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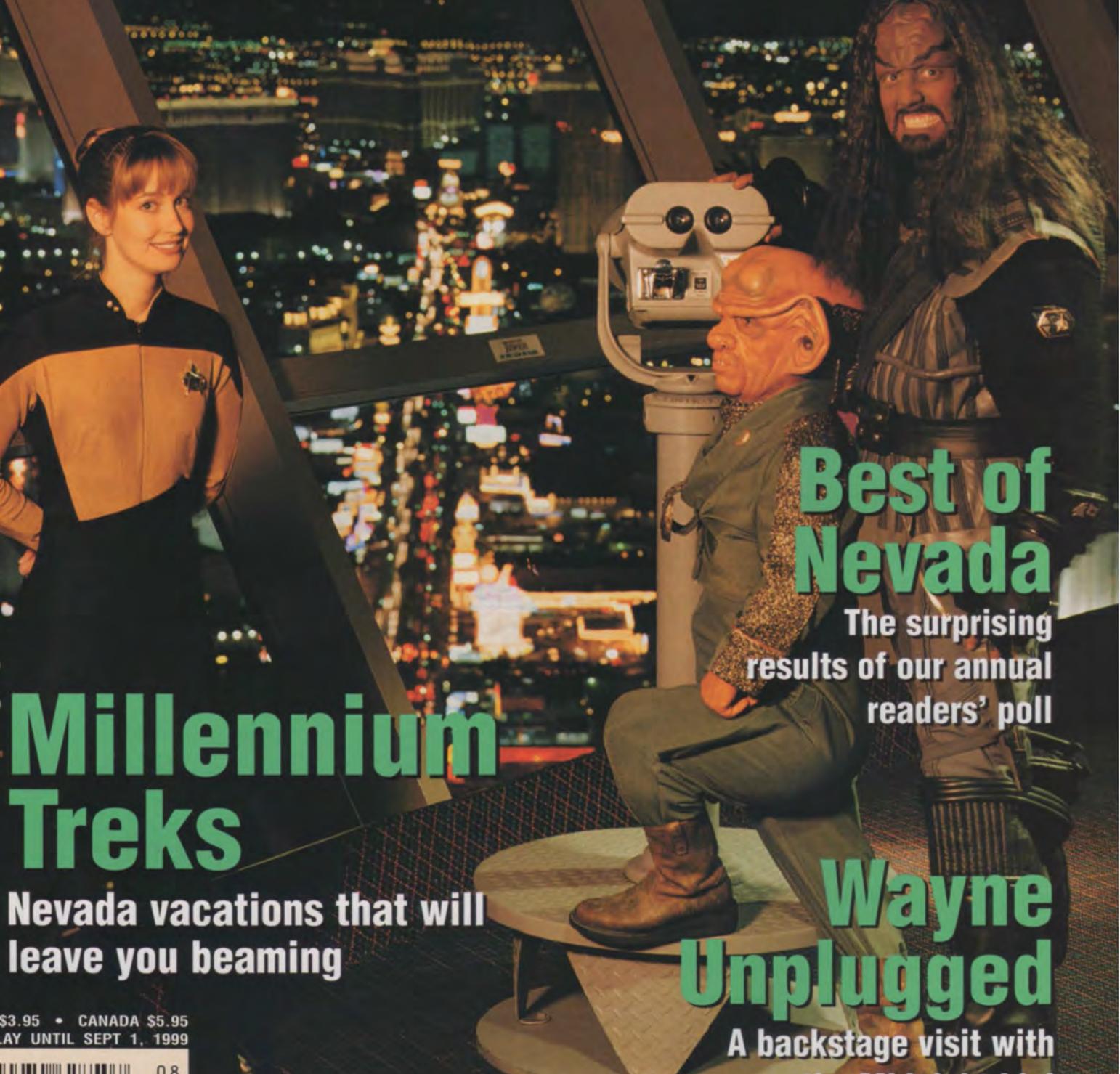
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Area 51 Research Center, Rachel

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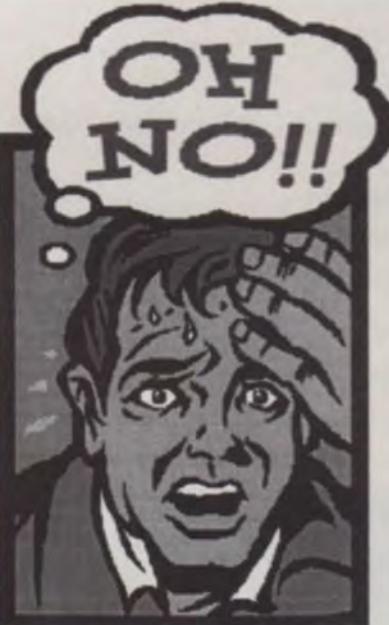
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Character Study

The threat of alien abduction wasn't enough to keep longtime *Nevada* contributor Richard Menzies from tackling his latest assignment: to infiltrate the town of Rachel and blend in among the population.

"It's easy to find bizarre characters in Nevada," says the intrepid Salt Lake City writer-photographer. As Richard reports in "Close Encounters With Open Minds" this issue, he found the town—a gathering place for UFO watchers—unusual not only for the people but for the place itself, an isolated, quirky community that revels in its alien aura.

Richard likes the drive on the Extraterrestrial Highway and U.S. 93. He often stops for a 50-cent geothermal car wash in Caliente while searching for other treasures. "It's one of my favorite trips," he says, "and it's much lonelier than U.S. 50." His recent Rachel road trip was fraught with the misadventures he often encounters while exploring the state in search of *Nevada* stories. His advice? "Fill your gas tank at every opportunity." After camping near the infamous "black mailbox," Richard awoke to the aroma of gasoline. Sadly, his 1973 Volkswagen campmobile had sprung a leak. He tried in vain to rescue the fuel in a Styrofoam cup—a complication even more pronounced given that



Richard Menzies and his vintage Volkswagen.

his gas gauge doesn't work. "I've been driving it for 25 years—my car is older than Rachel." Richard has logged more than 200,000 miles in the orange bus—many of them on Nevada roads where, he guesses, he has probably spent more time under the bus than in it.

Between assignments Richard tries to master the mysteries of the computer age with the help of his 15-year-old son, Alex. His wife, Anne, is a librarian at the Salt Lake Public Library. In March, he often lends his comedic and photographic talents to serving as master of ceremonies at the annual

Shooting the West photography workshop held in Winnemucca.

Richard's favorite *Nevada* tale is "Melvin Dummar Revisited," which first ran in July/August '81. Dummar, a former Gabbs resident who became a subject of the movie *Melvin and Howard*, came upon a man lying next to the road near Beatty. The man said he was Howard Hughes, according to Melvin, leading to Melvin's mention in a Hughes will that later was declared a fake.

"Melvin Dummar was a lot like me in a lot of ways," Richard says wistfully. "He spent a lot time driving aimlessly around Nevada looking for interesting people by the side of the road."—Carolyn Graham

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Letters

Baker's Permanent Wave Society and Nevada's unsung heroes.

The Road to Baker

Thank you for the lovely article "Baker's Permanent Wave Society" by David W. Toll. I'm a native Las Vegan and visited Baker for the first time on the way to Lehman Caves 10 years ago. The first time I saw all the examples of Baker's Permanent Wave Society I was ear-to-ear grins. I thought, now here is a place where people know how to smile and not take life so seriously.

I always look forward to leaving the southern part of the state and the big-city stress to journey up to Baker on my way to some wonderful, relaxing camping in Wheeler. Every trip back, I see a new reason to smile. My thanks to the people of Baker for the Permanent Wave Society.

Pamela Goodwill
Las Vegas

Paris in Nevada

I just got an e-mail from a friend of mine in Israel. I sent him the article



The "Horse With No Name" sculpture cruises near Baker.

"Baker's Permanent Wave Society" by David W. Toll last issue and received an e-mail back in French. At any rate, my friend, Raphi, is now greatly interested in seeing "Baker, the Paris of Nevada." Before, he was only interested in seeing Las Vegas.

Margaret Pense
Baker

Unsung Heroes

I enjoyed Richard Moreno's "Unsung Historic Heroes" in the May/June '99 issue and hope we see a few more stories along that line. However, I noted one significant error in the Anne Martin story. The 19th Amendment giving women, age 21 and older, the right to vote in the U.S. was ratified in 1920, not 1917. Nevada ratified the amendment on February 7, 1920.

I suspect Richard thought because Martin ran for the U.S. Senate in 1918 and 1920 that national female suffrage was a prerequisite for her candidacy. Not true! For example, Montana, like Nevada, gave women the right to vote and hold office in 1914. In 1916, Jeanette Rankin of Montana was the first woman ever elected to Congress.

Guy Rocha
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A Super Fortress

I enjoy *Nevada Magazine* and read it from cover to cover. However, the May/June story "A Place for Patriotism" in Roadside Attractions contains an error. The article indicates, "You can also stand in front of the cockpit of a B-29 Flying Fortress." I don't know if you have the name or the number wrong. The B-29 is known as the Superfortress, and the B-17 is the Flying Fortress.

Ronald C. Seipel
Hayward, CA

Ronald, thanks for catching the plane error. The cockpit is from a B-17 Flying Fortress.—Ed.

Peak Awareness

In "Mountain Reflections" in the Jan/Feb issue of *Nevada Magazine*, I saw a view I enjoy every day from my living-room windows. The photograph is of Montgomery Peak, which is just south of Boundary Peak. The photograph was taken on California State Route 120 between Benton Hot Springs and Benton Station, California. The peak to the left of the higher Montgomery Peak is Boundary Peak. My compliments to photographer Bob Rosenquist.

Jeff Gordon
Benton, CA

Photo: Jay Aldrich

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The Prizes: Picture Hunt cash prizes will be awarded to the top five winners: \$200 for first place, \$100 for second, \$75 for third, \$50 for fourth, and \$25 for fifth. Additional winners will receive the 1999 Nevada Historical Calendar.

“We're looking for photos that say 'Nevada.'" That's what the judges will be thinking when they review the photos entered in the 22nd annual Great Nevada Picture Hunt contest.



One of last year's merit award winners, "Reese River Valley" by Barry Melvin Glazier.

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Photos: All photos must be unpublished and taken in Nevada. (Photos previously printed in local newspapers are eligible.)

Deadline: Postmarked by August 6, 1999.

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Labeling: Your name and address must be on the back of each print and on each slide, along with title, location, and description.

Color Photos: Color prints must be 8"x10" to 11"x14" unmounted. Transparencies must be 35mm slides or larger. If possible, please present slides in plastic sleeves (no metal or glass holders).

Black-and-White Photos: Prints must be 8"x10" to 11"x14" unmounted.

Packaging: The smaller and simpler, the better. Maximum envelope size should be 12"x16". Only one photographer with up to seven photos per package.

For Return: You must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry to ensure your photos' safe return. (No pickups at the office.)

Judging: Entries will be judged by a panel of experienced photographers and magazine staff.

Permission: Contestants grant *Nevada Magazine* permission to print winning entries in the Nov/Dec '99 issue, and, if applicable, the Nevada Commission on Tourism permission to print the Tourism Award winner in the next year's state visitors' guide. Contestants also give *Nevada Magazine* permission to make reproductions of winning entries for a traveling art show, Web site display, and Great Nevada Picture Hunt slide-show presentations.

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The store has money belts that attach to necks, legs, waists, and even bras. There’s a huge selection of nostalgic metal wall signs, hardwood display frames for chip collections, layouts for every table game known to man, and chuck-a-luck cages. Hundreds of books, videotapes, and software line two walls of the store.

The Gamblers General Store (www.ggss.com) publishes a 60-page color catalog, so you can order by phone or mail. The store, at 800 South Main Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 702-382-9903 or 800-322-2447 for information.—*Deke Castleman*



The Gamblers General Store has reel thrills.



A group of Shriners show their onions at the Henderson Farmer's Market.

Pick of the Crop

HENDERSON—You’ll find a growing number of farmer’s markets in Nevada, but only one of them operates year-round—the fledgling **Farmer’s Market** in Henderson, which made its debut in April and is drawing bumper crowds.

Held each Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. on the Civic Center Plaza, the market is sponsored by the City of Henderson Redevelopment Agency. Craft and specialty-food booths share the plaza with produce vendors. Booths displaying dried wreaths and crocheted bedroom slippers are interspersed with tables offering homemade preserves and fresh-baked breads.

Helen Snavely and her daughter, Susan Butler, sell hand-crafted picture frames, wall decorations, and jewelry at their “Alohashells Hawaii” booth. All the items are made from a translucent seashell called *capiz* often used in early-day South Pacific church windows. Snavely says, “Our whole family designs, and we send the designs to Hawaii where Hawaiian artisans make them from our patterns.” Dyes and hand-cutting transform the shells into seahorses, exotic flowers, and other forms. Prices for the frames and wall decorations range from \$24 to \$150.

At Antique Rose Florist, six-year-old Omari Clark sells rocks he decorates for

a dollar each while other family members help customers with paper cornucopias of fresh flowers, plants, and dried arrangements.

Most Thursdays the longest lines form at Krafty Korn, a type of popcorn that owner Tony Brookman of Reno describes as “slightly sweet, slightly salty.” Brookman pops the corn by hand-stirring it in a huge kettle. Krafty Korn is sold by the bag or in large red tins.

The market also offers produce in season. In spring, produce consisted primarily of sacks of Vidalia onions, pyramids of oranges, and flats of strawberries from California. As crops matured, Nevada farmers appeared. Most Nevada producers are from the Pahrump area (one even grows pistachios); the California farmers come from as far away as Fresno.

For information, call 702-565-2474. The Civic Center is located at 240 Water Street in Henderson.—*Connie Emerson*

The Light Stuff

RENO—If the fine art of travel is learned by experience, Dean Bradt, owner of **Travel Mercantile**, has found some answers. Bradt (pronounced “Brawdt”) says one of the secrets of traveling well is traveling light, and the products in his store underline that philosophy. Many are lightweight and come in tiny packages: an emergency poncho that fits in a pocket, miniature lint brushes, and little reading lights.

Clothes do double—and even triple—duty. Travel pants, with concealed pockets and zip-off legs, become shorts. Long-sleeve shirts have a roll-up-and-button feature that converts them to short sleeves. Wrap-around skirts, designed to go over bathing suits for shopping trips and cock-



Dean Bradt and Tonya Belli model an array of travel fashions at their Travel Mercantile in Reno.

tail parties, have hidden zip pockets of breathable mesh. Hats are collapsible, and some have detachable visors.

Among the store's best sellers, Bradt says, are the Eagle Creek packing products. "Their Pack-It Folders are amazing," he says. "You just fold your clothes, pack them, and they come out without wrinkles." Pack-It Cubes allow you to cram in an incredible amount of rolled-up socks, underwear, and T-shirts, according to Tonya Belli, Travel Mercantile's buyer.

The 3,000 titles in Travel Mercantile's book section range from *America's Most Charming Towns and Villages* to *The World's Most Dangerous Places*.

Bradt spends a lot of his travel time looking for new products. "The hardest thing

about this business is finding the stuff," he says. He discovered a line of crocheted hats at a Palm Springs flea market and stops at travel stores wherever he goes, looking for merchandise that's out of the ordinary.

If he could take only one item from his store on a trip, Bradt says, he would choose the Package Tote, a set of straps with a handle that can be used to make a package out of just about anything. "I never know what I'm going to buy and have to carry home," he says.

Travel Mercantile, at 290 California Avenue next to A-Team Travel, is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call the store at 775-348-7500 for more information.—Connie Emerson

ATV at Tahoe

LAKE TAHOE—If you're looking for unusual ways to see Northern Nevada, **Lake Tahoe Adventures** offers excursions that are sure to stir up dust.

The company offers daytime and overnight ATV rides on the Rubicon Trail past Emerald Bay or in the high-desert ranges near Gardnerville.

"I enjoy sharing this beautiful country with others," says Ed Eikenberry, 62, a guide for Lake Tahoe Adventures. "If you can walk and chew gum at the same time, you can drive an ATV. It's a good opportunity for people to see something other

than that green felt at the crap tables."

Lake Tahoe Adventures also offers four-wheeling tours in Hummers and Jeeps. These tours allow visitors to relax while a guide navigates the rugged terrain. During the tours, Eikenberry says he has seen everything from mustangs to "a coyote pup with his ears longer than his legs."

Lake Tahoe Adventures, open daily, has more than 10 ATV, Hummer, and Jeep excursions and can customize packages. The three-hour ATV tour recommended for beginners costs \$99 per person and in-



Lake Tahoe Adventures offers scenic ATV rides.

cludes a snack. Drivers must be 16 years old to operate the ATVs. Children under 16 can ride with a guide on a 6x6 Polaris, which has four bucket seats. Reservations, long pants, sunscreen, and eye protection are recommended. Boots, goggles, and gloves can be rented. Call 530-577-2940 for more information.—Candice Towell

Traveler's Advisories

Museum Plaza

A new park and additional parking opened at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City last spring. The Woodrow W. Loftin Park was named for the longtime Carson City resident and former Ormsby House owner, who included a donation to the museum in his estate. The plaza, which is landscaped in a brick design resembling the shape of the state, will be used for outdoor programs. It connects the former Carson City Mint building to a former bank, which will be remodeled to offer additional museum space. Last spring the museum opened a new exhibit, *Handed Down: Nevada's Living Folk Arts*. Also, history fans can attend a free lecture series held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call 775-687-4810 or consult the Web site, www.clan.lib.nv.us, for information.



The Nevada State Museum has a new plaza.

where to find them. The new *Trail Map to the North and East Shores of Lake Tahoe*, published by the Incline Village and Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau, shows where to find the trails that crisscross this scenic area of the lake. The brochure suggests 17 trails—11 hiking, two street-biking, and four mountain-biking trails—



These Boots Are Made for Hiking

Most visitors know that the northern and eastern sides of Lake Tahoe have hundreds of miles of trails for hiking and biking, but not everyone knows

along with descriptions of how to find the trails, what you'll see, and difficulty. For instance, the Slaughter House Canyon Hiking Trail is 1.5 miles one way and considered moderate, and hikers are rewarded with views of a meadow and access to one of Tahoe's most secluded beaches, Skunk Harbor. Write the Incline Village and Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau, 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451-9600 or call 800-GO-TAHOE for a copy of the free trail map. The Web site is www.gotahoe.com.

Boxcar Chamber

Visitors to Eureka can climb aboard an 1875 Eureka and Palisade Railroad car

that was transformed this spring into the Eureka County Chamber of Commerce. The tiny office is packed with brochures about accommodations, restaurants, and attractions, including the Eureka Walking Tour guide. The boxcar remained in service for the E&P until the late 1930s and has been refurbished to its original condition. Near the boxcar visitors will find mining equipment dating back to the 1860s, including ore carts and headframes. The boxcar chamber at 11 North Main Street is open from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Wednesday. Call the chamber, 775-237-5484, for more information.

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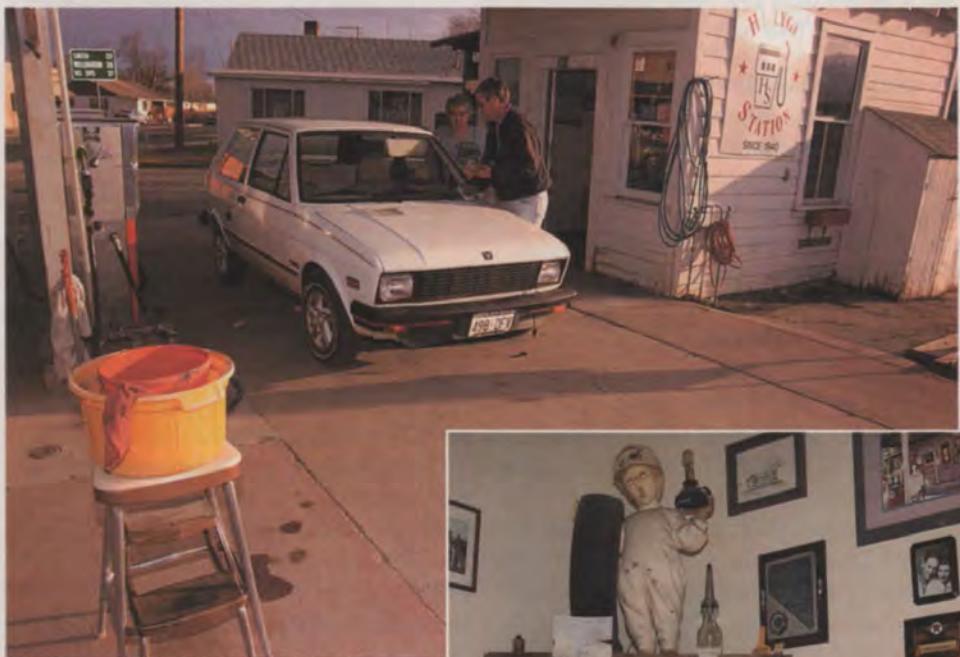
Ed Hillygus carries on a family tradition at Yerington's classic gas station.

By Carolyn Fox

While prowling for antiques in downtown Yerington last spring, Larry and I saw the little gas station that stands a block south of the courthouse. It was Wednesday, when the Hillygus Station is normally closed, but we do lead charmed lives. Ed Hillygus was there.

Take notice gals, and move over Paul Newman. Cool Hand Luke is alive and well in Yerington. Remember the scene in the movie where the young woman was washing her car windows and her dress got all wet and soapy? That's what you get from Ed—the window washing, that is, because he's usually not all wet. He's had a lot of practice. He grew up there.

Larry and I did our usual hanging around until we were noticed. "I'm sorry I'm so busy," Ed greeted us as a car drove off. "We're usually closed today, but I'm going to Sacramento for March [college basketball] Madness. I'll also get a chance to see my daughter on the same trip." I noticed that he had placed the window-washing bucket on an old-style kitchen stool with flip-down steps, a replica of the stool that I perched on when my mother gave me a Toni home perm. I asked Ed about the stool. "You know, that was my mother's. She used to keep the wash bucket on the ground, but after she died, I found the stool in the shed and brought it out so I



Ed Hillygus keeps a bucket ready for window-washing duty at the full-service Hillygus Station in Yerington. At right, Ed poses in his tiny office filled with photos and memorabilia.

wouldn't have to bend down," he said.

Ed recalled that his mother, Clara, ran the place for 17 years by herself after his dad, Lowell, died. "My mom and dad got the station from Granddad in 1939. Shortly after that the original building burned, so we've always called this the 'new' station."



Clara Hillygus and her window rags were welcome sights to motorists.

Ed invited us inside the tiny white clapboard building. There was just enough floor space to roll the Coke machine back to bed at night. Ed told us that his mom died of a heart attack one week after he retired from 31 years of teaching math to high school kids. The building's interior then was nothing but bare walls. The old stove didn't work, and Ed couldn't put



on enough clothes. So he put up sheetrock and kept the bare light bulb burning over the credit-card machine to keep it warm. "Don't touch those walls—your mom wouldn't like it, everyone said. I put in a new heater. I'm not as tough as she was," he said.

"Mom and Dad had nothing but Texaco products," Ed told us. Just then a young brunette with a lime sucker in her mouth coasted in driving a Caprice Classic. Ed added, "We even used to give away hat-shaped Fire Chief suckers." The gal asked

Ed if he thought the weather would hold long enough for her to wash her car. He said yes and started the gas pump. Then he washed her windows with old rags made out of the same fabric that you used to see on the continuous rolls in old gas-station restrooms.

In drove a tan Ford pickup. Ed spoke to the woman in Spanish. "She doesn't want me to wash the windows because it's her husband's truck," he explained while pumping gas. Then appeared a GMC Sierra 3500 with "DBJR" personalized plates. Dave "Pete" Borsini Jr., a local rancher, was superstitious and wouldn't let Ed wash his windows in case it would cause rain and ruin the hay crop.

Here came another truck, a white Ford Courier. A guy jumped out and pumped

**Dave "Pete" Borsini Jr.,
a local rancher, wouldn't
let Ed wash his windows in
case it would cause rain.**

his own gas while talking to Ed a mile a minute about basketball. Everybody knows that Ed used to be the golf and basketball coach at school. Ed said he'd better at least wash all the windows. To do a good job he had to wash both outside and inside due to all the dog slobber.

"I'm really sorry that we're so busy," Ed apologized back in the spotless museum-like office. Ed had lovingly displayed some Texaco items from the old days. There were several pictures of the old station and up in the corner was the figure of the Fisk Tire boy in his pajamas, holding a tire on his right arm, heading the company slogan, "Time to Retire."

Then I spotted the photo on the back of the desk, lit by the bare light bulb over the credit-card machine. It was the prize-winning photo I'd seen four years ago in *Nevada Magazine*, a photo that tells a story in just one frame. It showed Clara Hillygus and her gas station in the background. Rags in both hands, she was washing a windshield as she had done for the past 50 years.

Now Ed Hillygus carries on the tradition of service that everyone in and around Yerington still enjoys. He's closed on Wednesdays, unless a basketball game changes his plans. ■

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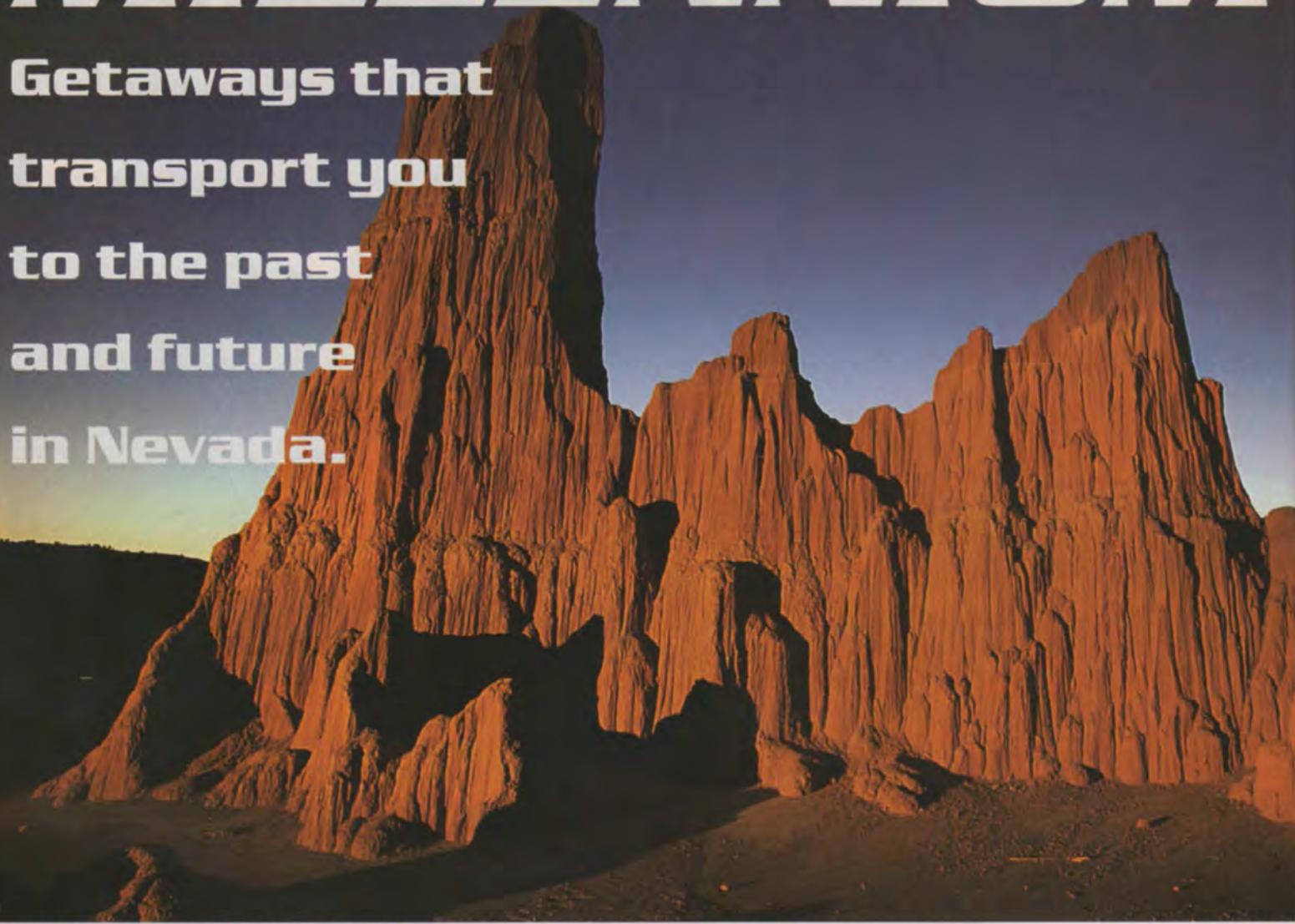
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The prehistoric fantasyland of Cathedral Gorge, so named by Lincoln County pioneers, continues to be sculpted by wind and water.

It's the dawn of a new millennium. During the last one, you braved the crowds at Disneyland and snapped a few Polaroids of Mount Rushmore. But what do you do for an encore worthy of a new millennium? From urban monoliths like the futuristic Stratosphere Tower to more remote locales such as Lunar Crater, a vast, natural depression that is neither crater or lunar, there are places in Nevada where you can get into a millennial frame of mind. So where are they? As Rod Serling used to say, "Submitted for your approval ..."

THE EXPERIENCE

In the future, bipeds still rule—albeit in the form of Klingons, Ferengis, and Vulcans as well as humans. At least that's the version of a future millennium found

at Star Trek: The Experience, the interstellar attraction at the Las Vegas Hilton. The Experience is a combination Star Trek shrine/theme restaurant/interactive motion-simulation ride that captures the 24th-century ambience of the popular *Star Trek* television programs and films. The \$70-million attraction, which opened in 1998, includes more than 200 props, costumes, masks, and special effects used in the Star Trek productions.

Enhancing the visit are characters from the movies and shows, in full alien makeup and costume, who sidle up to you to make conversation—think of it as a kind of Star Trek Chautauqua. The heart of The Experience is a four-minute movie in which you are a participant. Through the wonder of special effects, you find yourself beamed aboard a spaceship and zipping

through a brief but exciting adventure involving the crew of the *Starship Enterprise*. Live long and prosper.

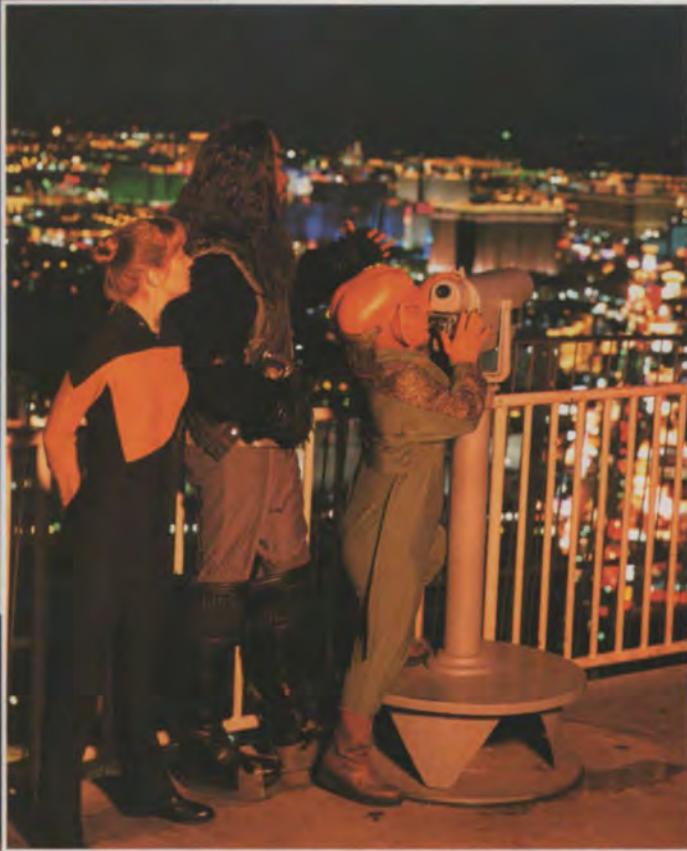
READY FOR TAKE OFF

With its sleek, ultravertical design, the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas is as close to Flash Gordon architecture as you'll find in Nevada. The massive structure—it rises 1,100 feet—resembles either a giant rocketship or one of those three-legged, walking Martian pods in the 1953 science-fiction movie *War of the Worlds*.

The Stratosphere's immense size and height—it is the tallest man-made structure in Nevada—encourage philosophical thoughts. There is something profound about sitting in one of the windowed lounges at the tower's top and enjoying the panoramic views of the Las Vegas Valley.

VACATIONS

BY RICHARD MORENO



Even interplanetary beings from *Star Trek: The Experience* visiting the Stratosphere Tower (above and right) tend to find the Vegas views otherworldly.



From that heavenly perch you can watch the pulsing, blinking lights of the city, ruminate about the future, and find out if you have acrophobia.

STRANGE LANDS

If the Stratosphere Tower is *The Jetsons*, then Cathedral Gorge State Park is *The Flintstones*. Located 165 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Cathedral Gorge is as prehistoric as the tower is futuristic. The gorge's clay cliffs, towers, and spires resemble the stone metropolis of Bedrock, home of Fred, Wilma, and Pebbles.

Cathedral Gorge was created more than a million years ago, when Nevada was a much wetter place. Several streams drained into a lake, gradually filling it with silt and clay. After the lake dried up, its bed was exposed to the wind and rain and

eroded into the unique clay formations found at Cathedral Gorge today.

Get lost in the clay gorge's maze of tall, narrow passages, and it's easy to imagine an earlier time before picnic tables and barbecue pits. Perhaps ancient varieties of bison grazed on the grasses growing on the upper mesas or on the valley floors; bison bones dating back 1,200 years have been found in the park.

VALLEY OF FLICKS

Filmmakers needing a stand-in for another time or planet often head to Valley of Fire State Park, 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Lots of movies representing future millennia have been shot in the red-sandstone hills of Valley of Fire. When the producers of *Star Trek: Generations* needed a place to kill off long-in-the-tooth char-

acter Captain James T. Kirk, they did it at Valley of Fire (in the film, Kirk was also buried there). When the makers of the futuristic *Total Recall*, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, wanted a setting that resembled the desolate surface of Mars, they chose Valley of Fire.

But Valley of Fire has shown great flexibility when it comes to its millennial appearances in movies. The valley appeared as early-20th century Mexico in the 1966 film, *The Professionals*, which starred Lee Marvin. Now that's talent.

BY DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

It's likely that Nevada's first glimpse of the next millennium will take place on Wheeler Peak in Great Basin National Park. While it's not likely that you can be there because of the peak's snow, ice, and

treacherous winter weather, you can scan the heavens from atop Wheeler in July and August, the best months to make the ascent.

At 13,063 feet, Wheeler is the second-highest spot in the state and the tallest peak on Nevada's eastern edge, where the sun comes up first. As you stand on Wheeler's rocky peak imagining the millennial dawn, you might look downslope to a grove of ancient bristlecone pines to put things in perspective. The gnarled trees, some of which have seen four to five millennia, draw your mind back to a time when the glacier on the slope of Wheeler Peak was larger and much younger and the petroglyphs carved on the cliffs below were still new. And, if you listen closely, the trees may seem to be whispering among themselves, perhaps telling tales of long ago.

CINDER-ELLA STORY

Despite its otherworldly name and appearance, Lunar Crater has more in common with the geological activities of the past millennium than it does with the future. More than three quarters of a mile wide and 420 feet deep, this huge hole is the remnant of an exploded cinder cone. The crater, located about 40 miles east of Tonopah via U.S. 6, sits in a nest of extinct volcanic cones and lava flows known as the Lunar Crater Volcanic Field.

The crater was created a millennium ago when an active cinder cone became



Lunar Crater, a national natural landmark, is a magnificent depression nearly 4,000 feet across in the Pancake Range east of Tonopah.

clogged with lava and exploded. From its upper edge, visitors look down into a giant, bowl-shaped valley. The crater is so vast that it seems to generate its own weather, such as the fierce winds that race up its steep walls. Sitting on the wooden bench that overlooks Lunar Crater one can appreciate the tremendous power of Mother Nature and ponder one's place in the world.

E.T. COMES HOME

If you were an alien visiting this planet, where would you go? Some folks believe Rachel is the place. Located in the center of Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway (State Route 375), the tiny hamlet of Rachel has capitalized in recent years on its proximity to Area 51, allegedly the site of a super-secret U.S. government base dedicated to the study of extraterrestrials. Regardless of whether the truth is out there, Rachel is, and it's a funky, friendly little burg that loves visitors—domestic, international, or interplanetary. There's no better place to go to make first contact.

FELLOW TRAVELERS

Nevada has a number of places where it is possible to commune with creatures of past millennia. One of the best is Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park. Located 23 miles east of Gabbs, the park displays the fossilized skeletons of 37 prehistoric *Shonisaurus popularis*, also known as ichthyosaurs. These giant marine reptiles swam the Mesozoic oceans about 190 million years ago. At 50 to 60 feet long and nearly 50 tons in weight, the ichthyosaur was among the largest creatures to ever

swim the seas. Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park also offers camping and guided tours of Berlin, an abandoned mining camp that was established in 1897. An interpretive center has been built around the archaeological dig site where the ichthyosaurs were unearthed. If you study the bones for a time, you'll see features such as rib cages, tails, fins, eyes, and huge, toothy beaks. We should all look so good when we're 190,000 millennia old.

NEVADA'S TABULA RASA

The Black Rock Desert stands like a blank chalkboard 120 miles north of Reno. With miles of open, flat surface, it appears to have no beginning or end. You can stand on the playa, turn in any direction, and see nothing. The Black Rock's vast flatness, dryness, and emptiness—the absence of anything—have attracted artists like Bay Area photographer Douglas Keister, who has photographed friends and family acting out fantasies at the Black Rock, and DeWayne "Doobie" Williams, who spent 15 years carving philosophical musings on boulders that line a dirt road on the edge of the playa. (Examples: "The time we enjoy wasting is not wasted time" and "To crush the simple atom all mankind was intent, and now the atom will return the compliment.") There's the Burning Man Celebration, a week-long, Woodstock-style event that draws tie-dyed hordes to the Black Rock each Labor Day weekend. Highlight of the festivities is the burning of a 50-foot-high wooden figure.

Of course, it takes going out some distance onto the hardpan to begin to un-

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derstand the Black Rock's allure. Feel like lying on your back and screaming? You can do it. Want to run in circles until you fall down exhausted, laughing hysterically? Go for it. Have an urge to recite really bad poetry at the top of your lungs? Do it. In the Black Rock, you can be yourself—or whoever you want to be in the next millennium. ▀

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's publisher. He wants to be taller in the next millennium.

VACATION DETAILS

Star Trek: The Experience: Las Vegas Hilton. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Admission \$14.95. Call 888-GOBOLDLY or log onto www.star-trekexp.com. **Stratosphere Tower:** The elevator ride to the top costs \$6. Call 800-99-TOWER. **Cathedral Gorge State Park:** Call 775-728-4460. **Valley of Fire State Park:** Call 702-397-2088. **Wheeler Peak/Great Basin National Park:** Call 775-234-7331. **Lunar Crater:** Call BLM in Tonopah, 775-482-7800. **Rachel:** Call Little A 'Le' Inn, 775-729-2515. **Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park:** Call 775-964-2440. **Black Rock Desert:** Call BLM in Reno, 775-861-6400.

Close Encounters With Open Minds

Story and Photos by Richard Menzies

Millennium

vacationers

will find that

in Rachel's

outer limits,

true believers

are never

alone.

Las Vegas started out as a whistle-stop, Laughlin as a bait shop—and only yesterday, it seems, Rachel was but a tiny, anonymous dot on the Nevada road map. That was before Joe and Pat Travis bought the Rachel Bar and Grill and set about transforming it into the Little A 'Le' Inn. Today the establishment is a world-famous attraction alongside the Extraterrestrial Highway, where all manner of life forms congregate to compare notes and consume great quantities of Alien Burgers, with or without secretion (cheese).

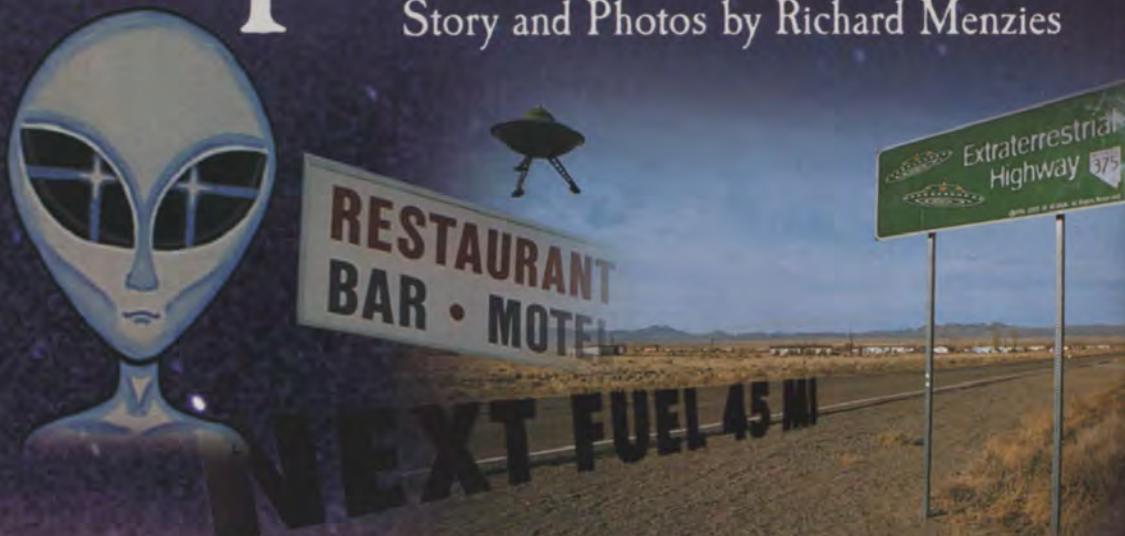
"You know, every business needs a gimmick, a theme," says Joe, who tends bar while wife Pat supervises the kitchen. "We decided to name the place the Little A 'Le' Inn in 1990, and it's worked well."

A gimmick is one thing; location is

another. Here again the Travises have demonstrated supernatural business acumen by choosing to set up shop in a tiny community of only 98 citizens, beside a virtually deserted highway, in a part of the country where sonic booms are more common than thunder and airplane parts occasionally fall like rain. What isn't readily apparent is Rachel's number-one tourist attraction: an ultra-secret military air base just 25 miles away that, according to the U.S. government, doesn't exist.

Fact is, without Area 51 there would be no Little A 'Le' Inn, which functions not merely as a roadhouse but as a clearing-house for UFO sightings and other paranormal phenomena. As the third millennium approaches, interest in such things is clearly heating up. Every customer in the place has a pet theory—plus three or four times a day a reporter will ring up the bartender and ask if he believes in extraterrestrial beings.

"We've had calls from Belgium. We've had calls from France," Joe says. "From Italy—from all over. They ask questions, and we answer as truthfully as we can." Travis' standard response is that he doesn't know what's out there but he tries



Pat and Joe Travis serve millennium-style burgers.

to keep an open mind. "It's not logical to me that there's no other life except here on earth," he declares. "You know, God wouldn't build this vast universe for just a semi-intelligent being such as we."

Formerly known as Tempioite Village, Rachel consists of half a dozen permanent dwellings and an indeterminate number



Chuck Clark at the Area 51 gate. The Rachel resident has interests in astronomy and other airborne objects.

of mobile homes, each equipped with the obligatory satellite dish and airplane-part yard ornament. The town first came into being as a camp for workers at a nearby tungsten mine, but during the 10 years since the mine shut down, Rachelites have increasingly looked heavenward for sustenance.

Donald Emory, custodian of the Area 51 Research Center, estimates there are five Rachel residents employed at the secret base and another 15 attached to the Tonopah Test Range. None are at liberty to discuss their work, of course, which only serves to fuel the rumors—the wildest being that the U.S. government is reverse-

and stopping and then continuing on. I was watching in the direction of Groom Lake, and it shot down, stopped, and then there was a blank space, and then it shot down right into the base. It was really weird."

Rachel resident Chuck Clark has witnessed similar aerial phenomena. "I've seen stuff out there several times flying in the sky that seems to be self-luminous, glowing, pulsating—making moves that are physically impossible for standard earth materials or for the hardware that it would take to go from a hover, go several miles in a second or two, make a V-turn, or stop on a dime. Things like that—just far beyond the physics of normal materials and technology that we have now."

Clark, a California native and semiretired astronomer, moved to Rachel five years ago in order to be close to his son, who lives in Las Vegas, and also to the Upsilon Andromedae, which is visible from his front yard. His goal, he says, is to photograph "about 300 of the best objects in the sky for amateur astronomers to view in a format that's never been presented. I'm also photographing clusters of galaxies, exploded stars, double stars."

Daytimes, Clark likes to train his powerful telescope on Area 51—at any rate, he used to before the military declared the mountain ridges south of Rachel

Clark is frequently followed by a posse of white Jeep Cherokees bearing government plates.

engineering extraterrestrial flying disc technology at a sanctum sanctorum known as Site Four deep inside Area 51.

If not flying saucers, the base is assuredly home to some manner of high-tech marvel. Opinions vary as to whether it's a spy plane or a space plane that lights up the night skies—or perhaps it's a high-energy particle beam capable of zapping incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles.

"I've seen some pretty weird things," says Emory. "Lights shooting across the sky

off-limits to sightseers in 1995. Today the nearest overlook is atop 7,800-foot Tikaboo Peak, 26 miles from the air base's control tower and not accessible by passenger car. Clark drives a black Jeep Cherokee and is frequently followed by a posse of white Jeep Cherokees bearing white government license plates. Still, he likes to think of himself as the good guy.

"They have people watching you from not very far away," he says, "and if you go and hang near one of these entrances over at the base of Bald Mountain, usually within 10 minutes you'll have a white Jeep sitting a hundred yards away watching you. And for quite a few years they were getting away with abuses far beyond their authority. They were coming out and approaching people as far out as the highway, which is like 13 miles outside of the line. And telling them, 'You're on government land. If you don't leave right now, we're gonna have to arrest you. And yeah, 'you're on government land. BLM land—it's ours!"

Clark claims the guards have backed off in recent years, thanks in part to renegades like himself who refuse to be intimidated. "I didn't accept the abuse," he says. "If they shadowed me a few miles outside the line, I'd let 'em do it for a while, and then I'd turn around and chase them right back to the line. Because I figured out real fast that they had a no-contact policy outside the line, to where they were supposed to keep



Donald Emory says, "I've seen some pretty weird things."

about a hundred yards from you. So I'd just use that to my advantage and shoo 'em back across the line."

After five years of playing cat and mouse with him, Clark's pursuers have evidently wearied of the chase and no longer bother

Rachelites enjoy front-row seats for an ongoing air show that features mock aerial dogfights.

to step out of the guard house whenever the familiar black Jeep pulls up to the gate. If they could, they'd probably look the other way—but Clark won't hear of it. His favorite torment is to loiter near the base perimeter on the afternoon of Super Bowl Sunday, close enough so that security personnel are obliged to maintain "eyes only" surveillance of his nonactivities for the duration of the football game.

Rachel lies only 10 miles from the northern boundary of Area 51, but knowledgeable sky watchers will tell you it's not the best place to look for UFOs. They will direct you to a spot midway between mileposts 29 and 30 on State Route 375 (the Extraterrestrial Highway). There you will find an artifact known to UFOlogists throughout the world as the black mailbox.

As it happens, that mailbox stands at just about the best viewing location for the airspace above Area 51 and S-4, where the UFO technology appears to originate, explains Chuck Clark. "From the mailbox, if you're looking off south-southwest, you're seeing the lowest section of hills, and anything that's flying more than 200 or 300 feet above the ground is visible. A lot of the tourist people, they wanna run down closer to the boundary thinking they're gonna see more, but the hills get higher as you get closer, so you're defeating your own purpose."

Contrary to popular belief, the roadside mailbox is in no way connected with the top secret military base. Rather, it belongs to Steve and Glenda Medlin, who raise cattle and ostriches on a ranch in Tikaboo Valley. On average, the Medlins turn away three or four carloads of uninvited visitors per day, and it's not unusual for them to encounter strangers encamped in the vicinity of their mailbox. Indeed, it's not

unheard of to find strangers reading their mail.

Three years ago Steve Medlin decided to retire his old mailbox, installing in its place a plate-steel, armor-plated, padlocked strongbox. The new one is painted white, but no matter—true believers still refer to it as the black mailbox and continue to arrive from all corners of the globe in order to scratch their names and credos upon its hallowed surface.

"It's just a reference point is all it is," explains Clark. "A regular \$6 mailbox, and it took on a life of its own. And honestly, one day I expect to go out there and see somebody with a prayer rug worshipping the thing, you know, like the monolith in 2001."

For mailbox pilgrims and other observers, streaking lights and black helicopters aren't the only unusual sights in the skies over Southern Nevada. Thanks to an absence of atmospheric haze and light pollution, Rachel is a good spot to view meteors, comets, planets, orbiting satellites—even rocket launches from Vandenberg Air Base in Southern California. Because of their proximity to the Nellis Range Complex, Rachelites enjoy front-row seats for an ongoing air show that features mock aerial dogfights, low-flying B-52s, B-2 Stealth bombers, F-16, F-15, F-18, and F-4G fighter jets, F-111 fighter bombers, and A-10 tank killers.



Rancher Steve Medlin's mailbox is often the target of unidentified flying taggers.

Sometimes the action gets too close for comfort. On July 10, 1986, an F-16 assigned to the Royal Norwegian Air Force crashed only 75 feet from D.C. Day's trailer park, igniting a grass fire that townsfolk battled with shovels and garden hoses. The pilot, Leif Granseth, bailed out safely and later sent the citizens of Rachel a thank-you note, some squadron patches, photos, and a model Viking ship.

The Little A 'Le' Inn's gift shop offers similar souvenirs and mementos—such items as posters, bumper stickers, decals, coffee mugs, T-shirts, pendants, and even inflatable extraterrestrials. Visitors can

pause, also, to contemplate the time capsule that stands outside the front entrance, placed there three years ago by 20th Century Fox's publicity department to promote the science-fiction thriller *Independence Day*. Sealed inside are various unnamed documents—including, perhaps, the hard evidence Scully and Mulder have been searching for, lo these many television seasons. Unfortunately, the capsule isn't scheduled to

be cracked open until the year 2050.

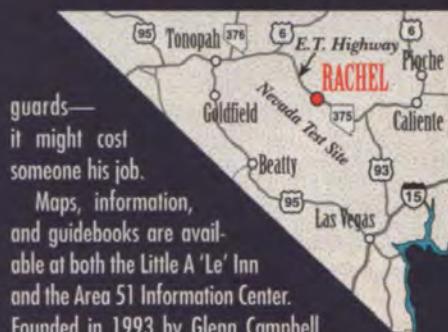
Until then, we can only continue to wonder what's out there—and keep watching the skies. ■

Richard Menzies is a roving reporter who has never been abducted by space aliens but was once taken prisoner by the U.S. Air Force.

E.T. Vacations

For a community of only 98 earthlings, Rachel has a surprising number of civic amenities, including a library, community center, thrift shop, Baptist church, and four-plot cemetery. Last December the gas pumps at the Quik Pic convenience store ran dry, so be sure to top off your fuel tank in Tonopah, 111 miles northwest; Ash Springs, 41 miles southeast; or Caliente, 78 miles east. A limited number of rooms are available at the Little A 'Le' Inn, which has a cafe and bar; call 775-729-2515 for room reservations.

Always carry drinking water and energy food, and should your car break down in the desert, stay put and don't wander into the desert. If you must go for help, leave a note in plain sight telling which direction you went and when. Take care not to park on either of the two unpaved roadways that lead from State Route 375 to Area 51 because you could be cited for obstructing traffic. And please don't snap pictures of security



guards—it might cost someone his job.

Maps, information, and guidebooks are available at both the Little A 'Le' Inn and the Area 51 Information Center. Founded in 1993 by Glenn Campbell, the center maintains one of the Internet's most frequented home pages (www.ufomind.com). Not all Area 51 boundaries are fenced or clearly marked, so a careless adventurer could easily find himself on the wrong side of the line. At best, trespassers can expect to pay a \$600 fine plus a hefty tow charge. (Impounded vehicles are dragged 103 miles to Pioche, the Lincoln County seat.) At worst—well, heed the fine print on the warning signs: "Use of deadly force authorized."—Richard Menzies

The Best of Nevada

By Carolyn Graham

Nevada Magazine readers are an opinionated bunch. Close to 400 of you filled out ballots in the magazine's second annual "Best of Nevada" readers' poll. Judging by this year's results, we learned that you like to gamble in downtown Las Vegas, find romance at Lake Tahoe, and explore ghost towns. You enjoy seeing production shows as well as camel races and classic car gatherings—and, of course, you love Wayne Newton.

This year's poll included a few new categories, such as friendliest casino, best urban attraction, and best themed restaurant. Following are the results of the 1999 "Best of Nevada" readers' poll.

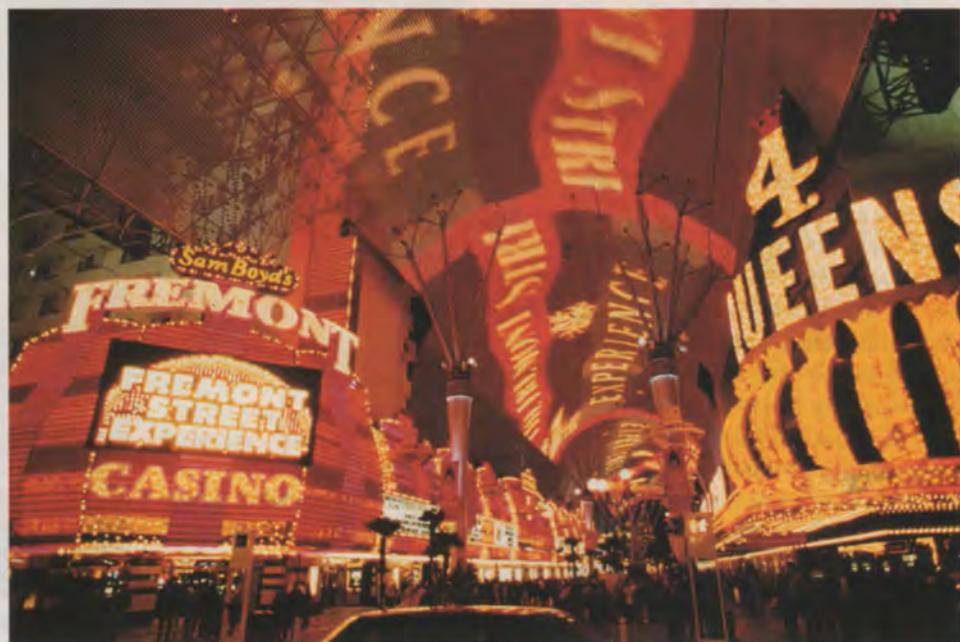
Best Entertainer



Comedian Bill Cosby got the northern nod.

Wayne Newton most likely would say "Danke Shoen" for naming him Southern Nevada's best entertainer for the second year. But the race was close—Danny Gans, who appears at the Rio, and Steve Wyrick, a magician who performs at the Lady Luck, came in a close second and third. In Northern Nevada, **Bill Cosby** got the nod again, edging out Danny Marona as well as Ron Rose, the longtime piano player at Harveys Lake Tahoe. **Sonny Turner**, former lead singer of the Platters, took top

The Votes



The animated light show at the Fremont Street Experience shone brightest among the urban attractions.

honors in rural Nevada, although the Las Vegas resident performs mostly in Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Best Revue or Long Running Show

Although some voters may secretly prefer to nominate the white tigers and lions in the show, readers declared **Siegfried and Roy**, who appear and disappear at the Mirage, as the best show in Southern Nevada. Last year's winner, **Cirque du Soleil** at Treasure Island, came in a close second. Up north, "**Tap Girls**" at Harveys Lake Tahoe was the winner. "**That Sentimental Swing**," the musical variety show at the Ramada Express in Laughlin, was the clear choice in the rurals.

Best Hotel/Resort

For the second year, *Nevada Magazine* readers favored the off-Strip **Rio Suite Hotel**, which has the city's most popular buffet, a parade that winds over the casino, and a wine cellar. Readers also were impressed by the lavish **Bellagio**, which was the runner-up. In Laughlin, the Spanish villa-styled **Harrah's** earned top honors, and the **CasaBlanca** was the favored resort in

Mesquite. In Reno, the **Silver Legacy** drew the most votes. At Lake Tahoe, the choice was **Harveys**. The **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden was tops in the Carson area, and **Cactus Petes** in Jackpot won for the second year in rural Nevada.



Cactus Petes in Jackpot was the top rural hotel.

Best Place to Gamble

The votes in this category were varied, creating a narrow margin between this year's Las Vegas winner, the **Lady Luck**, and last year's, **Binion's Horseshoe Club**. **Sam's Town** came in a close third. In Laughlin, the votes again went to **Harrah's**, although **River Palms** gave Harrah's a run for its

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Nevada readers respond in the 1999 "Best of Nevada" poll.



The Silver Legacy in Reno was voted the best hotel and best place to gamble.

money. In Mesquite, the **Oasis** edged out **CasaBlanca**. The **Silver Legacy** won in Reno, and **Harveys** won at Lake Tahoe, with a strong second-place finish by **Harrah's Tahoe**. In the Carson area, bettors preferred the casino at the **Carson Nugget**. The **Searchlight Nugget**, home of the 10-cent cup of coffee, was the surprise rural winner.

Friendliest Casino

Reader opinions were all over the Nevada map in this category. More than 50 casinos from the Showboat to the Stardust were nominated in Las Vegas alone. In the end, the **Lady Luck** in downtown Las Vegas narrowly eked past the **Rio**. In Laughlin, **Harrah's** was selected as the friendliest, with the **Oasis** winning in Mesquite. **John Ascuaga's Nugget** in Sparks, known for its elephant mascots Bertha and Angel and offbeat television commercials featuring rancher-owner John Ascuaga, was the winner in the Reno area. **Harveys Lake Tahoe** took the prize among the lake's casinos. The **Carson Nugget**, which bills itself as the

"Happiest Casino in the World," won in the Carson area, and the **Red Lion** in Elko took the prize for most amiable rural casino.

Best Thrill Ride

Taking a trip to Las Vegas or driving in Great Basin National Park during a snow-storm were mentioned as thrills enough for some readers, although the majority thought the Big Apple on the Strip had the most screams. This year, New York-New York's **Manhattan Express Roller Coaster** beat its rival rides—the Big Shot and High



John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks was friendliest.



The Rio stood out as Las Vegas' best hotel with the best buffet.



Voters screamed for the Manhattan Express at New York-New York.

Roller at the Stratosphere Tower and the Desperado at Buffalo Bill's in Primm.

Best Urban Attraction

Nevada has no shortage of urban attractions, from exploding volcanoes to top-notch museums. But readers' favorite was the **Fremont Street Experience**, where they enjoy watching the high-tech light-and-sound shows along the four-block-long canopy. Tying for second were the pirate battle at Treasure Island and the needle-shaped tower of the Stratosphere.

Best Golf Course

Nevada has close to 100 golf courses, so duffers had a lot of choices in this category. At Lake Tahoe, **Edgewood**, home of an annual celebrity tournament, scored a hole in one with readers. In Las Vegas, the venerable **Desert Inn Golf Club** was the top place to tee off, while **Emerald River** won in Laughlin. The **Oasis** was the clear



Golfers enjoy the scenic links at Edgewood Tahoe.

choice in Mesquite. In the Reno-Sparks area, readers liked **Lake Ridge** and **Red Hawk** equally. In the Carson area, the **Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch**, a scenic course situated north of Genoa, got top billing, followed closely by the Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City. In rural Nevada, golfers will have to hit the courses again this summer to settle a three-way tie between **Round Mountain**, the **Jackpot Golf Club**, and **Toana Vista** in Wendover.

Best Photo Spot

This year, **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area**, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, proved to be the most popular spot for shutterbugs, putting Valley of Fire out of the picture. No surprise in Northern Nevada, where **Lake Tahoe** was crowned most photogenic by readers, who cited such locales as Emerald Bay, Sand Harbor, and Cave Rock as good terrain for tripods. The **Ruby Mountains** were fittingly framed as the best subject in rural Nevada.



Red Rock Canyon clicked with photographers.

Best Park

In Southern Nevada, **Red Rock Canyon** ruled, with Valley of Fire State Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area earning a distant second and third. In the north, **Lake Tahoe** was tops, with readers recommending Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Spooner Lake, and Emerald Bay.

Once again, **Great Basin National Park** was the top pick in the rural area, with a few votes going to the park's Lehman Caves.

Best Place to Fish

Anglers are hooked on **Lake Mead** and **Lake Tahoe**, which tied as the best place to fish in Nevada. But the contest wasn't a runaway—the Walker River and Pyramid Lake tied for second.

Best Place for an Adventure Vacation

Vacationers again selected **Lake Tahoe** as the best place to find adventure, although a few readers picked Great Basin National Park, Mount Charleston, and even Fallon, among others. A couple of voters suggested renting a houseboat on Lake Mead.

Best Place to Hike

Such hikers' havens as the Tahoe Rim Trail and Mount Rose put **Lake Tahoe** over the top in yet another category. Red Rock Canyon was the second-most popular with the backpack bunch. The award for the strangest answer goes to the reader who picked Area 51 as Nevada's best place to hike.

Best Place to Ski

Again, skiers got their greatest lift at **Lake Tahoe**. **Heavenly Ski Area** at the south shore was tops. Surprisingly, the intimate Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort at Mount Charleston came in second.

Best Natural Wonder

Yep, you guessed it—**Lake Tahoe**. Valley of Fire State Park, with its colorful sandstone formations, was readers' next best natural wonder.

Friendliest Town

The contest was heated when it came to most hospitable town, but when the votes were tallied, **Las Vegas** had edged out second-place winner, Lake Tahoe. Laughlin, last year's winner, came in third, with Reno fourth. Voters also cast ballots for such amiable places as Boulder City, Virginia City, and Pioche.

Best Place to Camp

Visitors like to pitch their tents on the shores of **Lake Tahoe**, which, for the sec-



Lake Tahoe tied for best place to fish.

ond year, received the most votes for its picturesque campgrounds.

Best Ghost Town

Its bottle house, outdoor art museum, and crumbling remains of buildings again put **Rhyolite**, four miles west of Beatty, in the top spot among Nevada's ghost towns. While Rhyolite lasted only from 1905 to about 1920, the town's ghostly remains are an enigmatic and photogenic sight. Visitors can tour the Rhyolite Bottle House, which has been preserved by local volunteers.

Best Place to Shop

With its Italian streetscapes, talking statues, and stores like Gucci and Versace, the **Forum Shops at Caesars** on the Las Vegas Strip again had the most retail appeal.



Las Vegas was voted this year's friendliest town.

Meadowood Mall in Reno was in the bag again for Northern Nevada. In rural Nevada, readers favored the Old West-style stores along the boardwalks of **Virginia City**, where shops range from candy stores to Christmas mercantiles.

Best Place to Take Kids

Circus Circus in Las Vegas has long been a popular hangout for kids with its upstairs carnival midway and stage, where everything from clowns to housecats perform, and **Grand Slam Canyon**, which has a roller coaster and a water-flume ride. **Lake Tahoe** is still the most popular kid destination in the north, while **Great Basin National Park** was this year's winner in rural Nevada.

Best Special Event/Festival

For the second year, the **National Finals Rodeo** in Las Vegas was picked as best event in the south, although it received some competition from the racing events held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The classic cars and sock hops of **Hot August Nights** in Reno edged out the Great Reno Balloon Race this year in Northern Nevada. In rural Nevada, the **Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering** tied with the **Virginia City International Camel Races**.

Best Museum

The rhinestone-studded capes and furs as well as pianos, cars, and candelabras at the **Liberace Museum** in Las Vegas captured the fancy of *Nevada Magazine* readers, edging out last year's south winner, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. In the north the **Nevada State Museum** in Carson City again was tops. The **Northeastern Nevada Museum** in Elko earned rural honors.



Readers made no bones about picking the Nevada State Museum as best in the north.

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

In Southern Nevada, voters declared that there's no better place to find romance than near the top of the 1,149-foot **Stratosphere Tower**, peering down upon



The Carson Valley Inn is known for its romantic restaurant.

the twinkling lights of Las Vegas. Several readers cited the hotel's Top of the World revolving restaurant as the best place to wine and dine your sweetie. The **Bellagio**, with its Italian music playing overhead and fresh flowers and artwork throughout the casino, was readers' second choice. Romance also comes with a view in Northern Nevada, where voters picked **Llewellyn's Restaurant**, on the 19th floor at Harveys overlooking Lake Tahoe—some voters mentioned the Top of the Hilton at the Flamingo Hilton Reno as tops for romance. The favorite rural hideaway was **Michael's** at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, where couples dine in cozy booths.

Best Helicopter Tour Company

Readers named **Sundance Helicopters**, which conducts tours of the Las Vegas Strip, Pahrump Valley Winery, and the Grand Canyon, as offering the best chopper rides in Nevada.

Best Buffet

The competition was ravenous among Nevada's numerous top-notch buffets, but in the south the massive spread at the **Rio's Carnival World Buffet** was voted the best for the second year. Winning at Tahoe was **Harveys' Garden Buffet**. The **Eldorado's Chefs' Buffet** won the Reno battle of the buffets, with the **Atlantis' Toucan Charlie's** and **John Ascuaga's Nugget's Rotisserie** close behind. The lion's share of rural votes went to the **Red Lion's** buffet in Elko.

Best Gourmet Room

The surprise Southern Nevada winner in this category was the **Burgundy Room** at the **Lady Luck** in downtown Las Vegas. **Llewellyn's** at Harveys Lake Tahoe was the gourmet selection in the north. In rural Nevada, readers pinpointed the **Gourmet Room** at **Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort** in Laughlin, which has a piano bar and a view of the Colorado River.

Best Burger

The perennial favorite, **In-N-Out**, again won best burger honors in the south. The **Hard Rock Cafe** inside Harveys Lake Tahoe won in the north, while the 1950s-themed **Archie's** in Pahrump earned the rural vote.

Best Themed Eatery

The responses were surprisingly varied in this category, but the tropically themed **Rain Forest Cafe** at the MGM led the pack in Southern Nevada. Other notable runners-up included **Quark's Bar** at the Las Vegas Hilton's Star Trek: The Experience and the **House of Blues** at Mandalay Bay. The **Hard Rock Cafe** at Harveys Lake Tahoe was the winner in the north.

Best Saloon

Readers liked the suds and entertainment at the **777 BrewPub** at Main Street Station in downtown Las Vegas, which got top votes in Southern Nevada. **Sam's Town**, which offers line-dancing lessons at its saloon, came in a close second. The **Brew Brothers** at the Eldorado in Reno was the clear choice in the north, and the **Bucket of Blood** in Virginia City, which has its own beer label, was the rural winner.

Reader Recommendations

Readers suggested more than 60 new categories (whew!) for next year's ballot, including best prime rib, slot clubs, wedding chapels, and magician. Other voters thought we should consider who serves the best brunch and where to find the state's best cappuccino. One reader even suggested we include a category for best hotel that has been imploded.

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People Page

A *Playgirl* Playmate, a duck-stamp winner, and a senior roper.

Man of the Month

Robert Monzi says he knows why he was named *Playgirl's* 1999 Man of the Year. "It must be my high cheek bones and piercing green eyes," says the Las Vegas resident, whose 10-page nude layout was featured in the magazine's March edition.

Monzi bared all for the first time in a *Playgirl* centerfold last July. "I chose *Playgirl* because of how much respect they have for their magazine," Monzi, 32, says. He was endowed with the title by *Playgirl* fans who voted him their favorite Man of the Month and now send him 1,000 love letters weekly. The eligible bachelor has a one-year contract with the magazine as a

spokesman, including television appearances and another *Playgirl* layout.

"I've had tremendous support from the people here in Vegas—it's been great," he says, adding that the March issue featuring him was the largest selling *Playgirl* issue in the past 10 years.

"I've always been in great shape," the six-foot-two, 220-pound model says. In 1990 he played football for the Orlando Thunder in the World League. "It was easy to get lean when I finished football."

In his free time, Monzi says, he enjoys jogging, working out, being outdoors, swimming, and romantic adventures. And who is he looking for? "A woman who takes care of herself, is positive, and aggressive in some ways." He adds, "Someone who can totally put me into a fantasy—from the way she treats me to how much sex we have."

This summer Monzi plans to pursue an acting career in Los Angeles. Watch for him in an upcoming issue of *Playgirl* magazine.—*Candice Towell*

Wild About Wildlife

Jani Kreutzjans not only paints ducks—she also has 150 of them living in her backyard. "I finally realized one day after sitting in blinds that it just wasn't enough,

and that I needed to be closer to ducks," Kreutzjans says. So in the mid-1980s Kreutzjans and her husband, John, built four ponds near their rustic home in Washoe Valley. Last fall, her knowledge of ducks helped her become the first Nevada artist to win Nevada's State Duck Stamp Art Contest.

Her winning rendition of two hooded mergansers, with the female gripping a minnow in its beak, was chosen as the best of 68 entries. She worked from photographs of the two mergansers, which she purchased specifically for the competition. She says, "I also bought a brown goldfish, and I made my husband hold it between his fingers so I could paint the minnow right."

Soon afterward Kreutzjans won Nevada's Trout Stamp Art Contest, with a painting of a redband rainbow trout, making her the first artist to win both competitions in the same year.

A painter for more than 20 years, she began entering the state stamp contests 13 years ago. In 1991 Kreutzjans took first place with a detailed rendering of kokanee salmon in the trout stamp competition. In



Jani Kreutzjans creates award-winning stamps.

1996 she placed fifth and in 1997 second in the duck-stamp competition.

The \$5 Nevada duck and trout stamps, which are required for hunting and fishing licenses, help fund wetlands projects and fish hatcheries. Kreutzjans sells limited-edition prints of both stamps for \$145 each. She is not allowed to enter the contest for two years but is brushing up her

skills for the 2000 Federal Duck Stamp Competition.—*Candice Towell*

Reading About Cowboy Bill

Bill Stewart is a son of the Old West. He tips his hat to the ladies and tells stories of chasing wild cattle on the Nevada range. He's 81 years old but still slings a lasso with ease. A team roper who won the state roping championship 30 years ago, Bill is one of only four cowboys in his age group competing at Senior Pro Rodeo events. "I love to rope. It's part of me," the Carson City resident says.

Raised on a California ranch, Bill caught rodeo fever at age eight after his father entered him in a calf-riding event. "When that calf bucked me off, the stampede cord on my hat held the hat over my face. Everyone laughed. I thought, 'Go ahead and laugh, but one day you will read about me.' I've been trying to win championships since."



Bill Stewart: Still riding and roping.

Bill recalls his first taste of Nevada, in the late 1930s: "We caught wild horses at Lake Pyramid and out of Lovelock near the Nightingale Mine. It was something I'll never forget." He returned to Nevada in the early 1950s when he hired on with a Battle Mountain outfit. He later became boss of a big spread near Reno.

Then Bill was hired to manage the wild horses roaming the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District. The government job offered him a comfortable change of pace. He says, "Every time I walked in that office, someone was handing me a check. They gave me a new pickup, a new horse trailer, paid per diem, and rented the horses. This cowboy thought he'd died and gone to heaven."

Bill often dealt with ranchers who leased BLM land. "I talked the same language the ranchers talked. I was strict enough to earn their respect but lenient enough to be their friend," he says. His BLM work ended when he had a wreck in a corral while loading horses. Helicopter out of nowhere with a broken leg and collarbone, he retired.

Today, his wife, Jan, team roping, and his horse, Ace, are his life. When Bill isn't competing with partner Jay Utsey of Mound House, he is practicing at the Darling Ranch arena in Carson City. "I've been a lucky man. I've won saddles, buckles, and state championships," he says. "I've got no kick coming where my life's concerned."—*Laura Tennant*

Photos: Laura Tennant (top right), Candice Towell (bottom)

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Wayne Unplugged

The Midnight Idol ponders his life on and off the boards in Las Vegas.

By Carolyn Graham

Wayne Newton was 15 when he arrived in Las Vegas with a suitcase in one hand and a guitar in the other. Billed as the Newton Brothers, Wayne and his older brother, Jerry, played six shows a night in the lounge of the Fremont Hotel.

Four decades later, the singer who came to Nevada as a chubby, high-voiced teenager is a Las Vegas icon. His image is plastered across billboards, on headliner marquees, even over the baggage carousel at McCarran International Airport. He's so big he has two nicknames, Mr. Las Vegas and the Midnight Idol. And yet, amid his continuing success, Newton's image and show evoke an earlier Las Vegas era, a time when lounges were intimate, swinging rooms where the performer could wink at and joke with the crowd.

During his lounge days Newton played rural Nevada towns like Elko, Ely, and Jackpot. He caught a break when Jackie Gleason invited him to appear on his TV show in New York. Later Newton opened for Jack Benny in Las Vegas. Walter Kane,



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entertainment director for Howard Hughes' empire, also encouraged the young singer. A pivotal point in Newton's career came in the mid-1960s, when he was offered a spot as an opening act at the Flamingo. Weary of playing second fiddle to the stars, Newton said he would accept only if he could headline.

"I decided that I had done enough lounge work to last me the rest of my life. I couldn't take it anymore. My voice couldn't take it anymore. I kept learning to play new instruments simply to give my voice some relief," Newton wrote in his 1989 autobiography, *Once Before I Go*. "So when we played our last weeks at the Fremont, I vowed that was the last lounge I'd ever play."

Since then he has gained fame and fortune playing the main rooms at hotels such as the MGM Grand, Las Vegas Hilton, the Frontier, Harrah's Reno and Lake Tahoe, the Silver Legacy in Reno, and John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. Along the way he became friends with Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Bobby Darin, Robert Goulet, and many other performers. He once owned part of the Aladdin Hotel on the Strip. By his count, Newton has performed for more than 15 million people, all the while attracting fans so loyal they're known as Waynies.

Too much time in the spotlight has led Newton to broaden his interests. An accomplished horseman, he breeds Arabians at his Las Vegas estate, Casa de Shenandoah, a retreat filled with peacocks, wallabies, and other wildlife. When he's performing in town, two or three little dogs often accompany Newton and his wife, Kathleen, to his dressing room.

After more than four decades in show business, one would expect Newton to have a Sinatra-sized ego and a smarmy cynicism, but in person he's surprisingly warm,

"I don't get to see the hotels the way the public gets to see them."



friendly, and approachable. On stage he connects with his audience. Before a recent concert at the MGM Grand, he received a note from a couple from his hometown, Roanoke, Virginia, who had planned their Vegas vacation around seeing the singer perform. Graciously, Newton greeted them by name during the show. Between songs numerous showgoers gave him hugs and kisses, bouquets of flowers, and a talking purple Barney dinosaur. (Wayne, who seems somewhat removed from popular culture, was mystified but gracious about Barney.)

Newton's performance tends to win over the most skeptical showgoers. Even if one doesn't like the music or style, it's hard to resist his flair for such songs as "Mack the Knife" and "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," not to mention the sight of him playing the piano with his feet during "Great Balls of

Fire" a la Jerry Lee Lewis. He's helped by three backup singers, who also take turns soloing, and an 11-piece band with both strings and brass, but Newton can pick, peck, and strum with the best of them—his fiddling rendition of "The Orange Blossom Special" really smokes. He performs some ballads unplugged, using just his guitar and smooth, slightly high-pitched voice to deliver "The Way You Look Tonight" and "So Lonesome I Could Cry."

Recently, Newton paused backstage before his show at the MGM Grand to reflect on his years in Las Vegas—and to reveal what it's like to be the *Midnight Idol*.

Nevada Magazine: What was Las Vegas like when you first arrived?

Newton: I first came here when I was 15 years old, and we auditioned at the Fremont Hotel downtown. My image of Las Vegas, having heard about it as a child, was that the Flamingo Hotel really looked like a giant Flamingo and the elevator probably went up its leg, and the casino and showroom were in the belly and the neck.

I auditioned for a two-week engagement, and we stayed 45 weeks the first year, doing six shows a night, six nights a week. So, I didn't really get a chance to see very much of Las Vegas. My brother Jerry and I stayed in a motel right at the beginning of the Strip then, called the Monte Carlo, having nothing to do with the wonderful brand-new Monte Carlo Hotel. When my parents came up from Phoenix, we moved into an apartment and then eventually a home.

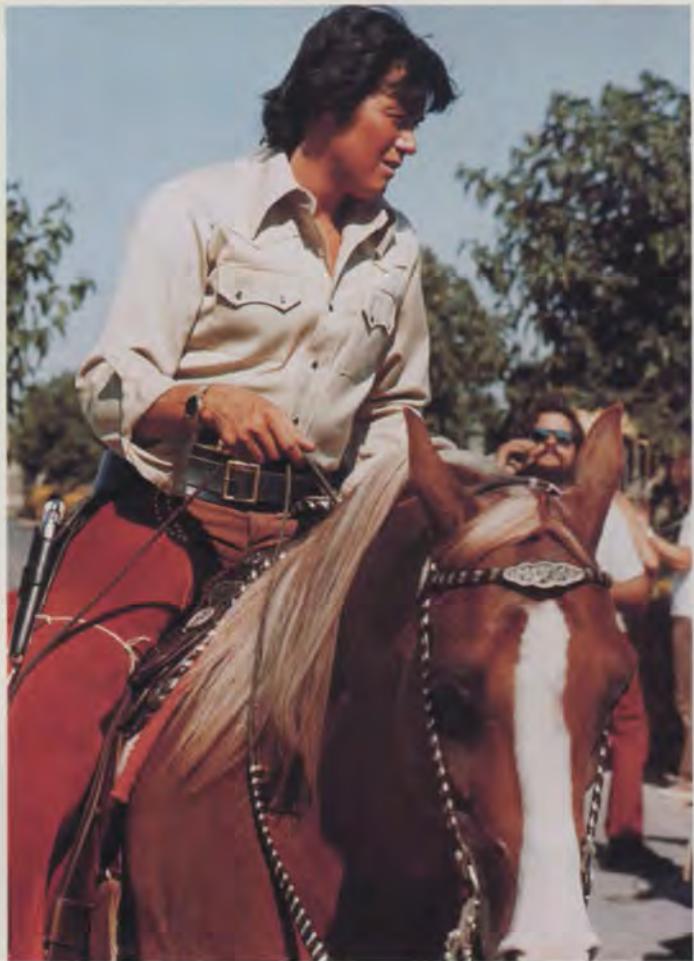
But Las Vegas was a small town in those days. It was very seasonal. You could shoot a cannon off in certain time periods and never hit anybody. It was 'way before the convention business had taken over. On the other side of that coin, though, is that it was a late-night town. It really started to jump around midnight to four or five in the morning.

NM: Is that how you got the nickname?

Newton: The *Midnight Idol* name came about from a reviewer out of Texas. He came



A fresh-faced Wayne Newton greets a pair of autograph hounds in 1963 at the Fremont Hotel coffee shop.



Newton, shown here in the 1970s, is a longtime horseman. At his Las Vegas ranch, Casa de Shenandoah, he breeds champion Arabians.

in—I was appearing at the Frontier—to see the show, and he must have been a syndicated writer, because it was picked up across the country. His rationale was that if Frank Sinatra was in fact the matinee idol, from his days in New York, then surely Wayne Newton must be the Midnight Idol.

NM: Did you like the name?

Newton: I never really thought about it very much. You know, I've been called a lot of things, some of them (pause) nice, and that's one of them.

I tell you what I dislike immensely is this new movement by writers and people to call performers "lounge lizards." It's a denigrating name. And secondly, they really don't know a whole lot about what they're talking about because I researched the name when it started to be applied to performers in Las Vegas. "Lounge lizard" really refers to the 1800s when a guy would pick up his date at her home, and he was kind of cheap. Instead of taking her to dinner, he would spend the night in the parlor instead of taking her out. So it had nothing at all to do with entertainment and in fact was quite the antithesis of that.

NM: I had no idea it went back so far.

Newton: I'm full of useless information (laughs).

NM: Do you get a chance to go the new properties and check out places like Mandalay Bay or the Venetian?

Newton: Well, I went to Mandalay Bay on the ninth of April, and the reason I remember it so well was because it was my fifth anniversary. My daughter Erin had been there, and she insisted that my wife and I join her at one of the new—they don't call them discos anymore, I guess that's a dated term—nightclub in the Mandalay Bay. It was wonderful. Very, very enjoyable.

Unfortunately, most of the places, new hotels included, that I visit, I go in the back door and leave the same way. So it's usually past the kitchen and the garbage cans, and all of that stuff. I don't really get to see the hotels the way the general public gets to see them.

NM: Do you ever just get an urge to do something anonymous, like go to the buffet at Circus Circus or something?

Newton: No, I really don't have the desire. And it's funny because I worked at the Las Vegas Hilton for a lot of years, and I went in the back door every night and left the same way. Then we went to a function there, and I had the occasion to go through the front door and had to find out where the executive offices were. I was looking around like a tourist must feel when they come here.

Another time, I was shooting a segment of *Vegas* with Robert Urich at the Desert Inn. While they were blocking the shot, I went out on the balcony of the suite, and there were people by the swimming pool. They were drinking, they were swimming, and I thought, "My God." I would imagine it would be the same if you lived and worked in Hawaii. You never get to see the place that you work and survive in with quite the same eyes as visitors do.

NM: Do you get to see any noncasino attractions?

Newton: I go out to Valley of Fire all the time. I used to own a ranch right on the other side of Valley of Fire out at Logandale. So I would fly out there in my helicopter. I've gone many places in my helicopter and set down on the top of a plateau, where only a bird could get, taken out a lunch, and spent the afternoon. I know a lot about the outlying areas—really more than I know about the hotels. I can tell you in the old hotels where the tunnels were.

NM: Do you miss those old hotels?

Newton: I think you miss the old places to the extent that you miss the people that were a part of them. It was a much smaller group of people, so you had the opportunity to know them all by first name. With the mega-hotels that's almost an impossibility anymore. You could work for one of those places for 10 years and never meet the 5,000 employees who work there. So I miss those days. I don't necessarily miss the mortar and the brick. I was a little saddened when the Aladdin was imploded, but I also realize that those hotels in today's scheme of things couldn't compete. There's nothing worse than a dinosaur that's incapable of holding its own.

NM: Do think Las Vegas history seems to be disappearing that way?

Newton: I think that the history of Las Vegas will never disappear because it's people who made the history, not the buildings. The wonderful thing about Nevada and Las Vegas is that the people who come here, who live here, are a rare breed of people. You see it even with the great influx of all the new people moving here. If they like you, they like you. And if they don't, leave 'em alone. It's quite the antithesis of what a lot of other cities would lead you to believe about Las Vegas and the people who live here. "Neon Jungle" and "Tinsel Town" and all of that—those are just misnomers. In my opinion, not only do they not represent what Las Vegas is, but the people who use them don't even have a clue.

NM: Are there other places in Nevada that have a special place in your heart besides Las Vegas?

Newton: I think all of Nevada. I played all over Nevada when I was at the Fremont. I played Elko, I played Ely, I played Lake Tahoe.

NM: What's the difference between those audiences and the Las Vegas audiences?

Newton: (Laughs) In those days? In Elko and Ely I think you had primarily people who were traveling through and locals. And the cowboys came in every 30 days. There were certain songs you could not do, like "El Paso." Because if you sang "El Paso," a fight would immediately break out. So when you say, what's the difference, it's a major difference.

NM: How did they respond to Wayne Newton in rural Nevada?

Newton: They love entertainment. And when the ladies of the evening finished work, they would catch the show in the lounge. One time, I was on a plane coming back from England, maybe 15 or 16 years ago, and a guy was seated next to me. He said, "I just saw a picture of you." I said, "Where?" He said, "Well, you were considerably younger, but it was at Betty's B&B," which was a brothel in Elko. I said, "They have my picture up?" and he said, "Yeah." Of course, I had remembered that a lot of the girls after the show would ask for a picture, and I had no idea it ended up on the wall of honor. I had

never been to the place (laughs). But it was interesting to find out that your pictures do end up in wonderful places.

NM: And you also played Carson City?

Newton: Carson City was somewhat the same, even though it was right in between Reno and Lake Tahoe, which drew a totally different crowd. I even played Jackpot, Nevada. So between the tourists and the jackrabbits you've got to love Nevada (laughs). And I think that most of us, being human, relate to places by virtue of how we were treated. If people liked us, then we liked the town.

NM: Do you catch many entertainers or any of the shows when you're in Las Vegas?

Newton: No (laughs). Unfortunately, no. Simply because A, I work seven days a week, and B, for example, when we close tonight, we'll be leaving in the morning at 9 o'clock for Bellingham, Washington, where we're doing a fundraiser for a Native American university tomorrow night. Then I come back and repack and head for the East Coast on Sunday. So they really don't give me a whole lot of time.

NM: Don't you ever get tired of the pace?

Newton: No. I get tired, but not of performing and not of people.

NM: What is your schedule these days? You used to do six shows a night.

Newton: Yes, when I was at the Fremont. When we moved to the Strip, we started doing two shows a night, seven nights a week. It's only been in the last eight or nine years that Las Vegas went to a one-show-a-night policy. I think much of that was predicated on the fact that since we've become such an industry that leans toward the conventions, those people have to be in meetings at eight in the morning. So what used to be the midnight show, which was the show everybody wanted to see, no matter who was appearing in town—they would always gear for the midnight show and then party until six—really is kind of nonexistent right now.

NM: How many songs do you have in your repertoire? It seems endless.

"In Elko and Ely . . . if you sang 'El Paso,' a fight would immediately break out."

Newton: We have two books that are probably nine to 10 inches thick—one on the music stand and the other on the floor—and that probably encompasses about half of the songs that we know. If people yell out a song that we don't have an arrangement for, a lot of times I'll just go ahead and do the song. My people just kind of join in, or I'll turn around and arrange it right there on the spot. I think that spontaneity is one of the reasons that we've enjoyed the longevity that we have.

NM: Are there other reasons?

Newton: Well, I hope there are a lot more than that! I hope it's because we display a modicum of talent. I think also I have a philosophy of performing, entertaining, that is again a throwback to another generation, and that is I don't feel that people should be challenged in their political beliefs or their religious beliefs in this forum, and so I don't do it. I might touch on things that are double entendres, but it's never to try and convince someone that what they're thinking or believing should be challenged.

I don't think that should be carried out on these boards, because the people are here to be entertained. They're not here to hear my problems, whether or not I feel good, what it is I'm angry about that day, whether or not I'm supporting or not supporting a particular candidate, or how I feel about a certain religion. They pay their hard-earned money and go through an awful lot in order to be here, and they really deserve the best that we can give them.

NM: What performers do you admire or wish you had time to see?

Newton: I am probably the biggest fan of all performers that I can think of, with one or two exceptions who will remain nameless. I believe that performers are a very rare breed of people, and I don't know anybody more caring or more giving than most of the performers. They're the first to step up when there's a good cause to give of their talents, and I think that's simply a way of giving back what we've been so blessed with. And let's face it, we have to be the luckiest people in the world in order to go to work, day in and day out, and do something that we love to do.

NM: What if you suddenly woke up with terminal stage fright—is there something, anything else, you would want to do with your life?

Newton: Very early on, I made myself develop an interest in a lot of other things. I know that if I couldn't walk on-stage tomorrow, I could still produce shows. I have certainly enough knowledge of stage work to do that. I could move totally into acting, having done 13 motion pictures now and I don't know how many television shows.

NM: Yes, I saw you recently on an episode of *Aly McBeal*.

Newton: That's supposed to be a recurring role, so I'm very excited about that. It was one of the most fun things I have ever done. But I also fly a helicopter. I fly a jet. I raise Arabian horses. I waterski. I love boating. I love antiques. So if we're traveling, and I can't play tennis, or I can't waterski, or I can't



The Midnight Idol's next Nevada stops include Las Vegas, Laughlin, and Sparks.

Notes on Newton

Wayne Newton will be seeing even more of Nevada this summer and fall. He will appear July 15-28 and September 9-22 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, October 30-31 at Harrah's Laughlin, and November 26-27 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. Waynies can follow his tour dates by logging on his Web site, www.waynewton.net. The site, in addition to having Wayne Newton merchandise, music clips, and photographs, has a new feature—a Wayne Cam that at scheduled times allows fans to see live-action footage of the Midnight Idol.

ride a horse or fly a helicopter, my wife and I get up and we start hitting the antique shops in the town.

I also am very, very interested in today's activities in the world. We have been in every major confrontation that our country's been in since Vietnam, entertaining our troops, and any time we are in a skirmish, there's a very good possibility that we could be headed there. So I'm one of those flag-waving, believe-in-our-military, and believe-in-our-country kind of guys.

NM: On a millennium note, where do you plan to ring in the new year?

Newton: Well, I think there's an awfully good possibility that we will be right here in Las Vegas. We have turned down engagements all over the world, from New Zealand to Australia to other cities in the United States, and very lucrative offers. However, this is my home, and this is where I want to be.

NM: Do you surf the Internet?

Newton: I am so computer illiterate, and it's by design. I have no desire. We do have a Web site, and the designer, Jeff Brandt, is phenomenal at it.

But I know that I have a compulsive per-

"Danke Schoen' is back again, bigger than it was the first time."

sonality. That's why I don't play golf, because I would be out there at midnight. I went bowling one time, and I was so terrible at it, that I stayed there until I bowled three games in a row in which I broke 190 each game. And I have never gone back. I just can't let it defeat me. I know if I ever let the computer get a hold of me, I would blow my career, I would blow my marriage. My daughter Erin would never speak to me again. And knowing that about myself, I don't do it.

NM: Last question: Do you ever get tired of singing "Danke Schoen"?

Newton: No. I waited so long for that record to come along. I had recorded 10 singles before that for 10 different record labels, and each time after each record I would get a letter saying, "Thank you, but our release schedule next year does not include you." So I was just sure that I was never going to have a hit record, and I put all my energies into learning how to walk out on these boards and entertain people.

So when "Danke Schoen" came along, I was just so thrilled, and my father being, not a redneck but being from Virginia and the South and having fought in World War II,

when I told him the name of the song, he said, "People are gonna think you're a communist." (Laughs) So "Danke Schoen" is back again, bigger than it was the first time. It's on two national commercials as we speak. I couldn't even count the television shows it has been on, and it has been to date in over 16 different motion pictures.

NM: And you're still not tired of it?

Newton: Well, I don't sing it every night. We've recorded to date 142 albums, and from those, we've enjoyed 17 number-one or top-10 songs. So people are always asking for different ones along that group. But the one we get asked more for is "Danke Schoen."

NM: Well, it's a great song.

Newton: It's a happy song. It's an interesting song from that standpoint. I never really thought about it when I recorded it.

NM: You don't really think, "I'm going to be doing this 40 years from now."

Newton: No. I did a television special in Germany, and the producer said, "We want you to do 'Danke Schoen'." And I said, "I would love to do 'Danke Schoen', but you have to understand that 'danke shane' is American slang for 'danke shern'. So if you say, 'danke shern', none of the lyrics rhyme." (Laughs) And the English lyric was written by Billy Crystal's uncle, so there you have some trivia.

Carolyn Graham is Nevada Magazine's associate editor and a borderline Waynian.

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Nevada travelers will find a full schedule of events throughout the state. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events listing for July and August, divided into areas of interest. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. The area code is 702 for Las Vegas Territory and 775 for the rest of the state.

Las Vegas Territory

FESTIVALS & HOLIDAYS

Big Al's Fat Tuesday Pool Parties • Tuesdays thru Sept. 14 • Dance and party bands play poolside, food, vendors. Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, 365-7111.

Fourth of July at the Fremont Street Experience • July 2-3 • Music and entertainment. Downtown Las Vegas, 678-5777.

Damboree • July 3-4 • Parade, fireworks, and community chorus concert. Central Park and Old Airport, Boulder City, 294-1499.

Rockets Over the River • July 4 • Fireworks. Laughlin, 298-2214.

Running of the Bulls • July 9-11 • Two-legged humans, who have more courage than sense, try to outrun four-legged critters. Rodeo Grounds, Mesquite, 346-5232.

Blast From the Past • July 16-17 • Free music. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 678-5777.

Fabulous '50s • July 30-31 • Free music. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 678-5777.

Groove Power • Aug. 13-14 • Free music. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 678-5777.

Island Beach Bash • Aug. 27-28 • Free music. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 678-5777.



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Patriotic Displays of Independence

Parades, fireworks, and a Sousa march or two stir patriotism on the Fourth of July at festivities across the Silver State. The holiday coincides with the National Basque Festival, held July 1-4 in Elko.

PERFORMANCES

Family Film Festival • *Mulan*, July 1; *Paulie*, July 8; *Madeline*, July 15; *The Borrowers*, July 22; and *Bogus*, July 29. Free movies shown outdoors in picnic setting. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 229-6211.

Children's Summer Concert Series • July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30 • For ages three and up. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

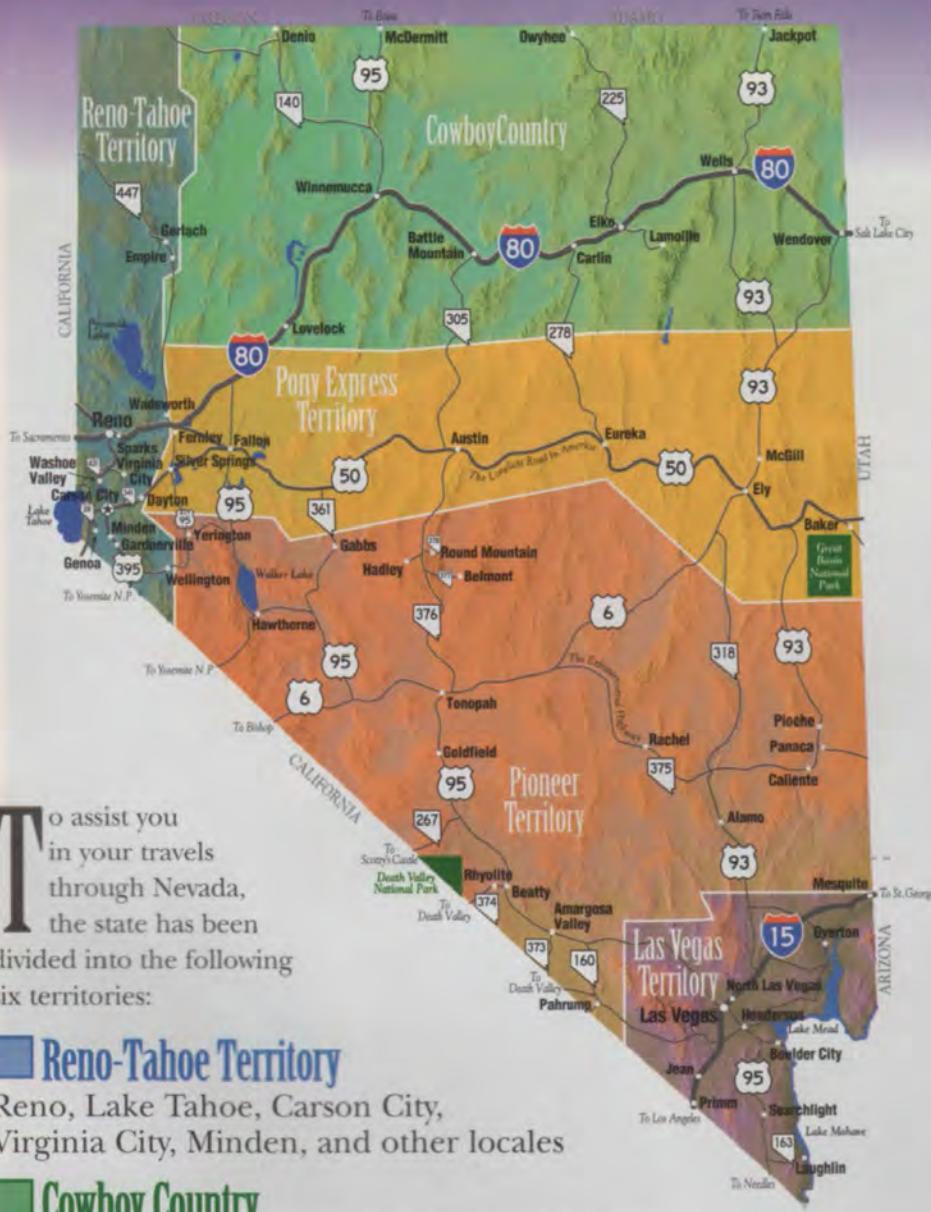
"West Side Story" • July 7-10, 14-17, and 21-24 • Musical performed outdoors in a picnic setting. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-PLAY.

Twilight in the Plaza Concert Series • Walter Blanton Brass Quintet, July 9; Buddy Charles Jazz Orchestra, July 23; Nevada Chamber Symphony, Aug. 13 • Evening concert includes an art show. Civic Center Plaza, Henderson, 565-2367.

Cleveland Ballet Dancing Wheels • July 10 • Professional-company dancers with and without disabilities. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

Splishin' Splashin' Swingin' Summer Concerts • Big '80s, July 10; Hawaiian Luau, July 24; Conched Out, Aug. 14 • Admission includes the concert, swimming, sand volley-

The Nevada Territories



To assist you in your travels through Nevada, the state has been divided into the following six territories:

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Reno, Lake Tahoe, Carson City, Virginia City, Minden, and other locales

Cowboy Country

Lovelock, Winnemucca, Elko, Wells, and other towns along Interstate 80

Pony Express Territory

Fallon, Austin, Eureka, and Ely along U.S. Highway 50, known as "The Loneliest Road in America"

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From Yerington to Pahrump, Tonopah to Beatty, and Pioche to the Extraterrestrial Highway

Las Vegas Territory

From the Strip to Boulder City and Lake Mead to Laughlin, Primm, Jean, and Mesquite

Indian Territory

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ball. Black Mountain Aquatic Complex, Henderson, 565-2367.

Discovery Park Concert • July 17 • Art Vargus swing band. Discovery Park, Henderson, 565-2367.

"Macbeth" • July 29-Aug. 1 • Shakespeare's play performed outdoors in a picnic setting by Michael Edwards Productions from England. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-PLAY.

Bluegrass Concert • Aug. 1 and 8 • Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 229-6704.

An Evening With Leo Kottke • Aug. 7 • Picnic concert featuring American folk guitarist. Government Center Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 455-8200.

Family Film Festival • Aug. 8 • Free showing of *Pocahontas* in an outdoor picnic setting. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 229-6211.

"Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" • Aug. 11-14, 18-21, and 25-28 • Outdoor performance of the Tony Award-winning musical. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-PLAY.

Concert Fantasy '99 • Aug. 14-15 • Dance and music by students of the Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts to benefit Make-A-Wish Foundation. Cashman Theatre, Las Vegas, 458-7575.

Carl Grove Combo • Aug. 21 • Music by request concert. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men • Aug. 28 • Picnic concert. Government Center Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 455-8200.

EXHIBITS

"somethin' fishy goin' on" • Thru July 25 • Undersea life sculptural works by Wayne Littlejohn. Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, Las Vegas, 434-2666.

Machines That Made History • Thru July 27 • Artifacts and photographs of historic sites by Jim Galli of Tonopah. West Las Vegas Library, 228-4274.

Land of Little Rain • Thru Aug. 15 • An exhibit by artist Sharon Schafer concerning the relationships among plants, animals, and people of the Mojave Desert. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.

Wade in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions • Thru Aug. 15 • History, ethnomusicology, and folklore show how the musical legacy of slavery and African-American churches contributed to a worldwide cultural force. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 382-3445.

The Artists' Search • Thru Aug. 30 • Group exhibition. Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Las Vegas, 229-6211.

Art and Photography Exhibits • Wed.-Sat. thru Aug. • Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141.

Life in the Hot and Dry: Desert Animal Adaptations • Thru Sept. 30 • Exhibit shows how creatures including lizards, rodents, rabbits, and butterflies survive in the desert. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.

Outer Space • July 13-Aug. 29 • Oil paintings by Carolina Hirsch. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 228-4274.

Las Vegas Invitational Art Exhibition • July 14-Sept. 5 • Las Vegas Art Museum, 360-8000.

Pictorial Space • July 20-Oct. 12 • Acrylics, pastels, and pencil by Dolores Nast. Green Valley Library, Henderson, 228-4274.

Pair-O-Dice Found • July-Sept. • Artifacts including dice-shaped lamps and art-deco glassware from Las Vegas' first resort and speakeasy on the Strip, the Pair-O-Dice Club. Built in the early 1930s, the property became part of the Hotel Last Frontier in 1942. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 486-5205.

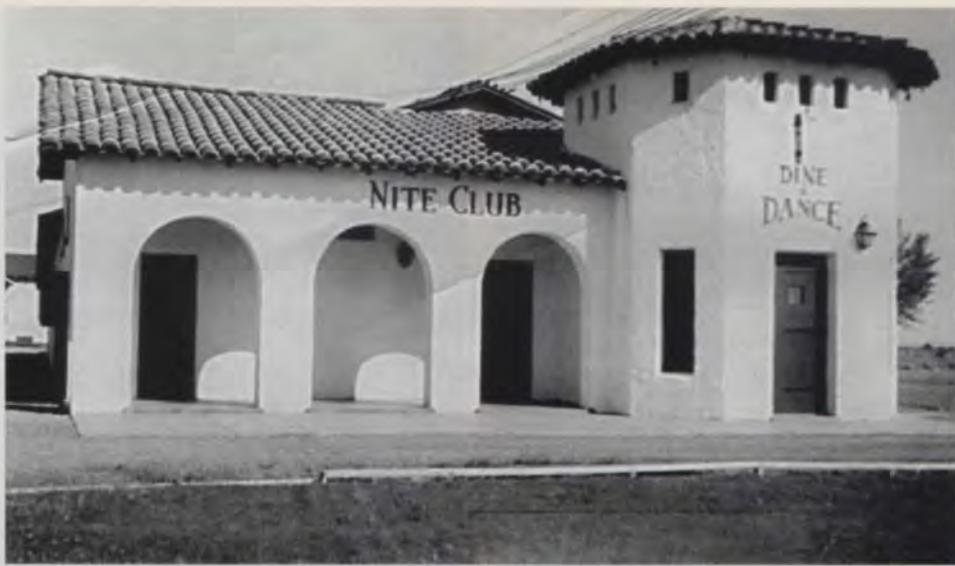
Art-A-Facts • July 29-Sept. 14 • Sculptures by William Mikel Williams represent pictographs. West Las Vegas Library, 228-4274.

Nevada Camera Club Slide Competition • Aug. 3-Oct. 5 • Exhibit of first-place winners. Whitney Library, Las Vegas, 228-4274.

Art Glass: Mine to Masterpiece • Aug. 21-Nov. 14 • Historic glass and modern collectables. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.

SPORTS

Las Vegas Coyotes • The Roller Hockey International affiliate plays July 1 v. Chicago, July 2 v. Dallas, July 8 v.



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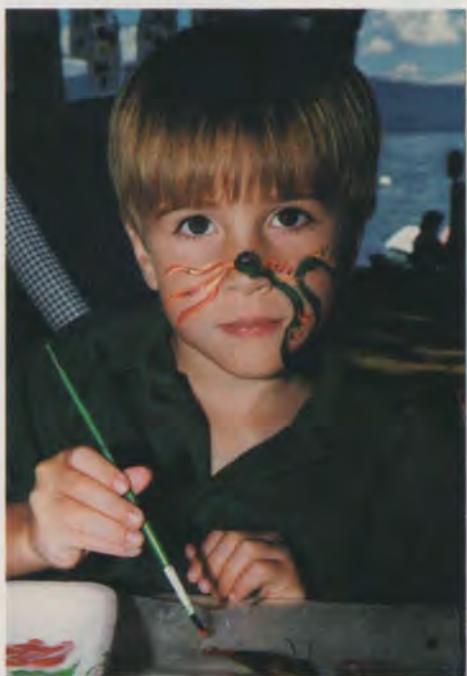
The Pair-O-Dice Club was the first resort and speakeasy on what would become the Las Vegas Strip. Built in the early 1930s, the building became part of the Hotel Last Frontier in 1942. Artifacts from the Pair-O-Dice are on display at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas through September.

Anaheim, July 10 v. Buffalo, July 16 v. Minnesota, July 17 v. Anaheim, July 22 v. Miami, July 29 v. San Jose, July 30 v. St. Louis, Aug. 7 v. Dallas. Santa Fe Hotel, 598-HOWL.

Las Vegas Stars • The Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres plays July 1-3 v. Fresno Giants, July 15-18 v. Oklahoma Rangers, July 27-30 v. New Orleans Zephyrs, July 31-Aug. 3 v. Nashville Pirates, Aug. 9-12 v. Salt Lake Twins, Aug. 21-24 v. Tucson Diamondbacks, Aug. 30-Sept. 2 v. Albuquerque Dodgers. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 386-7200.

PBA Showboat Senior Invitational • July 11-17 • Showboat Hotel, Las Vegas, 385-9128.

Adidas Big-Time Basketball Tournament • July 15-19 • National high school stand-outs. Las Vegas, 798-8345.



All For Kids

Faces turn artistic during the Arts for the Schools Children's Festival August 1-2 at the Topol Pavilion on Lake Tahoe's west shore.

World Aerobic and Youth Sportaerobic Championships • July 26-29 • Cashman Center and Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, 260-8605.

GENERAL INTEREST

Farmer's Market • Thursdays from 4-7pm offering produce, specialty items, entertainment, crafts. Civic Center Plaza, Henderson, 565-2181.

Boogie Knights '70s Dance • July 17 • Polyester and disco tunes. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

Plants, Petroglyphs, and Ancient People • July 17 • A 2.5-mile moderate hike includes a class on how ancient people lived. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 363-1922.

Desert Survival • July 24 • Four-hour presentation of survival techniques with hands-on demonstrations. Short hike involved. Reservations accepted after June 28. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 363-1922.

Walter Boenig Big Band Dance • July 31 • Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 229-6383.

Predator and Prey: Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Lion • Aug. 14 • A three-mile moderate hike includes a lecture. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 363-1922.

Harvest Festival • Aug. 27-29 • Crafts marketplace. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 451-0344.

Full Moon Hike • Aug. 28 • Learn who and what make the night sounds in the desert during a one-mile hike. Reservations accepted starting July 28. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Las Vegas, 363-1922.

COMING EVENTS

Chautauqua • Sept. 10-11 • Boulder City, 294-4365.

Las Vegas Primm 300 • Sept. 10-11 • Primm, 818-225-8402.

Laughlin Shoot Out (Professional Bull Riders Series) • Sept. 17-18 • Laughlin, 298-2214.

Sam's Town 250 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Race • Sept. 24 • Las Vegas, 644-4444.

Sam's Town 125 NASCAR Winston West Race • Sept. 25 • Las Vegas, 644-4444.

Pep Boys Indy Racing League • Sept. 26 • Las Vegas, 644-4444.

Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race • Sept. 30-Oct. 3 • Las Vegas, 457-5775.

AMA Superbike Race • Oct. 1-3 • Las Vegas, 644-4444.

Mesquite Fall Roundup • Oct. 2-3 • 346-3868.

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Valhalla Summer Arts Music Festival • July and Aug. • Tues. and Thurs. night concerts, dances, plays. Wed. night movies. Tallac Historic Site, Lake Tahoe, 530-544-3029. National Truck Show '99 • July 2-5 • Show and shines, parades, fireworks, off-road excursions. Eldorado and Silver Legacy, Reno, 826-5337.

Independence Day Sun-Sation • July 3-4 • Music, food, crafts, fireworks. Ormsby House, Carson City, 887-1294.

Transportation Celebration • July 3-5 • Trains and automobiles. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953.

Pops in the Park • July 4 • Picnic and concert. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 323-6393.

Lake Tahoe Fourth of July • July 4 • Fireworks display that can be seen from Nevada Beach to Camp Richardson, South Lake Tahoe, 800-AT-TAHOE.

Skyfire • July 4 • Entertainment and fireworks. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 332-3333.

Cavalcade of Spectaculars • July 4 • Carnival, food, vendors, crafts. Mills Park, Carson City, 687-4680.

Parade and Fireworks • July 4 • Virginia City, 847-0311.

July Fourth Celebration • July 4 • Squaw Valley USA, 530-583-6985.

River City Storytelling Festival • July 5: African-American stories with Mary Carter Smith at Wingfield Park. July 12: Travel tales with Dan O'Gara at Wingfield Park. July 19: Susan Klein performs at the Great Basin Chautauqua at Rancho San Rafael Park. July 26: Children's stories with Tom McCormick at Wingfield Park • Reno, 785-4585.

Outdoor Movie Film Festival • Wednesdays, July 7-Aug. 25 • Movies shown in a picnic setting. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953.



IRPA Pro Rodeo • July 9-10 • Fuji Park, Carson City, 577-9427.

The Big Easy • July 9-11 • Festival with Louisiana Zydeco music and Cajun food. Downtown Reno, 332-3333.

Storey County Fair and Carnival • July 16-18 • Watermelon-eating contest, greased pig, pie-eating contest, crafts, food. Miners Park, Virginia City, 847-0311.

Best on the Mountain Lake Tahoe Rib Cook-off • July 16-18 • Judging and sampling at the Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211.

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival • July 17-18 • Food, microbrews, music. Eldorado Hotel Special Event Plaza, Reno, 800-648-5966.

150th Anniversary of the First Gold Discovery in Nevada • July 17-18 • Parade, historic exhibits, Civil War encampment, tours, living histories, contests, crafts, cowboy poetry, music. Dayton, 246-0188.

Celtic Festival • July 18 • The Black Irish Band, Highland Dancers, and bagpiper Paul McAfee, food, and crafts. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Great Basin Chautauqua • July 18-22 • Historical figures including Eleanor Roosevelt, John Steinbeck, and Robert Oppenheimer are portrayed in costume and character. The Reno Chamber Orchestra will perform July 21 prior to the Chautauqua performance. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 784-6587.

Virginia City Rodeo • July 23-25 • Arena, Virginia City, 847-7710.

Reno Basque Festival • July 23-25 • Traditional food, dancing, games, Mass, barbecue. Wingfield Park, Reno, 784-7854.

Valhalla Brews and Blues Festival • July 24 • Tasting of 150 microbrews, concert. Location TBA, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Renaissance Fair • July 24-25 • Jugglers, jousters, rapier fighters, crafts, actors. Antiques Plus, Genoa, 782-4951.

Minden Music Festival and Fine Arts Show • July 24-25 • Downtown Minden, 782-2444.

Wa-She-Shu Ideh • July 25-26 • Native American Arts Festival includes a basket-weaving contest, music, crafts, dancing, food. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 883-1446.

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor • July 28-Aug. 29 (dark Mon.) • Performances of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "As You Like It" presented on the beach, plus "Winnie the Pooh Midsummer Night's Tail" kids' matinee at Sand Harbor State Park, Incline Village, 832-1616.

Silver Dollar Car Classic • July 30-Aug. 1 • Car show, street dance, show and shine, concert, poker run, barbecue, crafts. Mills Park, Carson City, 687-7410.

Model A and T Car Show • July 31 • Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Arts for the Schools Children's Festival • Aug. 1-2 • Paper and mask making, entertainment. Topol Pavilion, West Shore, Lake Tahoe, 530-546-4602.

Hot August Nights • Aug. 2-7 • Show-n-shines, cruising.

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Jammin' Jelly Jazz and Blues Festival • Aug. 13-15 • Music by local and national bands, gospel artists, and themed food. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 329-7469.

Great Gatsby Festival • Aug. 14-15 • Living-history event with costumed actors, music, games, contests, high tea, and fashion show. Talla Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-3029.

Valley Cruisers Main Street Event • Aug. 20-22 • Street dance, steak dinner, show and shine, pancake breakfast. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 265-2256.

Outhouse Races • Aug. 21 • Delta Saloon parking lot, Virginia City, 847-0311.

Nevada State Fair • Aug. 25-29 • Fireworks, destruction derby, livestock auction, carnival, home arts. Celebrates the fair's 125th anniversary. Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5767.

Lake Tahoe Air Fest '99 • Aug. 28 • Aerobatics, demonstrations, music, helicopter rides, and vintage military and civilian aircraft. Lake Tahoe Airport, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-0480.

Old Nevada Days • Aug. 28-29 • Gunfighter competition. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Music Art Festival • Aug. 29 • Antiques Plus, Genoa, 782-4951.

PERFORMANCES

Diablo Ballet • July 1 • Free contemporary ballet performance opens the Uptown Downtown ARTown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 785-7915.

Warp Tour Music and Extravaganza • July 3 • Twenty bands perform outdoors. Bore Mountain Playground, Truckee, 530-426-3666.

Summer Chamber Music • July 7, 9, 12, and 14 • Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.

"Picasso at the Lapin Agile" • July 9-10 and 14-17 • Comedy written by actor Steve Martin. Redfield Theatre, U of N, Reno, 784-6847.

Pops on the River • July 10 • Dinner and concert by the Truckee River. Wingfield Park, Reno, 323-6393.



Czech Out the Art

The works of Czech artist Alphonse Mucha will be displayed at the Nevada Museum of Art during Reno's month-long arts festival, Uptown Downtown ARTown, July 1-31. Shown is Mucha's art-nouveau painting "Reverie."

"Taming of the Shrew" • July 16 • The Lilliput Players' interpretation of Shakespeare's classic. Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Lake Tahoe Summer Music Festival • July 16 • Waltz night. Topol Pavilion, West Shore, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-3101.

"Don Coyote" • July 23 • Folkloric tale of a coyote and his antics. Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Journey to the Center of the Arts: Kite Tales • July 23-24 •



A Step in Time

Traditional dancers get a kick out of Basque festivals held July 1-4 in Elko and July 23-25 in Reno. The festivals include games and feasts.

Free performance. Lear Theater, Reno, 786-2278.

Lake Tahoe Summer Music Festival • July 24 • Pops concert. Tahoe Donner, Truckee, 530-583-3101.

Theater in the Park: "The Merry Wives of Windsor" • July 29-31 • Free performance of Shakespeare's comedy. Wingfield Park, Reno, 786-2278.

Sierra Nevada Master Chorale Concert • July 30 • Lear Theater, Reno, 786-2278.

"Pirates of Penzance" • July 30-31 • Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Chautauqua: Dr. Eliza Cook • July 31 • Cheri Jones portrays the first woman doctor in the Carson Valley. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

"Wind of a Thousand Tales" • Aug. 6 • A girl finds the true meaning of fairy tales and make-believe. Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Theater in the Park: "Jesus Christ Superstar" • Aug. 12-14 • Free performance of the Broadway musical. Wingfield Park, Reno, 786-2278.

"Moon Over Buffalo" • Aug. 13-14 • Backstage farce. Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Reggae Sunday • Aug. 15 • Barbecue, crafts, concert. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Theater in the Park: "Curses! Never to Be Foiled Again" • Aug. 19-21 • Free melodrama written by Reno writer Gloria Springer-O'berg. Wingfield Park, Reno, 786-2278.

"Always...Patsy Cline" • Aug. 27-28 • Two-woman production about the country singer. Valhalla Boathouse Theatre, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

EXHIBITS

Grant Artists Exhibit • Thru July 21 • Works by 18 artists. Sierra Arts Center, Reno, 329-1324.

Jim Hancock • Thru July 22 • Works by Nevada painter. Sheppard Gallery, U of N, Reno, 337-1921.

Beetle Mania • Thru Aug. 9 • 50 years of VW Bugs in America. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

Packard Style and Design • Thru Aug. 19 • Packard 100th anniversary exhibit. Heritage workshop and reception on March 11. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

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Jeff Fulmer and Dan Sterling • Thru Aug. 20 • Charcoals and paintings by Fulmer and marble sculpture by Sterling. C.I.T.Y. Gallery, Reno, 329-1324.

Carrera Panamericana: Mexican Road Race • Thru Sept. 19 • Cars that participated are on display. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

Seen About Town: The Art of Lew Hymers • Thru Sept. 30 • Collection of original drawings, books, and caricatures of the late Reno artist and cartoonist Lew Hymers. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 688-1191.

Works in Drawing and Painting • Thru Dec. 3 • Solo exhibition by Rupert Garcia of his European, American, and Mexican works. Sheppard Gallery, U of N, Reno, 784-6658.

Nevada Folk Arts Show • Thru May 19, 2000 • Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 687-4880, ext. 221.

Tahoe ARTour '99 • July 8-11 • Studio tour of 36 artists. North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-8921.

Alphonse Mucha: The Spirit of Art Nouveau • July 9-Sept. 26 • Exhibition of the decorative artist, who worked in Paris at the turn of the century. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 329-3333.

20th Anniversary Reception • July 25 • East Fork Gallery, Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 782-7629.

Hot August Fibers VI • July 30-Aug. 31 • Anything made with fiber. Silver State Gallery, Reno, 324-2323.

Corvair: An American Car in Controversy • Aug. 23-Jan. 29 • Story of the small car and the uproar it unleashed. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

SPORTS

Kayak Water Polo • Mondays thru Labor Day • Open to all skill levels. Timber Cover Marina, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-2011.

Lake Tahoe Celebrity Golf Tournament • June 29-July 4 • More than 70 entertainment and sports superstars compete. Edgewood Tahoe, 800-AT-TAHOE.

Squaw Valley World Cup • July 9-11 • Head-to-head mountain bike race. Squaw Valley USA, 530-583-6985.



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Reno and Sparks jam with the music and cars of the '50s and '60s during Hot August Nights, August 2-7. Nostalgic events include rock 'n' roll concerts, a prom, sock hop, drag races, cruising, and show 'n' shines.

Trans Tahoe Regatta • July 10 • Classic sailing regatta. Tahoe Yacht Club, Tahoe City, 530-581-4700.

USAC Sprint Car Western States Championship Races • July 10 and Aug. 21 • Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079.

Genoa Duathlon • July 11 • 5K run, 30K bike race, and 5K run. Genoa, 786-5531.

Atlantis British Open • July 16-18 • Tournament play on Wolf Run and Red Hawk golf courses. Fee of \$450 per

person includes lodging, awards. Atlantis Resort, Reno, 888-551-7007 or 775-824-4467.

Motorcycle Races and Show • July 17-18 • Flat track and motocross races, vintage show, and swap meet. Fuji Park, Carson City, 267-4996.

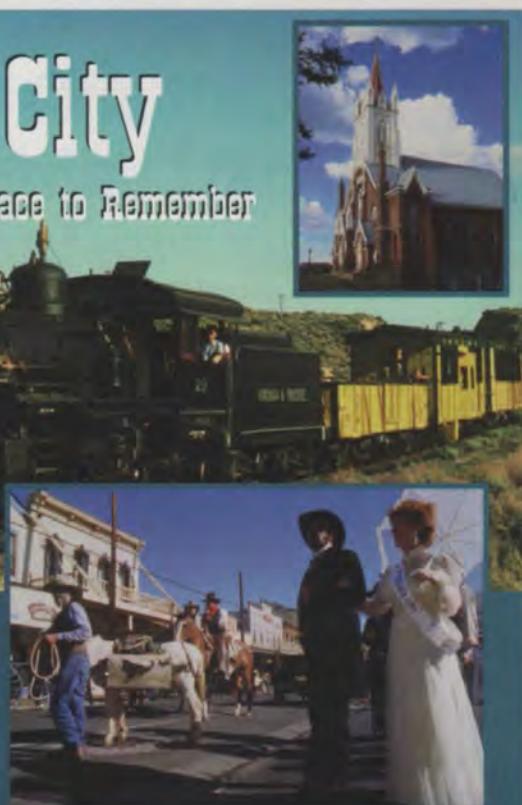
Tevis Cup Horse Race • July 24 • A 100-mile horse race that begins in Squaw Valley and ends in Auburn, California. Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

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Pyramid Lake Triathlon • Aug. 15 • International distance with one-mile swim, 25-mile bicycle ride, six-mile run. Sprint distance also available. Reno, 786-5531.

Reno-Tahoe Open • Aug. 23-29 • PGA stop with a total purse of \$2,750,000. Inaugural event will feature top PGA golfers on Jack Nicklaus-designed course in Mount Rose area. Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, 800-FOR-RENO.

GENERAL INTEREST

Sparks Hometown Farmer's Market • Thurs. evenings thru Aug. 26 except Aug. 5 • Vendors offer fresh-picked produce, specialty foods, baked goods, cooking demonstrations, children's play area, live entertainment. Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2291.

Farmers Market • Sundays thru Aug. 29 except Aug. 1 • Homewood Mountain Resort, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-2992.

Farmer's Market • Wednesdays thru Sept. • Produce, flowers, crafts, food, entertainment. Pony Express Pavilion, Carson City, 687-7410.

Saturday Tours • Thru Sept. • Two-hour tour each Sat. will feature one of the following subjects: Virginia City cemetery, archaeology of the Comstock, mining history and innovations, walking tour of Virginia City's past and present. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 847-0975.

Squaw Valley Community of Writers Workshops • July 9-13, 24-31, and Aug. 7-14 • Seminars for poets, fiction writers, and screenwriters. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-274-8551.

Birds of Prey • July 10 • Lecture on native and migratory birds. Dayton State Park, 687-5678.

Canoe Tours • July 10, 24 and Aug. 7, 21 • Two-hour guided trip through the Scripps Wildlife Management Area. Participants must bring their own canoe or kayak. Northram Day Area, Washoe Lake, five miles north of Carson City, 687-4310.

Logging in the Sierra • July 11 • Bring a chair to the lecture. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Stargaze • July 16 at Spooner Lake State Park and July 17 at Sand Harbor State Park • Viewings led by Fleischmann Planetarium staff. Lake Tahoe, 831-0404.

Ice Cream Social • July 17 • Music, cake walks, apple bobbing. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 333-9300.

Golf Alert

Pro golfers compete for a \$2.7-million purse in the PGA's inaugural Reno-Tahoe Open on August 23-29 at the Jack Nicklaus-designed Montreux Golf and Country Club in Reno. The area's other big links event, the Lake Tahoe Celebrity Golf Tournament, June 29-July 4, draws about 70 stars of sport and screen to Edgewood Tahoe.

Wetland Wildlife Walk • July 17 • Two-hour birding hike onto the Scripps Wildlife Management Area. Northram Day Area, Washoe Lake, five miles north of Carson City, 687-4310.

Wildflower Walks • July 17 and 21 • Guided walk. Spooner Lake State Park, Lake Tahoe, 831-0494.

Nevada Raptors • July 18 • Presentation by Nancy Goldwater of the Wild Animal Infirmary. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Wine Maker Dinner • July 21 • Five-course gourmet dinner with Antinori from Italy. Atlantis Resort, Reno, 888-551-7007 or 775-824-4467.

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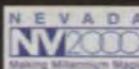
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ing. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 688-1191.

Notorious Garlic THANG • July 25 • Garlic feast to benefit CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada. Texas Longhorn, Reno, 829-2273.

True Story of the Three Little Pigs • July 31 • Wolf Howl Night includes discussions, a group howl, contests. Animal Ark, north of Reno, 969-3111.

Basque People of Nevada • July 31 • Lecture and slide show. Dayton State Park, 687-5678.

Mormon Station History and Park Tour • Aug. 6 • Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Back County Camp: Volunteer Vacation • Aug. 6-8 • Volunteers work on Tahoe Rim Trail construction and maintenance. Meals and tools provided. Lake Tahoe, 588-0686.

Railroads of Nevada • Aug. 7 • Lecture and slide show. Dayton State Park, 687-5678.

Tux and Tennis Shoes Gala • Aug. 9 • Fundraiser dinner. Sand Harbor State Park, Incline Village, North Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

Antiques and Collectibles Sale • Aug. 14 • Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 782-2555.

Wetland Wildlife Walk • Aug. 14 • Two-hour birding hike onto the Scripps Wildlife Management Area. Northramp Day Area, Washoe Lake, five miles north of Carson City, 687-4310.

Stargaze • Aug. 14 • Heavenly lecture by astronomers. Dayton State Park, 687-5678.

Mule Deer in Nevada • Aug. 21 • Lecture and slide show. Dayton State Park, 687-5678.

Kids Day in the Park • Aug. 21 • Two one-hour presentations to educate children about their environment. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590.

Wolves in Literature • Aug. 28 • Wolf Howl Night includes a discussion and howling contest. Animal Ark, north of Reno, 969-3111.

Sertoma Truck Pull • Aug. 28 • Pro circuit and amateur truck and tractor pull. Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 782-1939.



National Championship Air Races • Sept. 16-19 • Reno, 972-6663.

Street Vibrations • Sept. 23-26 • Reno, 329-7469.

Genoa Candy Dance • Sept. 25-26 • 782-8696.

Great Basin Book Festival • Sept. 25-27 • Reno, 784-6587.

Oktoberfest • Oct. 2-3 • Reno, 332-3333.

Great Italian Festival • Oct. 9-10 • Reno, 786-5700.

Celtic New Year Celebration • Oct. 22-24 • Reno, 332-3333.

Cowboy Country

FESTIVALS & HOLIDAYS

California Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Wagon Train • Thru Aug. 22 • The train that began in Atchison, Kansas, on April 1 has projected dates in Cowboy Country: Elko, July 16-19; Winnemucca, July 30-Aug. 2; Lovelock, Aug. 7-9. **Elko National Basque Festival** • July 1-4 • Exhibition dancing and games of skill and strength, parade, Basque music and food. Fairgrounds, Elko, 738-4091.

Chili Cook-Out • July 3 • Includes a children's flea market and teenage swap meet. Birdzell Park, Wells, 752-3232.

Jarbridge Fourth of July Celebration • July 3-5 • Parade, races and games, bingo. Jarbridge, 488-2311.

Fireworks Display • July 4 • Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 273-7213.

Lake of Fire • July 4 • Fireworks. Spring Creek Marina, Spring Creek, 753-6295.

Owyhee Fourth of July Powwow and Rodeo • July 2-4 • Celebration Campgrounds, Owyhee, 757-3080.

Family Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Games, food, petting zoo, dunk tank, and fireworks. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Great Winnemucca Duck Race • July 4 • 2,500 rubber ducks wearing sunglasses race in the Humboldt River. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Covered Wagons • July 28 • Square dancing commemorates the Oregon Trail. Rodeo Grounds, Wells, 752-3232.

Frame-Up in Ely

Art lovers can browse among 100 exhibitors during the Bristlecone Arts in the Park on August 7-8 in Ely. The exhibit and sale offers fine art, crafts, and food booths to sustain shoppers.

COMING EVENTS

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Sept. 3-6 • Sparks, 353-2284.

Virginia City International Camel Races • Sept. 10-12 • 847-0311.

Bonanza 40th Anniversary Convention • Sept. 10-12 • Crystal Bay, 505-292-7485.

Great Reno Balloon Race • Sept. 10-12 • 826-2281.

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Fun Run • July 30-Aug. 1 • Car show, burn-out, poker run, street dance, Birdzell Park, Wells, 752-3540.

Fifties Fever • July 30-Aug. 1 • Drag races, homecoming party, sock hop, scavenger hunt, poker run, crafts, street dance, pancake breakfast, show and shine, outdoor concert featuring the Diamonds. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Frontier Days: Our Past, Our Future • July 30-Aug. 1 • Parade, entertainment, gunfighters, horseshoe pitching, weight carrying, arm wrestling, games, street dance, past and future dress contest. Courthouse Park, Lovelock, 273-7213.

Elko County Fair • Aug. 27-Sept. 6 • Horse racing, home arts, 4-H displays, commercial booths. Elko, 738-3616.

PERFORMANCES

Wildhorse Country Jamboree • Saturdays July thru Sept. • "Jam session of talent from wherever and barbecue." Dunn's Wildhorse Resort, 62 miles north of Elko on S.R. 225, 758-6471.

Bunkhouse Fridays Concert Series • July 16, 23 and Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27 • Cowboy and Western musicians perform. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 738-7508.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town Cultural Series • July 30 and Aug. 28 • Basque, mining, East Indian, Mexican-American music, food, and stories. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 738-7508.

Lakeside Swing Band • Aug. 7 • Outdoor concert. Courthouse Park, Lovelock, 273-1614.

49ers Gold Rush Wagon Train • Aug. 8 • Entertainment, barbecue for the California Gold Rush Sesquicentennial Wagon Train's one-night stop. Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 273-7213.

EXHIBITS

Amerikanauak: Basques in the High Desert • Thru Sept. 30 • History and contribution of the Basque people in the West. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418.

Student Art Exhibit • Thru Oct. 2 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418.

Beyond Gum San • Thru Dec. 31 • Exhibit of Chinese artifacts from Northern Nevada. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418.

Voices of Youth and Gathering of Gear Exhibits • July 1-Aug. 15 • Photographs and audio recordings of teenagers from a year-long documentary, and the Folklife Center's collection of contemporary crafted gear. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 738-7508.

Art in the Park • July 17-18 • Art expo by professional and published artists. City Park, Elko, 777-7901.

Art Show and Sell • Aug. 7-8 • Pershing County Library, Lovelock, 273-2005.

SPORTS

Largest Fish Contest • Thru Dec. 31 • Cash prizes (\$125 to \$750) for the biggest catch, to be awarded on Dec. 31.

Dunn's Wildhorse Resort, 62 miles north of Elko on S.R. 225, 758-6471.

McDermitt Ranch Hand Rodeo • July 3-4 • Working ranch hands from Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho compete. McDermitt, 800-962-2638.

Flying Saucer Trap Club Trap Shoot • July 4 • Trap Club, Lovelock, 273-0745.

Lovelock 250 Desert Race • July 9-11 • Four 60-mile laps. Sturgeon's Casino, Lovelock, 916-925-1702.

Silver State Stampede Rodeo • July 17-18 • Parade, dance. Fairgrounds, Elko, 738-4091.

USTRC Grassroots Team Roping • July 22-25 • Fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-2220.

Nevada All-Around Working Cow Horse Championship • July 30-Aug. 1 • Fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Pershing County Steel Shooters Shoot • Aug. 14-15 • Lovelock, 273-7728.

Speed Week • Aug. 14-20 • Eight-mile straight track race against time to break world records. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.

Mitt's Little Rodeo • Aug. 21-22 • Junior rodeo for ages 15 and under. Events include sheep-riding. Spring Creek Horse Palace, Spring Creek, 738-8240.

Northwest Team Roping Finals • Aug. 26-29 • More than 1,900 teams compete. Fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

GENERAL INTEREST

Old-Time Country Dances • July 17 and Aug. 21 • Square dances, New England contra dances, waltzes, polkas to live music by Southwind and Friends. All dances are taught. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 738-7508.

COMING EVENTS

Winnemucca Tri-County Fair and Stampede • Sept. 3-5 • 800-WMCA-NEV.

Winnemucca Pro-Am Golf Tournament • Sept. 17-18 • 800-WMCA-NEV.

Pony Express Territory

FESTIVALS & HOLIDAYS

Parade, Celebration, and Fireworks • July 3-4 • Ely, 289-8877.

Fandango • July 10-11 • Traditional dancing, singing, and tribal vendors. Shoshone Reservation, Ely, 289-3013.

All-Indian Stampede and Pioneer Days • July 16-18 • Rodeo, games, and powwow events. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-1245.

Lund Pioneer Days Rodeo and Dance • July 23-24 • Rodeo Grounds, Lund, 289-8877.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Fallon Air Show w/Blue Angels, May 1-2

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Silver State Int'l Rodeo, July 1-4

All Indian Rodeo & Pow Wow, July 16-18

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Fantasy Car and Truck Show • Aug. 13-15 • Antique, classic, and trucks parade, games. Downtown Ely, 289-2653.

Claim Jumpers Mountain Bike Festival • Aug. 15-16 • NORBA sanctioned event with races for all levels, street dance, music. Austin, 964-2200.

White Pine County Fair and Horse Races • Aug. 21-22 • Displays, vendors, rides, games, food booths, and parimutuel horse betting. Fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877.

Wild West Days • Aug. 21-22 • Shootouts, Old West train robbery. Downtown Ely, 289-8877.

EXHIBITS

Bristlecone Arts in the Park • Aug. 7-8 • Pros and amateurs exhibit, food, games. County Park, Ely, 289-8877.

Fiber Arts Show • Aug. 15 • Silver Springs, 577-2533.

SPORTS

Silver State International Rodeo • June 30-July 4 • High school rodeo competition. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-4674.

Demolition Derby • July 3 • Great Basin Raceway, Ely, 289-3232.

Nevada United 4-Wheeler Convention • July 8-9 • Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 289-3720.

Western All-Star Late Model Stock Car Show • July 9-10 • Race. Great Basin Raceway, Ely, 289-3232.

Funny Car Fever • July 10 • Drag races. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 800-325-7448.

Angling Seminar • July 10 • Fishing tips from rangers. Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs, 577-2226.

White Pine 4x4 Rally • July 10-12 • Four-wheeler run, dinner, barbecue. Ely, 289-6798.

Nevada Casino Amateur Golf Tournament • July 17-18 • White Pine Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095.

White Pine Ladies Invitational Two Best Ball Golf Tournament

• July 23-24 • White Pine Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095.

Ely Shoshone Co-ed Softball Tournament • July 31-Aug. 1 • Mariach Field, Ely, 289-3013.

Outlaw Sprint Car Race • Aug. 7 • Great Basin Raceway, Ely, 289-3232.

Top Gun 300 Desert Race • Aug. 7-8 • Four 70-mile laps. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 916-925-1702.

Senior Olympics • Aug. 9-14 • Ely, 289-8877.

SNORE Off-Road Race • Aug. 13-14 • Event for quads, motorcycles, and ATVs. Ely, 289-3063.

Two-Man Best Ball Golf Tournament • Aug. 14-15 • White Pine Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095.

Fallon Women's Rodeo • Aug. 20-22 • Professional rodeo. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 969-3153.

GENERAL INTEREST

Archaeological Intrigue of the Past • July 3 • All-day seminar includes identification of artifacts and hands-on flint napping. Great Basin National Park, Baker, 234-7270.

History of Ward Charcoal Ovens • July 3 and Aug. 7 • Ranger talk. Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, south of Ely, 728-4460.

Hidden Cave Tours • July 10, 24 and Aug. 14, 28 • Free guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site. Departs from Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677.

Elder Hostel • July 11-16 • Great Basin College tours of Ely area. 289-3589.

Great Basin Landscape • July 17 • Ranger explains what makes the Great Basin unique. Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, south of Ely, 728-4460.

Stargaze • July 17 • Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs, 577-2226.

Trees of the Great Basin • July 24 • Evening hike. Cave Lake State Park, south of Ely, 728-4460.

Chautauqua Speaker: Mary Oxborrow • July 24 • Anita Watson portrays the Lund pioneer midwife and healer who was a Mormon plural wife, mother of 11 children. Great Basin National Park, Baker, 234-7270.

Imaginature in the Great Basin National Park • Aug. 4 for children, Aug. 18 for adults • Program presented by wildlife and children's artist Roberta Moore. Great Basin National Park, Baker, 234-7270.

Nevada Maze • Aug. 12-Oct. 31 • Farmer's market with a difference: more than a mile of trails cut out of a cornfield. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 867-3750.



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COMING EVENTS

Hearts o' Gold Cantaloupe Festival • Sept. 3-6 • Fallon, 800-874-0903.

Rock and Bottle Show • Sept. 4-5 • Purple glass and colorful minerals on display. Austin, 964-2200.

Fernley Off-Road Challenge • Sept. 4-6 • 916-925-1702.

Pioneer Territory

FESTIVALS & HOLIDAYS

Festival in the Park • July 3-4 • Fireworks, unhorse derby, vendor booths, entertainment. City Park and Community Center, Pahrump, 727-5800.

Beatty Old-Fashioned Fourth of July • July 4 • Parade, firework, games. City Park, Beatty, 553-2424.

Mason Valley Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Barbecue, crafts, entertainment, fireworks. Mountain View Park, Yerington, 463-3511.

Rachel Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Picnic and fireworks. Little A 'Le' Inn, Rachel, 729-2515.

Goldfield Days: Echoes of the Past, Gateway to the Future • July 31-Aug. 1 • Parade, bingo, 10K run, bike race, horseshoe pitching, gold panning, food and vendor booths, miners breakfast, arts, crafts, chili cook-off. Goldfield, 485-6365.

Lyon County Fair and Rodeo • Aug. 19-22 • Carnival, parade, tractor pull, hay boom, dance, demolition derby. Fairgrounds, Yerington, 463-2245.

Mineral County Fair • Aug. 26-29 • Carnival, bike races, parade, mining competition, triathlon, music, food, crafts. Hawthorne, 945-5896.

Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow • Aug. 27-29 • Native American dance, food, arts, crafts. Named for Wovoka, the Paiute prophet. Yerington, 463-2350.

SPORTS

Back Alley Fights • Sept. 4 • Outdoor professional boxing. Main Street, Yerington, 463-2481.



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With Lake Tahoe providing the backdrop, playgoers can sit on the beach, have a picnic, and watch "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "As You Like It" at Sand Harbor State Park July 28-August 29. The Bard also appears in the Las Vegas area July 29-August 1 when "Macbeth" is performed outdoors at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park.

GENERAL INTEREST

Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstration • July 10 • Spring Valley State Park, Pioche, 962-5102.

Life Cycle of a Rock • July 17 • Slide show on the area's geology. Spring Valley State Park, Pioche, 962-5102.

Bats, Bats, Bats • July 24 • Slide show on the good and bad. Spring Valley State Park, Pioche, 962-5102.

Night Hike • Aug. 21 • Learn about critters who hunt at night and also night-blooming flowers. Stone Cabin

Museum, Spring Valley State Park, Pioche, 962-5102.

COMING EVENTS

Pioche Labor Day Celebration • Sept. 3-5 • Mining events, parades. Pioche, 962-5544.

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, please use the phone number listed with each event. Las Vegas Territory's area code is 702; the rest of the state's is 775.

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Annual Events

January

Ice Fishing and Ice Skating on Cave Lake
Nevada Fur Trappers Fur Sale

February

Indoor Invitational Archery
Model Railroad Display

March

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner

Annual Greek Party

April

Community Choir Performance

Easter Egg Hunt

May

Beginning of the Ghost Train season

Silver State Open Road Challenge

Eastern NV Paint Horse Show

Run to the Red Lights-Harley Run

June

Long Steel Rails Festival
Annual Pony Express Ride

Men's One-Pitch Tournament

Eastern NV Umpires Co-ed Tournament

Rides on the Ghost Train

July

Fireworks

Nevada 4-Wheelers Rally

Jr. Jazz Fund Raiser - Slow Pitch Tournament

Lund Pioneer Days

More great Train Rides

August

Bristlecone Arts in the Park

Senior Olympics

White Pine County Fair & Horse-Races

S.N.O.R.E.

Fantasy Classic & Antique Car Show

Cattlewoman's Deep Pit BBQ

August (cont.)

Coyote Motorcycle Race

Budge Stanton Memorial Co-ed Tourney

More Exciting Train Rides

September

NV Northern Rail Days

Ultra-light fly-in

Silver State Classic Open Road Challenge

WPC High School Rodeo

October

Trains Unlimited - Photographer's Weekend

Merchant's Showcase

November

Doll & Teddy Bear Show

Toys for Tots Co-ed Pitch

Turkey Shoot at Mosier Canyon

December

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Nevada Showguide

Where the stars and shows are playing in July and August.

Nevada clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. This summer, Howie Mandel will appear at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Boz Scaggs performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, and Chris Isaak headlines at Caesars Tahoe in Stateline. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performers. Showrooms often fill fast, so call for show times and reservations. Las Vegas Territory's area code is 702; the rest of the state is 775.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Gold Strike Inn • Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam, 293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Will be closed until September.

HENDERSON

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

Reserve • 558-7000: Wasimba's Lounge: Bands play Wed.-Sun.

Sunset Station • 547-7777: Sunset Amphitheater: Toby Keith, July 2; Las Vegas Philharmonic, July 3; Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, July 23; the Rippingtons, July 24; Paula Poundstone, Aug. 13; Rick Springfield, Aug. 28; Night Ranger, Sept. 5. Club Madrid: "40 Years of Rock and Roll," advertising community talent show for charity, July 16; Kansas, Dec. 3-4. Disco Inferno, 10pm-2am Fri. and Sat. Sunset Brewing Co.: bands play Tues.-Sat.

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: Bands appear nightly except Wed. in the casino.

LAS VEGAS

Arizona Charlie's • 258-5100: Naughty Lady Saloon: Bands play nightly. Palace Grand Theatre: Herman's Hermits, July 12; Chuck Mangione, Aug. 12; Classic Rock Allstars, Sept. 9; Bobby "Blue" Bland, Sept. 16; Pablo Cruise, Oct. 13.

Bally's • 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" (dark Fri.); Cherry Poppin' Daddies, July 2-3; George Carlin, Aug. 5-25; Andrew Dice Clay, Sept. 4-5 and Nov. 4-17.

Barbary Coast • 737-7111: Bands play nightly except Mon. **Bellagio** • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf. (dark Wed.-Thurs. and July 16-17).

Boulder Station • 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Railhead



Hitting a Blues Note

Robert Cray and his band bring rhythm and soul to the Joint at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas on July 6 and the Reno Hilton on July 11. Cray will perform such hits as "24-7 Man" and "What About Me?"

Lounge: Morris Day and the Time, July 3-4; Jerry Vale, Oct. 29-30; Ty Herndon, Dec. 9; bands play nightly; blues, 8-11pm Mon.; karaoke, Fri.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 737-7200: Bourbon Street Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Caesars Palace • 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Circus Maximus: David Copperfield, June 24-July 18; Howie Mandel, Aug. 12-15; Earth, Wind and Fire, Aug. 26-29; Donna Summer, Sept. 2-5; The Legends of Motown starring the Temptations, Martha Reeves, and the Marvelettes, Sept. 23-26; Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Oct. 1-3; David Copperfield, Oct. 8-31; Howie Mandel, Nov. 4-7; Huey Lewis and the News, Nov. 10-13; Natalie Cole, Nov. 24, 26-28; Vince Gill, Dec. 2-5; Clint Black, Dec. 9-12. Bands play in the Forum and La Piazza lounges, Palace Court and Terrazza restaurants, and Cleopatra's Barge. Piano music in the Galleria Bar. Magicians perform Tues.-Sun. in the Secret Pagoda and Sultan's Palace theaters at Caesars Magical Empire.

Casino Royale • 737-3500: Volcano Room: TBA.

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

Desert Inn • 733-4566 or 800-634-6909: Crystal Showroom: Dennis Miller, July 1-4; Bill Maher, July 9-11; Olivia Newton-John, July 16-17; Alabina, July 23-24; Don Rickles, July 30-Aug. 1; Tony Danza/John Pinette, Aug. 6-8; Gladys Knight, Aug. 12-15; Ray Romano, Aug. 20-21; Four Tops, Aug. 26-29; Dennis Miller, Sept. 16-19; Don Rickles, Oct. 7-10; Dana Carvey, Oct. 14-17; Four Tops, Oct. 28-31; Dennis Miller, Nov. 4-7; Temptations, Nov. 11-14; Gladys Knight, Nov. 18-21. Starlight Lounge: Entertainment nightly.

Excalibur • 597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings," music-dinner show. Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers 10am-11pm.

Fitzgeralds Holiday Inn • 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Casino Stage: Entertainers like Doug Price, Lane Cameron, and Lorenzo appear nightly.

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

Four Queens • 385-4011 or 800-634-6045.

Four Seasons • 632-5000: Entertainment nightly in the Lobby Lounge and Club Bar on the ground floor. Four Seasons hotel occupies upper floors at Mandalay Bay.

Gold Coast • 367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Kinda Dixie Jazz Band, noon to 6pm Mon.-Fri.; bands play nightly except Mon.; karaoke nightly in the West Lounge; Gold Coast Showroom: "A Tribute to Patsy Cline," starring Sharon Haynes and The Jordanaires, thru July 5, July 14-Aug. 9, and Aug. 25-Sept. 5 (dark Tues.); "A Tribute to Neil Diamond," starring Barrie Cunningham, Mon., Wed.-Thurs., and Sun. at 10:30 pm; "A Salute to Jimmy Buffett," starring Barrie Cunningham, 10:30 pm Fri.; Tropical Splash, Sat. (indf.); ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor Tues. and Sun.

Golden Nugget • 386-8100: Cabaret Theatre: "Clint Holmes Show" at 7:30pm Mon.-Fri. and 10pm Sat.-Sun. (dark Wed.); "Hot Stuff," musical revue, 11pm Mon.-Fri. and midnight Sat. (dark Wed. and Sun.). Bands play in the lounge nightly except Mon.

Hard Rock Hotel • 226-4650 or 800-HARD-ROCK: The Joint: K.C. and the Sunshine Band, July 2; Sammy Hagar, July 3; Robert Cray Band, July 6.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 369-5222 or 800-392-9002: Spellbound Theater: "Spellbound" (dark Sun.); Improv Comedy Club (dark Mon.). Entertainment nightly in the La Playa Lounge and Carnaval Court. Nightly live entertainment in the Range Steakhouse and Piano Bar.

Holiday Inn Boardwalk • 730-3194: Lighthouse Showroom: Entertainment in the hotel's showroom TBA.

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

Style," poolside dinner show on Tues. and Thurs. thru Oct., weather permitting.

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza • 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Plaza Theater: Kenny Kerr Show, female impersonator revue (indf.).

Key Largo • 733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: Bands provide live entertainment.

Lady Luck • 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theater: "Steve Wyrick: World Class Magician" (dark Mon.).

Las Vegas Hilton • 732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Sinbad, July 2 and 4, Diamond Rio with Shane McAnally, July 9-10; Kenny Rogers, July 23-24; Def Comedy Jam, Aug. 27-28. The NightClub: Louie Louie.

Luxor • 262-4000 or 800-288-1000: Luxor Theatre: "Imagine, A Theatrical Odyssey," production show. Luxor Live Theatre: "Lasting Impressions" starring Bill Acosta (dark Mon.). Nefertiti's Lounge: Live entertainment. Ra Nightclub: DJ nightly; concerts TBA.

Vintage Rock 'n' Roll

Paul Revere and the Raiders play a poolside concert July 3 at the Silverton in Las Vegas. The group started in 1958 and recorded hits like "Good Thing" and "Kicks."

Main Street Station • 387-1896 or 800-713-8933: 777 BrewPub: Shufflaires, Tues.; bands play Fri.-Sat.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Chicago," Broadway musical (dark Mon.). Mandalay Bay Events Center: Goo Goo Dolls with Sugar Ray and Fastball, July 18. House of Blues: Peter Frampton, July 8; The Go Go's, July 10; The Mavericks, July 23; DC Talk, Aug. 1; Neville Brothers with Little Feat, Aug. 20. Bands play in the Island, Orchid, and Coral Reef lounges.

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

MGM Grand • 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Grand Theatre: "EFX" starring Tommy Tune. Hollywood Theatre: Carrot Top, June 24-July 7; Rodney Dangerfield, July 8-14; Wayne Newton, July 15-28 (tent.); 'N Sync, Sept. 18. Grand Garden Arena: Fox U.S. Open of Supercross, Oct. 9; Barbra Streisand, Dec. 31. Center Stage Lounge: Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club. MGM Grand Adventures Theme Park: Caribbean Reggae Night, July 10; Rock 'n' Brews, Aug. 7. Live entertainment in the Show Bar Lounge, Brown Derby, and Gatsby's. Studio 54: Dancing nightly.

The Mirage • 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular (dark Wed.-Thurs. and July 1-18); Paul Anka, July 1-4, 8-10, and 15-17. Bands play in the Lagoon Saloon and Baccarat Bar (piano bar) at the Mirage.

Monte Carlo • 730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician" (dark Sun.-Mon.). Top 40, disco, country, and classic-rock dance music nightly in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery.

New Frontier • 794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Gilley's All-Star Band.

New York-New York • 740-6969: Broadway Theatre: "Lord of the Dance" (dark Sun.-Mon.). Bands play in the Empire Bar. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play 3-6:30pm Fri. and 8pm-2:15am nightly in the Bar at Times Square.

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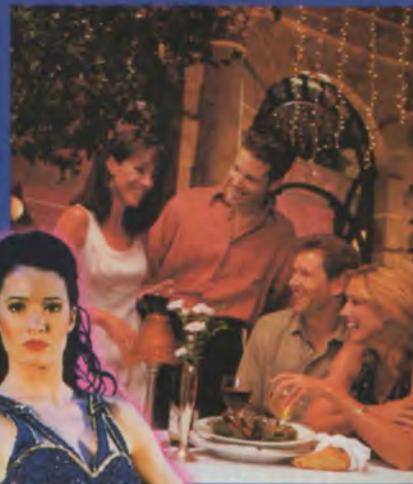
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River Band, July 1-3; Golden Boys: Fabian, Frankie Avalon, and Bobby Rydell, July 8-11; Roy Clark, July 14-18; Righteous Brothers, July 20-Aug. 1; Smothers Brothers, Aug. 3-8; Everly Brothers, Aug. 17-22; Righteous Brothers, Aug. 31-Sept. 5; Roger Whittaker, Sept. 8-12; Righteous Brothers, Sept. 14-26; Ray Charles, Sept. 29-Oct. 3; Frankie Valli, Oct. 5-9; Anne Murray, Oct. 11-17. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Bands play nightly; strolling Orleans Parade Band (dark Sat.-Sun.).

Palace Station • 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Trax Nightclub: Davy Jones, Aug. 6; Herman's Hermits with Peter Noone, Aug. 7; Gary Puckett, Nov. 19. Bands play nightly in Trax and Thurs.-Sat. in the Palace Saloon.

Rio Suite • 252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Copacabana Entertainment Complex: Impressionist Danny Gans (dark Mon. and Thurs.), Masquerade Show in the Sky: Carnival-themed parade with exotic floats and costumes above the casino, every two hours beginning at 2pm Sun.-Tues. and 1pm Thurs.-Sat. (dark Wed.). Rio

Bamba Cabaret, Ipanema Piano Bar, Voodoo Lounge have live entertainment. Club Rio: Dance-video nightclub Wed.-Sat.

Riviera • 794-9301: Top of the Riv: Rich Little, July 30-31; Kevin James, Sept. 4-5. Splash Theatre: "Splash," nightly.

Copy Cat

Impressionist Danny Gans plays five nights a week at the Rio in Las Vegas. Tickets to see the Man of 100 Voices recently increased in price from \$83 to \$99, which includes tax, tip, and two drinks.

Royale Pavilion: All American Solid Gold Rock and Roll Show with Bobby Vee, Little Eva, Chris Montez, Johnny Preston, and Brian Hyland, July 3-4; Frankie Avalon, the

Tokens, and the Shangri-Las, Dec. 30-31. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue (dark Tues.). Count Basie Orchestra, Oct. 5. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls: Sensuality and Passion," adult revue (dark Mon.). "Riviera Comedy Club," comedians appear nightly. Le Bistro Lounge: "Tribute to Elvis" with Billy Ortiz from 4-7:30pm Sat.; Jazz on the Strip, Mon.; Lon Bronson's All-Star Band, Fri. and Sat. at 1am; bands play Tues.-Sun.

Sahara • 737-2515: Congo Showroom: The Platters, Drifters, and Coasters in Concert, thru Oct. 3; Elayne Boosler, Oct. 4-17; Jeff Dunham, Oct. 18-31. Bands like Forward Motion and the Checkmates play in the Casbar lounge.

Sam's Town • 454-8048: Western Dance Hall: Bands play 9pm-3am. Roxy's Saloon: Entertainers play daily 4pm-6am. Mystic Falls Park: "Festival in the Park," artists, musicians, variety acts, and strolling performers, 11am-5pm Sat.-Sun.

San Remo • 739-9000 or 800-522-7366: Parisian Cabaret: "Broadway Cabaret" (dark Sun.). Bon Chance Lounge: Entertainers such as Tommy and Louina perform nightly. **Santa Fe** • 658-4900: Groups like Desert Wind, Jerry Tiffe, and Angelstar perform nightly in the Ice Lounge. Pavilion: Jazz music Wed.-Sat. and Sun., noon-3:30pm, and piano Sun.-Tues.

Showboat • 383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Masquerade Room: Interactive murder mystery dinner theater Thurs.-Sat. Bands like Touch of Silk play in the Mardi Gras Lounge (dark Mon.).

Silverton • 263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Poolside: Paul Revere and the Raiders, July 3; the Supremes, Aug. 20; luau's are held Thurs. and steak barbecues on Fri. Rattlesnake Rickey's Saloon: Bands play nightly.

Stardust • 732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Stardust Theatre: "Enter the Night" production show (dark Fri.); B.J. Thomas/ Lowell Sanders, Aug. 13; Three Dog Night, Sept. 3. Stardust Ballroom: Glenn Miller Orchestra, July 3; Ray Anthony Orchestra, Sept. 18; Les Brown, the Band of Renown, Oct. 30; Ricky and the Redstreaks, Dec. 1-12. 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. Top of the World Lounge: Bobby Dickerson (dark Mon.). Bands play in the Oasis Lounge.

Treasure Island • 894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère" (dark Mon.-Tues. and Aug. 8 and 11). Music in Captain Morgan's piano bar and the Hideaway Lounge. Pirate battle in front of the hotel.

Tropicana • 739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "The Best of the Folies Bergere...Sexier Than Ever" (dark Thurs.); "The Magic of Rick Thomas," 2 and 4pm daily except Fri. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop,"



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Casting a Spell

The illusionist Ayala, who stars in "Spellbound" at Harrah's Las Vegas, draws from the color and culture of his native Mexico in the long-running magic revue. The production also stars comedian-juggler Michael Holly and the gymnastic trio Body Dynamic, who use strength and balance to create human formations.

stand-up comedy nightly. Bands play in the Atrium Lounge. Free Wildlife Walk at the Tropicana includes live birds and monkeys.

Vacation Village • 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Koo Koo's Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Venetian • 733-5000: Carnevale 2000: When completed, the new hotel's three-tiered showroom will feature sky boxes and cigar and sushi bars. Entertainment TBA. Entertainment daily in the Rialto Bar and La Scena Lounge.

Westward Ho • 731-2900: Westward Ho Lounge: Entertainment nightly.

Wild Wild West Gambling Hall • 736-8988: Loose Trax Sports Lounge: Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

World Trade Center • 369-5750: International Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

LAUGHLIN

Avi • 535-5555: Bands play nightly.

Colorado Belle • 298-4000: "D" Deck: Riverboat Ramblers, strolling musicians. Boiler Room Brew Pub: Bands like Catch 22 and Real Surreal play Fri. and Sat., karaoke, Thurs.

Edgewater • 298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Escape: A Tribute to Journey, June 29-July 4; Fandango: A Tribute to ZZ Top, July 6-11; Hotel California: A Tribute to the Eagles, July 13-18; The Fab Four: A Tribute to the Beatles, July 20-25; Chris Hiatt and Cold Shot: A Tribute to Stevie Ray Vaughn, Aug. 3-8; Louie Fontaine and the Rockets, Aug. 10-22; Cornell Gunters' Coasters, Aug. 24-29.

Flamingo Hilton Laughlin • 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: Silver Bullet Showroom: "Dancing to the Hitz," musical revue (dark Fri.). The Association, July 9-10; The Mamas and the Papas, Aug. 13-14.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 298-7111 or 800-237-1739:

Tarzan's Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Harrah's Laughlin • 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta Showroom: Ronn Lucas Show (dark Thurs.).

Ramada Express • 298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theater: Entertainment TBA; Back to the 1940s Speakers, Tuesdays at 1:15pm, free; "On the Wings of Eagles: A Tribute to American Heroes," multimedia show, daily on the hour beginning at 9am. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.; Karaoke Madness, Mon.; swing and Latin dance contests, 5pm daily. Train rides also are available.

River Palm • 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Crystal Sands Club: "Spice on Ice," revue, thru Sept. 28. DJ music or bands perform nightly in the Bermuda Club.

Riverside Resort • 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: "Shogun," revue, indf.; Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Oct. 14-16; Bill Medley, Oct. 20-23; Everly Brothers, Nov. 4-7; Mel Tillis, Feb. 15-20.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Theatre: Hypnotist Michael Mezmer, July 3-4; Freddie Fender, July 10; Comedy Circus, July 16-17; T.G. Sheppard, Aug. 7. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the Cascades Lounge; piano bar is scheduled for afternoons.

Mesquite Star • 346-1177: Bands play in the Shooters Bar.

Rancho Mesquite • 346-4646: Live entertainment in the Wild Cactus and Scorpion lounges.

Si Redd's Oasis • 346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Redd Boot Saloon: Video and live DJ, Fri. and Sat., Sandy

Hackett's Comedy Club on Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Virgin River • 346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Country bands play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

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

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

Texas Station • 631-1000: South Padre: Regina Belle, July 2; Waylon Jennings, July 3; Michael McDonald, July 30; Mark Farner and Randy Bachman, Aug. 27; Najee, Sept. 4. Armadillo Lounge: Dancing to Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffie, 4-8pm; bands play nightly.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 382-1111 or 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Entertainment TBA. Stage Bar: Bands play Thurs.-Sun. Carolee's Comedy Club: Michael Rapport hosts guest comedians.

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Whiskey Pete's • 382-1212 or 800-367-7383: Whiskey Pete's Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

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Atlantis • 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Paul Revere and the Raiders, Aug. 5. Bands play nightly in the Center Stage Cabaret.

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Flamingo Hilton Reno • 785-7080: Flamingo Showroom: "Carnival of Wonders," magic production (dark Tues.).

The '60s in Laughlin

The Association, known for hits such as "Along Comes Mary" and "Cherish," appear at the Flamingo Hilton Laughlin on July 9-10. The Association will be followed by another '60s pop group, the Mamas and the Papas, who perform August 13-14.

Bands play in the Show Spot Cabaret. Terry Thompson, Colin Ross, Yil Ozpay, and Alvaldez play at the Top of the Hilton restaurant (dark Tues.).

Harrah's Reno • 788-3773 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: "Cirque Berserk," revue, indf.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Rose Ballroom: Patti LaBelle, July 15-16; Hot August Nights Prom with Sha-Boom, Aug. 7; Boz Scaggs, Aug. 13-14; Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Oct. 8-9; John Michael Montgomery, Oct. 15-16. Celebrity Showroom: Glen Campbell/John Paden, June 24-July 7; Tony Orlando/Mark Merchant, July 8-21; America/Glenn Hirsch, July 22-Aug. 4; the Coasters, Drifters, and Brad Cummings, Aug. 5-18; Charo/Sammy King, Aug. 19-Sept. 1; Crystal Gayle/Billy Garan, Sept. 2-8; the Lettermen/Kelly Montieth, Sept. 16-29; Bill Medley, Sept. 30-Oct. 13; Rich Little, Oct. 14-27; Michael Martin Murphey, Oct. 28-Nov. 10. Bands like White Wing and Bob and Ricky play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's restaurant.

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Ramada Inn and Speakeasy Casino • 329-7400: Pretty Boy Floyd's Bar features live entertainment.

Reno Hilton • 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theater: "Night Beat," musical production, thru Dec. 2 (dark Fri.); Glenn Miller Orchestra, July 2; Henry Cuesta Orchestra in a Tribute to Benny Goodman, Aug. 13. Hilton Pavilion: Robert Cray Band featuring the Memphis Horns, July 11. Outdoor Amphitheatre: Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 4; Legends of Rock 'n' Roll: Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and Jerry Lee Lewis,



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Riverboat • 323-8877.

Silver Club • Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137 (U.S. outside Nevada).

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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: Bands like Off Our Rockers and Madison Avenue play nightly.

Carson Station • Carson City, 883-0900: Bands play in the casino lounge.

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Bands like Stew Stewart and Siren play in the Cabaret Lounge for dancing nightly except DJ night on Mon.

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

Pifon Plaza • Carson City, 885-9000: Sports Book Lounge: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

Sharkey's Nugget • Gardnerville, 782-3133: Live music and dancing Fri. and Sat. Also, extensive displays of boxing, circus, and rodeo memorabilia.

Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 266-3339.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 588-2455.

Caesars Tahoe • 588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: Vince Gill, July 2-4; Huey Lewis and the News, July 9-11; Tom Jones, July 23-24; B52's, July 30-31; Chris Isaak, Aug. 20-21; Donna Summer, Aug. 27-28; Rick Springfield, Sept. 11; the Temptations and the Four Tops, Oct. 1-2. Nero's 2000 nightclub presents live music. Cleo's Bar and Entertainment Lounge: Pianist Arthur Hervey appears indf.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 588-6606 or 800-HARRAHS: South

Shore Room: "New York, New York" and "Erocktika 2000," revues, thru Sept. 26; Vonda Shepard, Aug. 27-29. Bands play nightly in the Casino Center Stage at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

Harveys • 588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Cabaret: "Tahoe Live's Rockin' Blues Revue," production show. Llewellyn's: Ron Rose Sound.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Phantasy," magic and comedy revue (dark Mon.). Bands play in the Aspen Lounge.

Lakeside Inn • 588-7777: Entertainment TBA.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Cal-Neva Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Crystal Bay Club • Crystal Bay, 831-0512: Bands play nightly in the Crystal Bar.

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Barton's Club 93 • 755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 755-2321 or 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom:
Danny Marona, June 29-July 11; Stars in Concert, July 20-
Aug. 15; "A Tribute to Garth and Shania," Aug. 24-29;
Danny Marona, Sept. 21-Oct. 4.

Horseshu Casino • 755-2321.

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Burns Bros. Casino • 538-7306.

WENDOVER

Peppermill • 664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside
Nevada): Bands play nightly.
Red Garter • 664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (continental U.S.
outside Nevada).
Silver Smith • 664-2231 or 800-354-3671: Jim's Bar: Live
entertainment nightly.
State Line • 664-2221, 800-354-3671: Stateline Lounge:
Entertainment TBA.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 623-2511: Bands play nightly.

Model T Hotel • 623-2588.
Holiday Inn Express • 800-HOLIDAY.
Sundance Casino • 623-3336.
Red Lion • 800-633-6435.

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Bonanza Inn • 423-3111 ext. 47.
Fallon Nugget • 423-3111.

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Longstreet Inn • 372-1777: Weekend entertainment.

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Stagecoach • 553-2419 or 800-4-BIGWIN (U.S. outside
Nevada): Nightly entertainment.
Exchange Club • 553-2368: Weekend entertainment.

HAWTHORNE

El Capitan • 945-3322: Entertainment TBA.
Joe's Tavern • 945-2302.

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Mountain View Casino and Bowl • 727-7777: Bowling alley,
entertainment.
Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 727-1111 or 800-
GEDDY-UP: Casino-lounge entertainment.

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Banc Club • 482-5409: Entertainment TBA.
Mizpah Hotel • Closed for renovation.
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Isaak at the Lake

Chris Isaak performs August 20-21 at Caesars
Tahoe, where showgoers can expect to hear
his hit single "Wicked Game." In his latest album,
"Speak of the Devil," Isaak experiments with
sounds such as chirping crickets.

Nevada): Weekend music in the Wild West Lounge.
Dini's Lucky Club • 463-2868.

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A guide to Nevada's malls and shopping meccas.

Las Vegas

Belz Factory Outlet World is the largest outlet mall under one roof in the United States. The 140-store mall on Las Vegas Boulevard, a couple miles south of the Strip, has an Off Fifth Saks Fifth Avenue outside at the south end of the parking lot. Inside stores include Spiegel, Levi's, Casual Corner, Burlington Brands, and others. Phone 702-896-5599.

The **Boulevard Mall** sprawls across 1.2 million square feet with 144 stores, making it Nevada's largest. The mall has Macy's, Dillard's, JC Penney, and Sears and is at Maryland Parkway and Desert Inn Road, two miles east of the Strip. Phone 702-732-8949; www.blvdmall.com.

The **Fashion Show Mall** has Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Robinson May, Dillard's, and Macy's. Located next door to Treasure Island, the mall has more than 130 stores and is known for its trendy eateries. Phone 702-369-8382.

The **Forum Shops at Caesars** has 94 shops and 11 restaurants. The attractions—the "Race for Atlantis" IMAX motion simulator, talking sculptures, and 3-D Cinema Ride—nearly overwhelm the stores and restaurants. Shops include the Museum Company, Nike-Town, and Versace. Phone 702-893-4800.

Galleria Mall at Sunset in Henderson, across the street from Sunset Station, has Dillard's, Robinson May, JC Penney, Mervyn's California, and 130 specialty stores. Phone 702-434-0202.

Las Vegas Factory Stores is an open-air outlet mall south of Vacation Village at the far southern end of the Strip. Shoppers will find 41 stores. Phone 702-897-9090.

Meadows Mall, at U.S. 95 North at Valley View Boulevard, is anchored by Macy's, JC Penney, and Dillard's. Phone 702-878-4849.

Laughlin

The **Horizon Outlet Center** has bargain shopping. The enclosed mall next to the Ramada Express has 55 outlet stores, including Geoffrey Beene, Wild Things, Mikasa, and Bugle Boy. Phone 702-298-3003.

Primm

The **Fashion Outlet of Las Vegas** in Primm, 43 miles south of Las Vegas, has 90 stores, including the Williams Sonoma Marketplace, Last Call (the clearance store for Neiman Marcus), J. Peterman, Versace, Kenneth Cole, and Donna Karan. Phone 702-874-1400; www.fashionoutletlasvegas.com.

Reno

Meadowood Mall is Reno's largest with 130 stores, including anchors Macy's, JC Penney, and Sears. If you're shopping for a new sofa or lamp, you'll find Macy's Furniture Store across Virginia Street. Phone 775-827-8450.

Park Lane Mall at South Virginia and Plumb Lane is anchored by Gottschalks and has 77 stores. Phone 775-825-9452.—Carolyn Graham

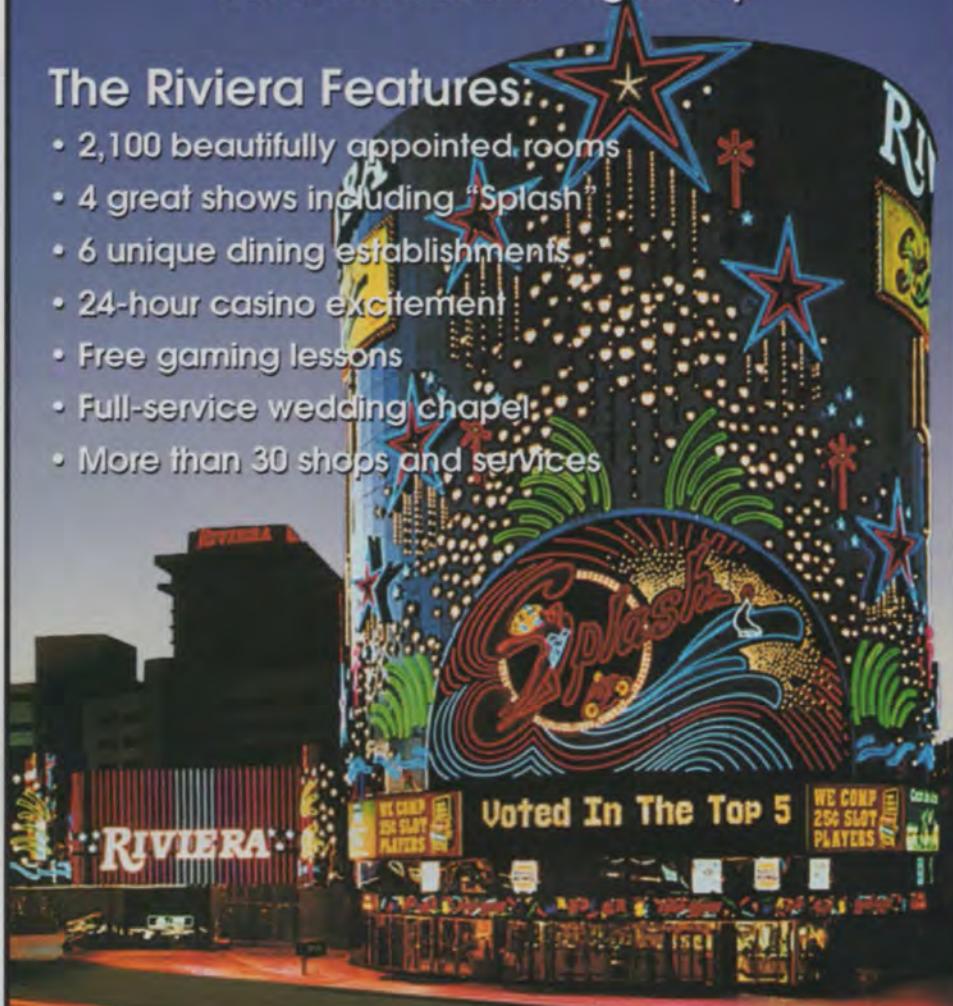
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Casino Notes

News from hotel-casinoland. **By Elizabeth Baker-Nielsen**

Las Vegas Territory

Tally Ho: Bally's Las Vegas has remodeled its Steakhouse to give the eatery the feel of a New England hunt club. Also, new appetizers, entrees, and desserts have been added to the Steakhouse menu. Call 702-739-4661.

Pasta Place: Boulder Station has added new appetizers and entrees to the menu of its Italian restaurant, Pasta Palace. Call 702-432-7777.

Go Fourth: The Colorado Belle in Laughlin will celebrate Independence Day by offering customers free cake and champagne. The festivities will follow the town's "Rockets over the River" fireworks show. Call 702-298-4000.

Gator Days '99: The Colorado Belle is holding Gator Days, its annual summer celebration and live-animal extravaganza, through September 2. Alligators and pythons will be on display, as well as cougar cubs from July 6 to August 3 and Annie the Chimpanzee from August 4 to September 2. A portion of the proceeds will go to animal charities. Call 702-298-4000.

Expansive Results: The finishing touches have been put on the Hard Rock Hotel's \$100-million expansion. The project includes a new hotel tower, four new restaurants, a remodeled pool area, increased gaming facilities, and private poolside bungalows. Call 702-693-5000.

Top Dining: Restaurants at Harrah's Las Vegas have garnered two awards in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* "Best of Las Vegas" readers' poll. The Range Steakhouse won "Best Steakhouse" while Asia was "Best Asian Restaurant." Call 702-369-5000.

High-Tech Bingo: Harrah's Las Vegas has installed 40 new Bingo Bonus machines, which seek to combine the action of video slots



Heidi Horvath plays an undersea nymph in "Imagine, A Theatrical Odyssey" at the Luxor in Las Vegas. The show, known for its costuming, acrobatics, and circus styling, has extended its run. "Imagine" opened in 1997 in the hotel's Luxor Theater.

and the game of bingo. Call 702-369-5000.

Magical Showroom: Phase III of the Lady Luck's new showroom has been completed. Magician Steve Wyrick performs nightly in the showroom, which has new seating, a larger stage, a new entrance way, and an architectural lighting system. In addition, Wyrick has added three illusions to his show. Call 702-477-3000.

Just Imagine: Luxor has extended the run of "Imagine, A Theatrical Odyssey." The show features a cast of more than 30 dancers, a trio of comic jesters, illusionist Enrique Lugo, and other specialty acts. Tickets are \$49.95 per person. Call 800-557-7428 or 702-262-4400.

Egyptian Lore: King Tut's Tomb and Museum

at the Luxor has changed its hours and admission price. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5. Call 702-262-4000.

Thrill Park: Open for the summer, MGM Grand Adventures features thrill rides, live entertainment, and special events such as Caribbean Reggae Night on July 10 and Rock 'N Brews on August 7. The theme park's admission price of \$10 includes all rides except the SkyScreamer. Call 702-891-7979.

Let's Boogie: Break out the polyester on Monday nights when the disco band Jungle Boogie takes the stage at the Monte Carlo's Pub and Brewery. Shows begin at 9:30 p.m. each Monday at the Strip hotel. Call 702-730-7777.

Award Winning: New York-New York captured six awards in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*'s "Best of Las Vegas" readers' poll. The hotel won "Best Hotel Theme" and "Coolest Building in Las Vegas" while the Manhattan Express won "Best Roller Coaster" and "Best Thrill Ride." In addition, the Coney Island Emporium won "Best Arcade" for the third consecutive year, and Chin Chin was "Best Chinese Restaurant." Call 702-740-6969.

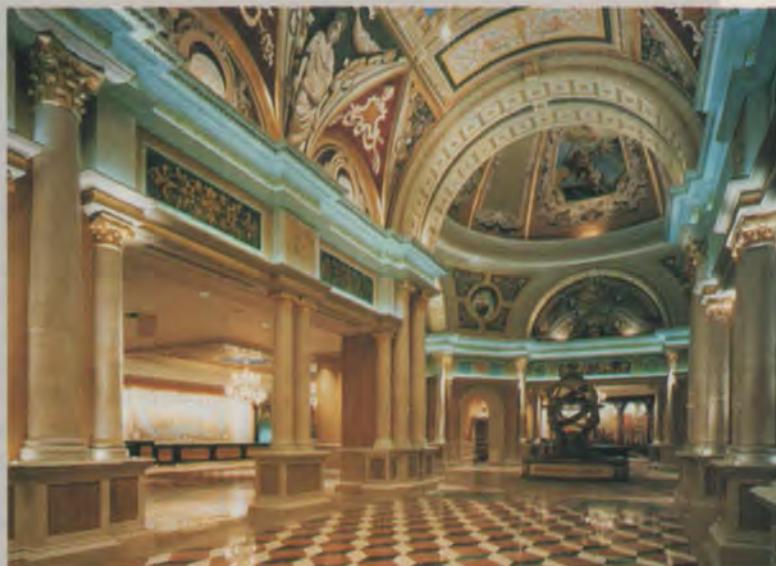
Gaming Nods: The Reserve in Henderson received two *Las Vegas Review-Journal* "Best of Las Vegas" awards. The casino won for "Best Video Poker" and "Best Keno." Call 702-558-7000.

That's Impersonation: Tim Dunn impersonates Dionne Warwick in the Riviera's "An Evening at La Cage." Dunn says, "As Dionne, I'm the only Caucasian in show biz who plays a black woman." During the show he does Charles Aznavour's "What Makes a Man a Man." Dunn says, "It's a captive moment where you get to see the transformation of a man from a man to a woman." The aspiring actor says he hopes to pursue a law degree. He

Venice in Vegas

When owner Sheldon Adelson opened his Las Vegas megaresort, the Venetian, in May, he announced, "Buon giorno—and welcome to Las Venice." His phrasing seemed only partly in jest because the giant property does revel in the glory of the two cities. The scale is certainly Las Vegas—3,036 suites, a vast casino, 15 restaurants, an upscale shopping mall. The atmosphere is definitely Venice—statuary, paintings, marble columns, canals, and gondoliers. Venetian landmarks like the Rialto Bridge face the Mirage and Treasure Island on the other side of the Strip.

The Venetian was built on the site of the old Sands, the swinging Rat Pack hangout of the 1960s that was demolished to make way for the new resort. With the Sands Expo Center



The Venetian's grand hall greets guests with marble floors and ceiling art.



Actors playing historical figures, singers, and musicians of the Italian Renaissance appear in the Las Vegas hotel and its Grand Canal Shoppes.

adds, "I'll work in 'La Cage,' and we'll see which career is better." "La Cage" show tickets are \$21.95 and include two drinks. Call 702-794-9433.

San Remo Sushi: The Hotel San Remo has remodeled its sushi bar into a larger restaurant, Saizen at San Remo: Japanese Dining and Sushi Bar. The restaurant is under the direction of Chef Mimbu Shibata, who joined the Las Vegas hotel from Hakome, a national park in Japan known for its sushi. Call 702-739-9000.

Comedy Award: The Riviera's Comedy Club received the *Las Vegas Review-Journal's* "Best of Las Vegas" award for "Best Comedy Club" for the second year in a row. Also, the Riviera's Ristorante Italiano was named "Best Italian Restaurant." Call 702-734-5110.

Top Eateries: Two restaurants at Sunset Station in Henderson, Capri Ristorante and the new Sonoma Cellar Steakhouse, have been listed in the *Las Vegas Top 40 Restaurant Guide*. Call 702-547-7777.

New Games: Sunset Station offers three table

games that are derived from poker: 7 Card Thrill, Three-Card Poker, and Wild Hold 'Em Fold 'Em Stud Poker. Call 702-547-7777.

Venetian Restaurant: Pinot Brasserie, operated by well-known chef Joachim Splichal, has opened at the Venetian, the new Strip megaresort. The decor replicates a French brasserie, including a rotisserie and oyster bar. Guests will find an exterior cafe terrace and bar, and French antiques, and what Splichal calls "classic French bistro cuisine with a California sensibility." Call 702-735-8888.

A Bouquet for Eddy: Eddy Arnold announced his retirement after completing an engagement at the Orleans in May. "I've been at this a long time," the country singer said of his 50 years in show business. Arnold, who celebrated his 81st birthday one day before retiring, initially appeared in Las Vegas at the El Rancho Vegas in 1949 and later headlined at showrooms in Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Laughlin.

Known for love songs and ballads like "Bouquet of Roses" and "Make the World Go

next door, Venetian officials have targeted conventioneers as well as tourists to fill the hotel. Nightly rates run about \$150 to \$300. Each suite has two rooms and two 27-inch TVs. Recreationists will find a five-acre pool deck on the fourth floor and tee times at Vegas-area golf courses. The Canyon Ranch SpaClub offers massages and mud baths. The Grand Canal Shoppes will have shopophiles shouting "Gràzie" at Gucci. Celebrities stand in waxed attention at Madame Tussaud's Celebrity Encounter while real stars perform in the Carnevale 2000 showroom. Opening throughout the summer, the resort's restaurants include a Delmonico Steakhouse, overseen by well-known chef Emeril Lagasse, and Lutèce, the French restaurant. Several eateries—Valentino Las Vegas, Pinot Brasserie and others—bring a further taste of Venice to Las Vegas. Call the Venetian, 800-494-3556 or 702-733-5000, for reservations and further information.—David Moore

Away," Arnold said he had a formula for choosing songs. "I listened to it to see if it touched me," he said. "I looked for something that gave me chills when I heard it." Arnold, the son of a Tennessee sharecropper, sold more than 85 million records. He said the biggest thrill of his career was his initial concert at Carnegie Hall in 1966—a first for a country singer.

After leaving the stage at the Orleans for the last time, Arnold said he would devote his time to looking at his wife, answering mail, and running his boat, which he describes as a "small yacht." As an aside, he told reporters assembled to hear his retirement announcement, "Thanks for not making me cry."

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Grand Opening: With the completion of its new 27-story tower, the Atlantis will hold a month-long celebration in July. The top seven floors will be concierge floors. They will have

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Hot Atlantis Nights: The Atlantis will host a series of events coinciding with Hot August Nights, August 2-7. Activities will include a \$10,000 Cruise of Champions, a 24-hour show 'n' shine, a Cruisin' Craft Fair, and free outdoor entertainment. In addition, Paul Revere and the Raiders will perform two shows on Thursday, August 5. Revere tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show. Call 888-551-7007 or 775-825-4700.

Stars and Diamonds: Harrah's Lake Tahoe has received the Four-Star Award of the *Mobil Travel Guide* and the Four Diamond Award of the American Automobile Association for 1999. The resort is the only hotel-casino on Lake Tahoe's south shore to win both honors. Call 775-588-6611.

Guest Comfort: Harrah's Reno has added a High Limit Slot Area where players can enjoy snacks, beverages, hors d' oeuvres, steamed towels, and personal massages. Harrah's Reno recently completed a \$5-million renovation of all hotel rooms and added high-end Jacuzzi suites. The new North Beach Deli offers California and Italian subs plus soups, salads, breakfast pastries, and desserts. Also, Bingo Bonus slot machines have been added to the casino floor. Call 775-786-3232.

Good Deals

Day Trip: The Carson Valley Inn is offering a Wildflower Hike on July 17 through the volcanic landscape surrounding Carson Pass. The four-to-five-hour hike will cover eight miles of easy-to-moderate terrain in one of the Sierra's best wildflower areas. The package includes Friday and Saturday lodging, Saturday-morning coffee and pastries, bus

transportation to and from the hike area, a box lunch, and a \$20 dinner certificate to Fiona's Restaurant. Call 800-321-6983, ext. 679, or 775-783-6679.

Golf Getaway: Silver Legacy and Red Hawk Golf Club are offering a golfer's getaway. The \$129-per-person price includes Silver Legacy rooms for two nights, 18 holes of golf for two at Red Hawk, towels, a sleeve of golf balls, tickets to the Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, and \$16-per-person food credits. Call 800-687-8733 or 775-329-4777.

Casino Promotions

Appreciation Month: Throughout August, Cactus Petes in Jackpot will have special events and offers for travelers 60 years of age and older. Call 800-821-1103.

Animal Giveaway: During July and August, players at the Colorado Belle in Laughlin can collect coupons redeemable for stuffed animals. The collectible creatures loom two to three feet high. Call 702-298-4000.

Birthday Celebration: When the Colorado Belle in Laughlin celebrates its 12th birthday on July 5-11, guests can try the "Rollin' on the River" dice game. Selected players will roll giant dice down the Grand Staircase to win birthday cash. Call 702-298-4000.

Station Slots: Station Casinos in Las Vegas has introduced its Boarding Pass frequent-player program. The program allows members to use one card at any Station property, including Palace Station, Boulder Station, Texas Station, and Sunset Station.

Triple Points: The Reserve in Henderson offers patrons triple points on all reel slot machines, including video reel machines. Also, on Triple Point Mondays, players receive triple points for slot and video-poker play. Call 702-567-7777 for more information.



The glass-enclosed Sky Terrace at the Atlantis in Reno is part of the hotel's recent expansion, which includes a 400-room tower, an indoor-outdoor pool, and additional restaurants.

Millennium New Year's Update

When the clock strikes midnight on December 31 in Nevada, there will be a galaxy of ways to celebrate the arrival of the new millennium. To follow up the "Celebrating the Millennium" guide in *Nevada Magazine's* May/June issue, here is a Millennium New Year's update:

Millennium Weddings: A Special Memory Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas plans a group ceremony that will begin at 11:45 p.m. on December 31. Each couple will say "I do" just after midnight—thus beginning their millennium marriage in 2000's earliest moments. Depending on the number of couples, the ceremony might be held outside. The chapel is located six blocks south of the Fremont Street Experience, the scene of a big New Year's Eve party. The cost of the group wedding is \$999 per couple, which includes flowers, photos, video. Call 702-384-2211.

Star Power: When Barbra Streisand announced her New Year's Eve concert at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, her fans quickly paid ticket prices of \$500 to \$2,500. In fact, first-day ticket sales were the most for a single performance in the 30-year history of Ticketmaster. Other Las Vegas holiday headliners include Tina Turner and Elton John, who will give a concert on December 30 at Thomas and Mack Center, and Rod Stewart, who will perform New Year's Eve in the Rio's new 7,500-seat Pavilion. At the Riviera, tickets cost \$300 to see Frankie Avalon, the Tokens, and the Shangri-las in the Royale Pavilion. The Smothers Brothers will host the Orleans' New Year's party. At Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, the Kenny Kerr Show will play in the Plaza Showroom.

Arty Party: The Las Vegas Art Museum will be the site of Cosmo Center 2000, a themed party by I Cater and Associates, a caterer for the Olympics, Super Bowls, and the Emmys. The party will have roaming entertainers and stage performers, and the stage will overlook the Las Vegas Strip and its fireworks displays. Party size will be limited. Tickets cost \$750, \$1,000, and \$1,500.



Tina Turner joins Elton John to help Las Vegas greet the millennium.

Call 702-433-0111 for more information.

River Rings: The Colorado Belle plans Laughlin's version of the lowering of the ball in Times Square. Two bands will play from 9 p.m. until early morning during the casino party. Call 702-298-4000.

Capital Idea: Carson City is jumping to the millennium forefront with a community-wide celebration. Beginning December 26, the town will have nightly fireworks displays. As the countdown to New Year's begins, there will be a parade, ice-carving contest, dances, strolling magicians, an indoor golf tournament, and an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the invention of the slot machine. Antique slot machines loaned by Marshall Fey, grandson of the inventor, will be on display.

More Carson: Two Carson City hotels, Carson Station and Piñon Plaza, are offering unlimited complimentary cocktails to

guests purchasing millennium room packages. At Carson Station, the price is \$399 per couple for a two-night stay, breakfast two mornings, and a New Year's Eve dinner. At the Piñon Plaza, \$599 is the price of a three-night stay, cocktail-hors d'oeuvres party, New Year's Eve dinner-dance, and a New Year's Rose Bowl brunch. Guests can also receive an additional dinner and the fourth night (January 2) free.

Elks Celebrate: At Sharkey's Nugget in Gardnerville, the Elks Lodge plans a New Year's party that begins at 8:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, proceeds with dancing to the 17-piece Tahoe Big Band, and includes a breakfast buffet at 1 a.m. Call 775-883-8868.

Tahoe Gala: The Resort at Squaw Creek at North Tahoe will hold three millennium parties. For adults, a black-tie optional dinner-dance is \$295 per person. A semiformal dance with a disk jockey, music videos, and a pizza-pasta dinner for ages 12 through 20 costs \$75. Kids ages four through 11 will be entertained by a clown and magician; price is \$95. Call 800-327-3353.—Ann Henderson

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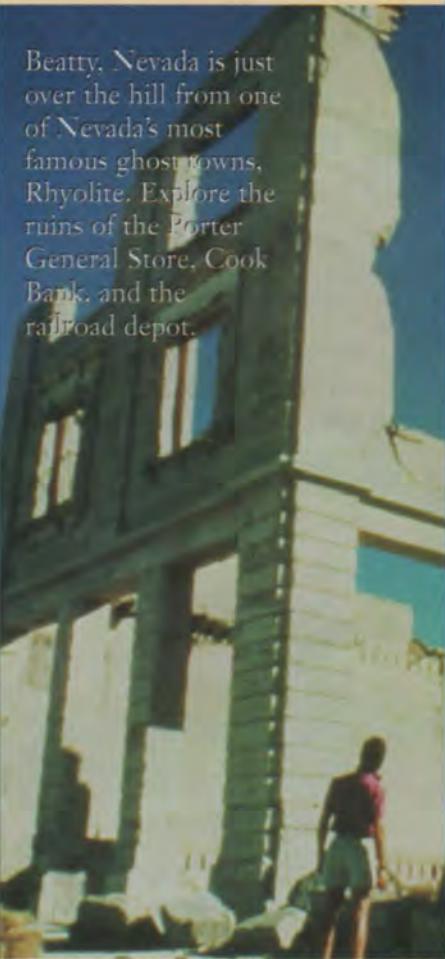
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Boulder Dam Hotel • 1305 Arizona, 293-7731.
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Lake Mead Cruises/Desert Princess • Excursion on Lake Mead, 293-6180.
Lake Mead National Recreation Area • 601 Nevada Hwy., 293-8906.
St. Jude's Ranch for Children • Artifacts, tours. 100 St. Jude's St., 294-7100.

HENDERSON

City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve • Self-guided or guided tours for more than 10 people of the 80-acre preserve and its trails and interpretive signs. 2400 Moser Street off Sunset, Henderson, 565-4264.
Clark County Heritage Museum • 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., 455-7955.
Cranberry World West • Tours of Ocean Spray facility. 1301 American Pacific Dr., 566-7160.
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Mountasia Family Fun Center • 2050 Olympic, 898-7777.
Ron Lee's World of Clowns • 330 Carousel Pkwy., 434-1700.

LAS VEGAS

A.J. Hackett Bungy • 810 Circus Circus, 385-4321.
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Caesars Palace • Dining, magic shows, and special effects at Caesars Magical Empire, 731-7333.
Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex • 9295 W. Flamingo, 253-9832.
Excalibur • Dragon battle in front moat, motion simulators, 597-7777.
Flamingo Hilton • Wildlife sanctuary. 733-3111.
Floyd Lamb State Park • Picnicking and fishing. 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 486-5413.

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Forum Shops at Caesars • Animatronic attractions, "Race for Atlantis" IMAX 3D motion simulator. Caesars Palace, 893-4800.

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Guinness World of Records Museum • 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-3766.

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Holy Cow! Casino • Brewery tours, 732-2697.

Horseshoe Casino • \$1 million on display, 382-1600.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection • Classic and antique vehicles, 794-3174.

Laser Quest • Hide and seek with special effects. 7361 West Lake Mead, Las Vegas, 243-8881.

Las Vegas Art Museum • 9600 W. Sahara Ave., 647-4300.

Las Vegas Club • Sports memorabilia. Downtown, 385-1664.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum • From dinosaurs to desert creatures. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 384-DINO.

Liberace Museum • Pianos and memorabilia. 1775 E. Tropicana, 798-5595.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum • Science and other learning exhibits. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-KIDS.

Luxor • Motion rides, IMAX Theatre, and King Tut's Tomb and Museum, 262-4000.

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Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History • 4505 Maryland Pkwy., UNLV, 895-3381.

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Nevada State Museum and Historical Society • Lorenzi Park, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., 486-5205.

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Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Historic State Park • 908 Las Vegas Blvd. North at Washington Avenue, 486-3511.

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MGM Grand Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip, 891-8580.

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Treasure Island • Sea battle every 90 minutes from 4 to 11:30 p.m., 894-7111.

Tropicana • Wildlife walk and tiger habitat, gambling museum, 739-2222.

Venetian Hotel • Madame Tussaud's Celebrity Encounter

wax museum, gondola rides, Las Vegas, 733-5000.
Walker African-American Museum and Research Center • Exhibits and records, open by appointment only, 647-2242.

Wet 'n Wild • Water theme park, 734-0088.

World of Coca-Cola • Museum, Showcase Mall, 270-5985.

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Ramada Express • WWII museum and multimedia tribute to American war heroes, 298-4200.

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Desert Valley Museum • 346-5705.

Si Redd's Oasis • Gun club, hayrides, ATV and horseback rides, 346-5232.

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Kit Carson Trail • Walking tour. 687-7410 or 800-638-2321.
Nevada State Capitol • 687-5030.
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Roberts' House Museum • 1207 N. Carson St., 882-1805.
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Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum • 777 S. Stewart St., 887-2210.

DAYTON

Dayton State Park • 687-5678.

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Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center • Old Douglas County High School on U.S. 395 S., 782-2555.
Sharkey's Nugget • Boxing, rodeo memorabilia. 782-3133.

GENOA

Genoa Courthouse Museum • 782-4325.
Mormon Station State Historic Park • 782-4325, 687-4379.
Walley's Hot Springs • 2001 Foothill Rd., 782-8155.

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Hard Rock Cafe • Harveys, Stateline, 588-2411.
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Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park • Sand Harbor, 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494.

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Tahoe Gal Paddlewheeler • Tahoe City, 530-583-0141.

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National Automobile Museum (the Harrah Collection) • 10 Lake St. S., 333-9300.

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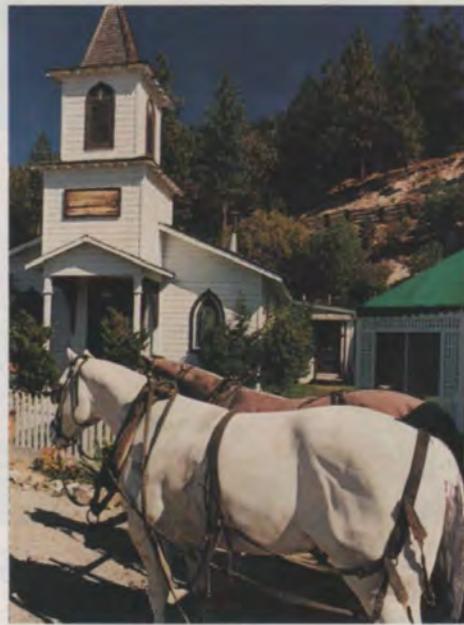
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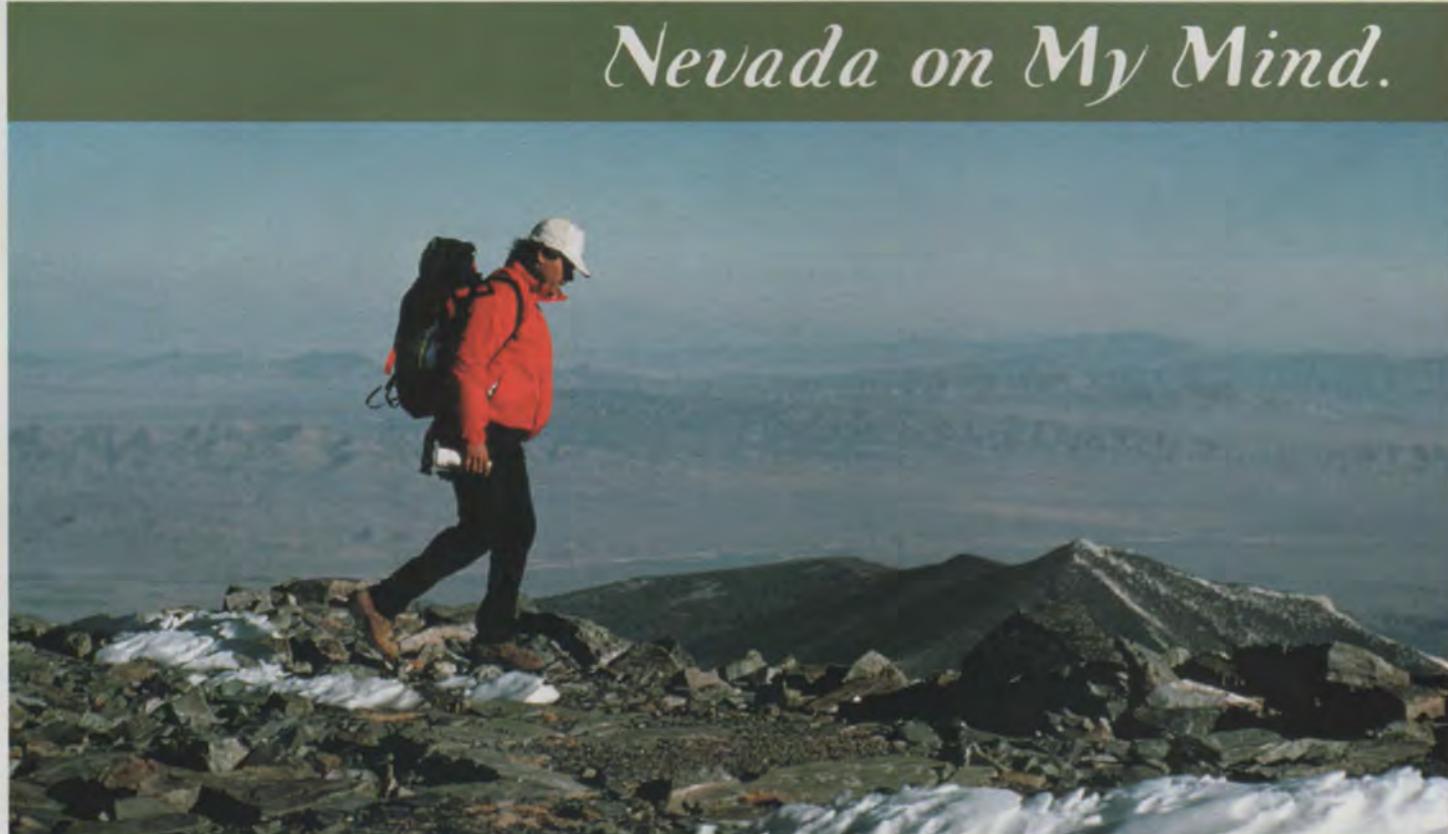
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Mackay Mansion Museum • 847-0173.

Mark Twain Museum of Memories • 847-0454.

Nevada Gambling Museum • 847-9022.

Piper's Opera House • 847-0433.

Ponderosa Mine • Tours, 847-0757.

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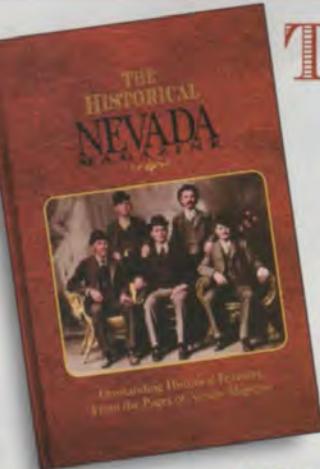
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East Ely Railroad Depot Museum • Tours, 289-1663.

Great Basin National Park • Tours of Lehman Caves, Baker, 65 miles east of Ely, 234-7331.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum • Train rides on historic locomotives, 1100 Ave. A, East Ely, 289-2085.

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Site • 16 miles (11 dirt) south of Ely, 728-4467.

White Pine Public Museum • Exhibits on history of Ely area, 2000 Aultman St., 289-4710.

EUREKA

Eureka Opera House • Open Mon.-Fri. or by appointment, tours, 237-6006.

Eureka Sentinel Museum • 237-5010.

FALON

Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave • Tours, 1050 S. Maine St., 423-3677.

Fort Churchill State Historic Park • 30 miles west of Fallon at Silver Springs, 577-2345.

Nevada Maze • Tours of one mile of trails in a corn field at Latin Farms, Aug. 12-Oct. 31. Fallon, 867-3750.

Sand Mountain • Unusual giant sand dune, 20 miles east of Fallon, 885-6000.

Pioneer Territory

BEATTY

Beatty Museum • Mining exhibits, 553-2424.

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Beatty, 619-786-2331.

Rhyolite Bottle House Historic Site • Four miles west of Beatty, 553-2424.

GABBS

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park • Dinosaur fossils, 23 miles east of Gabbs, 964-2440.

HAWTHORNE

Mineral County Historical Museum • 400 10th St., 945-5142. Walker Lake State Recreation Area • 945-5896.

PAHRUMP

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Pahrump, 619-786-2331.

Pahrump Valley Winery • Tours, 3810 Winery Rd., 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE.

PIOCHE/CALIENTE

Cathedral Gorge State Park • South of Pioche, 728-4460.

Kershaw-Ryan State Park • South of Caliente, 728-4460.

Lincoln County Historical Museum • Pioche, 962-5207.

Million Dollar Courthouse • Pioche, 962-5207.

Spring Valley State Park • 728-4460.

Stone Cabin Living History Museum • One mile north of Eagle Valley Reservoir near Pioche, seasonal, 728-4460.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Smoky Valley Museum • 1935 schoolhouse and assay equipment. Open second Wednesday of the month and by appointment, 377-2243.

TONOPAH

Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site • 50 miles north of Tonopah, 867-3001.

Central Nevada Museum • Artifacts and photographs on Tonopah-area history, 482-9676.

Tonopah Historic Mining Park • 482-9274.

YERINGTON

Lyon County Museum • Exhibits and photos on the history of the Yerington area, 463-2245.

A Reminder: To confirm hours of operation, please use the phone number listed with each attraction. The area code is 702 in the Las Vegas area, and the rest of the state is 775.

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Participants in poodle skirts sip sodas during Hot August Nights, Reno-Sparks' celebration of '50s and '60s music and cars.

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CALENDAR

Nevada, with its glittering resorts, friendly small-town festivals, and scenic and man-made attractions, is planning a once-in-a-lifetime celebration for the millennium. Instead of one party, one night, Nevada welcomes visitors to 15 months of festivities from Nevada Day weekend, October 30-31, 1999, to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, 2001. Following is a statewide, day-by-day guide to such themed events such as the hilarious Burro Races that kick off the millennium in Beatty on October 30 and Carson City's Countdown to the Millennium Celebration on December 26-31. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. Each event is color-coded to the map below.

October 1999

- **23-31 Heritage of the West Festival:** Five day, six night tour beginning in Reno. Seminars and side trips on Donner Party, Virginia City, Elko, Emigrant Trail. Events by Design, Carson City, 775-828-1530.
- **27-31 Nevada Day Celebration:** Parade (on Sat., Oct. 30), carnival, midway games, entertainment, booths, arts and crafts, and dances kick off Nevada's 15-month millennium celebration. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.
- **28-31 Bud Light Cup Bull Riding World Championships:** PBR bull riding competition has a \$1.5-million purse, which includes \$200,000 in Bud Light bonus money for the top 10 finishers in the point standings. Caesars Palace and Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.
- **28-31 Championship Off-Road Racing:** Stadium race features off-road vehicles such as buggies and trucks. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4443.
- **28-31 La Ka Le'l Be Powwow:** Indian dancers from Western states, arts, crafts, food vendors, dance and drum contests. Indian Colony, Carson City, 775-885-6818.
- **29-31 (tentative) Laughlin Cool River Nites:** Tribute to the music of the '50s and '60s features classic cars, dances, and live music. Laughlin, 800-4-LAUGHIN.
- **30 Kick Off the Millennium Burro Races:** Contestants pack and unpack burros, who may or may not cooperate. City Arena, Beatty, 775-553-2424.
- **30-31 Pyramid Lake Rodeo:** Rodeo, dance, arts, crafts, and peewee and junior rodeo events. Pyramid Lake Reservation, Nixon, 775-574-1000.
- **31 Halloween Bash:** Costume party with prizes. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 702-298-4000.

November 1999

- **1-7 National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals:** The nation's top cowboys and cowgirls, 40 and older, compete in all the traditional rodeo events. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-323-8842 or 775-688-5751.
- **2-3 Pennzoil World of Outlaws:** Sprint cars race on one-half-mile dirt track. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4443.
- **4-6 Western Heritage Festival:** Cowboy poetry gathering featuring chautauquas, Western



Nevada Territory Map

To assist you in your travels through Nevada, the state has been divided into the following territories:

- Reno-Tahoe Territory
- Cowboy Country
- Pony Express Territory

- Pioneer Territory
- Las Vegas Territory
- Indian Territory

music, entertainment, vendors, arts and crafts, pickup truck display, and hot-air balloons. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-658-4679.

- **5-6 National Automobile Museum's 10th Anniversary Celebration:** Drawing for the 1999 raffle car (1988 Corvette) and the unveiling of the 2000 raffle car. Also includes free admission to the

museum on Nov. 6. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

- **5-7 Rhymer's Rodeo Cowboy Poetry:** Tales of the trail and Western lore. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.

- **5-7, 12-14, and 19-21 "Annie Get Your Gun":** Musical performed by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. Community Center,

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Carson City, 775-887-3115 for more information.

- **5-7 Native American Arts and International Film Festival:** Parade, golf tournament, art and food booths, film festival. Las Vegas, 702-365-5686.
- **6 Doll and Teddy Bear Show:** Juried show and displays by professionals and amateurs, antique and modern dolls. Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8877
- **6 Festival Americana:** Native American and pioneer crafts, demonstrations, entertainment, and food. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.
- **6 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.
- **6-7 Vienna Choir Boys:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **7 Concert 76 Plus 4 Trombones:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **7 Tour Las Vegas: Ride of the Century:** Bicycle ride features 35, 50, and 100-mile ride. Las Vegas, 800-565-2704.
- **10 UNLV Community Band Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **11 Veterans Day Parade:** Historic town's salute to the military. Virginia City, 775-847-0311
- **11-14 PageNet Tour Championship:** Top 30 LPGA golfers compete in a season-ending tournament for a \$1-million purse. Desert Inn Golf Club, Las Vegas, 888-254-4653.



Santa brings cheer during the Sparks Hometowne Christmas parade.

- **12-13 Blues and BBQ's:** Free music and entertainment. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777
- **12-14 Golf Tournament:** Pioneer Hotel, Laughlin, 702-298-2442.
- **13 Carson Valley Sertoma Fall Barn Dance:** Country music. Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-1939.
- **13 Fall Dance Forum:** Lombardi Recreation Building, U of N, Reno, 775-784-4041 ext. 240.
- **13 University of Nevada Football:** Wolf Pack vs. Utah State. U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK for information.
- **16 Reno Philharmonic Concert:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.
- **18-21 (tentative) Laughlin Team Roping Finals:** Culmination of regional roping series. Special Events Arena, Laughlin, 800-4-LAUGHIN.
- **19-21 Valhalla Holiday Faire: A Dickens Experience:** Crafters, artists, and boutiques for shopping, carolers, holiday treats, Father Christmas,

Photo: PRCA (top)

and characters from Charles Dickens. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

- **20-Dec. 27 The Magical Forest:** Annual holiday land with a train, 10-foot candy canes, trees, animated figures, and gingerbread houses. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-2553.
- **21 Holiday of Lights:** Tree lighting in the park, singing, entertainment, and a visit from Santa. Wells, 775-752-3540.
- **21 Thanksgiving Turkey and Ham Shoot:** Flying Saucer Trap Club, Lovelock, 775-273-0745.
- **21 UNLV Orchestra Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **24 UNLV Jazz Ensemble Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **24 Tree-Lighting Ceremony:** The Country Holiday Festival begins at the Fremont Street Experience. Las Vegas, 702-678-5777

- **26 Shoshone Christmas Craft Bazaar:** Native American arts, crafts, food. Shoshone Indian Colony, Ely, 775-289-3013.
- **27 Fisherman's Holiday Fish Derby:** Cash prizes for anglers with the big catch. Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.
- **27-28 O Tannenbaum Christmas Tree Festival:** Holiday bazaar. Mesquite, 702-346-EVNT.
- **28 East Fork Gallery Christmas Reception:** Designer cards and ornaments. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-7269.
- **30 Mariposa Trio Recital:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801

December 1999

- **1 Deck the Halls of Valhalla:** Bring an ornament for a Christmas decorating party. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.
- **1 Earl Wild Concert:** Chopin's 150th anniversary and Gershwin's centennial. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **1-27 The Magical Forest:** The annual winter wonderland of lights, toy train, candy canes, and gingerbread houses entertains holiday visitors. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.
- **2 Downtown Hoedown:** Pre-National Finals Rodeo party with music and entertainment. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777
- **2 Silver and Snowflakes Festival of Lights:** Traditional tree-lighting. Downtown, Carson City, 775-882-1565.



A contestant tackles a steer at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

- **2-11 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:** More than 500 exhibitors display Western gifts. North Hall, Las Vegas Convention Center, 702-260-8605.
- **3 Christmas at the Liberace Museum:** Entertainment and a Santa clad in a gold lamé suit. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595.
- **3 Lighting of Minden Park:** Food, music, and Santa. Minden, 775-782-2444.
- **3-4 Terrible's Town 250:** Off-road race begins with pre-race festivities Dec. 3, race day on Dec. 4. Terrible's Town Casino, Pahrump, 702-457-5775.
- **3-11 Nightly National Finals Rodeo Dance Parties:** Hotel San Remo, 702-739-9000.
- **3-12 "Edward II":** Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **3-12 National Finals Rodeo:** World's top rodeo athletes compete for \$4.2 million in prize money. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.
- **3-12 Downtown Rodeo Stampede:** Western music and entertainment in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777
- **4 Christmas Craft Fair:** Douglas High School, Minden, 775-782-4631
- **4 Christmas Ghost Train Ride:** Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.
- **4 Christmas on the Comstock:** Parade of lights and fireworks. Virginia City, 775-847-0311
- **4 The Flying Santas:** Parachute jump at 3pm. Si Redd's Oasis, Mesquite, 702-346-4031
- **4 UNLV Winter Choral Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **4 Parade of Lights:** Gardnerville and Minden, 775-782-8777
- **4 Christmas Parade:** Santa arrives at Bicentennial Park. Boulder City, 702-293-2034.
- **4 Crafters Christmas Bazaar and Parade:** Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8261
- **4 Festival of the Trees:** Craft fair and traditional Christmas events. Lovelock, 775-273-7213.
- **4 Parade of Lights:** Annual parade of 50 highly decorated boats starts at Lake Mead Marina at 6pm and travels south along the public viewing

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areas on Boulder Beach, Special Events Beach, and Hemenway Harbor. Lake Mead Marina, 322 Lakeshore Road, off U.S. 93, Boulder City, 702-457-2797.

• **4 Sparks Hometown Christmas:** Colorful 13th annual parade with Santa, holiday music, unique arts and crafts, and a tree-lighting ceremony. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

• **4 Spirit of the Season:** Reno Philharmonic concert. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

• **4-5 Genoa Christmas Faire and Cafe:** Arts and crafts fair, with Christmas carols and appetizers on

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, 775-425-3439.

• **11 Children's Christmas Parade:** Kids lead Santa to his home in front of the Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-8951.

• **11 Christmas Celebration on Main Street:** Parade, tree-lighting ceremony, and caroling. Yerington, 775-463-2245 for event information.

• **11 Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration:** Roving carolers, make-and-take ornaments, sing-along, craft and goodie sale. Reservations required for dinner. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

• **11-12 Handel's "Messiah":** Reno Chamber

torchlight parade. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6955.

• **26-31 Countdown to the Millennium**

Celebration: Nightly fireworks, parades, ice-carving contest, street dance, antique slot machine exhibits, Taste of Downtown food specials, strolling musicians, magicians. Carson City, 800-426-5239.

• **28 Blackjack Turney:** \$25 entry fee. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 ext. 711 or 800-321-6983.

• **30 Elton John and Tina Turner in Concert:**

Sponsored by Caesars Palace, Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

• **30-31 New Year's Eve Celebration:** Music and entertainment. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

• **31 Buck 'n Ball '99:** Ring in the new year and the new millennium with a rodeo, live bands, and dancing. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-332-3333 or 800-FOR-RENO.

• **31 Cruise Into the Millennium:** Family event includes a two-hour cruise aboard the Desert Princess paddlewheeler, dinner, entertainment, festivities on land. Lake Mead Cruises at Lake Mead, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

• **31 Millennium Fireworks:** Mesquite, 702-346-3868.

• **31 Volunteer Firemen's New Year's Ball:** Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

• **31 Millennium Celebration:** Parties and fireworks. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **31 Riviera New Year's Eve Entertainment:**

Royale Pavilion: Frankie Avalon, The Tokens, Shangri-Las. Top of the Riv: Comedy show. La Cage Theater: The Salsa Machine. Grande Ballroom: Dance party. Le Bistro Lounge: Live music. Las Vegas, 702-794-9433.

• **31 Arizona Charlie's New Year's Eve Party:** Las Vegas, 702-258-5100.

• **31 Carson Nugget's New Year's Eve Party:** Nugget Show Bar: David Proud. Nugget Ballroom: The Motifs. Carson City, 800-426-5239.

• **31 Jackie Gaughan's Plaza:** "Kenny Kerr Show" and the Sunspots: Reflections of Time. 702-386-2444.

• **31 Ring in 2000 on the Belle:** Lowering of the New Year's ball, bands 9pm-untill. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 702-298-4000.

• **31 The Orleans New Year's Eve Party:** Smothers Brothers show includes champagne, drinks, and party favors. Las Vegas, 702-365-7075.

• **31 Rod Stewart in Concert:** Rio Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-252-7777.

• **31 Hotel San Remo New Year's Eve Party:** Las Vegas, 702-739-9000.

• **31 Elks Celebrate End of the Century:** The 17-piece Tahoe Big Band, conducted by Maestro Brian Farnon, will play upstairs at Sharkey's Nugget. Reservations necessary. Gardnerville, 883-8868.

• **31-Jan. 2 Jarbridge New Year's Eve Party:** New Year's Eve party, dance, buffet. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

January 2000

• **1 Millennium Brunch and Cruise:** Sightseeing trip aboard the Desert Princess paddlewheeler to celebrate New Year's Day 2000. Lake Mead Cruises at Lake Mead, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

• **1 The Flying Elvi:** Si Redd's Oasis, Mesquite,



Country music fans gather at the Fremont Street Experience during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Friday. Genoa Town Hall and Fire Bay, Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

• **4-5 Festival of the Trees:** Entertainment, children's activities, street performances, Christmas crafts, holiday lights, and the arrival of Santa. Downtown Reno, Wingfield Park, and along the Truckee River, Reno, 775-334-2417.

• **5 Christmas in the Nighttime Skies:** Fireworks, music, chili, and hot chocolate. Kimberly Nurseries, Elko, 775-738-8011.

• **5 RSVP Christmas Show:** Holiday musical variety show. Community Center, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **5 Gallery of Trees and Holiday Open House:** Third annual tree-decorating contest, with trees on display through December. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

• **6 Pioche Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit:** Christmas tree lighting, bonfire, hot chocolate, Santa, and gifts for all the children present. Pioche, 775-962-5544.

• **9-12 Squaw Valley Anniversary Celebration:** 50th birthday gala at Squaw Valley USA. Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6955.

• **10 Luminaria:** Nativity procession, Christmas music, candle decorations in Bicentennial Park. Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **10-11 Christmas Indian Market:** Sale of Southwestern art, Indian arts, crafts, and baskets.

Orchestra performance. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• **12 Holiday Treat Concert:** The Carson City Symphony presents seasonal favorites with the Carson Chamber Singers. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **12 Bach's Christmas Celebration:** Myron Heaton Chorale's Bel Canto Ensemble performs the sounds of Christmas and Bach's "Magnificent" with orchestra guest soloists. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735.

• **16 Community Singers Songfest:** Traditional holiday music. Lovelock, 775-273-2011.

• **17-20 "Nutcracker":** International cast and the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra. Nevada Festival Ballet, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.

• **18 Christmas Booksigning and Sale:** Local authors sign books. Tea and cookies, holiday music. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

• **18 Sweet Tooth Extravaganza:** Christmas sale. Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8877.

• **19 Turkey Shoot:** Sport shooting at the Flying Saucer Trap Club. Lovelock, 775-273-0745.

• **20-24 Christmas Festivities:** Santa, fun races, storytelling. Christmas Eve worship service. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **24 Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade:** Squaw Valley Ski School lights up the night with a

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702-346-4031 for further information.

- **1-2 Jarbridge New Year's Eve Party:** Dance, live music, buffet. Celebration runs through Sun., Jan. 2. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311
- **9-15 PBA Senior Tour Doubles:** Tournament play at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

- **15 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.
- **15-17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration:** Events will take place in Las Vegas and Reno/Sparks.

- **20-23 Laughlin Desert Challenge:** Off-road race around the Colorado River community, Laughlin, 800-452-8445.

- **22 Itzhak Perlman:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **22-29 Cowboy Poetry Gathering:** Cowboys and Ranching Culture at the Millennium. Poetry readings, music, blacksmithing, ranch photography, Dutch-oven cooking, and the role of the cowboy on horseback in the 21st century. Elko, 775-738-7508.

- **25 Reno Philharmonic Concert:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

- **28-Feb. 6 "Our Town":** University Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

February 2000

• 5 (tentative) Valhalla Winter Microbrew Festival:

Brew tasting, music, and food. Must be 21 or older to attend the brew festival. Harrah's Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• 6 Las Vegas International Marathon and Half-Marathon:

More than 7,500 runners from 50 states and 40 countries compete in the 34th annual 26.2- and 13.1-mile races. Event includes a 5K "friendship" run on Feb. 5, and on race day an international food festival and health and fitness expo. Las Vegas, 702-240-2722.

• 11-12 Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance:

Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

• 12 Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company:

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.

• 14 Valentine's Day Race:

Fun ski race open to all skill levels. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• 14 Ballet de l'Opera de Bordeaux:

"Romeo and Juliet." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• 19 Affair of the Heart Mardi Gras Gala:

Black tie evening with dinner and dancing to support the American Heart Association. Peppermill Hotel, Reno, 775-322-7064.

• 19 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:

Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• 19-21 Walker Lake Fishing Derby:

Competition for cash prizes. Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• 24-27 Annual Shooting Weekend:

Sporting clays, five-stand and trap, plus optional pheasant hunting day. Red Hills Gun Club/Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.

• 27 Carson City Symphony Concert:

By Tchaikovsky and Suk. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• 29 "Bandanna":

UNLV orchestra and opera concert. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

March 2000

- **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

- **3 Mariposa Trio Recital:** Black Box Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **3 St. Paul Chamber Orchestra with Andre Watts:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **3-12 "Angels in America":** University Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **3-12 Snowfest Winter Carnival:** 20th annual Mountain Mardi Gras with serious and offbeat ski races, outdoor parties, concerts, parades, bonfire, ice carvings, snow sculptures, polar bear swim, snowshoe races, and torchlight parade. Area ski resorts, North Lake Tahoe, 775-832-7625.

- **5 Sierra Winds Recital:** Black Box Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **5 UNLV Orchestra Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **7 Reno Philharmonic Concert:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

- **11 Mountain Oyster Cook-Off:** Creative cooking and festive booths and clothing. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **12 St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Wearing and sipping of the green in the historic Comstock mining town. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **12 SSEA Fiber Art Show:** Quilt and fiber arts show, includes demonstrations and related art and

educational displays. Silver Springs Elementary School Multipurpose Room, Silver Springs, 775-577-3424.

- **12 "Messiah":** Myron Heaton Chorale presents its annual Lenten performance of George Frederic Handel's "Messiah" with orchestra and soloists. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735 for more information.

- **17 St. Patrick's Day Race:** Fun race open to all skill levels. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

- **19 Reno Academy Awards Party:** Dinner, art, and the Oscars. Peppermill Hotel, Reno, 775-329-1324.

- **24 UNLV Chorale Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **25-26 Wendover's Wild and Windy Ways:** Kite-flying contests, wind-powered vehicle races, and live entertainment. Various community locations, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

- **26 UNLV Jazz Ensemble Concert:** Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **29-April 2 "Inherit the Wind":** Western Nevada Theatre Company production. Black Box Theatre, Carson High School, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

- **31 UNLV Opera Performance:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **31-April 2 Invitational Native American Arts Festival:** Demonstrations, dance and music performances, lectures and films, outdoor Native



Nevada's Millennium Web Site

The Nevada Millennium Countdown Calendar, devoted to the state's 15-month millennial celebration, appears in each issue of *Nevada Magazine* during the state's celebration. The Nevada Millennium Countdown Calendar also is available online at www.2000nevada.com. In addition to

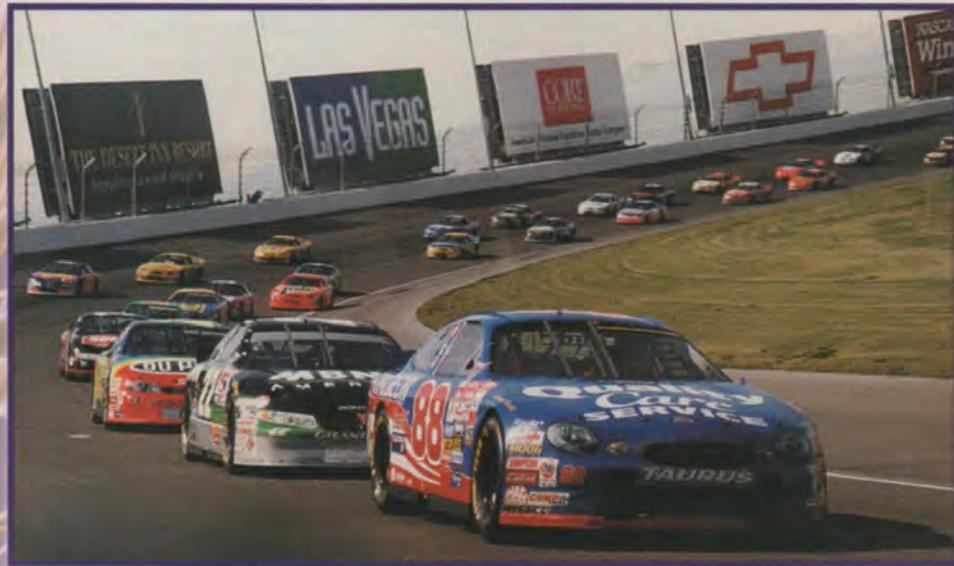
millennium events, the site has information on ordering "NV2000: Making Millennium Magic" merchandise, millennium travel packages, and a countdown clock. The site links to the Nevada Commission on Tourism's information site, www.travelnevada.com, which offers a wide variety of travel and vacation ideas.

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American arts and crafts market, food vendors. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

April 2000

- **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.
- **1-2 "Inherit the Wind":** Western Nevada Theatre Company production. Carson High School, Black Box Theatre, Carson City, 775-887-3115.
- **1-2 "Cinderella":** Nevada Festival Ballet, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.
- **5-9 Summerlin Street Fair:** Carnival, food festival, arts and crafts, home exhibits, and vendors.



In fall and spring fans can burn rubber to catch championship auto racing at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.

- **6-9 Clark County Fair and Rodeo:** PRCA rodeo, concert, entertainment, carnival, junior livestock judging and auction, juried art show, and antique farm equipment displays. Fairgrounds, Logandale, 888-876-FAIR.

- **7-9 Desert Quilters:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-437-2768.

- **7-15 Henderson Heritage Days:** 50th anniversary celebration includes a parade, carnival, talent show, picnic in the park, chili cook-off, car show, dance, barbecue, softball tournament, and beauty pageant. Henderson, 702-565-8951

- **8 Hatchery Open House:** Tour of the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery south of Gardnerville on U.S. 395, 775-265-2425.

- **11 Reno Philharmonic Concert:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

- **14-16 Las Vegas Gem Club:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-566-1698.

- **14-16 (tentative) Spring Fling:** Carnival in the park and a senior pro rodeo. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-8195 or 775-727-1555.

- **15 Chili Cook-Off and Craft Fair:** Cooking competition with more than 40 cooks. Live music, entertainment, arts and crafts, and chili tasting. Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 775-266-3468.

- **15-16 Annual Fly Fishing Festival:** Demonstrations, classes, and exhibits. Carson Valley

Inn, Minden, 775-265-2626 or 775-782-2522.

- **16 Sampler: Millennium of Choral Art III:** Myron Heaton Chorale's Bel Canto Ensemble presents the last of its millennium series exploring the changes of choral music from eighth-century plainsong chant through Renaissance, Classical, and Romance to the 20th century sounds of Leonard Bernstein and Alan Hovhaness. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735.
- **18 UNLV Jazz Combos Concert:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **18-19 Loon Festival:** Boat tours of Walker Lake during the loons' migration season appeals to photographers and naturalists. Walker Lake, 12 miles north of Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.
- **19-23 World Cup 2000:** American hunter/jumper horse show. Thomas and Mack

May 2000

- **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

- **2 UNLV Chamber Chorale Concert:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **4 UNLV Wind Orchestra Pops Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **5 Derby Day:** Buffet lunch, mint juleps, live and silent auction, viewing of the Kentucky Derby to benefit the Reno Chamber Orchestra. Hidden Valley Country Club, Reno, 775-348-9431

- **5-6 Cinco de Mayo:** Food, arts and crafts, live music, and a parade down Wendover Boulevard. Scobie Park, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

- **5-7 Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival:** Styles include square, round, clogging, and country-western dancing. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, 775-673-2557

- **5-7 Spring Dance Concert:** Redfield Theatre, U of N, Reno, 775-784-4041 ext. 240.

- **5-7 Pioche Heritage Days:** Local actors present humorous and heartwarming true stories from the past in historic town. Town Hall, Pioche, 775-962-5308.

- **6 Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off:** Cooking and tasting of the spicy frontier dish. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **6 Jewel in the Desert 5K:** A 5K run around Toana Vista Golf Course. Wendover, 775-664-3289.

- **6-7 Spring Jamboree:** More than 125 craft booths, food, music, entertainment, and a car show. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

- **6-7 Western States Racing Association Grand Prix:** Motorcycle race around the hills of historic Virginia City. 775-847-0311

- **6-7 Third Annual ArtFest of Henderson:** Arts, crafts, and music. Water Street, Henderson, 702-566-2681

- **12-14 Nevada Open Road Challenge:** Car race against the clock on S.R. 318 from Lund to Hiko. Pre-race activities in Ely. 775-289-8877

- **12-14 and 18-21 "South Pacific":** Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents the Broadway musical. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

- **13-14 Art Faire:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-4771

- **13-21 Northern Nevada Senior Olympics:** Variety of competitive events to participate in or watch. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828 or 775-782-8165.

- **18-21 Comstock Historic Preservation Week:** Theatrical presentations, lectures, guided tours, demonstrations, costume ball, fireman's muster, and parade. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **20 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

- **20-21 Armed Forces Day:** Salute to the military features a parade, displays, open house at the Hawthorne Army Depot, stock car races, dances, kids' games, barbecue, and horseshoe tournament. Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

- **21 Europe 2000 Pre-Tour Concert:** Myron Heaton Chorale performing a variety of secular and sacred music that will be performed during its

ONGOING EVENTS

Elko County Art Club Exhibit: Nov. 1-Dec. 10, 1999. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Adolph Sutro and the Western Frontier: Nov. 1-Dec. 30, 1999. Exhibit showcases Adolph Sutro, builder of the Sutro Tunnel below Virginia City and populist mayor of San Francisco. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Rink on the River: Nov. 1999-Feb. 2000. Outdoor iceskating rink offers lessons, skate rentals, and food. Downtown Reno, 775-334-2417.

Western National Antique Shows: Nov. 6-7, 1999, Jan. 29-30, Feb. 12-13, March 11-12, April 22-23, June 10-11, July 7-8, Aug. 26-27, Sept. 16-17, Oct. 28-29, Nov. 25-26, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-382-7043.

Fiber Arts Exhibits: Nov. 19-Dec. 22, 1999; Aug. 1-31 and Nov. 17-22, 2000. Gourds, basketry, weaving. Silver State Gallery, Reno, 775-324-2323.

Wild West Gun Shows: Nov. 20-21 and Dec. 11-12, 1999; Jan. 8-9; March 4-5, June 17-18, Aug. 12-13, Nov. 18-19, Dec. 9-10, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 405-525-3266.

2,000 Years on the Job and Still Going Strong: Nov. 20, 1999-March 5, 2000. Exhibit of yesterday's tools and their modern equivalents. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Piccadilly Antique Shows: Dec. 4-5, 1999; Jan. 22-23; Feb. 26-27, March 25-26, June 3-4, July 22-23, Aug. 19-20, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Dec. 2-3, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 813-345-4431.

Great Basin Basket Makers: Dec. 13, 1999-Jan. 13, 2000. Exhibit by artist Mary Lee Fulerson of Reno. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Pueblo Grande de Nevada: The Only City in Nevada a Millennium Ago: Jan. 2-Dec. 31, 2000. Exhibit highlights life of Pueblo people in Southern Nevada. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Voices From the West: Jan. 15-April 15, 2000. Art and artifacts from the American West and Mexico. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.

Siqiniq: Under the Same Sun: Jan. 18-April 11, 2000. Children's exhibit related to the Inuits of Canada's eastern Arctic. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Nevada Wide: Panoramic Photography in the Silver State: Jan. 21-May 12, 2000. Pioneer photographers such as Carleton Watkins, Charles Gallagher, E.W. Smith, and Al Smith. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

WIBC National Tournament: March 1-July 1, 2000. Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

Women of the Land: Images of Native Americans: March 11-May 7, 2000. Photogravures from Edward Curtis' North American Indian series combined with basketry, pottery, weavings, and beadwork. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Roberts House Crafts Sale: First Sat. and Sun. of each month, May-Oct. 2000. Roberts House Park, Carson City, 775-882-1805.

Chagall for Children: May 2-Aug. 11, 2000. Exhibit teaches children about

art. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Apron Strings: Ties to the Past: May 15-Aug. 13, 2000. Aprons chronicle the changing views of women and domestic work. Free recipes. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Tonopah and Beyond: May 18, 2000-May 17, 2001. Exhibit on the centennial of the founding of Tonopah and the mining towns that followed. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Humboldt River Canoe Trips: June-Aug., 2000. Rangers lead boaters on a nature tour along 10 miles of the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam. Participants must bring their own canoes or other boats. Event dates may vary depending on water flow. Rye Patch State Recreation Area, Lovelock, 775-538-7321.

Sparks Hometown Farmer's Market: Thurs. evenings from June 15-Aug. 31, 2000. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

Cowboy Up: The History of Rodeo: June 2-Aug. 11, 2000. Artifacts and photographs. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Super Summer 2000: "Fiddler on the Roof": June 14-17, 21-24, 28-July 1, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Valhalla Arts and Music Festival: July and Aug. celebration includes fine art, photography, potter's studio, and Boathouse Theatre productions. Tallec Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Super Summer 2000: "Grease": July 12-15, 19-22, and 26-29, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Super Summer 2000: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat": Aug. 9-12, 16-19, and 22-26, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Minerals Go to War: Aug. 19-Oct. 29, 2000. Exhibit of World War II posters and wartime materials. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Path of the 49ers: Photos of the Trail Today: Sept. 1-Dec. 21, 2000. Photographer David Lincoln traces the pioneer trail. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Busy Town: Sept. 30, 2000-Jan. 7, 2001. Interactive math and science exhibit for preschoolers based upon the books of Richard Scarry. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Las Vegas History of Entertainment IV: Nov. 4, 2000-April 1, 2001. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Nevada 2001: A Photography Odyssey: Jan. 19, 2001-June 15, 2001. Pioneer photographers including James H. Crockwell, Al Smith, E.W. Smith, P.E. Larson, and "Northeast" Johnson. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191 for more information on the photography exhibit.

European 2000 Concert Tour. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735.

• 26-28 Snow Mountain Powwow: Tribal songs and dances, arts, crafts, and foods. Paiute Indian Reservation, U.S. 95 North, Las Vegas, 702-386-3926.

• 27 Henderson Memorial Day Celebration: Branches of the service will be recognized for their part in protecting the nation and freedom. Henderson, 702-565-2367.

• 27-28 Portuguese Festival and Parade: Food and dancing. Community Center, Lovelock, 775-273-2566.

• 28 Memorial Weekend Barbecue: Barbecue pork ribs and all the trimmings, bingo, and live music. Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

• 31-June 4 Reno's Historic Motor Sports Festival: For 1954 cars and older, on rural

roads. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

June 2000

• 1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament: Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• 3-4 Celebrate the River: Entertainment, arts and crafts, food and beverages, and children's activities. Downtown Reno, 775-334-2417.

• 3-4 and 10-11 Valhalla Renaissance Festival: Knights in armor, jousting, musicians, jugglers, 100 vendors. Historic Camp Richardson Resort, Highway 89, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• 3-17 Model Train Expo: Display and sale. East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, Ely, 775-289-8877.

• 4-5 Kids Fishing Derby: For ages three-12. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

• 5-6 Railroad Days: Historical festival featuring a train display, parade, car show, talent show, and vendors. Beatty Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

• 9-10 High School Rodeo: All-round events. Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 775-273-2968.

• 9-11 Carson City Rendezvous: Civil War reenactment and living-history camps. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

• 9-11 Long Steel Rail Festival: Hobo jungle, vendors, folk-era entertainment, storytelling, dancing in the railroad tradition. East Ely Railroad Depot Museum and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-8877.

• 9-11 and 15-18 "Cinderella": Western Nevada Musical Theatre/Youth Company presents the classic fairy tale. Black Box Theatre, Carson High School, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

• 10 Rock Point Mill Site: Park rangers will give a

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tour of the historic 1860s mill and its importance in the development of the Comstock and Tonopah and Goldfield mining booms. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

- **10-11 Carson Valley Days:** Arts and crafts, food, rodeo, dance, and millennium parade. Downtown, Gardnerville, 775-265-2021

• **11-17 PBA Reno Stadium Open:** Senior professional bowlers and players with more than a 220 average compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno,



Kids enjoy pie-eating contests at the Pioche Labor Day Celebration.

800-304-BOWL for more event information.

- **15-18 14th Annual Farwest Regional and International Wheelchair Tennis Championship:** Competition among 14 divisions of men, women, juniors, and seniors. Plumas Tennis Center, Washoe County Tennis Courts, Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-852-7077 or 530-587-2108.

• **16-18 Gridley Days and Rock and Bottle Show:** Parade, entertainment, exhibits, crafts, vendor booths, barbecue, pancake breakfast, and mountain bike rally commemorate the town's famous 1864 race with a sack of flour. Austin, 775-964-2200.

• **16-18 Quinn River Father's Day Open Rodeo:** Horse roping Friday, open rodeo Saturday and Sunday. Fort McDermitt Pai-Sho Indian Reservation, McDermitt, 775-532-8304.

• **17 Coyote Chase:** 5K and 10K runs, breakfast, entertainment, crafts. Wellington, Smith Valley, 775-465-2147

• **17-18 VC Hillclimb: Audi Quattro:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **17-25 Reno Rodeo:** Major PRCA rodeo with a cattle drive, parade, carnival, entertainment. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-329-3877

• **18 Pops Party Concert:** Carson City Symphony performs with the Carson Chamber Singers. Garden of the Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **23 The Drifters in Concert:** New and old fans listen to hits of the 1950s and '60s. Community Center, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **23-24 Fat Tire Madness:** Cross-country mountain bike race, fun ride, off-road biathlon, 12-hour night race. Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish, Children's Miracle Network, and the Humane Society. Virginia City, 775-265-1657

• **24 Nevada's One-Room Schools:** Slide show

and talk on one-room schools past and present. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **24-25 Snowshoe Thompson Festival:** Arts and crafts, demonstrations, entertainment, antiques, carnival, children's games, German beer garden and ethnic foods. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-265-6097

• **25 Tallec Site Celebration:** Grand opening of the Tallec Historic Site and the Valhalla Arts and Music Festival offers a sampling of fine art, photography, music, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Tallec Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• 25 Pizen Switch Roundup:

Old-timers and newcomers picnic and potluck. Walker River Resort, Smith Valley, 800-446-2573 or 775-588-5372.

• **26 Lamoille Country Fair:** Arts and crafts, exhibits, food court, entertainment, and demonstrations. Lamoille Women's Club House and Grove, Lamoille, 775-738-4488.

• **30-July 2 37th National Basque Festival:** Entertainment, games of skill

and strength, dancing, food and drink. Fairgrounds and City Park, Elko, 775-738-7135.

• **30-July 2 Fourth of July Powwow and Rodeo:** Native American dancing and traditional rodeo events. Celebration Campgrounds, Owyhee, 775-757-3080.

• **30-July 4 RSVP Cavalcade of Spectaculars:** Fireworks, dance, carnival, midway games, arts and crafts, food booths, and entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

July 2000

• **1-2 37th National Basque Festival:** Traditional dances, games, food, drink, and contests of strength and skill. Fairgrounds and City Park, Elko, 775-738-7135.

• 1-4 RSVP Cavalcade of Spectaculars:

Fireworks, dance, carnival, midway games, arts and crafts, food booths, and entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• 1-4 White Pine High School All-Class Reunion

2000: Games, music, displays, picnics, and barbecues involving 60-70 years of graduates. Ely, 775-289-8877

• **1-31 Uptown Downtown ARTown:** Summer arts festival with performances and exhibits citywide. Reno, 775-329-1324.

• **3-4 Freedom Fest 2000:** Parade, barbecue, arts and crafts, live music, and fireworks. Scobie Park, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• **4 Independence Day Celebration:** Anything that floats can compete in the Liar's Boat Race, plus games, food, and water sports. Cliff House Beach, Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **4 Damboree:** Old-fashioned celebration with parade, games, patriotic program, food, and fireworks. Central Park, Boulder City, 702-293-9256.

• **4 Parade and Fireworks:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **4 Henderson's July Fourth Celebration:** Family event highlighted by an evening of fireworks. Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **4 Jarbridge's Fourth of July Celebration:** Live music, bingo, barbecue, and parade. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• 4 (tentative) Berlin Centennial Celebration:

Featuring an open house, guest speakers, and exhibits. Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, 775-538-7321

• **4 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July:** Parade, family events, and fireworks. City Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

• **6-9 Silver State International Rodeo:** High school champions from the U.S. and Canada. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

• 7-8 Millennium Music at Sand Harbor:

Well-known jazz and acoustic-guitar performers offer their musical salute to the millennium with Lake Tahoe as the background. Sand Harbor State Park, Incline Village, 775-832-7625.

• **7-9 Traditional Fandango:** Games, gambling, dancing, free admission. Ely Shoshone Reservation, Ely, 775-289-3013.

• **8 Birds of Prey:** Slide show on native and migratory birds and how animals and birds are rescued, rehabilitated, and released. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **8-10 White Pine 4x4 Rally:** All four-wheel-drive vehicles invited. Full- and half-day runs in White Pine County. Ely, 775-289-6798.

• **8-15 Nevada 2000:** A 2,000-mile off-road race loops around the state to celebrate the millennium.

Capital Millennium Idea

Carson City, Nevada's capital city, launches the Silver State's 15-month Millennium celebration October 30-31 with its celebration of the state's admission day. Two months later on December 26-31, Carson City's Countdown to the Millennium celebration

offers nightly fireworks and parades, ice-carving contest, dances, strolling musicians, magicians, an indoor golf tournament, and an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the invention of the slot machine. Carson City hotels also plan to offer special room packages and parties.

Millennium Countdown Calendar

The start and finish will be in Las Vegas. Best in the Desert Racing Assn., 702-457-5775.

• **9-10 Nevada 2000 Off-Road Race:**

Competitors stop at the Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8877

• **11-Sept. 3 Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival:**

The Bard's plays are presented on the beach with Lake Tahoe as a backdrop. Sand Harbor, Incline Village, 800-74-SHOWS.

• **14-16 Storey County Fair and Carnival:**

Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **15 Topaz Golf Tournament:** Limited to 120 entrants. Carson Valley Golf Course, Gardnerville, 775-782-7917

• **15-16 Squaw Valley World Cup Downhill:**

World Cup mountain bike race featuring pro racers from 40 nations. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-582-8900.

• **16 Celtic Festival at Valhalla:**

Traditional music, dance, crafts, food, and ale from Ireland and Scotland. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

• **16-18 Fallon All-Indian Rodeo and Powwow:**

Rodeo, Native American dancers, handgames, arts and crafts, dance, parade, and food booths. Annual rodeo and gathering takes place at Regional Park, Fallon, 775-423-4474.

• **21-23 Virginia City Rodeo 2000:**

Virginia City, 775-847-0311 for more rodeo information.

• **22 Mountain Run I:** The 3.6-mile uphill course follows the 1960 Olympic downhill ski route to the High Camp facility. Event includes an alternate fitness walk. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-550-0885.

• **22 (tentative) Valhalla Brews and Blues Festival:** Unlimited tasting of 150 brews from 80 microbreweries and distributors. Admission includes a souvenir beer glass and a concert. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

• **22-23 Fireman's Muster 2000:** Virginia City, 775-847-7500.

• **26 Ice Cream Social:** Old-fashioned gathering. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191

• **26-29 Land Speed Opener:**

World-class racing to set land speed records on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Wendover, 801-785-5364.

• **28-30 Lovelock Frontier Days:** Games, barbecue, vendors, arm wrestling, horseshoes, home-arts judging. Court House Park, Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

• **29-30 Goldfield Days:** Parade, 10K run, bike race, horseshoes, gold panning, food and vendor booths, miners breakfast, arts, crafts, chili cook-off. Goldfield, 775-485-6365.

• **29-30 Renaissance Fair:** Arts and crafts, antiques, actors, jugglers, jousters, and rapier fighters. Antiques Plus, Genoa, 775-782-4951 or 775-782-2893.

• **30-31 Children's Festival:** Mask making, T-shirt printing, and papermaking. Location TBA, North Lake Tahoe, 530-546-4602.

• **31-Aug. 5 Hot August Nights:** Hot rods, music

of the '50s and '60s, dances, and concerts. Reno and Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

• **TBA Celebrity Golf Championship:** Sports and entertainment stars compete in golf tourney. Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline, 530-544-5050.

• **TBA Jim Butler Days:** Annual town party will celebrate Tonopah's founding in 1900. Tonopah, 775-482-3558.

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• **1-Sept. 3 Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival:**

The Bard on the beach at Lake Tahoe. Sand Harbor, Incline Village, 800-74-SHOWS.

• **1-5 Hot August Nights:** Hot rods, music of the '50s and '60s, dances, and concerts. Reno and

775-289-8877 for more event information.

• **11-13 Jarbridge Days:** Live music in the bar on Friday and outdoor music on Saturday afternoon. Arts and crafts and food and drink booths. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• **12 Mule Deer in Nevada:** Slide show on mule deer population trends and habitat. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **12 Las Vegas Music Festival Concert:** Artemus Hall Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **12-13 Junior High Rodeo:** All-around rodeo events. Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 775-273-2968.

• **13 (tentative) Reggae Sunday on the Valhalla Lawn:** Music, food, and beverages on the large grassy lawn of Valhalla. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

• **13-15 Pony Express 100:** Open road race from Austin to Battle Mountain also has a car show, dance, and parade. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

• **18-20 Annual Valley Cruisers Main Street Event:** Car show open to all vehicles 1969 and older. Steak dinner, dancing in the street, and pancake breakfast also featured. Minden and Gardnerville, 775-265-2256.

• **19 Railroads of Nevada:** Slide show on railroads significant to the development of Nevada during the Comstock and Tonopah-Goldfield booms. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678 for details.

• **19 Outhouse Races:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **19-20 White Pine County Fair and Horse Races:** Fair with displays, vendors, games, rides, food booths, parimutuel betting. Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-8877

• **19-25 Bonneville National Speed Week:**

Largest and most popular event on the Bonneville Salt Flats featuring straight-track racing against the clock, with times expected in the 500-600 mph range. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.

• **21-27 Reno-Tahoe Open:** Golf tournament featuring top PGA players. Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, 775-322-3900.

• **23-27 (tentative) Nevada State Fair:**

Livestock exhibits and auction, creative living competition, food booths, carnival, and entertainment. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-688-5767

• **23-Jan. 29 Corvair: An American Car in Controversy:** Exhibit on the small car and the uproar it unleashed. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

• **26 Star Gaze:** Astronomers from the University of Nevada, Reno will guide viewers through the major constellations and explain astrological myths. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **26 Sertoma Truck Pull:** Food, drinks, and T-shirts. Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-4437

• **26-Sept. 4 Elko County Fair:** Quarter horse and thoroughbred racing, working cow horse competition, team-branding contests, 4-H livestock shows and sale, arts and crafts, food booths, dancing, and a carnival. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.



Hot-air balloons of all shapes, sizes, and species fill the skies during the Great Reno Balloon Race in September.

Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

• **5 Basque People of Nevada:** Slide show on the Basques and why they immigrated to Nevada. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **5-6 Arts in the Park:** Show and sale, food booths. County Park, Ely, 775-289-8877

• **11-12 Concours d' Elegance:** On-the-water boat show featuring more than 125 antique and wooden boats dating back to the 1800s. Show includes tented exhibits, presentations, clinics, food and beverages, and live music. Proceeds benefit Lake Tahoe charities. Sierra Boat Company, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.

• **11-13 Fantasy Car and Truck Show:** Antique automobiles on display, games, parade. Ely,

NEVADA'S 15-Month Celebration

September 2000

- **1-4 Elko County Fair:** Quarter horse and thoroughbred racing, working cow horse competitions, team-branding contest, 4H livestock show and sale, home art exhibits, food booths, carnival, and dances. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.
- **1-4 Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off:** A world-class event featuring the West's best rib



Fans of Cajun food, wild costumes, and Louisiana zydeco music can celebrate in July during The Big Easy in Reno.

cookers competing for fame and the crowd's acclaim. Also featured are nightly entertainment and an arts and crafts fair. Victorian Square and John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-353-2291 for more information.

- **1-4 Pioche Labor Day Celebration:** Mining events, parades, contests, booths, dancing, and arts and crafts. Pioche, 775-962-5544.

• **2-3 Annual Corn Feed:** Potluck dinner, live music in the bar on Saturday, and bingo in the Town Hall on Sunday. Proceeds go to community needs. Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311

• **2-3 Ultra Lite Fly-In:** Air show, hot-air balloon rides, ultra lite flights for the public. Yelland Air Field, Ely, 775-289-4687

• **6-15 (tentative) Snaffle Bit Futurity Horse Show:** This prestigious horse show, expected to draw 15,000 spectators, features competitors from around the world competing for more than \$700,000 in prize money. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 559-992-9396.

• **8-9 Boulder City Chautauqua:** History comes alive as scholars portray historical characters. Event includes arts and crafts, food booths, and musical entertainment. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-294-4365.

• **8-10 Virginia City International Camel Races:** Camel, ostrich, and water buffalo races, specialty acts, daily parades, and food and beverages. Camel Arena, Virginia City, 775-847-0311 or 775-329-7469.

• **8-10 Great Reno Balloon Race:** A top ballooning event that draws 120,000 people. The early morning rally has been voted as one of Northern Nevada's best events. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 775-826-1181

• **9-10 Fine Arts and Crafts Street Celebration:**

Annual arts and crafts fair features live entertainment and food booths. Downtown Minden, 775-324-6435 or 775-782-8144.

• **9-10 Nevada State Museum/Carson City Mint Coin Show:** More than 35 dealers from across the U.S. showcase coins, collectibles, historical papers, books, stamps, jewelry, and medals. There will be free appraisals and free admission. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810 ext. 221

• 14-17 National Championship Air Races:

Four classes of racers—Unlimited, Formula One, AT-6, and Biplane—plus military displays and aerobatics. Reno, 775-972-6663.

• 15-16 Sierra Folklife Festival:

Nevada's cultural heritage is celebrated by 60 local groups with entertainment, crafts, food. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-329-1324.

• 15-17 Silver State Classic Challenge:

Ninety-mile open road car race against the clock on S.R. 318 from Lund to Hiko. Pre-race activities in Ely, 775-289-8877

• 15-17 Pahrump

Harvest Festival and Rodeo: Entertainment, PRCA rodeo, vendors, dancing under the stars, deep-pit barbecue, and fair exhibits. Also includes the Tod Canada Memorial Race, with 10K, 5K, and one-mile walk. Fairgrounds, Pahrump, 775-727-8195 or 775-727-1555. Tod Canada Race, 775-751-8382 for more information.

• **16 Horseback Endurance Ride:** Annual 100-mile ride in 25-mile loops around the hills of the Comstock mining town and scenic areas such as Washoe Lake. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **16 Tahoe Rim Trail Annual Hike-A-Thon:** Tahoe Rim Trail, 775-588-0686.

• **16-17 Dayton Valley Days:** Craft fair, parade, silent auction, pet parade, food, senior pro rodeo, cowboy poetry, and art show. Old Town, Dayton, 775-246-3378.

• **20-24 Las Vegas Street Fair/San Gennaro Feast:** Featuring an Italian food festival, carnival, live bands, and more than 80 vendors. Corner of Flamingo Road and Valley View, Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.

• **21-23 World of Speed:** Land speed time trials and record runs. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-785-5364.

• **21-24 Street Vibrations Music, Metal and Motorcycles Festival:** Motorcycle tours, entertainment, ride-in shows, a parade, poker run/walk, vendors, and concerts. Various community locations, Reno, 775-329-SHOW or 800-200-4557 for Street Vibrations information.

• **22-24 Annual Nevada Shakespeare in the Park:** Outdoor presentation of plays by the Bard. Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **23 Great Basin Book Festival:** Authors, publishers present readings and book events. Reno, 775-784-6587

• **23 Starving Artists Sale:** Nothing over \$100. Sierra Arts Center, Reno, 775-329-1324.

• **23-24 Ferrari Club of America Hillclimb, Parade, and Car Show:** Time trials. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **23-24 Genoa Candy Dance:** 80th annual arts and crafts fair featuring more than 300 fine arts and crafts booths. Dinner and dance held on Saturday night, Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

• **23-24 Salt Fest 2000:** Attempt to set the world-record saltwater taffy pull, salt block sculpture contest, car show, live entertainment, and arts and crafts booths. Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• 23-24 High Desert Classic Softball Tournament:

Coed softball tournament. Event held at Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

• **24 Mountain Run II:** This event includes a 10K run and a four-mile fitness walk on a high mountain loop course following dirt roads and trails from Roller Pass and the Pacific Crest Trail. Lake Tahoe, 530-550-0885.

• **24 Stew-Doo:** Stew-cooking contest, food, arts and crafts, and a classic car show. Penny Park, Silver Springs, 775-577-3424.

• **29-Oct. 1 Annual Tahoe Donner International Wheelchair Tennis Sectional Championship:** More than 80 players are expected in the 14th annual event. Tahoe Donner Tennis Club, Truckee, 530-587-2108.

October 2000

• **1-31 16th Annual Comstock Art Show:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **3-8 Las Vegas International Bike Festival and Expo:** Racing, motocross, stunt shows, rock concerts, a world land speed record. Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

• **7-8 Art in the Park:** More than 300 booths featuring fine art and crafts for sale and browsing. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-294-1611

• **7-8 Valhalla Book Fair:** Used books sale, children's storytelling, a book appraiser, and book signing. Tallec Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **7-8 Great Italian Festival:** Activities include a grape-stomp, spaghetti-eating contest, Italian food booths, and entertainment. Eldorado Hotel, Reno, 775-786-5700.

• **8 Las Vegas Basque Festival:** Authentic Basque food, dancing, exhibitions, including weightlifting and wood chopping. St. Viator Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-361-6834.

• **11-March 5 Exhibit on 1907 Thomas Flyer: Around the World in 170 Days:** The car that won the 1908 New York to Paris Race. Workshop, Oct. 14. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

• **14 Wendover Air Show:** Wendover Air Field, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• **15 Americana: Tribute to Leonard Bernstein:** Myron Heaton Chorale's Bel Canto Ensemble performs the music of the American composer. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735.

• **15-Nov. 30 ABC/WIBC Festival of Bowling:** Amateur bowlers compete at the National Bowling Stadium. Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• **18-21 World Finals:** Cars and motorcycles try one last time in the year 2000 to set new land

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speed records. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.

• **18-22 "Steel Magnolias":** Western Nevada Theatre Company. Black Box Theatre, Carson High School, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

• **19-21 Gem and Mineral Fair:** Demonstrations, sales of minerals, fossils, and rocks, silent auction. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

• **19-22 Henderson Expo:** Art show, food booths, carnival, and businesses exhibit. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-8951.

• **20-21 Deer Widows Weekend:** Non-deer-hunting spouses head to Wendover for the weekend. Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• **20-22 Elko Te-Moak Powwow:** Tribal Gym, Elko, 775-753-5055.

• **21-22 Fort Churchill Living History:** Troop formations, apple butter making, spinners, camp cooking, and crafts. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, 775-358-2284.

• **22 Carson City Symphony:** Classical music concert. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **24 Shoshone Christmas Craft Bazaar:** Native American arts and crafts, food booths. Shoshone Indian Colony, Ely, 775-289-3013.

• **24-31 Nevada Day Celebration:** Parade, carnival, midway games, entertainment, food booths, arts and crafts, and dance bands. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **28 Black and Black Ball:** Ghosts, ghouls, live music, appetizers, and potions. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **28 Pig Roast/Halloween Party:** Pig roasted on a spit on Saturday afternoon with a bake auction by Jarbridge School following the barbecue. There will also be a costume party on Saturday night. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

• **28 Burro Races:** Race against time to pack and unpack an uncooperative burro. City Arena, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

November 2000

• **1-30 ABC/WIBC Festival of Bowling:** Amateur bowlers compete at the National Bowling Stadium. Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• **3-5 Western Heritage Festival:** Cowboy poetry gathering featuring chautauquas, Western music entertainment, vendors, arts and crafts, pickup truck display, and hot-air balloons. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-658-4679.

• **3-5 Rhymers Rodeer Cowboy Poetry:** Tales of the trail and Western lore. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.

• **3-5, 10-12, and 16-19 "My Fair Lady":** Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents the musical comedy. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

• **4 Festival Americana:** Native American and pioneer crafts, demonstrations, entertainment, and food at the home of the Anasazi Indians. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

• **6 Veterans Day Celebration:** Annual salute to the military. Henderson, 702-565-2367.

• **11 Veterans Day Parade:** Patriotic pride on the Comstock. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

• **17-19 Valhalla Holiday Faire: A Dickens**

Experience: Holiday crafters, artists, boutiques, carolers, holiday treats, Father Christmas, and characters from Charles Dickens. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **24-26 "The Nutcracker":** Tchaikovsky's holiday ballet performed by the Pinkerton Dance Company. Community Center, Carson City, 775-882-3054.

• **25 Fisherman's Holiday Fish Derby:** Anglers compete for cash prizes. Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **30-Dec. 9 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:**



Runners aim for the finish line at the Las Vegas International Marathon, which draws 7,500 competitors.

Anything cowboy can be found among the 500 exhibitors. North Hall, Las Vegas Convention Center, 702-260-8605.

December 2000

• **1-9 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:** About 500 exhibitors sell their cowboy trappings. North Hall, Las Vegas Convention Center, 702-260-8605.

• **1-10 National Finals Rodeo:** Top 126 rodeo contestants compete for more than \$4.2 million in prize money. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

• **1-30 The Magical Forest:** Holiday lights and decorations create the annual winter wonderland. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.

• **2 Crafters Christmas Bazaar:** Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8261

• **2 Christmas on the Comstock:** Parade of lights and fireworks. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **2 Christmas Ghost Train Ride:** Holiday excursion aboard steam-powered train. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

• **2 Christmas Parade:** Santa arrives at Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **2 Parade of Lights:** Annual parade of 50

decorated boats on Lake Mead. The parade starts at Lake Mead Marina at 6pm and travels south along the public viewing areas on Boulder Beach, Special Events Beach, and Hemenway Harbor. Lake Mead Marina, 322 Lakeshore Road, off U.S. 93, Boulder City, 702-457-2797.

• **2 Sparks Hometown Christmas:** 14th annual parade with Santa, holiday music, arts and crafts, and a tree-lighting ceremony. Sparks, 775-353-2291.

• **2-3 Festival of Trees:** Area businesses decorate trees in three themed categories for prize money. Wingfield Park and the Truckee River, Reno, 775-334-2417.

• **2-3 Genoa Christmas Faire:** Arts and crafts fair, with Christmas carols and appetizers on Friday. Town Hall and Fire Bay, Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

• **4 Pioche Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit:** Christmas lighting, bonfire, hot chocolate, Santa arrives with gifts for all the children. Pioche, 775-962-5544.

• **8-9 Christmas Indian Market:** Indian arts, crafts, baskets, and Southwestern art. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, 775-425-3439.

• **9 Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration:** Historic decor, craft and goodie sale, roving carolers, sing-along. Dinner reservations required. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

• **9 Children's Christmas Parade:** Santa meets and greets children after parade through town. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-8951.

• **10 Christmas With Vivaldi:** The Myron Heaton Chorale performs the classical sounds of Christmas and presents Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria." Favorite carols from different countries will be performed by the Bel Canto Ensemble. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-456-0735.

• **10 Holiday Treat Concert:** The Carson City Symphony presents seasonal favorites with the Carson Chamber Singers. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **10 Christmas Celebration on Main Street:** Parade, tree-lighting ceremony, and caroling. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

• **16 Christmas Booksigning and Sale:** Local authors autograph books. Tea and cookies, Christmas music. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

• **24 Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade:** Squaw Valley's ski school lights up the night with a torchlight parade. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6955.

• **31 Jarbridge New Year's Eve:** Party, dance, buffet featuring live music and dancing. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

• **31 Buck 'n Ball 2000:** Rodeo, live bands, and dancing. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-332-3333 or 800-FOR-RENO.

• **31 New Year's Eve Celebrations:** Watch here for more information.

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• **13-15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration:** Events will take place in Las Vegas and Reno/Sparks.

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Statewide Information

Nevada Commission on Tourism: Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; www.travelnvada.com; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8 anywhere in U.S. and Canada.

Las Vegas Territory

African American Activities: 3838 Raymert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-456-3838.

Boulder City C of C: 1305 Arizona, Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-293-2034.

Boulder City Visitor Center: 100 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-294-1252.

Henderson C of C: 590 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson, NV 89015; www.hendersonchamber.com; 702-565-8951.

Hoover Dam Visitors Services: Box 60400, Boulder City, NV 89006; www.hoover-dam.com; 702-294-3523.

Jean Visitor Center: Interstate 15 South, Exit 12, Jean, NV 89019; 702-874-1360.

Las Vegas C of C: 3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109; lvchamber.com; 702-735-1616.

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority: 3150 Paradise, Las Vegas, NV 89109; www.lasvegas24hours.com; 702-892-0711.

Latin C of C: 829 S. Sixth St., Las Vegas, NV 89125; LasVegasLatincc.com; 702-385-7367.

Laughlin C of C: Box 77777, Laughlin, NV 89028; www.laughlinchamber.com; 702-298-2214 or 800-227-5245 outside Nevada.

Laughlin Visitor Center: 1555 Casino Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029; www.visitlaughlin.com; 702-298-3321 or 800-4LAUGHIN.

Mesquite Area C of C: 850 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027; 702-346-2902.

Mesquite Visitor Center: Interstate 15 Exit 122, 460 Sandhill Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027; 702-346-2702 or 877-MESQUITE.

Moapa Valley C of C: Hwy. 169, Box 361, Overton, NV 89040; 702-397-2160.

North Las Vegas C of C: 2290 McDaniel, North Las Vegas, NV 89030; www.vegas.com/nlvcfc; 702-642-9595.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Carson City C of C: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701; carsoncitychamber.com; 775-882-1565.

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701; www.carson-city.org; 775-687-7410 or 800-NEVADA-1 in U.S.

Carson Valley C of C and Visitors Authority: 1512 Hwy. 395, No. 1, Gardnerville, NV 89410-5283; www.carsonvalley-nv.org; 775-782-8144 or 800-727-7677 in U.S.



Pyramid on Wheels

Pyramid Lake, 33 miles north of Reno, is a popular destination for pleasure cyclists and the site of the Pyramid Lake Triathlon on August 15.

Dayton Area C of C: 15 Main St., Box 2408, Dayton, NV 89403; 775-246-7909 (open Thurs.-Sun.).

Greater Reno-Sparks C of C: 405 Marsh Ave., Reno, NV 89505; [www.reno-sparkschamber.org](http://reno-sparkschamber.org); 775-686-3030.

Incline Village/Crystal Bay C of C: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451; www.laketahoechamber.com; 775-831-4440.

Lake Tahoe, Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors and Convention Bureau: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451; www.gotahoe.com; 775-832-1606 or 800-GOTAOHOE anywhere in U.S.

Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority: 1156 Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; www.virtualtahoe.com; 530-544-5050, 800-AT-TAHOE in U.S.

North Lake Tahoe C of C: 245 N. Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145; 530-581-6900.

North Lake Tahoe Resort Association: Box 5459, Tahoe City, CA 96145; www.tahoefun.org; 530-583-3494 or 800-824-6348 for travel information on the North Lake Tahoe area.

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority: 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502; www.playreno.com; 775-827-7600 or 800-FOR-RENO in U.S.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council: 98 Colony Rd., Reno, NV 89502; 775-329-2936.

South Lake Tahoe C of C: 3066 Lake Tahoe Blvd., S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; www.tahoe.com; 530-541-5255.

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

www.sparkschamber.org; 775-358-1976 for information.
Tahoe-Douglas C of C: Box 7139, Stateline, NV 89449; www.tahoechamber.org; 775-588-4591.

Virginia City C of C: V&T Railroad Car, C St., Virginia City, NV 89440; 775-847-0311.

Cowboy Country

Battle Mountain C of C: Box 333, Battle Mountain, NV 89820; 775-635-8245.

Elko C of C: 1601 Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801; www.elkonevada.com; 775-738-7135.

Elko Convention and Visitors Authority: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801; 775-738-4091, 800-248-3556 outside Nevada.

Jarbridge Community Association: c/o Trading Post, Box 260072, Jarbridge, NV 89826; e-mail: Jarbridge@aol.com; 775-488-2315.

Lovelock C of C: Box 821, Lovelock, NV 89419; 775-273-7213.

McDermitt Information: Box 278, McDermitt, NV 89421; 775-532-8742.

Wells C of C: Box 615, Wells, NV 89835; 775-752-3540.

Wendover USA Chamber/Visitors Bureau: Box 2468, West Wendover, NV 89883; www.wendover-usa.org; 775-664-3414 or 800-426-6862.

Winnemucca C of C: 30 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 775-623-2225.

Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Bureau: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; www.winnemucca.nv.us; 775-623-5071 or 800-WMCA-NEV.

Pony Express Territory

Austin C of C: Box 212, Austin, NV 89310; 775-964-2200.

Ely's Bristlecone Convention Center: 150 Sixth St., Box 958, Ely, NV 89301; 289-3720.

Eureka County C of C: Box 14, Eureka, NV 89316; 775-237-5484.

Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406; www.fallon.net; 775-423-4556 or 800-874-0903.

Fernley C of C: 70 N. West St., Box 1606, Fernley, NV 89408; fernleynevada.com; 775-575-4459.

Great Basin Business and Tourism Council: Information on Baker and Great Basin National Park. Box 166, Baker, NV 89311; 775-234-7323.

Greater Fallon Area C of C: 65 S. Maine St., No. B, Fallon, NV 89406; www.fallonchamberofcommerce.com; 775-423-2544.

Silver Springs EDASS (Econ. Dev. Authority of Silver Springs): Box 269, Silver Springs, NV 89429; 775-577-5094.

White Pine C of C: 636 Aultman, Ely, NV 89301; 775-289-8877.

Pioneer Territory

Amargosa C of C: HCR 69-2, Box 401W, Amargosa, NV 89020; 775-372-5459.

Beatty C of C: Box 956, Beatty, NV 89003; 775-553-2424.

Caliente C of C: Depot Building, Box 553, Caliente, NV 89008; 775-726-3129.

Gabbs, City of: Box 176, Gabbs, NV 89409; 775-285-4019.

Goldfield C of C: Box 219, Goldfield, NV 89013; members.xcom.com/gfldchamber; 775-485-3560.

Greater Smoky Valley C of C: Box 1977, State Route 376 at Carver's Station, Round Mountain, NV 89045; 775-377-2490.

Mason Valley C of C: 227 S. Main St., Yerington, NV 89447-2536; www.tele-net.net/lceda; 775-463-2245.

Mineral County C of C: 932 E. Street, Box 1635, Hawthorne, NV 89415; e-mail: info@mcchamber.hawthorne.nv.us; 775-945-5896.

Pahrump Valley C of C: Box 42, Pahrump, NV 89041; 775-727-5800 or 800-633-WEST.

Pioche C of C: Box 127, Pioche, NV 89043; www.pioche.com/chamber.htm; 775-962-5544.

Tonopah C of C: 301 Brougher Ave., Box 869, Tonopah, NV 89049; 775-482-3859.

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, Tonopah, NV 89049; www.tonopahminingpark.org; 775-482-3558.

Indian Territory

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: 680 Greenbrae, Sparks, NV 89431; 775-355-0600.

Indian Territory: Nevada Commission on Tourism, Capitol

Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8.

State and National Parks

Death Valley National Park: Beatty Visitor Center: 307 Main St., Beatty, NV 89003; 775-553-2200. Park: Death Valley, CA 92328; 760-786-2331.

Great Basin National Park: Baker, NV 89311; www.nps.gov/grba; 775-234-7331.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; www.nps.gov/lame; 702-293-8907.

Nevada Division of State Parks: 1300 South Curry St., Carson City, NV 89710; 775-687-4370.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area: HCR 33, Box 5500, Las Vegas, NV 89124; 702-363-1921.

More Outdoor Activities

Bicycling in Nevada: Nevada Department of Transportation: 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89712; e-mail: bicycle@dot.state.nv.us; 775-888-RIDE for

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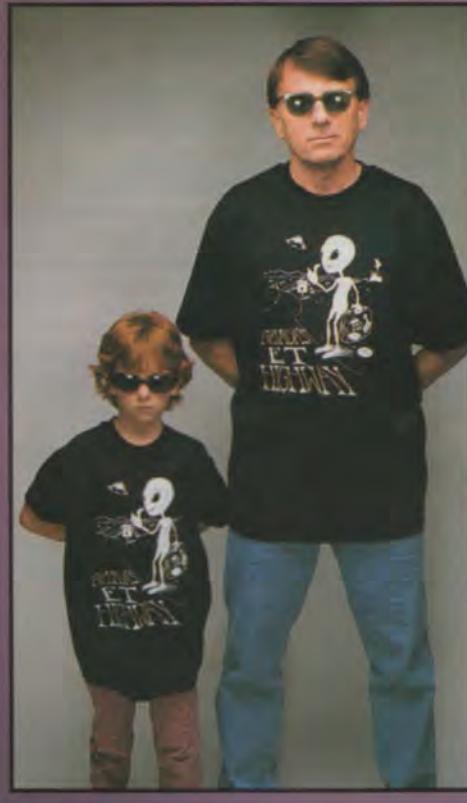
Bureau of Land Management: Main office, Reno, www.nv.blm.gov, 775-861-6400; Las Vegas, 702-647-5000; Elko, 775-753-0200; Winnemucca, 775-623-1500; Carson City, 775-885-6000; Ely, 775-289-1800; Caliente, 775-726-8100; Battle Mountain, 775-635-4000; Tonopah, 775-482-7800.

Nevada Division of Wildlife: Main: Box 10678, Reno, NV 89520; www.state.nv.us/cnr/nwildlife/ 775-688-1500; Southern Nevada: State Mail Complex, Las Vegas, NV 89158; 702-486-5127.

Pyramid Lake Fisheries: Star Route, Sutcliffe, NV 89510; 775-476-0500.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: www.fs.fed.us/htnf/; 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431; 775-331-6444; 2881 S. Valley View, Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102; 702-873-8800; 2035 Last Chance Rd., Elko, NV 89801; 775-738-5171.

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Imperial Palace/Betty's Diner—794-3261. Shakes, malts, and sundaes as well as sandwiches, soup, breakfast bakery. B, L, D, \$, major.

Imperial Palace/Burger Palace—794-3261. Burgers, fries, and other fast-food items. B, L, D, \$, major.

Imperial Palace/Emperor's Buffet—731-3311. Carving station featuring roast baron of beef. B, L, D, \$, major.

Imperial Palace/Rib House—794-3261. Barbecued ribs, chicken, blackened and cajun entrees. D, \$\$, major.
Imperial Palace/Teahouse—731-3311. Carving station featuring prime rib of beef. Weekend brunch. B, L, D, \$, major.

Ramada Inn and Speedway Casino/The Speedway Cafe—399-3297. B, L, D, \$, major.

Riviera Hotel/Kady's Coffee Shop—794-9318.

Monte Carlo/Buffet—730-7777. Exhibition-style kitchen. B, L, D, \$, major.

Sahara Hotel/Caravan Coffee Shop—737-2407. Crab legs, New York steak. B, L, D, \$, major.

Sahara Hotel/Sahara Buffet—737-2407. Pizza, roast beef, turkey, ham. B, L, D, \$, major.

INTERNATIONAL

Monte Carlo/Cafe—730-7777. Traditional fare and specialties. B, L, D, \$, major.

Riviera Hotel/Mardi Gras Food Court—734-5110. Nine quick-service eateries. B, L, D, \$, no CC.

Riviera Hotel/World's Fare Buffet—794-9400. International cuisines presented in buffet, plus prime rib. B, L, D, \$, major.

ITALIAN

Imperial Palace/Pizza Palace—794-3261. Pizza, pasta, salads. L, D, \$, major.

Monte Carlo/Market City Caffe—730-7777. Antipasto bar, fresh pastas, grilled entrees. L, D, \$\$, major.

Riviera Hotel/Ristorante Italiano—794-9363. Lobster Francaise, fresh seafood. D, \$-\$ \$\$, major.

ASIAN

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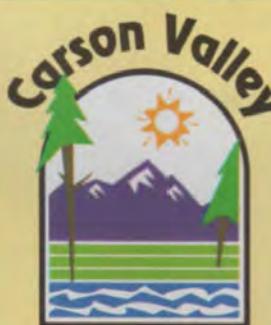
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Eldorado Hotel/Tivoli Gardens—Reno, 786-5700. Multi-ethnic, 24-hour restaurant. B, L, D. \$, major.

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Louis' Basque Corner—301 E. Fourth St., Reno, 323-7203. Sweetbreads, tripe, paella, other seafood dishes. L, D. \$\$, major.

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Eldorado Hotel/Golden Fortune-Ho Fu Li—Reno, 786-5700. Authentic Hong Kong-style cuisine in classic Chinese setting. D. \$\$, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Trader Dick's—Sparks, 356-3300. Cashew chicken, Szechuan specialties, flaming dagger brochette. L, D. \$\$, major.

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John Ascuaga's Nugget/Restaurante Orozko—356-3300. Veal medallions Saltimbocca, braised lamb shank, paella valenciana. D. \$, major.

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Las Vegas Territory

Slots • July 8-10 • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-351-7400, ext. 1.

Poker • July 10-25 • The Orleans, Las Vegas, 365-7150.

Beach Blanket Bingo Slots • July 11-14 • Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5000.

Video Poker • July 16-18 • Pioneer, Laughlin, 702-298-2442.

Beach Blanket Slots • July 18-21 • Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 731-7777.

All Stars Video Poker • July 20-22 • Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777.

Maximus Slots • Aug. 6-8 • Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 800-722-2727.

Beat the Heat Blackjack • Aug. 18 • Riviera, Las Vegas, 734-5110.

Bingo Blowout • Aug. 22 • Showboat, Las Vegas, 800-876-BOAT.

Slots • Aug. 29-31 • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-351-7400, ext. 1.

Big Bucks Slots • Sept. 16-19 • Pioneer, Laughlin, 702-298-2442.

Super Star Bingo • Sept. 20-21 • Showboat, Las Vegas, 800-876-BOAT.

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Monster Mash Slots • Oct. 1-3 • Gold Strike, Jean, 800-634-1359.

Cleopatra's Slots • Oct. 15-17 • Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 731-7777.

Paint the Town Blue Triple Spin Slots • Oct. 15-19 • Riviera, Las Vegas, 734-5110.

Rebel Reels • Oct. 19-21 • Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777.

Dual Slots • Nov. 7-9 and 11-13 • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-351-7400, ext. 1.

Harvest of Fun Slots • Nov. 22-24 • Harrah's, Las Vegas, 369-5000.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Blackjack • July 16-18 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Bucks and Benz Slots • July 17-19 • Eldorado, Reno, 800-777-5325.

Fourth Birthday Slots • July 25-27 • Silver Legacy, Reno, 800-687-7733.

\$1 Slot Marathon • July 25-27 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Winners' Weekend Slots • July 30-Aug. 1 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Slots • Aug. 15-18 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Keno • Aug. 27-29 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Rural Nevada

Open Blackjack • July 9-10 • Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

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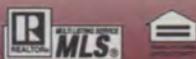


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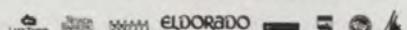
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Windy City Musical

“Chicago,” the comedy about show biz and jailbirds, helps make a place for Broadway in Vegas. **By Mike Weatherford**



Ben Vereen (left) plays a lawyer who helps Roxie, portrayed by Chita Rivera (above), achieve her dreams in “Chicago,” playing at Mandalay Bay.

When “Chicago” opened on Broadway in 1975, the dark, satiric musical was ahead of its time. Today, as a shining example of first-class theater on the Las Vegas Strip, “Chicago” is long overdue.

The opening of “Chicago” at Mandalay Bay last spring received great scrutiny from critics and showgoers. The 1,700-seat Mandalay Bay Theatre had been designed specifically for Broadway productions. Also, “Chicago” was the first musical brought in for a long run at its full length—two acts, averaging an hour each, plus an intermission—without being cut to the Las Vegas standard of 90 minutes to turn the crowd over.

The good news is that, as tests go, “Chicago” is a top-notch effort with no faults to weaken the case for legitimate theater in Vegas. During its first two months, audiences seemed to embrace the sexy, sophisticated musical that blends with the hotel’s cosmopolitan-adult atmosphere.

“Chicago” is cynically funny and heavily stylized. Like most of the show’s humor, the cast is swathed in black and performs

on a dark shadow box of a stage decorated mostly by the 14-piece band.

Bob Fosse first staged this musical by the “Cabaret” team of John Kander and Fred Ebb 24 years ago, but the show did not become a smash until Fosse’s choreographer partner, Ann Reinking, revived it in 1996, nine years after his death. Reinking divides the focus between intense choreography and a satiric look at the trial of Roaring ’20s murderess Roxie Hart, played by Chita Rivera. Perhaps the 1975 version was simply ahead of its time. The larger theme of murder as a good career move—and most of the best one-liners—hit close to home in this era of courtroom TV.

“Chicago” is theater for theater lovers. Many of the songs are written as tour-de-force showcases for individual characters, but all the chorus dancers (and even the conductor) have a line or two. Rivera and Ben Vereen are the high-profile stars of the show, but even the nondancing part of the abused husband is played by Ernie Sabella, a seasoned pro whom parents will instantly recognize as the voice of Pumbaa in *The Lion King*.

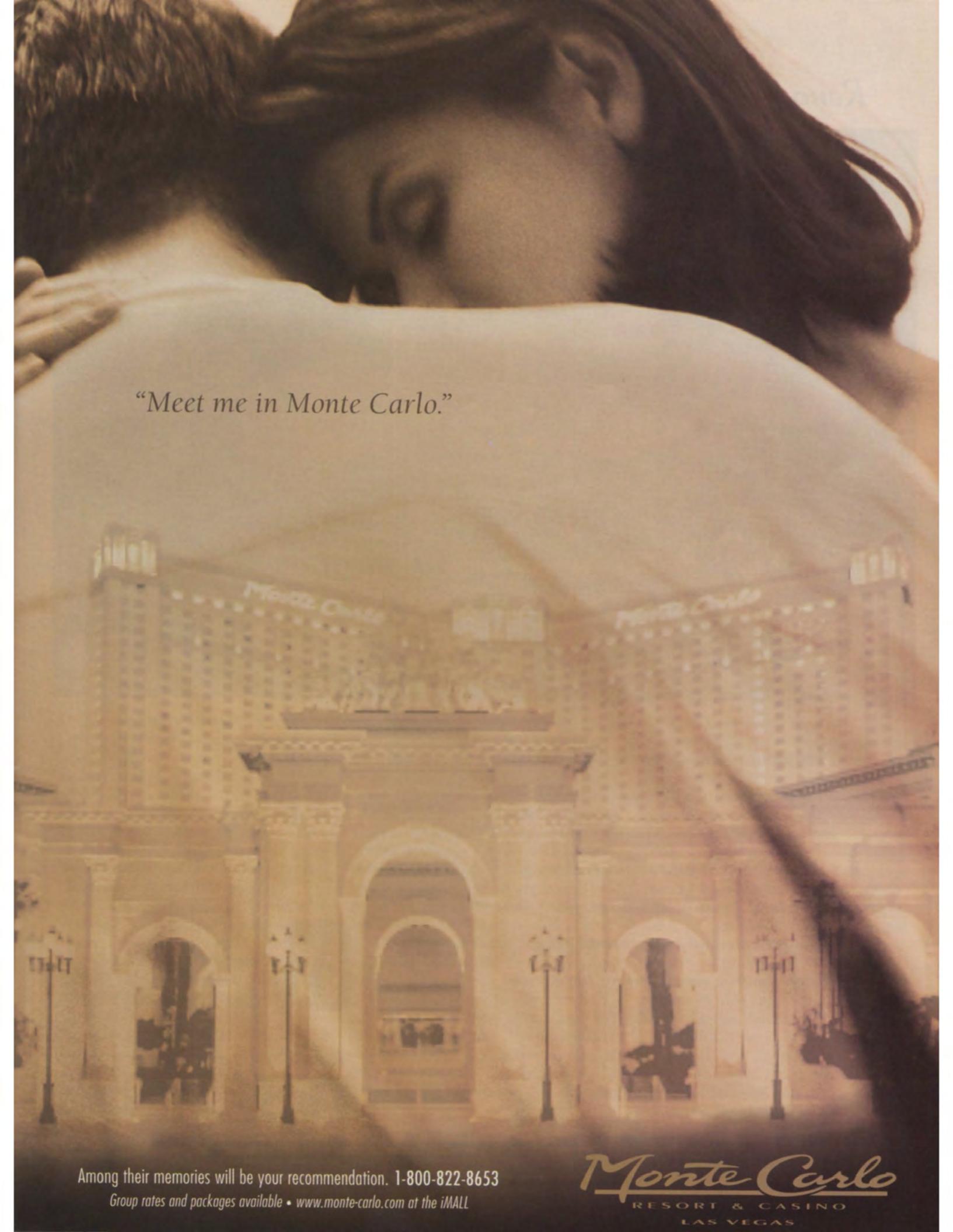
The result is an ensemble production where every person on the stage meets the highest New York standards. Although the theater itself is at least 600 seats larger than the average Broadway house, nothing on-stage fails to justify the full-Broadway ticket prices of \$55 to \$75.

So far the prognosis for theater lovers in Las Vegas is good: “Chicago’s” run has been extended into the year 2000, and “Rent” is headed for the Las Vegas Hilton on October 27 to November 7.

Show Notes

“Chicago,” starring Chita Rivera and Ben Vereen, appears in the Mandalay Bay Theatre at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, and 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets cost \$55, \$65, and \$75 and do not include tax or drinks. Call the box office, 877-632-7400, or Ticketmaster, 702-474-4000 for reservations. ▀

Mike Weatherford is an entertainment writer for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

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A Stellar Cellar

Wine fans seek oenological ecstasy at the Rio's subterranean tasting room.

By Deke Castleman

In the Masquerade Village wing of the Rio Suite Hotel, there's a curved staircase with a wrought-iron banister that leads a flight down to the basement. At the bottom of the stairs, set in one of the few subterranean spaces in a Las Vegas casino, is the Rio's Wine Cellar Tasting Room. Here you'll find a 65,000-bottle assemblage of oenological potations, Bacchanalian nectars, vibrant vineyard vintages worthy of Venus—in short, one of the foremost wine collections in the world and the only public wine cellar in Nevada.

The store has a medieval atmosphere with stone floors, pillars, arches, heavy wooden shelves, and even wine coffins (long, wooden display boxes lined with silk). Bottles are crammed into every available space. Offerings range from \$5 chablis to \$1,250 Louis XIII cognac, from cheap champagne to the "Treasure of the Titanic," a 27-liter bottle of merlot that stands more than three feet tall.

It's all overseen by Barrie Larvin, a 51-year-old Brit and longtime president of the Court of Master Sommeliers, a group of elite wine stewards. Before joining the Rio in 1996, Larvin was the consulting restaurant manager for the London Ritz-Carlton. His goal for the Rio's wine store? He says, "To make it one of the best cellars in the world. Forty of the 50 sommeliers in America have visited our establishment, and they've been very impressed with what we've established."

Although his fellow sommeliers kid Larvin about his affinity for Las Vegas, the oenologist says he has found that Southern Nevadans as well as visitors appreciate fine



Barrie Larvin, master sommelier and the Rio Wine Cellar's big cheese, pours for Rolf Wetzel and Stacy Sherrard.

wine. "The local market is the backbone of our business," he says. "One out of every three people who come to the cellar is a resident. Approximately 700 locals come every Saturday morning to the weekly wine sale." Of course, visitors also are attracted to the cellar, which enhances the Rio's cachet as a hip place to dine and stay.

With \$6 million in wines, the store boasts some of the world's great wine collections. The cellar's centerpiece is a \$1.5-million set of Chateau d'Yquem vintages, with a representative of every one produced between 1855 and 1990. Two years ago Larvin bid \$387,000 at auction to acquire a collection of champagnes, clarets, and dessert wines owned by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

A good place for cellar visitors to begin is the 23-seat bar, where you can taste 300 different wines by the glass, served by a well-trained staff. The menu consists of "flights"—three wines combined for a special tasting experience. For example, Flight 21 consists of an Eola Hills Sauvignon Blanc, late 1996 harvest, regularly \$14 a glass; a Duckhorn 1991 Miel from Napa, regularly \$27; and a Beringer 1992 Nightingale, regularly \$35—all for

only \$32. You can get a good deal on Flight 18: a Baron de Montesquieu blanc Bordeaux and rouge Bordeaux, along with a Chateau Puyquerand, for \$7.

Visitors can create their own collections of up to eight bottles. The bottles are placed in a special casing and recorded on the store computer so that no one can duplicate the set. This allows you to own a personal collection.

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A Golden Past

Dayton celebrates two discoveries that put Nevada on the map.

By Robert A. Nylen

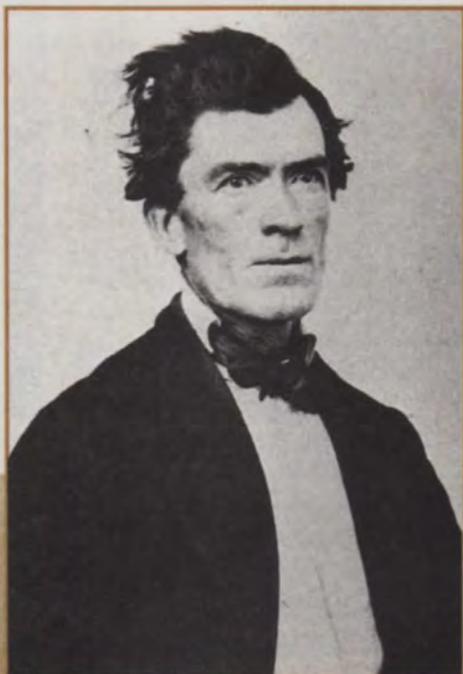
Dayton residents soon will note the 150th anniversaries of two gold discoveries—both made by Mormon pioneers poking the ground with butcher knives—that set the stage for the settlement of Nevada and the discovery of the Comstock Lode.

The first was the discovery of gold in Gold Canyon near present-day Dayton in 1849. This find by Abner Blackburn is recognized as the first gold found by pioneers anywhere in Nevada, and Dayton citizens will celebrate the historic event on July 17-18 during their Nevada

Gold Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The second was John Orr's amazing discovery in 1850 of a thumb-sized gold nugget—a rare piece of Comstock history that is part of the Nevada State Museum's collections. News of both finds attracted the miners and traders who settled Dayton and Genoa and, within a decade, led to the discoveries that created Silver City, Gold Hill, and Virginia City.

The question of who first found gold in Gold Canyon—Abner Blackburn or another early prospector, William Prows—has stirred controversy over the years, but



Dayton's Main Street in the 1800s. Modern-day Daytonites will celebrate the Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial and 1849 discoverer Abner Blackburn (top) in July.

today most historians believe the honor belongs to Blackburn. A member of the Mormon Battalion that served in the Mexican War, Blackburn joined a pack train headed for the California gold fields in 1849. As he recalled in his memoirs, "We had the usual amount of quarreling and swearing that all such companies have in crossing the plains." One day in July 1849 the train stopped to rest at the Carson River near present-day Dayton, and Blackburn decided to prospect Gold Canyon.

"Som[e] of our company had been to the [California] mines before and I asked them why there was no gold on this side of the mountain," wrote Blackburn, a frontiersman who spelled frontier-style. "They say no one had looked for it. The next day, while they were playing cards, I took a bread pan and a butcher knife and went out in the ravines to prospect and found gold in small quantities in three places. Went to a larger ravine and where the water ran down over the bed rock a little on the side of the gulch. Dug down in the slate and found a fair prospect and kept pan[n]ing for an hour or more.

"Went to camp and all hand[s] grab[b]ed up pans, knives, and kettles and started out. We scoured, scraped, and pan[n]ed until nearly sun down and took out nine or ten dollars worth of gold.

"The next day, while they were playing cards, I took a bread pan and a butcher knife and went out in the ravines to prospect."

Being without tools and nearly out of provisions, we were compelled to abandon the place, but calculated to return some time in the future. This place is Gold Canyon. The Comstock and Virginia City situated some distance above the place we prospected."

Historians generally support Blackburn's account over the claim made by Prows, another Mormon Battalion veteran. Prows (also spelled Prouse and Prowse) claimed he found gold in Gold Canyon in 1848, a year before Blackburn. However, H.H. Bancroft in his *History of Nevada, Colorado, and Wyoming* (1890), identified Blackburn as the gold discoverer and noted, "There are various versions of the first discovery of gold in

western Utah, but none more authentic."

Historian Will Bagley of Salt Lake City makes a strong case for Blackburn in *Frontiersman: Abner Blackburn's Narrative* (University of Utah Press, 1992). In the book Bagley mixes his commentary with Blackburn's own colorful writings. Blackburn, who later worked as a farmer and miner in Southern California, spent the last years of his life in poverty, surviving on his Mexican War veteran's pension of \$8 per month. After Blackburn's death in San Bernardino in 1904, his daughter hid his handwritten memoirs, which she considered somewhat scandalous, in a

trunk. But in the 1930s his granddaughter, Blanche Corby, made a typescript of the narrative. Bagley's book is based on the Corby transcript, a copy of which is part of the Robert A. Allen Collection at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno.

Regarding Blackburn's place in Nevada history, Bagley contends, "The fact that he did not actually claim that his discovery was the first made in the Comstock validates his story. Blackburn simply related his experience, somewhat ruefully, without specifically claiming the historical glory (for whatever it is worth) of a first discovery."

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John Orr used a butcher knife to find his gold nugget.

Less than a year after Blackburn discovered flakes in Gold Canyon, John Orr found his nugget. Fortunately, Orr also left us an account of his discovery, which he made in June 1850 while traveling with a Mormon wagon train on its way to

California. In the early 1880s he described his discovery to Eliot Lord, who was in the process of writing *Comstock Mining and Miners* (1883) for the U.S. Geological Survey. While corresponding with Orr, who lived in Northern California, Lord also hoped to acquire the nugget for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Orr gave Lord his story—but not the nugget.

Orr's account was reported by Lord in both his book and in a letter reprinted in the *Alta California* on May 17, 1880. Orr recalled that he came across the plains in 1849. After spending the winter in Salt Lake City, he left for California on the first wagon train of 1850. The company included Nick Kelly and William Prows (Blackburn's erstwhile rival). Early in May 1850 the train stopped at Gold Canyon, near the Carson River, to let the animals feed. Prows took a milk pan down to the gulch, began washing dirt, and soon got "color" (gold flakes), prompting Orr to name the place Gold Canyon.

The emigrants traveled to Carson Valley, where they waited three weeks for the Sierra passes to clear of snow. So Orr, Kelly, and several others returned to Gold

Canyon and began prospecting at a fork in the creek. Lord relates:

"The party had few tools, and Orr had nothing but a butcher knife. While Kelly was working, Orr noticed a very narrow place at the fork, where the water barely covered a slab of slate rock. Idly he examined it, and noticing a small crevice near the edge, drove the butcher knife into it, breaking out a piece. The water running over it washed out the underlying dirt, and in a few seconds Orr discovered a gold nugget which the rock had covered. It was quickly removed and afterwards found to weigh \$8.25. This was on 1st of June, 1850, nearly thirty years ago. Prospecting was continued, and though gold dust was found in several places throughout the cañon, Orr's was the only nugget found. The party lacked tools and provisions, and being bent on reaching California, abandoned the cañon." Orr offered the nugget to

Orr's descendants so Orr kept the nugget "as it was (actual size) to the Nevada State Museum. the first piece of gold he ever dug."

Orr's brother Thomas later noted in his memoirs: "This was the first piece of gold ever found on that side of the [Sierra] mountains, and my brother's son, living in Sonoma County, still possess this nugget."

News of the gold discoveries of Orr, Blackburn, and others prompted Nevada's first gold rush as parties of California miners traveled eastward over the Sierra. For example, C.N. Noteware, who later became Nevada's secretary of state, recalled in Thompson and West's *History of Nevada* (1881) that he "passed the mouth of Gold Canyon on the third day of July, 1850, and on the divide between there and Empire,

"Though gold dust was found in several places throughout the cañon, Orr's was the only nugget found."

met a party of miners from California on their way with a mining outfit to work in the cañon, where they said gold had been discovered the year before by a party of emigrants." From 1850 to 1859, Gold Canyon supported between 100 and 180 miners. They slowly worked their way up the canyon, discovering gold near the future sites of Silver City and Gold Hill. Then

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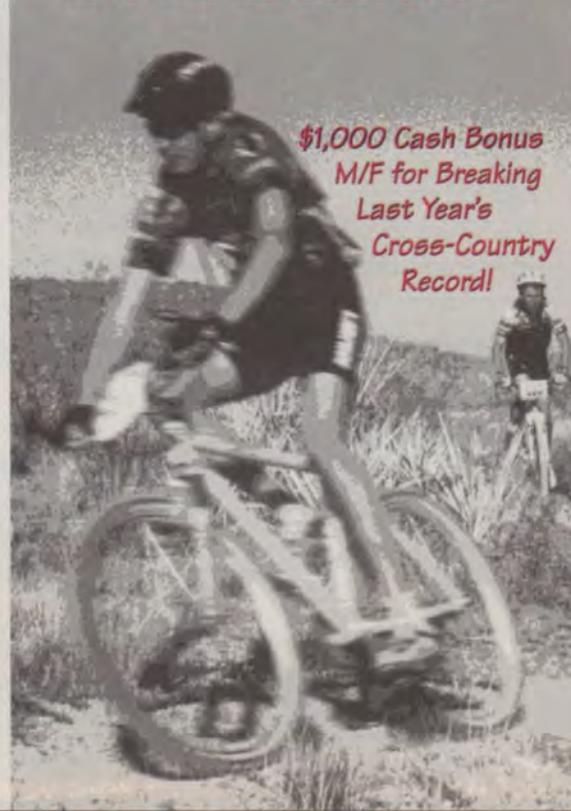
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in 1859 came the Comstock gold and silver discoveries that founded Virginia City.

"The great irony is that these parties were pecking at the edges of one of the richest mineral troves in the world, the Comstock Lode, which would remain virtually undiscovered until 1859," Will Bagley states. Abner Blackburn, writing years later, likely expressed the disappointment of many former Gold Canyon miners when he wrote, "If we had known [of] the rich mines higher up the canon, the outcome would be different."

John Orr later settled north of San Francisco at Duncan Mills. The nugget discoverer had a colorful career as a stage driver and twice was held up by highwaymen. He died in El Dorado County, California, in 1891.

Orr passed his nugget down as a family heirloom. He told Eliot Lord in 1880 "that the nugget is not for sale, nor will it be donated to any museum," but in 1969 the Orr Nugget was donated to the Nevada State Museum by the discoverer's great-nephew, Lieutenant Colonel William D. Orr, and his wife, Wanda. The nugget measures 1-1/4 inches in length and 7/8 inch in width and weighs .68 ounces. In 1850 the nugget was worth \$8.25. Today gold

prices run about \$300 per ounce, but due to impurities the nugget probably is worth about \$115. The Orr Nugget is presently on loan to the Oakland Museum for its exhibit "Gold Fever! The Lure and Legacy of the California Gold Rush." The nugget will be returned to the museum in Carson City later this year and go on permanent display in a new history gallery early in 2000 to mark the 150th anniversary of Orr's remarkable find.

Both Orr's and Blackburn's discoveries

proved to be significant events in the history of Nevada and the West. As Eliot Lord described Orr's discovery, "In a moment he held in his hand the first piece of metalliferous quartz from a district which has yielded the great bonanza of the present century." The finds brought great, golden moments to Orr, Blackburn, and Nevada. ▀

Robert A. Nylen of Dayton is curator of history at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial in Dayton

The 150th anniversary of Abner Blackburn's gold discovery in 1849 will be the center of attention in Dayton during the Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial Celebration on July 17-18. The celebration will include a parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday followed by historical melodramas, costume and beard contests, living-history demonstrations, gold panning, a Victorian ball, Civil War encampment, and an appearance by McAvoy Layne as Mark Twain. Dayton is located 12 miles east of Carson City on U.S. 50. Call 775-246-7327 or visit www.daytonvalley.org for more information on the event.



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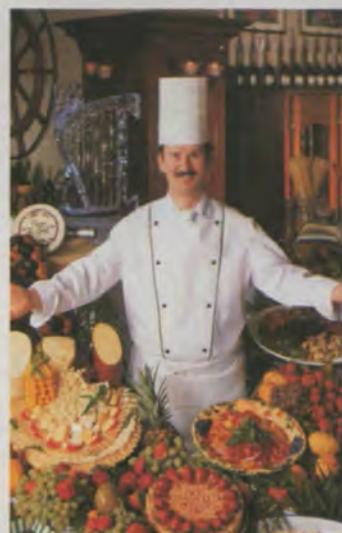
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Swingin' South

Rediscovering the links of Mesquite and Laughlin.

By Sharon Carter

The green grass and blue water of Southern Nevada's rural golf courses may appear to be mirages, but they represent real and thriving ventures. The links of Mesquite and Laughlin, as well as those in Primm and Pahrump, were designed by leading architects like Arnold Palmer, Ed Seay, and Tom Fazio and rank among the state's best. These courses show that lots of good golf can be found outside Las Vegas.

But why go golfing in the Mojave Desert in summer, when 100-degree days are more common than not? After all, Southern Nevada is known for having perfect golf weather in other seasons—that is, fall, winter, and spring. However, as temperatures rise, green fees drop. Courses are less crowded in summer, and golfers can try to beat the heat by teeing off in the early morning or evening. And there's a further reason for this report: Last issue's *Nevada Magazine* guide, "Nevada Golf '99," contained a mistake. Due to a printer's error—the equivalent of a quadruple bogey on an easy par three during the last round of the Masters—four Laughlin and Mesquite courses did not appear in the May/June issue, although they were listed in the additional copies printed of the guide (call 800-NEVADA-8 for extra copies).

So here are bonus tips on the links of Mesquite and Laughlin. Yardages noted are from the back tees, and green fees include carts. All the courses are public, have club rentals, and lower their rates in June, July, and August.

Bob Ault, director of golf at **CasaBlanca Golf Club** in Mesquite, 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas, notes that golfers can beat the heat by riding in CasaBlanca's special air-cooled carts, which come equipped with swamp coolers, and using iced facial towels provided by course hosts. Built near the Virgin River, the course is Audubon-affiliated. "It's a desert-style course that

gives way to four holes in the wetlands. You can see more than 100 different species of birds when you play here," Ault says. *Architect: Cal Olson. Tees: 7,011 yards, par 72. Green fees: CasaBlanca hotel guests \$75 Mon.-Thurs. and \$85 Fri.-Sun., nonguests \$10 more. Ask about summer rates. Carts optional. Call 702-346-6781 or 888-711-GOLF.*

Si Redd's Oasis Resort operates three courses in Mesquite. Assistant Pro Ken Turner's favorite is the **Palms Golf Club**.



Golfers can get into the swing at the scenic Oasis Golf Club in Mesquite.

"The sports writer who once said the Palms was 'nine holes of beauty followed by nine holes of terror' was full of it," Turner says. "The front nine is flat, all grass with water. The back is desert-style, up and down, with narrow tees. It's the most fun for first-time players. The course is tough but not ridiculous. It's playable but doesn't patronize you." *Architect: William Hull. Tees: 7,008 yards, par 72. Green fees: Si Redd's Oasis Resort guests \$65, nonguests \$95. Ask about summer rates. Call 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187.*

Mesquite's **Oasis Golf Club**, designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay, was named a "Top 10 You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine* in

1996 and the seventh-best course in Nevada last May by *Golf Digest*. The attraction for Turner? "The views," he says. "There are no houses around the courses, so you can see the mountains and the Virgin River bed with all the trees." *Tees: 6,982 yards, par 72. Green fees: Si Redd's Oasis Resort guests \$100, nonguests \$125. Ask about summer rates. Fees at nine-hole Vista are \$30 and \$35. Call 702-346-7820 or 800-621-0187.*

In Laughlin, 90 miles south of Las Vegas, the **Emerald River Country Club** is known as a challenge. Once you're out of play, the golf wags say, you're either in the desert or in the Colorado River. "So when I see the turkey vultures circling overhead, I have to smile and think of the course's reputation," Steve Steil of the Emerald River's pro shop says. "But you know, we haven't lost a golfer yet." The fairways are narrow, but the greens are fairly large and undulating. *Architect: Ault and Clark. Tees: 6,572 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$65 Mon.-Thurs. and \$75 Fri.-Sun. Ask about summer rates. Call 702-298-0061.*

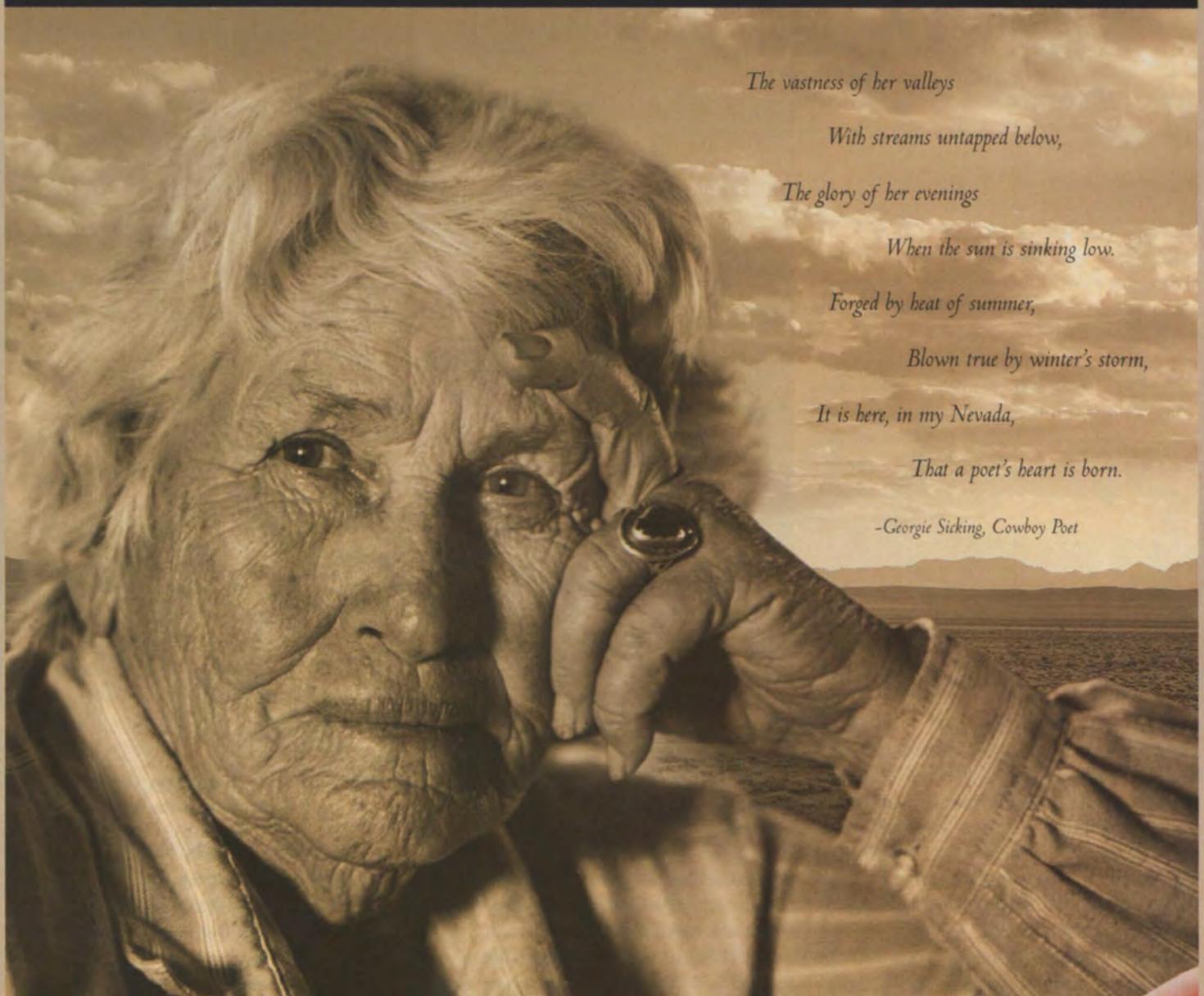
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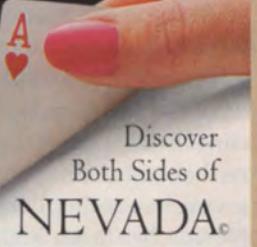
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CAMP OF GOOD CHEER

Since the 1870s Cherry Creek has been a White Pine social center.

By Jerry Bowen

No cherries. Creek dry most of the time. Grocery store 50 miles away—gas but 20. Weathered homes cry out for repair. The business district has been boarded up and burned down, although the Barrel Saloon manages to hang on where the town begins and the pavement ends. The “museum” promised by the sign on U.S. 93 between Wells and Ely is open for the occasional motorist who leans on his horn.

Anyone who has stumbled upon the 19th-century mining town of Cherry Creek must wonder: Is this a ghost town, or do people really live here? For today's inquisitive visitor, the answer to both questions is yes.

Cherry Creek was established in 1872, when the Ticup Mine was located in the newly formed Cherry Creek Mining District. The Ticup—whose moniker is said to be derived from a Paiute word for “biscuit”—was later called the Teacup and the Biscuit.

The camp was named after the seasonal creek that flowed from a nearby canyon where cherry trees or chokecherry bushes grew. New residents dismantled buildings in the declining towns of Schellbourne and Hamilton and moved them to Cherry Creek, a common practice in Nevada since lumber was so scarce. By 1873, other mines such as the Star, Pacific, Exchequer, and Mary Anne were producing gold and silver. The town's population swelled into the hundreds, and its future looked rosy. The community boasted a hotel, restaurants, Wells Fargo office, and, in time, more than 20 saloons.

Today's visitor will find colorful evidence of the town's periodic rise and decline. Entering town, you'll see a battered red metal building on Main Street. Once a warehouse at Cherry Creek Station, a Nevada Northern Railway stop four miles east of town, it was moved next to the Barrel Saloon a decade ago.

Across the street stands the rock foun-



Warren Bowen (left) and other visitors find refreshment with Sue and John Evans at the Barrel Saloon.

dation of Nevada Hall, also known as Carlson's Hall. Built in 1881, it had a ballroom on the second floor and served as the social center of Cherry Creek. In the late 1940s the hall was disassembled and moved to Wells to become a part of the Wagon Wheel Motel. Near the old foundation lies a metal-lined hole in the ground with a man-hole cover. This is a remnant of the town's original gas supply—a simple carbide gas generation plant. Gas was created when water was allowed to drip on carbide crystals in the hole. The reaction produced a flammable gas that was fed to street lights around town.

Down Main Street you'll see boarded-up homes with root cellars built of logs. Old mining equipment litters the cross streets.

The jail, built in 1874, recently was converted into a summer home.

At the end of Main Street stand the town's two schools. One, a WPA project from the 1930s, operated until the 1960s and now serves as a meeting hall. The other, built in 1872, is the oldest public school in Eastern Nevada. Today it serves as Cherry Creek's museum. Go ahead and honk your horn—one of several residents will respond with the door key. Failing that, return to the Barrel Saloon, and the bartender will call for assistance on the CB; the town's residents stay in touch by this modern device.

Inside the museum, the past is revisited through relics, newspapers, and photographs donated by former and current Cherry Creekers. One wall holds a photo



Cherry Creek, hanging on near the turn of the century (above), found new life when the mines (right) reopened in 1905. The Star Mine was one of the camp's best-known producers.

of two dejected residents sitting amid the smoking ruins of a major fire started by saloon owner Abe Kooken in 1901. He made the terrible mistake of trying to refill a hot lamp with gasoline, and the resulting fire engulfed 16 other businesses. Another photo shows a girl standing behind the Catholic church that was Cherry Creek's only house of worship. Built in 1881, the church looks essentially the same today.

Too often old mining camps are proclaimed the wildest, meanest, and shootin'est towns in the West. Not so Cherry Creek. Instead, it earned a reputation as the best party town and horse-racing center in Eastern Nevada. Often, ranchers,

miners, and other citizens traveled from Wells and Ely by horse and buckboard to join the festivities. Citizens gathered at Nevada Hall for socials and balls that lasted all night. The next day everyone would meet at the Cherry Creek Race Track a mile south of town. After a day of betting, plungers would crowd into Cherry Creek's watering holes—Stone's Saloon, the Elk, Dew Drop Inn, and the Palace—to celebrate wins and lament losses. Hungry partiers dined at the Star, Parker House, and Mrs. Connelly's and took long soaks at Mrs. Harrison's Bath-House, located at the hot springs south of town.

As mining's fortunes waxed and waned, so did the town's. In 1882, Cherry Creek boasted nearly 6,000 residents and 28 saloons, but the financial crash of 1883 caused the price of silver to plummet and many mines to close. By 1884, only one saloon remained open to slake the thirst of a shrinking population. Fire destroyed much of the town in 1888, and fires in 1901 and 1904 claimed even more buildings.

Large groups of Paiutes, Goshutes, and Shoshones were a familiar presence in Cherry Creek. Then, in 1902, an epidemic of smallpox killed many of the Indians.

The arrival of the first automobile in Cherry Creek in 1904 sig-



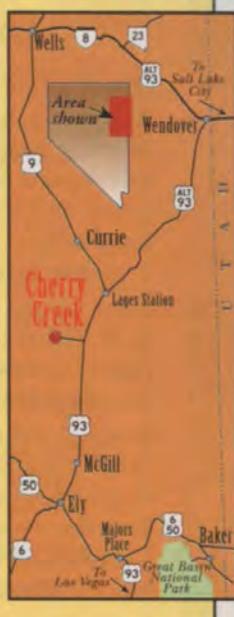
naled the start of a new era. By 1905, Cherry Creek was experiencing a revival. The Star and Biscuit mines reopened, and Mark Requa, builder of the Nevada Northern Railway, established a station four miles east of town. The station was nicknamed "Requa Island" because water completely surrounded it in wet weather.

During World War I, tungsten was in demand, and the surrounding hills had plenty. In 1919, a new mill was built at the Teacup, and a 7,250-foot tramway connected the shaft with the mill.

In 1920, Frank Crampton, a mining engineer who later published an autobiography, *Deep Enough*, caused great consternation among the women of Cherry Creek when he decided to reintroduce prostitution at the mines. Too many miners, he said, were being injured or killed during the long trip to Ely to visit the ladies of the line. The men stayed in town, and some of them

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eventually married working gals.

In 1927, the Nevada Standard Mining Company purchased most of the area's mining claims and employed as many as 200 men. The company produced close to \$2 million in gold, silver, and tungsten before it folded in 1940. Overall, mineral production in the Cherry Creek District has amounted to \$15 million to \$20 million.

In 1952, there still were enough families to keep the two-room school in operation. Bill Dolan, a descendent of early pioneers, taught 25 children in the school. His daughter, Susan Ballew of Carson City, re-

The teacher would pile as many kids into his car as possible so they could listen to orchestra music being broadcast.

calls, "There were eight grades in the class, and he taught everyone how to play chess. He was a wonderful teacher, and it was a 24-hour-a-day job for him. Kids would come to the house to see him. There was no electricity, so for cultural entertainment he would pile as many kids into his car outside the schoolhouse as possible so they could listen to orchestra music being broadcast." Susan is typical of many of the town's past residents, who are proud to call themselves Cherry Creekers.

In the 1960s lightning sparked a fire that claimed the ghostly shells of most of the town's remaining 19th-century commercial buildings. The post office closed its window in 1974, and the population dwindled to fewer than five residents.

Today, one easily can imagine stage-coaches, horses, and miners from another time crowding Cherry Creek's quiet streets. Yet new houses dot the landscape, and a few old homes have been renovated.

At the Barrel Saloon, a solitary figure often sits on the front porch reading a book. The reader is Sue Evans, who will be glad to serve you a cold beer or sarsaparilla and give a tour of the historic bar. Her husband, John, a great source of Cherry Creek history, will regale you with stories of the Honeymoon Cabin, Nevada Hall, fires, the recent demise of the saloon's slot machines by assassination, the hilarious move of the old warehouse from the railroad station into town, and other tales

THE HONEYMOON CABIN

During one of my visits to Cherry Creek, residents Walt Campbell and John Evans told me about a "Honeymoon Cabin" somewhere in the nearby mountains. According to legend, three friends worked a mine there around 1908. Tired of the lack of female companionship, one of them arranged for a mail-order bride, so his friends decided to build him a cabin as a wedding present. The two men constructed the cabin with logs, stones, and loving care and were quite proud of their handiwork.

Finally it was time for the groom-

to-be to pick up his bride at the Cherry Creek train station. He helped her into the buckboard and drove her to their new home in the hills. The woman, however, had expected to live in town. According to one version, she looked at the cabin, screamed like a banshee, and disappeared into the woods, never to be seen again. Another version tells of a wailing, weeping woman who demanded that the miner return her to the station, which he did. Lonely but wiser, the miner lived out his life in the Honeymoon Cabin with his good friends.—*Jerry Bowen*



The author visits the legendary Honeymoon Cabin.

of the town's past as only he can relate.

After exploring Main Street, you also can inspect the town's three cemeteries. Cherry Creekers' great respect for their mining past is reflected in the epitaphs. On one headstone, "Over many mountains he trod" is lovingly engraved under the image of a prospector's burro with pick and shovel.

About 20 people currently live in Cherry Creek. New homes are being built by descendants of original residents and others looking for peace and quiet. Foreshadowing a possible reawakening, Cherry Creek now has a public water system, electricity, telephones, and mail service.

John Evans and another resident, retiree Jim Golyer, delight in reminiscing

about the lonely years in Cherry Creek. "I remember when there was just us," John says with a chuckle. "Boy, the town sure is crowded now."

Jerry Bowen, a former submarine-repair project manager at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, lives in Vacaville, California, and frequently explores Nevada's ghost towns.

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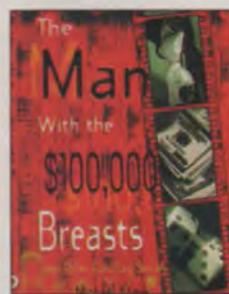


Nevada Bookshelf

Recent releases of Nevada interest.

The Man With the \$100,000 Breasts and Other Gambling Stories

by Michael Konik. Huntington Press, 3687 S. Procyon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103; 800-244-2224. 240 pages, \$24.95, hardcover (ISBN: 0-929712-72-2). Konik, veteran gambling columnist for *Cigar Aficionado* magazine,



has compiled his most provocative gambling-related magazine articles. The book's title feature profiles Las Vegas gambler Brian Zembic, who agreed to have breast implants in order to

win a \$100,000 bet. He won—and there's a photo to prove it.

Nevada Ghost Towns and Mining Camps Illustrated Atlas

by Stanley W. Paher. Nevada Publications, 4135 Badger Circle, Reno, NV 89509; 775-747-0800. 208 pages, \$29.95, softcover (ISBN: 0-913814-11-3). Also available in two softcover volumes, \$14.95 apiece. Paher, author of the classic *Nevada Ghost Towns and Mining Camps*, now in its 13th printing, has released an updated and redesigned map-atlas guide. His 1999 edition contains 55 detailed, full-color relief maps by Virginia City graphic artist Paul Cirac and more place names and mileage information. The atlas is illustrated with dozens of black-and-white photos taken in the 1940s and '50s by ghost-town author Nell Murbarger.

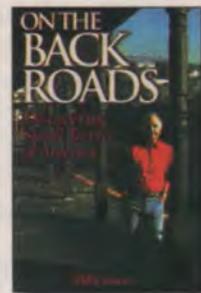
Mapping the Empty: Eight Artists and Nevada

by William L. Fox. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557. 208 pages, \$34.95, hardcover (ISBN: 0-87417-314-0). Poet and art writer Fox, currently the literature consultant for the Western States Arts Federation and a former executive director of the Nevada State Council on the Arts, has written about eight artists, all of whom live or have lived in Nevada: potter Dennis Parks, sculptor Walter McNamara,

multimedia artist Jim McCormick, painter-sculptor Rita Deanin Abbey, graphic artist Bill Barker, painter Robert Beckmann, sculptor Michael Heizer, and painter Mary Ann Bonjorni. Fox describes the artists' backgrounds and how their work reflects the complex relationship of art, history, and the Western landscape. While none could be described as a classical Western landscape artist, each imbues his or her work with provocative imagery and designs that illustrate the link between land and man.

On the Back Roads: Discovering Small Towns of America

by Bill Graves. Addicus Books, Box 45327, Omaha, NE 68145. 312 pages, \$16.95, paper (ISBN: 1-886039-36-4). Travel writer Graves, who logged more than 40,000 miles in his RV while researching this book, has a flair for finding colorful characters and clever stories in the communities he visits. While he occasionally relates a popular myth as fact—such as the naming of Yerington—he captures the flavor of the state's rural towns.



On the Boulevard

by John L. Smith. Huntington Press, 3687 S. Procyon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103; 800-244-2224. 320 pages, \$12.95, paper (ISBN: 0-929712-69-2). During the past 15 years Smith, a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* columnist and author of biographies of casino owners Steve Wynn and Bob Stupak, has written more than 2,000 newspaper columns about Las Vegas. His specialty is Damon Runyonesque, slice-of-life features about regular (and not-so-regular) folks with intriguing stories. *On the Boulevard* collects 123 of Smith's finest columns, which range from the heartfelt to the humorous. After reading Smith, one learns that beneath the Las Vegas glitter beats the heart of a real city.

—Richard Moreno



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Virginia McCuin

A Silver Springs artist captures Western scenes in silver and gold.

Virginia McCuin's experiences growing up on a ranch east of Tonopah are etched in her memory—and on her artwork. McCuin, who was raised on the Twin Springs Ranch in Railroad Valley, "60 miles from the nearest telephone," creates belt buckles, pendants, and other wearable art. The Nevada- and Western-themed pieces reveal her talent for engraving and for sculpting minutely detailed figures out of gold and silver.

McCuin was bitten by the engraving bug at an early age. "My dad, Willie Fallini, made bits and spurs, and I turned the forge for him," she says. Her designs are scenes of the West—rodeos, cowboys, Native American buffalo hunts, and bighorn sheep. Pendants often are finished with elaborate scroll work.

"Everyone who does jewelry and engraving work has their own style," she says. She calls her style "Western original." Each piece tells a story, and McCuin pours hours of research into even the most eye-squinting detail, from the stitching on a saddle to the facial expression of an elk.

McCuin and her rancher-husband, Pat, and dachshunds, Oscar and Mayer, reside on a small spread in Silver Springs, 35 miles east of Carson City. Early in their marriage the McCuins worked the Twin Springs Ranch before moving to Currant, where they settled on a large ranch in the late '60s and renovated a cafe and bar. With their two children near school age, the McCuins moved to Las Vegas.

"Las Vegas was kind of a culture shock for me," McCuin says. "This [engraving] was my way to stay in touch with ranching and country life." After 24 years in Las Vegas, the couple returned to the country life in Silver Springs. McCuin sells her work at art shows throughout the West. She also does custom work, including belt buckles engraved with cattle brands, bolo ties, and money clips.

McCuin's work is displayed at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, and she sells and takes orders from her home. Call 775-577-4102 for details and McCuin's show schedule.—Carolyn Graham



Filigree Colt: McCuin begins with a flat sheet of Sterling silver and transforms it into a hand-engraved horse pin with elaborate Western-style scrolls.

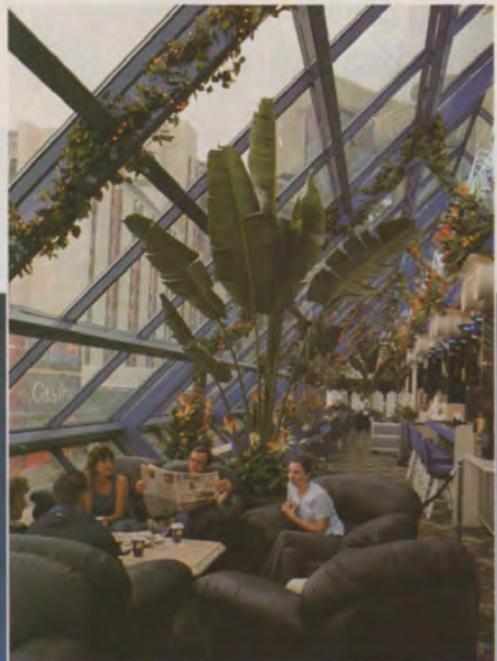


Virginia McCuin is surrounded by the tools of her trade in her workshop, where she creates sculptures of elk (above) and other tiny creatures.



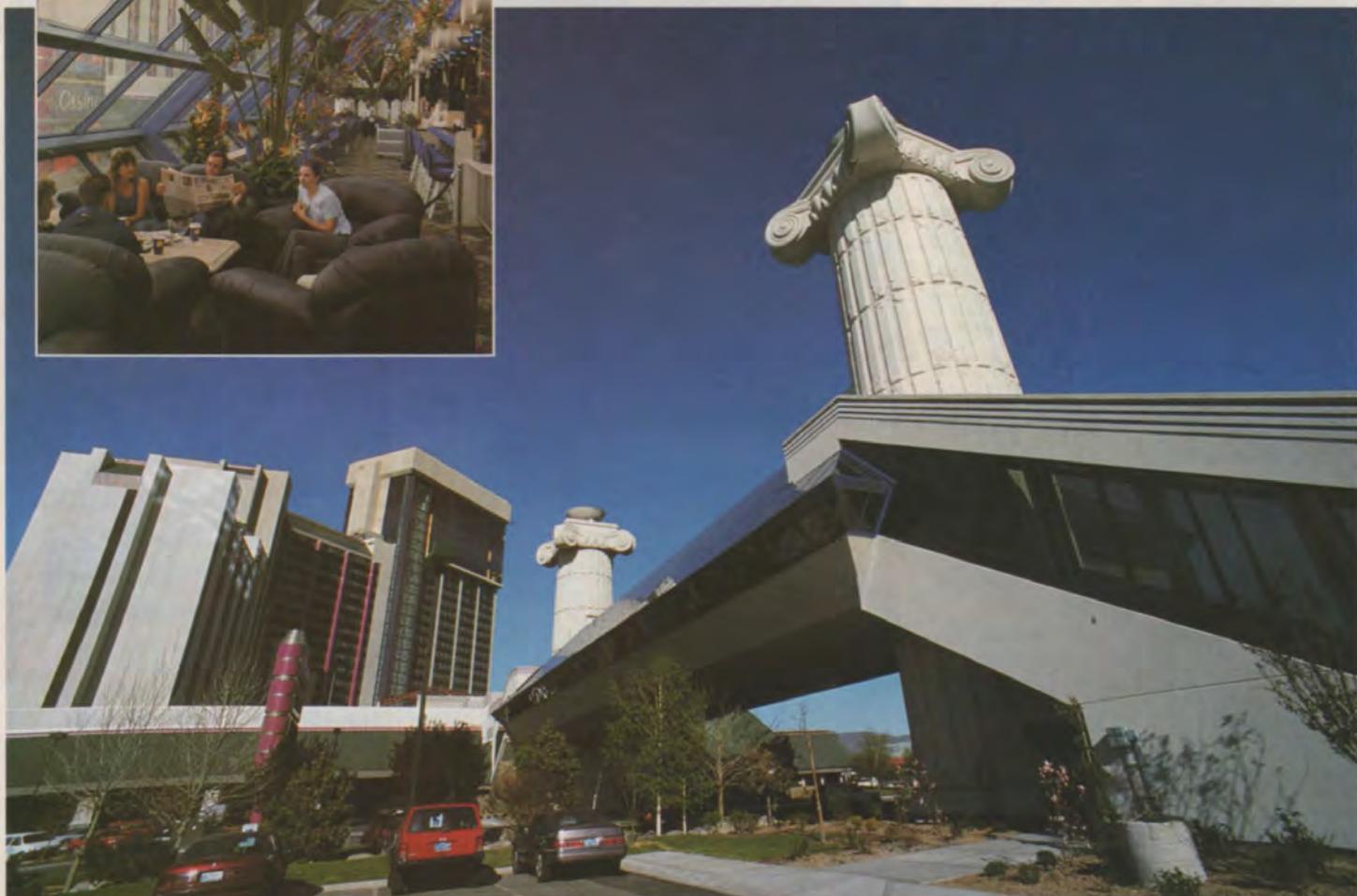
The Working Cow Horse: Rodeo fans and ranchers are drawn to the artist's three-dimensional pendants and belt buckles (right), which feature engraved silver in the background with miniature gold sculptures in the foreground.

Reno With A



Several hotel-casinos are expanding while Reno-Sparks focuses on its scenic and recreational attractions.

By John Stearns



The Atlantis' Sky Terrace spans South Virginia Street and offers seafood and scenic views (top). The new tower's upper section (left center) has concierge floors.

When the Atlantis Resort built a new tower recently, the Reno hotel-casino added a touch of Las Vegas: a hulking footbridge called the Sky Terrace that spans South Virginia Street. On each end, 100-foot Grecian columns shoot flames during the evening. Inside the all-glass bridge, customers play slots, dine at an oyster bar, and sip wine in plush couches while taking in views of downtown to the north and Mount Rose

and the Sierra to the south and west.

Beth Dory was impressed with the bridge on her first visit. "I thought it was nice, just the lightness, all the skylights. It's really pretty," the Reno resident said.

The Sky Terrace, which is all about windows and great views with fun and food inside, reflects two notable casino trends in the Truckee Meadows. One is that more than \$500 million in hotel-casino improvements have been completed, launched, or planned in the Reno area. As a result, vacationers and residents will find

a greater variety of restaurants, more hotel rooms, and special attractions like the former movie dome that the Peppermill is turning into one of the state's biggest showrooms.

Also, the view from the sky bridge—toward the Sierra and Lake Tahoe—reflects Reno's new approach to tourism. As megaresorts sprout in Las Vegas and legal gambling spreads in other Western states, city leaders are going back to nature rather than trying to outbuild their competitors. They're focusing on Reno-area attrib-

View

utes—sports and scenery—more commonly attached to places like Palm Springs or Vail. With world-class skiing less than an hour away at Lake Tahoe and 40 golf courses within a 90-minute drive—including one that will host a PGA Tour event this August—there's a sense that Reno could be on the cusp of a new identity.

Reno could develop into a "four-season, alpine, high-desert resort community," says J. Phillip Keene III, president and chief executive officer of the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. He also envisions a thriving convention and trade-show business, bolstered in part by a planned \$105-million expansion and renovation of the convention center.

The hotel-casino activity is apparent downtown and on the interstate, but the biggest construction has taken place at the

A new Peppermill buffet will have a simulated tropical storm and lifelike birds that swoop over tables.

Atlantis and Peppermill on South Virginia Street.

The Atlantis' \$70-million expansion has given the South Reno resort a 400-room tower, the Sky Terrace, an enlarged casino, spa, enclosed pool with mountain views, Italian restaurant, and more elbow room in its popular buffet. The tower's upper seven floors are concierge floors with express elevators and concierges on duty. The Sky Terrace connects the Atlantis to an expanded parking lot across the street, where the company owns 16 acres and plans to build an upscale hotel-casino. Officials are not predicting when that project will occur but are confident that demand will warrant it.

A mile north, the Peppermill continues a \$65-million project. Next door, the Peppermill is converting the dome-shaped former Century movie theaters into convention, special-event, and entertainment areas. The largest of the domes will become a well-appointed, 1,557-seat showroom that can host Broadway plays, production shows, and headliners.

"We can put anybody in here, basically," said Peter Wilday, the Reno architect de-



The Peppermill keeps growing, currently with \$65 million worth of construction and special effects.

signing the theater. "This is a phenomenal thing to have on a property like this," he said of the spacious old domes that promise to take on a glittery new life.

A new Peppermill buffet will have a simulated tropical storm, lifelike birds that swoop over tables, and a jungle setting. An

Italian restaurant will have a night-sky dome with special-effects star-and-light shows as well as statues and Corinthian columns. The casino and coffee shop are being enlarged, and the sidewalk will have a water-and-light show. The project should be done by Thanksgiving.

"Gaming is more than gaming—it's entertainment," Wilday said, adding that the hotel has gone to great lengths to make

the special effects a successful element.

The Peppermill also announced plans for two more expansions worth \$230 million. The first, to begin next summer, would add 632 rooms, fashionable shops, another action buffet, Parisian Sidewalk Cafe with special effects, an 85,000-square-foot convention area, more casino space, and a massive porte-cochere with a dramatic fountain.

Another project on South Virginia has turned heads before even breaking ground. Jethro's Beverly Hillbillies Mansion and Casino, a \$130-million, 781-room hotel themed after *The Beverly Hillbillies* television show, has been proposed for Park Lane Mall, just north of the Peppermill.

Proponent Max Baer Jr., who played the



Boomtown patrons can relax in the newly neonized Six Shooter (above), Cactus, and Rattlesnake saloons.

dimwitted Jethro Bodine on the hit show from 1962 to 1971, has homes in Las Vegas and at Lake Tahoe. Baer has received government approvals for the project but was still seeking financing at the time of this story. "Why would I pursue [the financing] if I wasn't at least getting reasonable feedback?" Baer said when asked about progress toward building the hotel-casino. "If all I was getting was negative [feedback]...I certainly wouldn't be pursuing it. I may be dumb, but I'm not stupid." Baer said in April that he hoped to begin building by the end of this year. The project—which some citizens consider tacky but public opinion seems to favor—could include a 240-foot oil derrick that emits a flame rising an additional 70 feet. The flamboyant Baer, noting the international publicity the project has received, believes a completed Jethro's will help fuel Reno's tourism economy.

Meanwhile, a block south of the Atlantis, the Reno-Sparks Convention Center anticipates a \$105-million renovation and expansion upon legislative approval. The project would upgrade and modernize the center and add about 200,000 square feet of rentable area comprised of 140,000 square feet of exhibition space, 30,000 square feet of meeting space, and 30,000 square feet of banquet-multi-use space. Its design would orient views



Boomtown, eight miles west of Reno in Verdi, presents a Hollywood Western image on Interstate 80.

toward the Sierra Nevada and be a civic symbol.

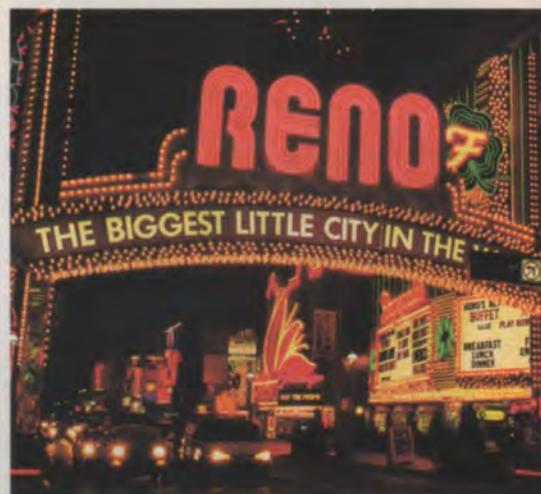
"We really need to make a statement with this facility," RSCVA's Keene said. The convention authority hopes the completed project will provide a significant economic boost to all of Washoe County by attracting more large groups. As more people visit Reno on business, they could be encouraged to return on vacation. RSCVA hopes the exhibition space will open in fall 2001, followed by other changes about one-and-a-half years later.

Boomtown, eight miles west of Reno on Interstate 80, recently completed a \$30-million project that includes a colorful, 106-room addition and an even more colorful remodeling of its casino and buffet in a bright Hollywood Western theme. Home of the popular Family Fun Center, the Verdi casino has even bigger plans: a \$500-million resort that would include a 2,003-room hotel, casino, stores, 18-hole golf course, special-events center, wildlife park, museum, and rides. The project has government approval and, if built, will be Northern Nevada's largest casino-resort.

The longtime holder of that title, the 2,000-room Reno Hilton, recently undertook a \$6-million expansion of its convention center as part of its focus on attracting more group business. The 47,000-square-foot expansion downstairs, where its shopping mall is located, resulted in some stores being moved upstairs. The Hilton now has a whopping 200,000 square feet of meeting and exhibition space, the most of any hotel in Northern Nevada.

The recent projects were preceded by other major activities in the '90s, beginning with the opening of the Silver Legacy,

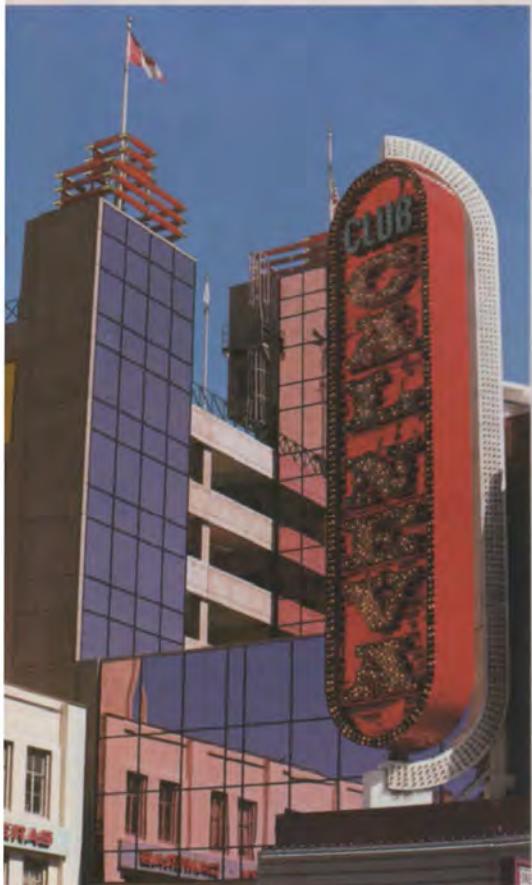
a joint venture of Circus Circus and the Eldorado, in 1995. John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks opened its \$80-million West Tower and later the Mediterranean-themed Orozko restaurant. A new cinema



Through various reincarnations, the Reno Arch remains a symbol of the city's nightlife.

complex helped shape Sparks' Victorian Square as an entertainment center. The Eldorado unveiled a \$9-million showroom and the martini haven Bistro Roxy, and Reno's Circus Circus underwent a \$70-million renovation.

Standing on the south bank of the Truckee River, the Holiday Hotel appears ready for a revival. Peter Wilday, the architect whose projects include the Peppermill, Atlantis, and National Bowling Stadium, plans to remodel the closed, 200-room hotel to give it a new casino, renovated rooms, and restaurants and a large deck overlooking the river. It also would get a new name, the



The Club Cal-Neva is reopening downtown clubs.

Palm Court Hotel-Casino, and a warm, palm-tree motif.

Wilday envisions simultaneously remodeling the Holiday and the closed Bundox motel and restaurant across the river, turning the 36-room Bundox into something resembling a French chateau with riverside dining and a bridal suite. Wilday estimated the combined project would cost about \$14 million to \$20 million.

Across the river, the Club Cal-Neva moved to reopen two closed casinos, the Virginian and the Riverboat, on Memorial Day. Visitors can look for the Cal-Neva, known for its train theme and bargain breakfasts, to be a more visible participant downtown.

Last winter the Silver Legacy opened the City Center Pavilion, a 40,000-square-foot meetings and special-events center across Virginia Street from the hotel. The \$2.2-million temporary structure—which eventually could be replaced by a permanent center—has helped bring more group activity to the downtown core.

The Sands Regency has planned to raze a small motel it runs and several other businesses in front of the Sands along Arlington Avenue. The demolition is designed to rid the property of dated buildings and make way for a new parking area that will be used for special events.

The former Reno Hotel-Casino (and Ramada Plaza) at Sixth and Lake streets has been changed to a Ramada Inn. Its new Speakeasy Casino will be remodeled to fit the theme, and additional gaming will be added.

The small, mostly local Gold Dust West Casino on West Fourth Street has recently been remodeled inside and out in a \$2-million project.

The Comstock Hotel was sold in May to a Southern California real-estate investment company. The company plans to reinvest in the 22-year-old, 310-room property to make it more competitive.

Work has begun on a new, \$10-million movie theater on the Truckee's north bank. Slated for completion by fall, the multiplex theater will link to restaurants and shops in an effort to help revitalize downtown.

Attempts to reopen the closed Mapes Hotel as a timeshare complex has met with

expensive complications. The Mapes faces possible demolition if the issues and costs cannot be resolved.

However, the closed Riverside Hotel is scheduled to be converted into affordable housing for artists, with lofts and studios, with retail and restaurant space on the ground floor. Work on the \$6.7-million project could begin in August.

Waiting for trains as they rumble through downtown has been a Reno tradition for more than a century. That tradition may end as planners prepare for a massive, \$192-million project to lower the railroad tracks in a trench. Construction could begin in two years.

Another far-reaching project has been proposed for downtown. The Reno Expo Center has been conceived as a \$300-million to \$500-million retail-entertainment-exposition center that could horseshoe around the National Bowling Stadium. Components could include a retail mall, 2,000-seat performing arts theater, a 5,000-seat arena for sports and special events, 225,000 square feet of exposition and meeting space, an 800-room convention hotel, and a parking garage.

The expo center—which remains in the concept stage—could be connected by skywalk to the bowling stadium and surrounding hotels, thus creating the feeling of a massive food-shopping-gaming-meeting-event-entertainment complex. Proponents see the idea, first floated by Circus Circus last year, as a way to revitalize downtown and create a civic epicenter.

In Sparks, a community park is emerging at the old Helms Gravel Pit on Interstate 80. The pit is filling with water and being converted into the Sparks Marina Park with beaches, picnic areas, boat-launch areas, volleyball courts, amphitheater, and fishing pier. Plans for a hotel-casino have been discussed but remain up in the air. Plans also were expected near the park for apartments, homes, offices, and 102-room hotel.

Such projects, combined with a marketing emphasis on the area's beauty and recreation and a revived convention business, give Atlantis owner John Farahi and others hope for the Reno area's tourism future.

"I feel there is a great potential for this community," Farahi said. "There is no reason for us not to be successful."

John Stearns is a senior business reporter for the Reno Gazette-Journal, where he covers gaming, tourism, and airlines.

Summer in the City

Reno and Sparks offer visitors and residents a host of special events this summer and fall. In Reno, **Uptown, Downtown, ARTown** presents nearly 200 dance, music, theater, and other performances throughout July (775-322-2939 or www.artown.org). The **Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival** unfolds on July 17-18 at the Eldorado Hotel's Special Event Plaza (800-648-5966). The **Reno Basque Festival** takes place July 23-25 at Wingfield Park (775-784-7854).

Hot August Nights celebrates '50s and '60s cars and music Aug. 2-7 in Reno and Sparks (775-356-1956 or www.hotaugustnights.net). On Aug. 13-15 the **Jammin' Jelly Jazz and Blues Festival** plays Rancho San Rafael Park (775-329-7469). The **Nevada State Fair** celebrates its 125th anniversary on Aug. 25-29 at the Reno Livestock Events Center (775-688-5767). The **Reno-Tahoe Open**, a new PGA stop, will be held Aug. 23-29 at the Montreux Golf and Country Club (800-FOR-RENO).

Music and ribs star during the **Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off** Sept. 3-6 at John Ascuaga's Nugget and Victorian Square in Sparks (775-353-2284). The **Great Reno Balloon Race** soars Sept. 10-12 (775-826-2281). The **National Championship Air Races**, Sept. 16-19, feature high-speed races and military displays at Reno-Stead Airport (775-972-6663). **Street Vibrations** brings Harley fans to Reno Sept. 23-26 (775-329-7469). The **Great Basin Book Festival** takes place Sept. 25-27 in downtown Reno (775-784-6587). The Eldorado hosts the **Great Italian Festival** on Oct. 9-10 (775-786-5700). Reno's **Celtic New Year Celebration** is Oct. 22-24 (775-332-3333).

Attractions include the **National Automobile Museum: The Harrah Collection** (775-333-9300), the **Wilbur D. May Museum** at Rancho San Rafael Park (775-785-5961), and the **Nevada Museum of Art** (775-329-3333).

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Chute the Wind

Summer parasailing provides a lift at Lake Tahoe.



Good timing and agility helped John C. Clausen capture this image of a parasailor soaring high above Lake Tahoe. Clausen was strapped to another boat with a longer rope and carefully maneuvered near the other parasailor. "It actually went pretty smooth, considering," says the Squaw Valley photographer.

Lofty views and cool, summer breezes are the allure for Lake Tahoe parasailors, who will find a number of places to catch a lift. Captain Kirk's, 775-588-3530, is located at

Zephyr Cove, Ski Run Boat Company, 530-544-0200,

and Action Water Sports, 530-544-2942, is at South

Shore, and Lake Tahoe Parasailing, 530-583-

7245, is on the north shore. Thrillseekers can

opt for a dry parasailing experience, in

which you take off and land from a dock,

or choose a landing in the water.

Prices range from \$38 to \$85, and there's usually an extra charge for special maneuvers.

—Shannon Montana

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length. Karen asks clients about their food preferences, both for campouts, which feature hot meals and campfire entertainment, and day rides, which include a picnic lunch. Rates range from \$50 for a half-day ride to \$150 per night for pack trips. Showdown is available to a few lucky riders at no extra charge.

Occasionally, the group will see small herds of deer or antelope. Often riders can get close enough to photograph the horses that run wild in the valley.

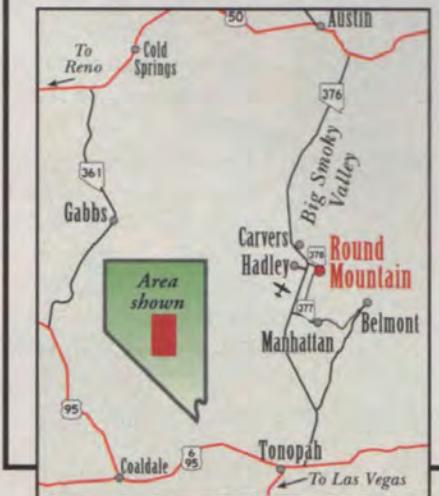
"People ask if the domesticated mustangs ever seem to miss their old lives," Karen says with a smile. "I doubt that any one of ours would trade his alfalfa for anything there is on the range." ■

Anna Macdonnell Wilmans is a Round Mountain writer.

Knowing the Ropes

No one is too young or too old to take a wild ride with the Stahls, nor is it necessary to have previous riding experience. Just make sure to bring cameras and binoculars.

Mustang Outfitters is located 35 miles north of Round Mountain on State Route 376 midway between Tonopah and Austin. Riders usually drive from Las Vegas or Reno (about a four-hour drive from each). Also, the Stahls will meet clients at the nearby Hadley airstrip. For information call or fax 775-964-2145 or write Mustang Outfitters, Box 1149, Round Mountain, NV 89045. Call Sharon Kipping, 775-475-2222, at the Palomino Valley Wild Horse Placement Center in Sparks for more information about the BLM's wild horse adoption program.



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Mustang Sallies

A Round Mountain outfitter helps horse lovers get wild on the range.

By Anna Macdonnell Wilmans

The sight of wild horses grazing amid the sagebrush is enough to bring out the buckaroo in most city slickers. But Karen and Jim Stahl, owners of Mustang Outfitters near Round Mountain, take the cowboy dream one step further. They take you out on the range where you not only can see the wild horses—you can ride them, too.

The unique partnership between the Stahls and their mustangs began 11 years ago when Karen and Jim, newly married, decided to buy a horse. Karen was an accomplished rider, but Jim, a Michigan transplant, had never ridden horseback.

"I didn't even know the difference between a gelding and a mare, but I was dumb enough to give the whole thing a try," Jim says. So he and Karen visited the Bureau of Land Management's wild-horse adoption center in Sparks. Jim recalls, "The horses weren't even halter broke, but back then the \$125 adoption fee was about all

Many of the city slickers who ride with the Stahls are Easterners who have never seen a jackrabbit.

we could afford." That day the Stahls bought Showdown, a tall palomino stallion whose ancestry included a Belgian Draft horse. "I named him right away," Jim says. "Then I just got on. If he'd bucked me off, I probably wouldn't have tried to ride again. But he didn't, so here we are today."

The Stahls share their 20-acre spread in



Karen Stahl, Showdown, and Bull take riders into Big Smoky Valley, where the wild horses roam. A curious mustang (above) looks up at spectators.

Big Smoky Valley, 200 miles east of Reno, with 19 horses and seven mules, most of them BLM adoptees. That first happy encounter with Showdown led the couple to establish their wilderness-adventure

meals and camping each night under a blanket of clear sky and bright stars.

Many rides are customized, allowing clients to choose dates, sights, and ride

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business. "When we saw how well these 'wild' horses adjusted to domestic life, we knew we had something special to offer tourists," Karen says. "We have clients who come out here for pack trips and won't ride anything but the mustangs." Last April, Showdown returned to the adoption center at Sparks for Earth Day, where he demonstrated to prospective mustang owners how closely these horses bond with their human families.

Even inexperienced riders can saddle up one of the Stahl's gentle, born-in-the-wild horses and mosey into the backcountry where the wild bands graze. Many of the city slickers who ride with the Stahls are Easterners who have never seen a jackrabbit or cow on the open range. "There's even cows out here that have gone wild, and it's fun see them along with the rest of the wildlife," Karen says.

The Stahls also share their favorite fishing holes and point out historic mining sites. A popular tour, the Toiyabe Crest Ride, covers 68 miles of mountain passes and meadows. During the leisurely four-day trip guests live like somewhat pampered pioneers, dining on tasty

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