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Welcome to the new Nevada Magazine



You've no doubt noticed that your *Nevada Magazine* has a different look. Guided by Art Director Denise Barr, we've been working on these changes for more than a year. During the redesign process, our goal was to update and freshen the magazine's appearance while retaining those elements that you, the readers, have indicated you enjoy.

Probably the most obvious change is in the magazine's logo, which has been modernized for the first time since 1975. The new logo is the 16th in the magazine's 61-year history—I counted—and, we modestly think, the most attractive. It was a difficult decision to put our old logo out to pasture, but we feel this new design better tells the story of contemporary Nevada,

a place that combines parts of both the Old and New West.

We've also changed the inside typefaces to make stories more readable. Colorful graphics by Nevada artists April Pedersen and John Hunt accent the departments, and we've opened up the page designs in ways we believe will enhance the writing and the photos. The content hasn't changed—we'll continue to offer a mix of fascinating features and photos on the Silver State. It's a winning formula that has worked for more than six decades.

We've made these changes in order to improve *Nevada Magazine*. Let us know what you think.—Richard Moreno



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Letters

Climbing peaks, weathering heat, and remembering Mark Twain.

A Warm Wave

I enjoyed the item on "The Waver" by Patti Steele on the "People Page" last issue. I grew up south of Reno in Pleasant Valley during the '70s and early '80s, and Ed Carlson was pretty much a daily part of our lives as we traveled to and from the city. Of course, as a kid I didn't know his name—he was just "The Waver." I'll be looking for his book in my local bookstore.

Pamela Meister Sweat
Evansville, WI

Scorched Into His Memory

The article "Weather Watchers" by John W. James last issue reminded me of the time I was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas. In the summer of 1961 or '62, we had a heat wave. It was so hot and the air so thin that at eight o'clock one morning our aircraft could not acquire enough speed to get airborne.

During the day, while performing aircraft maintenance, we had so many troops



Rose Strickland (left) and friends atop Wheeler.

suffering from heat prostration that the base hospital checked the air temperature. At three feet above the ramp, the temperature peaked at 138 degrees that afternoon. Needless to say, we worked a "short day"—13 hours. We lived in World War II barracks with no air-conditioning or fans.

Lloyd E. Wade
Rattan, OK

A Guide to the Top

The story "At the Top" by Rose Strickland in "Amazing Vacations" last issue was the best.

But I want more information. The writer's credit mentioned that she is working on a guidebook for hikers who might want to follow her in climbing Nevada's tallest peaks. How long will we have to wait for it? Where will we get it? I hope her guidebook will contain start and top elevations, locations, and access and trailhead information.

I have climbed Wheeler, Roberts, and Charleston and know that planning these trips can be quite a chore because vehicle access and trailhead location are not always obvious. Then you need to estimate whether you need to hit the trail at dawn or if noon is OK. For example, I got up at 3 a.m. the day I did Charleston. Could you get Rose to hurry up?

Trevor Dolby
Amargosa Valley

Rose Strickland replies: "I hope to complete my Nevada mountain guidebook by the end of this year. If I can find a publisher, it'll be out by next year. I hope Nevada Magazine will review it, which will alert readers to the publishing date. As far as hurrying up, I could use another 12 hours each day. Since that's not too likely, interested readers can write me (and give me encouragement) at Box 8409, Reno, NV 89507."

Brew Notes

Last issue's story of Nevada's brew pubs and breweries, "Nevada on Tap," by David W. Toll, was wonderful. The cover picture by Ira Mark Gostin of Eric McClary and Tom Young was great.

The article, however, should have stated, "The second crop of '93 was started by general partners Tom Young and Cami Prens, along with Eric McClary." While it was a team effort to get the Great Basin Brewery up and running, it was Tom's and Cami's business insight that made it all possible.

Gregory McN. French
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Regarding last issue's "Duff Links" by David Moore and the caption for the photograph by Larry Prosor: I think you have

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a great picture of Old Brockway Golf Course—it isn't Edgewood Tahoe. I lived in Nevada for 22 years and coordinated the 1985 U.S. Senior Open at Edgewood. My office was right on the golf course, and I lived just one block from the 16th hole.

Hopefully, you will not find me a critic but rather a friend of Nevada and the many fine golf courses that have sprouted up over the past few years. I heard that the Carson Valley Golf Course in Gardnerville reopened after the flooding in January. I love that course and have many fond memories of belonging to the women's club.

Jo Ann Wood Kline
Albuquerque, NM

Jo Ann, thanks for putting us on the right course. Be sure to see this issue's golf guide and "Playing Through" by Jack Sheehan.—Ed.

Communing With Twain

As a poor lad growing up on Atkins Avenue in Brooklyn, I could view the honeycombed mountains of Virginia City only at the Brooklyn Public Library. But recently my wife and I visited the town, and to see the great mountains rolling endlessly eastward was a religious experience.

As we strolled along C Street, many signs extolled the fact that Mark Twain had worked on one of the Virginia City newspapers, the *Territorial Enterprise*, in the 1860s. We entered one of the two Mark Twain museums on the boardwalk. All alone in the basement, we viewed Mark Twain's desk and books. The ancient presses that first heralded his words and thoughts were there. Everywhere, too, were pictures of the master, long, white hair and white suits proclaiming his individuality. There was even a very real-looking corpse with a red beard, the remains of a weary desert traveler who had miscalculated his water supply.

When I arrived home in New York, I learned that Mark Twain had written a book, *Roughing It*, about his Western adventures. I immediately purchased a copy. It was thrilling to feel the old days come to life under Mark Twain's pen.

Mark Twain wrote that he started a nasty forest fire when he carelessly cooked his dinner on the shores of Lake Tahoe. His spirit is still burning on the streets of Virginia City and on the pages of *Roughing It*. I was surprised to learn that Mark Twain had financial problems most of his life, despite his fame. The real wealth of this great writer can be found in the eternal life of his works and the people and places immortalized by his words.

Stuart A. Sinclair
Old Bethpage, NY

A Golfer's View of Nevada

Golf has long been an object of passion and humor for **Jack Sheehan**. Jack, who moved to Las Vegas in 1976 armed with a degree in English and a zero handicap, has taught at UNLV, edited the *Las Vegas* and *LV* magazines, written screenplays, and crafted articles for national magazines. Golf is one of his favorite literary subjects. Jack wrote *Buried Lies*, a bestseller about life on the PGA Tour, with his friend Peter Jacobsen, the touring pro.

Mark Twain called golf "a good walk spoiled," but Jack has enjoyed those 18-hole strolls since his youth in the Pacific Northwest. "I fell in love with golf because it was the only sport available to a slow kid who couldn't jump and still wanted to impress girls," he says. "It was also the best way to spend time with my dad, a dentist who played golf every Wednesday afternoon and on weekends."

In Nevada, Jack has played courses from Tahoe to Pahrump. He won the Desert Inn club championship four straight years ("but then I was the only guy at the club who played sober," he jokes). Last fall, as a commentator at the Las Vegas Invitational,



Jack Sheehan with Las Vegas winner Tiger Woods.

he interviewed Tiger Woods following Woods' first PGA victory.

But one of his most vivid Nevada golfing experiences stars a squirrel that single-handedly disrupted his foursome (and, indeed, half the greenskeeping crew) during a round at Incline. Jack tells all in "Playing Through," his humorous look at Nevada golf.

Jack's story leads us down the cart path to "Nevada Golf '97" our annual golf guide to the Silver State. The special section tours more than 80 courses.

Also in this issue, **Phyllis Davis**

Hemphill describes the "Caliente Days" of her mother, Madge Denkle Davis, in the early 1900s. "Originally I wrote my mother's autobiography as a Christmas present for family members," she says. "When she was about 90 she added the drugstore stories, like the formula for the prostitutes' favorite lotion."

Ronald M. Lanner reveals "Whatever Happened to the World's Oldest Tree," the 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine cut down on Wheeler Peak in 1964. It is a dramatic story of scientific pursuit and human nature.—*David Moore*

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ago," the Virginia City resident says. "I've read all the books about mining in Virginia City. To learn about homes, I went on house tours. I read topographical maps to find out where the mines were originally located."

Her research is obvious when the personable Purkey takes visitors back in time with **Detours**, the company she started last year, specializing in customized walking and driving tours of the Comstock. Detours allows Purkey to combine her love of history and her knowledge of Nevada's geology and minerals. She is a former information specialist with the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology on the University of Nevada, Reno campus and the coauthor of *Geologic and Natural History Tours in the Reno Area* (University of Nevada Press, 1995).

While outings are tailored for each group, Purkey says a tour typically starts at

the historic Fourth Ward School. From there, the group heads to the Best and Belcher Mine, which extends underground from the Ponderosa Saloon.

Throughout the tour, Purkey shares stories about colorful Comstock figures such as George Hearst, an early mine owner who later founded the Hearst publishing empire, and Mark Twain, who began his writing career at Virginia City's *Territorial Enterprise*.

The average tour runs three hours and concludes with refreshments at Purkey's 130-year-old Victorian home. Custom tours can include visits to additional historic sites such as the Virginia City cemetery.

Detours' historic walking tours are offered year-round. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children aged eight to 12. The minimum tour charge is \$45. For information call 702-847-9255.—Richard Moreno

Comstock Detour

VIRGINIA CITY—Becky Purkey can hardly wait to share what she knows about the history and geology of the Comstock.

"I should have been born 100 years



Becky Purkey takes visitors on her Detours in Virginia City.



At the Luxor's new IMAX theater, moviegoers can watch a 3-D movie on a screen that is more than six stories tall.

Pyramid Theater

LAS VEGAS—The new, giant-screen **IMAX movie theater** at the Luxor allows visitors to almost reach out and touch the action.

Two movies alternate on the screen, which measures 68 feet by 84 feet. *L5: First City In Space* is projected in 3-D, and visitors wear special lightweight visors with

polarized lenses and built-in sound systems. The movie follows the life of a young girl who lives on a space station 100 years in the future. The 3-D effects are dizzying, especially when moviegoers are given a tour of the outside of the space station and are transported to the surface of Mars. Some of the images are generated by computer, but the movie also uses real footage of Mars from the Viking space probe.

L5 alternates with the 2-D IMAX movie *Special Effects*, which offers a behind-the-scenes look at such films as *Star Wars* and *Independence Day*. Admission to *Special Effects* is \$7 and *L5* is \$8.50. Call 702-262-4555 for show times.—Carolyn Graham

Rapid Transit

NORTHERN NEVADA—Lake Tahoe received plenty of snow this winter—in some areas the snowpack exceeded 20 feet—so rafters will find full rivers this summer.

River Adventures and More, or RAM (800-466-7238), is one of a number of outfitters that lead rafting tours on rivers in Northern Nevada. RAM, based in Reno, offers guided day and multiday outings on

the Truckee, East Carson, and Upper Carson rivers. The Truckee, which flows through Reno on its way from Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, is a Class II river (moderate with splashy waves). Truckee rafters ride through a series of modest rapids—

Truckee rafters ride through a series of modest rapids—one of the high points is spilling over Gorilla Falls just west of Reno.

one of the high points is spilling over Gorilla Falls just west of Reno. RAM also takes rafters on the East Carson, a moderate trek that winds near hot springs and wildflowers. The Upper Carson (Class III) is a bumpier trip for more adventurous rafters. Excursions are one to three days, and prices range from \$48 to \$300. Meals are included on some trips.

Unguided tours also are popular, and rafters often congregate at Fanny Bridge in Tahoe City. Visitors will find several places in Tahoe City such as **Whitewater Tours** (916-581-2441) that rent rafts for leisurely floats down the Truckee along a



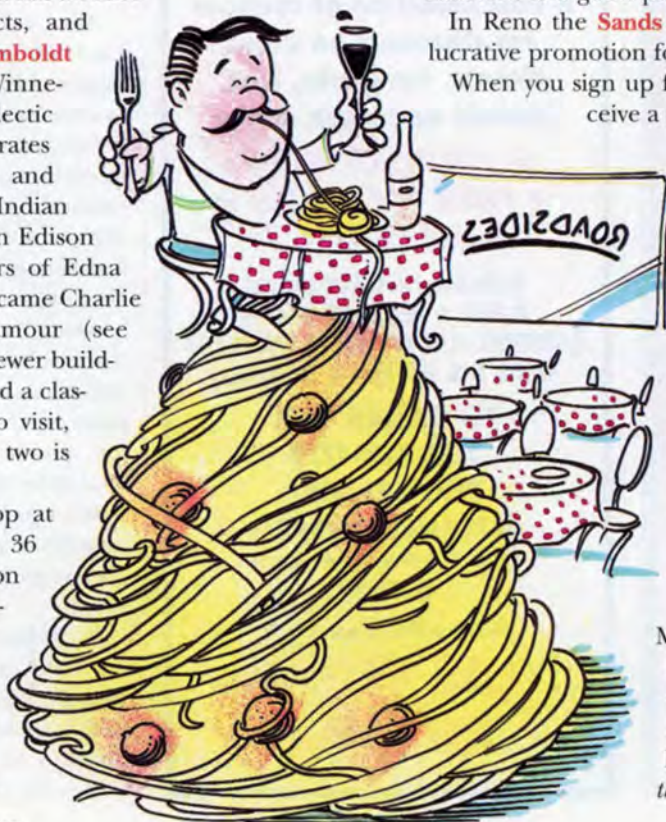
Rafters encounter a series of small rapids on the Truckee River. Several outfitters offer both guided and unguided trips on rivers in Northern Nevada and the Sierra.

The Bargain Advisor

By Deke Castleman

Nearly every town in Nevada has a collection of antiques, artifacts, and memorabilia, but the **Humboldt Museum** (702-623-2912) in Winnemucca has a particularly eclectic one. The main building celebrates its 90th birthday this year and houses the town's first piano, Indian relics from Lovelock Cave, an Edison talking machine, and posters of Edna Purviance, a local girl who became Charlie Chaplin's costar and paramour (see *Nevada*, Nov/Dec '94). The newer building displays photos, maps, and a classic-car collection. It's free to visit, but a donation of a buck or two is suggested.

The Lakeview Coffee Shop at **Topaz Lodge** (702-266-3338) 36 miles south of Gardnerville on U.S. 395, has a great all-you-can-eat spaghetti-and-meatballs special for \$5.25. Served daily from 11 a.m. to midnight, it comes with soup or salad, garlic roll, and glass of wine. The



Lakeview is a good place to carbo-load for a 26.2-mile race. In Reno the **Sands Regency** (702-348-2200) is running a lucrative promotion for new members of its casino slot club. When you sign up for the Preferred Players Club, you receive a matchplay coupon for \$25. Wager \$25,

plus the coupon, on an even-money bet, and if you win, the Sands pays you \$50.

If you develop a hankering for some moo-and-cluck at any hour of the day or night, you can head over to **Arizona Charlie's** (800-342-2695), a locals' casino on the west side of Las Vegas. A nice New York strip steak meal deal, with two eggs any style, toast, and hash browns, costs—are you sitting down—\$2.49, and it is served 24 hours a day. While you're there, check out the giant wall murals of the turn-of-the-century Klondike gold rush, where Arizona Charlie Meadows made his name and fortune. It's a little taste of Alaska in Las Vegas.

Deke Castleman is managing editor of the Las Vegas Advisor, a monthly newsletter on the Las Vegas bargain scene.

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Mark Jefferson (left) learns about the depths of Hoover Dam from guide Jim Webb.

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The Carson Ranger District office in Carson City (702-882-2766) has a list of outfitters who offer guided river trips in the Northern Nevada and Eastern Sierra portion of the Toiyabe National Forest.

—Katherine Limon

A Long Dam Tour

LAS VEGAS—The **Hard Hat Tour** at Hoover Dam takes visitors to places once reserved for workers and VIPs. Every half hour the tour leaves the dam's visitor center, as guides present more than half a century of engineering history.

After everyone in the tour receives a hard hat (yours to keep), the guided walk begins with an elevator ride 520 feet down to river level. From there the tour follows a one-and-one-quarter-mile labyrinth of tunnels and stairways that leads to a machine shop, generator rooms, and ramps along the Colorado River. At one point, you can see the dam towering 500 feet above you.

Along the way, your guide describes the dam's history and technical information, and because the group is small (a maximum of 15 people) there is ample time for questions. Engineers in particular tend to be excited by close-up views of the dam's operation, but even construction neophytes will leave with a sense of awe and respect for this concrete masterpiece.

You'll learn much dam lore on the tour. For instance, the first hard hats were created by high scalers as protection from falling rocks and equipment while they dangled from ropes on canyon walls above the river. The high scalers made



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Best Town by a Web Site

THE INTERNET—Visitors looking for information about Boulder City, the one-time federal reservation for Hoover Dam and Nevada's only nongaming town, can call up the community's colorful, useful Web site at <http://www.bouldercity.com>.

Billed as the "Best Web Site by a Dam Site," the cheerful site has been constructed with both travelers and locals in mind. Surfers can explore the "Things to Do" section to find Boulder City's events, parks, tennis courts, Hoover Dam, golf courses, and water sports. Some of the activities have links to more in-depth sites, such as Lake Mead. You'll find a small photo of the old Boulder Dam Hotel and learn about its history and its future. The section on things to do doesn't include many photos, but it's quick to load and easy to follow. The site also has links to hotels in and near Boulder City, such as the Gold Strike Inn and Railroad Pass.

If you're interested in following local politics and hot topics, the site also has a section on news briefs and a bulletin board for community announcements, which reads like a small-town newspaper. If you're a radio buff, the business directory has a link to Radio World, the Boulder City shop run by three radio experts. Weather watchers can check the meteorological conditions in Boulder City, which are usually sunny and warm, and can also investigate recent earthquake activity by clicking on the link to the seismology lab at the University of Nevada in Reno.—*Carolyn Graham*

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Playing Through



No two golf courses are alike. Unlike bowling alleys and football fields, which basically fit the same dimensions, golf courses are unique creations, all with different lengths and shapes and degrees of difficulty. When a bowler tells you he rolled a 250 game, you don't particularly care where it happened. You simply acknowledge that he had a high level of skill to accomplish the score. But if a golfer tells you he broke 80 for the first time, you demand to know where he played and from what set of tee markers. If the

answer is Pebble Beach from the back tees, you genuflect and kiss his ring. But if the answer is Elwood's Executive Nine-Holer or Gomer's Golf Under the Lights, you're less than impressed.

I saw a young power hitter bet that he could drive a golf ball off the roof of the Dunes and land it on the 18th green.

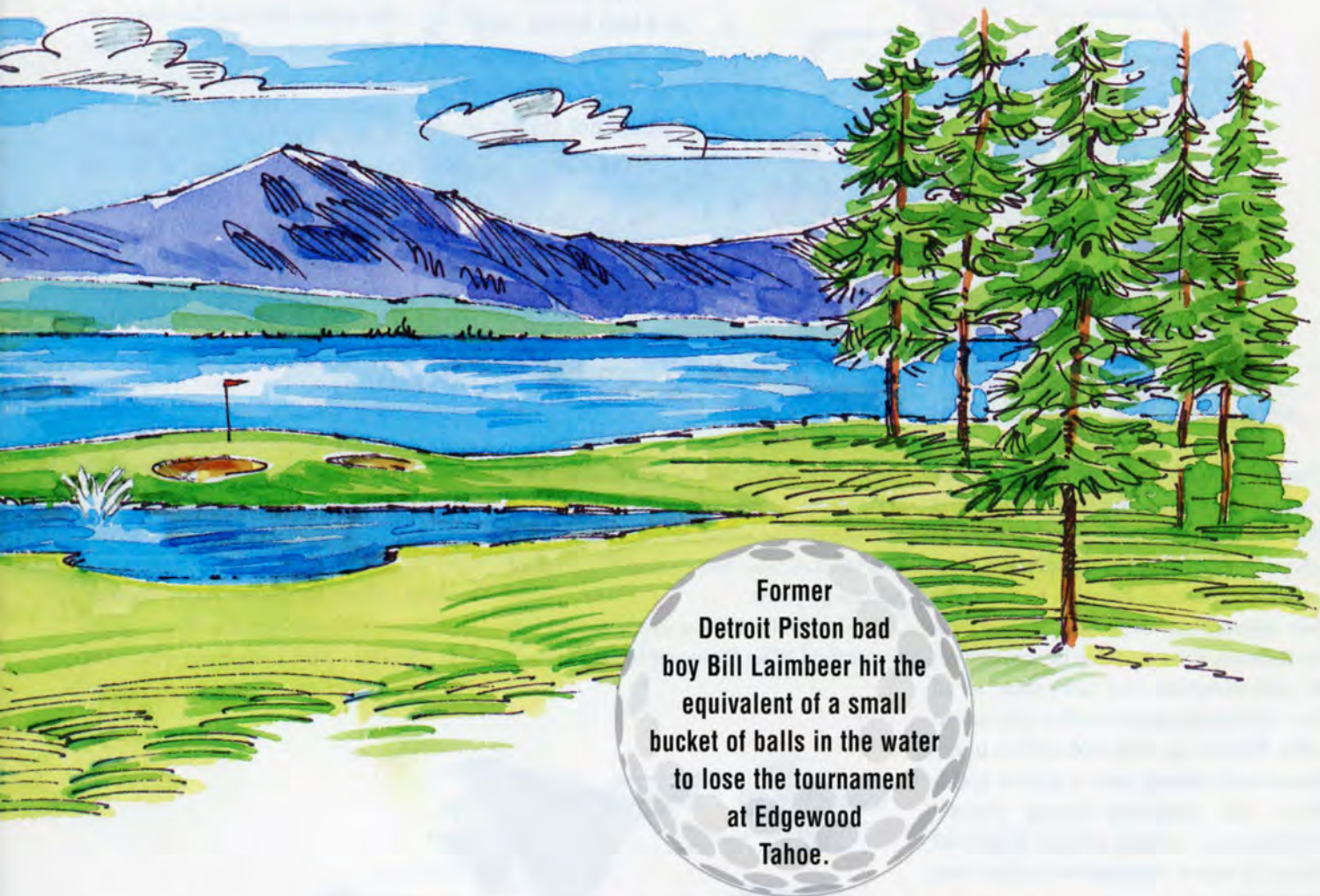
In the same way, images from any single round of golf differ greatly depending on where you're playing. Golf in North Carolina suggests tall pines, rolling green fairways, and a golf-course architect who knew his craft. Golf in Florida suggests ocean, alligators, Bermuda greens, and hurricane warnings. Golf in

Great Britain suggests stark, open fields bedecked with heather and gorse, and stoic golfers in topcoats and tams leaning forward into the wind.

But what images come to mind when one thinks of golf in Nevada? Probably palm trees and oleanders, blazing hot sun and golf carts with water coolers attached. But that's only in the southern part of the state. I've played in a hail storm at Lake Tahoe, where we had to clear a path through the white stuff to putt to the hole. I've battled wind so fierce in Laughlin that the flagsticks would not stay in the cups. The variety of conditions in the Silver State is immense. And so are the occurrences.

Having played competitively since

Golfing Nevada-style means surprising weather, playing with the president, long-driving contests, and one brilliantly larcenous squirrel **By Jack Sheehan**



Former Detroit Piston bad boy Bill Laimbeer hit the equivalent of a small bucket of balls in the water to lose the tournament at Edgewood Tahoe.

the age of 10 and written professionally about the sport for 25 years, I can report that I've seen just about everything on the golf courses of Nevada. I've known golfers in our state to be treated for frostbite, heat stroke, wind burn, and dehydration. I have seen an amateur who paid \$3,500 to play in the Las Vegas Invitational pro-am pass out on the second green from exhaustion because he'd been up all night "practicing" for the occasion by playing baccarat. I saw professional Chip Beck sink a three-foot putt for a million-dollar bonus from Hilton Hotels for shooting a 59 in the 1991 LVI. And I saw an Oscar-winning actor taken off the course in handcuffs because he employed a greenside pond,

rather than a Porta-Potty, to relieve himself. The fact that he was playing in an LPGA event, with a sizable gallery, seemed to aggravate the circumstances.

I also saw one of the bigger chokes of all time when former Detroit Piston bad boy Bill Laimbeer hit the equivalent of a small bucket of balls in the water, on the final hole of a nationally televised celebrity event at Edgewood Tahoe, to lose the tournament. Surely, every non-Piston in the NBA had a chuckle over that one.

Some of my biggest personal thrills have occurred on Nevada golf courses. An assignment from *Golf* magazine allowed me to play with

President George Bush at Steve Wynn's luscious North Las Vegas course, Shadow Creek, the only Nevada golf course to make *Golf Digest's* top-10 list of great courses. As we were playing the 15th hole that day, the Thunderbirds in diamond-formation passed over our heads and dipped a wing to the president, bringing a tear to his eye. Meantime, I was facing a six-iron from a tight lie to a front-right pin placement. The hair was standing up on my arms after the flyboys passed over, and I had to back away and gather myself before I could even think about hitting the shot.

Last October I was privileged to interview Tiger Woods for the spectators around the 18th green at the



I've played in a hail storm, and I've battled winds so fierce that the flagsticks would not stay in the cups.

of the Dunes Hotel \$10,000 that, in three tries, he could drive a golf ball off the roof of the hotel and land it on the 18th green of the Dunes' Emerald Green golf course, some 425 yards away. His first two shots landed in a greenside bunker, and his third ended up on the left apron of the green. He had the distance, but by a matter of inches lacked the accuracy. On a fourth try, just for the sport of it, he made the green, but alas it was one ball too late, so he had to pay off the bet. Highlights of the wager played on news channels around the world that night. (Both the Dunes and its golf course were dynamited three years ago. Rumors that Dunaway was responsible are unfounded.)

Tournament Players Club at Summerlin immediately after he'd won his first PGA title. The young phenom was as adept at the interview as at the game, and he explained how he had an unfair advantage over the Las Vegas Invitational field because he was not yet 21 and therefore not vulnerable to all the obvious temptations the city has to offer. Believe me, with \$60 million in endorsement money and a gallery sprinkled with gorgeous young women winking and smiling at him, Tiger will learn all about temptation in the next few years.

Just two months later I saw Karrie Webb, a young Australian with steely nerves, rout the field at the ITT LPGA Tour Championship at the Desert Inn and thereby become the first woman golfer ever to win \$1 million in a single season. For two landmark events in professional golf to happen to two landmark rookies in the same city, in the same season—that speaks volumes for Nevada's place in the world of big-time golf.

On the lighter side, I once saw a woman at Calvada Country Club in Pahrump tee up a ball on the first hole, cold-top it, and watch as a stiff wind rolled the ball backwards on a cart

path 175 yards to the clubhouse. She had to hit a full three-wood to get her ball up to just short of the first tee. In two strokes, she had "gained" a total of minus-10 yards.

In the 1980s, I saw a young power hitter named Mike Dunaway bet the owner

The most frightened Craig Stadler ever got on a golf course was in 1994 at an exhibition on the beautiful Genoa Lakes golf course, south of Carson City. The former Tahoe resident was playing with three fellow touring pros—course designer Peter Jacobsen, Fuzzy Zoeller, and University of Nevada, Reno alum Kirk Triplett—and I was emceeing. On



On the 15th hole at Shadow Creek, the Thunderbirds dipped a wing to President Bush, bringing a tear to his eye.

the ninth hole, a winding, downhill par-five, Stadler attempted to hit a driver off the fairway to reach the green in two. Just as he was at the top of his backswing, a lady immediately to his right flashed a photo. The click of the camera startled Stadler so badly that he flinched and hit a low screamer to the left. The ball passed no more than six inches over a young boy's head in the gallery, going about 170 miles per hour. Stadler couldn't stop talking about the near-miss the rest of the day and still shudders when he recalls it.

My favorite Nevada golf story is one that had little to do with chasing a dimpled ball and everything to do with chasing a feisty little rodent. The incident occurred four years ago at the executive course in Incline Village at Lake Tahoe. Phil Peckman, a prominent Las Vegas businessman, was putting on the sixth hole when his playing partner, Dave Belding, who owns the Gold Strike Hotel in Jean, started laughing and pointing to their electric cart, which was parked on a path beside the green. A squirrel was busily scavenging in the cart, hoping to score some nuts or candy, when it discovered Peckman's money clip, wrapped around \$600 in cash, a driver's license, and five credit cards. The varmint somehow got its little jaws around the wad, which Peckman later said was an inch-and-a-half thick, and scampered down the fairway, with Phil in hot pursuit.

"He darted off the fairway and ran around the base of this big tree," Peckman recalls. "I was pretty close to him, but he was so quick I couldn't tell whether he went up the tree or down into a hole. All I knew was that he had all my money and everything I needed for my vacation."

Phil bummed some cash off his playing partners and paid several young men working on the greens crew to use a backhoe and dig up all the holes in the surrounding area in search of his booty. That just angered the head greenskeeper, who didn't like his golf



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course being ravaged. All in all, it was not a good day for Phil.

Peckman never did get the money or credit cards back, but he's philosophical about the incident. "Anytime someone tells me a new golf story, I know I have one that's totally original," Phil says. "So maybe when all is said and done,

I got my money's worth out of that squirrel after all."

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Nevada Golf '97

Golfers ready to find their own unique experiences on Nevada's links can turn to page 79 for "Nevada Golf '97" *Nevada Magazine's* annual spring guide to the sport of Scots. It includes a directory of more than 80 courses that covers the state from Laughlin to Jackpot, Carson to Mesquite, and, of course, all the well-known layouts of Las Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe. "Nevada Golf '97" notes yardages, green fees, and unusual facts about each course from the golfer's perspective.



Water Colors

Where Nevada waters meet the sky. **Photographs by James Hoggard**

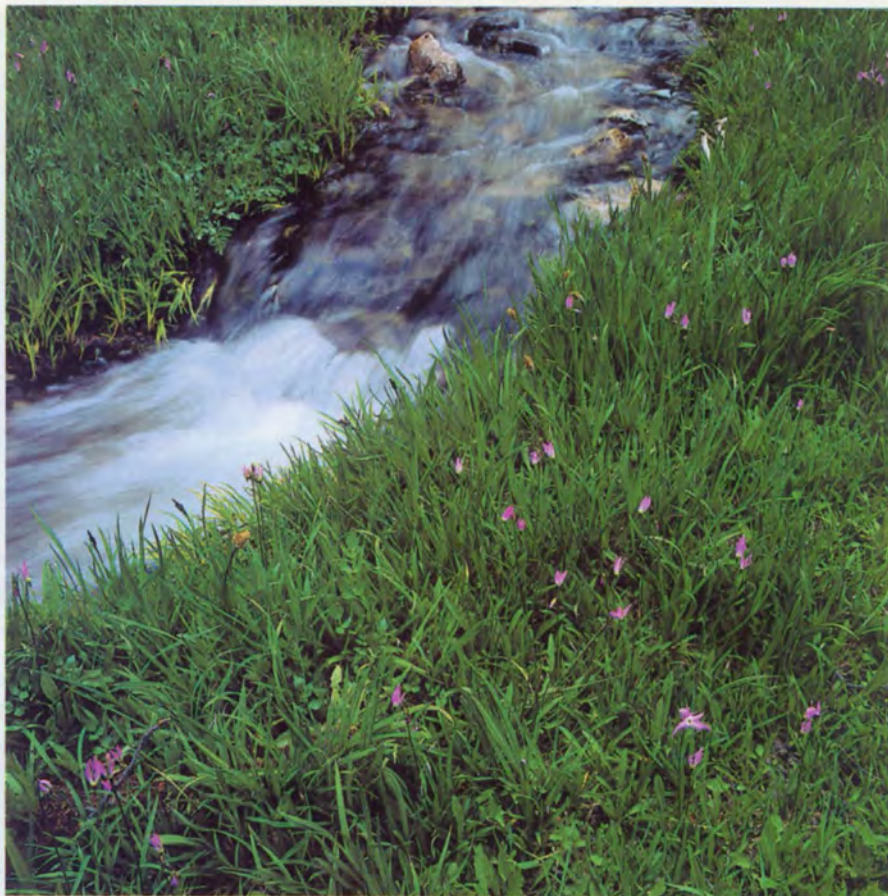
In Nevada you're drawn to water because there's not a lot of it," says James Hoggard, a Truckee, California, resident and outdoor photographer. During his summer treks in Nevada, Hoggard gravitates to clear, blue lakes and gurgling streams. "I've always loved being in the mountains," he says. "And as a photographer, you get to take it back with you."

On a trip into the Ruby Mountains near Elko, Hoggard came upon a beautiful scene at Liberty Lake (near right). "I really like that picture," he says. "It's not just a lake and a mountain, but it also has the Indian paintbrush. Flowers hold the foreground really well."

One of Hoggard's favorite haunts is Great Basin National Park, where he found Lehman Creek (top right) gushing through a patch of shooting stars. He says, "Flowers are great subjects because they just pop out at you."

Hoggard, who works at ski resorts in the winter and as a geologist in the summer, also finds appeal in geologic formations such as the pyramid at Pyramid Lake, where he captured the glowing hues of sunset (bottom right). "The pyramid is an interesting shape. I had been there before at sunset and wanted to go back—I was prepared for it," he says. "One of the strong things about Nevada are the sunsets. The water in Nevada seems to hold onto the color in the sky." ▢







The temperature is climbing over the 100-degree mark to the delight of half a dozen sun worshippers relaxing on the riverbank at Fisherman's Park. A young man and woman unpack a picnic lunch in the shade of the palm trees. A suntanned woman in a floppy hat absently stirs the foam at the top of her 50-cent margarita with a finger as she watches speed boats and water taxis skip across the river like lizards on hot sand. The sky is bright blue, burned clear by the relentless summer sun. A cloud doesn't have a snowball's chance here.

This is Laughlin, Nevada's Riviera on the Colorado. In this bustling casino town, most visitors find the view of the river as pleasing as the sight of three bars lining up on a slot machine. At night, the casinos light up the sky, but gamblers are equally drawn to the sights and smells of the famous river that flows by on its way to the sea.

Laughlin does not have an air of champagne and caviar; instead, it's buffets, nickel slots, and tourists in flip-flops. But Laughlin is one of the few places in the world where you can fill up a bucket with quarters, walk out of the casino, and immediately go boating, waterskiing, fishing, swimming, sight-seeing, and even carp watching.

The river gave birth to Laughlin. When Davis Dam was built in the 1950s, it created Lake Mohave, a prime water-recreation spot, and the workers' town of Bullhead City, Arizona. On Laughlin's present site a hamlet known as South Pointe was inhabited by fishermen and a few residents. After Don Laughlin opened his Riverside Resort three decades ago (see page 22), other hotels began to pop up along the riverbank. Today, nine hotels occupy the heart of town, and about five million people visit Laughlin each year.

In the summer, Laughlin is often a bright-red dot on the

Riviera on the Colorado

Away from the gaming tables,
Laughlin goes with the flow.

By Carolyn Graham



weather map due to the region's record-breaking heat, and hotels offer bargain-basement prices on rooms and food to lure visitors to this hot spot. Thanks to swimming pools and powerful air-conditioners, visitors can find refuge from the sun while they unwind in their \$15 rooms, overeat at the \$1.99 breakfast buffets, and spend hours at the nickel slot carousels.

"It's a good value, sometimes to the point of being ridiculous," Jo Elle Murray, executive director of the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce says of the low prices. "The pace here is so different. In Laughlin, you can still talk to the dealers. You can go inside a casino and be a low roller and still be recognized."

Laughlin has always been a casino town, but visitors today are finding that it isn't just for gamblers anymore. Especially in summer, when the sun is blazing, people enjoy the water sports, sandy beaches with palm trees, grassy parks, golf



The Colorado River reflects Laughlin's many allures, from the bright lights of its casinos (left) to waves of water lovers. Above: River Rick welcomes visitors along the riverwalk at the Pioneer.

Man of the River

Don Laughlin remembers his town before it was a town.

By Barbara Land

Late-night gamblers at the Riverside Resort in Laughlin often see him strolling across the casino floor—snow-white hair neatly combed, ice-blue eyes taking in the scene. Sometimes, if he spots a familiar face, he may stop to talk for a moment. A security guard, almost invisible in the crowd, keeps a watchful eye on him until he disappears into a private elevator.

"That's Don Laughlin," a cocktail waitress remarks. "He's the guy who owns this place." And so he does.

When the elevator stops at the 28th floor, Laughlin steps into his darkened penthouse and crosses the polished dance floor. It is empty now, lit by rainbow-colored lights from a king-size jukebox at one end. This is where he loves to dance all night with guests at parties or practice with his latest dance partner the steps they'll perform in the next ballroom-dance competition.

But now he's ready for a little solitude. His working day began at 10 a.m., and it's three the next morning. After a long day of meetings and business excursions by plane and helicopter, he has spent the late-night hours in his office, answering phone calls and supervising the operation of his Riverside empire.

"I like to work," Laughlin tells people who question his long hours on the job. "I don't shoot golf or catch fish. Those things don't entertain me, so I have plenty of time. Y'know, golf is a great thing, but it's very time-consuming. I'd have to neglect my business if I were going to do golf." Sometimes he reminds his managers that too much time on the golf course can be hazardous to their jobs, "especially if I'm here doing their work."

A couple of hours before dawn, he walks quietly across the carpeted living room to look out at a sweeping view of the town that is named for him. Up and down the Colorado River, shimmering reflections of casino lights remind him how much the town has grown in the 31 years since the Riverside first opened. In those days, long before the Colorado Belle, Edgewater, Flamingo Hilton,



The town named for Riverside owner Don Laughlin was a dusty desert outpost when he arrived.

Golden Nugget, Harrah's, and the others came to the river's west bank, Laughlin's casino was the only one in town. And it wasn't even a town.

Laughlin, Nevada, wasn't on official maps until 1977 more than a dozen years after Don Laughlin's arrival. He remembers, vividly, a Sunday afternoon in 1964 when he first saw the place, a half-forgotten spot near Davis Dam, 90 miles south of the Las Vegas Strip. The nearest post office was in Searchlight, 39 miles northwest of the quiet point on the river.

"It was called Mike's Camp on the old quadrangle maps," he recalls. "There was this little eight-unit motel here and a bar with about a dozen slot machines. It had been opened and closed numerous times by various owners."

The place had opened first in the 1940s as a diner to serve construction crews at work on Davis Dam. Across the river in Arizona, a new town called Bullhead City was growing around the main workers' camp. A camp on the Nevada side was called South Pointe. When the dam was completed in 1953, the sparse population of South Pointe disappeared while Bullhead City continued to grow. The lonely diner saw little business until a few slot machines, illegal in Arizona, began to attract people from Bullhead City and a few travelers on the way to California.

When Don Laughlin visited Mike's Camp in 1964, he had driven down with Las Vegas lawyer Bill "Wildcat" Morris, a former University of Nevada football player, who saw possibilities in the river location. Laughlin had some money to invest, since he had just sold his 101 Club in North Las Vegas. Equally important, he had been licensed to operate live games in that club.

"So we drove down here and looked at the bar," Laughlin recalls. "It was just a little bar with numerous stockholders. Some were licensed. Some weren't. A big mess. A man named Wilson seemed to be the head. We looked at the place, liked the location, tried to talk a deal with Wilson. At first we were not able to deal with him at all. He didn't want to sell, but as time went on, I kept coming down and watching the place, for about a year. By that time I had a pilot's license, so I'd fly down and land in Bullhead City and look around."

Eventually Wilson left, and the partners closed the bar. "The Arizona people who had first deed on the property wanted to sell it, and a lot of people tried to buy it. They picked me because I had been licensed before and never had any problems. The deal hinged on whether or not I could get a license. I got it right away, so that settled it. You know the rest of the story. We've been under construction ever since."

When it opened in 1966—during the same week that Caesars Palace opened in Las Vegas—Laughlin's Riverside was a small, informal operation with 12 slot machines and two gaming tables. An "all-you-can eat" buffet provided chicken dinners for 98 cents. The old motel, refurbished, offered four rooms for guests. The other four were living quarters for Laughlin and his family. Curious day-trippers came in from Bullhead City and then from as far away as Kingman, Needles, and Barstow.

Laughlin's success attracted other casino builders, and soon the post office in Searchlight was bulging with mail for the new community. When a postal inspector arrived to open a post office, he asked Laughlin to give the place a name. "How about Riverside?" Laughlin suggested. "Or Casino?"

"Too common," said the inspector. "What's

wrong with calling it Laughlin? A good Irish name!" So the U.S. Post Office put up a sign for Laughlin, Nevada, and the building boom began.

Today Laughlin is the third-busiest gambling destination in Nevada, outranked only by Las Vegas and Reno. Over the years, Don Laughlin has transformed his own six acres of desert into a thriving vacation resort on 125 acres. Now with 1,405 hotel rooms, convention facilities, five restaurants, celebrity entertainment in the showroom, a movie complex, a classic-car collection, and an RV park, the Riverside bustles year-round.

A quarter mile upriver, cars and campers stream across the bridge connecting Bullhead City with Laughlin. The \$3.5-million bridge was Don Laughlin's gift to Nevada and Arizona. In Bullhead City, more visitors arrive daily at the new airport, built on land he donated. He also owns subdivision property behind the airport, a bank in Laughlin, and a 60,000-acre cattle ranch near Kingman, Arizona.

Laughlin remembers his first successful business venture, undertaken when he was 10 years old back in Owatonna, Minnesota. "I used to trap mink when I was a kid," he says. "One winter I trapped 45 mink, and they were worth between \$20 and \$40 each. That money was pretty big then."

When he was 12, he started investing in slot machines. A magazine ad offered him the chance to buy one, and before long he was installing jukeboxes and slot machines in Owatonna's gas stations and taverns. He recalls, "When new laws made it a felony, I just said, OK, I'll go where it's legal. That's when I migrated to Nevada. I probably never would have left Minnesota if they hadn't passed that law."

Laughlin says Nevada suits him. For one thing, he likes the climate. ("I don't like cold weather. I had my share of that when I was a kid.") And he's grateful for the success of his enterprises. He says, "I thought there might be three or four or five casinos, but I didn't think it would grow to this magnitude. I don't think anyone did."

Not even Don Laughlin could have predicted what would evolve from a few mink skins, a slot machine, and an abandoned diner in the desert.

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courses, and, most recently, an outlet mall. As visitors stroll through the casinos, they are surprised by the flashing lights of the funky nightclubs, the Las Vegas-quality revues, and the celebrities appearing in big showrooms. Tourists gather along the riverwalk and hotel docks to feed the carp and watch ducks and beaver navigate the river's brisk currents.

"This is a different place," says a Flamingo Hilton security guard patrolling the riverwalk on a bicycle. "People are always surprised that a beaver lives right here."

The riverwalk that meanders from club to club is a good place to begin a tour of Laughlin. The walk starts at Fisherman's Park, just below the Laughlin Bridge, which connects Bullhead City and Laughlin. Fishermen congregate at the park along with sunbathers and off-duty casino workers. The park has grass, palm trees, and a cabana where you can clean your fish. It's also a good vantage point for watching jet skiers and sightseeing boats.

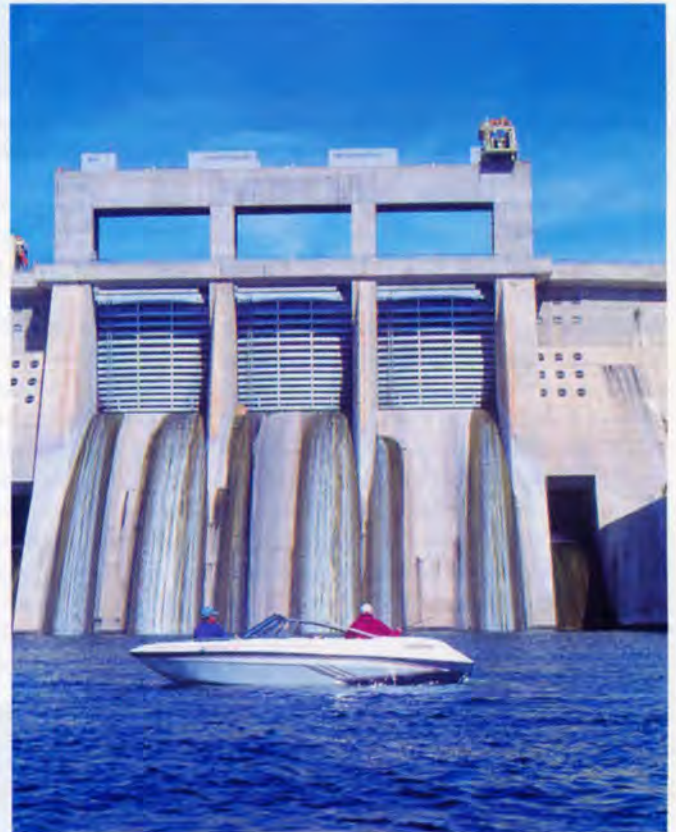
The park sits in the shadow of the Riverside Resort, the northernmost hotel on the riverwalk. Don Laughlin established the Riverside, the first hotel-casino on the river, in 1966. Today it has 1,404 rooms and a sprawling casino. The Riverside was the first hotel to offer movies in Laughlin and now has a six-screen theater. An auto museum presents more than 80 classic cars, some of which are for sale by their owners. At night the Riverside becomes a happening spot with its Western Ballroom and Losers' Lounge. The hotel also is known for its inexpensive house beverage: Riverside Resort Light Beer—it's brewed in Longview, Texas—which you can buy throughout the casino for just 99 cents a can. "It's not known for its taste, but it is cheap," says Gary Sheler, publicist at the Riverside. "And it makes a good souvenir."

Following a week of excessive revelry, patrons can seek solace at Catholic Mass,

held in Don's Celebrity Theater on Saturdays and Sundays. The theater hosts a few other big names—Roy Clark, Freddy Fender, and Willie Nelson often appear there.

Next door, the pink Flamingo Hilton Laughlin, built in 1990, is the town's biggest hotel, with 2,000 rooms. The Flamingo presents headliners in its showroom and in the spring holds outdoor concerts. The hotel recently added Laughlin's biggest boat dock and the sightseeing yacht *Celebration*.

Strolling the riverwalk to the Edgewater, you're likely to encounter an unlikely group of water haters—cats. The fish-loving felines keep their distance but



The Colorado River is known for its ability to hook anglers. A popular spot is below Davis Dam (above), where lunkers are known to lurk.

eagerly accept handouts of prime rib and shrimp from tourists. Inside the Southwestern-themed hotel, owned by Circus Circus Enterprises, you'll find some of the best snack-bar deals on the river, including a huge shrimp cocktail and one heckuva long hot dog, the half-pounder, each \$1.99. The cats will help finish what you can't.

Oftentimes, the only remedy for one of Laughlin's 110-degree days is a tall cool one. Thankfully, the Colorado Belle recently opened the Boiler Room, Laughlin's first brew pub, where beer fans can sip fresh-brewed suds. The Belle,



The car collection at the Riverside includes more than 80 spit-and-polished classics, some of which are on loan from private owners and the Imperial Palace Auto Collection in Las Vegas.

another Circus Circus property, has the most elaborate theme on the river. The casino was built in the shape of a giant riverboat with neon-red paddles and twin smokestacks. A moat surrounds the Belle, which inside has a Mardi Gras atmosphere and a barbecue restaurant called Mark Twain's Chicken and Ribs.

The Ramada Express is the only one of Laughlin's nine major hotel-casinos not located on the riverbank. It's intriguing just the same and has the look of a train station. *The Gambler*, a small-scale replica of a Virginia and Truckee train from Virginia City, offers free rides between the casino, hotel, and parking lot. Train buffs

will find a locomotive-shaped swimming pool and a shop crammed with railroad stuff. Even the casino carpet has train tracks.

Back on the riverwalk, the Pioneer has an Old West theme. It also has a scenic riverfront where visitors sit on park benches amid the petunias and enjoy the view. A permanent resident is River Rick, a 90-foot neon cowboy. Like his cousin, Vegas Vic of downtown Las Vegas, Rick grins and waves to passersby.

The Golden Nugget next door is one of Laughlin's more plush casinos. It originally opened as the Nevada Club in 1967 and was bought and renovated by Mirage

At the Ramada Express, train buffs will find a locomotive-shaped swimming pool and a train-themed shop.



The Ramada Express has a train theme, and, not surprisingly, a train that offers free rides.

Resorts in 1988. Inside, a tropical walkway and waterfall are reminiscent of the Mirage and Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. A pleasant hideaway is Tarzan's Lounge, which has a jungle theme.

At Gold River, the decor is elegant but Western. Visitors feel as though they're walking into a giant mining mill with tall ceilings lined by big, wooden beams. The Lodge, the hotel's steakhouse, resembles a fancy log home with pine furnishings and an elk's head at the entrance. The Opera House Buffet is one of the most attractive in town with its chandeliers, stained glass, and dark-wood accents.

At the south end of town stands Harrah's Laughlin. The hotel is styled after a Mexican resort with blooming bougainvillea, trickling fountains, and themed bars such as Guadala-Harrah's. Its hillside location allows guests in some rooms to look down on both the river and the row of twinkling casinos on its banks. Harrah's is one of the few hotels with a beach, and guests can rent jet skis and buy sunscreen and snacks at the Del Rio Beach Club. To give sunbathers more room to stretch out, Harrah's recently closed its beach to nonguests. "It was like Daytona Beach at spring break," says one



The Emerald River Country Club in Laughlin has palms, river views, and a challenging layout.



The Del Rio Beach Club, open to guests at Harrah's, offers sunbathing, swimming, and jet skiing.

frequent visitor who spends many hours on the beach club's jet skis.

The water, of course, represents one way to shake the climate-controlled haze brought on by too many hours at the nickel slots.

Lake Mohave, part of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and the river below Davis Dam overflow with boaters, swimmers, and anglers in the summer. Katherine Landing, nine miles north of Laughlin on Lake Mohave, is a pleasant summer hangout with a restaurant, boat rentals, bait shop, camping, beach, boat ramp, and slips. You can stop by the National Park Service visitor center at the campground and peruse the books, posters, and T-shirts and check the activity board for hikes and campfire talks. At the docks, gigantic carp slurp the surface of the water for handouts, although fishermen prefer to catch the striped bass that lurk in the lake.

Park rangers conduct free guided hikes in Grapevine Canyon, seven miles west of Davis Dam, where you can see petroglyphs and learn about the Native Americans who inhabited the area. The numerous petroglyphs are easy to spot, although they have been heavily damaged by vandals over the years. But the area is serene and mystical, and the caves, cliffs, boulders, plants, and wildlife make it a good escape from the clanking of the casinos.

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area is four miles south of the casinos. The park has a boat ramp, restrooms, and picnic tables. Situated in a wetlands area, the Nevada state park offers excellent birdwatching and stunning views of the Colorado River and the

neighboring Newberry Mountains.

About two miles west of the casinos, the residential community of Laughlin also yields surprises. The residential area is separated from the casinos by the Southern California Edison Power Plant, a major employer and land owner in Laughlin. Recently, plant officials donated land for a new city park and the Spirit Mountain Activity Center, which houses both a Boys and Girls Club and a

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senior citizens center. The park has a grassy ballfield and is a peaceful spot for a picnic.

Also new this summer is the Horizon Outlet Center, which sprang up in the center of town on Casino Drive. The mall has 50 stores where you can shop like the French—at half the price.

In fact, the new outlet center is a good place to buy a French bikini, a floppy hat, and Hollywood sunglasses. On your way to the beach, you can buy a margarita big enough to float a boat in. Then you can sit back on the beach, watch the water taxis zip by, and soak up Nevada's Riviera on the Colorado.

Carolyn Graham, Nevada's associate editor, returned from Laughlin with a sunburn and a souvenir six-pack of Riverside Light Beer.

Rolling on the River

What to see and do in Laughlin.

Laughlin, 93 miles south of Las Vegas, sits on the Colorado River at an elevation of 510 feet. About 8,500 people reside in Laughlin, and 28,500 people live across the river in Bullhead City, Arizona. The airport in Bullhead City accommodates charter jet service, and a number of commuter airlines also land at the airport.

Seasons: Laughlin has beautifully mild weather in fall, winter, and spring. Summer is hot, and 115-degree days are common. As Laughlin heats up, the age of the average visitor goes down, and attention turns to water sports. In the winter, snowbirds flock in from Nebraska and other cold climes, and the town becomes a sea of RVs.

Rooms With a View: Laughlin has nine major hotel-casinos with a total of 11,035 rooms clustered near the Colorado River. The Regency Casino has no hotel rooms but does have a cozy casino and a sports bar with a river view. The Avi Hotel-Casino, operated by the Fort Mojave Indian tribe, is 16 miles south of Laughlin. There is no casino at the Bay Shore Inn, two miles south of town, but you can rent jet skis or use the inn's boat ramp and dock.

Getting Around: In the good old days, you could ride Laughlin's river taxis for free—today it costs \$2 one way and \$3 round-trip. The Riverside offers free water-taxi rides to and from its parking lot on the Arizona side. Visitors often opt to ride the CAT (Citizens Area Transit) bus for \$1.50, and there's a free shuttle between Harrah's and the Regency. The Ramada Express has a free shuttle to the Horizon Outlet Center.

Sightseeing Cruises: The *Fiesta Queen* sidewheeler replica offers daily cruises (\$10) from the dock at the Edgewater (702-298-1047 or 800-228-9825). The *U.S.S. Riverside* has sightseeing cruises (\$10 adults, \$6 children three to 12, and free under three) departing from the Riverside Resort (702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849). The Del Rio Beach Club at Harrah's has yacht cruises (\$12.95 adults, \$7.95 kids 12 and under) as well as wave runner and jet boat rentals (702-298-6828 or 800-74-BEACH). New this summer is the *Celebration*, the sightseeing boat at the Flamingo Hilton (702-298-5111).

Blue River Safaris conducts eight-hour tours from the Colorado Belle to Lake Havasu and back. Cost is \$60 (702-298-0910 or 800-345-8990). Topoc Gorge Tours offers
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Whatever Happened to the World's Oldest Tree?

The cutting of Prometheus, a 5,000-year-old bristlecone pine on Wheeler Peak, remains a memorable and controversial event more than three decades later.

By Ronald M. Lanner

In March 1958 *National Geographic* ran an article by Dr. Edmund Schulman detailing the discovery of the first trees known to have exceeded 4,000 years of age. Schulman, a climatologist turned dendrochronologist at the University of Arizona's Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, reported on 17 bristlecone pines that broke that age barrier and numerous others that approached it. The eldest of the group was estimated to be over 4,600 years old and was immediately dubbed Methuselah.

These stands of battered old trees inhabited sites underlain by white dolomite—a form of limestone—high in the White Mountains of southeastern California, west of Tonopah. At elevations mainly between 9,500 and 10,000 feet, they endured the strong, cool, dry winds sweeping across the Owens Valley from the high Sierra Nevada. Here they became great woody skeletons bearing occasional live limbs. Their resin-scented heartwood, hard and dense for a pine, bore annual rings that indicated excruciatingly slow growth, and much of their framework had been eroded away by the incessant sandblasting of the wind. Schulman's publicizing of these ancients made "bristlecone" a household word, associating the trees in the public mind with long life and old age. They instantly became part of the folklore of the Wild West.

Bristlecones grow in the glacial moraine below Wheeler Peak in Great Basin National Park (left). Prometheus also lived on Wheeler.

For several years thereafter it was conventional wisdom that all of the really old bristlecones were in the White Mountains, under the protection of the Inyo National Forest, and that Methuselah was the oldest of the old. But in 1964 Donald R. Currey, a geologist from the University of North Carolina, came upon WPN-114.

Currey had been studying Little Ice Age glaciology in the moraines and deep glacial cirque on the northeast face of Wheeler Peak in Eastern Nevada's Snake

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Range. Numerous old bristlecones grew in his research area, and he decided to use their tree-ring records to date one of the moraines. WPN-114—the 114th tree selected for study in White Pine County—attracted Currey's attention because it appeared to him to be "super, super old."

Standing at 10,750 feet on the sloping crest of a ridge of glacial debris, WPN-114 was a massive snag of deadwood reaching 17 feet in height, with a steeply ascending five-inch-thick branch arising from 11 feet up its north-facing side. The branch, which bore all of the tree's living foliage, was fully clothed in bark; below its attachment to the trunk a lone connecting strip of bark, 19 inches wide, continued

downward onto a major root until it disappeared from view.

The diagonally leaning trunk of WPN-114 was not at all circular in form. Throughout the tree's life, rocks and ice sliding down from the higher ground to the south had battered it, killing all the cambium except that on the protected north side. As a result, much of the lower trunk's south side had been so deeply chipped and chiseled that even the pith—a virtual centerline in trees growing under normal conditions—had been obliterated. And all of the trunk's more recent growth had been on the intact strip on the north side, giving the trunk a long, narrow cross section, like a great slab flattened on the east and west sides. At 18 inches above the ground its circumference was 252 inches.

Currey, suspecting that WPN-114 was more than 4,000 years old, tried to determine its age by taking increment cores from it and counting their rings. But the tree's great size and missing pith made his task near-impossible. In addition, his borers were too short, and the bit of one of them broke off in the tree—perhaps, he later thought, by striking an embedded rock. Currey voiced his frustrations to Humboldt National Forest district ranger Don Cox. Cox was sympathetic. The possibility that his district might harbor trees rivaling in age those of California's Methuselah Grove also aroused his competitive instincts. He suggested that WPN-114 be felled and sectioned, and he asked Currey what it would take to do the job.



This photo of the ill-fated Prometheus, the world's oldest known tree, was taken shortly before it was chain-sawed on Wheeler Peak in 1964 (above). The tree's living portion can be seen on the left. Today, visitors in the Ely area can view two slabs cut from Prometheus. One slab is housed in the visitor center at Great Basin National Park. The other is displayed in Ely at the Bristlecone Convention Center visitor bureau. Below: Mary Ann Endrihs, the convention authority's executive director, inspects the Ely slab, which was once displayed at the Hotel Nevada.



Now the talk turned to the chain saws and men that would be needed and the pack train to get them up the mountain. Currey recently recalled to me that while Cox was helping plan the demise of what turned out to be the world's oldest tree, he reacted angrily to news of Boy Scouts chopping down aspens in a nearby campground.

In 1985 a retired Ranger Cox told Doug McMillan of the *Reno Gazette-Journal* that when he consulted his boss, Humboldt National Forest supervisor Slim Hansen, about the advisability of felling WPN-114, Hansen told him to have a look at it and

The superintendent of Lehman Caves tried to shame the crew, but the tree was felled.

report back. Cox did so, after finding the tree "very common." "No one," he averred, "would have walked more than 100 yards to see it." He recommended it be cut for scientific reasons. Hansen approved, "so we cut it." Despite the attempt of the nearby Lehman Caves National Monument's superintendent, Robert Jacobsen, to shame a Forest Service crew and the stubborn refusal of crewman Milan "Mike" Drakulich to lay his saw on WPN-114 ("I'm not cutting this tree"), the venerable bristlecone was finally felled on August 7 1964.

Currey watched idly as the tree was felled ("It was the easiest work I'd done all summer," he later recalled). A thick cross-sectional slab was then taken at stump level and a thinner one from a point 100 inches up, where the pith was still present. These would allow a complete section to be reconstructed. The large slab was re-sawn into three specimens at the East Ely shop of the Nevada Northern Railway, where the usual job was working up crossties and bridge timbers. Currey took one specimen back to North Carolina for analysis. Another was kept by the Forest Service, and the third was displayed behind glass for more than two decades outside the casino of the Hotel Nevada in downtown Ely.

Back in Chapel Hill, Currey counted 4,844 annual rings. In an article that appeared in *Ecology* in 1965, he estimated the total age of Prometheus, as local enthusiasts had begun calling the tree, to have been about 4,900 years. This was a conservative estimate for three reasons. First,

high-elevation and northern pines like Great Basin bristlecone pine virtually never form more than one growth ring in a year, so a ring-count cannot overestimate age. Second, when a tree is stressed, as WPN-114 obviously was, it is likely to have missing or incomplete rings in parts of the trunk where the cambium was not fully activated during some years. If rings are counted along a radius that lacks some rings, the tree's age will be underestimated. As many as a third of a deeply shaded hemlock's rings have been reported as "missing," although such extreme cases may be uncommon. Third, Currey's addition of just 56 years for the tree to reach the 100-inch height at which the pith section was cut assumes a pretty respectable growth rate. By contrast, Schulman cited a bristlecone that took 700 years to reach three feet in height! It therefore seems not unreasonable to suggest that WPN-114's age was at least 5,000 years.

The story of WPN-114 did not end with Currey's ring-count. The year after the tree was felled, a five-man Forest Service crew revisited the ancient stump to take off another slab. Forest Service technician Harvie Tibbs, who when I spoke with him in November 1991 was the most senior

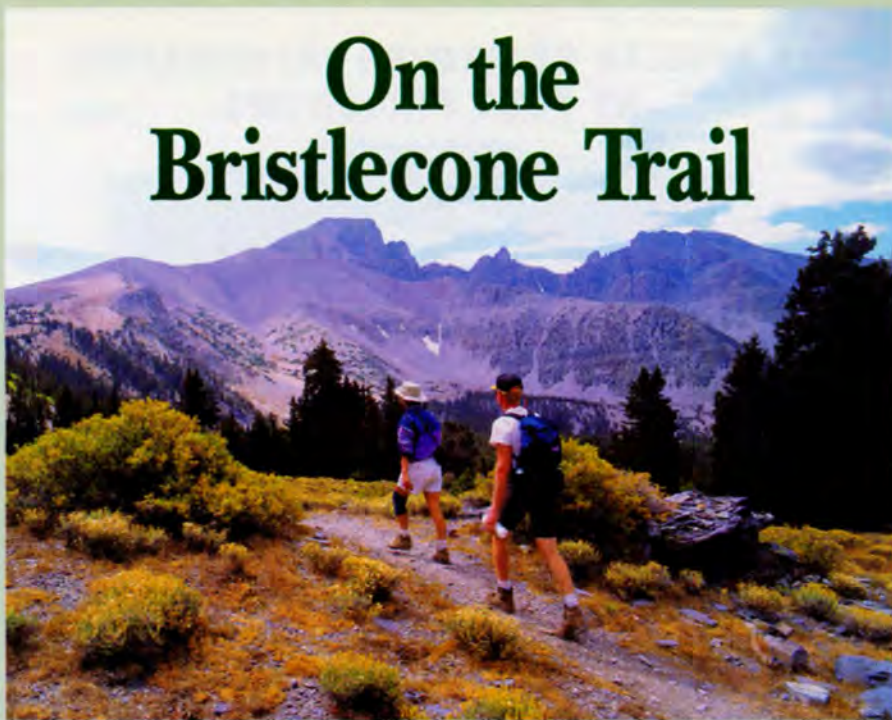
Solace's death and the appearance of Currey's report in *Ecology* together created an uproar.

employee at the Ely Ranger Station, recorded in his diary the events of September 20, 1965.

The crew had left Ely at eight o'clock that morning. By noon they were having lunch beside the bristlecone's stump. After chain-sawing a one-foot-thick slab and lugging its estimated 300 pounds into a two-wheeled deer cart, they started downslope. A quarter of a mile down the trail, 32-year-old Fred Solace stopped to rest. Shortly afterward, when he protested he was too sick to continue, his coworkers dumped the slab, put Fred in the cart, and headed home with as much urgency as the rocky trail would permit. But soon Solace gasped that he had to get out of the cart, so his companions lifted him out and started to place him on the ground. It was at this point, relates Tibbs, that Solace murmured, "Oh, my God"—and died in Tibbs' arms.

Solace's death and the appearance of

On the Bristlecone Trail



Hikers follow the Summit Trail toward Wheeler Peak. A side route visits bristlecone pines.

Summer is the best time to visit the bristlecone pines of Great Basin National Park, 65 miles east of Ely. The park has three sizable groves of the ancient trees, but the Bristlecone Trail at about 10,000 feet near Wheeler Peak Campground is the easiest to reach. This is the area where WPN-114, also known as Prometheus, was cut down in 1964.

Two of the slabs cut from Prometheus are on public display in the area. One is in the park's visitor center, which is open daily. The other can be seen in Ely at the Bristlecone Convention Center, displayed in a wooden case in the visitor bureau's lobby, which is open weekdays and Saturdays.

But the main gathering place for bristlecone appreciation is the grove on Wheeler Peak. Rangers lead tours there at 10 a.m. daily during the summer. The tours start when the snow has cleared from the trail, which may be mid-June this year, and continue until snowy weather returns in late September or early October.



The park is 65 miles east of Ely.

"Most of the trees that you'll see on the trail are between 3,000 and 3,500 years old," says chief park interpreter Terry Baldino. The stump of the fallen Prometheus is off the trail and unmarked to protect it from erosion and further damage. He notes that useful data resulted from the "unfortunate" cutting down of the tree, but, he says firmly, "We don't want to forget what happened—because it should never happen again."

Baldino notes that the bristlecones on Wheeler are the park's second-most popular attraction, after Lehman Caves, but their popularity has created erosion problems. "We encourage people to stay on the trail. There is tremendous foot traffic among the bristlecones, and when people get off the trail, disturbing soil and rocks, we are seeing erosion. Once the roots are exposed, the next step can be the death of the tree."

The park's other two bristlecone areas, near Mount Washington and Hill 10842, are much more remote. Ask at the visitor center for more information, or write Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV 89311, phone 702-234-7331. For Ely information, call the chamber of commerce, 702-289-8877 or the convention center, 702-289-3720.

In Southern Nevada, well-prepared hikers can trek to a bristlecone forest on Mount Charleston, 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Call the Toiyabe National Forest office in Las Vegas, 702-873-8800, for information.

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Currey's report in *Ecology* occurred almost simultaneously and together created an uproar. Members of the scientific community, as well as other admirers of Prometheus, berated the Forest Service for allowing the world's oldest tree to be cut. The floor of Congress rang with denunciations of the agency. Strongly worded articles appeared in the national press. Currey, and others involved in the act directly or indirectly, have been frequently ambushed over the years by journalists armed with embarrassing questions or camcorders. The subject is still a sensi-

The ring-tally represents the greatest number of annual rings ever counted in a tree.


tive one among resource managers in Nevada. Today the stump of old Prometheus lies within Great Basin National Park, which was created in 1986 from national forest lands. The stump is unmarked and located away from the trail that winds through the bristlecone grove below Wheeler Peak. If prompted, park rangers will talk openly about Prometheus. Invariably they maintain that such an incident must never occur again.

A curious postscript to the story of WPN-114 concerns the slab whose removal brought on Fred Solace's heart attack. Harvie Tibbs clearly recalls spending about two weeks surfacing and polishing a section of that slab, which was subsequently taken by the late dendrochronologist Wes Ferguson, a former student of Schulman, to the Tree-Ring Lab in Tucson. A ring-count made on this specimen by Ferguson's former student, Don Graybill, yielded an age of 4,862 years, 18 more than Currey had found. Graybill conveyed that information to me several years ago in a telephone conversation, shortly before his untimely death. It represents the greatest number of annual rings ever counted in a tree. ♣

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John Paul Jr. (top) and Robbie Buhl race their Indy cars at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

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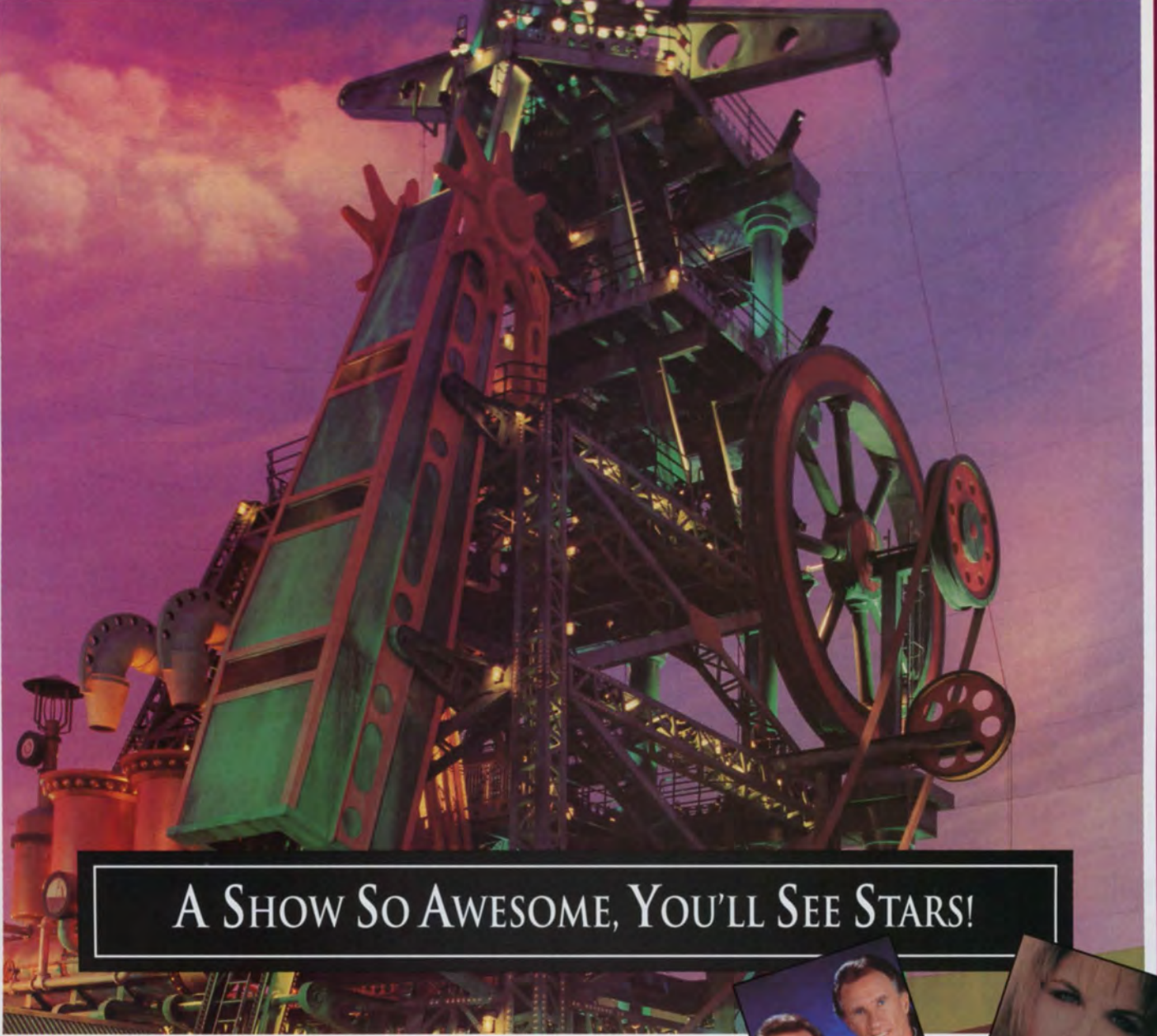
When it comes to motor sports, Nevada fans have exciting choices.

By Ron Kantowski and Ann Henderson

From professional road racing at the Reno Hilton to gritty off-road dashes near the Colorado River, the Silver State's 110,000 square miles offer challenging terrain for drivers and spectators with a need for speed. And with the opening of the 107,000-seat Las Vegas Motor Speedway last September, Nevada auto racing is roaring at full throttle.

"In terms of racing, Nevada has it all," says Matt DeLorenzo, editor of *AutoWeek*. "With a world-class oval at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, a demanding street course in Reno, plenty of off-road competitions, and open-road racing—which is very rare—there is a tremendous variety of events. Nevada is unique in that regard."

Racer Ron Hornaday agrees. "This [the speedway] is the



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Driver Michel Jourdain Jr. lets his well-wired pit crew go to work during the Las Vegas speedway's inaugural Indy Racing League event last September.

place that Las Vegas has always needed," the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion says, scanning the speedway's sprawling grandstands and pristine 1.5-mile tri-oval, where he clinched the 1996 points title last November. Hornaday and others say the complex, the largest raceway in Nevada with its 24 kinds of racing, will bring to Las Vegas the images of checkered flags and fans lining up to buy racing logo hats and T-shirts.

The pet project of Imperial Palace executive Richie Clyne, the \$200-million speedway has Nellis Air Force Base as its neighbor, 11 miles north of Las Vegas. Because Clyne had acres of desert scooped out to create a bowl for the track and grandstands, the speedway is spectator-friendly, giving fans with few exceptions an unobstructed view of the action. Drivers like Phil Parsons say the track is fast—150 mph-plus—with a design that allows cars to race three abreast,

*Opening day at
the speedway
brought out
67,000 fans,
a record crowd.*



Richie Hearn won the Indy Racing League inaugural at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The young driver liked the pace on and off the track so much that he built a house in Henderson.

adding to the race-day excitement.

The speedway, which made its debut with Indy Racing League (IRL) and Craftsman Truck events last fall, will have both series back this year. Opening day brought out 67,000 fans, a record crowd for a Nevada sporting event. Other major events this year include NASCAR stock cars in June, and sports cars, grand prix-type motorcycles, and sprint cars in the fall. A full slate of sportsman stock cars and drag racing dates are set for the 3/8-mile paved oval and drag strip.

A handful of top drivers have moved to the Las Vegas area, lured by the new speedway and Nevada's lenient tax laws. Up-and-coming Indy-

The Laughlin Desert Challenge is known for its vehicle long-jump event.

car star Richie Hearn built a home in Henderson upon winning the IRL's first race at the speedway in September, and Jimmy Vasser, the reigning CART champion, moved to Southern Nevada before the track opened.

"I'm looking forward to spending a lot of time in Las Vegas and becoming a part of the community," says Vasser, who won four Indy-car races en route to his first national driving title in 1996. "With the new speedway, racing is going to become more important in the future. I'd like to be a part of that."

In addition to watching drivers like Vasser and Hearn at the speedway, racing fans can drive stock cars at the Richard Petty Driving Experience (702-643-4343)

Las Vegas isn't the only Nevada town staging big-time motor racing. The Reno Grand Prix, featuring the



Racers negotiate the Reno Hilton's 1.35-mile track during the Reno Grand Prix.



Clint Wolsey of Tulare drives in the VORRA Yerington 300. Desert races are popular in rural Nevada.

SCCA Trans-Am Series, staged a successful inaugural last September at the Reno Hilton. The event will be back October 17-19 for a second go-round at the 11-turn, 1.35-mile road course, which winds through the hotel's porte cochere and has one of the fastest straightaways in the circuit with top speeds reaching 170 mph before drivers must dive into the turn.

For the spectator, the weekend of-

is free as is admittance to the paddock area, the best spot for autograph hounds.

For those looking for thrills on two wheels, one of the state's best motorcycle races takes over Virginia City each Mother's Day Weekend. It is mayhem when about 400 racers line up each day at the Comstock mining town's old railroad depot. Their object: to see how many times they can

Reno Grand Prix drivers' top speeds reach 170 mph before they must dive into the turn.

complete the 13-mile course in three-and-one-half hours.

Off-road racing is a staple of Nevada's racing calendar. For environmental reasons, viewing areas are limited during off-road competitions,

but race organizers can give tips on the best locations to watch a race and mingle with contestants. The 225-mile Laughlin Desert Challenge in October has off-road trucks and buggies running for points leading to series championships in 24 divisions. Grandstands at the Special Events Arena offer a good view when the four-wheel vehicles complete the 50-mile loop and pass through the

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At a motocross race in Carson City, Dale Lundeen (42) and Adam Tortue (20) lead the pack.

Colorado River town. The Desert Challenge is also known for its vehicle long-jump event, the Laughlin Leap. Nevada's best known off-road racer,

Rod Hall of Reno, will be entering the Silver State Series, new races sponsored by the organizer, Best in the Desert. He will be driving his Hummer

June 20-21 during the 300-mile run from Mesquite to Ely and later this fall in the one-day 500-mile marathon from Las Vegas to Reno. Hall, a member of the only American team to finish the 6,000-mile Paris to Dakar race in the event's 19-year history, has been a factory racer since 1975. He prefers the freedom of desert racing but says he's excited about what's going on in Nevada.

"I'm surprised so much has come about," says the 15-time Baja desert race winner. "Racing is big business, and I guess I never thought of Nevada as a racing state. But if the Las Vegas Motor Speedway is a financial success, it will lead to more races in Northern Nevada."

The Silver State also is home to several smaller tracks catering to "week-end warrior" racers. The Silver State Raceway in Carson City features a high-banked paved oval that is home to stock car and motorcycle racing, while small rural raceways such as the Pahrump Valley Speedway offer Saturday-night stock car programs.

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There's a gusto for racing in rural Nevada that reaches some unlikely places. Rocky McKellip, the county sheriff in Hawthorne, is a racer and sponsors a 1971 Mach One Mustang that is driven by the high school drag racing team. McKellip has an intense rivalry with another "Smokey," Bill Lawry, the county sheriff in Fallon. Both towns have raceways with drag strips. "So far they're whuppin' us pretty good," McKellip says of Lawry's students.

In racing circles, Nevada is known for its three open-road races. On May 18 and again in September, the Silver State Classic Challenge welcomes classes ranging from super modifieds to family cars. Drivers take off from Lund 25 miles south of Ely on State Route 318 and race 94 miles to Hiko, which is 107 miles north of Las Vegas via U.S. 93. The course is not open to

The Pony Express 100 begins with a street dance in Battle Mountain.

spectators, but you can watch at the starting line, and Ely hosts various festivities the night before the race. Also, the Pony Express 100 event on June 8 from Battle Mountain to Austin on State Route 305 begins with a street dance, games, picnic, and parade in Battle Mountain.

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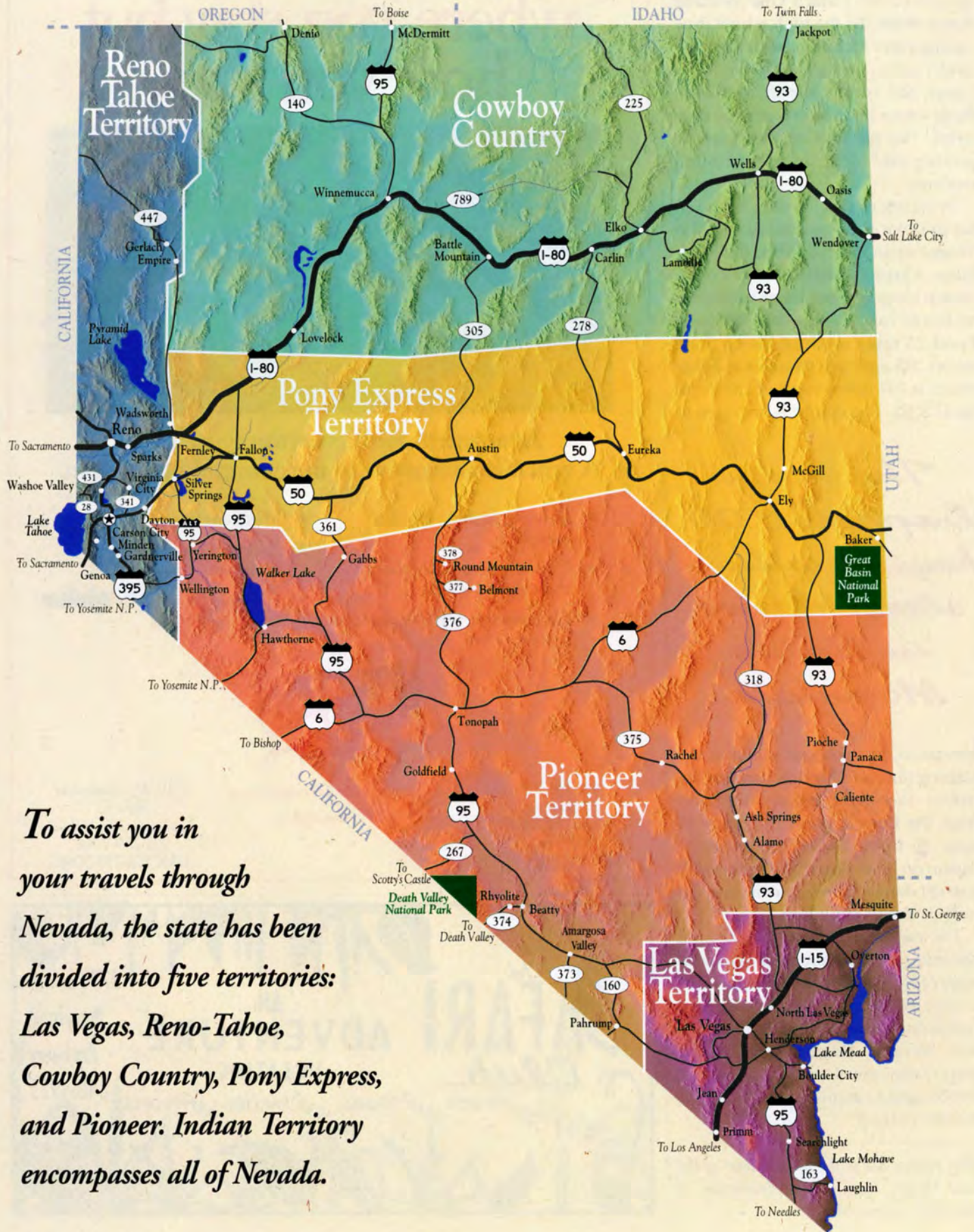
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Nevada offers hundreds of events and other activities in May and June. Visitors can expect colorful festivities at the Cinco de Mayo celebrations around the state. Rodeo fans will find action during the Las Vegas Helldorado and the Reno Rodeo. The following listing is divided into areas of interest. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. The area code is 702 throughout Nevada.

Las Vegas Territory

RACING CALENDAR

Las Vegas Motor Speedway Races • Drag races thru Aug. 23, races on 3/8-mile paved oval thru Sept. 6, and races on 1/2-mile dirt oval thru Oct. 10. For scheduled dates call 644-4443.

AMA Supercross • May 17 • Motorcycle racing. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 644-4443.

NASCAR Winston West Series 150 • June 7 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 644-4443.

NASCAR Featherlite Southwest Tour • June 7 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 644-4443.

National Legends Cars Road Course Event • June 7-8 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 644-4443.

RODEOS & FESTIVALS

Cinco de Mayo Celebration • May 2-5 • Harrah's Laughlin, 298-4600.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration • May 3 • Music, crafts. City Park, Mesquite, 346-2553.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration • May 5 • Golden Nugget, Laughlin, 298-7111.

Mesquite Days Festival • May 8-11 • Rodeo, concert, carnival. Rodeo Arena and City Park, Mesquite, 346-2553.

Mardi Gras in May, With Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Cha • May 10 • Food, dance, costumes. Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 455-8200.



The Bull Ridin' Days of June

Hard-headed cowboys take the bulls by the horns during the annual rodeo held in conjunction with Las Vegas Helldorado Days, June 18-21 at Thomas and Mack Center (above). The riders and ropers move north the following week to compete in the Reno Rodeo, June 21-29, at the Reno Livestock Events Center.

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Snow Mountain Powwow • May 23-25 • Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Reservation, near Mount Charleston, 386-3926.

Laughlin River Days • May 30-June 1 • Jet ski races, pit crew challenge, entertainment, water sports expo. Information: Gold River Hotel, Laughlin, 298-2242, ext. 2195.

Seniors Fishing Festival • June 6 • Bring license and equipment. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 229-6125.

Las Vegas Helldorado Days • June 18-21 • Pro rodeo and bull riding, trail ride, barbecue, dance. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 870-1221.

PERFORMANCES

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" • May 3-4, 8-9, and 10-11 • Play with adult theme and nudity. Summerlin Performing Arts Center, Las Vegas, 647-7469.

Ancient Future • May 7 • Musical quintet. Winchester Theater, Las Vegas, 455-7340.

Amanecer-Flamenco Progressivo Concert • May 10 • Music and dance. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 229-6704.

B.J. Ward: Stand-Up Opera • May 11 • Comic portrayal of operatic heroines. Charleston Heights Arts Center, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

"Sister Moses: The Story of Harriet Tubman" • May 16-17 • Nevada Dance Theatre performs at Community College of Southern Nevada dance ensemble. Nicholas Horn Theatre, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 651-5483.

Nevada Jazz Artists Concert • May 18 • Winchester Theater, Las Vegas, 455-7340.

Leslie Drayton: Jazz Trumpet • May 18 • Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Las Vegas, 229-6211.

Las Vegas Civic Symphony • May 18 • Children's pops concert. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 229-6704.

"Nonsense" • May 24-25 and 29-31 • Off-Broadway musical. Summerlin Performing Arts Center, Las Vegas, 647-7469.

Jazz in the Park • May 31 • Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 455-8200.

Las Vegas Music Festival Orchestra Concert • June 2 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 229-6211.

KKLZ Junefest • June 7 • Rock bands. Silver Bowl, Henderson, 739-9600.

Las Vegas Music Festival • June 9, 11, 13, 15, 17-18, 20-22



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"Showboat" • June 11-14, 18-21, and 25-28 • Outdoor production of Broadway play. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-PLAY.

Jazz in the Park • June 14 and 28 • Clark County Government Center Amphitheater, 455-8200.

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival • June 28 • Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 229-6704.

EXHIBITS

Beyond Gum San: The Story of the Chinese in Nevada • Thru May 26

• Exhibit honors the importance of the Chinese people in the history of Nevada. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.

Healing From the Land: American Indian Herbal Medicine • Thru June 1 • Paintings of medicinal plants by Native American artists. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.

Sagebrush Stradivarius • Thru June 30 • Display of violins made by miner Wilfrid Gagnon. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area on Canvas • May 1-July 31 • Fine art exhibit. Alan Bible Visitor Center, Boulder City, 293-1083.

Art Walk in the Park • May 3-4 • Exhibit and sale. Hills Park at Summerlin, Las Vegas, 229-6704.

Timeless Emotions • May 6-Aug. 3 • Watercolorist Dottie Burton exhibit. Sahara West Library Gallery, Las Vegas, 228-1940.

Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame Tour • May 16-18 • Exhibits from the Cleveland museum. Boulevard Mall, Las Vegas, 732-8949.

Street Engagements: Social Landscape Photography of the 1960s • June 9-Aug. 10 • Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.

SPORTS

World Series of Poker • Thru May 11 • Top poker players compete. Binion's Horseshoe, Las Vegas, 382-1600.

Holyfield-Tyson II: The Sound and the Fury • May 3 • Championship boxing. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 891-1111.

Las Vegas Stars • The Triple A affiliate of the San Diego Padres plays May 3-6 v. Salt Lake Buzz; May 12-15 v. Calgary Cannons; May 16-19 v. Albuquerque Dukes; May

Saturday Jazz

Pull up a blanket for the free outdoor jazz concerts on Saturdays from May 31 to July 12 at the Clark County Government Center Amphitheater in Las Vegas.

28-31 v. Colorado Springs Sky Six; June 1-4 v. Tacoma Rainiers; June 18-21 v. Tucson Toros; June 22-25 v. Tacoma Rainiers; June 30-July 3 v. Albuquerque Dukes. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 386-7200.

Walk-A-Thon/10K Run • May 10 • 10th annual fund-raiser, Children's Miracle Network. Red Rock Loop, Las Vegas, 383-2326.

Come 'n Get It Canine Frisbee Competition • June 13 • Freedom Park, Las Vegas, 229-6729.



Casting Call

Proud angler Janise Studley holds her prize catch, a 24-incher, at last year's Yerington Kiwanis Fishing Derby. The event takes place May 10 at the Mountain View Park pond, which is stocked by the Mason Valley Fish Hatchery. The derby is open to kids 12 and under.

Regional Finals: Hershey's National Youth Track and Field • June 18 • Las Vegas High School, 229-6729.

GENERAL INTEREST

Outdoor Doll Show • May 3 • Ceramic and porcelain dolls, entertainment, refreshments, psychics. Derfelt Senior Center, Las Vegas, 229-6601.

First Creek Wildflowers • May 3 • Three-mile hike to identify plants. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141.

Spring Jamboree and Crafts Show • May 3-4 • Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 293-2034.

Sock Hop and Barbecue on the Promenade Deck • May 10 • '50s-era costumes and music. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 298-4000.

Black Canyon Canoe Trip • May 10-11 • Campout at secluded hot springs downstream from Hoover Dam. Sponsored by Clark County Parks and Recreation, Las Vegas, 455-8289.

Archaeological Site Hiking Tours • May 11 and 17 • Visitor Center, Valley of Fire State Park, 397-2193.

Liberace's 78th Birthday and Play-A-Like Competition • May 16-17 • Traditional birthday cake for visitors on May 16. Professionals and amateurs compete May 17. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 798-5595.

Craft Fair and Rib Burn-Off • May 17-18 • Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 455-8206.

International Museum Day • May 18 • Free admission to the Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193.

Oak Creek Canyon Hike • May 18 • Three- to five-mile ranger-led walk. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141.

Las Vegas Ventriloquist Convention • May 27-31 • Imperial Palace and Magic and Movie Hall of Fame at O'Shea's Casino, Las Vegas, 362-5553.

Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Club Convention • June 19-21 • Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, 658-5417.

COMING EVENTS

1997 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions • July 4 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 895-3900.

Independence Day Water Festival • July 4 • Mesquite, 346-2553.

NASCAR Featherlite Southwest Tour • Sept. 13 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 644-4443.

Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race • Sept. 19 • Las Vegas, 457-5775.

Art in the Park • Oct. 4-5 • Boulder City, 293-0973.
Laughlin RiverFlight • Oct. 17-19 • Laughlin, 298-2214.

Las Vegas Invitational Golf Tournament • Oct. 22-26 • 382-6616.

National Finals Rodeo • Dec. 5-14 • Las Vegas, 731-2115.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

RACING CALENDAR

Silver State Raceway • Thru Oct. • Races on Saturday nights on high-banked paved oval. Carson City, 885-2079.

Motocross Stadium • Thru Sept. • Friday nights. Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079.

Virginia City Grand Prix • May 10-11 • Off-road motorcycle race around and through Virginia City, 851-4870.

RODEOS & FESTIVALS

RSVP Spring Fun Fair • Thru May 4 • Carnival, food, crafts, entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 687-4680.

Cinco de Mayo's Fiesta Nevada • May 4 • Music, dancing, food booths. Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2291.

Cinco de Mayo Dance • May 5 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Celebrate the River • June 6-8 • Food, music, street performers. Wingfield Park, Reno, 353-2291.



Lords of the Ring

Boxing's big boys go head to head during the second showdown, Holyfield-Tyson II: The Sound and the Fury on May 3 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Evander Holyfield will attempt to repeat his victory last winter over Mike Tyson (above).

Carson City Rendezvous • June 6-8 • Mountain-man encampment, arts and crafts, music. Mills Park, 687-7410.

Snowshoe Thompson Festival • June 7-8 • Courthouse

Museum and Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2555.

Renaissance Festival • June 7-8 and 14-15 • Jousting, juggling, music, performances. Camp Richardson Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 916-542-1801.

Carson Valley Days • June 13-15 • Softball, rodeo, arts and crafts. Gardnerville, 265-7000.

16th Annual Father's Day Powwow • June 13-15 • Stewart Indian Museum, Carson City, 687-7410.

Wild West Tour and 1890s Day • June 21 • Tour of historic Kit Carson Trail, period games, picnic, old-time movie festival, entertainment. Carson City, 687-7410.

Reno Rodeo • June 21-29 • Major PRCA rodeo with parade, cattle drive, carnival. Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, 329-3877.

PERFORMANCES

Reno Municipal Band Noontime Concerts • Mon.-Fri. thru Sept. • Wingfield Park, Reno, 789-2878.

Rolling on the River • Fridays thru Sept. • Evening concerts. River Walk Special Events Area, Reno, 324-4440.

Symphonic Band Concert • May 1 • Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.

"Dandelion Wine" • May 1-4 • Ray Bradbury's play. Redfield Theatre, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.

Argenta Quartet • May 9 • Concert. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-6145.

"The Dancing Body" • May 9-11 • Spring dance program. Redfield Theatre, U of N, Reno, 784-4041.

"Fiddler on the Roof" • May 9-11, 16-18 • Broadway musical. Community Center, Carson City, 887-3115.

Chaskinakuy: Music of the Andes • May 10 • Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

Ely Haimowitz Recital • May 11 • Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-6145.

"Kiss of the Spider Woman" • May 13-15 • Pioneer Center

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Ward of the Roses

B.J. Ward brings her "Stand-Up Opera," comical portrayals of operatic heroines, to the Charleston Heights Arts Center in Las Vegas on May 11



Carson Valley Clowns

Two clowns keep an eye on the activities during Carson Valley Days, June 13-15, in Gardnerville. The annual community celebration features a weekend full of events. Area firefighters bring their high-pressure hoses to compete in the annual waterfights. A street dance, arm-wrestling contests, arts and crafts booths, kids' activities, and a rodeo also will be part of the festivities.



Viva la Fiesta

Lavish costumes that depict Mexico's ancient cultures (right) are a colorful attraction during the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Nevada celebration on Sunday, May 4, on Victorian Square in Sparks. Entertainment continues throughout the day and evening and includes mariachis (above), dancers, and singers.

for the Performing Arts, Reno, 686-6600.

"Dearly Departed" • May 16-18 and 23-24 • Comedy. Reno Little Theater, 329-0661.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • May 17 • Concert. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 348-9413.

Contra Dances • May 17, June 7 and 21 • New England line dancing. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

Community Band Concert • May 19 • Community Center, Carson City, 883-2219.

Los Folkloristas • May 23 • Latin American music. Community Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

"The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" • May 24-25 • C.S. Lewis' classic children's story. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

"Samson and Delilah" • May 29-31 • Dolores Zajick stars in Biblical story of betrayal. Nevada Opera, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 800-992-2072.

Mark Twain and The Banjologist • June 6 • McAvoy Layne portrays the wit and wisdom of Mark Twain, and Gordy Ohlinger gives a banjo performance. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

Concert on the Green • June 8 • Town Park, Genoa, 782-3721.

Pops Party • June 8 • Concert. Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 883-4154.

Murder Mystery at the Brewery Arts Center • June 11-16 • Melodramas. Carson City, 883-1976.

EXHIBITS

College Art Gallery • Thru May 23 • Paintings by Dorothy Paulsen and pottery by Muffy Vhay. Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 887-3000.

Carnosaurs! For the First Time in Captivity! • Thru June 8 • Display of 13 robotic dinosaurs. May Center, Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 828-6642.

The People: A History of Native Nevadans Through Photography • Thru June 30 • Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 688-1191.

Prison Art • Thru July 11 • Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 887-3000.

Moving Inspiration • Thru Aug. 11 • Women and the automobile. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

Kickstand Corner • Thru Sept. 22 • Motorcycle exhibit. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

Comics, Characters, and Cartoons—Circa 1930s • Thru Oct. 31 • Display of more than 100 dolls, includes such characters as Charlie McCarthy, Little Orphan Annie, and Popeye. Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, Carson City, 884-2226.

Nevada West • May 1-31 • Paintings and wood workings of Laverne and Joe Lightfoot. Artists Co-Op Gallery, Reno, 673-2024.

Great Basin Basketmakers • June 1-29 • Exhibit and demonstrations. Artists Co-Op Gallery, Reno, 852-5090.

A Common Thread • June 1-July 1 • Folk art. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976.

SPORTS

Pinenut Cracker Mountain Bike Race • May 11 • Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 782-7077.

Fiona's-China Spring Sandbagger Golf Tournament • May 14 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9961.

Ski-Sail Regatta • May 24-25 • Alpine Meadows, Tahoe City, 916-581-4700.

America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride • June 1 • 100-mile fully supported bicycle ride around Lake Tahoe. Zephyr Cove, 588-9658.

Champions Who Care Golf Tournament • June 6 • Rosewood Lakes Golf Course, Reno, 829-CARE.

Beach Volleyball Championship • June 6-7 • Caesars Tahoe, 588-3515.

11th Farwest Regional Wheelchair Tennis Championship • June 12-22 • Plumas, Washoe County, and Hilton tennis courts, Reno, 852-7077.

Annual Carson Valley Inn Spring Fishing Derby • June 13 • Fish for mackinaw on Lake Tahoe. Minden, 321-6983.

Volkswalk • June 14 • 5K and 10K walk. Miners Park, Virginia City, 882-2680.

Virginia City Motorcycle Marathon • June 20 • Charity benefit ride from Tonopah to Virginia, 847-0523.

10th Annual Carson Valley 5K and 10K Run • June 21 •

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Self Invitational Black Rock Desert Classic Golf Tournament

• June 21 • Golfing on the Black Rock playa north of Gerlach. 510-658-5766.

High Sierra Shootout • June 21 • Power boat race. Tahoe City, 916-581-4700.

Washoe Valley History Bike Tour • June 27 • Rangers lead 10-mile bicycle ride. Washoe Lake State Park, Bellevue access, four miles north of Carson City, 687-4319.

Summer Biathlon • June 28 • 5K run with shooting stations. Auburn Ski Club, Boreal Ridge, 323-8739.

Comstock Silver Century • June 29 • 10- to 50-mile bicycle ride from Carson City to Virginia City, Mount Rose, Genoa. 588-9660.

GENERAL INTEREST

1997 Fur Ball • May 4 • Dinner-dance fund-raiser to assist abandoned animals. Pet Network, Hyatt Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 832-4404.

Jackpot of Gems '97 • May 10-11 • Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, 849-1522.

Spice of Life • May 14 • Sampling of appetizers, entrees, and desserts made with garlic, onions, and peppers. Remede's Restaurant, Reno, 829-CARE.

Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend • May 14-18 • Theme is "Kids on the Comstock," exhibits, tours, lectures, Chautauqua. Virginia City, 847-0975.

Armed Forces Day • May 17 • Display of military equipment from the Nevada Army National Guard and the Nevada Air and Military Museum. Steam train will operate 10am-4pm. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 684-8282.

Bird Watch • May 17 • Ranger-led gathering along the Carson River. Dayton State Park, 687-4379.

Minden Spring Arts and Crafts Street Fair • May 17-18 • Minden, 782-4227.

Locomotive Steam-Up • May 24-26 • Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953.

Pottery Show • May 24-26 • Planet X Pottery, Gerlach, 557-2500.

Kid's Fishing Derby • May 31-June 1 • Tickets must be picked up in advance. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 782-9828.

National Wild Horse and Burro Show • June 13-15 • Sixth annual adoption program competition. Livestock



Tonopah on Parade

On Memorial Day Weekend, Tonopah salutes town founder Jim Butler with a big party that includes mining events and a parade with cheerleaders, burros, and marching bands. Butler discovered silver ore in the area in 1900, beginning the rush to Tonopah.

Events Center, Reno, 851-7548.

Faces of Nevada Ghost Towns • June 14 • Talk and slide show about the Comstock, Tonopah, and Goldfield mining booms. Dayton State Park, 687-4379.

Father's Day Steam-Up • June 14-15 • Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953.

Family Day • June 21 • Glider, helicopter, and hot-air balloon rides. Minden, 782-5260.

Farmer's Market • June 25-Oct. 8 • Open-air market every Wednesday. Carson City, 687-7410.

Genoa Home and Garden Tour • June 22 • Genoa, 782-2893.

Best on the Mountain Lake Tahoe Rib Cook-Off • June 27-29 • Lake Tahoe Horizon, 800-322-7723.

Karson Cruzers' Run What-Cha-Brung • June 27-29 • Dance, show 'n' shine, games, barbecue. Carson City, 687-5531.

Tallac Site Celebration • June 29 • Music, dessert, art. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 916-542-4166.

A Little Music, A Little History, A Little Dinner • June 29 • Museum tour and dinner. Tahoe City, 916-583-1762.

COMING EVENTS

Isuzu Celebrity Golf Championship • July 1-6 • Stateline, 916-544-5050.

RSVP Fourth of July Cavalcade of Spectaculars • July 2-6 • Carson City, 687-4680.

Skyfire • July 4 • Fireworks. Reno, 323-3138.

Regional Soaring Championship • July 15-24 • Minden, 782-9871.

Way It Was Rodeo • July 26-27 • Virginia City, 847-7878.

Silver Dollar Car Classic • July 31-Aug. 3 • Carson City, 687-7410.

Hot August Nights • Aug. 6-10 • Reno and Sparks, 356-1956.

Nevada State Fair • Aug. 20-24 • Reno Livestock Center, 688-5767.

Reno Basque Festival • Aug. 22-24 • Sparks, 329-1476.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Sparks, 353-2284.

Cowboy Country

RACING CALENDAR

Hot Rod Races • Monthly thru Oct. 19 • Wendover Airport, 801-665-2563.

Weekend on Wheels: Pony Express 100 • June 6-8 • Open road race from Battle Mountain to Austin on State Route 305 begins with a street dance, games, picnic, parade. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 635-8245.

RODEOS & FESTIVALS

High School Rodeo • May 17-18 • Rodeo Grounds, Wells, 752-3540.

Portuguese Festa and Parade • May 24-25 • Procession, religious service, dinner. Community Center, Lovelock, 273-2566.

Memorial Weekend Barbecue • May 25 • Dancing, bingo.



Aw, Shucks

A group of pioneers set to work shucking corn in their camp at Mills Park during the Carson City Rendezvous, which this year is June 6-8. The rendezvous is a tribute to Carson City's early residents, trappers, and Native Americans. Throughout the weekend visitors can find mountain-man encampments, teepees, and arts and crafts.

Photos: Richard T. Stephens (top), Larry D. Taylor (bottom)

Town Hall, Jarbridge, 488-2311.

C & C Roping Events • June 4-8 • Equestrian Park, Wendover, 800-848-7300.

Denio Barbecue and Roping • June 7 • Denio, 941-0217.

Angel Lake Kids' Fishing Derby • June 8 • Ages four-15. Wells, 752-3540.

High School Rodeo • June 14-15 • Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 273-2968.

PERFORMANCES

"America Coast to Coast" • May 3 • Ruby Mountain Symphony spring concert featuring McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain. Convention Center, Elko, 738-4091.

Concert in the Park With the Lazy Eights • June 22 • Winnemucca, 623-2225.

SPORTS

Seniors Classic Golf Tournament • May 12-13 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 800-848-7300.

\$175,000 Fishing Derby • May 17-18 • Rye Patch State Recreation Area, 22 miles north of Lovelock, 273-2645.

Bordertown Bicycle Challenge • June 7-8 • Oasis, 28 miles west of Wendover, 208-342-3910.

Alumni Ball • June 14 • Community Center, Lovelock, 273-7144.

GENERAL INTEREST

Travel and Vacation Festival • May 10 • Booths showcasing Elko as a vacation destination. Convention Center, Elko, 738-4091.

A.B.A.T.E. Motorcycle Rodeo • May 10-11 • Games, barbecue. Rye Patch State Recreation Area, 22 miles north of Lovelock, 623-4056.

Mining Expo and Golf Tournament • June 3-7 • Convention

Center, Elko, 738-4091.

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Rattlesnake Raceway • 13 weekends thru Nov. 29 • Stock cars. Fallon, 423-2544.

Silver State Open Road Race • May 16-18 • Lund to Hiko, Ely, 289-3720.

Silver State 300 Motorcycle Race • May 20-22 • Mesquite to Ely, 289-8877.

VORRA Off-Road Race • June 28-29 • 250-mile race with trucks, jeeps, dune buggies. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 916-925-1702.

FESTIVALS

Gridley Days • June 13-15 • Music, craft fair, games, Liar's Club contest, flour-sack race. Main Street, Austin, 964-2200.

PERFORMANCES

Quartango • May 3 • Tango music. High School Theatre, Fallon, 423-1440.

Juice Newton • May 10 • Country-western singer in concert. Opera House, Eureka, 237-6006.

Gillian Welch and David Rawlings • June 14 • Storytelling, ballads. Convention Center, Fallon, 423-1440.

GENERAL INTEREST

Fly In and Air Show • May 3 • Aircraft displays, Stealth F-117 flyby. Tiger Field, Fernley, 575-4459.

Hidden Cave Tours • May 10, 24, and June 14, 28 • Hike to view archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677.

Steam-Powered Train Excursions • May 17, 24-25, June 7, 21 • Nevada Northern Railway Museum, East Ely, 289-2085.

Diesel-Powered Train Excursions • May 24, June 7, 21 • Nevada Northern Railway Museum, East Ely, 289-2085.

Common Birds of the Great Basin • May 31 and June 7 • Morning walk. Visitor Center, Great Basin National Park, 234-7270.

Special Evening Train • May 31 and June 14 • Ride includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, East Ely, 289-2085.



Kids Make History

"Kids on the Comstock" is the theme of this year's Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend, May 14-18, in Virginia City. Above: A crew of young historians at the Fourth Ward School includes (from left) Cecilia Wallof, Emily Cobbey, and Alexandra Toll.

Center, Elko, 738-4091.

Mining and Other Treasures • June 5-7 • Exhibit of mining artifacts. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418.

D.A.R.E. Car Show and Shine • June 6 • Courthouse, Lovelock, 273-2641.

Pony Express Territory

RACING CALENDAR

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The Twain Shall Meet

The ghost of Mark Twain, portrayed by Incline Village resident McAvoy Layne (left), will join the Ruby Mountain Symphony (above) for its spring concert, "America Coast to Coast." The historic occasion of the intertwining of Twain's witticisms with classical music will take place May 3 at the Elko Convention Center.

All Curly Horse Show • June 21 • Fairgrounds, Ely, 289-4999.

Archaeology of the Pony Express • June 21 • Visit ongoing excavation with archaeology professor Donald Hardesty of U of N, Reno. Visitor Center, Great Basin National Park, 234-7270.

Storyteller's Play • May 18 • Community Center, Amargosa Valley, 372-5459.

Chautauqua • May 24-25 • Characters from the Donner Party. Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah, 784-6587.

SPORTS

The "X" Rides • May 3-4 • Fully supported bicycle tour of the Extraterrestrial Highway with overnight camping, star gazing, and alien activities near Rachel. Call Zephyr Cove, 588-9658.

Coyote Chase • June 21 • 5K and 10K runs, two-mile walk, pancake breakfast. High School, Smith Valley, 465-2147.

GENERAL INTEREST

Big Top Circus • May 5-6 • Community Park, Pahrump Valley, 727-5800.

Kiwanis Fishing Derby • May 10 • Mountain View Park, Yerington, 463-2245.

Mother's Day Brunch • May 11 • Community Center, Amargosa Valley, 372-5459.

Indian Social Powwow • May 17-18 • Stage Stop Casino, Pahrump, 727-0554.

Spring Fling Car Show • May 17-18 • Street dance, barbecue, poker run, cruise. Yerington, 463-2245.

Rally the Valley • May 23-24 • Poker run, games, bike show, live music. Beatty, 553-2130.

Railroad Days • June 7-8 • Parade, all-aboard contest, antique cars. Beatty, 553-2967.

COMING EVENTS

National Basque Festival • July 4-6 • Elko, 738-9691.

Land Speed Opener • July 23-26 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-785-5364.

Hot Salt "3" • July 23-26 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-533-9176.

VORRA Off-Road Race • July 26 • Fallon, 916-925-1702.

Speed Week-SCTA • Aug. 16-22 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.

VORRA Off-Road Race • Aug. 31 • Yerington to Fallon and back, 916-925-1702.

Hare and Hound Cross-Country Motorcycle Race • Sept. 21 • Yerington, 463-2245.

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, please use the phone number listed with each event. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada.

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Mineral County Raceway • Saturday nights thru Oct. 31 • 1/4-mile low bank oval. Hawthorne, 945-5896.

Pahrump Valley Speedway • Saturday nights thru Oct. 31 • 1/4-mile dirt oval, Pahrump, 727-7172.

VORRA Off-Road Race • May 24-25 • 300-mile race begins and ends in Yerington. 916-925-1702.

FESTIVALS

Armed Forces Day • May 17-18 • Dance, parade, picnic, stock-car races. Hawthorne, 945-5896.

Jim Butler Days • May 23-26 • Parade, mining events, annual town party. Tonopah, 482-3859.

Lincoln County Memorial Day Homecoming Celebration • May 24-26 • Barbecue and baseball tournaments. Caliente, 726-3129.

Portuguese Festa of the Holy Spirit • May 31-June 1 • Dance, procession, religious service, Sopa dinner. Yerington, 463-2763.

Smith Valley Strawberry Festival • May 31-June 1 • Smith Valley, 465-2481.

Pizen Switch Roundup • June 29 • Picnic. Mountain View Park, Yerington, 463-4232.

PERFORMANCES

"Music of Yosemite" • May 2 • Concert. Catholic Center, Yerington, 463-3066.

Native American Voices • May 3 • Lecture. Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah, 784-6587.

Pioche Heritage Days • May 8-10 • Plays based on historical events. Pioche, 962-5544.

Mother's Day Concert • May 10 • Spanish music. Community Center, Amargosa Valley, 372-5459.

Evening of Dance • May 16-17 • Recital. High School Auditorium, Pahrump, 727-4444.



Gaming Tournaments

A guide to hotel tourneys.

Gaming tournaments are designed for all players, not exclusively for high rollers. Most hotels offer events that are meant to be non-intimidating and fun. The entry fee or "buy-in" can range from a few dollars to several thousand. Some hotels offer free daily, weekly, and monthly tournaments. Nevada's area code is 702.

Las Vegas Territory

- Dinero Grande Slots** • May 5-8 • MGM Grand, 891-1111.
- Tortoise and the Hare Slots** • May 8-11 • Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5111.
- Return to Camelot** • May 9-10 • Golden Nugget, Laughlin, 800-237-1739.
- Mother's Day Slots** • May 10-11 • Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, 298-5111.
- Bingo Blowout** • May 11 • Showboat, 385-9123.
- Royal Windfall Video Poker** • May 12-14 • Ramada Express, Laughlin, 800-343-4533.
- Fabulous Fifties Slots** • May 18-21 • Aladdin, 800-367-2850.

- Slot and Golf** • May 19 • Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.
- Garden Party Slots** • May 26-29 • Tropicana, 739-2222.
- \$25,000 Blackjack** • May 30-31 • Santa Fe, 658-4900.
- Summer Fiesta Slots** • June 2-6 • Harrah's Laughlin, 298-4600.
- Big Kahuna I Slots** • June 3-5 • Ramada Express, Laughlin, 800-343-4533.
- Slots** • June 6-8 • Excalibur, 597-7777.
- Slots** • June 8 and 22 • Flamingo Hilton, Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.
- Lazy Lagoon Slots** • June 8-11 • MGM Grand, 891-1111.
- Father's Day Blackjack** • June 15-16 • Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, 298-5111.
- Slot Hop** • June 15-18 • Rio Suites, 252-7777.
- Shake, Rattle, and Roll Craps** • June 20-22 • Rio Suites, 252-7777.
- Summer Fun Video Poker** • June 21-22, Flamingo Hilton, Laughlin, 298-5111.
- Gold and Silver 6** • June 26-29 • Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5111.
- Slots** • June 29-July 1 • Showboat, 385-9123.

- \$60,000 Mediterranean Madness Slots** • May 8-9 • Silver Legacy, 800-215-7721.
- Mother's Day Slots** • May 11-12 • Caesars Tahoe, 800-648-3353.
- Slots** • May 11-13 • Reno Hilton, 789-2000.
- Slots and Poker** • May 16 • Lakeside Inn, Stateline, 800-523-1291, ext. 7702.
- Winners Weekend Slots** • May 16-17 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.
- Blackjack** • May 16-17 • Comstock, 800-266-7862.
- \$1 Slot Marathon** • May 18-19 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.
- Super Slots** • May 19-21 • Comstock, 800-266-7862.
- Slots** • May 27-28 • Peppermill, 800-648-6992.
- Keno** • June 1-2 • Eldorado, 800-648-4957.
- Golden Dollar Marathon** • June 8-10 • Eldorado, 800-648-4957.
- Slots** • June 8-10 • Reno Hilton, 789-2000.
- Jr. Classic** • June 8-11 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.
- Keno Shootout** • June 12-15 • Comstock, 800-266-7862.
- Father's Day Slots** • June 15-16 • Caesars Tahoe, 800-648-3353.
- Video Poker** • June 20-22 • Reno Hilton, 789-2000.
- Winners Weekend Slots** • June 21-22 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.
- Blackjack** • June 27-29 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

- Super Keno** • May 2-4 • Comstock Hotel, downtown Reno, 800-266-7862.



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Nevada Showguide

Where the stars and shows are playing in May and June.

Nevada offers big-name entertainment and production shows at many clubs and hotels. During May and June the Broadway musical "Smokey Joe's Cafe" plays at the Eldorado in Reno, Charlie Daniels performs at Cactus Petes in Jackpot and the State Line in Wendover, and Liza Minnelli sings at Bally's in Las Vegas. Showrooms often fill fast, so call ahead for show times and reservations. Nevada's area code is 702.

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BOULDER CITY

Gold Strike Inn • Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam, 293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Country-western entertainment.

HENDERSON

Joker's Wild • 564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands play at the hotel off Interstate 15 (dark Tues.).

Nevada Landing • 387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Live entertainment (dark Wed.).

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 736-0240 or 736-0419: "Country Tonite, revue (dark Tues.); Sinbad Lounge: Entertainment nightly;

Disappearing Act

"Spellbound '97" the magic show at Harrah's Las Vegas, has been revamped with new production numbers starring Joaquin Ayala, an illusionist from Mexico. The only holdover is the acrobatic specialty act Human Design, which has a new slow-motion ballet.

Theatre for the Performing Arts: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, May 6-11.

Arizona Charlie's • 258-5100: Naughty Lady Saloon: Live music Tues.-Sun.; Palace Grand Theatre: Concerts TBA.

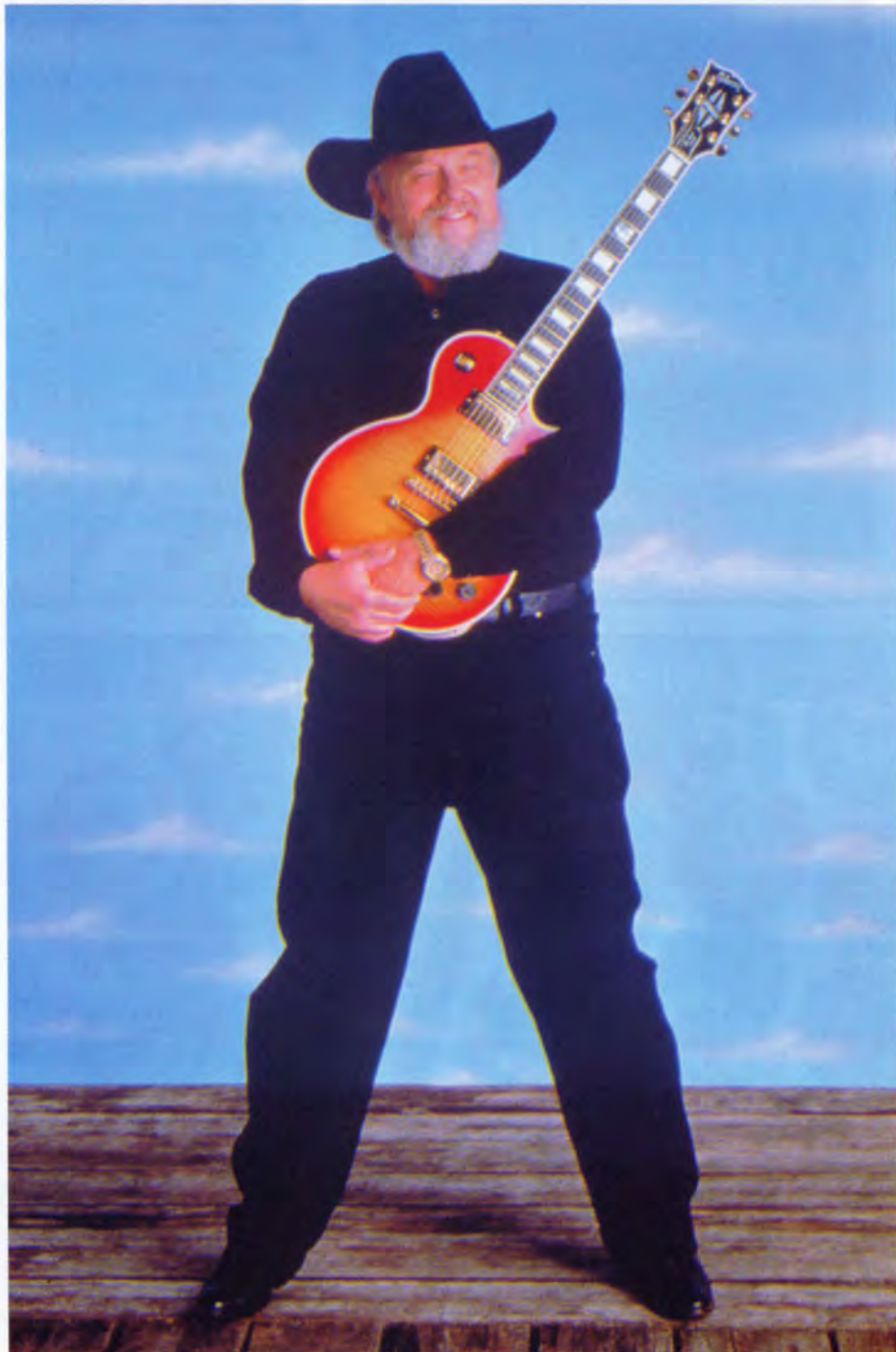
Bally's • 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" (dark Fri.); Celebrity Room: Penn and Teller, May 1-7; Chris Rock, May 2-3; Anne Murray, May 8-15; Jeff Foxworthy, May 16-18; Penn and Teller, May 19-21; Liza Minnelli, May 22-25; Andrew Dice Clay, May 24-25; Penn and Teller, May 26-28; Paul Anka, May 29-June 3; Louie Anderson, June 4-18; Englebert Humperdinck, June 19-25; Tejano Music Awards, June 27-28.

The Beach • 731-9298: Concerts.

Boomtown • 263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Rattlesnake Rickey's Saloon: Live entertainment 4pm-3am; Opera House Theatre: Ricky Van Shelton, May 21; Aaron Tippin, June 4.

Boulder Station • 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Railhead Saloon: Entertainment TBA.

Caesars Palace • 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Circus



Charlie Gets Down in Nevada

Charlie Daniels will play his flaming-fast fiddle and guitar at Cactus Petes in Jackpot May 9-10 and at the State Line Hotel-Casino in Wendover May 18-19. Country-music fans will find well-known performers making visits to all corners of the Silver State this summer, including Juice Newton at the Eureka Opera House in Eureka and Vince Gill at Buffalo Bill's Resort at Primm.

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Maximus: Julio Iglesias, May 7-11; Natalie Cole, May 15-18; Earth, Wind and Fire, May 21-25; Ray Charles, May 29-June 1; Johnny Mathis, June 5-8; David Copperfield, June 28-July 13; bands play in the La Piazza Lounge, Olympic Lounge, and Cleopatra's Barge.

Circus Circus • 734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts 11am to midnight.

Continental • 737-5555: Silver Slipper Theater: "Jukebox Rock," indf.

Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel • 7-DEBBIE or 800-633-1777: Star Theatre: "The Debbie Reynolds Show" (dark Sat. and Sun.); "Kenny Kerr and His Women of Hollywood" (dark Sun.); Debbie's Deli Theatre: "The Michael La Rocca Show" (dark Sun.-Mon.).

Desert Inn • 733-4566 or 800-634-6909: Crystal Room: Smokey Robinson, May 6-10; Sheena Easton, May 16-18; Don Rickles, May 23-25; Nana Mouskouri, May 30-31; Rita Rudner, June 5-8; Neil Sedaka, June 11-15; The Temptations, June 18-22; The Stylistics, Dramatics, and Chi-Lites, June 27-29; Starlight Theatre: Closed thru May. **Excalibur** • 597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "King Arthur's

Imagine This

The Luxor is constructing a 1,200-seat showroom for its new show, "Imagine," which is scheduled to open this fall. The Dick Foster production will have a cast of 50, including aerial acrobats, magicians, dancers, and balancing acts.

Tournament," nightly; "An Evening in Vienna," starring the Royal Lipizzaner Stallions, 2pm daily (dark Fri.); Wild Bills Saloon and Steakhouse and Minstrel's Theatre Lounge: Dance music nightly; Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers 10am-10pm daily.

Fitzgeralds Holiday Inn • 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Don Cloe (dark Tues.), Ray Perez (dark Wed.-Thurs.).

Flamingo Hilton • 733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: "The Great Radio City Spectacular" with the Rockettes (dark Fri.); Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "Forever Plaid," '50s musical revue (dark Mon.).

Four Queens • 385-4011 or 800-634-6045: Live entertainment Tues.-Sat. in the French Quarter Lounge.

Gold Coast • 367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Sorta Dixie Jazz Band, noon to 6pm Mon.-Fri.; bands play in the East and West lounges; Dance Hall and Saloon: Live music.

Golden Nugget • 386-8100: Theatre Ballroom: "Country Fever," look-alike variety revue (dark Fri.); entertainment nightly in the lounge.

Hard Rock Hotel • 226-4650 or 800-HARD-ROCK: The Joint: Rock concerts.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 369-5222 or 800-392-9002: Commanders Theatre: "Spellbound '97"; "The Improv at Harrah's" (dark Mon.); entertainment nightly in the Court of Two Gators Lounge.

Holiday Inn Boardwalk • 735-2400: Lighthouse Showroom: The Unknown Comic (dark Mon.); G. David Howard, indf. (dark Mon.); "The Dream King" with Trent Carlini (dark Sun.-Mon.); Mr. Dixie Dooley's Magic Show, 4pm Tues.-Sun.; Golden Motion, acrobats perform hourly.

Imperial Palace • 794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert" (dark Sun.).

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza • 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Plaza Showroom: "Xposed," adult revue (dark Fri.).

King 8 Hotel • 736-8988: Bands play nightly except Mon. **Lady Luck** • 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Showroom: "Sexy Magic with Steve Wyrick" opens in June.

Las Vegas Hilton • 732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Starlight Theatre: Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express" (dark Fri.); also appearing Manhattan Transfer, May 9; Melissa Manchester, June 13.

Luxor • 262-4000 or 800-288-1000: Nefertiti's Lounge: Tommy Deering, indf. (dark Mon.).

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Maxim • 731-4300 or 800-634-6987: "Comedy Max," comedy nightclub; "Nick Lewin's Comedy Magic," 1 and 3pm (dark Sun.); entertainment in Muldoon's Room.

MGM Grand • 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Grand Theatre: "EFX" (dark Thurs.); Hollywood Theatre: TBA; Center Stage Cabaret: "Catch a Rising Star," comedy-variety club; bands play during Late Night after the comedy; Flying Monkey Bar: Bobby Dickerson (dark Mon.), Christy Bryant (dark Sun.), Chuy's Company, Sundays; entertainment in the Santa Fe Lounge; Grand Garden: TBA.

The Mirage • 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular (dark Wed.-Thurs. and June 30-31); bands play in the Lagoon Saloon and Baccarat Bar (piano bar).

Monte Carlo • 730-7777: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician" (dark Sun.-Mon.).

New York-New York • 740-6969 or 800-675-3267: "MADhattan," a show designed to evoke the Big Apple, opens mid-June.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: "Gone Country," musical revue.

Palace Station • 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Entertainment TBA.

Rio Suite • 252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Copacabana Entertainment Complex: Impressionist Danny Gans (dark Mon.-Tues.); "Masquerade Show in the Sky," carnival-themed parade above the casino, every two hours beginning at noon Sun.-Tues. and 1pm Thurs.-Sat. (dark Wed.); Ipanema Piano Bar: Steven Boyd, indf. (dark Mon.); Shutters Piano Bar: Ghalib Ghallab, indf. (dark Mon.-Tues.); Club Rio: Dance-video nightclub Wed.-Sat.; Mambo's Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Sun.

Riviera • 794-9301: Splash Theatre: Jeff Kutash's "Splash II, Voyage of a Lifetime," nightly; Grand Ballroom: Entertainment TBA; Mardi Gras Showroom (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue (dark Tues.);

Mardi Gras Showroom (second floor): "Crazy Girls: Sensuality and Passion," adult revue (dark Mon.); "Bottoms Up," burlesque-style revue, 2 and 4pm weekdays; "Riviera Comedy Club."

Sahara • 737-2515: Congo Theatre: TBA; bands like Forward Motion play in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 454-8048: Western Dance Hall: Bands play 9pm-3am; Roxy's Saloon: Entertainment noon-5am.

San Remo • 597-6028 or 800-522-7366: Parisian Cabaret: "Showgirls of Magic," 8 and 10:30pm (late show for adults only); bands play in the Bon Chance Lounge.

Santa Fe • 658-4900: Entertainment Tues.-Sat. in the Ice Lounge.

Showboat • 383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Mardi Gras Room: Bobby Morris' New Orleans Jazz Band, indf. (dark



Leapin' Liza

Liza Minnelli will take the stage at Bally's in Las Vegas on May 22-25. Minnelli began playing Nevada showrooms in 1965, when she made her first official Vegas appearance at the Sahara on New Year's Eve.

Mon.); "Tribute to Engelbert Humperdinck," Mondays, indf.; Launi Kristopher and the Catch, May 13-June 1; The Gigolo Showband, June 3-22.

Stardust • 732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Stardust Theatre: "Enter the Night," production show (dark Fri.); bands play in the Starlight Lounge.

Stratosphere • 382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Broadway Showroom: "American Superstars," impersonator revue (dark Thurs.); "Viva Las Vegas," musical revue 2 and 4pm daily except Sun.; Images Cabaret: Show bands play nightly; L'Isles Bar: Caribbean and reggae music.

Treasure Island • 894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère" (dark Mon.-Tues. and June 11-15); entertainment nightly

in Captain Morgan's piano bar and the Doubleton Saloon.

Tropicana • 739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "The Best of the Folies Bergere... Sexier Than Ever"; weekend headliners TBA; Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly; bands play in the Tropics Lounge; "Wings

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of the World" with Joe Krathwohl, free bird show, 11am, 1pm, and 3pm.

Vacation Village • 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Koo Koo's Lounge: Entertainment and dancing Tues.-Sun.

Westward Ho • 731-2900: "Hurray America," starring Robbie Howard and Red Hot Mama and the Goodtime Jazz Band (dark Sat.).

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Avi Casino • 535-5555.

Colorado Belle • 298-4000: "D" Deck: Riverboat Ramblers, strolling musicians.

Edgewater • 298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Show bands play.

Flamingo Hilton Laughlin • 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: Club Flamingo: "Country Dreamin'"; Outdoor Amphitheater:

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Gold River • 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Cody's Saloon:

Boogie Down in Tonopah

Bands play at the Mizpah Hotel and Station House during all-night parties May 23-26, when residents celebrate Jim Butler Days, Tonopah's annual mining celebration.

Entertainment Tues.-Sun.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Lounge: Bands include Wildlife and Person to Person playing Tues.-Sun.

Harrah's Laughlin • 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta

Showroom: "The Great American Wild Wild West Show," musical revue (dark Thurs.); "Hot Salsa," production show (dark Thurs.); Club La Bamba: Entertainment nightly except Mon.

Ramada Express • 298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theater: Swing Sisters, May 1, 6-7, 17-28; Lou Ragland's World Famous Ink Spots, May 12-16; Swing Sisters, June 1-5, 14-21; When Johnny Comes Marching Home, June 23-30; Caboose Lounge: Entertainment featuring groups such as Gigolo and Tony Vee.

Riverside Resort • 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Entertainment TBA.

MESQUITE

Players Island • 346-7529 or 800-459-7529: Bali Hai Theater: Entertainment TBA; bands play nightly in the Cascades Lounge.

Si Redd's Oasis • 346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Red Boot Club: Big-band dancing, Wednesdays; Karaoke, Thursdays; Dance contests, Fridays; Live bands perform Fri. and Sat.; Casino Lounge: Bands play nightly.



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Virgin River • 346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Entertainment TBA.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Fiesta Casino • 631-7000: Entertainment in the Cantina Bar; Mariachi, 10:30am-2:30pm Sun.

Jerry's Nugget • 399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Dance bands play Fri.-Sun.

Texas Station • 631-1000: Armadillo Honky Tonk Lounge: Live entertainment featuring different styles. Oldies, Sun.; Country, Mon.; Jazz, Tues.; Kroakie's Karaoke, Wed.-Thurs.; dance music Fri.-Sat.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 382-1111 or 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Vince Gill/Bryan White, June 7; Alabama, July 3; Carolee's Theatre: "Carolee's Comedy Club, Fri.-Sun.

Primadonna • 382-1212 or 800-826-4471.

Whiskey Pete's • 382-1212 or 800-367-7383.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Center Stage Cabaret: Siren, thru May 11; Steppen Stonz May 6-25; The Palmores, May 13-18; Full House, May 17-June 1; Band on the Run, May 20-June 1.

Circus Circus • 329-0711: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight.

Club Cal-Neva • 323-1046 • Big Band music thru July 30; Glen Little Band, Fri.-Sat.

Comstock • 329-1880.

Eldorado • 786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada)

or 800-648-3024 (Canada); Showroom: "Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Music of Leiber and Stoller," Broadway musical (dark Tues.); Brew Brothers: Colin Ross Band, Thursdays.

Eddie's Fabulous '50s • 329-1950.

Fitzgeralds • 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada).

Flamingo Hilton Reno • 785-7080: Flamingo Showroom: "American Superstars" (dark Tues.); bands play in the Showspot Cabaret; music at Top of the Hilton restaurant (dark Tues.).

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Peppermill • 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Bands play nightly.

Reno Hilton • 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theatre: "Aireus, production show; Manhattan Transfer, May 8; Outdoor Amphitheater: Vince Gill/Bryan White, May 29; Aspen Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.; Just for Laughs Comedy Club: Stand-up comedy nightly except Mon.

Riverboat • 323-8877.

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Carrot Top, May 2; Anne Murray, May 16-17; Righteous Brothers, June 6-7; Trisha Yearwood, June 27-28; Legacy Gazebo: Wally Jones and Perry Joe Schirmer, afternoons; Gary Xavier, evenings till midnight; bands play in Legacy Saloon 9pm-3am.

Western Village • Sparks, 331-1069 or 800-648-1170.

CARSON AREA

Carson Nugget • Carson City, 882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Bar: Get Ready, thru May 4; The Motifs, May 6-11; Speedy Garfin, May 13-18; Stevie and the Stingrays, May 20-25; Madison Avenue, June 3-8; Wild Angel, June 10-15; Band on the Run, June 17-29.

Carson Station • Carson City, 883-0900: Bands play.

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983:

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Ormsby House • Carson City, 882-1890: Mark Twain Lounge: Bands play nightly.

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Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 588-6606 or 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: "Spellbound Starring Brett Daniels," May 5-June 29; Blood, Sweat and Tears, May 23-25; The Smothers Brothers, June 13-15; Roomful of Blues/Elvin Bishop, June 20-22; Williams and Ree, June 27-29; Casino Center Stage: Nightly bands.

Harveys • 588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883 (U.S. and Nevada): Emerald Theatre: "Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Live at Harveys," musical revue with Dick Clark as video host (dark Wed.); Llewellyn's: Ron Rose Sound: bands play in the Emerald Party Lounge.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Grande Lake Theater: Anthony Clark, May 24-25; Golden Cabaret: "Phantasy," magic and comedy revue (dark Mon.); bands play nightly in the Aspen Lounge.

Lakeside Inn • 588-7777.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Celebrity Showroom: Yang Feng, puppet theater, May 4; Loren Kahn, puppet theater, May 11.

Crystal Bay Club • Crystal Bay, 831-0512: Crystal Bar: Bands such as Moving Target play.

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JACKPOT

Barton's Club 93 • 755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 755-2321 or 800-821-1103: Cabaret Lounge: Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, thru May 8; Charlie Daniels, May 9-10; Chubby Checker, May 13-18; Dr. Hook featuring Ray Sawyer, May 20-25; Kingston Trio, May 27-June 1; Danny Marona, June 24-July 6.

Horseshu Casino • 755-2321.

A Tahoe Spin

The Spin Doctors, known for such tunes as "Two Princes" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong," will appear at the Circus Maximus showroom in Caesars Tahoe on June 7. Gladys Knight, Etta James, and George Carlin also will take the stage at Caesars Tahoe this summer.

MILL CITY

Burns Bros. Casino • 538-7306: Bands often appear in Mr. B's Lounge at the Mill City casino on Interstate 80.

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Nevada Crossing • 664-2900 or 800-537-0207.

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Silver Smith • 664-2231 or 800-354-3671.

State Line • 664-2221 or 800-648-9668: Charlie Daniels, May 18-19.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 623-2511: Bands play Wed.-Sun.; Karaoke and comedy, Mon.-Tues.

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Mizpah Hotel • 482-6202.

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The Disappearing Art

After 15 years in Las Vegas, Lance Burton always has something up his sleeve.

By Ann Henderson

Illusionist Lance Burton was not having a good time last February during the big finish of his NBC television special, *Lance Burton: Master Magician: The Encounter*. The finale called for the magician to wiggle out of a straightjacket after being stuffed inside a Plexiglas tank filled with water. "It was not really a fun trick to do," he says of the escape, which took three minutes. As the clock was ticking, Burton says, he asked himself, "Why don't I just stick to card tricks?"

Burton has used more than card tricks to land five yearly network television specials and a 13-year contract with the Monte Carlo on the Las Vegas Strip. He is the Monte Carlo's star attraction, appearing in a \$27-million, 1,224-seat showroom that was designed specially for his magic production.

"It's great to have steady work," he says of the long-term deal. "I'm not a good traveler and I like to stay home, but the important thing was having a theater built for my show. I wanted it to be like the London theaters I've worked." As a result, showgoers can sit comfortably in red velvet seats that offer an excellent view of the stage. The room has red velvet curtains, ornate chandeliers, and sculpted balconies that give the theater a Victorian atmosphere.

Burton celebrates his 15th anniversary as a Las Vegas entertainer on May 20, the day in 1982 that he began his nine-year

run as a specialty act in the Tropicana Hotel's "Folies Bergere." (The show also launched the careers of fellow illusionists Siegfried and Roy, headliners at the Mirage.) "By July of 1991 I had enough material for my own show and noticed the Hacienda sitting off by itself on the Strip," Burton says. "I pitched the Hacienda bosses on the idea of a magic production, thinking it was a small hotel and they would be less likely to fire me if my show wasn't very good."

Burton spent five years at the Hacienda, moving to the Monte Carlo shortly before the Hacienda was demolished last New Year's Eve to make way for a new hotel. "It looks like I got out just in time," he tells showgoers.

During his show Burton chats with the audience and demonstrates a folksy manner that reflects his Southern roots. "Penn [of Penn and Teller] calls me the 'Hillbilly Magician. It would be ridiculous to pretend I'm something else," says the Kentucky native. "I come from a long line of farmers. My mom worked at Frito Lay making potato chips, my dad was a mechanic, and my great-great-grandfather was a moonshiner."

Burton became interested in magic as a five-year-old when he



Lance Burton mixes humor with grand illusions (top) during his show at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas.

was brought on stage at a magic show and the magician pulled money from Burton's elbow and ears. Burton later learned sleight of hand, which also helped smooth the highs and lows of adolescence. "I was shy, but always liked performing," he recalls. "I liked to play sports but was never on a team, so magic helped break the ice."

When not appearing on the Strip, Burton spends time at his home on the east side of the Las Vegas Valley at the foot of Sunrise Mountain. "It's kind of a neat neighborhood and was in the open desert when I first moved there," he says. Burton shares his house and pool with Monte, a golden retriever puppy that Burton found at the Humane Society. "I spend most of my day working on new tricks," he says. Because the show is so demanding physically, he exercises daily for at least an hour, an interest he shares with his girlfriend, an aerobics instructor. (Burton's short-lived marriage to fellow magician Melinda Saxe ended in divorce.)

Burton's closest friends are entertainers, mostly comedians, such as Michael Goudeau, who stars in Burton's show as Tim, the bumbling, juggling stagehand. The two can be found exploring Red Rock Canyon west of Las Vegas or joining Mac King and Fielding West on weekly sojourns for sushi.

During his 90-minute show, Burton easily moves from humor to large-scale illusions, such as a flying car that vanishes. Burton's signature illusion involves wrapping his arms around one of the dancers, only to have her disappear, a trick he started using in the "Folies."

There are, however, two tricks from his television show that Las Vegas audiences are not likely to see at the Monte Carlo. Burton says he won't be incorporating the straightjacket escape or the stunt performed at Valley of Fire State Park, which had him locked in a coffin and buried six feet underground. "Now that was a long day," says Burton.

Show Notes

"Lance Burton: Master Magician" plays at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas. Tickets are \$34.95, which includes tax and tip. Beverage service is not available, but drinks may be brought into the show-room. Children over five are welcome.

Ann Henderson is working on her own magic act involving card tricks. Libby Chrouser contributed to this article.

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Casino Notes

News and alerts from hotel-casinoland. By Ann Henderson

Las Vegas Territory

New Joyrides: After adding a carousel in January to the rides at Grand Slam Canyon, Circus Circus in Las Vegas will open an IMAX motion-simulator theater this summer. Seats in the Fun House Express will move as the three-dimensional action surrounds riders.

Brand New: During its expansion last year, Circus Circus opened a 1,000-room tower, remodeled hotel rooms, added a 40,000-square-foot retail center, and opened two restaurants, the Promenade Cafe and Comida Rica Restaurant and Cantina.

Luck o' the Irish: Fitzgeralds has added a new personality to the Vegas Vic and Sassy Sally signs in downtown Las Vegas. Mr. O' Lucky, a 35-foot-high chubby green leprechaun, and a 120-foot-long rainbow are part of the hotel's recently completed \$17-million expansion and renovation.

Rollin' on the River: The Flamingo Hilton Laughlin's boat, the *Celebration*, was launched this spring, offering sightseeing tours of the Colorado River. The 149-passenger craft is a simulated side-paddlewheeler that can operate in water as shallow as two feet.

A New Look: After a \$200-million expansion, Harrah's Las Vegas will have more restaurants and a larger casino area with a carnival theme and confetti-patterned carpeting. A 35-story tower will open this summer, giving the hotel a total of 2,699 rooms and 108 suites.

Looking Up: The tallest, largest sign in Las Vegas will be unveiled in July at the Las Vegas Hilton. The 279-foot sign will have a surface area of 70,100 square feet and will feature up to 64 changing colors. The completion of the record-setting sign will coincide with the opening of the \$70-million attraction, "Star Trek: The Experience."

Jumbalaya! The Orleans in Las Vegas plans a \$40-million expansion that will add restaurants, a movie theater, child care center, arcade, and retail shopping. The 840-room hotel opened last December.

More Thrills: A new ride, the Turbo Drop, opened this spring at the Primadonna in the casino border town of Primm, 43 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15. The hotel's other attractions include a roller coaster, log flume ride,



Party Time

The \$25-million Masquerade Village at the Rio in Las Vegas presents a Mardi Gras parade every two hours. On the main stage a 13-foot-tall animatronic peacock fans his feathers as performers sing and dance to pop music. Aerial acrobats, suspended from the ceiling by bungee cords, bounce and twirl above the casino while exotically costumed entertainers circle overhead on Mardi Gras floats. In all there are three different parades with themes and changing floats such as a riverboat with paddlewheel and a gondola supported by flying swans. Overhead, showgoers will see a dolphin and Lady Godiva "swimming" above the slot machines, and a Pegasus with moving wings and legs. The Masquerade Village is a free show that takes place every two hours from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday through Tuesday and 1 to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

and motion simulators. On the Turbo Drop, 12 riders rise slowly and then plunge back toward the ground at 45 mph, experiencing negative G-forces before bouncing gently on air brakes. The Turbo differs from the Big Shot at the Stratosphere, which propels the riders on an upward thrill.

Show Honors for Gans: Impressionist-comedian Danny Gans was recently named "Show of the Year" by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Gans performs more than 50 voices during his show at the Rio Wednesday through Sunday evenings.

Makeover Magic: A \$15-million refurbishment of rooms, suites, and corridors at the Riviera in Las Vegas will be completed by October. The rooms will have a Mediterranean motif.

Trio of Stars: Three new female imperson-

ators have joined the cast of "An Evening at La Cage" at the Riviera. The new performers are Phyl Craig as Liza Minnelli, Kelly Michaels as Madonna, and Jimmy Emerson as Peggy Lee and Tammy "Spraynet."

Sunset on the Horizon: Sunset Station, resembling a Spanish-Mediterranean railroad station, is scheduled to open in early summer at Sunset Road and U.S. 95. It will feature an 80,000-square-foot casino, a 13-screen movie theater, seven restaurants, 2,300 slot and video poker machines, 40 table games, and a micro-brewery-restaurant.

Sexy Showgirls: The Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" has been updated and renamed. The new show is titled "The Best of the Folies Bergere. Sexier Than Ever" and combines production numbers from past "Folies" along with new numbers, costumes, and scenery. The



Fantasy in Flight

The Flying Cranes star in "Aireus," the Reno Hilton's new production show. The Moscow Circus veterans are making their American debut in the Breck Wall-Patrick Maes production, a fantasy woven around Aireus, the ancient Norse goddess of flight who performed aerial stunts as she carried messages for Wotan, the supreme god of war.

new version is designed to focus more attention on Nevada entertainment's most recognizable symbol—the showgirl.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

21-Plus: Beat the Dealer, which is played on a layout similar to blackjack, has debuted at the Atlantis in Reno. The game is dealt from a six-deck shoe that has 12 jokers. Aces and jokers have a card value of 11, and to win the player must have a hand with a total count of over 21 and greater than the dealer's hand.

Study Poker: Boomtown, seven miles west of Reno on I-80, and the Flamingo Hilton Reno offer video poker players the chance to win a \$1-million progressive jackpot on Caribbean Stud Video Poker. The electronic version of the live casino game offers a number of side bets.

Booming Business: Boomtown executives have announced expansion plans that would add two 1,000-room towers, a nine-hole golf course, and a 40-acre park to the I-80 truck stop-turned-hotel complex. By 2010 Boomtown could be one of the biggest resorts in Northern Nevada, according to hotel officials.

Toast This: Gourmet food and fine wines will be matched May 16-17 at the Carson Valley Inn's Gourmet Wine and Food Weekend. The weekend's activities will consist of wine tastings, receptions, and a six-course dinner. The weekend, including rooms, is \$299 per couple.

Broadway Comes to Reno: The Eldorado Hotel is opening its new \$9-million, 560-seat showroom with the Broadway musical "Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller." The show won the 1996 Grammy Award for Best Musical and was nominated for seven 1995 Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller are responsible for rock 'n' roll hits such as "Stand By Me," "Yakety Yak," and "Kansas City," which will be featured in the production.

Potty Time: Public restrooms at Harveys at Stateline come equipped with a "royal flush." Toilet seats in the Lake Tahoe have a plastic cover that moves with the push of a button, leaving a new liner in its place. The covering is familiar to airline travelers in such airports as Chicago's O'Hare.

Strike! More than 86,000 women of the Women's International Bowling Congress will compete at the National Bowling Stadium through July. The five-month-long tournament is one of several national events at the 80-lane facility, which was constructed for the competitive bowler. The Reno stadium has a new restaurant, three floors of parking, a 450-foot-long video wall, pro shop, and retail outlet.

Reno Volcano: The Peppermill has a new feature at its pool—an "active" volcano. Boiler and chilling towers are enclosed in a rock mountain, which vents steam through its volcanic peak. Mechanical animals live on the volcano.

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Las Vegas Territory

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The fort was built in 1860 by the U.S. Army to protect Western Nevada settlers from the purported threat of Indian attack, although the troubles had been provoked largely by whites. The fort was abandoned 10 years later. The buildings' wooden roofs, supports, and porches were removed and sold, leaving only the unprotected adobe walls.



Fort Churchill is a photogenic outpost whose adobe ruins hark back to the 1860s.

Years of neglect followed, and the old fort began to melt into the desert. In the early 1930s, the adobe ruins were stabilized by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The site became a Nevada state park in 1957. Since then, Fort Churchill has been maintained in a condition of "arrested decay."

Visitors will find a visitor center and

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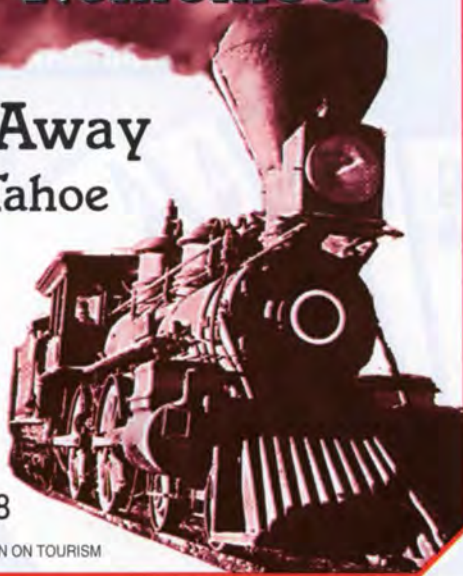
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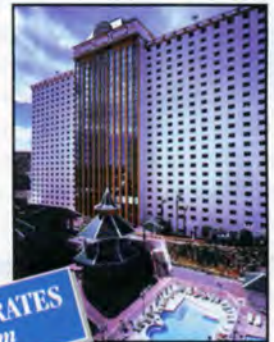
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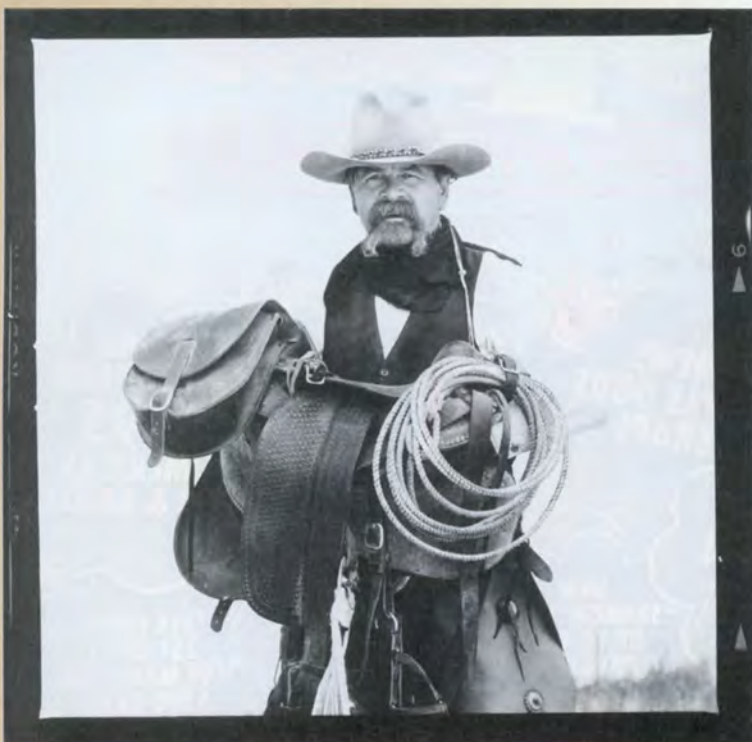
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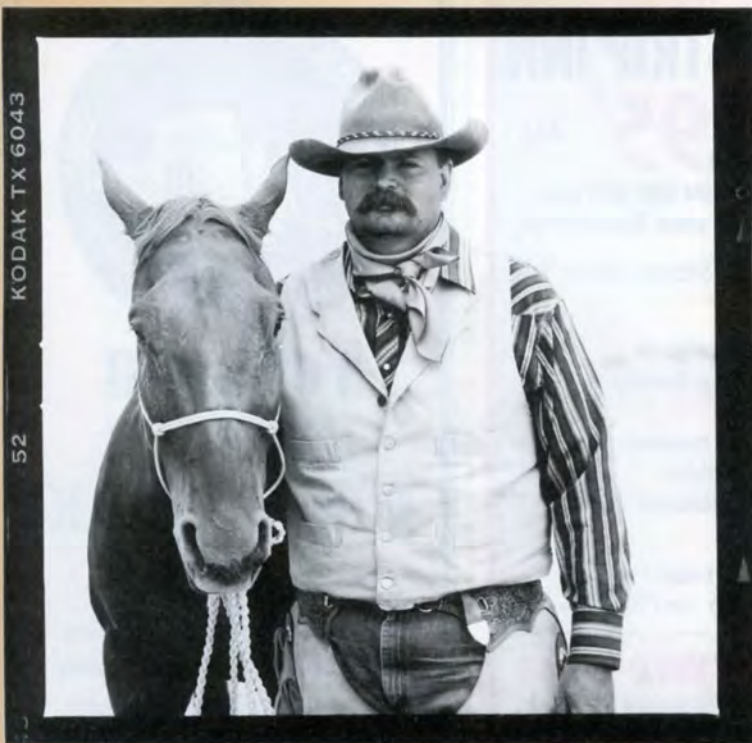
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Scott Simon, Carson City

Scott is a Nevada Highway Patrol trooper and a real Nevada buckaroo. This is my favorite portrait because of the 19th-century look about it—and I liked the way Scott's horse posed better than he did. When I asked Scott not to smile and to look like a tired, filthy cowboy, he had no trouble obliging.

Facing West

Photos and Words by Ira Mark Gostin

Last summer I presented myself with a challenge: to photograph the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive differently than anyone had ever done it before. I wanted to shoot it in a way that was reminiscent of the days when cattle drives were genuine methods of moving cattle, not Western vacations.

My assistant Shawn Ward and I set up a mini-portrait studio right on the trail during last year's drive. We had people step into our "studio" and pose much as cowboys did 100 years ago. I had no horse-drawn photographer's wagon from which to work, just my Dodge pickup. These are my favorite images.

Ira Mark Gostin is a Reno-based magazine photographer who specializes in Western subjects. He plans to shoot this year's Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive, which coincides with the Reno Rodeo (June 21-29), from horseback. Ira is currently collaborating on a book with John Tyson, a Reno television reporter, about Nevada's cowboy country.

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“Heartbeat” Has the Women’s Vote



The male dancers of “Heartbeat” reveal a stage presence that raises the spirits of female showgoers.

Harrah’s Reno’s hot revue is an equal-opportunity entertainer.

By Gaye Delaplane

Who says women can’t have a little fun? If they’re ready for risqué, if they want to laugh and whoop it up, they’ll find all those things perfectly acceptable at “Heartbeat,” the new Greg Thompson revue at Harrah’s Reno.

With 86,000 women bowlers rolling into the Reno area through July to attend the Women’s International Bowling Congress at the National Bowling Stadium, Harrah’s Reno searched for a steamy show that would appeal to women. Other than yearly appearances by the striptease production “Men From Down Under” at the Stardust in Las Vegas or an occasional Chippendales booking, adult revues for women aren’t part of the Nevada entertainment schedule.

Thompson, who produces other Harrah’s shows—including a family revue, “The All New Great Wild Wild West Show”—came up with “Heartbeat.” The show’s female performers add appeal for male showgoers, but with six muscular male dancers and hunky male lead singer, “Heartbeat” also has women screaming, stomping, and beating on their cocktail tables.

The show opens with a blast as vibrant red laser lights shoot across the footlights. “We Will Rock You” pulsates through the showroom, and flashily clad singers and dancers spring onto the stage. The music, while not uncomfortably loud, does rock—no after-dinner siesta here.

The show’s choreographer and costume designer, Mistinguett, says women aren’t usually encouraged to get wild at revues, but this show was designed to “allow the whole audience to get into the show, loosen up, pound on the table,” she says. “We’re saying it’s OK to have fun. Women should find as much entertainment and as much to look at—as the men.”

Female showgoers become part of the act when male dancers dressed in top hats and tails coax several to come on stage. The

women are then treated to a striptease that exposes almost all. The performers have fun with this teasing, winking approach—and so do the women.

Shannon O’Keefe, the assistant choreographer and a lead dancer with Thompson for five years, shines in a number called “True Love,” which begins with her draped over a heart-shaped sofa wearing a purple gown. Male dancers peel off parts of the gown as she moves into a song-and-dance routine. The result is sensual and visually exciting.

O’Keefe displays her dancing skills in another routine that comes close to ballet. Dressed in a sparkling white costume and headdress that resembles an ice crystal, she executes a flying adagio number assisted by male dancers and a swing suspended from the ceiling.

Showgoers who wouldn’t walk across the street for a topless show will find other diversions in “Heartbeat.” Comedian-magician Max Clever works with his cockatoo Spike, a bird that does bird impressions. Spike also has a bag of dog tricks up his feathers. The audience responds to Clever’s humor and magic routines, especially his fire-eating feats.

“Heartbeat” certainly offers plenty of titillating entertainment for men. But take notice, ladies—this show gives us equal consideration.

Show Notes

“Heartbeat” plays in Sammy’s Showroom at Harrah’s Reno at 9:30 nightly except Thursday. Tickets are \$19.95 and include one drink. For reservations call 702-786-3232.

Gaye Delaplane is an entertainment writer for the Reno Gazette-Journal.

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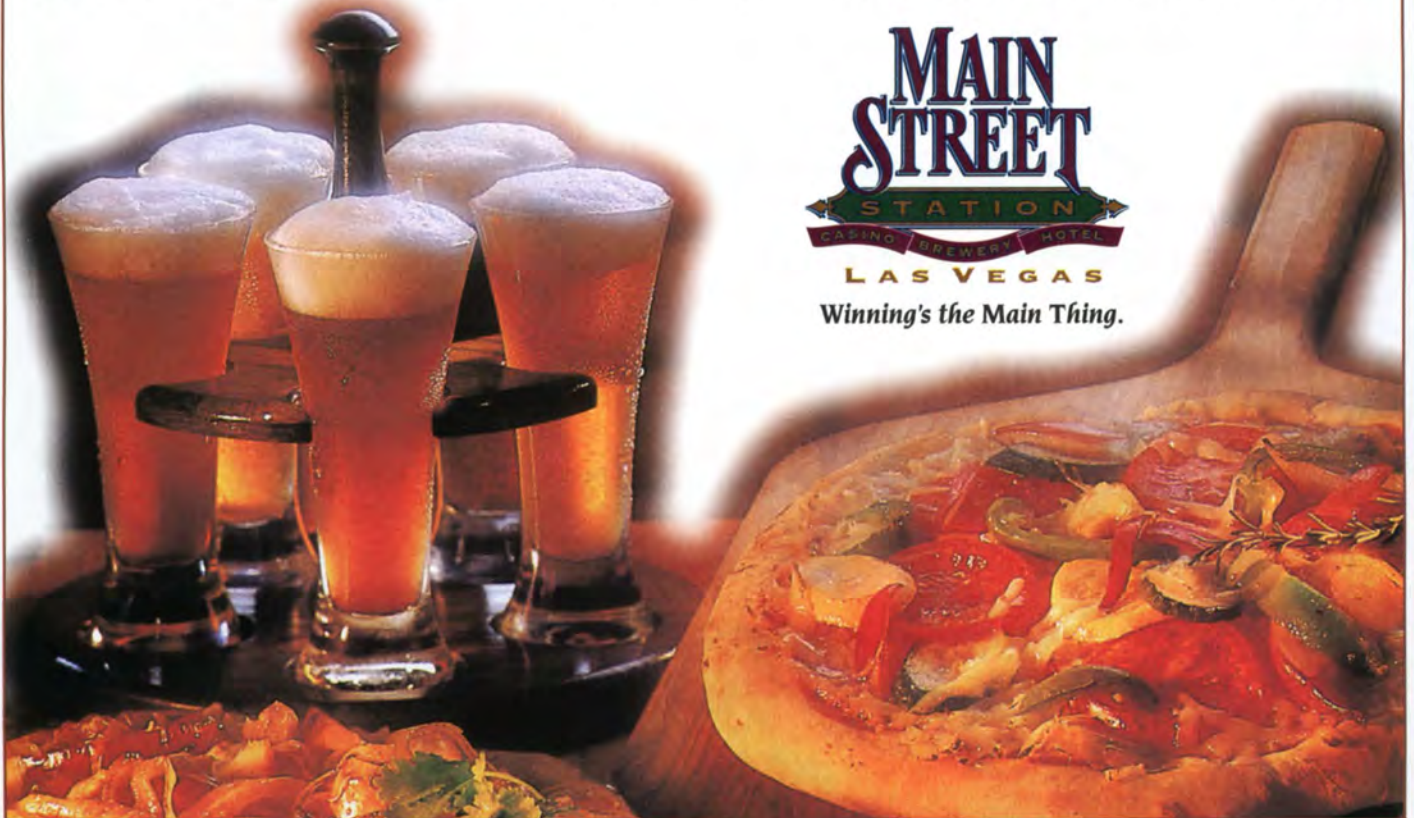
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People Page

A pioneering poet, a female fighter, and a cyber sailor.

Poet by Nature

R. Guild Gray, best known as a pioneering Nevada educator, recently published a new book, *Nature Sings: Great Basin Scenes With Verse*. Woven through the pages of poetry are 50 photographs taken by the author during his many years of traveling the back roads and uncharted hinterlands of Nevada. "I'm a hunter and a fisherman," the Las Vegas resident says, "so I think I can say I've been in every valley and mountain range in the state. If I go to Ely or Elko, I'll take a different way back, to get the flavor of the country. I'm just an old-time Nevadan who loves the state."

Gray's love of the backcountry was fueled in the 1920s, when as a teenager he worked on a survey team in the

Nevada wilds. The work was grueling, the pay low, and his tent airy, but he had a good mule named Nicotine and a spirit made for adventure.

Gray recalls those days in this excerpt from his poem, "A Lad and a Mule":

*The mule was old and I was young
Yet both were age sixteen.
Some bloke that rode her long 'fore I
Had named her Nicotine.
It didn't matter what her name
She wouldn't come to call
But she could sense a bag of oats
When I approached her stall.*

After several years on the survey team, Gray attended the University of Nevada in Reno, majoring in education. Six years later he landed a teaching job in Las Vegas. Subsequent jobs in education included teacher and principal of Reno



R. Guild Gray rides his mule Nicotine in the 1920s.

A Real Ring Girl

Amber Adamson is a real knockout. Last January in Carson City, the 16-year-old boxer from Dayton was victorious in the first female amateur fight sanctioned by the USA Amateur Boxing Federation.

Not only did the amateur pugilist make Nevada history, she also went down in national sports history. Refereeing the unprecedented match was Virginia City's Brandi Lee, and her presence in the ring marked the first time in the United States that three women were in the ring during a fight sanctioned by the USA Amateur Boxing Federation.

Amber's opponent was friend and sparring partner Lisa Weiss, a 17-year-old Carson City contender. When the three-round match ended, the judges tallied the points and declared Amber the champion. "I was walking on clouds the whole weekend," she says.

"When I went into the ring, I was scared and nervous," Amber recalls. "With every-



Dayton boxer Amber Adamson didn't pull any punches when she won Nevada's first sanctioned female amateur fight in Carson City.

one looking at me and the TV cameras, I was worried I'd take wild punches or stumble and fall all over myself. After every round, I thought, 'Whew, I'm glad that's over. When I thought about losing, I felt like crying.'

After the first two rounds, Amber believed she was losing. "I'm going to lose, Grandpa," she moaned to her coach and

grandfather, Walt Adamson. "You're doing OK," he reassured her. "Throw more jabs."

"I got more aggressive in the third round. I decided to throw my combination. I didn't want to knock her out—she's my friend—but I kept punching her until it was time to stop," says Amber, who began boxing in December when she was encouraged by family members.

Like their male counterparts, female boxers take the sport seriously. Amber's five-days-a-week, three-hour training schedule includes running, calisthenics, punching heavy bags, and using hand pads. "We run a mile for

each round we fight. You have to learn control, build good balance and stance, know how to move and duck punches. Training keeps you in shape. Boxing builds self-esteem."

In Nevada, few members of the fairer sex box. "If more girls become interested, we can have a state championship," Amber says.—*Laura Tennant*

High School, instructor at the University of Nevada, state deputy superintendent of public instruction, superintendent of the Yerington school district, and superintendent of schools in Las Vegas. Gray says his biggest sense of accomplishment, however, came from his role as chairman of

Gray is known for his tough standards. He says, "I'm very intolerant of prejudice, obsessions, and bigotry."

the citizens committee that created Nevada Southern University, the one-room schoolhouse that evolved into UNLV.

The R. Guild Gray Elementary School in Las Vegas was named in his honor, but some students might not have heard how to pronounce "Guild."

"My name is pronounced *Guy-uld*," Gray says. "It's an old Huguenot name, and it was the last name of a friend of my father's. There's only one place where I can go and they pronounce it perfectly, and that's New Hampshire and Vermont."

The Huguenots were French Pro-

testants noted for their tough moral standards. Fittingly, R. Guild Gray is also known for his tough, uncompromising standards: "I'm very intolerant of prejudice, obsessions, and bigotry," he says. "And, I think most of all, intellectual dishonesty."

Most of the poetry Gray has written over the last six decades remained unpublished until this year. "Last March," he explains, "I found out I had lung cancer, so I decided that instead of buying a tombstone I'd leave this book to posterity. When they found out I might not have too long to live, my family encouraged me to get these photos and poems together. It's a pretty revealing thing, but at my age, I figure now it doesn't matter, and people can see me as I really am."

Today, after more than a year of chemotherapy, radiation therapy, brain scans, bone scans, complete body scans, needles, poking, and probing, R. Guild Gray is in pretty good shape.

"I'm not quite well," the 85-year-old Gray says. "When I asked the doctor what I could tell my family and friends, he said to tell them that there is no visible evi-



Gray and his late wife Irma at their Las Vegas home.

dence of cancer. But that doesn't mean there aren't some cancer cells there," he adds. "The chances are pretty sure that they licked it, but not one hundred percent."

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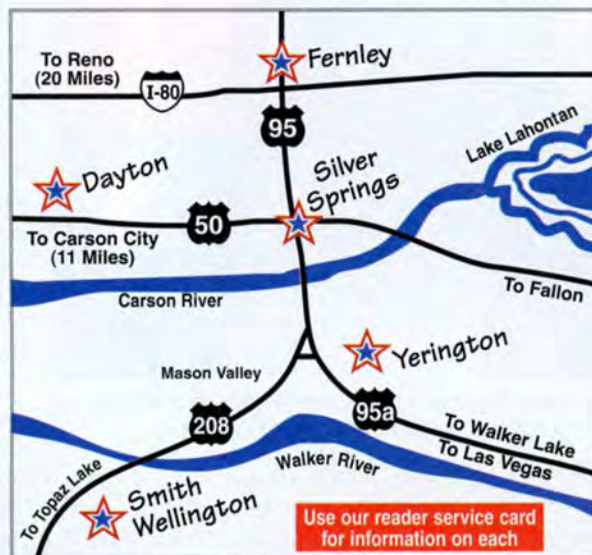
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Gray has profound feelings for Nevada and the Great Basin. "I have loved this land," he says. "You can still camp by a creek and fish and not see any people all day. There are mountains where you can hike all day without seeing another person.

"When things are rare, they are more appreciated," he adds. "Just a spring is very important—a spring that would mean nothing in the Sierras. Or a tree in the desert—it becomes important. It becomes a landmark."

For copies of *Nature Sings: Great Basin Scenes With Verse*, contact Bob Coffin Books of the Old and New West, 19 West Brooks Avenue, Suite A, North Las Vegas, NV 89030; phone 702-642-1177

—Wendy Woyski

Sailing Through Cyberspace

Although he's taking only a 26-foot sailboat, Carson City resident **Michael C. Dunn** wants the world to join him for the next year and a half while he sails the rivers from Northern Canada to the southern tip of South America.

Dunn's 16,000-mile expedition, called "Waterways of the Americas," will be chronicled on an Internet Web page. He is recruiting a "cybercrew" to help him complete the voyage.

Dunn, 47 is a professional expedition leader whose wanderlust was evident as a young man when he regularly hiked and explored the Sierras. Since those days, he says, he has climbed the seven highest peaks in the world and visited every country in the world except North Korea and Albania. "I came up with this project when I was stuck in a snow cave on Everest in '89," he says.

Dunn's mother, Robyn, who lives in Carson City, says adventure is nothing new to her son. In the late 1970s, Dunn taught hang gliding in Carson City and has taken up sports from mountain climbing to skydiving that he has combined in his guide business. For his journey, he prepared his boat, *Zeno's Arrow*, on Lake Tahoe.

During his trip, Dunn will have two computers, two banks of batteries, three modems, and two global-positioning monitors loaded on the boat to help him stay in touch with people throughout the world. Dunn's cybercrew will plan logistics and find supplies for him along the route. Dunn plans frequent live discussions with Internet visitors, and he'll post photos and a journal of his trip on the Web site. You can follow Dunn's voyage at <http://powernet.net/~planetwave> or <http://www.planetwave.com>. —Bob Kretschman

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A golfer's guide to courses in and around the Silver State.

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The courses are open year-round unless otherwise noted. Green fees are for 18 holes and subject to change. Most courses offer twilight and off-season rates. The yardages and ratings listed are measured from the back tees. Most clubs have a pro shop, driving range, restaurant, and bar. Early reservations are highly recommended. Also, you can make tee times at several Southern Nevada courses on the Internet.

Southern Nevada

BOULDER CITY

Boulder City Municipal Golf Course—City course, 18 holes, estab. 1972. Head Pro Tony Fiorentini. 1 Clubhouse Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-293-9236. All-grass course, fairly flat. 6,561 yards, par 72, USGA 70.2, slope 110. Green fees: \$27. With cart: \$36. Club rentals: \$15.

DEATH VALLEY

Furnace Creek Golf Course—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1933. Head Pro Rick Heitzig. Death Valley, CA 92328. Phone 619-786-2301. World's lowest golf course—214 feet below sea level. Temps reach 120s in summer. Pro shop is closed June 15-Oct. 1. Visitors usually stay at the old Furnace Creek Inn, the Furnace Creek Ranch, or the National Park Service campgrounds. Architect: William P. Bell. 6,093 yards, par 70, USGA 67.9, slope 107. Green fees: \$30. Furnace Creek Inn or Ranch guests \$20. Carts: \$20. Club rentals: \$10-\$15. National Park Service visitor center.

HENDERSON/GREEN VALLEY

Black Mountain Golf and Country Club—Semi-private course, 18 holes, estab. 1959. Head Pro Bret Mulligan. 500 Greenway Rd., Henderson, NV 89015. Phone 702-565-7933.

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"Nevada Golf '97" is *Nevada Magazine's* annual guide to more than 80 desert and mountain links in and around the Silver State. New features this year include Internet addresses of Southern Nevada courses. Also, golfers will find items on the "pros' picks" and where to send for more information on golfing in Nevada.



Golfers at Angel Park in Las Vegas can play two championship links and a unique par-three course.

Desert landscaped course with Joshua trees, cacti, sand bunkers, two large lakes. Architect: Bob Baldock. 6,541 yards, par 72, USGA 72.4, slope 123. Green fees include carts: \$50 weekdays (\$40 to walk), \$55 weekends. Carts are mandatory on weekends and holidays. Summer rates. Club rentals: \$13.

Legacy Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Project Manager Craig Smith, Head Pro David Barnhart. 130 Par Excellence Dr., Henderson, NV 89014. Phone 702-897-2187. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegascgolf.com>. Links-type course, U.S. Open qualifying site. Architect: Arthur Hills. 7,233 yards, par 72, USGA 74.9, slope 136. Green fees include carts: \$115 Mon.-Thurs., \$125 Fri.-Sun. Summer rates (June 21-Sept. 1) are \$55 and \$65. Twilight rates. Club rentals: \$30.

SouthShore Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Head Pro John Herndon. 29 Grand Mediterra, Henderson, NV 89011. Phone 702-558-0022. Five sets of tees.

Layout incorporates desert and 320-acre man-made lake. Architect: Jack Nicklaus. 6,917 yards, par 71. Members and guests only. Future daily-fee courses are planned.

Wildhorse Golf Club—Public, 18 holes, estab. 1958. Head Pro Charles Packard. 2100 Warm Springs Rd., Henderson, NV 89014. Phone 702-434-9000. The former Paradise Valley and Showboat Country Club has rolling terrain, new greens. Architects: Robert Cupp and Hubert Green. 7,053 yards, par 72, USGA 75.2, slope 135. Green fees include carts: \$110 Mon.-Thurs., \$135 Fri.-Sun. The 9-hole rate before 8 a.m. is \$30. Twilight rates. Club rentals: \$20-\$40. Shoe rentals: \$10.

LAS VEGAS

Angel Park Golf Club—Resort course, 36 holes, estab. 1989. Project Manager Phil Green, Head Pro Tom Vold. 100 S. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89128. Phone 702-254-4653. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasveg->

asgolf.com. Architects: Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay; Palm Course redesign by Bob Cupp and John Fought, who also designed Cloud Nine. **Palm Course:** 18 holes. Gently rolling terrain, some forced carries over water and desert. 6,530 yards, par 70, USGA 72.6, slope 130. Green fees include carts: \$110 Twilight rate: \$60. **Mountain Course:** 18 holes. Subtle changes in elevation, challenging greens, and scenic views. 6,722 yards, par 71, USGA 72.4, slope 128. Green fees include carts: \$110. Twilight rate: \$60. **Cloud Nine:** 12-hole par-3 course using concepts of famous pars from around the world. Lighted for night play. 1,341 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$20. Cart: \$10. Reduced summer rates. Club rentals: \$25. Night-lighted driving range and 18-hole putting course. Three-time U.S. Open champion Susie Berning is on the teaching staff.

Badlands Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1995. General Manager Eric Dutt, Director of Golf Leo Simonetta. 9115 Alta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128. Phone 702-242-4653 (GOLF). Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.badlandsgolf.com>. Scottsdale-style course, desert target golf, built around arroyos, flows with natural terrain. Architect: Johnny Miller. 6,926 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and practice balls: \$98 Mon.-Thurs., \$115 Fri.-Sun. Twilight rate after 1 p.m.: \$45 includes cart. Club rentals.

Canyon Gate Country Club—Private course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Director of Golf Andy Anderson. 2001 Canyon Gate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89117. Phone 702-363-0303; pro shop 702-363-0481. Course has palm trees, lots of water, narrow fairways, and fast greens. Architect Ted Robinson. 6,742 yards, par 72, USGA 73, slope 125. Green fees: Canyon Gate Country Club homeowners and nonhomeowners may join the club for \$30,000. Members and guests only.

Desert Inn Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1952. Director of Golf Dave Johnson, Head Pro Kevin Paulsen. 3145 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-733-4290. Long and tight with undulating greens. Hosted Tournament of Champions in the '50s and '60s, the Las Vegas Invitational in '80s and '90s, and the 1996 ITT LPGA Tour Championship. 7,066 yards, par 72, USGA 73.9, slope 124. Green fees include carts: Desert Inn lodgers \$120 weekdays, \$145 weekends. Nonlodgers \$195. Club rentals: \$25-\$40. Reservations recommended, taken one year in advance for hotel guests.

Desert Pines Golf Club—Public, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Director of Golf Joe Kelly. 3415 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas 89101. Phone 702-388-4400. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegassgolf.com>. New Carolina-type course in the desert, near downtown Las Vegas. Architect: Perry Dye. 6,810 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$125 Mon.-Thurs., \$145 Fri.-Sun.

Desert Rose Golf Course—County course, 18 holes, estab. 1960. Head Pro Rusty Postlewait. 5483 Club House Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Phone 702-431-4653. Moderate length, flat terrain. 6,600 yards, par 71, USGA 70.7, slope 112. Green fees include carts: Nonresidents \$65 Mon.-Thurs., \$75 Fri.-Sun.; Clark County residents \$37 Mon.-Fri., \$39 Sat.-Sun. Twilight rates. Club rentals: \$15.

Las Vegas Country Club—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1967. Head Pro Bill Farkas Jr. 3000 Joe W. Brown Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Past site of the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational. Gently rolling, large greens, well bunkered. Architect: Edmund Ault with Ron Garl redesign. 7,164 yards, par 72, USGA 72.8, slope 128. Members and guests only.



Desert Pines recently opened on former city park lands near downtown Las Vegas.

Las Vegas Golf Club—City course, 18 holes, estab. 1949. Head Pro Tom Carlson. 4300 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Phone 702-646-3003. Very mature, lots of trees, little water. Architect: Tom Bell. 6,631 yards, par 72, USGA 71.8, slope 117. Green fees: Nonresidents \$16.75 to walk, \$25.75 to ride. Las Vegas residents \$10.50 to walk, \$19.50 to ride. Club rentals: \$25. Night-lighted driving range.

Las Vegas Hilton Country Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1961. Director of Golf Steve Butler. 1911 E. Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-382-GOLF. Championship layout, well bunkered. Cohost of PGA's Las Vegas Invitational, Tiger Woods' first pro win. Architect Bert Stamps. 6,815 yards, par 71, USGA 72.1, slope 130. Green fees include carts: \$145 Mon.-Thurs., \$175 Fri.-Sun. Twilight rates. Club rentals: \$25-\$40. Night-lighted driving range.

Las Vegas Paiute Resort—Public, 36 holes. General Manager Carl von Hake, Head Pro Scott McDade. Snow Mountain Exit near Mount Charleston (20 miles north of downtown), 10325 Nu-Way Kaiv Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89124. Phone 702-658-1400. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegassgolf.com>. Architect: Pete Dye. **Snow**

Mountain (Nu-Way Kaiv): 18 holes, estab. 1995. Built on 220 acres, the course has elevated tees, water on seven holes, and no parallel fairways. 7,158 yards, par 72. **Sun Mountain (Tav-ai Kaiv):** Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Second of Pete Dye four courses on Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Indian Reservation. 7,112 yards, par 72. Green fees for both courses include cart: \$100 Mon.-Thurs., \$110 Fri.-Sun.

Los Prados Country Club—Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1985. Head Pro Keith Flatt. 5150 Los Prados Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89130. Phone 702-645-5696. A short course with five par 3s, three par 5s, and 10 par 4s. 5,348 yards, par 70, USGA 65, slope 107. Green fees include carts: Nonhomeowners \$40 weekdays, \$45 weekends and holidays. After noon: \$30. Club rentals: \$20.

Painted Desert Golf Course—Public, 18 holes, estab. 1987. Director of Golf Scott Greer.

5555 Painted Mirage Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129. Phone 702-645-2568. Desert target design features fairway landing areas amid natural desert landscape. Touring pro Robert Gamez holds course record of 62. Architect: Jay Morrish. 6,840 yards, par 72, USGA 73.2, slope 125. Green fees include carts: \$99 Mon.-Thurs., \$130 Fri.-Sun. Twilight rates after 1 p.m.: \$53 Mon.-Thurs., \$70 Fri.-Sun. Club rentals: \$25-\$40.

Spanish Trail Country Club—Private, 27 holes, estab. 1984. Head Pro Jerry Roberts. 5050 Spanish Trail Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89113. Phone 702-364-0357. Fast, bent grass greens, undulating fairways, and lakes. Play on the club's three 9-hole sections rotates daily. Architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr. 7,107 yards, par 72, USGA 73.8, slope 139. Members and guests.

Sun City Las Vegas Golf Club—Semi-private. Director of Golf Doug Anderson, Head Pro Shane Sanchez. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. **Palm Valley Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1989. 9201-B Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89128. Phone 702-363-4373. Rolling terrain; bunkers crowd fast greens. 6,849 yards, par 72, USGA 72.3, slope 127. Green fees include cart: Nonhomeowners \$95. Club rentals: \$20. **Highland Falls**

Course: 18 holes, estab. 1993. 10201 Sun City Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Phone 702-254-7010. Hilly with scenic waterfalls on 17th and 18th. 6,512 yards, par 72, USGA 71.2, slope 126. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegassgolf.com>. Green fees include cart: Nonhomeowners \$95. Club rentals: \$20. **Eagle Crest:** Private 18-hole executive course, estab. 1995. Head Pro Sean Connett. 2203 Thomas Ryan Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89134. Phone 702-233-3096. 4,067 yards, par 60. Homeowners only.

Sunrise Country Club—Private, 54 holes. Director of Golf Neil Pierce. 5500 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Phone 702-456-2440. **Roadrunner Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1990. Rolling terrain, 86 bunkers, and 1,300 mature trees. Architects: Jim Colbert and Gary Bickler. 6,986 yards, par 72, USGA 71.7, slope 119. **Coyote Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1991. More rolling terrain and elevation changes. Must carry

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bunkers and water to reach small greens. Architects: Jim Colbert and Gary Bickler. 7,005 yards, par 72, USGA 70.7, slope 113. **Hawk Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1995. Challenging with water on 10 holes. Architects: Jim Colbert and Jeff Brauer. 7,212 yards, par 72. Green fees: Private membership, but under a special promotion, nonmembers can play each course once; green fees vary by the season from \$35 (summer) to \$100 (spring, fall). Club rental: \$25.

Tournament Players Club at the Canyons—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Head Pro Dan Hammell. 9851 Canyon Run Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Phone 702-256-2000. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegasgolf.com>. TPC resort course opened Nov. 1, 1996, and will host the Las Vegas Senior Classic. Architect: Bobby Weed with player consultant Raymond Floyd. 7,063 yards, par 71, USGA 73.0, slope 131. Green fees include cart: \$115 Mon.-Thurs., \$130 Fri.-Sun. Fees out of season (June-Aug.): \$50 Mon.-Thurs., \$60 Fri.-Sun. Summer twilight rates.

Tournament Players Club at Summerlin—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Head Pro Bob Radunz. 1700 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Phone 702-256-0111. The weekend host of the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational in October. Architect: Bobby Weed with player consultant Fuzzy Zoeller. 7,243 yards, par 72, USGA 74.3, slope 139. Members and guests only.

LAUGHLIN

Emerald River Country Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1990. Manager Brad Williams, 1155 W. Casino Dr., Box 32220, Laughlin, NV 89029. Phone 702-298-0061. A scenic target course—once you get out of play, you're in the desert or in the Colorado River.

Golfers' Getaways

The following sources can give you additional information on Nevada courses and hotels' golf-vacation packages:

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Information Center, 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109; call 702-892-7575. The LVCVA has a map and listing of area courses.

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, Golf Information, 4590 S. Virginia, Reno, NV 89502; call toll-free 800-FOR-RENO. The RSCVA, which operates Wildcreek and Northgate, has information on courses and hotel golf packages.

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701; call toll-free 800-NEVADA-1. Carson has a color brochure on area courses.

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Authority, 1512 U.S. 395, No. 1, Gardnerville, NV 89410; call toll-free 800-727-7677. Ask for the color golf brochure.

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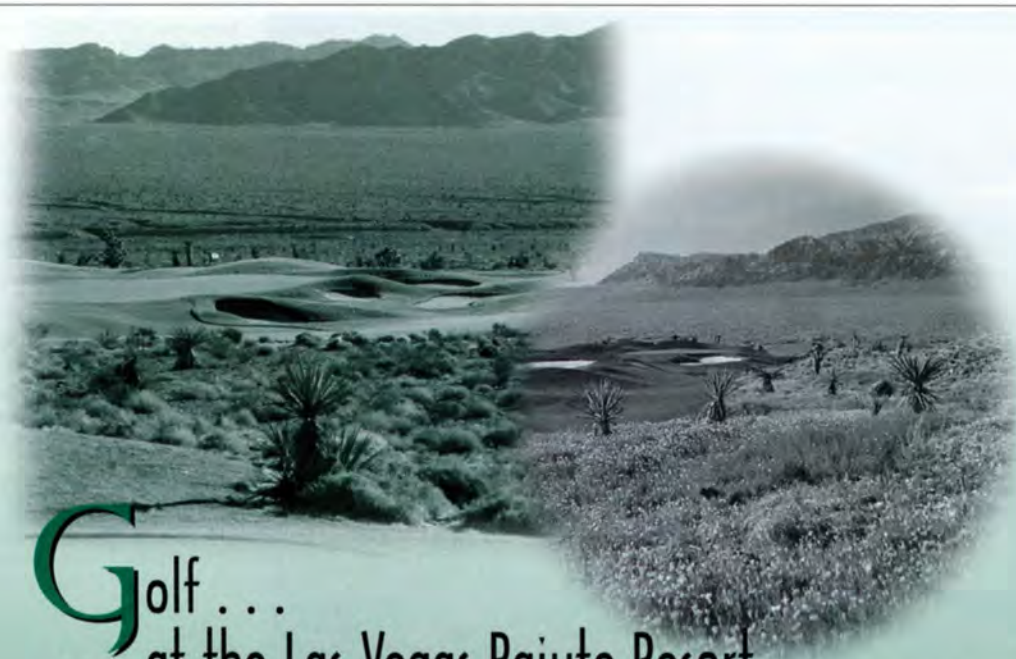


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the **Nevada Magazine Web Site** at <http://www.travelnevada.com>.

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USGA slope rating (144) is among toughest in the state. Architects: Ault and Clark. 6,809 yards, par 72, USGA 73.6, slope 144. Green fees includes cart: \$50 Mon.-Thurs., \$60 Fri.-Sun., seniors \$40 Mon.-Thurs., \$50 Fri.-Sun. Club rentals: \$10. Hotel packages available.

MESQUITE

Oasis Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf Van Batchelder, Head Pro Brian Wursten. 2200 Hillside Dr., Mesquite, NV 89024. Phone 702-346-7820 or 800-621-0187. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.siredd.com>. Located in a canyon in the foothills of the Virgin Mountains, with elevated tees and views. Architects: Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. 6,982 yards, par 72. Green fees: Hotel guests of Si Redd's Oasis \$100, nonguests \$125. Summer rates. Club rental: \$20. **Vista Course**: 9 holes, estab. 1995. 3,524 yards, par 37. Hotel guests \$30, nonguests \$50 for 9 holes.

Palms Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Director of Golf Van Batchelder, Head Pro Ed Stanfill. 2200 Hillside Dr., Mesquite, NV 89024. Phone 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187. Front 9 has desert landscaping and 27 acres of water. Back 9 is hilly with up to 114-foot drops from some tees to fairways. Architect: William Hull. 7,008 yards, par 72, USGA 74.9, slope 137. Green fees include cart: Hotel guests of Si Redd's Oasis \$65, nonguests \$95. Summer rates. Golf packages. Club rentals: \$15-\$25.

Players Island Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, opened Oct. 1996. V.P. Golf Operations Duke Rohlfis, Head Pro Putter Hahn. Box 2737, Mesquite, NV 89024. Phone 702-346-6781 or 888-711-GOLF. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegasgolf.com>. Five sets of tees, walkers encouraged. Member of the New York State Audubon Society Environmental Sanctuary Program. Architect: Cal Olson. 7,011 yards, par 72, USGA 72.5, slope 130. Green fees vary: \$75-\$95 in spring and fall, \$30 June 1-Sept. 30. Reduced rates for Players Island hotel guests. Carts optional. Club rentals: \$15-\$20.

MOUNT CHARLESTON

Mt. Charleston Golf Resort—Public course, 9 holes, open July 1997. Head Pro Jeff Bruckner. Phone 702-872-GOLF. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.golf-mtcharleston.com>. Course part of the new Mt. Charleston Alpine Village near the Mt. Charleston Hotel on the Kyle Canyon Road (State Route 157), 30 miles northwest of Las Vegas. A cool location in summer at 7,000 feet. 3,225 yards, par 36. Nonresidents \$80 Mon.-Thurs., \$90 Fri.-Sun. Skating rink, miniature golf, Alpine Village deli, arcade room.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Craig Ranch Golf Course—Public, 18 holes, estab. 1963. Head Pro Henry Sandler. 628 W. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Phone 702-642-9700. Short, narrow, tight course

Golf Groups

Nevada's golf associations are active in organizing amateur events and junior programs as well as course ratings. For more information contact the Nevada State Golf Association, Box 5630, Sparks, NV 89432 (call 702-673-4653) or the Southern Nevada Golf Association, 3928 Rhine Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89108 (call 702-645-3594).

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North Las Vegas Golf Course—City course, 9 holes (night-lighted), estab. 1971. Manager Frank Cortez. 324 E. Brooks, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-4086. Phone 702-633-1833. Small par-3 course, the first course in the state lighted for night play. Terrain is hilly. Good city views. 1,158 yards, par 27, USGA 52.6 (based on 18 holes). Green fees: \$5 weekdays (seniors and students lower rates), \$6.50 weekends. Night golf under the lights April 1-Oct.: \$6.50 weekdays, \$7.50 weekends (seniors and students lower rates). Carts not allowed. Club rentals: \$10.

Shadow Creek—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Owned by Mirage Resorts, this championship-quality course was conceived by the Mirage's Steve Wynn and designed by Tom Fazio. According to reports, the 320-acre course has thousands of mature trees and a comfortable clubhouse. Play is by invitation only.

Sunrise Vista Golf Course—Military course, 27 holes, estab. 1972 (first nine in 1967). Director of Golf John Elkins Jr. 2841 Kinley Dr., Nellis AFB, NV 89191. Phone 702-652-2602. Located on Nellis Air Force Base. Flat course with four artificial lakes. Civilians can play on stand-by basis. 7,051 yards, par 72. Green fees: Guests \$32. Military \$8-\$15. Juniors \$8. Carts \$16. Club rentals: \$5-\$15.

PAHRUMP

Calvada Valley Golf and Country Club—Public. General Manager Michael W. Blume. 1500 Red Butte Dr., Pahrump, NV 89041. Architect: William Bell. **Championship Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1980. Phone 702-727-



PGA star Johnny Miller designed the Badlands in Las Vegas to take advantage of rugged contours.

4653. Tee times can be made on the Web site <http://www.lasvegascgolf.com>. Built on reclaimed alfalfa field with large greens. Long layout, water on 13 holes. 7,025 yards, par 71, USGA 73.2, slope 124. Green fees include carts: \$50. Club rentals: \$15. **Executive Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1984. Phone 702-727-6388. Fairly flat, easy to walk, elevated greens and tee boxes. 3,587 yards, par 59, USGA 56.9, slope 77. Green fees:

\$18. Power carts not allowed; \$2 for pull carts. Club rentals: \$10.

PRIMM

Primm Valley Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, opened Feb. 1997. Director of Golf Alan Deck. Box 19119, Primm, NV 89019. Phone 800-386-7867. New course in Primm on the Nevada-California border on I-15. Built by

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Reno/Tahoe Area

CARSON CITY

Eagle Valley Golf Course—City courses, 36 holes. Head Pro Gary Bushman. 3999 Centennial Park Dr., Carson City, NV 89706. Phone 702-887-2380. **East Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1976. Wide-open course. 6,658 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$21, twilight \$10. Carts: \$18. Winter rates. Club rentals: \$15. **West Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1987. West is a links-style course, hilly and very narrow. Architect: Homer Flynt. 6,851 yards, par 72, USGA 73.5, slope 131. Green fees include carts: \$37.50 until 1 p.m., \$26.50 from 1-4 p.m., \$18 after 4 p.m. Winter rates. Club rentals: \$15.

Empire Ranch Golf Club—Public, 27 holes, opened spring 1997. General Manager Ron Knecht, Head Pro Jeff Sparks. 1875 Fairway Dr., Carson City, NV 89701. Phone 885-2100. The 27-hole layout is set in wetlands between bluffs overlooking the Carson River. Architect: Cary Bickler. Longest combination is 6,980 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$30 Mon.-Thurs., \$35 Fri.-Sun.

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Golf Course—Public

course, 9 holes, estab. 1960. Owners Don and Lynn Brooks, Head Pro Chris Goeschel. 1027 Riverview Dr., Gardnerville, NV 89410. Phone 702-265-3181. Short yardage but challenging with numerous tall cottonwoods, Carson River. New Year's floods reduced 18 holes to nine, which were reopened by staff and volunteers last spring. Architect: Red Swift. 2,862 yards, par 36 (played twice for 18). Green fees: \$15. Carts (optional): \$14. Club rentals: \$15. Basque restaurant nearby.

Golf Club at Genoa Lakes—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1993. Director of Golf Randy Fox. Jacks Valley Rd., Box 346, Genoa, NV 89411. Phone 702-782-4653 or 702-588-4653 (GOLF). Long, undulating layout. *Golf Digest* named it the fourth Best New Public Course in the U.S. in 1994. Architects: John Harbottle and Peter Jacobsen. 7,263 yards, par 72, USGA 73.5, slope 134. Green fees include cart: May 1-June 30: \$60 Mon.-Thurs., \$75 Fri.-Sun.; July 1-Oct. 13: \$70 Mon.-Thurs., \$90 Fri.-Sun. Winter rates: \$40 Mon.-Thurs., \$55 Fri.-Sun. Club rentals: \$30.

Sunridge Golf Club—Semi-private, 18 holes, open fall 1997. Located two miles south of Carson City. Phone 702-267-2288. New course in new development at north end of Carson Valley. Championship course incorporates hill-top, hillside, and valley floor topography along with natural wetlands.

DAYTON

Dayton Valley Country Club—Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Director of Golf Tom

Duncan, Head Pro Jim Kepler. 51 Palmer Dr., Dayton, NV 89403. Phone 702-246-7888 (PUTT). Three par-3 holes require carries over water. Intricate bunkers and undulating fairways. Architects: Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. 7,218 yards, par 72, USGA 72.9, slope 136. Green fees include carts: \$53 weekdays, \$70 weekends, \$25 after 2 p.m. Winter rates.

WASHOE VALLEY

Golf Club at Lightning W Ranch—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1994. General Manager Tom Giulioni, Head Pro Chris Thomson. 19 Lightning W Ranch Rd., Carson City, NV 89704. Phone 702-882-0882; golf shop 884-4597. Set on the eastern slope of the Sierra with 10 lakes and two waterfalls, thousands of pines, deciduous trees, and shrubs. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. 7,203 yards, par 72. Reciprocal play for members and guests of other private clubs outside a 50-mile radius. Memberships available. Restaurant is open to the public.

FERNLEY

Desert Lakes Golf Course—Public, 18 holes, opened Sept. 1996. Head Pro Don Krivanek. 4000 Farm District Rd., Fernley, NV 89408. 702-575-GOLF (4653). Course with 28 lakes, rolling topography, bent-grass greens. Western theme with wildflower roughs. No. 18 (Smokin' Gun) is a 617-yard par 5. Architect: Don Mackey. 6,507 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$30. Twilight rate: \$15 after 3 p.m.

RENO/SPARKS

Brookside Golf Course—City course, 9 holes, estab. 1956. Manager Jerry Brown. 700 S. Rock Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 702-856-6009. A level, open course. Originally was an 18-hole, but nine holes and the driving range were acquired by the Reno airport. 2,882 yards, par 35, USGA 65, slope 109. Green fees: \$14. Seniors \$9, juniors \$5. Carts (optional): \$20. Club rentals: \$15.

Hidden Valley Country Club—Private, 18 holes, estab. 1958. Head Pro Tom Dawson. 3575 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 702-857-4742. Long, open layout, well bunkered, fast sloping greens. Home course of LPGA star Patty Sheehan. Architect: Billy Bell Jr. 7,061 yards, par 72, USGA 71.3, slope 129. Members and guests.

Lakeridge Golf Course—Daily fee, 18 holes, open March-Dec., estab. 1969. Head Pro Paul Lane. 1200 Razorback Rd., Reno, NV 89509. Phone 702-825-2200. Water comes into play

on many holes, including famous 15th hole with an island green. Architects:

Robert Trent Jones and Robert Trent Jones Jr. 6,703 yards, par 71, USGA 70.8, slope 127. Green fees include cart: \$60 Mon.-Thurs., \$70 Fri.-Sun. Twilight rates after 3 p.m.: \$41 Mon.-Thurs., \$49 Fri.-Sun. Walkers after 5:30 p.m. Fees lower in early spring and late fall. Club rentals: \$30. 19th Hole Restaurant.

Montreux Golf and Country Club

Club—Private, 18 holes, open July 1, 1997. General Manager Stan Jaksick. Office: 2500 Spinnaker Dr., Reno, NV 89509. Phone 702-825-2059. Natural, forested, 14 holes in pines, designed by Jack Nicklaus. 7,530 yards, par 72. Private course; membership is \$50,000. Practice area and additional practice hole.

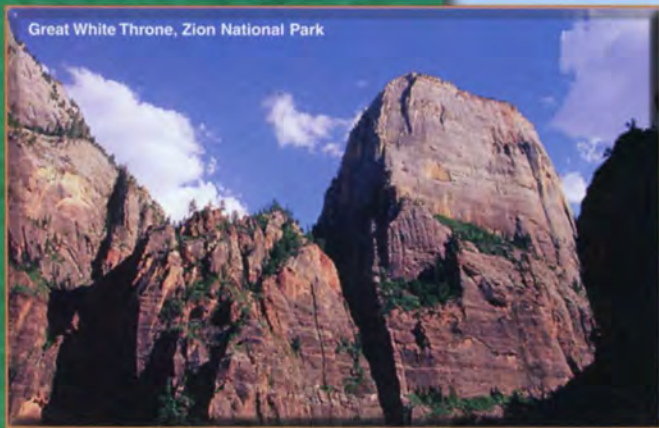
Northgate Golf Club—Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1988. Owned by RSCVA. Director of Golf Ron Wrest, Head Pro Don Boyle. 1111 Clubhouse Dr., Reno, NV 89523. Phone 702-747-



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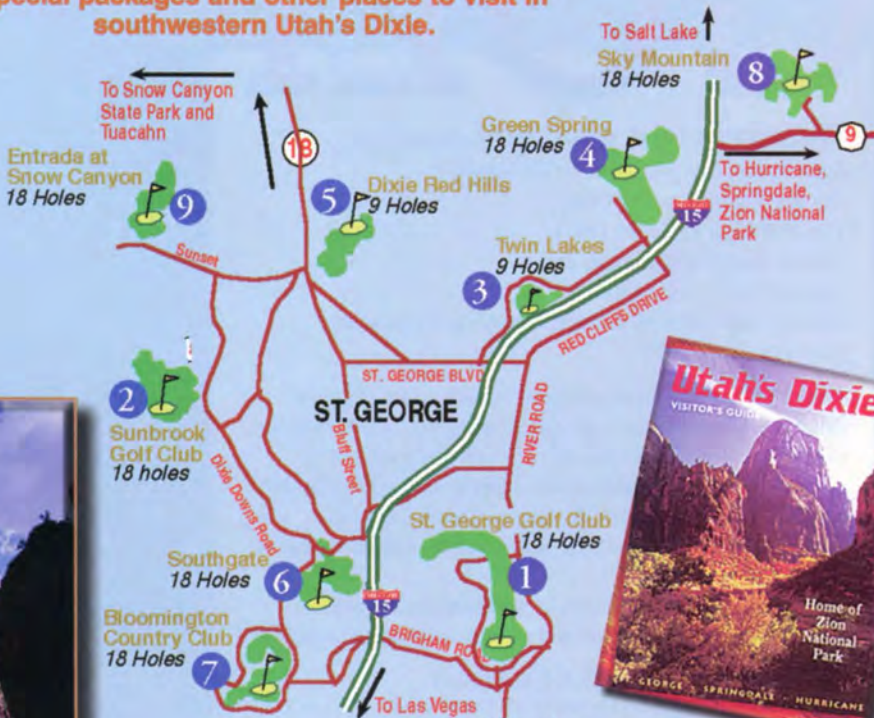
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The Pros' Picks

Golfers all have favorite courses. We base our choices on such factors as challenge, beauty, and how a course suits our game. To learn how some of the state's best golfers looked at the state's courses, *Nevada* asked Silver State club pros and managers to name their 10 favorite Nevada and Tahoe links. Thirty-two of the experts responded, including 15 from the Las Vegas area, 16 from the Reno-Tahoe area, and one from rural Nevada. They were clear on their top choices, giving Edgewood 10 first-place votes, Shadow Creek four, and Genoa Lakes three, but the honors were widely distributed, as 53 courses were listed. Generally, respondents from Southern Nevada favored a greater variety of courses than their northern counterparts. Following are the experts' top picks and total votes:

Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline (24)
 Genoa Lakes, Carson Valley (18)
 Incline Championship, Lake Tahoe (15)
 TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas (13)
 Dayton Valley Country Club (13)
 Desert Inn, Las Vegas (12)
 Las Vegas Paiute Resort Courses (11)
 Lakeridge Golf Course, Reno (11)
 Shadow Creek, North Las Vegas (9)
 Las Vegas Country Club (9)



Michael Jordan swings for the green during the annual celebrity classic at Edgewood.

Spanish Trail, Las Vegas (8)
 Tahoe Donner, Truckee (8)
 TPC Canyons, Las Vegas (7)
 SouthShore at Lake Las Vegas (7)
 Canyon Gate, Las Vegas (7)

7577. Desert links layout. Host course for the PGA's Ben Hogan Reno Open in '90 and '91. Architects: Benz and Polette. 6,966 yards, par 72, USGA 72.3, slope 131. Green fees include carts: Nonresident \$46, Washoe County resident \$35, twilight \$29 after 2 p.m. Club rentals: \$20.

Red Hawk Golf Club—Daily fee, 18 holes, open June 1997. Head Pro Charlie Ortega. 7755 Spanish Springs Rd., Sparks, NV 89436. Phone 702-626-6000. New course is part of Wingfield Springs development north of Sparks. The course meanders through lakes, natural springs, and marshlands. Architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr. 7,070 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: May-Aug.: \$60 weekdays, \$75 weekends. April and Sept.: \$55 and \$60. Oct.-March: \$40 and \$45.

Rosewood Lakes Golf Course—City course, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Head Pro Mike Mazzaferri. 6800 Pembroke Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 702-857-2892. Scenic course cut through wetlands, a peaceful setting with many birds. Architect: Brad Benz. 6,693 yards, par 72, USGA 71.1, slope 127. Green fees: Washoe County residents \$24. Nonresidents \$31. Twilight \$16 for nonresidents, \$14 for residents. Cart: \$22. Club rental: \$15.

Sierra Sage Golf Course—County course, 18 holes, estab. 1958. Director of Golf Mike Mitchell, Head Pro Dennis Oliver. 6355 Silver Lake Blvd., Stead, NV 89506. Phone 702-972-1564. Front 9 built by U.S. Air Force. Links style, with sagebrush lining generous rolling fairways. 6,623 yards, par 71, USGA 69.3, slope 120. Green fees: April 1-Oct. 1: Nonresidents \$23, Washoe County residents \$17.50. Resident seniors and juniors \$15. Twilight after 2 p.m. is \$12.50. Starting-time fee of \$1 per person April-Oct. Winter rates. Cart rentals: \$20 for 18 holes. Club rentals \$12.

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course, 18 holes, estab. 1934. Head Pro Barney Bell. 2601 S. Arlington, Reno, NV 89509. Phone 702-828-6640. Front 9 is flat, back 9 is hilly. Tall trees line the fairways, sand bunkers crowd small greens. The oldest course in Reno; built by W.P.A. 6,695 yards, par 72, USGA 70, slope 119. Green fees: April 1-Oct. 31: Nonresidents \$23.50, Washoe County residents \$17.50. Seniors and juniors \$15. Twilight rate \$12.50. Starting-time fee of \$1 per person April-Oct. Winter rates. Carts: \$20. Club rentals: \$15.

Wildcreek Golf Course—Resort course, estab. 1979. Owned by RSCVA. Director of Golf Ron Wrest, Head Pro Fred Elliott. 3500 Sullivan Lane, Sparks, NV 89431. Phone 702-673-3100. **Championship Course:** Very hilly, lots of water, bunkers, and sagebrush. Will host USGA Public Links qualifying and the Nevada State Women's Amateur in 1997. Architects: Benz-Phelps. 6,932 yards, par 72, USGA 72.1, slope 132. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$48, Washoe County residents \$35. Twilight \$29. Winter rates. Tournament fee: \$55. Club rentals: \$20. **Executive Course:** 9 holes, estab. 1979. Rolling hills, large greens. 2,840 yards, par 27, USGA 51. Green fees: \$12. Nov-March: \$10. Carts: \$20. Club rental: \$6.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Bijou Golf Course—City course, 9 holes, open April-Oct., estab. 1920. Course Manager Don Radford. 3464 Fairway and Johnson Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA. Phone 916-542-6097. Alpine meadow setting framed by Heavenly Ski Area and Freel Peak. Located in center of town near the Safeway supermarket. 2,200 yards, par 32. Green fees: \$20. Twilight rate \$9 after 3 p.m. Seniors discounts on Wed. morning. Hand carts only, \$2. Club rentals: \$7.50.

Edgewood Tahoe—Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1968. Head Pro Paul Martin. Box 5400, Stateline, NV 89449. Phone 702-588-3566. One of *Golf Digest's* top 25 public golf courses in the country. Edgewood, site of the 1997 Isuzu Celebrity Golf Championship July 1-6, hosted the Amateur Public Links in 1980 and the U.S. Seniors Open in 1985. Architect: George Fazio. 7,491 yards, par 72, USGA 75.1, slope 136. Green fees include cart: \$150. Walking OK (same fee). Club rentals: \$25.

Glenbrook Golf Course—Resort course, 9 holes, open mid-April to mid-Oct., estab. c. 1926. Head Pro Lane Christiansen. Pray Meadow Road, Glenbrook, NV 89413. Phone 702-749-5201. Nevada's first golf course, nestled in the pines. 5,566 yards (based on 18 holes), par 71, USGA 66.3, slope 121. Green fees: \$45; \$20 after 4 p.m. Carts (optional): \$20. Club rentals: \$20.

Lake Tahoe Golf Course—Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-April through Oct., estab. c. 1962. Manager Dave Rowe, Head Pro Mike Cross. U.S. 50 West (1 mile west of airport), South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Phone 916-577-0788. Located in an alpine meadow surrounded by tall Sierra peaks. Architect: William Bell. 6,707 yards, par 71, USGA 70.9, slope 120. Green fees: \$42 to walk, \$60 to ride. Early-bird and twilight rates. Carts mandatory Fri.-Sun. Club rentals: \$25-\$40.

Tahoe Paradise Golf Course—Resort course, 18 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1960. Head Pro Dave Gilpin. 3021 U.S. 50 West, Box 11376, Meyers, CA 96155. Phone 916-577-2121. Narrow and lined with trees. Has six par 3s. 4,021 yards, par 66, USGA 60, slope 96. Green fees: \$29, seniors \$21. Twilight rates: \$19 after 3 p.m. Carts (optional): \$24. Club rentals: \$12.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Incline Golf Courses—Resort courses, open May-Oct. Manager Janice Lewandowski,



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Director of Golf John Hughes. **Championship Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1964. 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89450. Phone 702-832-1144. Laid out among the tall pines of Tahoe. Exemplifies course architect Robert Trent Jones' philosophy, that every hole should be a tough par but a makable bogey. 6,910 yards, par 72, USGA

72.2, slope 133. Green fees include cart: June 14-Sept. 15: Nonresidents \$115, Incline Village General Improvement District residents \$30. Early and late season rates: Nonresidents \$90, residents \$20. Club rentals: \$25. **Mountain Course:** 18 holes, estab. 1974. 690 Wilson Way, Incline Village, NV 89450. Phone 702-832-1150.

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Northstar-at-Tahoe Golf Course—Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1973. Head Pro Jim Anderson. Basque Dr. at Northstar, Box 129, Truckee, CA 96160. Phone 916-562-2490. Front 9 is open with heavily contoured

greens. Back 9 has narrow, tree-lined fairways. Golfers need to deal with water hazards on 14 holes. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. 6,897 yards, par 72, slope 135. Green fees include cart: \$67. Club rentals available.

Old Brockway Golf Course—Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1924. 7900 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 95719. Phone 916-546-9909. Across the street from Lake Tahoe, Old Brockway has rolling hills, tall pines, and good views of the lake. 6,900 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72. Green fees: \$45. Carts: \$25. Club rentals: \$15.

Resort at Squaw Creek—Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-May through Oct., estab. 1991. Head Pro Bob Hickam. Box 3333, 400 Squaw Creek Rd., Olympic Valley, CA 96146. Phone 916-583-6300. Traditional course set in Squaw Valley. Dress code (collared shirts), lodging. Architect: Robert Trent Jones Jr. 6,931 yards, par 71, USGA 72.9, slope 140. Green fees include cart: \$110. Twilight rates. Early and late season rates. Club rentals: \$25. Caddies available: \$30 for 18 holes.

Tahoe City Golf Course—Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1917. General Manager Bob Bonino. 251 N. Lake Blvd., Box 226, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Phone 916-583-1516. Nine-hole course has four par 4s, four par 3s, and one par 5. Architect: May Webb Dunn, since modified. 5,261 yards (based on 18 holes), par 66, USGA 64.3, slope 108. Green fees: \$35. Seasonal and senior rates. Carts: \$22.

TRUCKEE & VICINITY

Graeagle Meadows Golf Course—Public, 18 holes, open April to mid-Nov., estab. c. 1970. Head Pro Bob Klein Jr.; represented on LPGA Tour by Emilee Klein. State Route 89 north of Truckee, Graeagle, CA 96103. Phone 916-836-2323. Located on the Feather River in the Mohawk Valley. Architect: Ellis Van Gorder. 6,680 yards, par 72, USGA 70.7, slope 119. Green fees: \$33. Twilight rates. Carts (optional): \$24. Club rentals.

Plumas Pines Golf Resort—Resort course, 18 holes, open April-Oct., estab. 1980. Director of Golf Tom Godman. 402 Poplar Valley Rd., Blairsden, CA 96103. Phone 916-836-1420. Mountain course bordered by the Feather River and Plumas-Eureka National Forest. Architect: Homer Flynt. 6,504 yards, par 72, USGA 71.6, slope 127. Green fees include cart: \$45 weekdays, \$50 weekends, \$25 after 3 p.m. Club rentals: \$10.

Ponderosa Golf Course—Public, 9 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1961. General Manager Al Bailey. Hwy. 267 and Reynolds Way, Truckee, CA 96160. Phone 916-587-3501. Mostly flat, heavily wooded course, no water hazards. Architect: Bob Baldech. 6,044 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72, USGA 67.8, slope 113. Green fees: \$38, after 3:30 p.m. \$20. Carts (optional): \$24. Senior rates. Club rentals: \$10.

Tahoe Donner Golf Course—Semi-private, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1973. Head Pro Bruce Towle. 12850 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee, CA 95737. Phone 916-587-9440. Narrow fairways through the pines. Course is hilly, with many steep drops from tees to fairways and greens. Architects: Roy Williams (1-9), Bill Bell Jr. (10-18). 6,899 yards, par 72, USGA 73.3, slope 130. Green fees include cart: \$96. Special rates after 3:30 p.m. Club rentals \$20.

Golf Club at Whitehawk Ranch—Resort course, 18 holes, opened spring 1996. Director of Golf Michael Kahler. 1137 Hwy. 89, Clio, CA 96106. Phone 916-836-0394 or 800-332-HAWK. Course winds through pines and meadows. Nominated for a 1996 Best New Course Award by *Golf Digest*. Architect: Dick Bailey. 6,951 yards, par

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71, USGA 73.6, slope 135. Green fees include cart: \$60 spring and fall, \$80 summer.

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Mountain View Golf Course—County course, 9 holes, open March to mid-Nov., estab. 1991. Head Pro Roger Kreuter. 205 Fairway Dr., Box 201-14, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Phone 702-635-2380. Rolling layouts, doglegs, narrow fairways, sagebrush, three water hazards. Architects: John and Maria Heller. 3,009 yards, par 35. Green fees: \$12; special rates for seniors and juniors. Carts and rental clubs available.

ELKO

Ruby View Golf Course—City course, 18 holes, open March to mid-Nov., estab. 1968. Head Pro Rick Longhurst. 2100 Ruby View Dr., Elko, NV 89801. Phone 702-777-7277. Long rolling fairways lined with big trees, large well-bunkered greens. The late Tony Lema was a pro here in the 1950s. 6,919 yards, par 72, USGA 71.4, slope 121. Green fees: Nonresidents \$18, Elko residents \$14. Carts (optional): \$20. Club rentals: \$14.

ELY

White Pine County Golf Course—County course, 9 holes, open Feb.-Nov., estab. 1957. Head Pro Joe Cullinane Jr. 1 Burch Dr., Ely, NV 89301. Phone 702-289-4095. Flat course with narrow fairways, well bunkered around greens. Must keep ball on fairway to score well. Second nine holes under construction. Architect: Bob Baldock. 6,489 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72, USGA 69.2, slope 111. Green fees: \$11. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rentals: \$5.

EMPIRE/GERLACH

Burning Sands Golf Course—Mining town course open to public, 9 holes, estab. 1960s. Town Manager Ken McCurdy, Supervisor Bill Cook. Downtown Empire, NV 89405. Phone 702-557-2341. Course has been built over the years by gypsum-mine employees in the company town of Empire (pop: 350), 100 miles north of Reno near Gerlach. The course runs through town. 2,007 yards, par 32. Green fees: Free (donations accepted). Carts: Not allowed. Tennis courts, barbecues, picnic tables.

Lucifer's Anvil Golf Course—Informal layout of more than 7,000 yards on the Black Rock playa north of Gerlach. Site of Self Invitational Black Rock Desert Classic in June.

FALLON

Fallon Golf Course—Public, estab. 1958. Owners Greg Lewis and Leslie Paul, Head Pro Jeff Lockwood. 2655 Country Club Dr., Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 702-423-4616. Set on the Carson River with tall cottonwoods and willows. Terrain is rolling with two sets of tees. 6,426 yards (based on 18 holes), par 70, USGA 68.9, slope 113. Green fees: \$16. Twilight after 4 p.m.: \$9. Weekday discounts for seniors, military. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rentals.

GABBS

Sandy Bottom Golf Course—Public clay course, 9 holes, estab. c. 1958. Box 176, Gabbs, NV 89409. Phone 702-285-2671. Laid out on a dry lake bed, Nevada's oldest clay course can be



Lucifer's Anvil is the site of June's unusual Black Rock tourney.

found at the rodeo grounds west of the town of Gabbs (pop: 400). 3,010 yards, par 35. Adventurous nonmembers are welcome to play any time, free.

HAWTHORNE

Walker Lake Golf Course—Public, 9 holes, estab. 1952. Manager Gale Parcell. Hawthorne Army Ammunitions Plant, Box 967, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Phone 702-945-1111. First holes were built by military and local duffers in 1952. Towering elms flank oldest holes and shade the stately homes that were built for the big brass. 5,514 yards (based on 18 holes), par 68, USGA 66.5, slope 114. Green fees: \$14 weekdays, \$16 weekends. Carts (optional): \$16. Club rentals: \$5. Free motorhome parking.

JACKPOT

Jackpot Golf Club—County course, 18 holes, open March-Oct., estab. c. 1970. Head Pro Dave Albrecht. 415 Ace Dr., Jackpot, NV 89825. Phone 702-755-2260. Lengthy, undulating layout with lots of doglegs. The course is known for coyotes, deer, hawks, and pesky ball-stealing ravens. New clubhouse to open summer 1997. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. 6,436 yards, par 72, USGA 69.2, slope 107. Green fees: \$18 Sat.-Sun.; nonresidents \$15 and Elko County residents \$9 Mon.-Fri. Carts (optional): \$20. No private carts. Club rentals: \$7.

PIOCHE

Pioche Golf Course—The old mining town of Pioche has a nine-hole course carved in the sagebrush and dirt in the flat below town. Tournaments are sometimes held during Pioche's Labor Day Celebration. Golfers are advised to bring pieces of indoor-outdoor carpeting, as local players do.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Round Mountain Golf Course—Public, 9 holes, open Feb.-Dec. estab. 1991. Head Pro Pete Summerbell. Round Mountain, NV 89045. Phone 702-377-2880. Longest nine-hole course in Nevada. Mining-company course situated in Hadley in Big Smoky Valley, 50 miles north of Tonopah. A typical English links course. Three lakes come into play. Architect: William Howard Neff. 7,138 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72, USGA 71, slope 118. Green fees: \$14. Gas carts: \$20. Club rentals: \$5-\$8. RV camping.

SPRING CREEK

Spring Creek Golf Course—Public, 18 holes, open mid-March to mid-Nov., estab. 1972. Head Pro David Way. 451 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Elko, NV 89801 (15 miles southeast of Elko). Phone 702-753-6331. Desert course, narrow fairways, sagebrush rough. Must be accurate off the tee. 6,258 yards, par 71, USGA 70.6, slope 116. Green fees: \$14 weekdays, \$16 weekends. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rentals \$10.

WELLS

Chimney Rock Golf Course—City course, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1976. Head Pro Ron Springsteel. 750 Ventosa Ave., Box 430, Wells, NV 89835. Phone 702-752-3928. Three lakes, sand bunkers, and small greens. 6,130 yards (based on 18 holes), par 70, USGA 68.5, slope 113. Green fees: \$14. Carts (optional): \$16. Club rentals: \$5.

WENDOVER

Toana Vista Golf Course—Resort course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1985. Director of Golf Reid Goodliffe. 2319 Pueblo Blvd., Box 2290, West Wendover, NV 89883. Phone 702-664-4300. A long, narrow, target-oriented design. New clubhouse open early 1997. Architect: Homer Flynt. 6,820 yards, par 72, USGA 72.6, slope 124. Green fees include cart: \$30 weekdays, \$35 weekends. Club rentals: \$10.

WINNEMUCCA

Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course—City course, 9 holes, open March-Oct., estab. 1955. Head Pro Bill Phillips. 1395 Mizpah St., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Phone 702-623-9920. A relatively flat, well-bunkered course with small greens, no water, located in town. Architect: Bob Baldock. 3,250 yards, par 36, USGA 69.3, slope 118. Green fees: \$12 weekdays, \$14 weekends. One dollar off if you start before 7:30 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Carts (optional): \$18.

YERINGTON

Mason Valley Country Club—Public, estab. 1964. Manager Lynda Hunewill. 111 Hwy. 208, Yerington, NV 89447. Phone 702-463-3300. Longtime 9-hole course opens its second 9 in July 1997. Course is open, easy to walk but challenging. 6,638 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72, USGA 69.2, slope 115. Green fees: \$16 weekdays, \$17 weekends. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rentals: \$5.

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Riviera on the Colorado

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Lake Mead National Recreation Area: Lake Mohave has boating, swimming, waterskiing, and fishing. At the visitor center at Katherine Landing (520-754-3272), nine miles north of Laughlin, you'll find helpful park rangers who lead hikes and talks about



The riverwalk provides a shaded vantage point for watching the paddlewheelers and water taxis.

the area (wildflowers will be especially abundant this spring). The best way to see the petroglyphs at Grapevine Canyon, seven miles west of Davis Dam, is by taking one of the park's free guided tours. Guided or not, be sure to take plenty of water and sunscreen.

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area: The two-year-old Nevada state park, four miles south of Laughlin, has boating and picnicking. Fees are \$3 to enter the 2,343-acre park and an additional \$5 to use the boat ramp (702-298-1859).

Free Attractions: Davis Dam, completed in 1953, has a self-guided tour. The Riverside's automobile museum shows Steve McQueen's Indian motorcycle and John Wayne's old Travel-All. The Nevada Gold Museum at the Flamingo Hilton has an interesting collection of old chips, slot machines, and vintage photographs. Of course, the riverwalk is free, unless you want to pay a quarter to take a peek through the big binoculars in front of the Colorado Belle.

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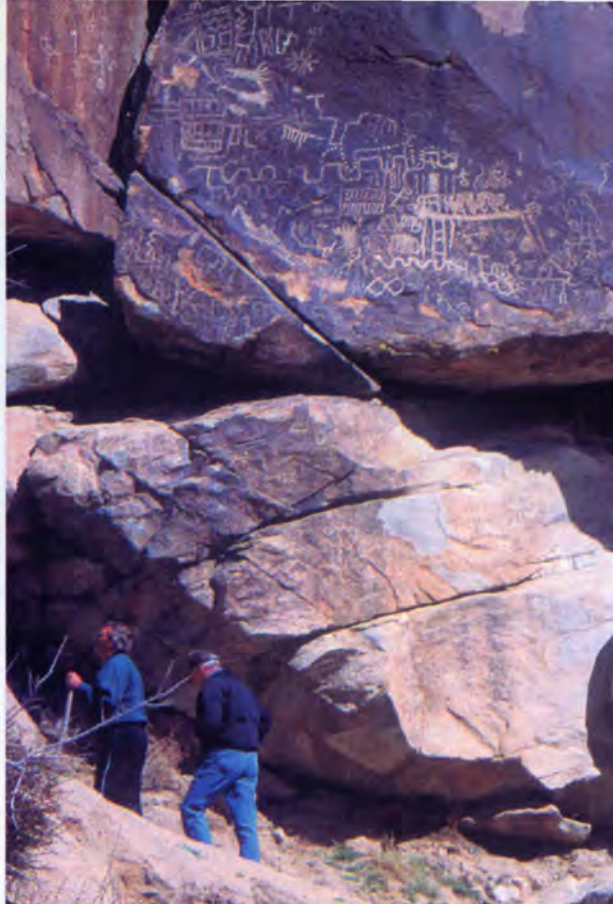
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Hikers can explore the Native American petroglyphs at Grapevine Canyon, seven miles west of Davis Dam.

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Nightlife: Many visitors are surprised at the wide range of nightlife in Laughlin. At the Riverside, you'll find country music and two-stepping at the Western Ballroom, which offers dance lessons during the day. At the Losers' Lounge, rock 'n' rollers can get loose amid the "losers" theme—

its share of good gourmet rooms. The Sunday brunch at Granny's Gourmet Room in the Pioneer is usually booked two to four weeks in advance.

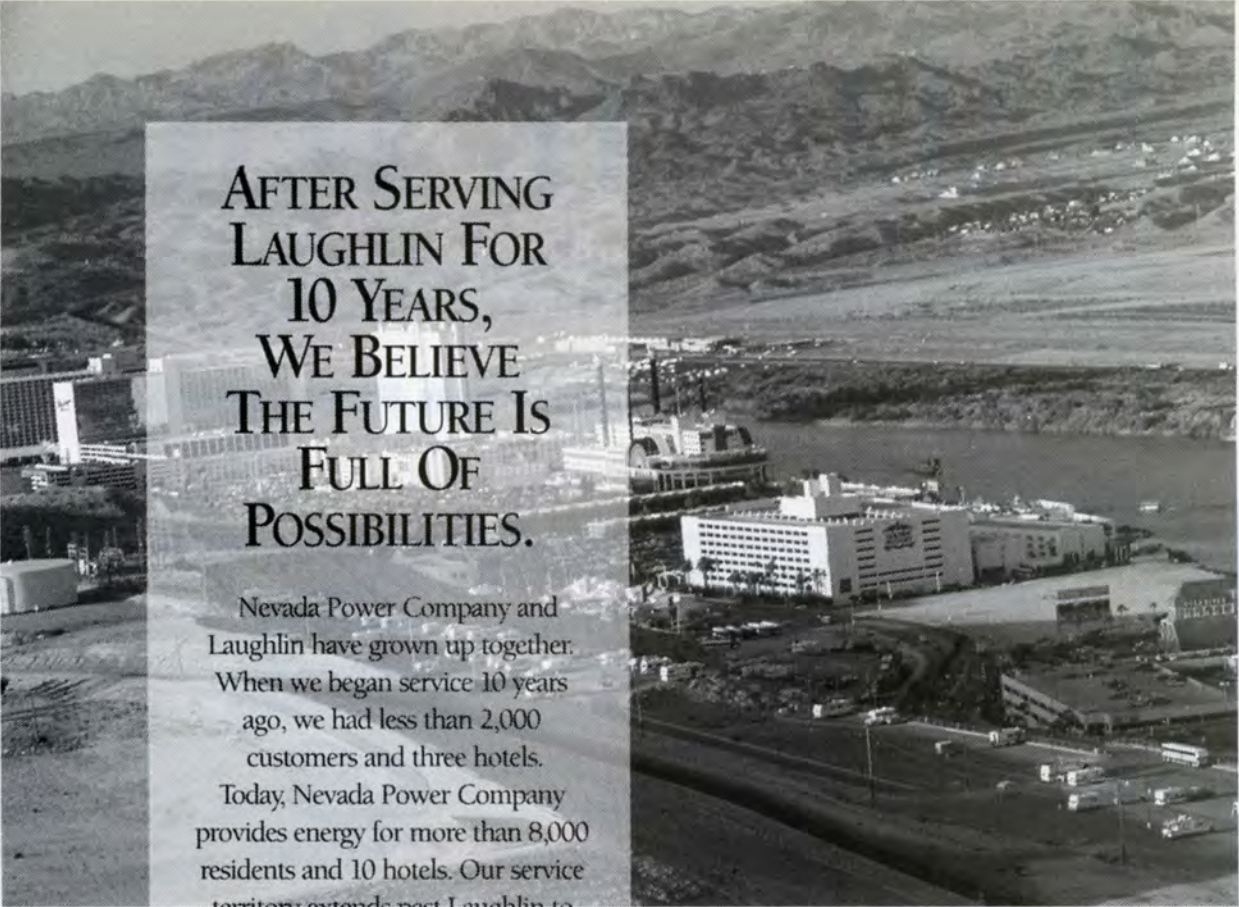
Golf: Duffers can tee off at the Emerald River Country Club, an 18-hole, target-style course (702-298-0061). Bullhead City and Needles, California, also have courses.

Big Events: Laughlin hosts six major events during the year. On May 29 to June 1, water lovers can participate in the first-ever Aqua Moto Races, as watercraft race in front of the casinos. On Independence Day, a massive fireworks display will be visible along casino row. Other events include the Laughlin Desert Challenge (off-road races) and the Laughlin RiverFlight (hot-air balloons) in October and the Harley River Ride (motorcycle gathering) and Rodeo Days (PRCA action) in April.

Information: Call the Laughlin Visitor Center, 702-298-3321, or write Box 502, Laughlin, NV 89029 for information. The visitor center, at 1555 Casino Drive just north of the Riverside, is packed with brochures and maps.

Time Warp: Keep in mind that Laughlin is on Pacific Time and Arizona is on Mountain Time. Arizona doesn't observe Daylight Saving Time, so during the summer the two states are in sync. In the winter Laughlin keeps Nevada time, and Arizona is an hour ahead.—Carolyn Graham





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CALIENTE DAYS

Coming of age in a Nevada railroad town, Madge was a proper young woman who observed life on both sides of the tracks.

By Phyllis Davis Hemphill as told by her mother, Madge Denkle Davis

My first memory of Caliente is being awakened by the sound of a wagon rattling down the dirt road in front of our new home. Running to the front window, I looked out to see four well-worn boots hanging from the legs of two bodies lying face down in a wagon headed toward the cemetery. The year was 1907

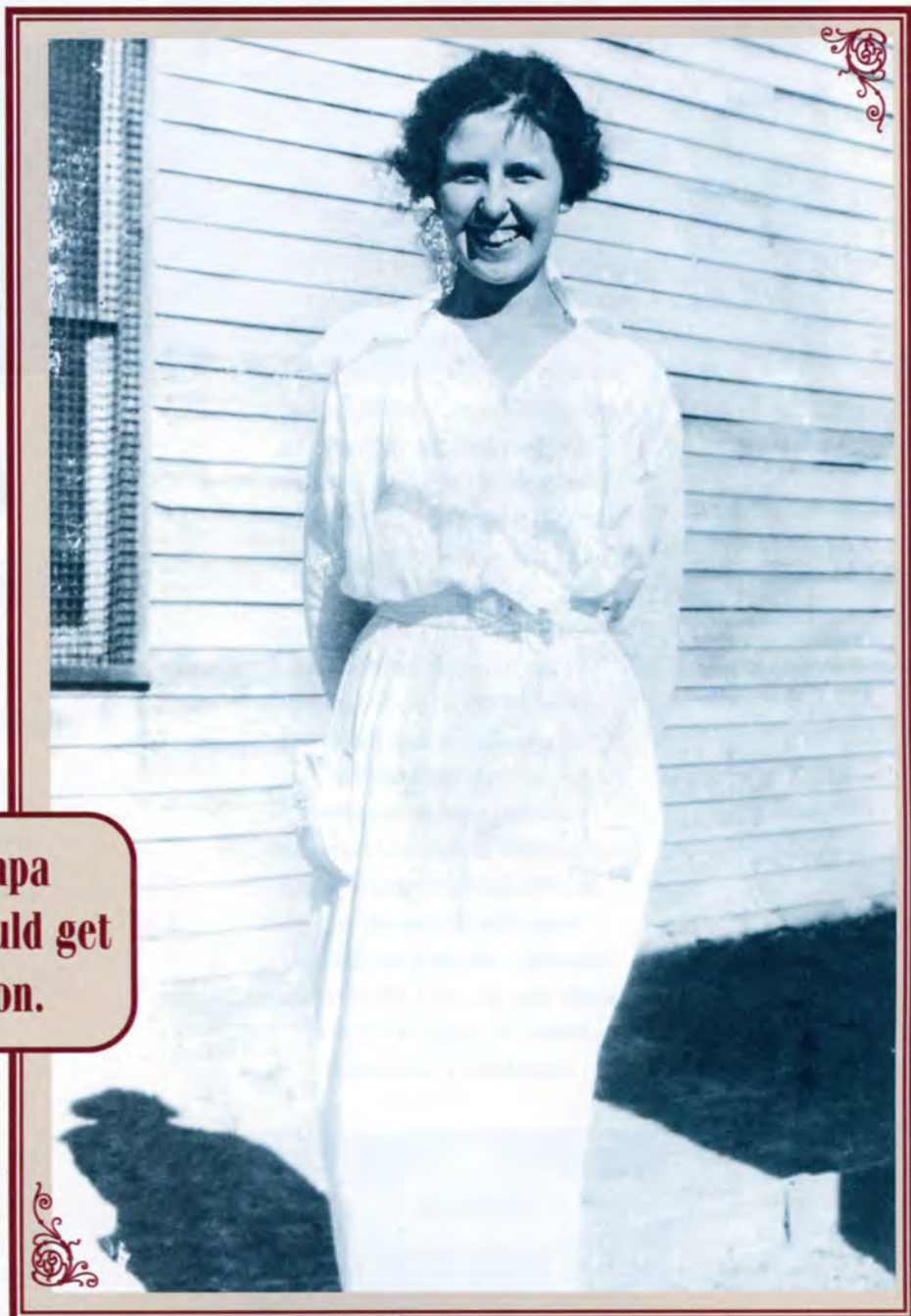
I was 12 years old, and my family had just moved from Southern California to Caliente, a newly founded railroad town in Southeastern Nevada. My father, Emil J. Denkle, a German immigrant, had dreamed of being a pioneer in a Western frontier town, and so he and my stepmother, Claire, established our new home and general store in Caliente.

The name *Caliente* derived from the hot springs that flowed from a cave on the northeastern edge of town. *Caliente* is Spanish for *hot*. *Nevada* is Spanish for *snow*. Therefore, *Caliente, Nevada*, means hot snow, which in no way described the place.

Caliente had been established as a division point of the Union Pacific Railroad because of the plentiful supply of water

I loved school, but Papa did not believe girls should get an advanced education.

from the Meadow Valley Wash. The company built a depot, round house, repair shop, offices, and dwellings for railroad workers. Twenty-one "railroad yellow" houses lined Company Row, which is now called Spring Street. Downtown, a wide railroad right-of-way separated the two main streets. The growing number of businesses included grocery stores, mercantiles, milliners, clothing stores, saloons,



Madge Denkle Davis enjoyed the rustic, small-town life of Caliente, where her family moved in 1907. Above, she poses in the yard of her "railroad yellow" Company Row house following her marriage.



A Union Pacific passenger train stops at Caliente's old wood-framed depot (right). The Salt Lake Route created another new railroad town: Las Vegas.

On dates we would stroll the tracks, have a soda, or walk to the station when a passenger train was due.

and pool halls. In 1908, the year after we arrived, Caliente had 2,200 residents, twice as many as Las Vegas.

Our general store was part of the town's early growth. Across the tracks from our store and home was Caliente's first depot, a large wooden frame building. (In 1923 it was replaced by today's beautiful mission-style depot.)

Papa and Mama stocked the store with kitchenware such as pots, pans, cooking and eating utensils, dishes, sewing supplies, and canned foodstuffs. We also carried lamps, vases, and other decorative items. Papa did the baking and candy making, and our best advertisement was the fragrance of Papa's baked goods drifting around town.

Mama felt her time was best spent in the store, so she gradually put me in charge of my four younger sisters. I enjoyed my job—no mother could have loved her children more than I loved my sister Daisy and little half-sisters Thelma, Ardat, and Norma.

I attended Caliente Grade School, where one room had grades one to five and the other six through eight. I loved school, and a major disappointment of my life was that Papa, being old-fashioned, did not believe girls should get an advanced education. Later he would not pay to send me by bus to high school in Pioche, the

Lincoln County seat. Instead, I would wave to my few friends who went to high school as they got on the bus, and then I would stay at home to help in the house and store.

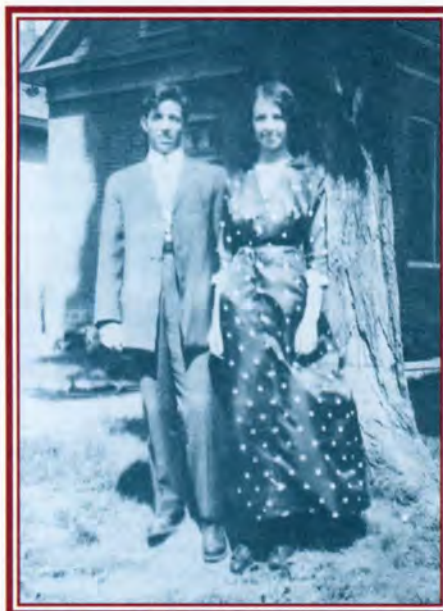
Soon I was waiting on customers, stocking merchandise on shelves, and unpacking crates and barrels. I remember digging

into barrels packed with excelsior and taking out pieces of hand-cut lead crystal ware shipped from Germany. Valued antiques today, those pieces were priced as low as five and 10 cents—and none as high as a dollar.

Money was watched closely in our home, but Papa would buy tickets for any visiting musical or dramatic performance that he considered worthwhile. And he always managed to buy new books, reading them cover to cover, careful not to crack the spine while turning the pages. We owned an organ and later a player piano pumped by foot or played by Papa.

For her part, Mama, who was descended from a line of New England ministers, was firm on giving us a strong moral as well as educational background. She was particularly fussy about our grammar. "Gee whiz," common in that day, was slang she would not tolerate; it was considered a corruption of "Jesus." She raised us on pithy sayings from the Bible, Shakespeare, and *Poor Richard's Almanac*: "Procrastination is the thief of time," "Cleanliness is next to godliness," "A fool and his money are soon parted," and "Once begun, half done."

One day "Doc" Shire, owner of the



Charlie Davis and Madge Denkle on their wedding day in 1913, a week after Madge turned 18.

drugstore across the tracks on Front Street, came into the store and asked if I could temporarily take the place of the girl who was helping him. At first, Papa refused, but Mr. Shire persisted, and Papa was finally convinced that I could work at the drugstore "for a time."

Working in a drugstore in a small

House, the red-light district on the hill. Although I was young, I somewhat understood the role the women played in town, and I found them in general very nice people. They were always extremely well dressed with their faces heavily made up with powder and rouge ("painted") and with high, puffed-up hairdos. Often they

leaving he took me into the back room, where he had carefully made prescriptions for his regular clientele.

Then he showed me a special group of "prescriptions" that, he said, must be sold only at certain intervals and only in the dosages he had made up. "Now let me tell you," he warned, "these people will know you are alone here, but they won't harm you because they want to remain my customers. They will yell and scream and plead and cry, but you must not give them any of these drugs unless I have set them out." He leaned toward me and declared, "If you give them more drugs, they might die!"

He was right about people trying to wheedle me. During his absence, things went well except for a few pleading encounters at the back-alley counter window. But I never gave in.

Late one evening someone banged loudly out back. "Madge! Madge! You've got to help me!" It was the son of one of the town leaders. He cried, "My sister is screaming and jumping and yelling and crying. Madge! You've just got to let her have more medicine!" By the way he kept screaming, I always suspected that he wanted the prescription for himself. But I never gave it to him.

I do remember that those drugs were cocaine and morphine. Cocaine cost more than the other, and one of them sold for 25 cents an ounce. (Upon hearing this tale many years later, my oldest grandson Tom exclaimed, "Wow, Grandma was a pusher!")

However, Caliente had little violence because everyone got along. Furthermore, we were off the main roads, so few people just passed through. The nearest peace officer was in Pioche, 25 miles north, so locals had to keep the town peaceful and clean.

And they did. A rare drifter caught cheating at cards might be found dead the next morning on the road at the edge of town. If some town fathers were ever suspected of assisting in the disposal of Caliente's unwelcome guest, no accusations were made. For instance, we never did learn the circumstances of death of the



**Doc Shire declared,
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drugs, they might die!"**

At Doc Shire's drugstore, Madge met prostitutes and drug addicts. From left: Madge, Dr. Tinges, Fireman Ray, and her sister Daisy.

Nevada town in the early 1900s was a lively experience. There was new stock to learn—cosmetics, candies, gifts, patent medicines, and costume jewelry. I worked at the soda fountain serving soft drinks, ice cream cones, sodas, and sundaes. Mr. Shire gave me permission to have all the sodas and ice cream I wanted. He knew what he was doing, of course. Soon I had little craving for those sweets.

Most townspeople were railroad men and their wives and children. Business people and a few ranchers and cowboys also came into the drugstore, as did prospectors, gamblers, and transients. Gradually I became acquainted with everyone in and around town, and when business was slow, I heard some intriguing conversations.

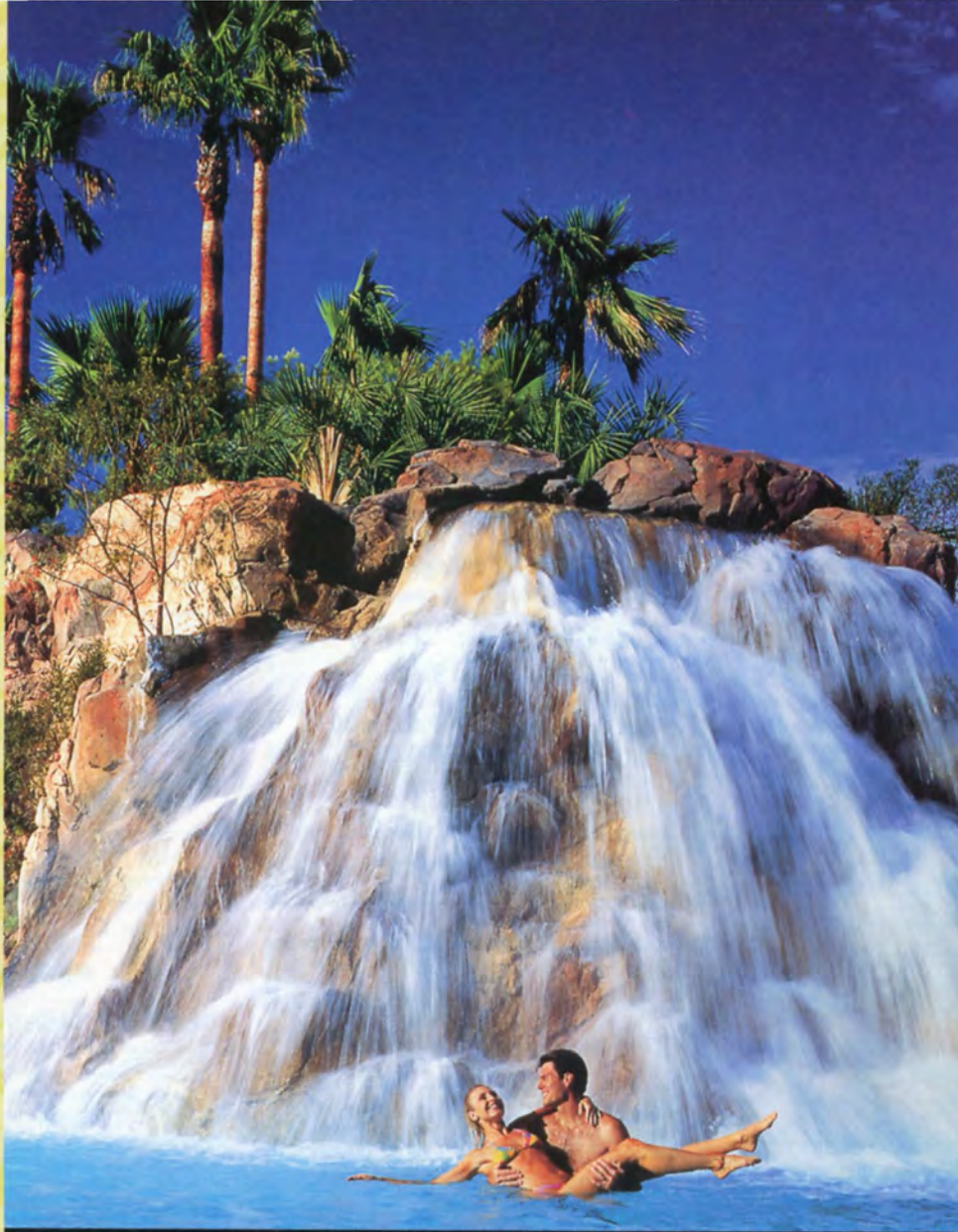
Among the clientele were the "painted ladies," the prostitutes from the Cliff

ordered "Dr. Shire's Hand Lotion," a special concoction that Doc Shire taught me to make: 1 ounce glycerin, 1 ounce distilled or boiled water, 1/4 ounce extract of roses, and 1/4 ounce alcohol. It cost 25 cents a bottle.

The prostitutes would never speak with me if other customers came in. But when I was alone with them I sometimes learned of their backgrounds. Once one of them told me she was going back East to attend her son's college graduation. At the depot later that day I saw her go up the steps of a Pullman car. She was attired quietly like any well-dressed woman in town and, just like Mama and me, wore absolutely no makeup with her hair wound neatly in a bun.

I had been in the drugstore for longer than a year when Mr. Shire decided to make a trip back East to visit his family. After explaining his plan to Papa and Mama, he put me in charge of the drugstore while he was away. Shortly before

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two men I saw being carted away to the cemetery my first day in town. In Caliente, as in other frontier communities, justice could be swift and sure.

As a gathering place, the drugstore was often crowded. Many customers were young, single railroad men looking for companionship.

Under my father's watchful eye, I had casually dated a few men. A date usually meant strolling along the railroad tracks to the outskirts of town, having a soda at the drugstore, or taking walks among the pungent-scented sagebrush and creosote bushes. Frequently we would walk to the station when a passenger train was due. With his engine letting out loud, white puffs of steam, the engineer would stop to take on water from the trackside tank.

One man I dated was Charles B. Davis, and I did notice that I was giving him preference when he came into the drugstore. Charlie Davis was nice looking with wavy black hair, and everybody liked him. But so far as I knew, I had developed no romantic interest in anyone.

Then one day I was outside the drugstore cleaning the windows when I heard a train whistle. Looking around I saw Charlie smiling and waving at me from the window of a big, black steam engine. As I

Papa would not permit us to marry, so Charlie and I eloped.

waved back, I felt a strange pull in my chest in the region of my heart. I remember saying to myself, "Why, Madge. I guess you must be in love."

As I started dating Charlie more, our talk became serious, and we began to make wedding plans. However, Papa warned me that he would not permit us to marry. He had said many times that his daughters would marry only professional men or men who owned their own businesses.

So Charlie and I decided to elope to Salt Lake City. Only my sister Daisy knew the details of our plan. On August 10, 1913, I turned 18 and under Nevada and Utah law became an adult. A week later I dressed up as if for a date and walked down to the railroad station. The train arrived, and when the conductor called, "All aboard," I jumped on the step of a passenger car.

Charlie was already on the train with my ticket.

The next day, August 18, on our way to be married by a justice of the peace, Charlie bought me a beautiful dress for a wedding present. Made of silk, it had a tight waist and full skirt that came down to the tips of my shoes. (In those days it was scandalous for a woman to show her ankle. Women wore their skirts so long that, with high-top shoes, their ankles were completely covered. I had heard that in the big cities wicked men would hang around a street corner, hoping to see a woman lift her skirt a few inches as she stepped onto

a streetcar, showing a tantalizing ankle!)

When we returned to Caliente, we moved into a Company Row house that Charlie had been able to reserve. The house was Number 13—we always called it "lucky 13"—and that was our home in Caliente. ♡

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The Reel Rubies

This scenic corner of Nevada is up to its gills in fishing spots.

By Lin Anderson

Fed by abundant snowmelt and stocked by both Ma Nature and state wildlife biologists, the Ruby and East Humboldt ranges in Northeastern Nevada are home to 17 fish-bearing lakes and countless streams. By virtue of their remoteness, these mountains, which local boosters call "Nevada's Alps," are among the state's most unspoiled fishing areas.

Each summer anglers pack hook, line, and bait for fishing vacations in this wilderness along the Ruby Crest Trail, knowing that because of the remote and plentiful waters they can fish like crazy and probably not run into one other.

Frank Clyde, an Elko contractor and fishing fanatic, regularly stalks the lakes and streams in the nose-bleed elevations of the Rubies and East Humboldts. "Half the fun is the hike, though you do go head over teakettle once in a while," he says.

Clyde is often accompanied on his fishing adventures by his 10-year-old daughter Asia ("she's got two rods now and her own tackle box," he says proudly). He and Asia prefer Lamoille Lake, which at 9,700 feet is one of the higher-elevation fishing spots in the Rubies. Clyde notes, "You'll be in some of the most beautiful country



Hooking a trout on Lamoille Creek (above). Frank Clyde (right) and his daughter Asia discuss lake fishing with Elko tackle shop owner Jim Shepherd.



Northern Nevada has to offer—wildflowers, wildlife, and scenery."

However, timing is a consideration here: It's an extremely short season in the upper deck. "July and August are the best times to visit the real high-country spots," says fisheries biologist Mike Green of the Nevada Division of Wildlife office in Elko. "Even in June, you're often encountering snowbanks. Fall can be beautiful, too, but you can be trapped by snow."

An extremely short season.

For this reason, the most popular lakes, like Lamoille Lake, are those closest to civilization. It's eight or nine miles of challenging uphill trail into the best fishing grounds. Green notes that Favre, Liberty, Hidden, Robinson, and Overland lakes have brookies and cutthroats that are "always hungry and fairly easy to catch," whether tempted with flies or live bait.

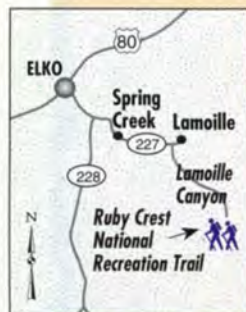
There's a catch to the catch, though. The majority of the lakes lie in federally designated wilderness areas, where motorized vehicles are verboten. So the adventuresome angler must hike or ride horseback all the way. The regulations also create a stretch for the state wildlife folks who stock six of the region's 17 lakes by helicopter. Green says, "Now, since we're

not allowed to land in a wilderness area, some unfortunate individual—often it's me—has to stand out on the skid while the helicopter's in flight and drop the fish into the lake."

Anglers who visit the high lakes must be ready for rough terrain, cold nights, and, oddly enough, a lack of drinking water. Green notes that the "beaver fever" organism can ruin a fishing trip. "Take along your own water supply or a pump or filtration device," he advises.

Thus equipped, and prepared to put a few hard miles on yourself or Seabiscuit, you're ready to fish in some splendid country. "I get the fun of seeing my kid snag a fish," Frank Clyde says. "And let's face it, there's nothing in the world like pan-fried trout." ▀


Lin Anderson of Elko has his own tackle box.



Lake Country

Anglers will find numerous fishable lakes on the Ruby Crest Trail south and upward from Lamoille Canyon, 25 miles southeast of Elko. For more information contact the U.S. Forest Service, 2035 Last Chance Road, Elko,

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