5 miles to U.S. 50 near Meyers in California. The tree-lined road gets some commuter traffic but is much more pleasant than the main highway.

In Incline Village, you can bolt out of the Hyatt Regency and take off down Lakeshore Drive, a three-mile end-to-end route. Lakeshore is also a North Tahoe runners' hangout.

For a scenic run, Steve Baker at Fleet Feet in Incline recommends the Old Mount Rose Highway (Fairview Boulevard). The three-mile road connects with First Green Drive off Country Club Drive and goes up (northeast) to State Route 431 (the Mount Rose Highway). Baker describes it as a "gentle hill" with "awesome views." He says he especially enjoys the return—downhill.

Finding Local Races

While in town, ask about local races. Schedules are available from these and other running enthusiasts: Las Vegas Track Club, Tammy Rapp, 702-363-9145; the Silver State Striders of the Reno-Carson area, President Phil Hauck, 702-883-1749; and Lake Tahoe, Steve Baker, 702-831-0668. They'll be happy to point you in the right direction. □

Robin Holabird of Reno travels Nevada studying film sites for the Nevada Motion Picture Division. She has run the Boston Marathon three times.

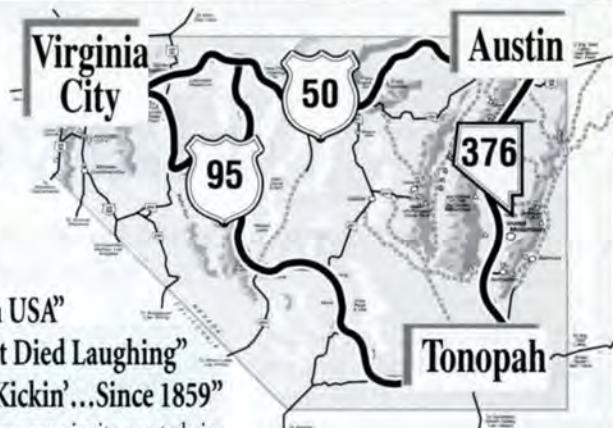
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Harvest Home

The pinenut season helps Nevada Indians stay in touch with their ancestors.
Story and Photos by Kit Miller

As the caravan of pickup trucks climbs toward Lucky Boy Pass, great plumes of dust rise from the washboard dirt road. The autumn air is crisp, and aspens have streaked the mountains with yellow. Kids, dogs, buckets, and poles almost bounce out of the trucks during the rough 40-mile drive to the ancient piñon grove.

The Whitefeathers of Walker River are heading west into the Wassuk Range, high above Schurz and Hawthorne, to go pinenut gathering. They have set aside one day in their busy modern lives to keep in touch with the pinenutting tradition of their ancestors.

"When I was a little girl, we'd go pinenutting for two weeks at a stretch," Anita Whitefeather Collins says as the truck bounces up the road. Anita, who is chairwoman of the Walker River Paiutes, recalls, "We used to live off the land, bringing certain staples—flour, coffee, sugar, baking powder, eggs. My grandma would make a big bunch of Indian bread, wrapped in towels to keep it fresh, and a big cake. My grandpa brought a gun to shoot deer and rabbits. We cooked outdoors on a big fire, and we used a Dutch oven."

The pinenut harvest was a major



Geraldine Whitefeather holds nuts in a winnowing basket.

event for Great Basin Indians in the old days. Families from all across Nevada gathered in the central mountains where the pinenuts were best. At the pinenut

camps friends and family were reunited, romances bloomed and alliances were made. In some areas the schools closed for pinenut season. At one time, a family's cache of pinenuts was the key to surviving the winter, so in the fall everyone worked together to put up the pinenut store. In bad pinenut years, people could die of starvation. In good years, they thrived.

"They used the pinenuts for a lot of things," says Geraldine Whitefeather, Anita's mother. "The nuts would keep throughout the winter months for making soup. The piñon pitch was used to seal the willow water jugs. Or they chewed the pitch for gum—but it tastes terrible!" she says with a laugh. "I've heard the medicine men made a tea of the crushed pinenut shells to cure a pain in the head, to clear the mind. And of course the wood was used for fuel."

As the caravan of trucks arrives at the piñon grove, Little Vinnie leaps out to help Grandpa Clyde Sam unload the buckets, poles, and picnic cooler. There is much laughter as people knock a few cones off the trees to taste the juicy red nuts. Here, the piñon trunks are huge, and fat nuts can be picked right off the ground. Grandma Geraldine and Grandpa Clyde

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It's a Schurz Thing

The Pinenut Festival September 16-19 at the Walker River Paiute Reservation in Schurz honors the traditional staple of the Great Basin Indian—the pinenut. The festival is a weekend of Native American games, performances, and ceremonies.

Families can camp under the cottonwoods and mosey across Schurz Park to catch the horseshoe competition, the crowning of Little Miss Pinenut, or the cradleboard contest.

Just down the road at the rodeo grounds, visitors can sample giant Indian tacos while watching the Pee-Wee and All-Indian Rodeo. There are dances for country music fans as well as traditional dancing, drumming, and singing late into the night.

"The Pinenut Festival is a spiritual and a family event," says Walker River Chairwoman Anita Collins. "It's been celebrated in one form or another for a thousand years. It's a big community time where people get reacquainted and catch up on news." For more information, call 702-773-2306.—Kit Miller



Anita Collins uses a pole to knock cones from a tree near the old pinenut camp.

consult in Paiute and note that the *tiuva* are *peshay*—good.

Anita gathers her relatives together and leads them in prayer to thank the earth for its bounty. The ceremony is one of the ways the Paiute people keep their traditions alive. Nowadays parents often don't pass the Paiute language on to their children, and few remember the old songs and legends. But pinenutting brings families together and lets the older people share their wisdoms.

"Wear clothes you can throw away afterwards," warns Grandma Geraldine. "You'll get sticky from head to toe!" She and Grandpa Clyde walk through the grove, heads tilted upward. "Here's a good tree!" they call to the young men, who run up carrying ladders and long sticks.

The site the Whitefeathers select is rich not only in pinenuts but also in history. It is an old pinenut camp, and its huge trees have been used by many generations of Indians. Anita runs her hand along deep hollows worn in the granite boulders by years of pinenut grinding. Shiny black obsidian chips from arrowheads litter the ground, left by campers of autumns long ago.

"The obsidian was brought in from the north," Anita says. "Look at the tall willows in this dry creek bed. In a wet year it probably has water. They had everything they needed here—water, game, pinenuts. People have camped here for centuries," she says with satisfaction. "It's a nice feeling."

In the old pinenut camps, whole families would spread out in the piñon for-

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Pinenut soup isn't the staple it once was, but old-timers say it tastes sweet, rich, and smoky.

est. They used poles to knock cones from the trees' branches and tossed the cones into the *wudup*, or burden basket, on their backs. In the evenings they cleaned and stored the pinenuts. Green cones were buried overnight with hot coals so they became pliable and released the fat nuts. When the day's work was done, the elders told stories, and everyone slept close to the fire.

After the first frost the families returned home, and the women started the long process of making pinenut soup. First they cooked the nuts by tossing them with live coals in winnowing baskets—so skillfully that they did not burn the willow. Then they used the *matah* grinding stone to crack the nuts. After winnowing away the shells, they ground the cooked pinenut meat into flour, adding water to make a thick, nutritious soup. Pinenut soup isn't the staple it once was, but old-timers say it tastes sweet, rich, and smoky.

The air grows chilly in the Wassuk Range by late afternoon, and the Whitefeathers decide they have enough nuts. On the way down toward Walker Lake, Anita shares her favorite pinenut recipe: "You put the pinenuts in a frying pan with a little water and salt and steam them. My grandmother used to put a dishtowel over them and cook them over a real low heat. Oh, my goodness, they're just delicious!"

Arriving home, the Whitefeathers unload their bags of nuts and discuss the Pinenut Festival, an annual celebration held in September at the Walker River Reservation in Schurz (see page 66). The event will bring family and friends together. Even Anita's son, Jason McKay, a Marine veteran of the Persian Gulf War who is stationed back East, will make it home for a few days.

"It's our one large community gathering," Anita says. "The pinenuts help hold our community together and keep us in touch with our ancestors." □

Kit Miller of Washoe Valley is a writer and photographer whose work has appeared in Nevada, High Country News, Native Peoples, and The New York Times.



Wearing gloves and old clothes,
Dean Fox gathers green cones.

This Pine Madness

Anyone can go pinenut hunting in Nevada. Harvest time usually runs from mid-September through October. Piñon pines grow between 4,500 and 7,500 feet in elevation and are found throughout the state.

As the Whitefeather family did (see story), you'll want to bring old clothes, hooked poles to pull branches, and bags or buckets to carry the bounty home. Some veteran pinenutters also swear by cooking oil to combat the pine pitch, which can lock your fingers together like superglue.

Some pinenutters who go early in the season take the green cones home and heat them to loosen the nuts. (It's best to unscrew a cone slowly, which leaves the branch undamaged.) Others wait until the cones have opened and the nuts can be shaken loose.

Pinenut gatherers can harvest up to 25 pounds of nuts apiece on U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service land. Commercial pickers need special permits. If you can't go pinenutting yourself, look in the grocery store. Nevada supermarkets usually carry the tasty nuts for \$3 to \$4 per pound in the fall.

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NEVADA NOTES

Saloon spirits and a shy flower.

Late Bloomer

Desert wildflower watchers in Southern Nevada waited 23 years to see the rare Amargosa bush penstemon in bloom. When the plant finally blossomed last spring, it was spotted by Mojave Native Plant Society members combing the washes of the Amargosa Valley near Pahrump.

The society's members plan to make yearly treks to learn more about the elusive bush (the location is being kept secret). The bush is rated under the Endangered Species Act as a Category Two, meaning not enough is known about the plant to classify it as a full-blown endangered species, says Jim Marble, MNPS president.

Botanists do know that the Amargosa bush penstemons tend to congregate in desert washes. There have been a few other sightings of the colorful pink blooms in Death Valley, California, Marble says, but prior to this year they were seen in Nevada only in 1907, 1969, and 1970.—Ann Henderson

Strokes of Genius

On the women's professional golf circuit, Reno golfer Patty Sheehan is easy to spot: She's the one wearing the knickers. She's also the one winning the tournaments.

Her 30th tournament victory came in March at the Standard Register Ping tourney in Phoenix and qualified her as the 13th person to be inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame. Sheehan's formal induction is scheduled for November 13 at the Reno Hilton.

But Sheehan, 36, isn't resting on her hall-of-fame laurels. She posted a one-shot victory last June at the LPGA Championship in Bethesda, Maryland, for her fourth major title. She narrowly missed another victory in June, losing the LPGA Rochester International by one stroke to Tammie Green.



The hall of famer



The Amargosa bush penstemon made a surprise appearance last spring.

At the hall of fame induction, family and friends will gather to honor the former Wooster High School and University of Nevada, Reno star. They'll likely recall the time when, as an amateur, Patty startled PGA star Lee Trevino by out-driving him during a Reno exhibition.—Jackie Ruffin

Spirited Saloon

Virginia City saloon owner Doug Truhill has been serving some strange spirits lately

Something or someone has excited some ghosts in the neighborhood, and since June they seem to be causing more of a stir than usual, declares Truhill, proprietor of the Old Washoe Club.

To combat the problem, he circulated wanted posters calling for an exorcist to cast out the "irate ghosts no longer satisfied with traditional mischief in certain buildings."

"We just want to figure out what's going on," Truhill says.

Three main apparitions have reportedly been sighted in the Old Washoe Club, including a prostitute rumored to have been murdered in the saloon, a gambler, and a prospector. The prospector's ghost is said to be so vivid that visitors have reported striking up a conversation with him only to find themselves chatting with thin air.

A curious spiritualist held a séance at the C Street saloon in August, and while detecting a presence, found the spirits unwilling to explain their spirited actions.—Carolyn Graham



Joe and Pat Travis offer a haven to UFO watchers as well as Alien Burgers with Pat's top-secret sauce.

In Rachel, Things Are Looking Up

Flying saucers are part of everyday life at Nevada's UFO capital

By Rob Powers

At the Little A 'Le' Inn in the remote desert town of Rachel, owners Pat and Joe Travis proudly offer a saucer with every cup of coffee. The proprietors also will mix you a "Beam Me Up, Scotty," which is a Jim Beam concoction, faster than you can say, "Dilithium crystals."

Located 150 miles north of Las Vegas along the sun-baked pavement of State Highway 375, Rachel is a cluster of trailers and a scattering of houses just east of the Nevada Test Site. The tiny Lincoln County community is home to about 100 Test Site workers, alfalfa farm-

ers, retirees, and their families.

In recent years Rachel and the surrounding area have become a mecca for UFO watchers from around the world. Rachel is only 15 miles from Area 51, a super-secret military area on the Test Site. There, the Air Force reportedly has tested a variety of ultra-exotic aircraft. The public's only confirmation of such

activity is the occasional eyewitness glimpse of strange objects with colorful lights punctuating the night sky.

(Quick: What do Rachel and Las Vegas have in common? They're both famous for their lights.)

Stories also fly around that, in Area 51, the Air Force has actually stored and studied captured extraterrestrial aircraft. The Air Force has categorically denied this for years, but the denials only have fueled rumors—and, no doubt, sightings.

It was into this sand, scrub, and question mark-filled area of Southern Nevada that Joe and Pat Travis moved five years ago. He is a former Test Site worker. She worked as a cook at the Silver Nugget casino in North Las Vegas. Rachel became home when Pat moved the couple's travel trailer there to

Reported government testing of exotic aircraft like the once-secret B-2 "Stealth" bomber (right) has fueled rumors about mysterious sightings in the skies near Rachel.





The "Ultimate UFO Seminar" came to a temporary halt when an object was spotted in the sky, causing a mad rush from the meeting tent. Verdict: It maybe was a balloon.

be closer to Joe's job on their days off.

When the Rachel Bar and Grill came up for sale, they decided to buy the perennially struggling business and make it work. To give the place a hook, they settled on a UFO theme and a new name, the Little A 'Le' Inn.

The theme isn't based just on marketing strategy. Joe and Pat count themselves among the faithful on the issue of extraterrestrial life, a subject that causes the couple to wax philosophical.

"It's conceited to think we're the only ones," says Joe, a tall, thoughtful man with a gray beard and resonant voice. "I have always kept an open mind about these things. We're a small grain of sand on a very large beach."

Their point of view was bolstered one cold night in January 1989. It was about 9 p.m., and the temperature outside was below zero. Pat and Joe were alone in the restaurant, talking at the bar. Suddenly an intense beam of light flooded the center of the back door, no more than 20 feet from where they were sitting.

Pat says she couldn't make out any figures but she felt "an energy, a presence."

"I just called out, 'Make yourself at home!'" recalls Pat, an outgoing grandmother with an easy smile who can make friends with anyone or anything. "I said, 'If you can come through that door, you can damn well open up a can of beer.'"

Pat is telling this story on a sunny Saturday afternoon. Three people sit at the bar this day, half listening to Pat's story of her close encounter. A few men nonchalantly shoot pool on a chalk-marked table. The customers seem to feel at home here.

The Little A 'Le' Inn is clean and comfortable. Outside, a sign welcomes earthlings as well as "UFOs and crews." Ten tables with red, black, and yellow vinyl chairs comprise the restaurant. The bar is at the back of the room, and three slot machines are in the front. A papier-mâché alien head sits on the jukebox.

The Inn is a veritable bonanza for UFO junkies. Black-and-white photos of gray disks, several taken in the Rachel area, fill the walls. Near the cash register are UFO-themed magazines and souvenir mugs, T-shirts, and caps. A sky-gazer's library of more than 150 volumes is maintained by Rachel resident Glenn Campbell—the UFO researcher, not the singer—who has written an Area 51 watcher's guide (see page 75). Visitors are welcome to browse.

The atmosphere is conducive to sightings and stories. As Pat says, "We want

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After letting her story about the beam of light sink in, Pat tells about a woman who came into the Little A 'Le' Inn one day claiming she had been followed by a spaceship with portholes and multicolored lights.

Then there was the woman who told Pat and Joe she had been abducted by aliens and dropped off at the Test Site. Pat says she was short on details but convincing nevertheless.

Rachel isn't the only place such encounters take place. About 18 miles from the Little A 'Le' Inn is the Black Mailbox, a landmark well known to UFO watchers. An ordinary roadside mailbox, it belongs to a ranch family who prefers to keep a low profile, according to Pat. But this prosaic spot offers a view of the airspace over Area 51 and Groom Lake. The dry lake is the alleged location of a secret government air base where aircraft from the U-2 to the Stealth have been tested. As a result, the mailbox attracts coveys of secret-aircraft watchers as well as UFO spotters.

Pat has been to the mailbox only once, to take chili and soup to a group of UFO watchers on a cold night. But the spot has an undeniable lure. "We have some boys from Iowa here now who will go to the mailbox," she says solemnly.

Bill Alger has never been to the mailbox, but then, he hasn't had to. Bill and his wife, Clare, own Clare's Charbroil

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and Grill in Caliente, 80 miles east of Rachel. He recalls a strange incident that took place one night in July 1992 after they closed the restaurant about 9 p.m. Standing outside the restaurant door, Bill and Clare both happened to look up. There, seemingly close enough to touch, was a boomerang-shaped craft floating silently above them.

"There were three lights on it, as I recall," says Bill, an Air Force veteran and former construction superintendent. "The whole sky was blocked out by this thing. There was a dead silence, not a sound—that's what really struck us. We just watched it go over the hill."

Bill says he and Clare were never reluctant to discuss their sighting, figuring there was a logical explanation to it. Bill, who lived in Las Vegas on and off for 50 years before settling in Caliente two years ago, says, "We think it's probably something super-secret from the government. Since then we've talked with several people who have seen either saucers or what we saw."

Alienated?

How to survive (and even remember) a close encounter

If you're going to Rachel, you might consider taking along the Schwa Alien Invasion Survival Kit, a creation of Reno artist Bill Barker. Helpful items in the kit include an alien detector, which flashes red (hopefully) in the presence of an interplanetary being, and a lost-time detector to determine whether you've been abducted and have no memory of the encounter.

Barker says he named his alien company for the schwa, the vowel sound shown in the English dictionary as an upside-down "e," which he says symbolizes the untranslatable and unknown.

"How can anyone know for sure



whether aliens exist or not?" Barker says. "One way to deal with it is through humor."

About a year ago, Barker developed Schwa as a cartoon starring stick figures and alien icons, and it ran in the University of Nevada, Reno student newspaper, *The Sagebrush*. Schwa recently has been adapted for note cards and T-shirts.

Alien kits go for \$13 and other unworldly gifts are available for less than \$20. Write Schwa at Box 6064, Reno, NV 89513 for information. In Reno, the Made in Nevada store in Park Lane Mall and the Sundance and Bold Print bookstores carry Schwa alien items. —Carolyn Graham

Other-worldly or top-secret? Real or imagined? Perhaps the answer is all of the above.

Says former Las Vegas newscaster and now UFO documentary maker George Knapp, who has spent time in and around Rachel: "You can see anything out there you want to see."

That notion was in the air one weekend last spring when the population of Rachel doubled as 200 people from all over the country—white collar, blue collar, no collar—descended upon the Little A 'Le' Inn for the "Ultimate UFO Seminar." For three days the crowd attended seminars and heard speeches. Highlights included a rare appearance by Bob Lazar, who caused a sensation in 1989 when he claimed to have seen nine captured alien spacecraft while working on a secret government project near Groom Lake.

Pat and Joe Travis greeted all the earthlings at the conference. No UFOs or crews responded to the Inn's welcome sign that weekend, but the coffee arrived, as always, on saucers. □

Rob Powers of Las Vegas is a public relations man and Nevada explorer. For visitors to the Inn, he recommends the Alien Burger and the UFO library.

You Are Not Alone Here

Visitors to the little town of Rachel will find essential services—food, lodging, and gasoline—not to mention a populace well versed in UFO lore. A central gathering place is the Little A 'Le' Inn (702-729-2515), where Joe and Pat Travis have a restaurant, bar, motel rooms, and RV spaces. There also are spots for tent campers. The town's other principal business is the Quick Pik (702-729-2529), a convenience store and gas station with RV spaces.

Those wishing to go UFO watching or to read up on extraterrestrial phenomena in Southern Nevada may wish to pick up the *Area 51 Viewer's Guide* by Glenn Campbell, a Rachel resident and secret aircraft-UFO researcher. The highly readable guide discusses viewing sites, how to avoid getting arrested by the military, a Flying Object Identifier, and local sightseeing tips. The 110-page laser-printed book is \$15.98 with tax. Copies can be ordered (plus \$3.50 for shipping



Rachel is 150 miles north of Las Vegas.

and handling) from the Little A 'Le' Inn, HCR Box 45, Rachel, NV 89001.

Rachel is on State Route 375 ("the Alien Highway"), 150 miles north of Las Vegas. Tonopah is 110 miles west. As Campbell points out in his guide, drivers on 375 should be concerned less about flying saucers and more about cows on the road.

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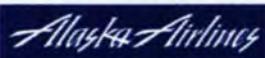
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A \$30-million production show is scheduled for the 1,700-seat Grand Theatre. Headliners will appear in the Hollywood Theatre.

Projects to ease traffic are under way as the city braces for the expected influx of vacationers lured by the new hotels. A one-mile monorail is being planned between MGM and Bally's. Tropicana Avenue, which provides access to Luxor and MGM, is being widened, and pedestrian walkways will be built over the intersection of Tropicana and the Strip.

Meanwhile, other entertainment-oriented resorts are being planned around the state. In downtown Reno, a proposed \$210-million resort will depict a 16th-century Spanish seaport on the island of Atlantis. The 2,000-room "Project C" is a joint venture of Circus Circus and the Eldorado Hotel and is scheduled to open in spring 1995.

At Stateline, on the Nevada-California border on I-15, operators of Whiskey Pete's and the Primadonna plan to build a 618-room hotel with a unique marquee—a 3,000-foot laser-based rainbow that will be visible 10 miles away. When it opens next summer, the hotel will have a river, a water-flume ride, and a roller coaster that will roar through an Old West haunted house at nearly 80 miles per hour.

In downtown Las Vegas, hotel-casino owners have plans for the Fremont Street Experience, with a futuristic canopy presenting a sky parade that the Glitter Gulch gamblers hope will dazzle visitors.

On the Strip, the neon kaleidoscope continues to grow as each new resort stakes its claim to being the biggest, the best, and the boldest. One can only marvel at the pirate ships and theme parks and wonder what's coming next. □

Ann Henderson is the Las Vegas representative of Nevada Magazine. Recalling her childhood hangouts in Pioche, Henderson says her first ride at MGM's theme park will be through the Haunted Mine.

NEVADA BOOKSHELF

Recent releases of Nevada interest. By Jackie Ruffin

In the Shadow of Fox Peak: An Ethnography of the Cattail-Eater Northern Paiute People of Stillwater Marsh by Catherine S. Fowler. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. 264 pages, \$24 hardcover. This comprehensive study of the Cattail-Eaters of the Stillwater Marsh area east of Fallon takes up where Margaret Wheat's 1967 book, *Survival Arts of the Primitive Paiutes*, left off. Fowler, a University of Nevada, Reno anthropologist, uses interviews with Wuzzie George, Alice Steve, and others who had invaluable knowledge and memories of the ways of their ancestors. Numerous pictures, maps, and descriptions of the group's history, food, clothing, and religion should interest anthropologists and anyone curious about Nevada's early residents and their society.

Nevada Handbook by Deke Castleman. Moon Publications, Box 3040, Chico, CA 95927. 421 pages, \$14.95 softcover. Veteran travel writer Deke Castleman says he covered more than 10,000 miles in his research for this book, his third update, and it shows. Not limited to standard information on motels and meals, Castleman includes a thorough history of Nevada, its land, places, and people. Useful maps, photos, and tips about where to go and what to do when you get there abound. Castleman is the author of the *Las Vegas* guide and managing editor of the *Las Vegas Advisor*.

Welcome to the Pleasuredome by David Spanier. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557-0076. 275 pages, \$14.95 softcover. This is an affectionate but clear-eyed look at the unapologetic excesses of Las Vegas, the city where "if it's worth doing, it's worth overdoing." British writer Spanier, author of *Easy Money* and *Total Poker*, offers candid profiles of the city's high rollers and power players as well as those who lurk behind the scenes. From Las Vegas' early days as the nation's adult playground to its growing image as theme-park mecca, Spanier covers all bets in this glimpse of the glitz capital of the world.

Combat Zoning by David Loomis. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557-

0076. 144 pages, \$24.95 hardcover. Despite public opposition, during the 1980s the U.S. military applied for more than one million acres of Nevada land, with little or no citizen input. A lack of citizen involvement in land-use decisions, according to Loomis, who is a land-use

planner with the Bureau of Land Management in Carson City, has denied Nevadans the right to decide the fate of the land surrounding their towns and homes. Wise land-use decision-making, especially in this time of military downsizing, should be made jointly by the military and concerned residents, according to the author. This book will arouse the attention of those interested in land-use planning and Nevada's military ties. □

Jackie Ruffin is a Reno resident, avid reader, and freelance writer

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By Richard Moreno

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1 "Nevada is the great unknown." —*The WPA Guide to 1930s Nevada*, Nevada Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration, 1940.

2 "Seen by a Californian or a New Yorker Nevada is unorthodox, impious, backward, and undeveloped, and yet hospitable, individualistic, romantic. It is the home state for extremes." —Richard G. Lillard, *Desert Challenge*, 1942.

3 "This Nevada terrain is not corrugated, like the folded Appalachians, like a tubal air mattress, like a rippled potato chip. Each range here is like a warship standing on its own, and the Great Basin is an ocean of loose sediment with these mountain ranges standing in it as if they were members of a fleet without precedent, assembled at Guam to assault Japan." —John McPhee, *Basin and Range*, 1981.

4 "[I] stood for a while looking at the landscape—line upon line of running color, tan, henna, lavender, brown. But no green. Not a tree. Not a shrub. A faint odor floated by me reminiscent of Christmas, a spicy something I afterward recognized as sage." —Mrs. Hugh Brown, *Lady in Boomtown*, 1968.

5 "It is in the hinterland that one finds the old heart of Nevada. The hinterland of Nevada is a country of far horizons broken only by mountain



Sign of the desert: Bessie Rockwell spots a quotable water warning at Jean in 1918.

barriers lost in the haze of distance, and unexpected green valleys that break upon the traveler's eye with the breath-stopping impact of a mirage." —Robert Laxalt, *Nevada*, 1977

6 "The Great Basin is a blank spot in our minds. To the millions, it's just 'the desert'—one hell of a long dull drive." —John Hart, *Hiking the Great Basin*, 1981.

7 "The mountains of Nevada are like sleeping women, sprawled languorously across every horizon." —David W. Toll, *The Compleat Nevada Traveler*, 1976.

8 "Nevada is a state that seems to exist in defiance of itself. Although Nevada means snowy—the Donner Party perished in the snow in the Sierra Nevada, from which Nevada takes its name—the climate over much of the state is dominated by a killing heat that

makes the land inhospitable to all living things." —Jeanie Kasindorf, *Nye County Brothel Wars*, 1985.

9 "Nevada is one of the very youngest and wildest of the States; nevertheless, it is already strewn with ruins that seem as gray and silent and time-worn as if the civilization to which they belonged had perished centuries ago." —John Muir, *Steep Trails*, 1918

10 "In this Nevada the word gambling is a broad term. The word reaches beyond the Methodists' conception of it. Cattlemen are gamblers. Each season in this dry land is a gamble with them. The same with sheepmen, miners, and certainly with prospectors. Not to gamble in Nevada would mean not to be working for a living." —Max Miller, *Reno*, 1941. □

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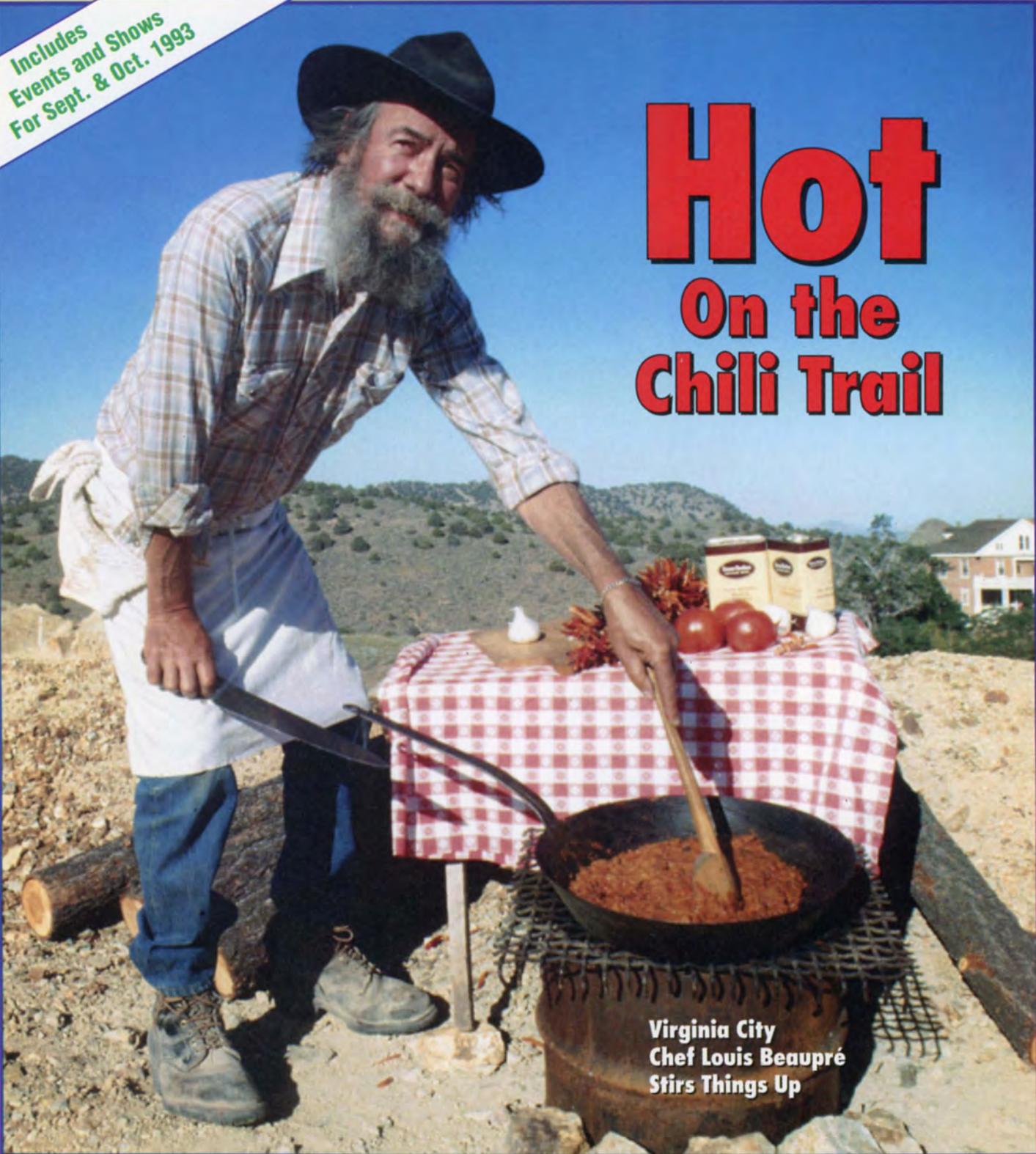
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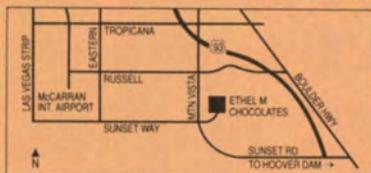


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Hot On the Chili Trail

BY LOUIS BEAUPRÉ

The old chili cooks of the Southwest would be awed—and not so awed, in some cases—at what has become of their traditional dish. But they could not dispute the fellowship and fine aromas that abound at a good chili cook-off.

I first got involved in the chili scene back in 1978. My partner Gil Melton and I saw a flyer in a saloon about a chili cook-off that was to be held in the parking lot of the Ormsby House in Carson City.

Neither of us had ever cooked chili in competition, but as outdoor cooks and mountain men, nothing could stop us. We figured we could watch the other contestants and fake our way through while complying with the International Chili Society rules.

Basically chili is meat (pork, buffalo, beef, etc.) cut in a specific way. Chili cooks also use tomatoes, celery, onions, pepper, and secret spices. No beans are allowed since they are considered fillers. Spices include cumin, thyme, oregano, garlic, cayenne, and salt. We used to add beer, but a world champion once told us, "No alcohol." So we used the same amount of beer but drank it instead.

Everything is pret-



Andy White spices up his Lizard Country Chili at the Reno Rodeo Chili Cook-Off.

ty even at an ICS event until the cooking starts. It's what happens thereafter that separates the pros from the amateurs.

I hate to say it, but we've been amateurs for 15 years. We have made up for it with our showmanship trophies, about 50 of them in all.

Things you have to watch for with the judges: No seeds, no stringy meat, no chunks of vegetables, and no floating fat. Contestants must make at least a gallon

of chili. Gil and I use a large Dutch oven to cook in, so we always have plenty. Unless it is really bad, there are no leftovers. One time in Las Vegas, we almost had a battle over our leftovers. A small contingent of chili heads got into a tiff over the splitting of the goods. We avoided a battle by throwing in a half-gallon of wine.

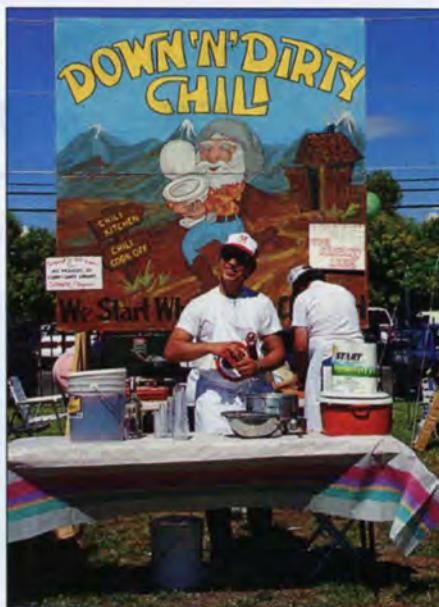
Spectators come to see the contestants and to taste the chili. Tasting kits with tickets and dishes usually run about \$2 to \$3. The number of tickets varies, so you might want to be discriminating when shopping for the right chili. There are good and bad chili cooks. One way to pick a good one is to look for trophies in the booth. A beginner might cook good chili, but often he or



Chili chef Louis Beaupré.



Judges work secretly in Reno (left) while a chef hams it up for Vegas spectators (right).



she is still working out the kinks in the recipe.

Chili fans also seem to like the names the cooks give themselves, like "Hotter Than Hell Chili" and "Road Kill Chili." We call ourselves "The Comstock Buffalo and Beaver Co." because we used buffalo and beaver meat when we first started. Since buffalo and beaver are hard to find in supermarkets, we eventually substituted beef and pork.

We always draw a crowd. With our mountain-man gear, canoe, skis, snowshoes, and hides, we make quite a spectacle.

We cook on the back of an old pickup truck that we fashioned into a chuck box. There is a chopping board, an old food grinder, knives, a bottle of Pepto Bismol, and a roll of toilet tissue. A rubber mouse is displayed in a mouse trap. The health department is great on this, because they know cleanliness counts. Also on the shelf we keep two cans of dog food. Our dogs won't eat chili.

Some people keep their kids away from us, but we do get a lot of questions. We only have one rule on cook-off day: Don't tell the truth. A good lie is a beautiful thing.

People always ask what kind of meat we use. I'll point to the sign, "The Comstock Buffalo and Beaver Co." Then they ask, "Where did you get the buffalo?" We tell 'em, "Off the front of a 1979 Peterbilt." Or, what kind of meat is it? "Hell, we don't know. It was dark when we hit it, and by the time the sun

came up, we had it skinned." When it ceases to be fun, we'll pack it up.

Louis Beaupré has lived in Nevada since 1945 and Virginia City since 1953. He has been a truck driver, carpenter, plumber, and cook. He is a pilot and black powder enthusiast. He built his home and is building an airplane in his basement.

Chili Season

Some of the remaining Nevada chili cook-offs this season include (see listings for details):

Dive In Chili Cook-Off, September 4, at Wet 'n Wild Water Park in Las Vegas.

Blue Diamond Chili Cook-Off, September 11.

Nevada Miners' Chili Cook-Off, September 17-18, Paradise Valley.

Rotary Chili Cook-Off, September 18, in Caliente.

16th Annual High Sierra Regional Chili Cook-Off, September 24-26, at Stateline, South Lake Tahoe.

High Desert Chili Cook-Off, October 2, in Pahrump.

Last Chance Chili Cook-Off, October 2, held in conjunction with the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off in Reno.

World's Championship Chili Cook-Off, October 2-3, in Reno.

Carson City's Great Chili Cook-Off, October 16.

Fairshow '93, chili cook-off, October 29-31, in North Las Vegas.

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The area code is 702 throughout Nevada. All 800 numbers are toll-free.

Statewide Information

Nevada Commission on Tourism:

Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 687-3636 or 800-NEVADA-8 anywhere in U.S. and Canada

Las Vegas Territory

Boulder City C of C: 1497 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 293-2034

Boulder City Visitor Center: 100 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 294-1220

Henderson C of C: 100 E. Lake Mead Dr., Henderson, NV 89015; 565-8951

Henderson Convention Center: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89015; 565-2171

Jean Visitor Center: Interstate 15 Rest Area (8 mi. south of Jean), Jean, NV 89019; 874-1566

Las Vegas C of C: 711 E. Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 735-1616

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109; 892-0711

Latin C of C: 829 S. Sixth St., Las Vegas, NV 89101; 385-7367

Laughlin C of C: Box 2280, Laughlin, NV 89029; 298-2214 or 800-227-5245 outside Nevada

Laughlin Visitor Center: 1555 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029; 298-3321

Mesquite Visitor Center: Interstate 15 Exit 122, Mesquite, NV 89024; 346-2702

Moapa Valley C of C: Box 361, Overton, NV 89040; 397-2193 (Lost City Museum)

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North Las Vegas C of C: 1023 E. Lake Mead Blvd., North Las Vegas, NV 89030; 642-9595

Southern Nevada Arts Hot Line: Local arts and cultural events; on touch-tone phone call 385-4444 and enter code 2172

Virgin Valley Area C of C: 250 W. Mesquite Blvd., Box 785, Mesquite, NV 89024; 346-2902

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Carson City C of C: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701; 882-1565

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701; 687-7410 or 800-NEVADA-1 anywhere in U.S.

Carson Valley C of C and Visitors Authority:



Nevada Territories

To assist you in your travels through Nevada, the state has been divided into five territories: Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, Cowboy Country, Pony Express, and Pioneer. Indian Territory encompasses all of Nevada.

1524 Hwy. 395, No. 1, Gardnerville, NV 89410-7814; 782-8144 or 800-727-7677 in U.S.

Greater Reno C of C: 133 N. Sierra St., Reno, NV 89503; 329-3558

Incline Village/Crystal Bay C of C: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451; 831-4440

Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitor and Convention Bureau: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451; 832-1606 or 800-GO-TAHOE anywhere in U.S.

Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority: 1156 Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; 916-544-5050, 800-AT-TAHOE in U.S., or 900-776-5050 for updated visitor info. (\$1/min. charge)

North Lake Tahoe C of C: Box 884, Tahoe City, CA 95730; 916-583-2371

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority: 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502; 827-7600, 827-RENO, or 800-FOR-RENO toll-free

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Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council: 98 Colony Rd., Reno, NV 89502; 329-2936

South Lake Tahoe C of C: 3066 Lake Tahoe Blvd., S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; 916-541-5255

Sparks C of C: 831 Victorian Ave., Sparks, NV 89431; 358-1976

Tahoe-Douglas C of C: Box 7139, Stateline, NV 89449; 588-4591

Tahoe North Visitors and Convention Bureau: Box 5578, Tahoe City, CA 95730; 916-583-3494 or 800-824-6348 anywhere in U.S.

Virginia City C of C: V&T Railroad Car, C St., Virginia City, NV 89440; 847-0311

Cowboy Country

Battle Mountain C of C: Box 333, Battle Mountain, NV 89820; 635-8245

Elko C of C: 1601 Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801; 738-7135

Elko Convention and Visitors Authority: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801; 738-4091 or 800-248-ELKO outside Nevada

Jackpot Visitors Information: Box 508, Jackpot, NV 89825; 755-2321, 800-821-3935 in Nevada, 800-821-1103 anywhere in U.S.

Jarbridge Community Assn.: c/o Trading Post, Box 260072, Jarbridge, NV 89826; 488-2315

Lovelock C of C: Box 821, Lovelock, NV 89419; 273-7213

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Wells C of C: Box 615, Wells, NV 89835; 752-3540

Wendover USA Visitors/Convention Bureau: Box 2468, Wendover, NV 89883; 664-3414

Winnemucca C of C: 48 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 623-2225

Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Bureau: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 623-5071

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Austin C of C: Box 212, Austin, NV 89310; 964-2200

Dayton C of C: Box 408, Dayton, NV 89403; 246-7909 (open Thurs.-Sun.)

EDASS (Econ. Dev. Assn. of Silver Springs): Box 269, Silver Springs, NV 89429; 577-2008

Ely's Bristlecone Convention Center: Box 958, Ely, NV 89301; 289-3720

Eureka County C of C: Box 14, Eureka, NV 89316; 237-5484

Fallon Area C of C: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406; 423-2544



Las Vegas Territory

PREVIEW



The Vegas skies will be filled with hot-air balloons for two weekends this October

Balloons Galore

The 15th annual North Las Vegas Fairshow '93 lifts off October 29-31. The event begins each day at 6 a.m. with a 7 a.m. launch of more than 125 hot-air balloons.

If you have ever wanted to fly in a hot-air balloon, Fairshow could be your chance. For a \$100 donation, you can fly and serve as a crew member during the races. Balloonists will compete for the Nevada State Championship, \$10,000 in prize money, and a new car.

Fairshow will host the International Chili Society District Cook-Off and a mini-aircraft air show featuring the BD-5J micro-jet, the smallest jet in the world. On Saturday evening, you can kick up your heels at the country hoedown, barbecue, and lumina where more than 30 balloons light up in the night sky. Fairshow

will be held at Interstate 15 and Craig Road in North Las Vegas. Admission is \$1 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. For details, call 702-642-1944.

More Hot Air

A new ballooning event—the Las Vegas Balloon Classic—premieres October 22-24, the week before North Las Vegas Fairshow. The event will provide the area with two straight weekends of ballooning.

A special light show will take place on the ground Saturday at 6 p.m. as more than 50 balloons will light up on cue to music. Admission will be free to the Classic, which will be held at Silver Bowl Park. Other events include an Octoberfest beer garden, balloon rides, and vintage auto show. Call 702-434-0848.

EVENTS

September

Feast of San Gennaro, Aug. 25-Sept. 5, 14th annual Italian food festival, local restaurants offer such specialties as sausage and peppers, homemade pastas, stromboli, and strawberry pizza pie, games, beauty pageant, 6pm-midnight, Thomas and Mack Center, 735-1776 or 262-9137

The Good, the Bad, and the Cuddly: Attitudes Toward Animals, Aug. 28-Oct. 24, computer games and hands-on displays, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 382-3445

Art: In and Out of the Bag, thru Sept. 17, invited artists will create a work of art with a plain white shopping bag; the finished works will be displayed and then auctioned off, proceeds benefit Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, 434-2666

Fiber Celebrated '93 Exhibit, thru Sept. 27, display of original hand-woven and handmade fiber art, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Las Vegas History of Entertainment: Part III Exhibit, thru Oct. 23, entertainment industry in the 1960s and 1970s, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

History in the Making: The Moulin Rouge Civil Rights Exhibit, thru Dec. 31, photographs and artifacts recall 1955 hotel-casino's pivotal role in breaking down racial barriers at Las Vegas resorts, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Watercolors and Acrylics, Sept. 1-30, by Shirley Thurman of Overton, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Dive In Chili Cook-Off, Sept. 4, \$1,000 in prize money, winner goes to Nevada State Championship, Wet 'n Wild Water Park, 645-2492

Winchester Park Lawn Concert, Sept. 4, the Boogieman Band opens for Zachary Richard, 7pm, Winchester Park, 455-8200

Picnic Pops Concert, Sept. 4, music of Broadway by the Las Vegas Pops, bring picnic supper and blanket, gates open at 6pm, concert at 8pm, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 895-3801

Southwest Weapons Collectors Gun and Knife Show, Sept. 4-6, Henderson Convention Center, 602-855-8095

Yeeee Haw Western Adventure, Sept. 5-12, rodeo, hayrides, and steakfry on Wed. and Fri., Peppermill, Mesquite, 800-621-0187

Clark County Fall Art Round-Up, Sept. 5-26, judged and juried show, plus oil paintings by Mona Phillips, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Nevada State Ceramic Assn. Annual Show, Sept. 10-12, Henderson Convention Center, 361-4001

Blue Diamond Chili Cook-Off, Sept. 11, Blue Diamond Park, 875-4532

Nevada Symphony Orchestra Classical Series



A youngster enjoys the ride at the Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair. The fair's 40th go-round is October 1-10.

Concert, Sept. 11, 8pm, pre-concert lecture at 7:15pm, Ham Hall, UNLV, 895-3801

Clark County Basque Festival, Sept. 11-12, 12th annual, on Sat. barbecue, horse show, and entertainment at Silk Purse Ranch (fundraiser for Catholic Community Services, tickets \$100); on Sun. is family event with Basque dancers, local children's dance exhibition, wood chopping, weight lifting, weight relay, food, drinks, Mass at noon, \$2, children 12 and under free, held at St. Viator Community Center, 385-2662 for Sat. event, 256-6219 for Sun. event

Pacific Island Festival, Sept. 11-12, 10am-6pm, City of Las Vegas Cultural and Community Affairs, Lorenzi Park, 229-6713

Home Show, Sept. 17-19, Las Vegas Convention Center, 736-5958

"Broadway Bound," Sept. 17-19 and 22-26, New West Theatre, Charleston Heights Arts Center, 657-5000

SNORE 250 Off-Road Race, Sept. 18, 250-mile off-road race, starts 9am, south of Las Vegas, 452-4522

Mexican Fiesta, Sept. 18, annual family event saluting Mexican Independence Day, includes Mexican music and dance, piñatas, carnival booths, arts and crafts, face painting, refreshments, swimming, Hadland Park, 229-6729

Auto Show and Mud Bog, Sept. 18, sponsored by Bunkerville Fire Dept., Bunkerville City Park, 896-8990

Caesars Challenge TV Show Taping, Sept. 20-22 and Oct. 4-6, free tickets (four per person) for videotaping of the new NBC-TV game show hosted by NBC sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, Caesars Tahoe, for ticket info. 731-7770 or 800-634-7754, for contestant info. 731-7754

Championship Boxing, Sept. 22, Riviera, 734-5110 or 800-634-3420

Men's "E" Softball Tournament, Sept. 24-25, City Ballfield, Mesquite, 346-5080

Hoover Dam Days Festival of Pride and Rattlin' Rails Handcar Races, Sept. 24-26, rides, booths, Yucca Street railyard, Boulder City, 294-1988

Fallfest '93, Sept. 24-26, arts, crafts, community information, food booths, and musicians, corner of Rancho Dr. and Mesquite Ave. at the Masonic Memorial Temple, 10am-6pm, 226-0366

River Cruizers Roddin' on the River, Sept. 24-

26, classic car show and shine, poker run, nostalgia dance (costumes welcome), Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort, 298-2535 or 602-763-0092

Tribute to Will Rogers: A Voice for the '90s, Sept. 25, Lance Brown's tribute to the American humorist, 8pm, \$5, Winchester Community Center, 455-7340

Rollerblade Competition and Exhibition, Sept. 25, City of Las Vegas Dept. of Parks and Leisure program, Mirabelli Community Center, 229-6359

Horse Show, Sept. 25, 9am, Southern Nevada Hunter/Jumper Assn., Horseman's Park, 433-9757

Oktoberfest, Sept. 25, arts and crafts, live German music, German dancers, authentic German food and beer, blues and jazz groups, belly dancers, carnival rides, adult and children's games, 10am-8pm, Las Vegas Art Museum, Lorenzi Park, 647-4300 or 385-1886

Las Vegas Cutting Horse Futurity, Sept. 27-Oct.

3, Rocking K Arena, Las Vegas, 385-5257

"Jesus Christ Superstar," Sept. 29-Oct. 3, Dept. of Theatre Arts, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3131

Art Exhibit, Sept. 30-Oct. 29, aquatints with mezzotint and drypoint by German artist Willi Kissmer, Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, The Cannery, 434-2666

October

NSA Co-Ed Softball Tournament, Oct. 1-2, City Ballfield, Mesquite, 346-5080

Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair, Oct. 1-10, 40th annual, midway, carnival, 4-H exhibits, home arts exhibits, stage entertainment with hypnotist and performing parrot show, petting zoo, Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair Queen contest, live birds of prey exhibit, strolling entertainment, food, Cashman Field Center, 457-8832

Mixed Media Art Exhibit, Oct. 1-31, works by Moapa Valley Art Guild members, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Run for the Rose '93, Oct. 2, 5K foot race, benefit for Henderson's St. Rose Hospital, Green Valley High School, 564-4510

Picnic Pops Concert, Oct. 2, bluegrass and country music by the Las Vegas Pops, bring picnic supper and blanket, gates open at 6pm, concert at 8pm, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 895-3801

Searchlight's Birthday Bash, Oct. 2, celebration of Searchlight's 95th birthday, barbecue, music, horseshoe pitching contest, women's skillet toss, annual cow chip throwing contest, Searchlight Community Complex, 297-1395

Art in the Park, Oct. 2-3, arts and crafts show, Wilbur, Bicentennial, and City Hall parks, Boulder City, 294-1611

Blues and Heritage Festival, Oct. 3, James Cotton and Elvin Bishop headline a day of music and family events, noon-8pm, gates open 11am, Sunset Park, 455-8200

Chinese Brush Paintings, Oct. 3-31, by Ning Yeh,

TERRITORY MAP



HOT LINES

Charleston Heights Arts Center: films, art exhibits, chamber music, 386-6383

Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts: ballet, musicals, theater, 458-7575

Las Vegas Aces: semi-pro hockey club, Oct. 9 Teal v. White Intersquad Game, Oct. 15-16 v. Michigan Jets, Oct. 22-23 v. St. Paul (Minn.) Parkers, Oct. 29-30 v. Washington (D.C.) Nationals, Sante Fe Hotel Ice Arena, 658-4991 or 800-457-2882

Las Vegas Stars: Triple-A baseball, San Diego Padres farm club playing in the Pacific Coast League, Aug. 30-Sept. 2 v. Edmonton Trappers, Sept. 3-5 v. Colorado Springs

Sky Sox, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Nevada Division of State Parks: hikes, tours, stargazing, campfire programs at 21 parks around the state, District VI, Las Vegas, 486-5126

Reed Whipple Cultural Center: concerts, film festivals, melodramas, 386-6211

UNLV Concerts: music and dance, 739-3101

UNLV Football: Sept. 18 v. Central Michigan, Oct. 9 v. Cal State Northridge, Oct. 23 v. Utah State, Oct. 30 v. New Mexico State, Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 739-3900

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-6

NIGHTLIFE

It's Magic Again

BY JACKIE BRETT

In Las Vegas in 1954, Louis Prima, Keely Smith, and Sam Butera and his group the Witnesses became a team. Together they recorded albums, TV shows, and movies while breaking attendance records in showrooms across the country.

"Two shows a night at the Copa was the policy," Butera said. "But it was standing-room-only for us there when 'Old Black Magic' was a hit. We did three shows on week nights and four on Fridays and Saturdays."

Prima died in 1978, but Butera and Smith were reunited as an act by Stars' Desert Inn President Burton Cohen last March, nearly 40 years after their phenomenal beginning.

The opening-night audience at the DI testified that the magic was still there. The duo filled the lounge, and people stood six-deep at the railing. But this wasn't a one-night phenomenon. Their engagement was extended twice, and they were picked up for eight more weeks this year and 32 weeks in 1994.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," Smith said. "I almost hate to say it, but this is the same exact thing as the days with Louis."

Smith was only 19 when Prima discovered her strolling in a bikini at Virginia Beach, Virginia. She married Prima in 1953, rose to stardom with him during their eight-year marriage, and had two daughters, Toni Elizabeth and Luanne Francis.

"I was very happy with Louis, but I was so young and dumb I didn't know what was happening to us back then," Smith said. "I honestly never dreamed it was going to go this way. I tell my daughters that I look at Sam on stage now and see their daddy. He has become Louis."

Like the old days, celebrities such as Don Rickles and Debbie Reynolds stop by to see the show. Unlike the old days when they performed for



Louis Prima, Keely Smith, and Sam Butera on saxophone.

the after-hours crowd, Butera and Smith go on at 8 and 11 p.m. like other Las Vegas headliners.

On stage, Smith and Butera recreate elements of the old act. Butera plays such Prima favorites as "I've Got You Under My Skin," "Angelina," "Oh, Marie," "Old Black Magic," and "Please No Squeeze Da Banana," as well as Prima's signature song, "Just a Gigolo."

Smith, whose fans have called her the "Mona Lisa of Song," performs her signature song "I Wish You Love," which went gold in 1957, and "It's Magic."

For Smith and Butera, it's like they're starting all over again.

"I'm having the time of my life," Butera said.

Keely Smith and Sam Butera perform at the Stars' Desert Inn in Las Vegas September 6-October 3.

Jackie Brett is an entertainment critic and oversees the Las Vegas office of the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300
Celebrating Native Americans Art Exhibit, Oct. 3-31, by Judith Stark, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Desert Chamber Players Concert, Oct. 5, 7:30pm, Judy Bayley Theater, UNLV 895-3801
"Wiley and the Hairy Man," Oct. 8, The Rainbow Company, 7pm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 229-6211

Lyric Soprano Kathleen Battle Concert, Oct. 8, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3011
Sunrise Rotary Octoberfest, Oct. 8-9, music, food, entertainment, games, Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 294-5058

Juan in a Million 5K Foot Race, Oct. 9, tribute to FBI agent John L. Bailey who was killed in 1990 during an attempted bank robbery, proceeds of race go to scholarships for children of Nevada law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, registration is at finish line at the Citibank Complex at West Sahara and Sahara Lake Dr., 385-1281

Columbus Day Parade and Block Party, Oct. 9, fifth annual, parade, live entertainment including Legends in Concert, Freddie Bell, the Checkmates, and Hot Lava, Italian food, 11am-10pm, downtown Las Vegas, 736-4293

Columbus Day Ball, Oct. 9, cocktails, dinner, Riviera, 368-2324

Las Vegas Horse Trials, Oct. 9-10, stadium jumping, dressage, and cross-country jumping, Floyd Lamb State Park and Silk Purse Ranch, 646-6486

Green Valley Fine Art Festival, Oct. 9-10, Green Valley Library, Henderson, 458-8855

A Concert for Cal, Oct. 10, second annual, featuring the Four Freshmen and UNLV Jazz Ensemble, benefits Cal McKinley Scholarship Fund at UNLV, Ham Hall, UNLV 895-3801

St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra, Oct. 14, Ham Hall, UNLV, 739-3011

"Then They Get Under Their Skin," Oct. 14-24, Dept. of Theatre Arts, Black Box Theatre, UNLV 739-3011

ASA Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament, Oct. 15-16, City Ballfield, Mesquite, 346-5080

Southern Nevada Bluegrass Festival, Oct. 15-17, old-time and bluegrass music, food, Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 564-5455

Las Vegas Indian Days, Oct. 15-17 powwow, dancing, music, Native American arts, crafts, and foods, Nevada State Museum, 486-5205

Great American Craft Show, Oct. 15-17, Cashman Field, 322-4544

Home Remodeling and Decorating Show, Oct. 15-17, Las Vegas Convention Center, 733-2323

Fourth Annual Great Aussie Holiday, Oct. 15-21, Aussie music, food, and contests, Aussie vendors offer opal jewelry and outback clothing, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200

Itty Bitty Open: Golf Fun for Preschoolers, Oct. 16, introduction for children, Davis, Sunset, and Winterwood parks, 455-8200

Gumbo Cook-Off, Oct. 16, third annual, employees' contest, Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5123

Nevada Symphony Orchestra Classical Series Concert, Oct. 16, 8pm, pre-concert lecture at 7:15pm, Ham Hall, UNLV 895-3801

Great Basin Gem and Mineral Fair, Oct. 16-17 lectures on 17th, free, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

Horse Show, Oct. 16-17 9am, Horseman's Park, 433-9757

Pianist Alexei Sultanov Concert, Oct. 17 2pm, Charleston Heights Arts Center, 229-6383

Terry Waite Lecture: The Test of Humanity: Resolving Conflict, Oct. 18, 7:30pm, free but

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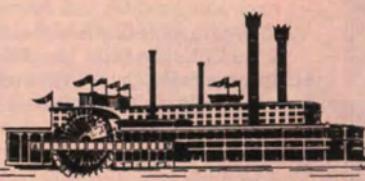
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tickets required, Ham Hall, UNLV 895-3801
Jon Spelman Rural Tour, Oct. 18-22, Jon Spelman, a narrative actor and storyteller, will tour five Clark County communities giving workshops for children in the afternoons, performances for the public in the evenings, tentative schedule: Indian Springs, Oct. 18; Logandale, Oct. 19; Laughlin, Oct. 20; Mesquite, Oct. 21; Sandy Valley, Oct. 22, call Clark County Parks and

Recreation, 455-8239
NBA Exhibition Game, Oct. 20, Lakers v. Clippers, Thomas and Mack Center, UNLV 895-3900
Championship Boxing, Oct. 20, Riviera, 734-5110 or 800-634-3420
Las Vegas Invitational Golf Tournament, Oct. 20-24, PGA event, \$1.4-million purse, \$252,000 first prize, play is at Stars' Desert Inn, Las Vegas Country Club, and TPC Summerlin golf

courses, 382-6616
"Cinderella," Oct. 21-24, Nevada Dance Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV 895-3801
"Camp Logan," Oct. 22, 8pm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 229-6211
Antique and Collectible Show and Sale, Oct. 22-24, Gold River, Laughlin, 382-7043
Henderson Expo, Oct. 22-24, arts and crafts, Henderson Convention Center, 565-8951

Las Vegas Balloon Classic, Oct. 22-24, hot-air balloon race and rides, crafts, vintage auto show, Octoberfest beer garden, children's amusements, food feast and pancake breakfast, kite festival, 6pm on Sat., light show where 50 balloons light-up on cue without leaving the ground, 7am-5pm Fri. and Sun., 7am-8pm Sat., balloons ascend at 7am each morning, free, Silver Bowl Park, 434-0848

5K Foot Race, Oct. 23, meet at Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 648-6262

Fantasy '93, Oct. 23, Lied Discovery Children's Museum's annual gala dinner, dance, and auction, Caesars Palace, 382-3445

Creature Feature, Oct. 23, supervised daytime Halloween event for entire family, Freedom Park, 229-6729

An Evening of American Music, Oct. 24, Southern Nevada Musical Arts Society, Summerlin Library Theater, 254-3070 or 451-6672

Opus Dance Ensemble Concert, Oct. 24 and 31, Tiffany Theatre, Tropicana, 732-9646

Alan Bean Exhibit and Lecture, Oct. 24-Nov. 2, Alan Bean, Apollo-Saturn 12 astronaut, exhibits his recent artwork from Oct. 24-Nov. 2, date for his public lecture about his lunar experiences TBA, call Moonstruck Gallery for info., 364-0531 or 800-421-9133

Fall '93 One-Act Play Festival, Oct. 27-31, Dept. of Theatre Arts, Paul C. Harris Theatre, UNLV 739-3011

"The Haunted Theatre," Oct. 28-31, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 229-6211

"Madama Butterfly," Oct. 29 and 31, 8pm Fri., 2pm Sun., Nevada Opera Theatre, Ham Hall, UNLV 737-6373 or 895-3801

Fairshow '93, Oct. 29-31, hot-air balloon races, chili cook-off, country hoedown barbecue, more than 200 craft booths, international food booths, balloon races start at 7am each day, Sat. night Balloon Glow, corner of I-15 and Craig Rd., North Las Vegas, 642-1944

Harvest Festival, Oct. 29-31, arts and crafts, Cashman Field, 386-7100

Murder Mystery Halloween Party, Oct. 30, Riviera, 794-9571

Colorado Belle Dam River Run, Oct. 30, eight-mile foot relay, course includes running through two states, two time zones, over a dam, along a river, and over a bridge, benefits Children's Miracle Network, start and finish at Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 383-2326

Halloween Party, Oct. 31, entertainment, prizes, Peppermill, Mesquite, 346-5232

PREVIEW



James Cotton and his band bring Chicago blues to Las Vegas October 3.

Vegas Blues

James Cotton, Elvin Bishop, Linda Hopkins, and Kenny Neal will be the featured talent at the second annual Las Vegas Blues and Heritage Festival on Sunday, October 3.

The festival will run from noon to 8 p.m. at Sunset Park. Gates open at 11 a.m.

James Cotton is a Grammy Award-winning singer and harmonica player whose hard-driving sound is part of the Chicago blues scene. Cotton has played with legends like Sonny Boy Williamson, Howlin' Wolf, and Muddy Waters.

Elvin Bishop has blended blues and rock for almost 30 years, beginning with the Paul Butterfield Blues Band and then in a solo career. His 1991 album "Don't Let the Boss Man Get You Down" features Bishop's

trademark slide guitar and Oklahoma-tinged vocals.

Linda Hopkins is a jazz and blues singer who starred in Broadway's "Black and Blue." Kenny Neal is a young singer-guitarist with a growing reputation. Las Vegas' own Boogieman Band will open the show at noon.

Beach chairs and factory-sealed water bottles will be allowed but no alcohol, food or beverages, coolers, animals, or video cameras. The festival's International Food Court will offer refreshments.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the gate; children under 12 are free. Tickets are on sale at the Sunset Park office at 2601 East Sunset Road and at Ticketmaster outlets. Call 702-455-8200 for information.

COMING EVENTS

The Age of Chivalry Renaissance Festival, Nov. 13-14, Sunset Park, 455-8289

National Finals Rodeo, Dec. 3-12, final PRCA rodeo competition, Las Vegas, 731-2115

Boulder City Christmas Parade, Dec. 4, 293-2034

Children's Christmas Parade, Dec. 11, Henderson, 565-8951

Lake Mead Parade of Lights, Dec. 11, 293-1530

U.S. Table Tennis National Championship and World Doubles Cup, Dec. 15-19, 731-2115

Las Vegas Bowl II, Dec. 17 731-2115
Las Vegas International Marathon, Feb. 5, 731-2115
Hoover Dam Square Dance Weekend, March 4-5, 293-4918

SHOWGUIDE

Jean

Gold Strike Hotel, 477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Sound Chaser, Sept. 14-Oct. 3; Metro, Oct. 5-24; Facade, Oct. 26-Nov. 14
Nevada Landing, 387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Soundchase, Sept. 1-12; The Edge, Sept. 14-Oct. 3; Facade, Oct. 5-24; Metro, Oct. 25-31

Las Vegas

Aladdin, 736-0240: "Country Tonite," revue, indf.
Arizona Charlie's, 258-5200: "Naughty Ladies," revue, indf. (dark Mon.)
Bally's, 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: *Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!"* indf. (dark Fri.); *Catch a Rising Star*: comedy/variety club, indf.
Bourbon Street, 737-7200: Lounge entertainment (dark Mon.)
Caesars Palace, 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: David Copperfield, thru Sept. 6; Dionne Warwick/Burt Bacharach, Sept. 10-12; Luis Miguel, Sept. 16-19; Moody Blues, Sept. 23-26; Ray Charles, Sept. 30-Oct. 3; Howie Mandel, Oct. 7-10; Reba McEntire, Oct. 13-18; Johnny Mathis, Oct. 28-31

Circus Circus, 734-0410: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight
Continental, 737-5555: Entertainment nightly
Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel, 734-0711: Debbie Reynolds performs at 7:30pm, Rip Taylor and TNT perform at 10:30pm, indf. (dark Sun.)
Eldorado, Henderson, 564-1811: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.
Excalibur, 597-7600: "King Arthur's Tournament," indf.
Fitzgeralds, 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada and in Alaska): Nightly entertainment
Flamingo Hilton, 733-3333: *Flamingo Showroom: "City Lites,"* stage show, indf. (dark Sun.); *Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "American Superstars,"* indf. (dark Thurs.)

Four Queens, 385-4011 or 800-634-6045: Kingston Trio, thru Sept. 5; Platters, Sept. 7-19; Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, Sept. 21-Oct. 3; B.J. Thomas, Oct. 5-10; Donna Fargo, Oct. 19-24; Monday Night Jazz, indf.
Gold Coast, 367-7111: Sorta Dixie Jazz Band, indf.; David St. David, Aug. 31-Sept. 12

Gold Strike Inn, Boulder City, 293-5000: Entertainment TBA
Hacienda, 739-8911: Lance Burton: World Champion Magician, indf. (dark Mon.); free comedy shows in Bolero Lounge every Mon. night, indf.
Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5222 or 800-392-9002: "Spellbound, A Concert of Illusion," indf. (dark Sun.)

Imperial Palace, 794-3261 or 800-634-6441: "Legends in Concert," indf. (dark Sun.)
Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Dusty Barron/Kalua and Kream/Phlash, indf.
Joker's Wild, Henderson, 564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun., Karaoke Mon.-Tues.
Lady Luck, 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Melinda, the First Lady of Magic, indf. (dark Mon.);

Lady Luck Luau every Mon.

Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5755: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express," Sept. 14-indf.; *Casino Lounge*: Royal Crown Revue, Aug. 31-Sept. 13

Luxor, 262-4000 or 800-288-1000: "Winds of the Gods," musical production, Oct. 15-indf.

The Mirage, 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy, magic spectacular, performances three out of four weeks every month, call for dates and times; Cirque du Soleil, thru Nov. 21 (dark Mon.)

O'Sheas, 733-3111: Entertainment TBA

Palace Station, 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Del Vikings, Aug. 31-Sept. 5; Sonny Turner, Aug. 31-Sept. 12; Sam Butera, Sept. 7-19; Earl Turner, Sept. 14-26; Sneak Preview, Sept. 28-Oct. 10;

Jerry Tiffe, Oct. 5-24; Susan McDonald, Oct. 12-24; David St. David, Oct. 26-31

Rio Suite Hotel, 252-7776 or 800-888-0400 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): "Brazilia," revue, indf. (dark Mon.)

Riviera, 794-9301 or 794-9433: Jeff Kutash's "Splash," production show, indf.; "An Evening at La Cage," revue, indf. (dark Tues.); "Crazy Girls: Sensuality and Passion," revue, indf. (dark Thurs.); "An Evening at the Improv," comedians, indf.

Sahara, 737-2515: "Boylesque," starring Kenny Kerr, indf. (dark Wed.); The Rich Little Show, Sept. 8-indf. (dark Thurs.); The Comedy Caravan, indf. (dark Sat.-Sun.)

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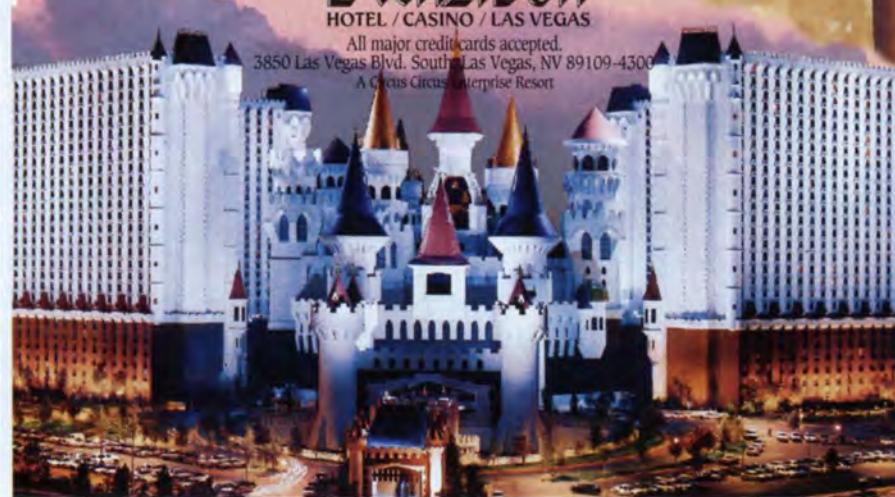
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PREVIEW

A Story Book Season

Family-oriented ballets will be the focus of Nevada Dance Theatre's 1993-94 Story Book Season, which will open October 21-24 with "Cinderella."

Choreography will be by the group's founder and artistic director, Vassili Sulich. The music will be by Alexander Glazounov and sets and costumes by Jose Luis Vinas.

Sulich's twist on "Cinderella" involves a mixture of traditional lyrical dancing and outrageous comedic pantomime (two male dancers in drag play Cinderella's evil stepsisters). Vinas' colorful sets and costumes reflect Latin tones with brightly colored ball gowns and a wedding scene done entirely in gold.

Other storybook favorites planned this season include "The Nutcracker" December 16-30, "Anna Karenina" February 17-20, and "Peter and the Wolf" May 12-15. There



Patrons will have a ball watching Nevada Dance Theatre's comedic version of "Cinderella" October 21-24.

will be a special gala performance by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre March 20.

All performances will be at the Judy Bayley Theatre at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas except for the Pittsburgh Ballet, which will perform at the Artemis W Ham Concert Hall at UNLV.

Tickets for "Cinderella" range from \$12.50 to \$30 and are available at the UNLV Box Office. Season tickets are available for as low as \$44. Call 702-895-3801.

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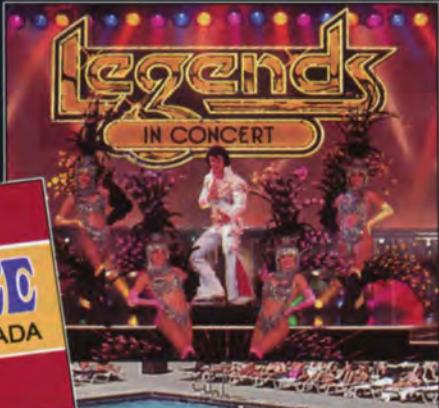
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San Remo, 597-6028: Geno Munari's "Hanky Panky Revue," indf. (dark Mon.)
Sands, 733-5453 or 800-446-4678: "Bare Essence," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Viva Las Vegas!" indf. (dark Sat.-Sun.)
Santa Fe, 658-4900: Dummkopfs, Tues. nights
Showboat, 385-9190 or 800-634-3484 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment TBA
Stardust, 732-6111 or 800-824-6033 (U.S. and Mexico): "Enter the Night," stage show, indf. (dark Tues.)
Stars' Desert Inn, 733-4566 or 800-634-6909 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Crystal Room*: Paul Anka, Aug. 31-Sept. 5; Don Rickles, Sept. 7-12; *Starlight Theatre*: Buddy Greco, thru Sept. 5; Keely Smith and Sam Butera, Sept. 6-Oct. 3; Dennis Bono/Charlie Shaffer, indf.
Treasure Island, 894-7111: Scheduled to open Oct. 27, entertainment TBA
Tropicana, 739-2411: "Folies Bergere," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Comedy Stop," comedians, indf.
Vacation Village, 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Lounge entertainment nightly
Vegas World, 383-5264: Marty Allen and Steve Rossi with Karon Kate Blackwell, indf. (dark Thurs.); "Memories of Elvis," indf. (dark Thurs.)
Westward Ho, 731-2900: Nightly entertainment

Laughlin

Colorado Belle, 298-4000: "Bourbon Street Revue," indf.
Edgewater, 298-2453: Weekend entertainment, Sept. 1-30, daily entertainment, Oct. 1-indf.
Flamingo Hilton Laughlin, 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: "American Superstars," tribute by celebrity look-alikes, indf. (dark Thurs.)
Gold River, 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: "Follies Review," indf. (dark Mon.); Sandy Hackett's Comedy Club, indf. (dark Mon.-Tues.)
Golden Nugget Laughlin, 298-7175 or 800-237-1739 (U.S. outside Nevada): Elektric Eyes, Sept. 1-5; Band on the Run, Sept. 7-12; Santa Fe, Sept. 14-26; Panama, Sept. 28-Oct. 17; Big Tiny Little, Oct. 19-30
Harrah's Laughlin, 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Entertainment TBA
Ramada Express, 298-4200: Karaoke Night every Mon. from 7pm-midnight
Regency, 298-2439: Piano bar
Riverside Resort, 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bill Medley, Oct. 1-2; Lee Greenwood, Oct. 7-10; Louie Anderson, Oct. 14-16; Merle Haggard, Oct. 21-23; Smothers Brothers, Oct. 28-30

Mesquite

Peppermill Resort, 346-5232: Entertainment TBA
Virgin River, 346-7777: Entertainment Tues.-Sun.

State Line

Primadonna, State Line, 382-1212 or 800-826-4471: Nightly entertainment Thurs.-Mon.
Whiskey Pete's, State Line, 382-1212 or 800-367-7383: Live entertainment nightly

GAMING TOURNAMENTS

September

Bingo, Sept. 6, Palace Station, 367-2411
Video Poker, Slots, and Blackjack, Sept. 6-9, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Keno, Sept. 7-9, Sam Boyd's Fremont, 385-3232

Slots, Sept. 7-10, Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5088
Slots, Sept. 10-14, Riviera, 734-5110
Slots, Sept. 12-14 and 26-28, Flamingo Hilton, 733-3117
Slots, Sept. 13-14, Binion's Horseshoe, 382-1600
Slots, Sept. 13-15, Sam Boyd's Fremont, 385-3232
Slots, Sept. 19-20, Peppermill, Mesquite, 346-5232
Bingo, Sept. 20-21, Showboat, 385-9123
Slots, Sept. 20-23, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, Sept. 20-23, Sands, 733-5385
Blackjack, Sept. 26-28, Four Queens, 385-4011
Craps, Sept. 26-28, Flamingo Hilton, 733-3117

October

Slots, Oct. 1-4 and 24-27, Caesars Palace, 731-7324
Blackjack, Oct. 3-5, Riviera, 734-5110

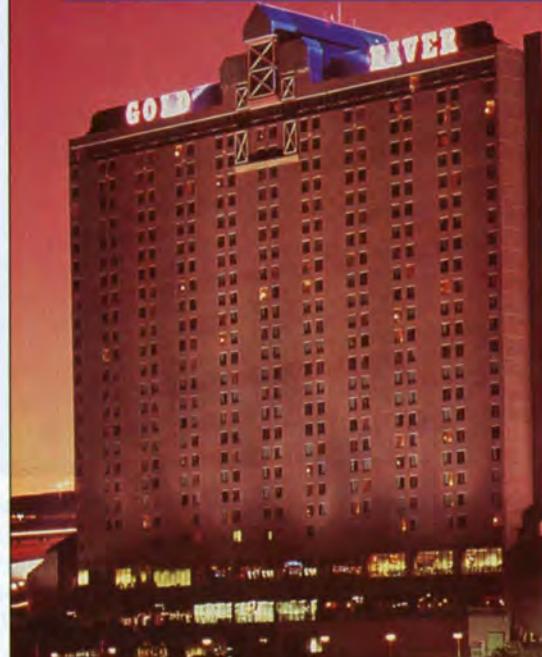
Slots, Oct. 10-12 and 24-26, Flamingo Hilton, 733-3117
Bingo, Oct. 11, Palace Station, 367-2411
Slots, Oct. 11-14, Sands, 733-5385
Blackjack, Oct. 15-17, Imperial Palace, 794-3160
Slots, Oct. 26-28, Edgewater, Laughlin, 298-2453

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Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum: 444 Hotel Plaza, 294-1988
Bruno Liguori's Turquoise and Indian Museum: 1306 Nevada Hwy., 293-4865 or 800-292-3233
Hoover Dam: Tours, U.S. 93, 293-8367
Lake Mead Cruises/Desert Princess: Lake Mead Marina, 293-6180
Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Hwy., 293-8907

HENDERSON

Clark County Heritage Museum: 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., 455-7955
Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden:

Tours, 2 Cactus Garden Dr., 458-8864
Green Valley Outdoor Sculpture Museum Information Center: Self-guided driving tour, Green Valley Shopping Plaza at Sunset Rd. and Green Valley Pkwy., 458-8855
Kidd Marshmallow Factory: Tours, 8203 Gibson Rd., 564-3878

Las Vegas

American Museum of Historical Documents: 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., private, 731-0785
Bethany's Celebrity Doll Museum: Metz Plaza, 3765 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite G, 798-3036
Bonnie Springs Old Nevada: Bonnie Springs Ranch, Red Rock Canyon, 875-4191
Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel, Casino,

HOTELS

Casino Notes

• The intricate fruit basket at the entrance to the Palace Court restaurant in Caesars Palace is worth a second glance. The entire 85-pound creation is made of pulled and blown sugar—basket, ribbons, and fruit.

• Two women who live a short drive from the Cadillac factory in Detroit, Michigan, won luxury cars within 24 hours of each other last May at the Flamingo Hilton Las Vegas. Jo-Anne Steele, who lives 30 minutes from the factory in Dearborn Heights, won a Cadillac Eldorado, and Myrtle Oswald, who lives across the lake in Chicago, duplicated the win the next morning.

• Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express" opens September 14 at the Las Vegas Hilton. The hotel's showroom has been completely renovated to accommodate the sets needed for the roller-skating musical.

• Ramada Express in Laughlin has completed a five-deck, 1,100-space parking garage that allows access to the casino area through a climate-controlled promenade. The railroad-themed property plans to open 600 new rooms in September and an additional 495 rooms in October.



This sugary fruit basket intrigues diners as they enter the Palace Court restaurant at Caesars Palace.

• The River Express, a water taxi service in Laughlin, serves Harrah's Laughlin, Gold River, Golden Nugget, Colorado Belle, Edgewater, and Riverside. The taxi stops at each dock about every 10 minutes between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. The cost is \$2 one way and \$3 round-trip.

• October will be a big month for Las Vegas when Treasure Island and Luxor open. The two mega-resorts follow the summer openings of the Grand Slam Canyon at Circus Circus and the Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel, Casino, and Movie Museum. The MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park opens in December.

• The Tropicana extended its smoke-free blackjack area to include slot and video poker machines. The area, designated the Island Winners Cove, is in the middle of the casino.

• Trivia question of the day: Of the 850 celebrities who have played the Las Vegas Hilton, who made the most appearances? Answer: Bill Cosby, who topped the list with 64 engagements. The Midnight Idol, Wayne Newton, had the second-highest with 38 appearances.

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Desert Demonstration Gardens: Tours, 3701 W. Alta, 258-3205

Elvis, Elvis, Elvis, Inc.: Elvis mementos, Metz Plaza, 3765 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 891-8810

Floyd Lamb State Park: Ponds, 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 486-5413

Grand Slam Canyon: Adventure park, next to Circus Circus, 800-444-CIRCUS

Guinness World of Records Museum: 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-0640 or 792-3766 (bus.)

Imperial Palace Auto Collection: 731-3311

Lake Mead Yacht Tours: Cruises to Hoover Dam, Lake Mead Marina, 293-7083

Las Vegas Art Museum: Lorenzi Park, 3333 W. Washington Ave., 647-4300

Las Vegas Natural History Museum: Includes the Wildlife World Art Museum, 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 384-DINO

Liberace Museum: 1775 E. Tropicana, 798-5595

Lied Discovery Children's Museum: 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-KIDS

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: UNLV 739-3381

Mirage Dolphin Environment: The Mirage Hotel, 791-7111

Mount Charleston Area: Recreation information, 222-1597

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society: Lorenzi Park, 486-5205

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort: Las Vegas Blvd. N. at Washington (entrance from Cashman Field parking lot B only), state historic park, 486-3511

Omnimax Theatre: Caesars Palace, 731-7900

Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area: 363-1921

Scandia Family Fun Center: 2900 Sirius Ave., 364-0071

Southern Nevada Zoological Park: 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 648-5955

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park: Red Rock Canyon, 875-4141

Wet 'n Wild: Seasonal, 2601 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 737-3819

World Boxing Hall of Champions: Photos, posters, memorabilia, Metz Plaza, 3765 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite H, 891-8808

Laughlin

Lake Mohave: Marina at Katherine, 602-754-3245

Mesquite

Desert Valley Museum: 346-5705

Peppermill Gun Club: 346-5232 ext. 3729

North Las Vegas

The Planetarium: Community College of Southern Nevada, 644-5059

Overton

Lost City Museum: 397-2193

Valley of Fire State Park: 12 miles south, 397-2088

Pahrump

Pahrump Valley Winery: Tours, 3810 Homestead, 727-6900

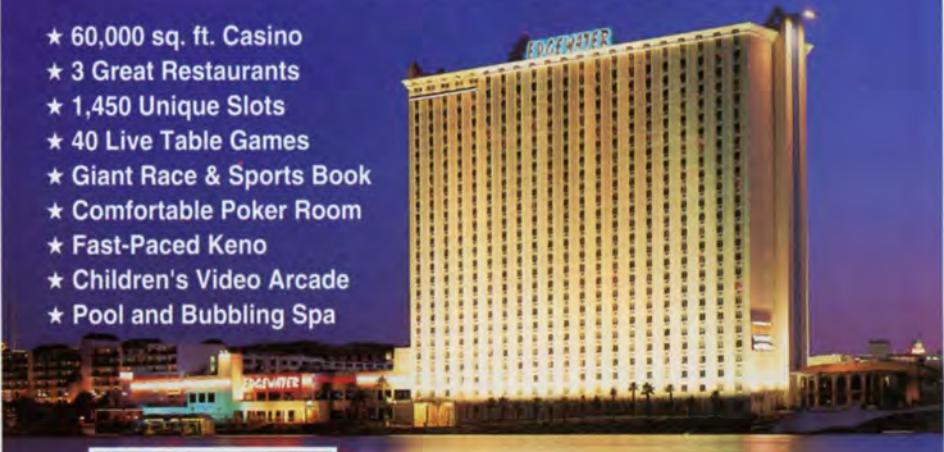
Searchlight

Searchlight Historic Museum: Community Center, 455-7955

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EVENTS

September

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's Rat Fink Car Show, thru Sept. 6, Roth's art and paraphernalia, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Views of Nevada's Rails, thru Sept. 10, historic photographs and artifacts of early Nevada railroads, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Sculpture Exhibit, thru Sept. 24, by Carol Setterlund, Sierra Arts Center, 329-1324

Reno/Truckee River Summer Events, thru Sept. 25, concerts and art shows at Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk and Wingfield Park Amphitheater, for schedule call 334-2077

A Common Thread, thru Sept. 27, traveling show of fiber art made by Nevadans, Year of

TERRITORY MAP



American Craft exhibit, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Theodore Waddell Art Exhibit, thru Sept. 30, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Beyond Gum San: The Chinese in Nevada, thru April 30, 1994, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 687-4810

Art Show, Sept. 1-29, paintings and photos of Reno balloons and air races, Artists Co-Op, 322-8896 or 857-1722

A Show of Hands: Sculpture in Fiber by the Great Basin Basketmakers, Sept. 1-30, Year of American Craft exhibit, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

"Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Sept. 3-5, Tahoe Players' Assn., Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000

Numaga Indian Days Celebration, Sept. 3-6, powwow, traditional dancing, food, crafts, and music, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, 329-2936

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Sept. 3-6, 25 rib restaurants from across the nation compete for the bragging rights to the best in the West ribs title and a \$14,500 cash-prize pool, concert each night, 100-booth arts and crafts show, face painting, Bertha and Angel the elephants, Little Charlie and the Nightcats headline on Fri., free, Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2284 or 800-843-2427

Carson Valley Bocce Tournament, Sept. 3-6, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 ext. 625

Alpen Wine Fest, Sept. 4, \$15 admission includes souvenir glass, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, art show, and silent auction, Squaw Valley, 916-583-6985

Tri-Holiday Sweepstakes Stock Car Racing, Sept. 4, Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079

Roberts House Museum Craft Sale, Sept. 4-5, Roberts House Park, Carson City, 882-4133

Model "A" Ford Cars Meet, Sept. 4-5, cars on display at National Automobile Museum in Reno on Sat., at Fuji Park in Carson City on Sun., 882-1157

On the Green and Rock the Lake, Sept. 4-5, arts and crafts fair, country and western music, classical music, wine and cheese garden, classic car display, on Sun. rock concert featuring Doug Clifford (of Creedence Clearwater Revival) and light show, Village Green next to the Hyatt Regency, Incline Village, 831-4440

Splendor of the Sierra Fine Arts Show, Sept. 4-5, Northstar, Truckee, 916-587-0280

Drag Racing, Sept. 4-5, funny cars and top alcohol dragsters, Douglas County Airport, Minden, 329-8892



An artichoke grower (above) prepares a batch of the delicacy with an Italian touch at Reno's Great Italian Festival. The celebration, October 4-10, includes a spaghetti sauce cook-off and grape stomp.

Nevada State Railroad Museum Steam-Up, Sept. 4-6, operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, 10am-4pm, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Asian-American Experience in Nevada, Sept. 6-30, exhibit of photographs and text, C.I.T.Y. 2000 Art Gallery, Reno City Hall, 329-1324

Virginia City International Camel Races, Sept. 7-12, camel and ostrich races, camel safaris (guided tours through Comstock), camel fashion show, camel parade, prizefight, Harley Davidson motorcycle and exotic vehicle parade, sidewalk fair, arts and crafts booths, balloon and helicopter rides, "Mountain Man Ballet II," street dance, Camel Hump Ball, barbecue dinner, military fly-over, 847-0111

Western Heritage Futurity, Sept. 7-12, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Caesars Challenge TV Show Taping, Sept. 8-9, free tickets (four per person) for videotaping

HOT LINES

Festivals at Tahoe: information on North Shore festivals throughout the year, 916-583-7625
Nevada Division of State Parks: hikes, tours, stargazing, campfire programs at 21 parks around the state, District II, Carson City, 687-4379

UNR Football: Sept. 11 v. Boise State, Sept. 18 v. Texas Southern, Sept. 25 v. Northern Illinois, Oct. 2 v. UNLV Oct. 23 v. Weber State, Mackay Stadium, UNR, 346-PACK

UNR Music Department: concerts, recitals, 784-6145

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-6



More than 100 hot-air balloons will rise above the Truckee Meadows during the Great Reno Balloon Race September 10-12.

PREVIEW

Up, Up, and Awake at Dawn

BY KIM VON ASPERN

For the past six years, I have crawled out of a warm bed before dawn willingly—even joyfully—during the Great Reno Balloon Race. As I rush to gather my son Josh and all the gear we need, I wouldn't dream of arriving late and missing the magic of the Dawn Patrol.

It was tough the first year, however, when I stumbled out of bed at the prescribed hour of 3 a.m.

"Nothing could be worth this," I thought. I assembled the essentials—a thermos of hot chocolate for my son, a thermos of coffee for me, a blanket to sit on, and another to shield us from the pre-dawn chill. I asked myself if I had lost my mind as I dressed in layers, prepared to peel them off as it warmed up.

At 4 a.m., it was time to leave for



Early risers: The Dawn Patrol gets off the ground September 11-12.

Rancho San Rafael Park. I packed the car with a flashlight, camera, binoculars, thermoses, blankets, and child. I assumed that only a few die-hard fans would turn up at that hour. Instead, there was a huge crowd at the park waiting in the dark.

Josh and I staked out our spot and watched the teams fill the five bal-

loons that made up the Dawn Patrol. The balloons took turns lighting up and looked like colorful light bulbs against the dark sky. When they all glowed at once, flashbulbs popped all around me. Enthralled, I almost forgot to snap a picture. I got goose bumps as the balloons rose slowly into the air. Later in the morning, crews assembled and more than 100 race balloons filled the park.

Over the years, I have dragged friends and family out of warm beds on Saturday and Sunday, and they have never been disappointed. Several have become avid fans.

And after six years of early rising, the Dawn Patrol at the Great Reno Balloon Race is still magic for me.

Kim von Aspern is a University of Nevada, Reno student.

of the new NBC-TV game show hosted by NBC sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, Caesars Tahoe, for ticket info. 731-7770 or 800-634-7754, for contestant info. 731-7754

Northern Nevada Industrial Expo, Sept. 8-9, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 851-0423

"Rumors," Sept. 10-11, 17-19, and 24-25, comedy, Reno Little Theater, 329-0661

Daow Aga (Edge of the Lake) Powwow, Sept. 10-12, second annual, Native American dance and drum competitions, recitals, arts and crafts, Indian tacos and other Native American foods, 10am-6pm, free, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-CAL-NEVA

Great Reno Balloon Race, Sept. 10-12, more than 100 hot-air balloons, on Fri.-Sun. 6:45-7am mass ascension and Hare and Hound Race with target drop followed by 7-8:30am community launch, on Sat.-Sun. 5:15am Dawn Patrol, on Sun. 11am awards ceremony, food and souvenir concessions all three days, free admission, Rancho San Rafael Park, 826-1181



Reno's Championship Air Races are September 16-19.

Tahoe Classic Cruise, Sept. 10-12, classic car show and shine with more than 100 cars, food, live music, Lake Tahoe Horizon, South Lake Tahoe, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723

Greek Festival, Sept. 10-12, 6-11pm Fri., noon-11pm Sat., noon-4pm Sun., \$2, St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church, 825-5365

Northstar Open Tennis Tournament, Sept. 10-

12, 916-562-1010

Lahontan Fish Hatchery Open House, Sept. 11, located five miles south of Gardnerville, 265-2425

Hot Rods and Harley All-American Poker Tour, Sept. 11-12, Carson Valley, Carson Valley Inn headquarters, Minden, 782-5942

Gun Show, Sept. 11-12, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Art Exhibit, Sept. 11-Oct. 10, Las Vegas artist Robert Beckmann's series of eight paintings based upon photos taken during a nuclear test in the Nevada desert in the 1950s, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Richard Guy Walton: Works on Paper, Sept. 11-Nov. 28, Walton's paintings and drawings from the 1940s

and 1950s, the Virginia City artist's work was widely recognized for its avant-garde technique, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Squaw Valley Century, Sept. 12, bike ride, includes 100-mile cycling course with 6,600 vertical feet of climbing and 76- and 40-mile courses, Truckee High School fundraiser, Squaw Valley, 916-583-8900

NIGHTLIFE

A Good Call

BY GUY RICHARDSON

For almost 20 years I've watched Jay Leno in lounges, in da big room, as permanent guest host of *The Tonight Show* (the designated Johnny Carson), as Most Powerful Comic on Television, and as the guy NBC said they'd dump if David Letterman stayed with the network.

Through it all, Leno's been the same guy. He's a guy who'll take a motorcycle apart in a hotel room for the fun of it, a guy seemingly without a shred of arrogance.

When he worked lounges, I'd call him for a snappy quote, and he always said thanks. When he hit the big showrooms in the late '80s, he remained accessible and still said thanks. After he took over *The Tonight Show*, I called him, left a message on his machine, and said I needed a quote—not about him, but for a story on a kid struggling in lounges. He called back, gave me the quote, and said thanks for calling.

Harrah's said that these days Leno's interviews go through NBC. But the NBC publicist wasn't sure why a Nevada publication wanted to talk to Leno.

I am not making this up. I said, "It's for a gig at Harrah's Tahoe in October."

"Uh, huh," said the publicist. After some more mutual puzzlement, I said, "Hey, can I just call Jay?"

And so I left a message, and the next day Jay's voice came over the phone.

"Hey, Guy, how ya doin'?"

I was doin' fine, but I wondered how Leno was doing after the talk of Letterman taking over *The Tonight Show*, if he wanted it. That's got to be tough on a guy. "Oh, nothing happened that was so bad—just the usual show business stuff."

But didn't that hurt?

"Y'know, I don't know if this is because I have a big ego or no ego, but it didn't bother me. Show business is a business where there are no private discussions," Leno said.

"Look at it this way: When you sit around the dinner table, I'm sure you say things about people, things that you wouldn't necessarily like to get out. It's not that you don't love your friends and neighbors, but you say stuff, know what I mean? In show business all those discussions leak out. They always told me what was going on. The



Jay Leno doesn't lob jokes at civilians.

people who were for me to my face were also for me behind closed doors. The ones that were against me behind closed doors explained to my face that they thought it was for the good of NBC. No one was doing this behind my back."

A word you don't hear much these days is "decency," but it fits Leno. He's such a decent guy that you simply like him. In another sense of the word, his act is decent, too. He'll get in a double-entendre here and there, but he's basically clean—and you never see him pick on anyone.

Hispanic Heritage Day, Sept. 12, 10am-5pm, Quadrangle, UNR, 333-2727

Reno National Championship Air Races, Sept. 16-19, 30th annual, four classes of racing aircraft including Unlimited, Formula One, AT-6, and Biplanes, air show with aerobatics, static displays of military and civilian aircraft, Reno-Stead Airport, 972-6663

Downtown Reno Air Race Display, Sept. 16-19, static displays of aircraft, on Virginia St. between Fourth St. and Truckee River, 329-7469

Sparks Aircraft Display, Sept. 16-19, Victorian Square, 353-2291

"The Fantasticks," Sept. 16-26, Thurs.-Sun., musical, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, 348-4600 or 800-225-2277

Cool September Days, Sept. 17-19, classic car show, food, live entertainment, Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Sept. 18, incredible hat contest and tea party on the Governor's Mansion grounds, prizes, refreshments, entertainment, proceeds to benefit Carson City Library, Carson City, 887-2244

NASTR Virginia City 100-Mile Endurance Ride, Sept. 18, 26th annual horse ride, trail covers historical routes to and from Virginia City,

ride camp in Virginia City, Nevada All-State Trail Riders, 882-6591

Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival, Sept. 18, 9am-7:30pm, \$10, children 12 and under free, West Washoe Valley, 882-7437 or 882-6013

Tahoe Rim Trail Hike-A-Thon, Sept. 18, hike begins at Brockway Summit and finishes at Tahoe City, 916-577-0676

Nor-Cal Late Model Tour, Sept. 18, stock car race, Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079

Biggest Little Quilt Show in the West, Sept. 18-19, vendors, demonstrations, door prizes, Reno Livestock Events Center, 849-0322

Rage'n at the Ranch Mountain Bike Series, Sept. 18-19, Donner Ski Ranch, 916-426-3635

Baby Faire '93, Sept. 19, Reno-Sparks Convention

Center, 322-7064

Meet the Winemaker Dinner, Sept. 20, featuring Scott Harvey from Santino Winery, Fiona's in the Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-4347

High Sierra Regional Chili Cook-Off, Sept. 24-26, 16th annual, carnival rides, craft fair, Wild West Shoot-Out, live band, shoot-n-holler, Miss Chile Pepper, Mr. HotSauce, Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723

Egyptian Arabian Horse Show, Sept. 24-26, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Tahoe Rim Trail—Tahoe Meadows Trailhead Dedication, Sept. 25, off the Mount Rose Hwy., 916-577-0676

USAC Nevada State Championship Midget Races, Sept. 25, Silver State Raceway, Carson

"I like to work with the lights up a bit in the room so I can see the audience," he said. "Some of these cable-TV guys when they work live want a spotlight in their eyes and the house lights out. I think it's because they don't want to see the audience. Or they'll say, 'Oh, I'm just doing a character, you shouldn't take me seriously.' Hey, if you say something on stage, you should at least take responsibility for it."

A comic carries a lethal weapon—his mouth—but Leno won't fire at civilians. Not his kind of comedy, he said.

"To me it's more fun to make the group laugh at themselves. I don't mean not picking on Exxon or something like that. I mean picking on individuals," he said. "If you are good, they'll remember that you were good. But if you are mean to a person, they will remember that all their life. I don't want anyone to think of me like that."

"Jay," I said, "no one will ever think of you as mean. Talk to you later."

"Great," he said. "And Guy, thanks for calling."

Jay Leno plays Harrah's Lake Tahoe October 15-17 and Caesars Palace in Las Vegas November 12-14.

Guy Richardson is a reporter and entertainment writer for the Reno Gazette-Journal and a regular contributor to Nevada Magazine.

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Genoa Candy Dance and Arts and Crafts Faire, Sept. 25-26, in its 73rd year, the Candy Dance was begun in Genoa in 1919 as a way to raise money for street lights, event includes dance on Sat. night, arts and crafts and homemade candy sales Sat.-Sun., Mormon Station State Historic Park and Genoa Town Park, 782-TOWN

Silver Cats Cat Show, Sept. 25-26, championship and household pet cat show, 12 judging rings, Reno Livestock Events Center, 322-7456

Autocross, Sept. 26, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Autumn Food and Wine Festival, Sept. 26, location TBA, Tahoe City, 916-581-6900

October

Asia and Nevada, Oct. 1-2, lectures and panel, featuring Ruthanne Lum McCunn, author of *A Thousand Pieces of Gold*, and historians Carol Gluck of Columbia University and Frederic Wakeman of U.C. Berkeley, open to the public, Pine Auditorium, UNR, 784-6587

World's Championship Chili Cook-Off and Taste of America Food Festival, Oct. 1-3, on Fri. Taste of America Food Festival begins, on Sat. Last Chance Chili Cook-Off, on Sun. World's Championship Chili Cook-Off with \$25,000 first prize, weekend includes crafts and food booths, chili sampling, and music, held on Virginia St. from the Reno Arch to the Truckee River in downtown Reno, 829-2810

Annual Carson Valley Inn Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament, Oct. 1-3, Carson Valley Inn and Carson Valley Golf Course, Minden, 782-9711

BMX Bicycle Race, Oct. 1-3, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Art Show, Oct. 1-28, animals and farm landscapes, Artists Co-Op, 322-8896 or 825-9293

Classical Concerts in the Atrium, Oct. 1-29, every Fri. from noon-1pm, free, Airport Gardens Office Complex, 329-1324

Harvest and Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 1-31, second annual, haywagon rides to the pumpkin patch, on weekends farmer's market, arts and crafts, children's carnival, games, on Oct. 2 barn dance, on Oct. 30 Halloween costume dance, Bull Creek Ranch, Verdi, 345-7600

Third Annual Native American Snow Dance Festival, Oct. 2, Incline Village, 800-GO-TAHOE

Carson Valley Qualifier Annual Motorcycle Event, Oct. 2, start and finish behind the Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 408-727-5497

Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert, Oct. 2, Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 348-9413

Roberts House Museum Craft Sale, Oct. 2-3, Roberts House Park, Carson City, 882-4133

Professional Team Penning Assn. National Finals, Oct. 2-3, fairgrounds, Carson City, 882-4458 or 687-7410

Gun Show, Oct. 2-3, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Great Italian Festival, Oct. 4-10, mid-week events include cooking demonstration, European fashion show, and Italian buffets, weekend events include outdoor festival with a grape stomp, spaghetti sauce cook-off, crafts, music, and clowns, Eldorado Hotel and downtown Reno, 786-5700 or 800-777-5325

Art Exhibit, Oct. 4-Nov. 12, works by Tom Gilbertson and Larry Williamson, reception on Oct. 4 from 5-7pm, Sierra Arts Center, 329-1324

National Peruvian Paso Horse Show, Oct. 8-19, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

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Outlaw outhouses: Virginia City's World Championship Outhouse Races on October 16-17 will commemorate (and protest) recent Nevada legislation that outlaws old-style privies.

Haunted House, Oct. 8-31, location TBA in Reno, fundraiser for Care Chest, 829-2273

Columbus Day Parade, Oct. 9, multicultural city event, downtown Reno, 329-7469

Pumpkin Patch and Columbus Day Fun Bike Race, Oct. 9, Northstar, 916-562-1010

Kokanee Salmon Festival, Oct. 9-10, salmon feed, 5K, 10K, and children's run, children's activities, visits with mascot Sammy Salmon, the oriental art of fish painting, and nature walks, 10am-4pm, U.S. Forest Visitor Center on California Hwy. 89, South Lake Tahoe, 916-573-2674

Fall Festival of Crafts, Oct. 9-10, Carson City Community Center, 883-7654

Cal-Neva Wedding Faire, Oct. 10, free, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000

Bill Staines Concert, Oct. 11, acoustic guitar, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Leon Nightingale Memorial Concert, Oct. 15, featuring world-renown clarinetist Eddie Daniels, UNR faculty, and UNR Jazz Lab I, Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 784-6847

Western States Celebration Horse Show, Oct. 15-17, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Petroglyphs and Pictographs From Around the World Exhibit, Oct. 15-Dec. 20, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Carson City Great Chili Cook-Off, Oct. 16, 10am-4pm, chili tasting at 12:30pm, music by the High Strung Band, free, downtown Carson City on Spear St. between Carson and Curry streets, 885-0411

National Poetry Day, Oct. 16, 1pm, free, McCarran Ranch, 343-0238

Vintage Nevada Wine Tasting and Auction, Oct. 16, Lawlor Events Center, UNR, 784-4659

Festival of Strings, Oct. 16, four musicians play mandolin, balalaika, guitar, flamenco guitar, and classical guitar, sponsored by Tahoe Arts Project, location TBA, South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-0234

Virginia City World Championship Outhouse Races, Oct. 16-17 duel for the title of world's fastest privy, crew pushes, pulls, drags, and throws an outhouse down a 200-yard course, chamber pot races also, privy parade, Concours d'Odorance, noon-4pm, Virginia City, 847-0311

Harvest Festival, Oct. 16-17 crafts, Native American dancers, storytellers, face painters, bluegrass bands, and jugglers, March of Dimes, Reno Livestock Events Center, 323-4107

Art Exhibit, Oct. 16-Nov. 28, works by contemporary Basque artist Andree Nagel, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Chromogenic Photographs Exhibit, Oct. 16-Nov. 28, Under Construction Photo Series by Reno

artist and photographer Erik Lauritzen, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Turkey Run, Oct. 17 turkeys and hams are given in place of trophies, Ramblin' Wheel's Motorcycle Club, meet at Rex's Wolf Den, Sparks, 972-8311

"Peter and the Wolf," Oct. 19-23, Reno Musician's Assn. production, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000

Arts and Flowers Luncheon, Oct. 21, fundraiser for Nevada Museum of Art's volunteer organization, \$35, Harrah's Reno, 329-3333

American Cowboys Team Roping National Finals, Oct. 21-24, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

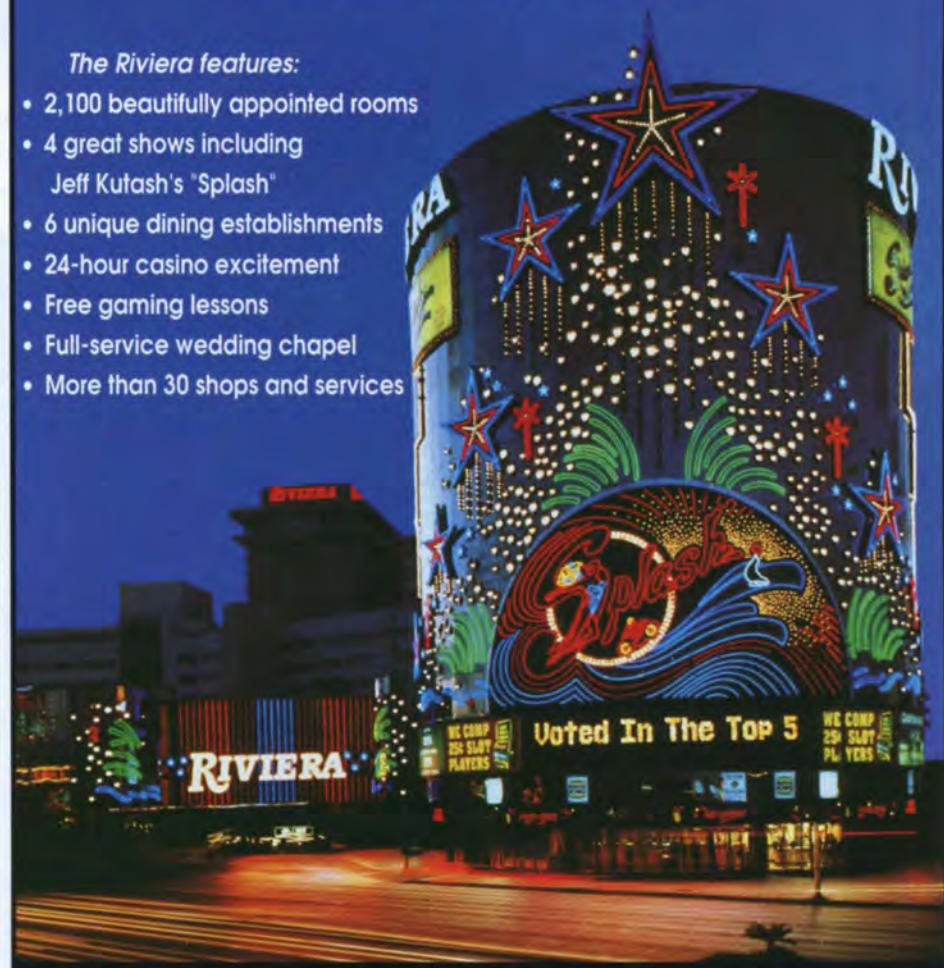
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State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079
Oktoberfest, Oct. 23, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 832-1234
Oktoberfest, Oct. 23, Chico Bavarian Band, Alpine Meadows, 916-581-6900

Star Trek Convention, Oct. 23-24, Star Trek news, slide show, videos, and vendors, appearance by Marina Sirtis (Troi of *Star Trek: The New Generation*), autograph signing, Flamingo Hilton Reno, 322-1111 or 818-409-0960

Carson City Chamber Orchestra Concert, Oct. 24, Carson City Community Center, 883-4154

Jon Spelman Storyteller, Oct. 25, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Pyramid Lake Rodeo, Oct. 29-31, Nixon, 574-1000
Wa She Shu Powwow, Oct. 29-31, arts and crafts, Native American dances, princess contest, barbecue, handgames, Carson Indian Colony, Carson City, 883-6431 or 885-6939

RSVP Nevada Day Carnival, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, eighth annual, rides, games, food, free admission, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Mills Park, Carson City, 687-4680

Halloween Party, Oct. 30, fundraiser for Care Chest, Peppermill, 829-2273

Nevada Day Celebration, Oct. 30, honoring Nevada's admission to the Union on Oct. 31, 1864, includes 10am parade, railroad steam-up, Governor's 1864 Grand Ball, handcar races, bed races, chili feed, carnival, World Championship Single Jack Rock Drilling Contest, longest beard contest, run/walk, art show, Carson City, 882-2600

Trick or Treat in the Streets, Oct. 30, safe trick or treating on the streets of the National Automobile Museum, 333-9300

Carson City Invitational Railroad Handcar Races, Oct. 30-31, seven divisions of competition, time trials at 11am Sat., finals at 9am Sun., Nevada State Railroad Museum, 687-4811 or 687-6953

Halloween Carnival, Oct. 31, South Lake Tahoe Recreational Complex, 916-541-4611

Bill Morrissey, Oct. 31, singer, songwriter, and humorist, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

COMING EVENTS

Celtic New Year Celebration, Nov. 5-7 Reno, 786-3030

National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals, Nov. 8-14, Reno, 688-5751

Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11, Virginia City, 847-0311

Christmas on the River, Nov. 27, Reno, 786-7765
Christmas on the Comstock, Nov. 27-Dec. 24, Virginia City, 847-0311

Children's Powwow, Dec. 3-5, Carson City, 887-1089

Sparks Hometowne Christmas, Dec. 4, 353-2284
Silver and Snowflakes Festival of Lights, Dec. 8, Carson City, 885-0411

SHOWGUIDE

Reno/Sparks

Circus Circus, 329-0711 or 800-648-5010: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight

Clarion, 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Edy Gainer/Powerhouse, Aug. 30-Sept. 12; Tammy Allen and RSVP/Vamp, Sept. 13-26

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Besides the traditional parade, Carson City's Nevada Day celebration has handcar races (above) and train steam-ups.

PREVIEW

Never on Sunday

Nevada Day celebrants, be forewarned: Because Nevada Day, October 31, falls on a Sunday this year, festivities in Carson City will be held Saturday, October 30.

The Nevada Day parade in downtown Elko also has been scheduled for Saturday.

The last time Nevada Day was celebrated on a Sunday was in 1965, when the parade time was moved to 1 p.m. so morning churchgoers could join the festivities. But church and school officials still complained, which led to the "Never on Sunday" decision, says Bill Dolan, the Nevada Day Committee's publicity chairman. So when Nevada Day fell on a Sunday in 1971, 1976, and 1982, festivities were moved to Saturday.

"It has one other great benefit," Dolan says. "This year the children can have Halloween all to themselves."

Nevada Day honors the state's admission to the Union on October 31, 1864. The traditional Nevada Day festivities in Carson City began in 1938 (on a Monday).

Some traditionalists argue that Nevada Day always should be celebrated on October 31, but they won't have to face the Never on Sunday issue again until 1999.—Jackie Ruffin

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Nevada), or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, Aug. 30-Sept. 19; Honolulu, Aug. 31-Sept. 19; Danny Marona, Sept. 21-Oct. 3

Fitzgeralds, 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment TBA

Flamingo Hilton Reno, 785-7080: **Flamingo Showroom**: "American Superstars," indf. (dark Tues.); **Showspot Lounge**: Martha's Children,

thru Sept. 12; Zella Lehr, Sept. 14-Oct. 10; Louie Fontaine and the Rockets, Oct. 12-31

Harolds Club, 329-0881 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment TBA

Harrah's Reno, 788-3773 or 800-648-3773: **Sammy's Showroom**: Phyllis Diller, Sept. 7-19; Lacy J. Dalton, Sept. 21-26; Floyd Cramer, Sept. 28-Oct. 3; Sons of the San Joaquin, Oct. 5-10; Leroy Van Dyke, Oct. 12-17; Tribute to Patsy Cline

HOTELS

Casino Notes

• **Circus Circus** in Reno recently celebrated its 15th birthday. The hotel, with its 1,625 rooms and suites, is ranked 40th among the largest hotels in the world.

• A new multicasino progressive slot machine, **Fastest Cash**, has been launched by **Circus Circus Enterprises**. Fastest Cash is a three-reel, three-coin quarter progressive, and its system exclusively links all Circus Circus properties, including Circus Circus Reno, Edgewater and Colorado Belle in Laughlin, Circus Circus Las Vegas, Excalibur, Silver City Casino, and Slots-A-Fun in Las Vegas. The jackpot started at \$10,000.

• The **Clarion** plans to add a \$25-million tower to its existing hotel-casino in Reno. The proposed tower will add 285 rooms to the 303-room hotel. An

entertainment complex, convention facility, and casino expansion also are planned.

• After less than two years in operation, South Lake Tahoe's **Embassy Suites Resort** was awarded the Four Diamond Award in April by the American Automobile Association. The 400-room hotel was judged on housekeeping, maintenance, room decor, security, and guest services. Management offers a newly instituted "100% Satisfaction" program, which has a money-back guarantee if guests are not completely satisfied.

• The **Summit Restaurant** at **Harrah's Lake Tahoe** has received the DiRoNA award for the second year in a row. Presented by the Distinguished Restaurants of North America, the award is based not only on food, at-

featuring Sharon Haynes and the Jordanaires, Oct. 19-24; Greg Thompson's "Stagestruck" and "High Voltage," thru Dec. 13 and Dec. 24-Jan. 2 (dark Tues.)

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177; *Celebrity Showroom*: Brenda Lee, thru Sept. 1; Desert Rose Band/David Strassman, Sept. 2-15; T.G. Sheppard, Sept. 16-29; Michael Martin Murphey/Waddie Mitchell, Oct. 14-27; Sha Na Na/Mark Merchant, Oct. 28-Nov. 10; *Casino Cabaret*: Flashback, indf.

Peppermill, 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Cheryl Cotten, thru Sept. 5; *Surprise Package*, Aug. 30-Sept. 5; *Tanzania*, Aug. 30-Sept. 12; Pat Collins, Sept. 3-5; *Freddy Powers*, Sept. 6-19; *Tribal Tech*, Sept. 13; *St. Romain*, Sept. 13-26; *Double Edge*, Sept. 20-26; *David Proud*, Sept. 20-Oct. 3; *Madison Avenue*, Sept. 27-Oct. 10; *Cameron*, Sept. 27-Oct. 17; *Johnny Baron*, Oct. 4-10; *Surprise Package*, Oct. 11-17; *Tommy Bell*, Oct. 11-24; *The Lelands*, Oct. 18-31; *Jerry Zu/Double Edge*, Oct. 25-Nov. 7; *Bellamy Brothers*, Oct. 28-30

Ponderosa, 786-6820: Nightly entertainment
Reno Hilton, 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Ziegfeld Theatre*: *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*, thru Sept. 12 (dark Thurs.); *Gladys Knight*, Oct. 7-9; *Ann-Margret*, Oct. 14-16; *Pointer Sisters*, Oct. 22-24; *Willie Nelson*, Oct. 29-31

Reno Ramada, 788-2000: Entertainment TBA
Silver Club, Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137: Tammy Allen and RSVP Aug. 30-Sept. 5; *Double Edge*, Aug. 30-Sept. 12; *Whiskey Ridge*, Sept. 6-12; *Tommy Bell*, Sept. 13-26; *Silk*, Sept. 20-Oct. 3; *Bodacious*, Sept. 27-Oct. 10; *Inside Out*, Oct. 11-24; *Vamp*, Oct. 25-31

Western Village, Sparks, 331-1069: Entertainment TBA

mosphere, and service but also on location, parking, and quality of linen and china.

• **Harrah's Reno** recently increased the number of its non-smoking hotel rooms and nearly doubled the size of its non-smoking gaming area. Harrah's Reno now has seven floors of non-smoking rooms, more than a third of the hotel's 565 rooms.

• **Llewellyn's Restaurant** at **Harvey's** was recently recognized by the Chaine des Rotisseurs, a prestigious national gourmet club. The club is interested in cooking techniques using the spit, rotisserie, and barbecue.

• **John Ascuaga's Nugget** in Sparks has added Megabucks and Quartermania slot systems to its casino. The progressive slot machines are linked to casinos throughout Nevada.

• A birthday is something to look forward to at **John Ascuaga's Nugget** if you join the birthday club. Birthday celebrants get 15 free regular bingo games on any day during the birthday month and a free bottle of champagne.

Carson City/Carson Valley

Carson City Nugget, 882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): *Big Tiny Little*, Sept. 7-26; *The Four Tunes*, Sept. 28-Oct. 10; *Get Ready*, Oct. 12-24; *Speedy Garfin*, Oct. 26-Nov. 7

Carson Station, Carson City, 883-0900: Live entertainment Tues.-Sat.

Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Tony Vee and Bodacious*, Sept. 1-4; *Slick Gypsy*, Sept. 6-11; *Shake, Rattle and Roll*, Sept. 13-25; *The Act*, Sept. 27-Oct. 2; *Whiskey Ridge*, Oct. 4-16; *Perfect Circle*, Oct. 18-30; *Cabaret Lounge*: Live bands and dancing Mon.-Sat., DJ and oldies

records Sun.
Sharkey's Nugget, Gardnerville, 782-3133
Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 266-3339

Lake Tahoe

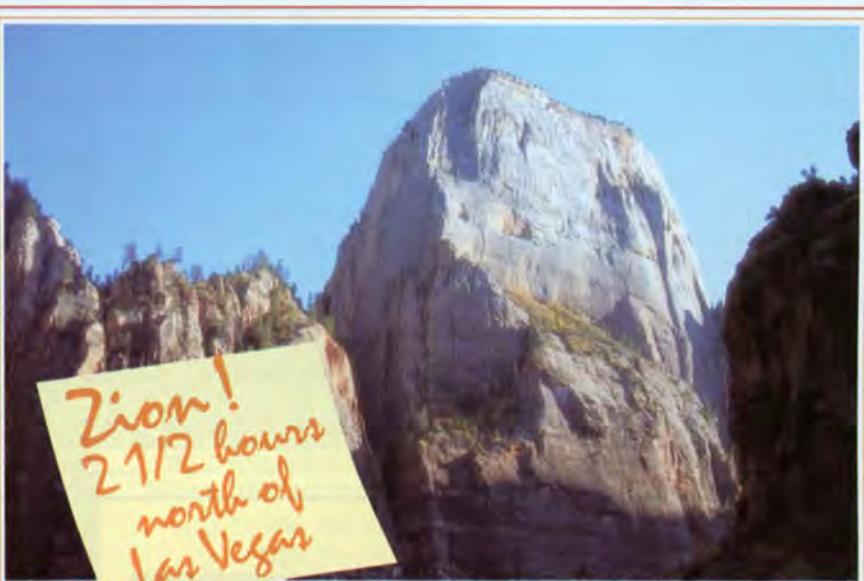
Bill's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-2455

Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 588-3515 or 800-648-3353; *Circus Maximus*: Chicago, Sept. 3-5; NBC Game Show *Caesars Challenge*, Sept. 8-9; *Dolly Parton*, Sept. 10-11; *Caesars Cabaret*: *Laff Trax*

Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382

Crystal Bay Club, Crystal Bay, 831-0512

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-6606 or 800-648-3773; *South Shore Room*: "Me and My Girl," thru Sept. 6; *Jay Leno*, Oct. 15-17; *Stateline Cab-*



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aret: "Beyond Bare Essence," indf. (dark Thurs.); Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, Sept. 9-11
Harvey's, Stateline, 588-2411 or 800-553-1022: *Emerald Theater*: "Twist and Shout: The Ultimate Beatles Revue," indf.; *John Wayne Theater*, revue, thru Sept. 26; *Convention Center*: Danny Marona, Sept. 2-5; *Llewellyn's*: Ron Rose Sound, indf.; *Emerald Party Lounge*: Vamp, thru Sept. 5; *Zippers*, Aug. 30-Sept. 12; *Tommy Bell*, Sept. 6-12; *David Proud*, Sept. 13-19; *Doo Wah Riders*, Sept. 13-26; *Stew Stewart*, Sept. 20-26; *Shake, Rattle and Roll*, Sept. 27-Oct. 3; *April and the Texas Rangers*, Sept. 27-Oct. 10; *California Cowboys*, Oct. 4-17; *Eddie Dunbar*, Oct. 11-24; *The Act*, Oct. 18-24; *Zippers/Reta and the Wizz*

Kidz, Oct. 25-Nov. 7
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 831-1111; *Tommy Bell*, Aug. 31-Sept. 5; *St. Romain*, Sept. 7-12; *Vermilion*, Sept. 14-19; *Levi John*, Sept. 21-26; *Herb McQuay*, Sept. 28-Oct. 3; *Perfect Circle*, Oct. 12-17; *Lane Cameron Trio*, Oct. 19-24; *Casanova*, Oct. 26-31
Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Grande Lake Theatre*: "Magic 2010," a laser, magic, comedy, dance extravaganza featuring Robert Gallup, indf.; *Golden Cabaret*: "Passion 2," indf.
Lakeside Inn, Stateline, 588-7777: Entertainment TBA
Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 831-0660

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September 3-6 ~ Labor Day in Pioche

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Other Events Coming Up in '94 (dates are approximate)

July 2-4 ~ 4th of July, *Caliente* Parade, Games, Free Swim, Fireworks, Motorcycle Races, Live Music

July 8-9 ~ Rodeo Series, *Caliente*

July 23 ~ Pioneer Days, *Panaca* Breakfast, Games, Parade, BBQ

July 27-30 ~ Heritage Days, *Pioche* Historical Plays, Art show, Craft Sale

August 13-20 ~ Fair Days, *Panaca* Exhibits, Livestock Show, BBQ, Parade, Foot Race, Horse Show, Talent & 4-H Shows, Jackpot Roping, Dog Trials, L.C. Rodeo Series Finals

August 21 ~ ACERBIS Cycle Rally, County-wide Street Dance, Horseshoes, BBQ, Fireworks, Parade, Mining Events, Games, Bicycle Race, Live Music, 10K Run, Softball

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GAMING TOURNAMENTS

September

Keno, Sept. 3-5, *Riverboat*, 323-8877

Slots, Sept. 7-9, *Lake Tahoe Horizon*, 588-6211

Keno, Sept. 12-14, *Comstock*, 329-1880

Slots, Sept. 12-14 and 26-28, *Flamingo Hilton*, 322-1111

Keno, Sept. 17, *Carson Valley Inn*, Minden, 782-9711

Blackjack, Sept. 17-19, *Riverboat*, 323-8877

Slots, Sept. 19-22 and 26-28, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300

Poker, Sept. 24, Bill's Lake Tahoe, 586-2471

Slots, Sept. 26-28, *Eldorado*, 786-5700

Blackjack, Sept. 28, *Carson Valley Inn*, Minden, 782-9711

October

Keno, Oct. 1-2, *Peppermill*, 689-7290

Keno, Oct. 1-3, *Comstock*, 329-1880

Bingo, Oct. 3, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300

Blackjack, Oct. 3-4, *Lake Tahoe Horizon*, 588-6211

Slots, Oct. 3-5, *Flamingo Hilton*, 322-1111

Slots, Oct. 3-5, *Riverboat*, 323-8877

Slots, Oct. 3-6, *Harrah's Reno*, 788-2790

Slots, Oct. 8, Bill's Lake Tahoe, 586-2471

Blackjack, Oct. 8-9 and 26, *Carson Valley Inn*, Minden, 782-9711

Slots, Oct. 10-13, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300

Blackjack, Oct. 14-16, *Fitzgeralds*, 785-3381

Keno, Oct. 15, *Carson Valley Inn*, Minden, 782-9711

Blackjack, Oct. 15-17, *Comstock*, 329-1880

Slots and **Blackjack**, Oct. 15-17, *Riverboat*, 323-8877

Slots, Oct. 17-18, *Peppermill*, 689-7282

Slots, Oct. 22-23, *Carson Valley Inn*, 782-9711

Blackjack/Dice, Oct. 29-31, *Peppermill*, 689-7100

ATTRACTI0NS, TOURS & MUSEUMS

Carson City

Great Basin Wildlife Center: 3770 Butti Way, 887-2172

Kit Carson Trail: 882-1565 or 800-638-2321

Nevada State Archives: Exhibits, State Library, 100 Stewart St., 687-5210

Nevada State Capitol: 687-5030

Nevada State Museum: 600 N. Carson St., 687-4810

Nevada State Railroad Museum: S. Carson St. at Fairview Dr., 687-6953

Roberts House Museum: 1207 Carson St., 882-1805

Stewart Indian Museum: 5366 Snyder Ave., 882-1808

Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum: 111 N. Curry St., 887-2210

Genoa

Genoa Courthouse Museum: 782-4325

Mormon Station State Historic Park: 782-4325

Walley's Hot Springs: 2001 Foothill Rd., 782-8155

Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park: 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494



Fresh cookin' from sautéed veggies to homemade candy can be found at the Genoa Candy Dance September 25-26.

M.S. Dixie Cruiseship: Seasonal, Zephyr Cove, 588-3508
Ponderosa Ranch: Seasonal, Incline Village, 831-0691
Tahoe Queen Sternwheeler: South Lake Tahoe, CA, 916-541-3364
Tahoe Rim Trail: 916-577-0676
U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center: Tours, 916-573-2600
Vikingsholm: Tours, 916-525-7232

Reno

Bull Creek Ranch: Verdi, 345-7600
Fleischmann Planetarium: UNR, 784-4811
Harolds Club Gun Collection: 329-0881
Liberty Belle Slot Collection: 4250 S. Virginia St., in Liberty Belle Saloon, 825-1776
Mackay School of Mines Minerals Museum: UNR, 784-6052
Nevada Historical Society Museum: 1650 N. Virginia St., 688-1190
Nevada Museum of Art, E. L. Wiegand Gallery: 160 W. Liberty St., 329-3333
Numana Hatchery Visitors Center: Pyramid Lake, 574-0290
Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk and Wingfield Park Amphitheater: 334-2077
Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy: Tours, 300 E. First St., Suite 103, 329-5665
UNR Anthropology Dept. Research Museum: UNR, 784-6704
Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden: Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4153
Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure: Seasonal, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4064
Wilbur D. May Museum: Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-5961
William F. Harrah Foundation National Automobile Museum: 10 Lake St., 333-9300

Sparks

National Air Museum and Hall of Fame: 1570 Hymer, 358-0505
Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum: 820 Victorian Ave., 355-1144

Wild Island: Wild Island, Adventure Golf and Raceway, 250 Wild Island Ct., 359-2927

Virginia City

Chollar Mine: Tours, seasonal, 847-0155
1869 Territorial Prison Museum: Tours, 847-0500
Fourth Ward School Museum: Seasonal, 847-0975
Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum: 847-9394
Liberty Engine Co. No. 1 Comstock Firemen's Museum: Seasonal, 847-0717
Mackay Mansion: 847-0173
Mark Twain Museum of Memories: 847-0454
Nevada Gambling Museum: 847-9022
Piper's Opera House: 847-0433
Ponderosa Mine: Tours, 847-0757
Territorial Enterprise Mark Twain Museum:

847-0525
The Castle: Seasonal, 847-0275

The Way It Was Museum: 847-0766
Virginia and Truckee Railroad: 847-0380
Wild West Museum: 847-0400

Washoe Valley

Bowers Mansion Park: Pool, 4005 U.S. 395 North, 849-1825
Davis Creek Park: 849-0684
Washoe Lake State Park: E. Lake Blvd., 687-4319

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, use the phone number listed with each event. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. For hotels' toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212.

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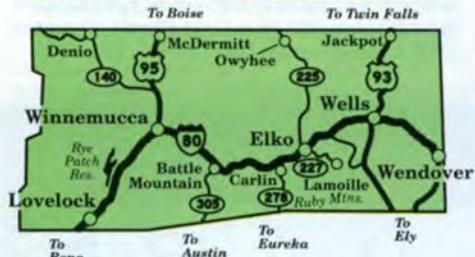
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COWBOY COUNTRY



September

Photography Exhibit, thru Oct. 5, Nevada photos by Winnemucca photographer and journalist Lewis Brockus, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

One-Man Scramble Golf Tournament, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, sponsored by Silver Smith and State Line casinos, Toona Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2231 or 800-238-2390

Engels Western Show, Sept. 2-5, sale and auction of Old West gear, Indian artifacts, and cowboy collectibles, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091 or 800-248-ELKO

Elko County Fair and Livestock Show, Sept. 3-6, pari-mutuel horse racing, 4-H exhibits, livestock sale, home arts exhibits, stock horse classes, Elko Intermountain Quarter Horse Futurity, quarter horse, thoroughbred and mule races, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-3616

Metalsmithing, Sept. 3-Oct. 4, metal work by Susan Glaser Church, Amy Buckingham Flammang, Sarah Sweetwater, Year of American Craft exhibition, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Harvest Moon Dance and Exhibit, Sept. 4, opening of Great Basin Indian Craftworks exhibit that will be up through Jan. 10, cowboy music, barbecue, free dance, Western Folklife Center, Elko, 738-7508

Winnemucca Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4-5, rodeo, Tri-County Fair, parade, barbecues, street dance, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Western Art Round-Up, Sept. 4-5, quick draw, auction, buckaroo poetry, Winnemucca Convention Center, 623-5071

Jarbridge Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 4-5, bingo games and live music on Sat.-Sun., games and races for children and adults on Sun., pit-roasted corn feed on Sun., Jarbridge Community Hall and Main Street, 488-2311

HOT LINES

Nevada Division of State Parks: District III office in Fallon: 867-3001; District IV office in Elko County: Northfork 6493; District V office in Panaca: 728-4467

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-6



Jack Gladstone, Native American singer, songwriter, and storyteller performs in Lovelock October 25.

Labor Day All-Indian Rodeo, Sept. 4-6, Owyhee, 757-3161

Rich Roping Contest, Sept. 9-11, Wendover Equestrian Park, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862

Race to the Angel, Sept. 11, 3,000-foot vertical climb to Angel Lake, half marathon (13 miles), for runners, walkers, and mountain and road bikers, pre-race carbo feed and after-race lunch, Wells, 752-3267 or 752-3540

Stock Car Demolition Derby, Sept. 11, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-4091

Pari-Mutuel Racing and Nevada Open Horse Show and Cow Horse Futurity, Sept. 11-12, thoroughbred, quarter horse, and mule racing, stock horse show, county fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Psychograss, Sept. 17 bluegrass, jazz, and wild percussion by virtuoso musicians, Winnemucca Convention Center, 623-4824

Nevada Miners' Chili Cook-Off, Sept. 17-18, fifth

annual, Texas-style chili, country and western band, chili tasting, Paradise Valley, 623-1112

Man-Mule Race, Sept. 18, race between humans and mules from Lamoille to Elko, 738-7135

Pari-Mutuel Racing and Ranch Hand Rodeo, Sept. 18-19, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Elko Health Fair, Sept. 18-19, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091

Morrodders Gamblers Run, Sept. 18-19, sixth annual, car show featuring hot rods, custom cars, classics, Elko City Park, 738-8061 or 753-4910

Battle Mountain Covered Wagon Trailride and Playday, Sept. 19, 635-2220 or 625-2422

Slot Tournament, Sept. 20-21, Peppermill, Wendover, 664-2255 or 800-648-9660

State Line and Silver Smith Chapman Golf Tournament, Sept. 23-24, Toona Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2221

World of Speed, Sept. 23-26, seventh annual, competition for the fastest 100 land-speed vehicles, Bonneville Salt Flats, 664-3414, 619-274-1993, or 800-426-6862

Nevada State 4-H Expo, Sept. 23-26, Nevada 4-H members show more than 1,500 entries, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 784-6206

Ram Sale, Sept. 24-25, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-3616

Andrea Anderson Concert, Sept. 30, Anderson plays harpsichord and grand piano, Pershing County High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 273-2082 or 273-2197

October

Andrea Anderson Concert, Oct. 1, Anderson plays harpsichord and grand piano, Winnemucca Convention Center, 623-4824

Great Nevada Shoot-Out Golf Tournament, Oct. 5-7, Jackpot Municipal Golf Club, Jackpot, 755-2260

Oktoberfest, Oct. 6, German food and beer, Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 488-2311

Craftasia, Oct. 8-10, quilting displays, weaving and quilting workshops, juried exhibition, presentations on paper-making and book-binding, coincides with opening reception Oct. 8 of A Common Thread exhibit, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091 or 800-248-ELKO

A Common Thread, Oct. 8-Nov. 30, traveling show of crafts made by Nevadans, Year of American Craft exhibit, opening reception and lecture featuring Tuscarora ceramist Dennis Parks on Oct. 8, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico, Oct. 11, 7:30pm, Winnemucca Junior High School, 623-2491

Oktobefest, Oct. 16, Wells, 752-3504

A Decade of War and Peace—the 1940s, Oct. 16-17 slide show, memorabilia, and stage production featuring 1940s clothing, music, and furniture, Northeastern Nevada Museum and Museum Guild fundraiser, 2 and 7pm Sat., 2pm Sun., Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

World Hot Rodder Finals, Oct. 22-24, Bonneville Salt Flats, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862

Elko Te-moak Youth Powwow, Oct. 22-24, second annual, Native American dance exhibitions, food, games, Elko Indian Colony Gymnasium, Elko, 738-2627

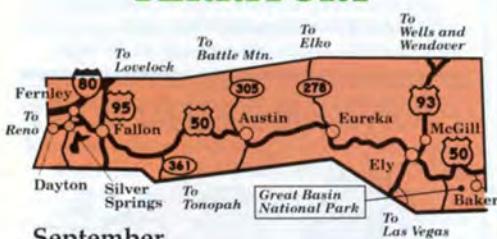
Jack Gladstone Performance, Oct. 25, Native American singer, songwriter, and storyteller, slide show accompanies performance, 7:30pm, Lovelock Community Center, 273-2082 or 273-2197

Pig Feed and Halloween Party, Oct. 29, Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge, 488-2311

Nevada Day Parade, Oct. 30, downtown Elko, 738-7135

Trick or Treat Street, Oct. 30-31, mock city street set up for safe trick or treating, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY



September

Art Exhibit, Sept. 1-30, drawings by Ed Martinez, Churchill Public Library, Fallon, 423-1440

Rail Days, Sept. 4-5, train rides, booths, games, Battle of the Rails, Nevada Northern Railway Museum, East Ely, 289-2085

The Ghost Train of Old Ely Train Rides, Sept. 4, 5, 11, and 18, steam-powered excursions aboard Nevada Northern's historic passenger train, Nevada Northern Railway, East Ely, 289-2085

Fort Churchill State Historic Park Ruins Tours, Sept. 4 and 18, park ranger leads hikes, eight miles south of Silver Springs, 577-2345

Lions Club Junior Rodeo and Parade, Sept. 4-6, teen dance, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-2544 or 800-874-0903

Hidden Cave Tours, Sept. 11 and 25, 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Two-Person Best Ball Golf Championship, Sept. 11-12, White Pine Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095

Nevada Cutting Horse Spectacular, Sept. 12-19, \$160,000 purse, free, fairgrounds, Fallon, 849-0108

Carey Bell and Tough Luck Blues Concert, Sept. 18, Carey Bell is one of Chicago's premier harmonica players, special tour performance,

PREVIEW



The Elko County Fair with its home arts exhibits (above), is a Labor Day tradition.

Labor Day Fun

BY JACKIE RUFFIN

Labor Day, which this year falls on September 6, is the unofficial end of summer. Many rural Nevada towns end summer with a bang on Labor Day weekend with fireworks and county fairs. Here is a sampling of rural Labor Day bashes.

Elko: The Elko County Fair and Race Meet September 3-6 at the Elko County Fairgrounds has a livestock show, horse and mule races, and Elko Intermountain Quarter Horse Futurity. Call 738-3616. The Harvest Moon Dance and Exhibit is scheduled for September 4 at the Western Folklife Center. Call 738-7508.

Ely: Rail Days will be held September 4-5 at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Festivities include train rides. Call 289-2085.

Jarbridge: On September 5 the residents of this tiny town in northern Elko County offer games and races for all ages. Events will be held on Main Street in front of the Jarbridge Community Hall. Call 488-2311.

Pahrump: Labor Day weekend visitors can enjoy tunes at Pahrump Valley Vineyards' Jazz on the Green. On Saturday singer Cami Thompson performs (free admission), and on

Sunday tickets cost \$15 for Thompson, the Four Freshmen, Danny Skea Quartet, UNLV Jazz Combo, and Raul Romero Big Band. Call 727-6900.

Pioche: The historic mining town of Pioche holds its 87th annual Labor Day celebration September 3-6 with milling, mucking, and timber-cutting contests, heritage plays, and a Saturday-night street dance. Call 962-5544 or 962-5245.

Winnemucca: The weekend also is busy in Winnemucca, whose Labor Day rodeo dates back to 1921. The Tri-County Fair is held in conjunction with the rodeo at the fairgrounds. The parade is Saturday morning, and there will be a street dance in the evening. The Western Art Round-Up at the convention center attracts artists nationwide. Call 623-5071.

Yerington: The VORRA off-road race zooms into town September 3-5. On Saturday there's a tech inspection followed by a parade. The race is Sunday. Call 463-3735.

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Fallon Community Center, 423-1440
BluBlocker Silver State 100, Sept. 18-19, high-speed car race on State Route 318 between Lund and Hiko, tech inspection and car show at Broadbent Park in Ely on Sat., race on Sun., host city is Ely, 289-8877

Dayton Valley Days, Sept. 18-19, fifth annual, craft fair, art show, fun run, horseshoe and golf tournaments, barbecue, children's games, living history exhibits, cowboy poetry, downtown Dayton, 246-3281 or 246-0188

Fernley Frontier Rodeo, Sept. 18-19, barbecue, dance, Out-Of-Town Park and rodeo grounds, Fernley, 575-4459

Ely Fall Fun Fair, Sept. 22-26, rides, shows, and attractions, food and beverages, free, fairgrounds, Ely, 687-4680

Nugget Golf Bash, Sept. 25-26, calcutta, dinner, \$65 entry, Fallon Golf Course, Fallon Nugget and Bonanza Inn are headquarters, 423-6472

October

Top Gun Drag Races, Oct. 2, Naval Air Station, Fallon, 423-3104

Fall Encampment, Oct. 2-3, Civil War living history program with displays, skirmishes, Victorian women's demonstrations, hand-work, children's activities, Fort Churchill State Historic Park, eight miles south of Silver Springs, 358-2284

Simon Shaheen and the Near East Music Ensemble, Oct. 9, classical Middle Eastern music and dance, group uses traditional instruments, Churchill County Junior High School, Fallon, 423-1440

Hidden Cave Tours, Oct. 9 and 23, 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 885-6100

Fallon Air Show, Oct. 10, features aerial performances by all branches of the armed services, civilian acts, more than 100 military and civilian aircraft on display, free, Fallon Naval Air Station, 423-4556 or 800-874-0903

PIONEER TERRITORY



September

Berlin-Ichthyosaur Fossil House and Berlin Ghost Town Tours, ranger leads tours of 225-million-year-old ichthyosaur fossils and the Berlin ghost town site, call for times and days, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, near Gabbs, 964-2440 or 867-3001

Saturday Nights on the Green, thru Oct. 17, different band each Sat., bring lounge chairs or blankets, bocce ball and croquet, 6-10pm, free, barbecue dinners and wine available, Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Pahrump, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE

VORRA Off-Road Race, Sept. 3-5, tech inspection and parade on Sat., race on Sun., Yerington, 463-3735

Pioche Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 3-6, parade, mining events, heritage plays, street dance, 10K run, kids' games, bicycle race, softball game, Dutch-oven dinner, horseshoe tournament, fireworks, 962-5545

Pahrump Valley Vineyards Jazz on the Green, Sept. 4-5, on Sat. free Cami Thompson concert from 6-10pm; on Sun. Cami Thompson, the Four Freshmen, the Danny Skea Quartet, UNLV Jazz Combo, and Raoul Romero Big Band concert from 3:30-10pm, \$15 admission on Sun., Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Pahrump, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE

Nevada State Horseshoe Championship Tournament, Sept. 4-5, Burro Inn, Beatty, 553-2445

Ceramicarama, Sept. 4-6, pottery show and sale, Planet X Pottery, 8 miles northwest of Gerlach, 557-2500

Babbitt Farewell Party, Sept. 5, marking the demolition of vacant homes in the Babbitt Housing Area, government housing built in the early '40s for civil-service workers based at the Hawthorne Ammunition Depot, picnic and party from 10am-5pm, 5pm memorial service includes music by the Hawthorne Community Choir and taps, Babbitt Bowling Alley west lawn, one mile north of Hawthorne, 945-1461 or 945-2084

Schurz Pinenut Festival, Sept. 16-19, celebration of annual pinenut harvest, pinenut blessing, handgames, all-Indian rodeo, fun run, talent show, traditional Native American dancing, queen pageant, Indian car parade, horseshoe tournament, country and western dances, crafts, food, Walker River Paiute Reservation, Schurz, 773-2306

Blublocker Silver State 100 Classic Car Show, Sept. 17 part of a series of events surrounding high-speed car race on State Route 318 between Lund and Hiko on Sept. 19, Pioche ballpark, 962-5245

Pahrump Harvest Festival and PRCA Rodeo, Sept. 17-19, 9am parade, rodeo, carnival, deep-pit barbecue, car races, sexy legs contest, dances, Community Park and rodeo grounds, 727-5800 or 800-633-WEST

Meadow Valley Days, Sept. 18, fifth annual Rotary Club Chili Cook-Off with Miss Chile Pepper contest, \$100 first-place chili cook-off winner (778-4432); Hospital Auxiliary Annual Poker Run, anything that runs can be entered (726-3139); American Cancer Society Ice Cream Social (726-3295), Rose Memorial Park, Caliente

Civil Air Patrol Gun Show, Sept. 25-26, Casino West, Yerington, 463-3893

October

Shoot for the Future, Oct. 1-2, youth shoot, family shoot, fun shoot, hunting, fishing, camping, and barbecue, Topaz Sportsmen's Club, 3851 Hwy. 208 (near Topaz Lake), Wellington, 266-3512 or 800-634-6566

Saddle West High Desert Chili Cook-Off, Oct. 2, \$600 first-place chili winner, Harley Davidson bike rally, March of Dimes Walkamerica, Miss Chile Pepper contest, shoot 'n' holler contest, cook's and biker's barbecue at 6pm is \$10, live entertainment in Old West Showroom at Saddle West Hotel, Pahrump, 727-5953

Americana on Tour, Oct. 2, Myron Heaton Chorale of Las Vegas joins the Pahrump Valley High School Band and Choir with a salute to the music of the Southwest, 7:30pm, \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, and \$2 students, Saddle West Hotel, Pahrump, 870-0303

Smith Valley Fun Days, Oct. 3, breakfast, pedal

tractor pull, arts and crafts, volleyball, barbecue, car show, trap shoot, hay ride, gymkhana, kids' games, John Ascuaga's Nugget elephants, raffles, 8am-5pm, Dressler Park, Wellington, 465-2354

Grape Stomp at Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Oct. 9, bring stomping shoes, entrants judged on quantity of juice and stompin' style, music by Ghilab Ghalab, wandering magicians, barbecue dinner, food booths, noon-10pm, dance from 6-10pm to 17-piece big band, Pahrump Valley Vineyards, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE

Rally the Valley, Oct. 9-10, poker run through Death Valley, barbecue, bike show, games, host hotel is Burro Inn, Beatty, 553-2445

Horse Trial, Oct. 9-10, on Sat. dressage, on Sun.

cross-country and stadium jumping, Swinging AFStables, on Rivers Rd. in Smith Valley, 465-2589

Beatty '49ers Annual Burro/Flapjack Race and Competition, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, Beatty parks and surrounding BLM lands, 553-2424

COMING EVENTS

Veterans Powwow, Nov. 12-14, Owyhee, 757-3161

Christmas Parade and Bazaar, Dec. 4, Ely, 289-8877

Festival of Trees, Dec. 12, Elko, 738-4091



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PREVIEW

A Show of Handiwork

BY MARY LEE FULKERSON

Hundreds of crafty minds will congregate October 8-10 in Elko for Craftasia, one of the biggest craft celebrations in Northeastern Nevada.

Craftasia, part of the Year of American Craft, includes the exhibit A Common Thread, a craft market, workshop, and quilt block contest.

Craftasia kicks off Friday at 7 p.m. with a reception at the Northeastern Nevada Museum, where ceramist Dennis Parks of Tuscarora will speak. Visitors there can see such crafts as silver spurs, handtufted rugs, jewelry, baskets, tapestries, and ceramics.

Mary Lee Fulkerson of Palomino Valley is a basketmaker (see July/August '93) and member of the Nevada State Commission on the Year of American Craft.

At the Drop-In Clay Workshop, ceramic sculptor James Linnehan will coordinate a community pictograph mural. Participants can press items like spurs or leaves into ceramic tiles.

Western artists will offer original handcrafts at the Elko Convention Center's craft market. To see locally made crafts, you can browse the museum's Galleria and the Western Folklife Center's new Folk Arts Shop.

For more information on Elko Craftasia events call 702-738-4091.

The schedule of Year of American Craft exhibits in Nevada includes:

- A Show of Hands, Sept. 1-30, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City.
- Craftasia Crafts Conference, Oct. 8-10, Elko Convention Center.
- A Common Thread, thru Sept. 27 at Nevada Historical Society in Reno,



Craftasia will feature works like "The Tree" by Patti Parnell Springmeyer

Oct. 8-Nov. 30 at Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko.

• Nevada Heritage Quilt Project exhibition, Dec. 11-Jan. 23, E.L. Wiegand Gallery, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno.

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New Year's Eve Dance, Dec. 31, Austin, 964-2200
Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Jan. 25-30, Elko, 738-7508
Shooting the West, March 11-13, photo workshop, Winnemucca, 623-6388
Wendover Bordertown Bike Challenge, April 22-24, 664-3414
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, April 30, Wendover, 664-3414
Cinco de Mayo, May 6, Jarbridge, 588-2311
Desert Oasis Bluegrass Festival, May 6-8, Fallon, 423-7733
BluBlocker Nevada 100, May 13-15, host city is Ely, 289-8877
Winnemucca Barrel-Racing Futurity, May 14-15, 623-2225
Armed Forces Day, May 21-22, Hawthorne, 945-5896
Mesquite Days, May 26-28, 346-5295
Lincoln County Homecoming, May 27-30, Caliente, 726-3333
Jim Butler Days, May 27-30, Tonopah, 482-3859
Portuguese Festa, May 28-29, Lovelock, 273-7213
Senior Pro Rodeo, May 28-29, Winnemucca, 623-2225

SHOWGUIDE

Cowboy Country

Battle Mountain: Owl Club, 635-5155
Elko: Commercial Hotel, 738-3181. Red Lion, 738-2111 or 800-545-0044 (Western U.S. outside Nevada). Stockmen's Hotel, 738-5141
Jackpot: Barton's Club 93, 755-2341. Cactus Petes, 755-2321 or 800-821-1103; Marty Haggard, Aug. 31-Sept. 3; Merle Haggard, Sept. 4-5; Lynn Anderson, Sept. 7-12; Freddy Fender, Sept. 14-19; Johnny Paycheck, Sept. 21-26; Lee Greenwood, Oct. 1-2; Chubby Checker, Oct. 5-10; Becky Hobbs, Oct. 12-14 and 17; Kris Kristofferson, Oct. 15-16; Danny Marona, Oct. 19-31. Horseshoe Casino, 755-2331
Mill City (on I-80): Burns Bros. Casino, Mr. B's Lounge, 538-7306
Wendover: Nevada Crossing, 664-4000. Peppermill, 664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): Sneak Preview, Aug. 30-Sept. 5; Sneak Preview/Shau tee, Sept. 6-12; Shau tee/Touch of Silk, Sept. 13-19; Touch of Silk/Passion, Sept. 20-26; Passion/Power House, Sept. 27-Oct. 3; Power House/Real Class, Oct. 4-10; Phil Flowers/My Brother and Me, Oct. 11-24; Band on the Run, Oct. 25-Nov. 7. Red Garter, 664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Mon. Night Comedy at 9pm, live music Tues.-Sun. Silver Smith, 664-2231 or 800-648-9668; Nightly entertainment. State Line, 664-2221 or 800-648-9668: Nightly entertainment
Winnemucca: Winners Hotel, 623-2511.

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Fallon: Bonanza Inn, 423-3111 ext. 47 Fallon Nugget, 423-3111

Pioneer Territory

Hawthorne: El Capitan, 945-3321: Entertainment TBA
Pahrump: Saddle West Casino, 727-5953 or 800-522-5953
Tonopah: Mizpah Hotel, 482-6202; Station House, 482-9777
Yerington: Casino West, 463-2481; Blue Flame, indf. Dini's Lucky Club, 463-2868: Music Fri. and Sat.

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Cowboy Country

Bonneville Speedway Museum: Seasonal, 1000 E. Wendover Blvd., Wendover, 801-665-7721
Buckaroo Hall of Fame: 50 Winnemucca Blvd. W., Winnemucca, 623-2225
Giant Tufa Park: Seven miles west of Lovelock, 273-7213
Humboldt Museum: Jungo Rd. and Maple Ave., Winnemucca, 623-2912
Jarbridge Wilderness Area: 208-543-4129
Marzen House Museum: Marzen Ln., Lovelock, 273-7213
Northeastern Nevada Museum: 1515 Idaho St., Elko, 738-3418
Western Folklife Center: 501 Railroad St., Elko, 738-7508
Wild Horse State Recreation Area: 65 miles north of Elko, 758-6493

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Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site: 867-3001
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park: 22 miles east of Gabbs, 964-2440 or 867-3001
Cathedral Gorge State Park: Panaca, 728-4467
Central Nevada Museum: Logan Field Rd., Tonopah, 482-9676
Death Valley National Monument: Via Beatty, 619-786-2331
Lincoln County Museum: Main St., Pioche, 962-5207

Lyon County Museum: 215 S. Main St., Yerington, 463-3341 ext. 255 or 463-3721
Million Dollar Courthouse: Seasonal, Lacour St., Pioche, 962-5182
Mineral County Historical Museum: 400 10th St., Hawthorne, 945-5142
Pahrump Valley Winery: Tours, 3810 Homestead Rd., Pahrump, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE
Rhyolite Bottle House and Historic Site: 553-2424
Spring Valley State Park: Pioche, 962-5102
Walker Lake Recreation Area: Hawthorne, 945-5896

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Cave Lake State Recreation Area: 15 miles south of Ely, 728-4467
Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave: Tours, 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon, 885-6100
Dayton State Park: 687-5678
East Ely Railroad Depot Museum: 289-1663
Eureka Sentinel Museum: Eureka, 237-5010 or 237-5484
Fort Churchill State Historic Park: Silver Springs, 577-2345
Great Basin National Park: Baker, 234-7331
Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site: 24 miles east of Austin on U.S. 50
Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Seasonal, East Ely, 289-2085
Sand Mountain: 20 miles east of Fallon, U.S. 50, 885-6000
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'Jubilee!' Revisited

BY ANN HENDERSON

A dozen years after it opened, the elaborate production show "Jubilee!" at Bally's Las Vegas continues to be a crowd-pleaser. Performers' smiles are still wide and toothy, the costumes sparkle with feathers intact, and enthusiasm is high both onstage and in the audience.

Showgoers expect opening-night energy every night, which is not easy when movements and cues must be perfectly timed for 14 shows each week. To keep the show fresh, producers recently re-auditioned the entire "Jubilee!" cast and added 17 new members, including principal singers and a principal dancer.

Among the performers who stayed with the show is Linda Green, a principal dancer who has been with "Jubilee!" since it opened on July 30, 1981. Green came to Las Vegas after leaving a New York ballet company because of her height, 5-foot-10, which she jokes is "too tall for a swan" in the ballet world. Green is married to a chiropractor and says she leads a disciplined lifestyle—"carrot juice and all that." Her energy stays high, she says, because of her commitment to dance.

"Dance is the only way of life for me," she says. "I also think of each audience as one who has never seen me perform before, and I try my very best."

Green and her cast mates have ample opportunity to please showgoers in the production's big-show segments.



Melissa Griffus is one of 100 cast members in "Jubilee!" at Bally's.

"Jubilee!" has four high-energy acts divided into 26 scenes. Its 100 cast members use 1,000 costumes, and it takes 18

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people to replace, mend, and tend the wardrobe, the original cost of which was \$3.5 million. Visually, the show says, "This is what Las Vegas is all about."

Musically, "Jubilee!" runs the gamut from "Toot-Toot-Tootsie" in the opening tribute to show business and its personalities, to the finale that offers musical salutes to Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Flo Ziegfeld.

The show's sets and special effects are impressive, particularly during the "Sinking of the *Titanic*" and "Samson and Delilah" sequences. Eleven elevators (three can handle 100,000 pounds) take care of the crumbling walls, sinking ship, and assorted staircases and walkways. The stage is half the size of a football field and is 15 stories high in order to store the sets and backdrops.

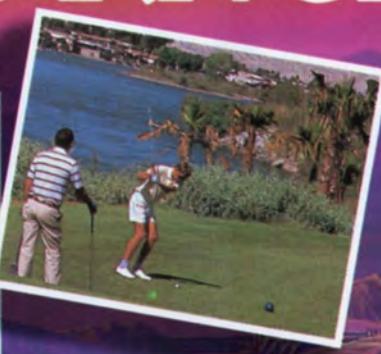
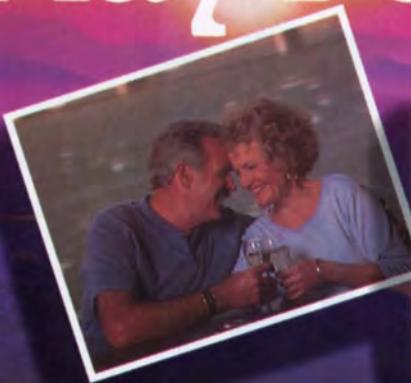
Overall, "Jubilee!" is worth a thumbs-up rating with the exception of the "World War I" scene in the *Titanic*

act. Although the patriotic music adds a historical time frame, its placement after the *Titanic* slips below the iceberg seems a bit anticlimactic.

"The Argentinean Gauchos," perennial favorites with their bolo routine, and "Hans Pantar and Maureen," trick bow-and-arrow artists, will remain with "Jubilee!," which is the fifth longest-running show in Las Vegas.

Ann Henderson is Nevada Magazine's Las Vegas representative.

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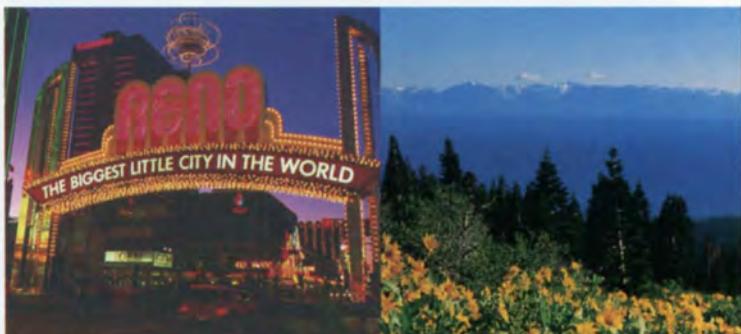
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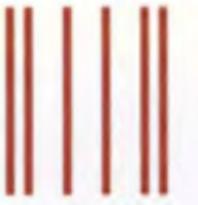
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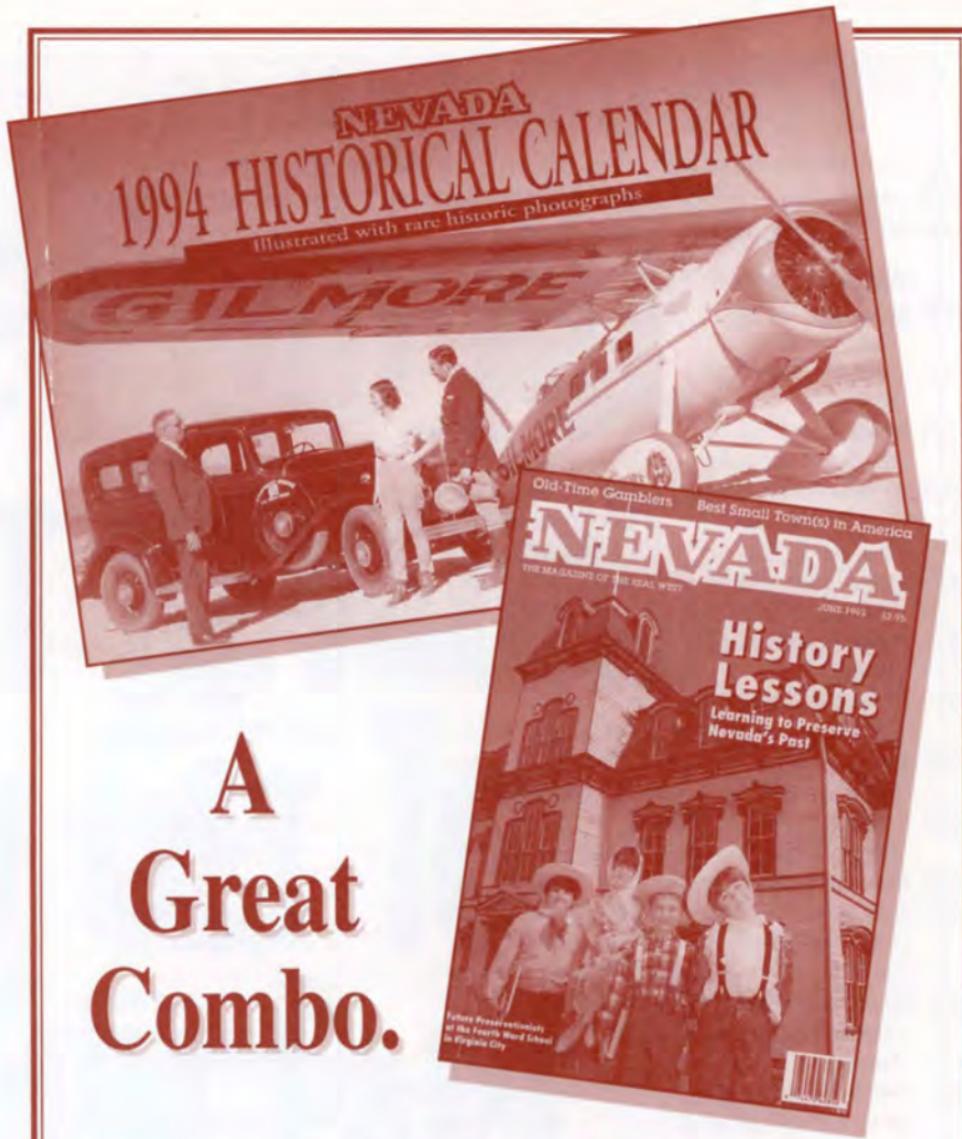
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