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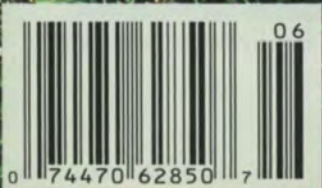
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Trail Tales

The Lake Tahoe area offers perfect hiking trails for people with sensitive skin—no poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac will spoil their day. “I can put my hands anywhere I want to,” says **Barbara Egbert**, who wrote this issue’s “Trailblazing With Mary” about a 13-day backpacking trip on the Tahoe Rim Trail. Barbara, an Ely native, lives in the San



Barbara Egbert writes about hiking the Tahoe Rim Trail with her daughter, Mary.

Francisco Bay Area. “There’s poison oak all over California,” Barbara says, and she’s highly allergic to it.

Barbara, her husband, Gary Chambers, and their seven-year-old daughter, Mary, didn’t have to worry about toxic plants during their Tahoe Rim Trail trek last summer. It was the longest hike the three had taken up to that time, nearly twice as long as their eight-day jaunt on the Pacific Crest Trail when Mary was five. This summer the family is eyeing a hike to the top of Mount Shasta in Northern California.

Serious hiking comes easily to Barbara. “Growing up in Ely, you had thousands of acres of BLM land in your backyard,” she says. “It was natural to spend time running around the sagebrush.”

Her rim trail story represents another homecoming of sorts. Barbara was assis-

tant editor of *Nevada Magazine* in 1976-77 and wrote about such diverse topics as singer Diana Ross, the ranchers of Fish Lake Valley, and an artists colony at Sutro. Later she wrote and edited for Carson City’s *Nevada Appeal* and the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. While living in Washoe Valley, she often hiked the Ophir Creek Trail at Davis Creek Park and other trails. “I could walk across the street and go on a trail up into the mountains,” she says.

Now a resident of Sunol, California, Barbara writes editorials for the *San Jose Mercury News*. Gary, a dedicated hiker, mountaineer, and rock climber, is a stay-at-home dad, often hanging out with Mary at a rock-climbing gym or hiking when the two are not doing homework. Father and daughter have hiked to the top of Mount Shasta, while Mom has climbed only a portion of it. The Egbert-Chambers clan also has hiked in Utah and the Grand Canyon. In the Bay Area, they take lots of short weekend trips, providing Barbara with material for travel pieces in the *Mercury News* and other publications.

The family often visits Nevada since Barbara’s father, George Egbert, lives in Minden; her sister, Carol Kalleres, resides in Carson City; and niece and nephew Andrea and Michael Kalleres live in Reno. Her family helped during the rim trail expedition, George providing transportation and Carol bringing supplies to the trail-tested trio.

Unlike many children, Mary enjoys spending several days on the trail. “She never knew anything else,” Barbara says. “We took her out hiking when she was one week old and on her first backpacking trip when she was two months. It was normal to carry her out in a sling or a backpack. She just grew up with hiking being a normal family activity.”

During summer visits to Nevada, Barbara, Gary, and Mary also like to picnic and swim at Sand Harbor on the northeast shore of Lake Tahoe. “Mary adores Sand Harbor,” Barbara says. “It’s the best place on the lake to go.” And there isn’t any poison oak to ruin a nice day at the beach.

—Joyce Hollister

Photo: Gary Chambers

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Letters

Creepy crawlers, dam tour, and an "L."



The tarantula is a hairy but gentle giant, as readers were glad to discover in the March/April issue.

Spiders and Snakes

Thanks to David B. Williams for dispelling the myths about the "Creepy Crawlers" of the Nevada deserts in the March/April issue. We would have been among the campers who believed the legend about a *Hadrurus arizonensis* biting a man, followed by his inevitable demise. We laughed with relief to learn that the pain in reality lasted about an hour and felt like a mere bee sting.

We used to think there were lurking black widow spiders and rattlesnakes ready to pounce. It was good to finally get some factual information. We're still both scared of the Western diamondback, though!

Jason Randall Porter
Robert Loa
Elk Grove, CA

and in the fall was trucked to the higher slopes along with a gasoline supply. As the snows deepened, the toboggan and its cargo were moved to the next lower elevation. Using canvas climbers we still had a lengthy hike to the rope tow. When the tarp-covered toboggan came into view around a curve in the road, it was always like discovering a gold mine. The end of the day was capped by an exhilarating three- or four-mile downhill race to the cars.

There were perhaps only 20 members of this elite club, with some people driving all the way from Winnemucca. Although we visited Mount Rose near Lake Tahoe a few times each winter, it never compared to what we had in our own backyard.

Emma Lohse Kafoury
Miami, FL

Santa Rosas Rediscovered

Last issue, Charles Luce wrote of his discovery of ski spots in the Santa Rosa Range north of Paradise Valley ("Race to Lye Creek"). Actually, it was a rediscovery. As a child in the late 1930s I learned to ski on the bunny slope just northwest of the cattle guard on the road to Hinkey Summit.

The now-defunct Toiyabe Ski Club was formed to purchase a gasoline-powered rope tow. It was mounted on a toboggan

Tour Goes Underground

As a subscriber I was troubled by the item "Dam Closed, New Tour," regarding Hoover Dam tours in the March/April '02 "Traveler's Advisories." Allstate Tours, Inc. operates the box office at the dam for the Bureau of Reclamation.

I would like to point out that Hoover Dam has been open for "inside" tours since December 18. The new Hoover Dam

Discovery Tour includes an inside tour of the power plant generators. Visitors take large elevators 500 feet down into the wall of Black Canyon, walk through a 250-foot tunnel, and view the 650-foot-long Nevada wing of the power plant and its eight generators.

While I truly enjoy *Nevada Magazine*, I believe some additional investigation should have been completed prior to going to print. I am concerned that potential visitors to Nevada will not attempt to visit Hoover Dam because of this article.

Robert A. Adams
President, Allstate Tours, Inc.
Las Vegas

Robert, thanks for your correction and for noting that the Discovery Tour descends into Hoover Dam so visitors can see the generators. Although other interior areas remain off-limits for security reasons, guides give their former "hard hat" tour talks in the visitor center and on top of the dam. Colleen Dwyer of the Bureau of Reclamation says the Discovery Tour is self-paced, so tour-goers may go to any presentation they like, take a lunch break, and return at their convenience.—Ed.

Quickie Divorce

The item on the Riverside Artist Lofts in "Roadside Attractions" in the March/April '02 issue is quite interesting. There appears to be, however, a slight historical error. The Riverside Hotel could not have opened in 1927 "to take advantage of Reno's growing divorce industry" because Nevada's liberalized divorce laws did not go into effect until 1931. ¿No es verdad? But I still love the magazine.

Jack Edwards
Royal Oak, MI

Jack, thanks for your letter. You are correct that the six-week residency requirement to obtain a Nevada divorce wasn't enacted until 1931. However, in the late 1800s wealthy Easterners began coming to Reno to take advantage of Nevada's relatively liberal divorce laws. In 1927 the Nevada Legislature passed a three-month residency requirement—the shortest in the country at that time (see "The Six-Week Cure" by Susan Horton, Nov/Dec '81). George Wingfield's Riverside Hotel was conveniently located next door to the courthouse.—Ed.

Smoke Creek to Slow Burn

Labor Day weekend I was poking around the Fox Range southwest of Gerlach and came upon the now-more-than-ever desolate site of Smoke Creek. Evidence of habitation still exists there, albeit barely, and as I stood in the wind I

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LAS VEGAS—The **Southern Nevada Zoological-Botanical Park** contains two of the most endangered species in the world, the Bali mynah bird and the cat-like Turkmenistan caracal. In all the park has 35 reptile-amphibian species, 27 bird varieties, and 10 kinds of mammals.

At this small zoo the view is up close and personal, beginning with free-roaming roosters and hens, peacocks, and guinea hens. Visitors can buy grain and feed the birds, which tend to follow their feeders. Often you'll turn to see a rooster with a plume of golden feathers skipping a step behind you on the zoo's bamboo-lined pathways. In the pond at the entrance flamingos sift through the water for food, and turtles swim among the tall birds. Monkeys hop around in their areas while an alligator basks in the sun in his. Lions play, tigers pace, wallabies leap, emus strut, snakes lounge, ostriches ruffle, and exotic birds squawk.

A zoo tour ends with the chance to pet pygmy goats as they butt heads. There's a



Lions snuggle in apparent bliss at the Southern Nevada Zoological-Botanical Park in Las Vegas.

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—Elizabeth Nielsen

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—Elizabeth Nielsen

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The Las Vegas Strip Trolley ferries visitors to casinos and can be chartered for private parties.

gift shop that carries animal-related merchandise. You might run across the zoo curator, Pat Dingle, who loves to talk about the animals. For more information go to

Traveler's Advisories

Crystal Bar Reborn

The Virginia City and Gold Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Virginia City Convention and Tourism Authority have moved into their new home, the 1860s-era **Crystal Bar** on C Street. "It's absolutely wonderful, and it's only going to get better," says chamber administrative assistant Laurie Johnson. The Crystal Bar, operated for many years by the late Bill and Margaret Marks, was a classic Nevada saloon. The building features a period bar, mirrored backbar, and chandeliers. Although the bar is dry, visitors can get a sense of what the saloon was like more than 100 years ago. Planned are new wallpaper, a tin ceiling, and antique furniture. Restrooms are open to tourists. Visitors can pick up information about Virginia City, Carson City, Dayton, Lake Tahoe, and other nearby attractions, as well as state maps. The chamber office (775-847-0311) is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and the visitors authority (775-847-7500) is open the same hours weekdays.

Airport Updates

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At the **Reno/Tahoe International Airport** identical Tahoe Grill restaurants have opened on the B and C concourses. The remodeled beverage and food areas feature architectural details reminiscent of old Lake Tahoe summer homes. Changes are coming to the food court in the central lobby, where McDonald's,

Munchitos, Tahoe Coffee, and Brew Brothers will be decorated in the same rustic style highlighted by stonework, dark wood, and old-fashioned light fixtures. Guests will sit at small café tables when the food court opens in late summer. Remodeling of the airport's main lobby will begin in September.

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The U.S. Department of Transportation recently named **Las Vegas Boulevard** between Sahara and Washington avenues a scenic byway. Sites along the street include the Neon Museum, the Las Vegas Library, the Lied Children's Discovery Museum, the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, and the Sawyer State Office Building. In 2000 the Strip—the more southern section of Las Vegas Boulevard—was designated a scenic byway and an "All-American Road."

Elko Brings It On

The **2002 Elko Visitors Guide** is packed with color photos, maps, and suggested tours of Northeastern Nevada. The 72-page glossy brochure covers events, ghost towns, history, parks, gaming, and entertainment. Towns near Elko such as Spring Creek and



The 2002 Elko Visitors Guide offers detailed travel tips.

Carlin are noted. To obtain copies of the recreation-oriented brochure call the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority, 800-248-ELKO, or visit www.elkocva.com for more information about Elko and its attractions.

Surfing Nevada

You can click on the burro and watch him dance at www.hotelnevada.com, the Web site offered by the Nevada Hotel and Gambling Hall in Ely. You can learn the history of the hotel and see photos of rooms named after Hollywood stars such as Gary Cooper and Jimmy Stewart or entertainers like Wayne Newton and Tennessee Ernie Ford. The site offers area maps and directions to Ely. You can print coupons good for a reduced deluxe-room rate. A restaurant menu and room rates are included.

Travelers looking for Western-style accommodations can log on to rusticvacations.com. The site lists 1,500 properties nationwide. The eight in Nevada range from remote ranches to wilderness cabins at Lake Tahoe. The site offers three photos of each property and the average costs per day. You also can order what Webmaster Dusty Dave calls "rustic stuff," such as handmade saddles and antler chandeliers.

Goodsprings (population 232), and when not on tour with "Elvis Mania" he often hangs out at the Pioneer. "People here are so real. That's what it's all about," he says.

The Pioneer Saloon is as much a museum as a watering hole. Locals are happy to share the town's history and talk about the time Clark Gable propped up the bar for three days, hoping that a miracle had saved his wife, actress Carole Lombard, after her plane crashed into nearby Mount Potosi. Bullet holes in the tin paneling on the walls recall the bawdy days of old. A party room attached to the saloon offers oddities and artifacts, such as the boxing posters that hang next to a program from a Clara Bow performance.

Driving into Goodsprings, 39 miles southwest of Las Vegas, you can't miss the saloon because there is not much else in town. Next door is Desert Treasures, a tiny

C-ing STARS



CARSON CITY—From U.S. 395 motorists approaching Nevada's capital can see a huge **American flag on C Hill** to the west above town. The stars and stripes appear to dwarf the large whitewashed "C" that stands for Carson.

The flag measures 120 feet by 67 feet, and the stars are three feet wide. The flag, made up of 13 vinyl banners, was installed last October in a community-wide effort

following September 11. Boy Scout Troop 44, the Nevada National Guard, public officials, and city residents assisted. For a month honor crews from the state prison system spent 12-hour days creating the flag's steel and wooden substructure. Three local men guided the construction: Dan Mooney coordinated the workers, Gil Ayrarbe raised funds, and Joshua Buscay designed the flag. Mooney says folks he didn't know would climb up C Hill evenings and weekends to help. "They brought their kids and babies in backpacks and worked," he says.

The banner has stirred emotions in area residents. "We wanted to do the flag big so that by looking up there, people would feel a sense of security," Mooney says. He says the flag should last five or more years, and the nonprofit C Hill Corporation will maintain it. Contact Mooney, 775-882-5705, for information.



Getting Better Odds

RENO—When to split a blackjack hand or how to bet craps are two of the gaming techniques visitors will learn at the **Reno-Tahoe Gaming Academy**. The academy is a professional dealer's school, but guests are welcome in a basic class where instructors share tips and explain the games in detail. "When these people leave, they'll know what not to do," academy president Pamela Schwier says.

The "Behind the Scenes Tour" brings visitors into a classroom filled with tables for 21, poker, craps, roulette, and mini-baccarat. Instructors, who are dealers in Reno-area clubs, speak to their classes from experience. "Develop a betting strategy and stick with it," instructor Alan Troland, a dealer at Rail City in Sparks, tells his students.

Unlike most casinos, the academy allows visitors to take photos. "A lot of people like to have their pictures taken behind the tables like they're dealing," Schwier says. Also, kids can learn the table games with their parents. She says, "The children are so full of questions

and are curious—and sometimes they win the most."

The academy is located in the Antique Elk, a store in an antique mall at 1313 South Virginia Street, one mile south of downtown Reno. Admission for the two-hour class is \$10 for both adults and children. Hours vary on weekdays. A Saturday class is available for groups. Call 702-329-5665 for reservations.—*Susan Elbe*

store that sells crafts and souvenirs. If the shop isn't open, just ask any of the residents and they'll find shop owners Sherrie Rhodes and Karen Cobb for you. "We are all very tightknit and work together here," Anderson says.—*Lola Brown*

Posterior View



Fanny Bridge in Tahoe City is named for the trout-watchers peering into the Truckee River.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—Fanny Bridge is aptly named. Imagine a row of posteriors sticking out as people lean over the Tahoe City bridge to feed the giant rainbow trout below, and you get the picture. You can purchase fish food from nearby Izzy's

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The Games' Afterglow

Ely's Engine 93 served as part of the Olympics International Winter Steam Train in Heber Valley, Utah.

ELY—Fresh from its Olympic performance at the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Games, the **Nevada Northern Railway's Engine 93** is once again carrying tourists in this historic mining town. Engine 93 was one of three locomotives to power the International Winter Steam Train in Heber Valley, Utah, ferrying passengers to and from Soldier Hollow, site of the cross-country and biathlon events. In Ely, the Nevada Northern Railway offers steam

train rides on weekends May through September. Call the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, 775-289-2085, for information. The museum is open all year.

Engine 93 wasn't the only Nevada representative at the Games. Volunteers from hotels, casinos, and chambers of commerce operated the Nevada Commission on Tourism booth at the Western States Discovery Center in downtown Salt Lake City. Between 1,500 and

2,000 people stopped by each day, picking up Nevada travel brochures and using the six computers available to the public. At two of the computers, visitors could e-mail photos and videos to friends and family. At the Davis County Fairgrounds, Full House Inc. of Elko and the Professional Bull Riders Invationals presented the Cowboy and Indian Old Time Fest and bull riding competition.

Several athletes from Nevada and Lake Tahoe competed. Reno-born Shannon Bahrke of Tahoe City was the first American to earn a medal—a silver in the women's moguls event. She often was seen sporting the medal and a smile while posing for pictures with admirers. Other Tahoe-area skiers competed, among them Jonny Moseley, Daron Rahlses, Joanna Mendes, and Kirsten Clark. Lisa Odynski of Reno, skiing in her first Olympics, competed in the snowboarding parallel giant slalom.

In March, a number of disabled Nevada athletes competed in Salt Lake City as members of the USA Paralympics team. Team members included Csilla Kristof of Las Vegas, Alison Pearl of Reno, and Kevin Bramble, Jennifer Kelchner, and Candace Cable of Truckee.

Burger Spot, a good summer lunch place. "The burgers are big and juicy, and Izzy's has good onion rings and milkshakes," says North Lake Tahoe Resort Association public relations representative Pettit Gilwee. "And the patio's a gorgeous place to people-watch."

Water released at Lake Tahoe Dam flows into the Truckee River and eventually finds its way to Reno. Below the dam is the loading area where companies offer raft trips to the River Ranch Restaurant and Lodge at the base of Alpine Meadows Road. "It's a slow, leisurely trip," Gilwee says. "You stop off on the islands on the way down and make a long afternoon of it." A special Tahoe City River Rafting Package costs \$23 for adults and \$18 for children and includes raft rental and transportation back to the launch site; lodging also can be added to the package. Visit www.mytahoevacation.com or call the chamber, 530-581-6900, for package details. Rafter should use plenty of sunscreen.

Rafting is just one of the activities available to visiting families. Swimming, kayaking, fishing, and waterskiing are popular at Tahoe, the highest lake of its size in the United States. Call 800-GO-TAHOE or visit the Web site www.gotahoe.com for Lake Tahoe travel information.—Joyce Hollister

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Super Stars and Diamonds

By Wilma LaRocca

Bellagio's fountains dance nightly to music.

When it comes to ratings, **diamonds** (and stars) are a hotel's best friend.

When Bellagio opened in 1998 at the cost of \$1.6 billion, it was the most expensive resort ever built in Las Vegas. Then-chairman Steve Wynn, watching his vision take shape, called it "the most beautiful hotel in the world." It had Italian-villa charm, a lake, fountains, a conservatory, and European-style suites. After its first year Bellagio had reached a level of global fame. The hotel seemed to have everything—except the American Automobile Association's most prestigious award.

By 1999 Bellagio could claim four diamonds in the AAA's *TourBook*, but five would confirm it as a world-class resort. Since no 3,000-room

hotel had ever received five diamonds (Bellagio is three times larger than any other five-diamond hotel), it seemed unattainable. Therein lay the challenge.

"The five-diamond award is for employee service," says Randy Morton, vice president of Bellagio's hotel operations. "We have to provide the little extras that create a sense of perfection."

But how to win over AAA's field inspectors? "First off, to win the five diamonds we needed to make sure we were all headed in the same direction," says Morton, formerly general manager of the five-diamond Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas. Bellagio executives designed a train-

ing program for the resort's 9,000 employees. Morton says, "The employees make the difference—their friendliness, the personal service they give. And it's seven days a week, 24 hours—for all guests." He insisted that the staff follow three rules: always make eye contact with guests, smile, and address them by name. "Remember, they're our guests," Morton said.

On November 12, 2001, Bellagio CEO Robert Baldwin announced to the staff that the hotel had received the five-diamond award. Morton congratulated the employees on every shift.

Bellagio is one of more than 30 Nevada hotels and restaurants that have earned the AAA *TourBook's* four- or five-diamond or the *Mobil Travel Guide* four- or five-star awards. Other evaluators like the *Zagat Survey* and *Wine Spectator* help set the standards of excellence, but the AAA diamonds and Mobil stars remain the best known.

Some of the biggest hotels in Nevada have earned diamonds or stars, among them the Mirage and Paris in Las Vegas and Harrah's and Harveys at Lake Tahoe. In 2002 AAA and Mobil awarded four diamonds or four stars to three restaurants: 3950 at Mandalay Bay, Lutece at Venetian, and Nobu at the Hard Rock Hotel. The Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas received four stars while Mobil added Picasso at Bellagio and Renoir at the Mirage to its five-star list. Caesars Tahoe has held the four-diamond award for 21 consecutive years.

"We consider this important to our marketing," says Caesars Tahoe marketing manager Mindi Befu. "AAA's is a highly reputable rating system, and we're glad we've won their approval."

Hotel and restaurant owners know that the number of stars and diamonds are often the deciding factor when vacationers make lodging and dining choices. Lisa Foster of AAA's Reno office says, "Hotels, motels, and restaurants care very much about the number of diamonds awarded. They work hard to increase them. A one-diamond increase, they figure, means a 10- to 20-percent increase in business."

John Packer, director of public relations and entertainment at Harveys and Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, is proud of Harrah's four-star, four-diamond ratings. "We bought new uniforms for hotel em-



"Figure II, 1960" is among the Picasso artworks hanging at Picasso, Bellagio's five-star, five-diamond restaurant (top). The lagoon at the Mirage in Las Vegas offers swimming and sunbathing for guests (above). Harrah's, Harveys, and Caesars are top-ranked Lake Tahoe resorts (bottom).



ployees," says Packer. "And we revised procedures for every service area, from valet parking to room service. We improved customer service in every area."

The marketing value of a top rating can hardly be underestimated. AAA has 43 million members who receive the *TourBook* with their membership each year. Mobil annually prints one million copies of *Travel Guide* regional editions and sells

*Four stars
or diamonds means
outstanding. Five means
world-class.*

them at bookstores throughout the country. Corporations also use the guides. "We're the only four-star hotel on the North Shore," says Karen Vaughn of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe. "That's a real selling point in booking company meetings and conventions. They know if they book us, a four-star hotel, they'll be staying in an excellent facility."

The rating systems are simple. The Mobil guide, which began in 1958, assigns stars to designate the level of excellence. AAA's, which was launched in 1977, confers diamonds. One star or one diamond means good, two very good, three excellent, four outstanding, and five world-class.

For 2002, Mobil judged 22,000 facilities nationwide, and AAA judged more than twice as many at 45,000. Only three percent of lodgings and four percent of restaurants earn four-diamond or four-star designations. Less than one percent receive five stars or five diamonds. This year



Paris Las Vegas and its Eiffel Tower Restaurant offer a multifaceted taste of France.

in the U.S., 59 lodges and 42 restaurants received five diamonds, and 14 restaurants and 25 hotels earned five stars. Only 10 restaurants in the country hold the dual five-and-five ratings, and two—Picasso and Renoir—are in Las Vegas.

The ratings are made by anonymous field inspectors. (Any hotel or restaurant may request a review.) The field inspectors evaluate the quality of the property and the staff. They scrutinize and rate every-

thing—cleanliness, safety, amenities, ambiance, and the enthusiasm employees show in their dealings with guests. Inspectors check staff attire, the promptness of valet service or a restaurant's hostess, and how reservationists handle questions. Evaluators explore the interior and grounds. Floor and wall coverings are noted. Flowers are inspected for freshness. Room temperature, ventilation, noise, lighting, and bathrooms are all judged.

Those "Little Extras"

There's a certain kind of treatment you get at a world-class hotel. For example, when you book a suite at Las Vegas' five-diamond Bellagio, the little extras begin before you arrive. You receive a call the day before you leave home, asking if you need directions to the hotel, show tickets, or dinner reservations. If you fly, a limousine will meet you at the

airport. When you arrive at the hotel, the doorman greets you, holds open your car door, addresses you as "Mr." or "Ms.," helps with your luggage, and explains the valet parking procedures. At check-in the reservationist smiles and calls you by name. The bellman who escorts you to your room points out the nearest emergency exit, explains how to use the key, and holds the door open while you enter. Then he offers to hang up garments, explains the room's amenities, and gives a brief orientation to the hotel

property, entertainment, and local transportation. You receive flowers when you arrive and a newspaper every morning. A robe and slippers are ready in the armoire. Your day begins with a personal call: "Good morning, Mr. (or Ms.) Jones. This is your wake-up call. The temperature outside is 82 degrees. Is there anything I can do for you?" The day ends when a maid turns down your bed and places your slippers beside it. With service like this, you might never want to leave.—Wilma LaRocca

AAA has 60 specially trained, full-time field inspectors. Mobil relies on independent inspectors who have backgrounds in the hospitality industry, such as hotel-school professors, former hotel and restaurant managers, industry association leaders, and travel writers. Facilities pay no fee for the rating service.

The inspectors make anonymous visits to new establishments and return unannounced each year. They may pay several visits to large resorts.

Vaughn remembers escorting a team of Mobil evaluators on a room-inspection tour of the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe. "There's no way to prepare for it," she says. "I didn't know who they were, or why they were here, when they showed up unannounced in my office and asked to see our hotel rooms. During the room inspection, I watched as they lifted the bedspreads and checked the top of the doors and picture frames for dust. They observed everything."

The inspection process can help a hotel self-evaluate its customer service programs. John Packer of Harrah's and Harveys explains, "Following an inspection Mobil's evaluators discussed with us the requirements for both holding on to the four-star level and going up a notch. Their recommendations can be helpful in identifying possible areas of improvement."

Being a hotel or restaurant inspector may seem like a dream job, but Sandra Duhe of ExxonMobil and Atle Erlingsson, an AAA spokesperson, have seen its unglamorous side. "The first thing an inspector is likely to do," says Duhe, "is to take off his jacket and tie, get down on his

hands and knees, and look under the bed." Erlingsson says, "Then there's the fact that they travel 90 percent of the time." The evaluator's spouse may go along to give the appearance of an ordinary couple on vacation, but the inspection is all work. Restaurant inspectors must pace their calorie intake and put aside personal preferences. They order a dish that tests the chef's mastery and select a wine to judge the sommelier's skill.

"We have strict and stringent guidelines," says Erlingsson. "This makes the rating process as objective as possible." Duhe

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concur. "These unannounced visits must be just that. Any suggestion that objectivity is being compromised, and the whole inspection is voided."

At top-rated hotels and resorts the rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully furnished, often decorated with original art. The hotels offer stage shows, shopping, spas, golf and ski arrangements, and gourmet restaurants. Larger suites

come with wet bars, kitchens, and additional bedrooms. Many of the hotels have award-winning restaurants, in which case they are listed together in the guide below.

Award-winning restaurants use high-quality crystal, chinaware, flatware, and linens. The dining room is quiet and the tables spaced to allow for private conversations. The waiters have expert knowledge of all menu items and know how to carve a chateaubriand, prepare a salad, and flambé a dessert. In the kitchen, the products are fresh and of the highest quality. The restaurants offer wine lists from 200 to 2,000 selections (Aureole at Mandalay Bay has 9,000) and a sommelier.

In the end, it's the personal service from employees that makes an award-winning hotel or restaurant. Employee training can be vital. John Packer points to the Harrah's Lake Tahoe employee program. "Two years ago we implemented what we call F.O.C.U.S. training," says Packer. "Every employee goes through this intensive, week-long program. The 'focus' is on how to take care of our guests, and it includes such subjects as handling difficult situations and how to perform tasks fast and flawlessly—and, most important, how to make a good first impression."

In Las Vegas, the staff of Bellagio also was focused on making good impressions. The employees' attention to detail, friendly smiles, and personal service earned Bellagio its high ranking. As Randy Morton says, "An excellent facility is a given, but that's just the starting point."

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A Guide to Nevada's

Star- and Diamond-Studded

Hotels and Restaurants

By Wilma LaRocca

The following guide presents the 34 Nevada and Tahoe-area hotels and restaurants that have received the two auto groups' top endorsements—four or five diamonds and four or five stars. The AAA *TourBook* confers diamonds (◆) to designate the level of excellence of a facility. The Mobil *Travel Guide* assigns stars (★). One star or one diamond means good, two very good, three excellent, four outstanding, and five world-class.

Room rates vary seasonally and are higher on weekends. Reservations are recommended for the hotels and especially for eateries. The bud-

get-minded can find affordable menu items in many award-winning restaurants. For example, entrees at a number of establishments start at \$18 or \$20, although who's watching the budget on a gourmet night out?

Las Vegas

Bellagio: ◆◆◆◆◆ and ★★★★★ Bellagio, exuding the Old-World charm of an Italian villa, has an art gallery, botanical gardens, international shopping, and a fountain that dances nightly to music. Guest-room bathrooms have Italian marble floors and counters, soaking

tubs, and separate showers. Rooms and suites cost \$159 to \$6,000, whirlpool suites \$209 to \$750. All suites have extended-cable TV, dual phone lines, and data ports. Call 888-987-6667, 702-693-7111, www.bellagiolasvegas.com.

Aqua: ★★★★★ At Bellagio, Aqua guests enter through the Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where stone floors and wood-paneled ceilings suggest a medieval castle. Two Robert Rauschenberg paintings hang on the walls. Chefs Mark LoRusso and Michael Mina use California and Mediterranean products for their caviar parfait, tempura prawns with light truffle cream, marinated sea bass, and lobster pot pie. Guests may choose a tasting or a la carte

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Trailblazing With Mary

When our seven-year-old daughter joined us on a 165-mile hike of the Tahoe Rim Trail, the trip was full of high points.

By Barbara Egbert



After camping at Star Lake, Mary Chambers cheerfully greeted the second day of her family's Tahoe Rim Trail hike.

Reinhold Messner soloed Mount Everest without oxygen. Erling Kagge skied to the South Pole.

Big deal.

My husband, Gary Chambers, and I shepherded our seven-year-old daughter, Mary, on a complete, 165-mile hike of the Tahoe Rim Trail in 13 days. With full packs. And one change of clothes.

Don't underestimate the challenge that last item represents. At home in Sunol, California, Mary changes clothes an average of three times a day. For the first week on the rim trail last August she wore an old pair of plaid shorts, which started coming apart at the seams on Day Two. Mary stoically bore her increasingly ragged appearance, but before we walked into Tahoe City for our resupply, Gary "mended" the shorts with duct tape, which re-established modesty at the expense of comfort. Luckily, the resupply crates that my sister, Carol Kalleres, brought to us from Carson City contained another pair of shorts, which lasted the remaining six days of our adventure.

An adventure it was, too, even if the challenges we faced were more in the nature of blisters, bee stings, and a shortage of granola bars than frostbite and avalanches. Taking on a backpacking experience like the Tahoe Rim Trail is a big commitment. The TRT is called a 150-miler, but it's about 165 miles if you walk every step. The added element of a small child adds immeasurably to the difficulties, worries—and joys—of the trail.

Our trek with Mary had been prompted by an off-hand remark by my sister. Carol had followed news of the trail's construction for years and even volunteered for trail work. When she mentioned last spring that it was almost finished, Gary and I leapt at the chance to be among the first to hike a new trail. Although we live in the San Francisco Bay Area now, I was familiar with the Tahoe Basin from my 13 years living in the Carson City area. The staff at the Tahoe Rim Trail Association and the TRT Web site (www.tahoerimtrail.org) gave us the basic information, and we arranged to stay at my father's home in Minden before and after the hike.

I plotted a route that began and ended on the south shore at Kingsbury Grade, the closest jumping-off point for Dad to reach. From Heavenly Ski Resort's southern parking lot our clockwise route headed south to Star Lake for the first night and then around Tahoe's south end, up to Echo Lake, and through the Desolation Wilderness. At exactly halfway



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around the lake, Tahoe City was a perfect resupply point. (All we purchased at the grocery store was insect repellent, moleskin, Band-Aids, and a maple-glazed doughnut for Mary, but it was reassuring to know we could get anything we needed.)

In the outdoors, opportunities for play exist everywhere. The water jugs we picked up at our cache on Brockway Summit became musical instruments; when the jugs were empty, Mary strung them together on a piece of rope and tapped them with sticks. At our campsite near Ophir Creek, Mary created new outfits by donning our parkas in creative ways. Feathers, small cones, and bits of moss became fashion accessories for Puffy, the stuffed dog she toted around the lake.

Having Mary along made the high points along the trail even better. One was topping Dicks Pass in the Desolation Wilderness; another was helping a backpacker who got lost in the maze of trails near Incline Village (we turned out to have a mutual friend). We met many mountain bikers and day hikers who boosted our enthusiasm. "You're how old?" they would ask Mary, who would reply, "I'm seven, and I'm hiking the whole thing!" Our appetites increased enormously on the trail. By the time we reached Spooner Summit, we were out of almost everything except freeze-dried dinners—and we had two more days to go. When we stumbled upon the store that TRT vice president Max Jones runs at the state park, I thought I was hallucinating. Mary feasted on ice cream

Top: Mary's father, Gary Chambers, carried a 90-pound backpack. **Bottom:** The author and her daughter paused between Spooner Summit and Kingsbury Grade to rest their weary feet and take in the view of Lake Tahoe in the distance.



Rim Trail Tips

The **Tahoe Rim Trail** offers a good two-week outing for experienced backpackers. Thanks to its many trailheads, less-experienced hikers can break it up into a series of short trips. The trail is open to equestrians and, in large sections, mountain bikers. Also, the 1.3-mile Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Trail allows access to those in wheelchairs and families with strollers. Here are some tips for hikers.

IF YOU HIKE THE ENTIRE TRAIL

Be in good physical condition. The Tahoe Rim Trail isn't as difficult as the most rugged sections of the Pacific Crest Trail, but it's challenging. The TRT map doesn't show all the switchbacks; one day we covered 17 miles, not the 14 indicated by the map. Pack plenty of moleskin and other foot treatments. Expect cold nights. And take lots of food. The only places to buy food on or near the trail are Heavenly, Echo Lake Lodge, Tahoe City, and Spooner Summit.

Call forest rangers to learn which springs and streams are running. If in doubt, carry water. We picked up five gallons at Tahoe City and then another five gallons that we had cached earlier at Brockway Summit. Check the map frequently and use your compass. Other trails and logging roads can confuse the route. Don't depend on finding trail markers.

Don't rely on cell phones, global positioning system (GPS) devices, or any other high-tech gadget. Nothing substitutes for wilderness skills, conditioning, and caution.

Be extra careful crossing highways. Drivers don't expect backpackers in their lanes.

SECTION HIKES

There are eight trailheads where you can leave a car. If possible, have someone drop you off and pick you up. The map on the TRT Web site, www.tahoerimtrail.org, shows trailheads and describes each section. Here are some suggestions:

Spooner Summit to Kingsbury Grade is an easy overnighter (after the initial long hill) of about 12 miles. However, you must carry water.



The Tahoe Rim Trail was completed last year.

Kingsbury Grade to Big Meadow Trailhead, about 23 miles, is much more strenuous but offers great scenery. Camp at Star Lake. Be sure to filter your water there—and everywhere.

Tahoe Meadows to Spooner Summit, 21 miles long, offers beautiful scenery and fairly easy hiking. Camp at Marlette Peak Campground. Water is the problem; either carry it in or walk two miles from the campground to Marlette Lake.

Echo Lake to Desolation Wilderness is a good three- or four-day trip. You'll need a USFS permit for Desolation Wilderness; call 530-644-6048 or visit www.r5.fs.fed.us/eldorado/. There are many lakes and good campsites on the way to spectacular Dicks Pass. Beware of Richardson Lake, which attracts many ATVs and target shooters; Miller Creek may be a better choice. Finish at Tahoe City. Trail total is about 45 miles.

MORE RIM TRAIL INFORMATION

The **Tahoe Rim Trail Association** offers a Web site, www.tahoerimtrail.org, with a map, trail advice and lore, and a store stocked with T-shirts, fleece vests, and hats. Contact the Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Box 4647 Stateline, NV 89449; phone 775-588-0686; e-mail tahoerimtrail@aol.com. The nonprofit group welcomes volunteers interested in trail work.—Barbara Egbert

and Oreos ("Finding the ice cream store was the best part of the trip," she told me later) while Max and I exchanged trail talk.

Not every day was perfect, of course. For me, the worst time of the entire trip came on the north shore between Tahoe City and Brockway Summit on the seventh day out. By then, my feet were so blistered and callused they looked as though I'd been walking on broken glass. I woke up with my right eye swollen shut from an insect bite on the eyelid. At lunch time, I sat on a log and got pitch on the shorts that I had to wear the entire 13 days. A bee stung me on the leg. And Mary was being unusually stubborn that day. But stubbornness is what it takes to get up every morning in the cold, climb mountains all day long, and eat freeze-dried food each night for nearly two weeks. Thanks to that trait, Mary earned the honor of being the youngest person to backpack the entire Tahoe Rim Trail. She's Number 61 in the 150 Mile Club, the list of TRT members who have hiked all of the trail. (Gary and I are Numbers 63 and 62, respectively.)

Mary adjusted cheerfully to wearing the same clothes every day and going without baths. But that didn't mean she'd forgotten femininity. On our last day, she unbraided her hair for the first time on the trail and brushed it out in shining waves. She put on the clean shirt she'd been saving since Tahoe City, and she wrapped a pink bandanna around her head. Thus attired, she walked out of the wilderness ready to meet her grandfather at the same Heavenly parking lot where he'd dropped us off 13 days, 165 miles, and several dozen moleskins earlier. ▀

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Mary toted Puffy, her stuffed dog, all 165 miles.

BATTLE BORN NEVADA



These 10 military landmarks offer Memorial Day salutes to the Silver State and our armed forces.

By Joyce Hollister

Photo: Larry D. Taylor (left)

Travelers crossing Nevada on U.S. 50 often can see jets flying low, dropping bombs, and firing rockets over the desert near Fallon. Although the planes are miles away, motorists can get a good view of the training runs in the Dixie Valley area north of the highway. "The sight lines out here are great," says Commander John Fleming, Naval Air Station Fallon public affairs officer. "You can literally park on the side of the road and watch aircraft flying 500 feet above the ground in simulated attacks."

The Fallon aerial spectacle is one of many reminders of Nevada's military heritage that can be seen around the state.



Left: The cannon at Veterans Memorial Park in Winnemucca dates from World War I.
Above: An F-16 pilot trains at NAS Fallon.

Generations of soldiers and pilots have trained in our deserts and mountains, and Nevada's official slogan, "Battle Born," recalls the state's entry into the Union during the Civil War. We can learn about Nevada's connection to the armed forces at the following 10 sites, including a fort that predates statehood and the airfield where the *Enola Gay* crew trained before dropping the first atomic bomb on Japan.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the Army built several Nevada airfields as part of a program to protect the West Coast against Japanese attack. A prominent product of that program is **Naval Air Station Fallon**, established in 1942 as a training field for the Civil Air Administration and the Army Air Corps. In 1996 two training operations—Top Gun (the Navy Fighter Weapons School) and Top Dome (the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Weapons School)—moved to the base. Because of heightened security, public tours and the 2002 Fallon Air Show have been canceled. Visit www.fallon.navy.mil for information on the 2003 air show and photos from last year's event.

Jet pilots train in Southern Nevada skies, too. On October 5-6 at **Nellis Air Force Base** visitors can see military and civilian displays and the precision jet-fighter team, the Thunderbirds, at the Aviation Nation Air Show and Open House. Nellis, located in Las Vegas, is the Thunderbirds' home base. Tours of the team's hangar have been cancelled for security reasons, but the public is welcome to the air show; visit www.nellis.af.mil for more information.

Established in 1941 as the Las Vegas Army Air Corps Gunnery School, today Nellis AFB provides advanced combat training for units of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and allied nations on its vast bombing and gunnery ranges. Red Flag, a major training exercise, involves the attack of mock airfields and convoys defended by simulated surface-to-air missiles and artillery.

Wagon-train defense was the reason **Fort Churchill** was constructed on the Carson River in 1860, four years before Nevada



The B-29 *Enola Gay* flew with the 509th Composite Group, whose monument stands in Wendover.

became a state. The fort's adobe ruins are now part of a state park. A visitor center duplicates one of the original buildings, and Army uniforms and weapons of the era are displayed inside. Fort Churchill, 40 miles east of Carson City and eight miles south of Silver Springs, has 20 campsites, an RV dump station, and picnic tables. Visitors can relax in the shade of the cottonwood trees and try to imagine the sound of troops marching on the now-vanished parade grounds.

It's easy to understand why the federal government regarded the remote community of Hawthorne as a good place to stash explosives. Opened in 1930, the **Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot** is the largest of its kind in the world. Visitors can learn about the depot's history at the Mineral County Museum, 10th and D streets (775-945-5142). Across the street at Lady Bird Park (named after President Lyndon Johnson's wife, Lady Bird) a set of three-inch, 50-caliber twin rapid-fire anti-aircraft guns symbolize Hawthorne's military connection. The town holds a celebration during the week leading up to Armed Forces Day, which is Saturday, May 18 (775-945-7658). Golfers can visit and play the nine-hole Walker Lake Golf Course (775-945-1111). The ammo depot's employees built the first four holes more than 50 years ago and added a few holes at a time until the course was completed.

Like bases, museums and memorials show Nevada's links to the armed forces. World War II veterans and their relatives often stop by the **McGill Club** in McGill, 12 miles north of Ely on U.S. 93, to see the saloon's photo wall. Mounted on the wall are 280 portraits of McGill men and women who served in the Second World War. In

the early 1940s Norm Linnell and his brother Erling borrowed photos from the families of McGill's military personnel and made copies for the display. Only about three-quarters of McGill service men and women are represented, the Army vet says, because he and his brother were drafted before they could complete the project. Linnell, the McGill Club's 79-year-old host (see "Pourin' Norman," Sept/Oct '01), worked at the saloon as a teenaged janitor before being drafted. He is happy to show the wall to travelers.

Visitors to Wendover's Nevada Welcome



More Memories of WAR

Those interested in matters military can set their sights on these additional Nevada memorials and displays.

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Reno: Uniforms, letters, and photos are among the donated articles in the Military Heritage Museum at the hospital's nursing-home entrance, 1000 Locust Street. Curator Tom Iverson often drives the museum's World War II ambulance in local parades and for hospital outreach programs.

Nevada Historical Society Museum, Reno: The military's presence in Southern Nevada is depicted in a display that includes a Nellis aviator's uniform, information on atomic testing, and other artifacts at the society's museum on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Call 775-688-1190.

Nevada State Museum, Carson City: The ship's bell and silver service from the *U.S.S. Nevada*, the only battleship to get under way during the attack at Pearl Harbor, are displayed at the state museum. Call 775-687-4810.

Carson City Monuments: Behind the State Capitol stands a memorial to the men of the *U.S.S. Nevada* and the Nevada State Veterans Memorial, dedicated to the Nevada veterans, including women service personnel, of all U.S. wars. A Civil War monument can be found at Lone Mountain Cemetery off Roop Street. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located at Mills Park on U.S. 50 East.

Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah: A display at the museum on Logan Field Road recalls the history of Tonopah's World War II pilot-training base and includes scraps of airplanes that crashed near town. Call 775-482-9276.

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas: The state museum in Lorenzi Park, 700 Twin Lakes Drive, has an exhibit with photos and artifacts from the 1940s-era Las Vegas Army Air Gunnery School, now Nellis Air Force Base. Call 702-486-5205.

Veterans Memorial Drive, Las Vegas: Veterans are welcome to stop by the American Legion Post No. 8 clubhouse on Veterans Memorial Drive off Bonanza Road between Las Vegas Boulevard and Main Street. In 1978, the post received approval to name the street in memory of all Las Vegas veterans.

Curator Tom Iverson drives the Reno V.A. hospital museum's World War II ambulance in parades.

Center on the Nevada-Utah border can learn about the Army 509th Composite Group's role in ending the war with Japan. The 509th included the crew of the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, and the *Bock's Car*, which dropped the bomb on Nagasaki. Under heavy security the crews trained at **Wendover Field**, and only the commanding officer, Colonel Paul Tibbets, knew what their secret mission would be. At the Welcome Center, you can see the 509th's memorial and learn about the other bomber groups that trained at Wendover Field.

"The war in Europe wouldn't have been a success without the B-17, B-24, and B-29 bomber crews that trained here," says West Wendover community development director Chris Melville. The Welcome Center and adjacent Scoby Park are located off exit 410 on Interstate 80. You can pick up a brochure for the self-guided driving tour of the airfield, now a municipal airport in Wendover, Utah, and see the buildings that remain at the former air base.

Veterans Memorial Park, located next to a closed Cold War-era radar base on the northern outskirts of Winnemucca, offers picnic tables and an array of battlefield hardware—a World War I cannon, World War II tank, a Korean War F-86 Saber jet, a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, and a Desert Storm M-16 tank. The aircraft, installed on steel stilts, appear as if they are about to land. American and Nevada flags fly over a neatly kept lawn. Winnemucca veterans groups use a nearby meeting hall.

"We've got about the best vets memorial in the state of Nevada," says Tom Fransway, a former Humboldt County commissioner who spearheaded the development of the park. "It's united the vets of all the wars together. Vietnam vets meet there with World War II and Korean vets." Visitors can poke around the nearby Poke and Peek Thrift Store, located in the former radar-base gym. The store is open 10



The Navy operates an undersea mine maintenance facility near the Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot.

a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and noon to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

In Laughlin, veterans and other visitors can try to heft a World War II backpack at the **American Heroes Museum** inside the Ramada Express (888-888-8695). It won't be easy, for the soldiers of the "Greatest Generation" routinely carried up to 100 pounds of gear on their backs. The Ramada's museum is free and open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Opened in 1996, the American Heroes Museum displays military equipment of various vintages and artifacts from the home front. Vets and their families have donated many of the articles. Every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the 15-minute multimedia show, *On the Wings of Eagles: A Tribute to American Veterans*, is projected on four theater-sized screens. "It's an emotional show in the feel-good sense," says Orchid Comitz, the hotel's media relations director. "It makes you literally feel proud to be an American." The museum also holds a weekly speakers program and plans special events November 7-11 during Veterans Week 2002.

On Memorial Day, visitors will see

American flags fly on the graves at the state's two veterans cemeteries, which were established in 1990. The **Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery** is located off exit 48 on Interstate 80 in Fernley, and the **Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery** is on Buchanan Boulevard in Boulder City. Veterans groups have installed monuments at both cemeteries. "Every Memorial Day we dedicate new monuments," says Wes Block, the Fernley cemetery's superintendent. "It's growing all the time." At Boulder City there's a new memorial chapel that seats 480. Superintendent Jack A. Porrino says the flags of veterans organizations and of every state are flown on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The gates to both cemeteries are open 24 hours daily. Visit www.state.nv.us/veterans/cemet.html for more information.

Mystery swirls around **Area 51**, a military site where visitors are *not* allowed. If you stray off the dirt road that leads to the top-secret air base, also known as Groom Lake, you might find yourself surrounded by camouflaged soldiers who don't take kindly to your presence.

Instead, observers hoping to see alien spaceships and experimental military aircraft gather at the nearby town of Rachel, 150 miles north of Las Vegas on State Route 375. There, you can drop by the Little A 'Le' Inn, a café-bar that functions as a clearinghouse for UFO sightings. Several Rachel businesses sell UFO-oriented souvenirs such as hats and T-shirts. You can see flying saucers on the signs designating State Route 375 as the "Extraterrestrial Highway." As for sighting real spaceships, you're on your own. ■



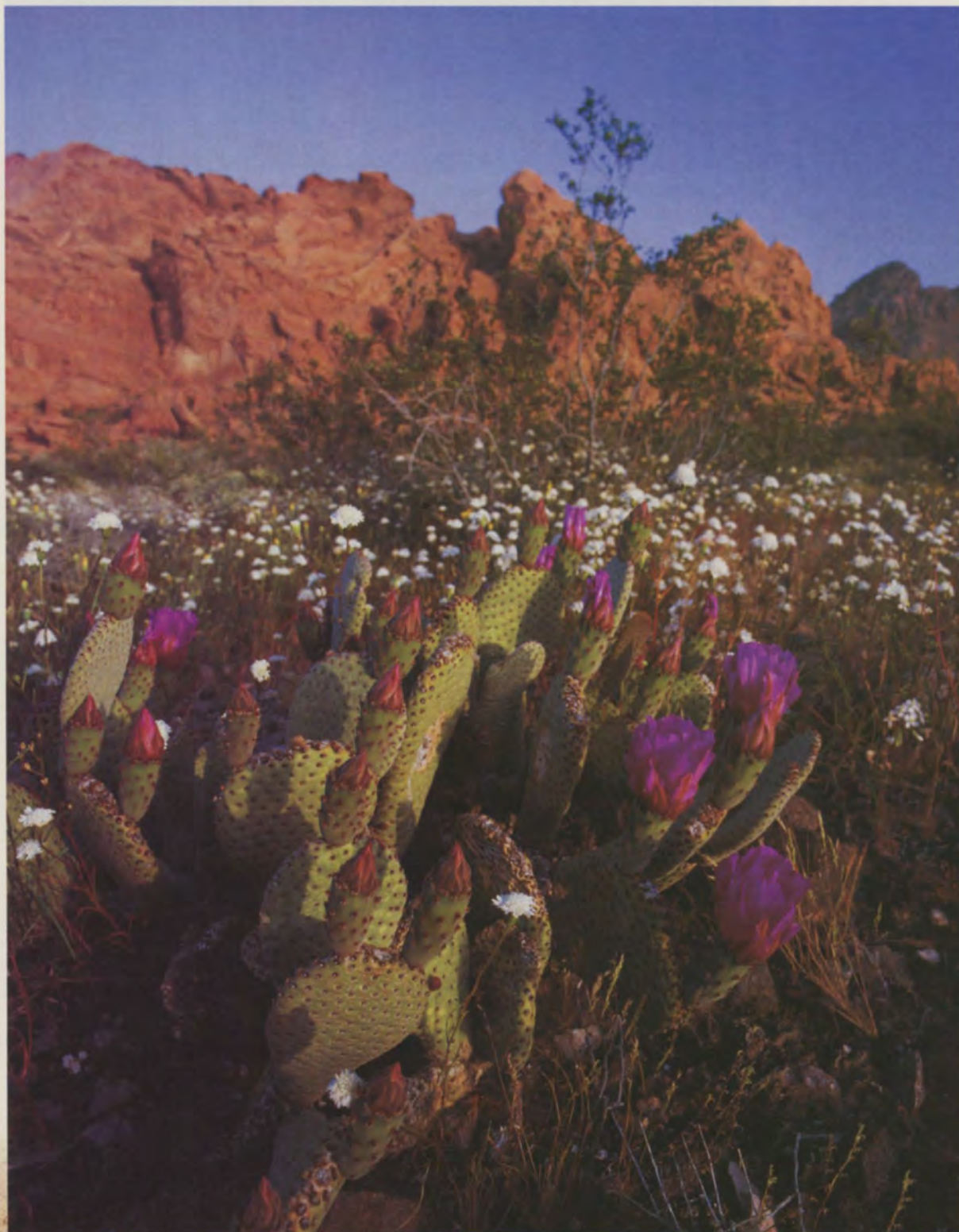
Fort Churchill visitors get a sense of what life was like for soldiers on a remote outpost in the 1860s.

Joyce Hollister is associate editor of Nevada Magazine. Her father, Edward Aldrich, trained as an Army Air Corps pilot in Minden and Carson City in 1943.

A Photographer's Odyssey



Rod Henderson admits he has an obsession with the Silver State. "When you travel in Nevada, you can't relax until you find out what's on the other side of the mountain range in front of you," says the 37-year-old Dutch filmmaker and photographer. For the past two and a half years he and his wife, Tanya, have crisscrossed Nevada and other Western states. Henderson, who is based near Ely, is compiling a black-and-white photographic series that he calls "Point Zero: A Desert Odyssey." He has also been shooting color film. These photos were taken last spring and early summer during his Nevada travels.



Beavertail Cactus:

"It is hard to believe the desert blooms, especially here in this arid land around Lake Mead. No flowers are prettier than those blooming in the desert—probably because they appear to be completely out of place. This beavertail cactus reminds you of where you are."

Sculpted Rock:

"It's surprising to see how just a little change in perspective transforms the landscape completely. A short stroll from Northshore Road at Lake Mead brought me to this naturally sculpted setting.

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**Hank Vogler's Branding, Spring Valley:**

"There's a feeling of revelry at annual branding time. Ranchers help each other in an unsurpassed, amicable way. The dust storm never quit that day. I had to clean my lens after each shot, but I was struck by the raw beauty as well as the strange sense of timelessness of the event."

Slivo Street

Story by Barbara Glass
Photos by Richard Menzies

Buddy Jukich has created a monument
in Ely to his Yugoslavian forebears,
barbecue, and plum brandy.

The road to happiness takes many turns, but for Marco "Buddy" Jukich it leads to the museum-barbecue retreat he calls Slivo Street. With the help of friends the Ely resident has created a masterpiece of desert art with weather-beaten relics of cowboys, Indians, miners, and homesteaders gathered from the countryside. The name "Slivo" comes from Buddy's favorite Yugoslavian plum brandy, Slivovitz, which he has been known to offer visitors. A word of caution: It's 100-proof and has mule kick.

Buddy built Slivo Street to honor his Yugoslavian heritage and to salute the miners, like his father and grandfather, who worked in the copper diggings of White Pine County. His grandfather, Dmitra Dragosavac, toiled at Old Ruth, eight miles west of Ely, in



Buddy Jukich (right) and his friend Ed Lemich relax in the Antler Club. Below left: Belgrade's finest.

the early 1900s. He survived the mines only to be shot to death, in Wild West fashion, over a boundary dispute near the ranch he had homesteaded. Buddy's father, George Jukich, died after developing miner's lung disease. Buddy points out that the mining companies provided little safety equipment to their employees.

"It was cheaper to hire a 'Yugo' than to buy a mule. A miner's life was worth less than the price of a mule," he says.

When Buddy was born in Old Ruth on June 21, 1931, his mother, Mildred Dragosavac Jukich, was assisted by midwife Mara Lemich, who lived across the street. Buddy grew up in Old Ruth and later moved with his parents, brother George, and sisters Sylvia and Pat to McGill. His family was Serbian. The Serbians, who generally followed the Orthodox faith, and the Croats,

who were Catholic, were known collectively as Yugoslavs.

In Ruth and McGill, the mine company maintained full segregation. The "Americans" were of Northern European descent and held the management positions. The Southern and Eastern Europeans, called "foreigners," were the laborers. Japanese were allowed only to work laying track for the railroad, and Italians worked on the dumps. It was a complete caste system.

After his father was sent to a sanitarium, 11-year-old Buddy went to work, but not in the mines. At first it was cutting grass and yard work. Then he would go from one trash can to another in McGill collecting beer and wine bottles to sell for cash. He peddled the *Ely Daily Times*. While attending White Pine High School in Ely he lettered for three years as a tackle on the football team, and he set a school shot-put record of more than 47 feet.

Before school Buddy swamped out the Victory Club. He toiled on a track gang for the Nevada Northern Railroad. He became a roofer and at the age of 19, he proudly recalls, bought his first vehicle, a GMC pickup, for cash.

"I joined the Air Force on February 10, 1951, and served until I got an early release on December 23, 1953. Then I was in the reserves," he says. "I'm not a travel-

ing man, but I got to see a little of the world." Thanks to the Air Force he saw places like San Antonio, Texas, and Fairbanks, Alaska. Back in Ely he worked as a roofer and eventually ran his own roofing business, from which he has retired.

In 1980 Buddy married Nina Pavlakis, an Ely woman he had known for many years. While he roofed and ran Slivo

"Buddy's a Serbian, and I'm a Croatian," Ed says. "We've been friends all our lives."

Street, Nina ran their household. "She took care of the inside, and I did the outside," he says. "She was a great person." After five years of marriage she died of brain cancer—"on April 15, 1985," Buddy recalls precisely.

For Yugoslavs, the cornerstones of life include family, friends, and barbecues, so Slivo Street came naturally to Buddy. In 1955 he started barbecuing for friends and

organizations—his services have always been free—in his backyard on Bell Avenue. In 1970 he began building a smoke house. Two friends, Nick Jukich (no relation) and Nick Rykovich, helped him build a 90-foot-long, partly enclosed steel building. Today the indoor section, dubbed the Antler Club, contains a dining hall and a wooden bar decorated with bottles and artifacts. The outdoor half has so much grill space that during his active barbecuing days Buddy could cook 400 pounds of meat at one time.

Buddy decorated the place with artifacts he and friends collected in the desert. Five ore cars filled with samples of copper, tungsten, and iron pyrite stand on their original rusted tracks. Hundreds of horse-shoes have been neatly nailed on barn-wood walls. One sees rack upon rack of deer and elk antlers, two-man crosscut saws, old saddles, mining tools, and empty Slivovitz bottles. There is an original mine head frame from Taylor Canyon—not to mention wagon wheels, a buckboard, skulls, hunting traps, license plates, and one enormous boulder of jasper.

There are two outhouses. One is the real McCoy found in the wilds. The other looks like the real McCoy on the outside but is totally 21st-century inside.

With such amenities Buddy hosted more than 700 barbecues. For decades he



Buddy and friend Pat Jennings (left) survey the artifacts that adorn Slivo Street, which Buddy created to honor his Yugoslavian heritage and the art of barbecue.

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members when Buddy was born; it was Ed's mother, Mara Lemich, who delivered Buddy into the world.

"Buddy's a Serbian, and I'm a Croatian," Ed says. "We've been friends all our lives. I don't know why they can't get along over there [in Europe]. They seem to get along over here. My mother and Buddy's mother were the best of friends. We will keep our friendship until we die."

For decades Buddy's place has been a gathering spot for Yugoslavians who enjoy sauerkraut and Slivovitz. Buddy has added to the gaiety by playing his collection of folk-music records dating from 1927. One of his prized possessions is a 1960 recording of the Branko Krsmanovic choir at Carnegie Hall.

Four years ago Slivo Street and its proprietor were featured in a front-page story in a Belgrade newspaper. The story was written in part by Nesha and Maria Galjevic, a Yugoslavian couple who stayed several months with Buddy's aunt in Ely. Nesha—an Elvis impersonator who performed in Nevada clubs—and Maria published the story before their return to the old country.

The article called Slivo Street "a cure for nostalgia." Buddy told the Galjevics, "Everything you can see, my friends and I made by our own hands. It was not easy or simple, but now in Ely we have a small Yugoslavia." ■

Barbara Glass, a frequent Nevada explorer, lives in Glendale, California. Richard Menzies is a Salt Lake City photojournalist who recently has taken a fancy to Slivovitz.

feted the local Jaycees, Basque Club, and White Pine Historical Society. Guests might try the Slivovitz plum brandy, which is imported from Belgrade. During the recent war in Yugoslavia, Buddy entertained a dignitary from the Fallon naval air base. Buddy told him, jokingly, "Whatever you do, don't bomb the plum trees."

Buddy's last big barbecue was in 1987 when one of his nieces got married. "I'm 70 now, and it was all work," he says. "I cook for family and friends, but nothing big anymore."

One of Buddy's best friends and partners in design is Ed Lemich of Ruth. Ed survived two bombs and a torpedo to his ship in Pearl Harbor. He spent 40 years with Kennecott Copper, first working pick and shovel on a bull gang and later as a heavy-duty equipment boss. Ed helped Buddy build and furnish Slivo Street, spending 19 years to finish the patio.

They are lifelong friends. Ed, 82, re-

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Bonanza Rides Again

The Cartwright legend lives on as Bonanza conventioners gather at Lake Tahoe to honor Nevada's most famous TV show.



FAMILY MEN: Michael Landon, Lorne Greene, Dan Blocker, and Pernell Roberts ruled the Ponderosa every Sunday evening.

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BACK AT THE RANCH



Visitors tour the Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village, fictional home of the Cartwright family (right).

Cartwright fans
prepare to go
bananas over
Bonanza
during their
June convention
at Lake Tahoe.

By Kim Pryor

Have you watched so many reruns of *Bonanza* that you can recite the lines by heart? Do you remember how many wives Ben Cartwright had? Do you know Hoss' real first name? Did you consider naming your first child Little Joe?

You're not alone.

Hundreds of *Bonanza* fans who can say "yes" to such questions will gather at the north shore of Lake Tahoe for the second Bonanza Friendship Convention on June 7-9. The gathering will commemorate a show that still has a devoted following nearly 30 years after its final network broadcast.

During its original run from 1959 to 1973, *Bonanza* presented the adventures of the Cartwright family and their fictional Ponderosa Ranch near Lake Tahoe, where much of the series' scenery was filmed. The show spawned the real-life Ponderosa



Ranch theme park at Incline Village and added to the fame of Virginia City, where the Cartwrights frequently galloped for a sarsaparilla. The show's power also has led to revivals on the small screen. Nine years ago, *Bonanza: The Return*, one of a series of TV movies set in 1905, was filmed at Incline's Ponderosa and other Nevada locales. Recently *The Ponderosa*, a prequel describing the clan's younger days and filmed in Australia, began airing on the PAX network.

At the Lake Tahoe convention fans can take part in such Cartwright traditions as a flapjack-eating contest and a square dance. Participants will be able to talk to



Hoss, Ben, Adam, and Little Joe head for the saloon in Virginia City. At right, Lorne Greene, who played Ben, poses with Mitch Vogel, who starred as teenager Jamie Hunter in *Bonanza*.

members of the *Bonanza* cast and crew attending the conference.

"It's like a big family reunion," says David Dortort, creator and executive producer of both *Bonanza* and *The Ponderosa*. Dortort is a legend among Cartwright fans. Recruited by NBC to develop a color television show in 1959, he created *Bonanza* by drawing on an earlier experience writing an episode about Virginia City for *Fireside Theatre*.

The first *Bonanza* convention was held in 1999 after fans communicating by e-mail organized a get-together at the Tahoe Biltmore. The event attracted more than 250 *Bonanza* aficionados from the United

States, Germany, England, Spain, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, and Mexico.

Like the '99 assemblage, this June's event is expected to draw a crowd of fans—mainly baby boomers—who have a special affection for *Bonanza*, says Tom Swann, the convention's business manager. Swann recalls that he grew up with few male role models but did identify with characters in the show. "I was 14 when I first saw *Bonanza*," he says. "So I identified with Little Joe. In college it was the more intellectual Adam."

Some conventioners own tapes of the more than 400 *Bonanza* episodes, Dortort

"The cast was a huge adopted family for me," says Mitch Vogel, who played Jamie Hunter, a teenager taken in by the Cartwrights.



says. Generally fans appreciate the show's family values. Dortort recently received a letter from a Kentucky woman who said the show "taught us how to live properly, decently, honestly."

"I think *Bonanza* served a need," Dortort says. "The Cartwrights were a family who lived by doing good deeds, and they had a very caring, loving relationship between father and sons. Many people didn't have

BONANZA TRIVIA

- ❖ Lorne Greene (Ben), a native of Ottawa, was a Shakespearean actor and a CBC newscaster.
- ❖ Pernell Roberts (Adam) left the show in 1965. He was quoted as saying, "My being part of *Bonanza* was like Isaac Stern sitting in with Lawrence Welk."
- ❖ Dan Blocker (Hoss) was a star lineman on the Sul Ross State College football team in Alpine, Texas. Later he saw combat as an Army sergeant in the Korean War.
- ❖ Michael Landon (Little Joe) starred in *I Was a Teenage Werewolf*. Landon became a TV mogul with *Little House on the Prairie* and *Highway to Heaven*.

- ❖ Victor Sen Yung (Hop Sing) was a fine Cantonese chef but never actually cooked meals on *Bonanza*. He began his acting career as the "number two son" in the Charlie Chan movies.
- ❖ *Bonanza* aired about 428 episodes between 1959 and 1973. During its heyday the show was seen in 86 countries by more than 500 million viewers and was translated into 12 languages.
- ❖ Ben, the Cartwright patriarch, married three times. Each of his sons had different mothers.
- ❖ Hoss' real first name was Eric.
- ❖ Episodes in the first season involved several historical Nevada characters—Mark Twain, Henry T.P. Comstock, and Chief Winnemucca.
- ❖ In one show Little Joe fell in love with Julia Bulette, who was a famous Virginia City prostitute in real life but a saloon owner on *Bonanza*.



North is a bit cockeyed on the burning map.

—from www.bonanza1.com and *Bonanza: The Definitive Ponderosa Companion* by Melany Shapiro (Cyclone Books, Nipomo, CA, 1997, ISBN 1-890723-18-5).



The Bonanza Friendship Convention on June 7-9 celebrates the adventures of the Cartwrights. Much of the series' scenery was filmed at Lake Tahoe. Above: Shooting at the Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village.

that in their home lives. They sort of adopted themselves into the Cartwright family to give them the stability and love they were lacking in their own situations."

No one knows that better than actor Mitch Vogel, who appeared on the show from 1970 to 1973 as Jamie Hunter, a teenager adopted by Ben Cartwright. At the 1999 convention Vogel was approached by people who, like him, had grown up without a parent.

"The show was more than just entertainment," Vogel says. "It helped a lot of people who came from broken homes get through hard times. In real life I practically lived that same situation. Growing up, my parents were divorced when I was six months old. I lived with just my mom and my sister, so the cast was a huge adopted family for me."

Howard Rosenberg, an entertainment critic and University of Nevada, Reno film professor, notes that *Bonanza* and *Star Trek* have similar appeal. He recalls that one of his students, a psychology major, attributed *Star Trek's* popularity to the characters' tendency "to always do the same thing." Rosenberg says, "A large part of it is the comfort in knowing that in a world where you can't predict what's going to happen, these characters will always behave exactly the same way. It's also that *Bonanza* is from a time when things were less chaotic, less complex."

Unlike Trekkies, few *Bonanza* fans dress in costume during their gathering. One exception in 1999 was a Hoss look-alike

who was the hit of the memorabilia auction, in which celebrity guests donated autographed scripts and clothing worn by the stars to raise money for charity. The Hoss look-alike acquired a leather vest worn in the show by Dan Blocker, the actor who portrayed Hoss.

"This fellow bid quite a bit of money to get the vest," says Swann. "Right as the bidding ended, the auctioneer invited him up front. He put it on, and it fit perfectly.

Everybody cheered." In addition to the auction, three days of activities are planned at the June 7-9 gathering. Events will be divided between the Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay and the Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village. As guests check in at the Biltmore on Friday, they will be able to watch commercial-free episodes of *Bonanza* on a 12-foot screen.

That night celebrity guests will mingle with the conventioners. Expected to attend are Brent Yung, son of Victor Sen Yung, who played the Cartwrights' cook, Hop Sing; Nancy Greene and Chuck Greene, Lorne Greene's widow and son; and cinematographer Haskell "Buzzy" Boggs. Mitch Vogel will also appear. Vogel entertained 1999 attendees with stories about practical jokes on the set. For instance, during dinner scenes at the Cartwright table, actors Michael Landon and Dan Blocker would throw food back and forth while the camera closed in on Vogel.

Besides reveling in *Bonanza* lore, attendees can learn about the Comstock mining era during Saturday's presentation by historian Ronald M. James, Nevada's state historic preservation officer and author of *The Roar and the Silence: A History of Virginia City and the Comstock Lode*. They can also dosey-do at a square dance in the Ponderosa Ranch saloon or feast upon a barbecue. On Sunday, everyone can join the historic Glenbrook champagne breakfast cruise on the *M.S. Dixie II*. The *M.S. Dixie I* was used in the 1967 *Bonanza*

PONDEROSA PARTNERS

Fans of the Old West and *Bonanza* can travel back to the 1870s at the Ponderosa Ranch theme park in Incline Village. The replica ranch house, where visitors can examine rare, behind-the-scenes photos and location footage, is a major attraction at the park, which opened in 1967. David Geddes, president of the family-owned Ponderosa Ranch, often observes fans inside the house. "Some people cry," Geddes says. "You go up to the house, and you see Grandma telling the kids about her first television and watching *Bonanza*."

Morning visitors can hop aboard a hay wagon for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, providing energy for ranch activities. You can watch a blacksmith

pound horseshoes, pack pretend powder at the Shootin' Gallery, or admire the ranch's wide-ranging collections of antiques, carriages, and vintage cars. Youngsters can visit the Li'l Cowpoke Playground and the Wild West Comedy Stunt Shows, where actors stir up trouble in the streets.

The Ponderosa Ranch is open 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. from mid-April through October. Admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children five to 11, and free for ages four and under. The Ponderosa Ranch is located on State Route 28 at the south end of Incline Village. Call 775-831-0691 or visit www.ponderosaranch.com for more details.—Kim Pryor

Cowboy shootouts occur daily at the Ponderosa theme park.



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episode "Showdown at Tahoe." Anyone who hasn't chowed down enough cruise food can return to the Ponderosa Ranch for a flapjack contest, in which whoever devours the most flapjacks in 20 minutes wins. The feeding frenzy allows participants to reenact a 1965 *Bonanza* episode in which Little Joe cons Hoss into entering a pancake-eating contest and starves him prior to the event.

Easier on the stomach will be Sunday's trivia quiz. Teams of Ponderosa experts will compete to see who is the weakest *Bonanza* link.

Amid the *Bonanza* bonhomie, participants will not only relive cherished recollections of the show but also meet other devotees. In the end, says David Dortort, it will be as if "they're all part of the Cartwright family." ▀

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Convention organizer Andy Klyde (left) and actor Mitch Vogel pose at the 1999 gathering.

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Nevada Events

May and June events in Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, and Rural Nevada.



Armed Forces Day Tribute

Hawthorne remembers its military heritage May 17-19 during the annual Armed Forces Celebration. Events include a parade, art show, cultural activities, and an arm wrestling competition in the town known for its military ammunition depot. Above: Cecil, the mythical Walker Lake serpent.

Nevada communities offer a great variety of events this summer, from Britney Spears' concerts in Las Vegas to the high-spirited Reno Rodeo. Rural Nevada presents the Armed Forces Week Celebration in Hawthorne, and Ely hosts the Open Road Challenge. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following statewide events for May and June. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times.

Las Vegas Territory

Spring Concert • May 1 • UNLV choral ensemble performance. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787.

Cinco de Mayo • May 1-5 • Slot tournament, Mexican

food, drink, cash, and prizes. Victory Plaza, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 800-243-6846.

"Get to the Point: Integrating Acupuncture Into Western Medicine" • May 2 • Forum lecture. Marjorie Barrick Museum Auditorium, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-3401.

Spring Dance Concert • May 3-4 • World premiere of "Seven Deadly Sins," which lampoons famous Vegas vices. Horn Theatre, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

International Food and Folklife Festival of Southern Nevada • May 3-4 • Ethnic food, music, crafts, and folk arts demonstrations. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8534.

KTM Vegas 150 • May 3-5 • Best in the Desert motorcycle and quad off-road points race. Mesquite area, 702-457-5775.

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" • May 3-5 and 9-12 • Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical farce about a window washer and his success in

the corporate world. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Rivera's Cinco de Mayo Festival • May 4 • Music, food, and games. Rivera Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-4600.

Let's Dance • May 4 • Big-band dance. \$10 admission. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383 for more information.

Season Finale Concert • May 4 • Las Vegas Philharmonic with guest artist violinist Stefan Milenkovich playing

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Nevada Territory Map

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

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| ■ Reno-Tahoe Territory | ■ Pioneer Territory |
| ■ Cowboy Country | ■ Las Vegas Territory |
| ■ Pony Express Territory | ■ Indian Territory |

Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

EA Sports Supercross Series • May 4 • Finals of the motorcycle series. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 888-464-2468.

Las Vegas Gun Show • May 4-5 • Show and sale. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 800-333-GUNS.

Spring Jamboree • May 4-5 • More than 125 craft booths featuring handcrafted items, food, music, entertainment. Event includes a car show. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Jazz Combos • May 5 • Student combos and faculty jazz sextet perform classic music. Little Theater, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

Desert Wins • May 5-7 • Blackjack tournament. \$139 entry fee. Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-67-RIVER.

Big Bands • May 6 • Two 17-piece big bands perform jazz from the last 50 years. Horn Theater, Community College Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

March Madness in May • May 7 • Concert explores the world of march music. Horn Theater, Community

College Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

Vocal Jazz Showcase • May 9 • CCSN Vocal Jazz Ensemble performance. Horn Theater, Community College Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

El Rey • May 10 • Latin dance. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-731-5843.

Dragon Boat Race Festival • May 10-12 • Teams compete in 44-foot Chinese war canoes. Event includes a cultural ceremony. Colorado River, Laughlin, 702-298-5606.

Dance Competition • May 11 • Broadway Magic Promotions event. Cashman Center Theatre, Las Vegas, 209-668-7969.

Unity Festival • May 11 • Children's activities, slam-dunk, dominoes, and chess tournaments, entertainment, weightlifting contest, and hay rides. Ethel Pearson Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6374.

Annual 5K Run • May 11 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-386-7200.

Art Fest of Henderson • May 11-12 • Fifth annual outdoor fine arts festival featuring more than 200 artists, entertainment, food concessions, and special activities for children. Water Street, Henderson, 702-565-2367.



Mayor's Mother's Day Concert • May 12 • Free admission. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Sweet Honey in the Rock • May 12 • Ensemble of six African American women mixes traditional a-cappella music with modern stylings. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Mother's Day Breakfast Cruise • May 12 • Breakfast buffet on Lake Mead aboard the *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler. Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

Jazz in the Park • May 12 • Free concert. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Spring Choir Concert • May 12 • College Singers, Chamber Choir, and Vocal Jazz Ensemble perform. Horn Theatre, Community College Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

Las Vegas Chautauqua • May 16-18 • Meet Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, and other founders of our nation in this historical reenactment. Bruce Trent Park, Las Vegas, 702-895-1878.

Poets' Corner • May 17 • Readings and open-mic participants. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Return to OZ Slot Tournament • May 17-18 • Golden Nugget Laughlin, Laughlin, 702-298-7175.

Las Vegas Home Improvement and Decorating Show • May 17-19 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 858-792-1899.

Henderson Civic Symphony Season Finale • May 19 • Guest pianist Brian Hicks performs "Appalachian Spring" and "Rhapsody in Blue." Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Sounds of Summer

Outdoor concerts, many of them at no cost or for a nominal fee, can be heard in Las Vegas, Henderson, Carson City, Genoa, and North Lake Tahoe. Picnic lunches are welcome or food is available from vendors.

See the events listing for more information.

Las Vegas Civic Symphony • May 19 • Concert. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

South of the Border Slot Tournament • May 21-23 • \$199 entry fee. Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-67-RIVER.

Water Street Beach Party • May 22 • Local bands perform throughout the day, '50s and '60 groups end the day of sun, sand, and food. Water Street, Henderson, 702-565-2181.

Britney Spears • May 24-25 • "Dream Within a Dream" tour stop. Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 702-474-4000.

Las Vegas Premier Motorhead Festival and Wing Thing • May 24-27 • Street rods, classics, antiques, trucks, bikes, exotics, sports cars, and collector vehicles. Event includes chicken wing cook-off, concerts, vendors, and contests. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-259-1975.

Jazz in the Park • May 26 • Free concert. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

A Day for Children • May 28 • Free hands-on craft projects, climbing wall, water wars, tots and tikes town, bake sale, and entertainment. Mirabelli Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6359.

Grand Slam Slot Tournament • May 28-30 • \$250 entry fee includes a three-night stay and awards banquet. Tropicana, Las Vegas, 702-739-2222.

Black Mountain Ceramics • May 29-June 1 • Ceramics show. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-361-8041.

Motors and Music • May 31-June 2 • Collector cars and

music collectibles auction. Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 800-968-4444.

Pool Party • June 1 • Outdoor concert by the pool. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Junefest • June 2 • Outdoor music festival features rock bands and food booths. Silver Bowl Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Henderson Civic Symphony • June 7 • Outdoor concert. Downtown Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Scrappin' Safari • June 7-9 • Scrap book convention and classes. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-4863.

Laughlin River Days • June 7-9 • Formula One Prop Tour Boat racing. Colorado River, Laughlin, 702-298-3321.

"Beyond Therapy" • June 7-9 and 12-16 • Comedy about relationships and how psychology and psychobabble hinder and help us. Little Theater, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Jazz in the Park • June 9 • Free concert. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

American Pride • June 11-13 • Slot tournament. \$199 entry fee. Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-67-RIVER.

"Godspell" • June 12-15, 19-22, and 26-29 • Musical performed outdoors. Bring a picnic dinner. Advance tickets recommended. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Wrangler Pro Rodeo Tour • June 13-15 • Ninety-six elite cowboys meet in the sport's finale. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 800-929-1111.

Under the Sea Slot Tournament • June 13-16 • \$1,000 entry fee includes a three-night stay, buffet dinner, two breakfast buffets, awards dinner. Tropicana, Las Vegas. For information 702-739-2222.

Pool Party • June 15 • Outdoor concert. Whitney Ranch Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Boulder City Calendar of Events

April
Clark County Artist Show

May
Spring Jamboree & Craft Fair
Boulder City Folk Festival

July
Fourth of July Damboree

August
Street Party

September
Chautauqua
Rattlin' Rails Handcar Races
Wurstfest
Lake Mead Boat & Ski Races

October
Art In The Park
Country Store Sale
St. Jude's Ranch Celebration

November
Boulder City High School Rodeo
Community Tree Lighting

December
Doodlebug Bazaar Craft Sale
Christmas Parade & Santa's Party
Lake Mead Parade of Lights

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Sidewalk Creations

Chalk in hand, professional and amateur artists create a sidewalk art gallery during the Tahoe Arts Festival, June 21-23, at the Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay.

Dance Recital • June 15 • Bunker Dance Center. Cashman Center Theatre, Las Vegas. 702-870-7870.

Epicurean Affair • June 19 • Nevada Hospitality Foundation event features signature dishes by Las Vegas

chefs and a silent auction. Tickets are \$100 per person. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-878-2313.

Nevada 1,000 • June 19-23 • Best in the Desert off-road points staged race for all classes. Race days are June 20,

Las Vegas to Ely; June 21, Ely to Tonopah; and June 22, Tonopah to Las Vegas. Las Vegas, 702-457-5775.

Nevada Chamber Symphony • June 21 • Outdoor concert. Downtown Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

El Rey • June 21 • Latin dance. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-731-5843 for information.

Jazz in the Park • June 23 • Free concert. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Summer Showdown • June 23-25 • Blackjack tournament. \$139 entry fee. Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-67-RIVER.

Americana Indian Show • June 27-30 • Jewelry, art, and pottery sale. Convention Center, Henderson, 520-526-1232.

Shaquille O'Neal All-Star Comedy Roast II • June 28 • The Los Angeles Lakers center hosts a roast of Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith. Charity event. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-891-1111.

Sonata Park Concert • June 29 • Outdoor concert. Sonata Park, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Maximus Millions Slot Tournament • Thru June 6 • Players may play up to four times a day, Monday through Thursday. Highest weekly scores will be eligible for a share of one million bonus points. Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353.

Wave Camp • April 27-May 5 • Members of soaring clubs from Nevada and California meet to ride the Sierra Wave in sailplanes. Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, 775-782-7627.

Cinco de Mayo • May 3-5 • Awards dinner, Latin jazz concert featuring Grammy Award-winner Nestor Torres. Chef Keith Farnie of the Food Network will film a segment of

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his cooking show, Mexican bingo, pinata-making for children, food booths, Reno Latin Film Festiva, music, dance, and lowrider show and shine. Various locations. Reno, 775-826-1818.

Mt. Rose Chute Out • May 3-5 • Snowmobile competition. Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe, Reno, 800-SKI-ROSE.

Keno Tournament • May 3-5 • \$400 entry fee. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.

"Carmen" • May 3, 5, and 7 • Opera follows the lusty gypsy Carmen as she bewitches the young soldier Don Jose. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-4046.

Opening Day • May 4 • Meeks Bay Resort opens with live music and craft fair. Meeks Bay Resort and Marina, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-6040.

Rock Point Mill Site Tour • May 4 • Explore one of Nevada's early ore-crushing mills. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off • May 4-5 • Decorated booths, costumes, and tastings. C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

"Taming of the Shrew" • May 4-5 • Musical comedy based on Shakespeare's play. Old Gym Playhouse, Hwy. 395, Gardnerville, 775-324-4198.

Bowers Mansion Encampment • May 4-5 • Cooking, gun demonstrations, spinning, wood carving, bullet molding, Union and Confederate troops, religious service. Bowers Mansion, Washoe Valley, 775-885-0196.

Spring Schwing • May 5 • Spring snow golf tournament and pool party. Squaw Valley USA, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Meet the Winemaker Dinner • May 6 • Informal wine-tasting followed by a gourmet dinner. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.



Ye Merry Old Tyme

Costumed thespians revisit Elizabethan England during the Valhalla Renaissance Festival June 1-2 and 8-9 at Camp Richardson Resort at South Lake Tahoe. Other events include jousting, music, drama, juggling, and food and drink.

Black Powder Smoke • May 8 • History program and the workings of old firearms. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Spring Dance Concert 2002 • May 9-12 • Guest performance by Lula Washington Dance Theatre and new

works by UNR faculty. Redfield Presceniun Theatre, U of N, Reno, 775-784-6847.

RSVP Spring Fun Fair • May 9-12 • Family event features carnival rides, food vendors, games, arts, crafts, and entertainment. On Mother's Day, moms ride free. Mills

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events	Month	Location
Mother's Day Madness		
Team Roping	May 2002	Fernley
Fernley Fly-In	May 2002	Fernley
Spring Fling Car Show	May 2002	Yerington
Western States Corvette		
Conference & 4 th Celebration	July 2002	Yerington

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ONGOING EVENTS

All events are color coded according to territory (see map on page 34).

Reno-Tahoe Territory **Pioneer Territory**
Cowboy Country **Las Vegas Territory**
Pony Express Territory **Indian Territory**

Art Shows and Exhibits

Casinos and Desert Landscapes: Two Lives:

Thru May 7 Photographers Fred Sigman and Charles Morgan show collaborative casino pieces, plus Sigman's series on Vegas Wash. Charleston Heights Art Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Material World: A Global Family Portrait and Women in the Material World: Thru May 12.

Photographic account detailing possessions owned by 30 families around the world. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Baby Dinosaurs Rule: Thru May 12.

Two exhibits: "Prehistoric Playground" has interactive displays and robotic baby dinosaurs, and "Our Weakening Web: The Story of Extinction" examines evolution and extinction through man's introduction to North America. Wilbur D. May Museum, Reno, 775-828-6642.

Thadeus Foster: Thru May 18. Abstract sculptures exhibition. West Las Vegas Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Diane Lancia: Thru May 24.

Textured and layered photographs and prints. Sierra Arts Gallery, Riverside Artists Lofts, Reno, 775-329-ARTS.

The 1940s: Keep 'Em Rolling: Thru June 3.

Automotive achievements during the war years. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Cooking on the Range: 100 Years of Town and Country Traditions: Thru June 30. Exhibit features recipes and kitchen artifacts from 1900 to 1999. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Gold Fever: Untold Stories of the California

Gold Rush: Thru July 28. Traveling exhibit presents the Gold Rush through text, documents, photographs, and daguerreotypes. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5305.

The Nevada Quilt Odyssey: A Quilt Exhibit in Three Parts: Thru Sept. 28. Contemporary quilts from the Truckee Meadows Quilt Guild will be displayed thru June 22, and the works of creative quilters from July 12-Sept. 28. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Millennium Membership Quilt: Thru Dec 31 The quilt, which is the creation of 45 volunteers, depicts landmarks and scenes of daily life in the Carson Valley. Carson Valley Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Keeping the Valley Green: Thru Jan. 2003. Display covers the technological advancements in conservation, recycling, land protection and replenishing, and advances in food products for animals. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Boulder City Library Art Show: May 1-31 Show by members of the Boulder City Art Guild. Boulder City Library, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Yoko Kondo Konopik: May 9-June 25. Contemporary paintings. Clark County Exhibition



Fashions and cars catch the spirit of the war years in "The 1940s: Keep 'Em Rolling" displayed through June 3 at the National Automobile Museum in Reno.

Hall, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

Feelin' Groovy: Rock and Roll Graphics, 1966-70: May 12-Aug. 18. One hundred posters and handbills trace the development of the psychedelic style. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Dennis, Ben, and Elaine Parks: June 1-30. Ceramics exhibition. Stillwater Hall Gallery, Western Nevada Community College, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

Elaine Feuss-Parks: Domesticus: June 3-July 12. Exhibit explores objects that extend the human body, such as tools. Sierra Arts Gallery, Riverside Artists Lofts, Reno, 775-329-ARTS.

George Washington: A National Treasure: June 28-Oct. 27 The "Lansdowne" portrait of Washington is on tour from the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery. Gilbert Stuart painted the life-size portrait of the first president in 1796. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Great Nevada Picture Hunt Winners Show: July 1-Sept. 28. Selected winners from Nevada Magazine's 24th annual photo contest. Nevada

Historical Society's Downtown Gallery at the Club Cal Neva Virginian, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Time in Nevada: The Photography of Lee Brumbaugh: Oct. 11-Dec. 30. Exhibit of works by the photo curator of the Nevada Historical Society. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191

Musie, Lectures, Tours

Concerts in the Gallery: Fridays at noon musicians perform for the lunch crowd. Sierra Arts Gallery, Riverside Artist Lofts, Reno, 775-329-ARTS.

Weekend Science Series: Saturday lectures on natural history and science from 10am-3pm. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-346-DINO.

"Journey Into Amazing Caves" and "The New Cosmos": Thru June 3.

Giant-screen films explore the heavens and earth. Fleischmann Planetarium, U of N, Reno, 775-784-4812.

Hidden Cave Tours: May 11 and 25 and June 8 and 22. Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour to nearby Grimes Point petroglyph site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677

Steam Train Rides: May 18, 25-27 and June 15-16. Ride on a train pulled by a steam-powered engine. Motor car rides are offered beginning May 4 on the weekends the steam train does not run. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Wine Walk: May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 Sept. 21 Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21 Taste fine wines along the Truckee River. River Walk, Reno, 775-348-8858.

"Love Letter on a Fish": Daily except Monday from June 1-30. Musical revue based on songs by Michael Peter Smith, known for writing the music for the theatrical version of "Grapes of Wrath." Fox Theatre, Boulder City, 702-293-3510.

Band Concerts: Fridays from June-Sept. A different type of band performs a free concert. 3rd Street at Mom and Pop's Diner, Carson City, 775-884-4411

Sporting Events

NASCAR Weekly Racing at The Bullring:

Saturday nights. Racing divisions include late models, outlaw stocks, chargers, legends, speed trucks, bandoleros, demo derby, mods. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-632-8422.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball: The Los Angeles Dodgers' AAA team plays April 29-May 2 v. Colorado Springs Sky Sox, May 3-6 v. Iowa Cubs, May 16-19 v. Portland Beavers, May 20-23 v. Omaha Royals, June 1-4 v. Tucson Sidewinders, June 10-13 v. Salt Lake City Stingers, June 14-16 v. Sacramento

Rivercats, June 26-29 v. Oklahoma Redhaws, June 30/July 3 v. New Orleans Zephyrs, July 19-22 v. Tucson Sidewinders, Aug. 1-4 v. Memphis Redbirds, Aug. 17-20 v. Fresno Grizzlies, Aug. 26-29 v. Nashville Sound, Aug. 30-Sept. 2 v. Sacramento Rivercats. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 702-798-7825.

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing Season: May 4, ET sport compact opener; May 18, ET; May 19, ET double points trophy; June 1 TNT sport compact; June 2, ET; June 14, TNT; June 15, ET race, jets, funny cars, diesel trucks; July 6, ET sport compact; July 19, TNT; July 20, ET race, WCTSP nitro/alcohol dragsters; July 27 NHRA Jr. dragster series; Aug. 17 ET, sport compact, double points trophy; Aug. 30, TNT; Aug. 31-Sept. 1 \$20,000 turkey national big bucks; Sept. 14, ET; Sept. 28, ET finals points series race; Sept. 29, J&L Trailers Top 16 Biggs Shoot-out, jackpot; Oct. 5, TNT sport compact finals; Oct. 10-13, NHRA Summit ET Series Final; Oct. 26, final race day jackpot, TNT. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 800-325-7448.

Rattlesnake Raceway: Test and Tune on April 20. Season opener on May 4. Points race on May 18. Points race and demo derby on May 26. Points race and kids' rides, June 1. Points race June 15 and 29. Fireworks show on July 4. Points race and mud bog on July 5. Points race on July 27. Points race and kids' rides on Aug. 10. Points race on Aug. 24. Points race and demo derby on Sept. 7. Final points race and mud bog on Sept. 21. Nevada Dirt Track Championship on Oct. 19. Fallon, 775-423-7483.

Dirt Track Racing: Season opens May 18 and runs every other weekend through mid October. Hawthorne Speedway, Hawthorne, 775-945-1833.

Horse Shows in the Sun: HITS Tahoe: June 29-July 31 Olympic style horse-jumping. Free admission except Sundays during the grand prix events. Stockyard Road, Minden, 775-782-8144.

Outdoor Markets

Silver State Market Place: Outdoor vendors on third weekend of the month at Sam Boyd Stadium. Las Vegas, 702-386-7927

Henderson Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Fresh produce, baked goods, crafts, barbecue, and specialty foods. Water Street, Henderson, 702-565-2181

Las Vegas Farmer's Market: Wednesdays. Bruce Trent Park. Las Vegas, 702-683-GROW.

Farmers Market: Wednesdays. May 15-Oct. 9. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

Farmers Market: Wednesdays. June 12-Aug. 28. Farm produce, honey, nuts, vegetables, flowers, and crafts. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market: Thursdays. June 13-Sept. 12 (except July 4, Aug. 8 and Aug. 29). Event features more than 200 vendors, cooking demonstrations, and live entertainment. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680 for information.

High Desert Jazz Series • May 10 • Guest performer Harvey Wainapel. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Gates and Wakes • May 10-11 • Snow ski in the morning and water ski in the afternoon. Alpine Meadows, North Lake Tahoe, 916-985-4343.

Splash for Cash • May 10-12 • Slot tournament. Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007 for information.

Reno Hilton Monthly Challenge • May 10-12 • Poker tournament. Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-789-2000.

"Emma Nevada in Concert" • May 10-12 • Soprano Mary Brown performs as Nevada's pioneer singing star. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

"Guys and Dolls" • May 10-12 • Maurice Hines stars in the Broadway musical of 1930s gangsters, gamblers, and other New York sinners. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

"Anything Goes" • May 10-19 • Play presented by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Where the Wild Things Are: Animal Tracks • May 11 • Learn how to identify animals by their tracks. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Carson City Bull Riders Challenge • May 11 • Top athletes compete. Event includes mutton busting and cowboy poker. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-883-4499.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • May 11 • Works by Wagner and Lenz. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

Budweiser Fresh Tracks Concert Series • May 11 and 18 • Outdoor band music. Alpine Meadows, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-4232.

Jackpot of Gems 2002 • May 11-12 • Rocks, gems, minerals, and jewelry show features exhibits, demonstrations, and guest artists. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-356-8820.

Bring Your Mom • May 12-13 • Slot tournament. Silver Legacy, Reno, 800-215-7721.

Be Bear Aware • May 17 • Slide presentation by a wildlife biologist. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend • May 17-19 • Tours, dances, lectures, Victorian Tea. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Winner's Weekend • May 17-19 • \$99 entry fee. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-648-1177.

National Pro-Am Arm Wrestling Championships • May 17-19 • \$12,000 in cash and prizes. Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 406-248-4508.

Reno-Tahoe Wine and Gourmet Food Festival • May 17-19 • Food, wine, and spirits tastings, educational programs, music. Reno Hilton, Reno, 916-985-6890.

United States Australian Shepherd Association Dog Show • May 17-24 • Herding, obedience, and agility trials. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-677-0398.

Preservation Seminar • May 18 • Workshop from 12-5pm. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-265-6097.

Asian-Pacific Festival • May 18-19 • Parade on May 18 from Mill to Fifth streets kicks off cultural events. Reno, 775-329-7469.

Douglas County Building Industry Annual Home Show • May 18-19 • Home and garden show. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-8144.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" • May 24-25 and June



Gangsters and Gamblers

Entertainer Maurice Hines will star in the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" on May 10-12 at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in Reno.



On the Fly

Birders will flock to the Spring Wings Festival on May 10-12 in Fallon. The event celebrates birding on the Pacific Flyway and includes workshops, tours, and speakers.

1-2 and 7-8 • Oscar Wilde's romantic comedy about mistaken identity. Reno Little Theater, Reno, 775-329-0661.
Gold Point Fireman's Fund Chili Cook-Off • May 24-26 • Tastings, camping available. Gold Point, 32 miles southwest of Goldfield on S.R. 774, 775-482-GOLD.

Kit Carson Wild West Tour • May 25 • Historic homes are open for tours led by "spirits of yesterday." Historic District, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Jamboree • May 26-28 • Concert, cookout, vendors, and a poker run. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711.

Snow Golf Tourney and Hawaiian Luau • May 28 • 18 holes of snow golf and a luau on the deck. Alpine Meadows, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-4232.



Take Your Pick

Farmer's markets, such as Sparks Farmer's Market shown above, have bountiful displays for shoppers. Similar vendors can be found in Henderson, Las Vegas, Gardnerville, and Carson City during the summer. See the "Ongoing Events" listing for more information.

Winemaker Dinner • May 29 • Spanos Berveria. Atlantis Resort, Reno, 800-723-6500.

"There's B'ars in Them Thar Hills" • May 30 • Bear awareness program. Spooner Lake on S.R. 28, Lake Tahoe, 775-

687-4379 for more bear program information.

Highway 50 Wagon Train • May 30-June 9 • Wagon train travels from Dayton to Placerville, CA, stopping along the way to camp. Call for schedule. Dayton, 530-644-3761.

Pot of Gold Poker Tournament • May 30-June 9 • Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-789-2000.

Bike Bash • May 31-June 2 • Event is open to all bikes. Free concert. Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 800-245-8667.

Union Brewery Poker Run • June 1 • Motorcycle poker run for charity. C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-9016.

National Trails Day • June 1 • Work day with lunch provided to celebrate the 10th annual event. Call Tahoe Rim Trail Assn. for location, Lake Tahoe, 775-588-0686.

Mutt Strut • June 1 • Dog-walk fundraiser for the Nevada Humane Society. Sparks Marina Park, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

Spring Rafting Outing • June 1 • Full day trip down the class-two waters of the Carson River. Adventure includes a two-night stay, \$10 dining certificate, continental breakfast. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

Big Air Bash • June 1 • Freestyle motocross show and rock bands. Douglas County Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 909-506-3227.

Kids' Fishing Derby • June 1-2 • Free event. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

"Peter Pan" • June 1-2 • Nevada Festival Ballet features an original musical score. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.

Minden Springs Arts and Crafts Street Fair • June 1-2 • Entertainment and crafts. Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, 775-782-2444.

Reno Days Festival • June 1-2 • Blues music, historic reenactors depict the fur trading and Civil War eras, crafts and food. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-334-2594.

Valhalla Renaissance Festival • June 1-2 and 8-9 • Fencing, jousting, plays, crafts, food, and drink. Camp Richardson, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Rock Point Mill Site Tour • June 2 • Explore one of



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America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride • June 2 • Annual bicycle ride to benefit leukemia and lymphoma. Event involves three different rides and attracts teams from across the country. Call for location. South Lake Tahoe, 800-565-2704.

Genoa Home and Garden Tour • June 2 • Benefit for the Carson Valley Pops Orchestra. Genoa, 775-782-4951.

Keno Tournament • June 2-3 • Eldorado, Reno, 800-648-5966.

Meet the Winemaker Dinner • June 3 • Informal wine-tasting followed by a gourmet dinner. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Wild Mango Dance Party • June 7 • San Francisco's hot salsa band performs. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

"StorySongs: From the Heart of the Cowboy to the Spirit of the Indian" • June 7 • A multimedia concert featuring singer-songwriter Jim Eaglesmith and outdoor photographer Mark Vollmer. Guest musicians include David



Blue and Gray

Civil War period costumes, camp cooking, and gun demonstrations are planned for the Fort Churchill Encampment May 25-26 at Fort Churchill Historic State Park at Silver Springs.

Blonski, Pete Fairley, and Joyce Vetter. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Anniversary Slot Tournament • June 7-8 and 9-10 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

Reno Hilton Monthly Challenge • June 7-9 • Poker tournament. Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-789-2000.

Carson City Rendezvous • June 7-9 • Mountain Man Encampment, Civil War reenactments and camp, music, country-Western concert, cowboy stunt shows, camel rides, Native American dancing, Pueblo de Nevada village. Farriers competition, arts, crafts, and food court. Free event. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Carson Valley Days • June 7-9 • Parade, craft faire, rodeo, dance, and softball tournament. Event includes the Carson Valley Days Hot-Air Balloon Race. Lampe Park,

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All hail the armpit!

In what will certainly be one of the summer's more talked-about rural Nevada events, Battle Mountain plans to roll out the roll-on June 29-30 for a celebration of its designation—in the staid, respected, *Washington Post*, no less—as the “Armpit of America.”

“It’ll be quite a to-do,” promises one of the festival organizers, Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce Director Shar Peterson.

Post columnist Gene Weingarten presented the Northern Nevada city with the nickname in a lengthy article in the *Post*’s Sunday magazine last December. Accompanied by a photograph showing the lighted sign above the Battle Mountain Shell station—with the “S” in “SHELL” burned out—Weingarten’s piece became the biggest sensation to hit Battle Mountain since, well, perhaps since the 1857 squabble between Native Americans and white settlers that some historians insist gave the place its name.

Battle Mountain was selected after Weingarten asked readers for Armpit nominations. Peter Hartikka of Seattle suggested Battle Mountain, which he described as “this pathetic assemblage of ghastly buildings and nasty people.”

Ouch.

The columnist paid two visits to Battle Mountain to see if it lived up to the Seattle man’s characterization. Although Weingarten’s piece eventually lauded the community for its all-American spirit in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks,

PIT STOP

Battle Mountain celebrates its new status as a national icon.

By Lin Anderson



Battle Mountain citizens have reacted with humor to the *Washington Post* story that named their town the “Armpit of America.” The story made light of the hillside “BM” (above). Another target was the Nevada Hotel bar’s stuffed chukar (left), a “scrawny little flapdoodly thing.” A *Post* photo featured the burned-out “S” in the SHELL sign (top). These scenes appear in a *Battle Mountain Bugle* guide that pokes fun at the *Post* piece. Call 775-635-8245 to obtain a copy of the guide.

it was a long read, and readers quite likely didn't make it to the upbeat ending. They would have been stopped along the way at phrases like, "Battle Mountain, where genius comes to die," or the note that to reach the nicer residences you had to "pass homes that look like the sort of place Snuffy Smith's wife, Loweezy, is forever brooming out."

Double ouch.

Reaction was swift around town, and it was not exactly positive. Although some locals were amused at the award from one

vited to serve as guest of honor, says he is mulling attending this summer's festival but adds that, for him to appear, "there has to be some dignity to this." He stresses that he expects the same recognition accorded fellow humorist Dave Barry, who recently had a North Dakota sewage treatment plant named for him.

Weingarten says he was very happy to hear that Battle Mountain has decided to use the "Armpit of America" designation as a promotional tool. He adds he has received letters and emails from several

other cities miffed that they hadn't even been considered for the "honor."

To assist the organizers, and in line with the "dignity" of the occasion, Weingarten suggests an additional

competition for the festival: hairiest armpit—men's and women's divisions.

For Peterson, the festival represents a no-sweat way of showing visitors that her city really isn't a pit at all—arm or otherwise. "We're very friendly," she says. "That's the best thing about this community, the friendliness of the people. It's a hospitable, great little community, and we're out to show everybody a fun and unusual time."

A solid town, in other words. A Sure place on the Arid high desert where the residents stick and gel, where Suave, Active, Mennen women with their hands on the Lever make it Ultra Clear they intend to Safeguard their reputation around the Dial, to some Degree.

Battle Mountain: Strong enough for a man and made for a woman.

Event Notes

The inaugural Battle Mountain Armpit Festival, June 29-30, is cosponsored by the city's chamber of commerce and the Lander County Fair and Recreation Board. Call 775-635-8245 for details. ▀

Lin Anderson is a frequent Nevada Magazine contributor and editor of the Elko Independent. His column, "One of Those Weeks," appears in the Mail Box News. He says his favorite deodorant is whatever's on sale at Wal-Mart this week.

"I HOPE WE CAN USE THIS TO OUR ADVANTAGE. IF NOTHING ELSE, IT'S BRINGING ATTENTION."

of the most famous newspapers in the world, most had the same reaction as Peterson did: "Oh, my gosh!"

"But," she adds, "I hope we can use this to our advantage. If nothing else, it's bringing attention. I'm hoping we can use this to perk up the community."

Enter the Armpit Festival. The perspiration celebration is set for June 29-30, in conjunction with the Battle Mountain Junior Rodeo. Peterson notes the activity roster for the event will include a chuckwagon feed, vendor booths, and entertainment around a community bonfire. Naturally, the much-maligned body part will be the focus of attention, celebrated with "silly armpit contests and things like that. We're still working out the details—but the more coarse the better."

Peterson says armpit-shaving races have been suggested. Then there are those virtuosos who can make actual music with their armpits but very seldom have a stage upon which to display their unique talent. The Battle Mountain fete could provide just such a venue for these neglected artists.

Hey, it worked for cowboy poetry.

Peterson adds she is hopeful that the Armpit Festival will enjoy the same success in attracting corporate sponsors as cowboy poetry events have. She reckons that Soft and Dri or Right Guard might find the tie-in a natural.

The Post's Weingarten, who has been in-

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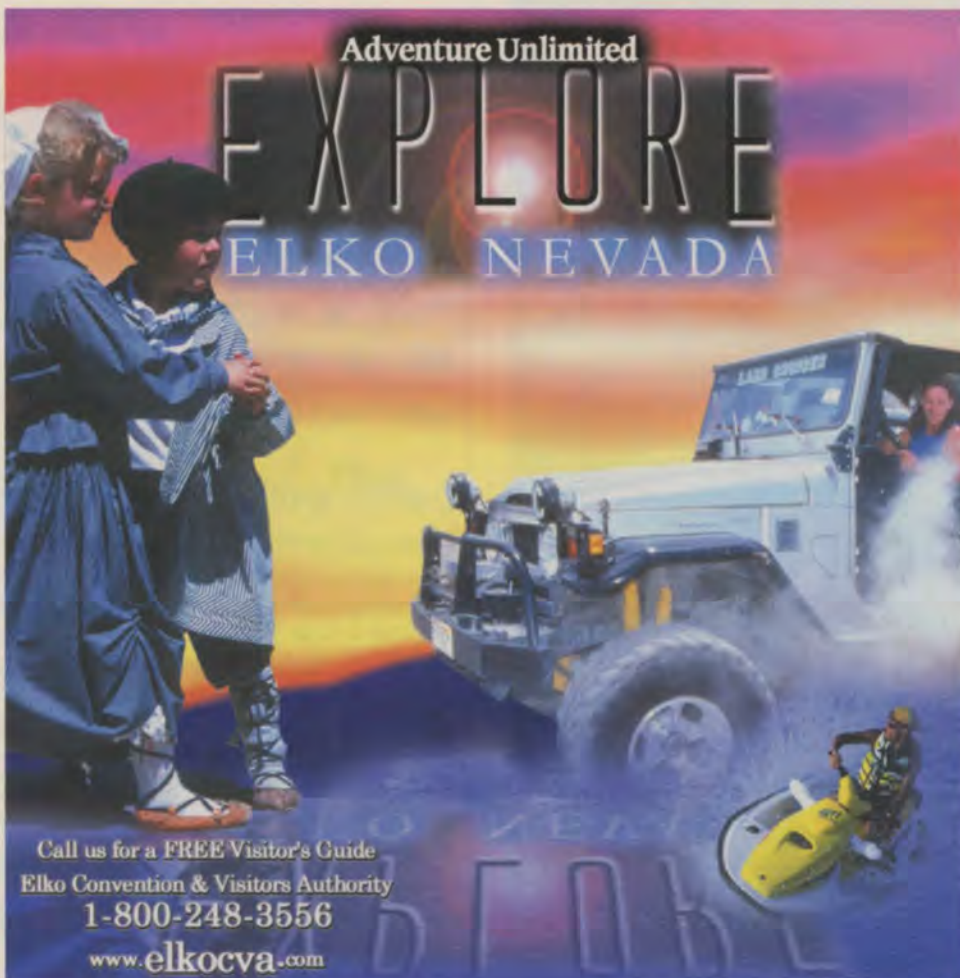
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"The Tempest" • June 8 • Preview of Shakespeare's play held in conjunction with Carson Valley Days, Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-324-4198.

Pops Party • June 9 • Carson City Symphony and the Carson Chamber singers perform. Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Wacky Waddler Wiver Wace • June 9 • Rubber ducky race with proceeds benefiting Carson Valley Community Food Closet. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-265-3818.

Pony Express Re-Ride • June 12 • Riders deliver the mail at 3:30pm in the area of the State Capitol and change riders. Call for exact location and arrival time. Carson City, 775-782-4402.

Carson Valley Inn Fishing Derby • June 13-14 • Fish for giant mackinaw on Lake Tahoe. Event includes a cocktail party and banquet. Carson Valley Inn, Minden. For information 775-783-6679.

"The Tempest" • June 13-15 • Shakespeare's play. Robert Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch, Reno. For information 775-324-4198.

Stargaze • June 14 • High-powered telescopes for viewing session led by Fleischmann Planetarium staff. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Win-A-Porsche Benefit 2002 • June 14 • Gala fundraiser for the Reno Philharmonic and U of N, Reno KNPB Channel 5. Reno Hilton Pavilion, Reno, 775-784-4831.

Harleys at the Horizon • June 14-16 • Motorcycle show, vendors, and poker runs. Horizon Resort, Stateline. For information 530-541-7300.

Meet Your Forefathers

Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton are among the historical figures to be presented during the Las Vegas Chautauqua, May 16-18 at Bruce Trent Park in Las Vegas. While in character, Chautauquans think and respond as the persons being portrayed.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" • June 14-16 and 21-23 • Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical is performed with a live orchestra. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Washoe Basket Weaving • June 15 • Washoe basket weavers will demonstrate traditional techniques. Meeks Bay, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-6040.

Taste of Downtown • June 15 • Samples prepared by Carson City's downtown restaurants. Dancing and entertainment at each stop. Downtown, Carson City, 775-883-7654.

Father's Day Weekend Steam-Up • June 15-16 • Ride the train pulled by an old-fashioned steam engine. Dads ride free. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

\$1 Invitational Slot Marathon • June 16-18 • Slot tournament. Eldorado, Reno, 800-648-0490.

Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive • June 17-21 • Cowboys and dudes bring 300 steers cross-country from Northern California to downtown Reno. Northern Washoe County, Reno, 775-329-3877.

\$1 Slot Tournament • June 21-22 • Fitzgeralds, Reno, 800-431-3134.

"The Hobbit" • June 21-22, 27-29 and July 4-7, 11-14, 18-21, and 26-27 • J.R.R. Tolkien's story of Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit-turned-thief, and his exploration of Middle Earth, which is inhabited by trolls, goblins, and dragons.

Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221 for information.

Tahoe Arts Festival • June 21-23 • Events includes street painting by professional and amateur artists, an art auction, and wine tasting. Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 800-245-8667, ext. 733.

Raptors: Nature's Predators • June 22 • Program about hawks, eagles, and other predators. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Comstock Mining Walking Tour • June 22 • Slide show, tour of the area, and a reception with beverages and snacks. Historic Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Chamber Golf Tournament • June 22 • Ninth annual fundraiser includes a barbecue and prizes. Dayton Valley Golf Club, Dayton, 775-246-7909.

Echos of the Past: 60 Years of Airport History • June 22 • A 1940s style hangar dance to music performed by a 17-piece swing band, catered dinner, a visit by the W.W. II B-25 *Tootsie*, airport memorabilia, vintage vehicles, and aircraft. Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, 775-782-9871.

Certified Trail Builder and Maintainer Workshop • June 22 • Learn trail building and maintenance techniques. No experience necessary. Zephyr Cove Library, Zephyr Cove, 775-588-0686.

Snowshoe Thompson Festival • June 22-23 • Arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, living history, white-elephant sale, food. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-265-6097.

Reno Rodeo • June 22-30 • World-champion athletes compete for more than \$1 million in cash and prizes. Nine daily performances include saddle bronc riding, team roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, and chuck wagon races. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-329-3877.

Wild About Flowers • June 23 • Two-mile wildflower walk. Spooner Lake, S.R. 28, Lake Tahoe, 775-831-0494.



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Carson City Garden Tour • June 23 • Walking tour of some of the capital city's most beautiful gardens from 1-6pm. Call for location. Carson City, 775-882-1805.

Beginning of Season Trail Work Day • June 23 • Work on the Tahoe Rim Trail. Lunch, tools, and training provided. Call for location. Lake Tahoe, 775-588-0686.

Concert on the Green • June 23 • Bring a picnic, chairs, and dancing shoes. Genoa Park, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Open Roads 2002 • June 23-28 • 50th anniversary of the Austin Healey British sports car. More than 400 cars on display, car shows, drives. Horizon Resort, Stateline, 408-541-9608.

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Reno Rodeo Invitational Team Roping • June 25 • Post-Reno Rodeo event offers prizes and bragging rights for team ropers. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-329-3877.

Run What Cha Brung • June 28-30 • More than 300 cars are displayed during the city's longest-running car show. Event includes a show and shine on Saturday. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-883-0927.

High Tea and Fashion Show • June 29 • Fashion show features "wearable art." Ross Manor Courtyard on the River Walk, Reno, 775-323-3044.

Junior Trail Builder Workshop • June 29 • Geared for kids ages 11-15. Introduces participants to the Tahoe Rim Trail and the basics of building and maintaining trails. Call for location. Lake Tahoe, 775-588-0686.

Anniversary Blackjack Tournament • June 29-30 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

Black Rock Self-Invitational Golf Tournament • June 29-30 • 15th annual tourney on the Black Rock playa includes putting and long-driving contests. Advance registration required. 10 miles north of Gerlach, www.keisterphoto.com, 530-892-2883.

Tallac Site Celebration • June 30 • Art, music, dance, and gourmet foods. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe. For information 530-542-4166.

Barton Foundation Golf Tournament • June 30 • Eighth annual fundraiser and dinner to benefit Barton Memorial Hospital at South Lake Tahoe. Genoa Lakes Golf Course, Genoa, 530-542-2945, ext. 3.

Rural Nevada

Paris Combo • May 3 • Jazz quintet performs in concert. Fallon Convention Center, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

Spring Fling • May 3-5 • Carnival and kids' rodeo in conjunction with Cinco de Mayo. Petrack Park, Pahrump. For information 775-727-1555.

El Capitan Slot Tournament • May 3-5 • El Capitan, Hawthorne, 775-945-3321.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration • May 4 • Music, dancing, and food. Convention Center, Hawthorne, 775-945-2994.

Wild Flower Walk • May 4 • Ranger-led two-mile walk to identify early-blooming flowers and shrubs. Walk over level but sometimes rocky terrain. Bring a canteen of water and a snack. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Wildflowers of Eastern Nevada • May 4 • Slide program. Regional Visitor Center, Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

X-Rides • May 4-5 • Bicycle ride around Rachel and the outer limits of Area 51. Call for information. Rachel, 800-565-2704.

Cinco de Mayo Fest • May 5 • Entertainment. Midway Market Lot, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2406.

Senior Classic Golf Tournament • May 6 • Sponsored by State Line and Silver Smith casinos. Toana Vista Golf Course, West Wendover, 800-354-3657.

Spring Fun Fair • May 9-12 • Carnival rides and concessions. Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-9165.

Rainman • May 9-12 • Fundraiser for Autism Society of Utah. Event includes a celebrity golf tournament, auction, dinner, 5K run, and concert. State Line and Silver Smith casinos, Wendover, 800-354-3657.

Spring Wings Festival • May 10-12 • Celebration of birding on the Pacific Flyway. Event includes workshops, field trips, tours, guest speakers, and banquets. Lahontan Valley Wetlands and Stillwater Refuge, Fallon. For information 775-423-5128.

Birds for Beginners • May 11 • Ranger-led slow-paced walk

to identify birds. Bring binoculars and reference book. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Stock Car Racing • May 11 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Museum Day • May 11 • Gold panning, classic and old-time cars, community choir, Silver Eagle Dancers, bus tours, black-powder demonstration, quilt display, cowboy poetry, museum tours, food vendors. White Pine Public Museum, Ely, 775-289-4710.

Lake Lahontan Spring Expo • May 16-18 • Crafters, food booths, and outdoor recreation. Silver Springs, 775-597-4336.

RSVP Ely Fun Fair • May 16-19 • Families find fun on carnival rides, playing midway games, and stopping at food concessions. White Pine County Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-687-4680.



Classy Classics

Cars gleam in the afternoon sun at the Spring Car Show, May 17-18 in Yerington. During the event, classic automobiles are displayed on Main Street, while spectators cruise craft booths and watch the show 'n shine and a poker run.

Lulu LaFever • May 17 • Folk, jazz, and blues music concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Spring Car Show • May 17-18 • Classic car show, show 'n shine, cruises, poker run, and crafts. Main Street, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

Tug-of-the-Tavern Arm Wrestling Competition • May 17-18 • All ages, men and women. Joe's Tavern, Hawthorne, 775-945-1701.

Armed Forces Week Celebration • May 17-19 • Parade, art show, cultural events, vendors, and food. Various locations. Hawthorne, 775-945-7002.

Nevada Open Road Challenge • May 17-20 • Parade of cars on May 17 and car show on May 18 in Ely. Open road, closed-course race on May 20 covers 92 miles of Hwy. 318 from Lund to Hiko. Ely, 775-289-8877.

Cathedral Gorge: Where the Buffalo Roamed • May 18 • Slide program about the bison who inhabited the grasslands of Eastern Nevada more than 600 years ago. Learn more about the discoveries made at the park during the past 10 years. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Canoe Trip • May 18 • Ranger-led canoe trip from Fort

Churchill State Historic Park to Lahontan Reservoir. During the four-to-five-hour trip the ranger will discuss wildlife and river ecology. Bring a lunch. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, Hwy. 95A, Silver Springs. For information 775-577-2345.

Museum Day • May 18 • Black-powder demonstration, Native American dancers, community choir, gold panning, historical tours, cowboy poetry, classic car show, and lunch. White Pine Public Museum, Ely, 775-289-4710.

Lovelock Fishing Derby • May 18-19 • Seventh annual derby is a family-oriented event. Rye Patch Reservoir, Lovelock, 775-273-2319.

Fernley Air Fest • May 18-19 • Jets, helicopters, parachutists, smoke-jumpers, and military and search-and-rescue teams participate in this year's theme, "Saluting the Red, White, and Blue." Tiger Field, Fernley, 775-575-4459.

Jim Butler Days • May 24-27 • Street dance, stock car races,

rib cookoff, parade, arm wrestling, state championship mining events, free tours at Tonopah Historic Mining Park, gold panning, and events for children, such as soapbox races, raffle, pet parade, and games. Tonopah, 775-482-3859.

After Dinner Geology Walk • May 25 • Ranger-led walk to learn how the park was formed and discover a little-seen side of the gorge. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring a flashlight. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Stock Car Racing • May 25 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Memorial Day Weekend • May 25-26 • Music, bingo, and a barbecue on May 26. Outdoor picnic area and Community Hall, Jarbidge, 775-488-2325.

Fort Churchill Encampment • May 25-26 • Civil War period camp with Union and Confederate troops, camp cooking, spinning, gun demonstrations, chapel service. Fort Churchill Historic State Park, U.S. Hwy. 95A, Silver Springs, 775-575-5887.

VORRA Race • May 25-27 • Off-road race. Yerington area, 775-463-2245.



Carson on Display

Walking tours of Carson City include the Kit Carson Wild West Tour of historic homes on May 25, which is led by "spirits of yesterday," and the Carson City Garden Tour of some of the city's most beautiful gardens on June 23.

Make the Drive Show • May 25-27 • Exhibit and show of hand-thrown and sculpted porcelain and stoneware. Planet X Pottery, eight miles west of Gerlach, 775-557-2500.

Hawthorne Sports Car Race • May 25-27 • Reno and Las Vegas Sports Car Club of America meet. Hawthorne Airport, Hawthorne, 775-852-3969.

Photography Tips Program • May 26 • Learn ways to improve the photos you take outdoors this summer. Spring Valley State Park, 18 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Challenge of Champions Bull Riding • May 31-June 1 • Concert featuring the Comstock Cowboys, concessions, and plenty of bull. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

Mule Show and Races • May 31-June 2 • Pari-mutuel betting. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 775-623-2220.

Canoe Trip • June 1 • Ranger-led canoe trip from Fort Churchill State Historic Park to Lahontan Reservoir. During the four-to-five-hour trip the ranger will discuss wildlife and river ecology. Bring a lunch. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, U.S. Hwy. 95A, Silver Springs, 775-577-2345.

Paris by Night • June 1 • Outdoor concert in the Vietnamese language. State Line and Silver Smith casinos, Wendover, 800-354-3657.

Creepy, Crawly Critters • June 1 • Slide program about the critters found in the desert. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Lovelock Street Fever Show 'N Shine • June 1-2 • Evening concerts, car show, concession stands, and games. Sturgeons Casino, Lovelock, 775-273-7922.

Dusty Times Caliente 250 • June 7-8 • Off-road race includes trucks and buggies. Caliente, 702-452-4522.

Stargazing • June 8 • Stars and constellations of the summer sky and some of the different legends about them. Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 14 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Echo Canyon Sixth Annual Fishing Derby • June 8 • Prizes for children under 18 years old. Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 12 miles east of Pioche, 775-962-5703.

Stock Car Racing • June 8 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Winnemucca Basque Festival • June 8-9 • 24th annual ethnic festival features dance, wood chopping, weight carrying and authentic Basque food. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Four-Man Scramble Golf Tournament • June 13 • Sponsored by State Line and Silver Smith casinos. Toana Vista Golf Course, West Wendover, 800-354-3657.

Trains, Tramps, and Traditions • June 14 • Music and stories of riding the rails. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Summer Keno Tournament • June 14 • \$10,000 in prizes. State Line Casino, Wendover, 800-648-9668.

Edible and Useful Plants Walk • June 15 • Ranger-led easy walk about the uses of native plants. Regional Visitor Center, Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

El Capitan Golf Tournament • June 15 • Registration includes drawings, lunch, and dinner. Walker Lake Golf Course, Hawthorne, 800-922-2311.

Coyote Chase • June 15 • Five- and 10K run and two-mile fun walk. Call for location. Smith Valley, 775-465-2147.

Moonlight Hike • June 22 • Ranger-led moonlight hike. Bring a flashlight and wear a jacket. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northeast of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Stock Car Racing • June 22 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Pizen Switch Roundup • June 22-23 • 21st annual gathering for an old-fashioned picnic. Former residents renew friendships and newcomers are invited to enjoy tales of life in Nevada. Walker River Resort, Smith Valley. For information 775-588-5372.

Two-Lady Best Ball Golf Tournament • June 24-25 • Sponsored by State Line and Silver Smith casinos. Toana Vista Golf Course, West Wendover, 800-354-3657.

Keno Tournament • June 25-26 • Fitzgeralds, Reno, 800-431-3134.

Butterflies and Moths • June 29 • Slide program to identify Eastern Nevada's winged creatures. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Armpit Festival • June 29-30 • Event celebrates Battle Mountain's selection by the *Washington Post* as the "Armpit of America." Various locations, Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Battle Mountain Junior Rodeo • June 29-30 • Livestock Event Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-0369.

Lamoille Country Fair • June 30 • More than 100 booths feature handmade crafts, food, musicians, and games. Lamoille, 775-777-1400.

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This image pleased Gostin. "It was an away-from-the-camera shot. I liked the way the flag pulled out."

RODEO IN MOTION

Each summer the Reno Rodeo provides photographer Ira Gostin a vivid palette of color and action. "Rodeo is an exciting sport and challenges you as a photographer," the Reno resident says. "One of the things I love is capturing and freezing the fast-paced action." Gostin started experimenting with slow shutter speeds a couple of years ago, and after thousands of frames he shows us a sample of the results. Gostin, leader of the Nevada Magazine on Location photography workshop September 5-8 (www.gostinworkshops.com), enjoys focusing on Western subjects. "It is really fun to try new techniques and show a subject in a different style," says Gostin, who plans to attend this year's rodeo on June 22-30. "If I were a painter, this would be my impressionistic stage."



"One overlooked aspect of rodeo is the pick-up man, who helps the cowboy after a ride. His red shirt and chaps stood out while he chased after a bull."



"Saddle-bronc riding is rodeo's classic event, and, to me, this photo really captures that image."



Nevada Showguide

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

Nevada's clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. This summer, Shaquille O'Neal hosts a comedy roast of Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The Beach Boys perform at the Reno Hilton and Caesars Tahoe, and the State Line and Silver Smith casinos in Wendover begin a series of Vietnamese-language concerts. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performers. Showrooms often fill fast, so be sure to call ahead for show times and reservations.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Hacienda • 702-293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam.

HENDERSON

Fiesta Henderson (formerly The Reserve) • 702-558-7000: Lava Lounge: Bands play Fri.-Sat. Nils Lofgren Guitar Bar: Open guitar jam session for prizes, 6-9pm Thurs. Performers receive a souvenir recording of their performance.

Green Valley Ranch • 702-454-0544: Entertainment TBA.
Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.

Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-6181: Piano music and hors d'oeuvres, 6-9pm Fri.-Sun.

Sunset Station • 702-547-7777: Club Madrid: Michael Franks, May 18. Steve Smith and the Naks, June 21-22 (free show). America, Aug. 23. Jerry Tiffe and His Orchestra play 2-4pm Wed. Louie Louie plays at 10pm and midnight Wed. and 11pm and 1am on Fri.-Sat. Sunset Amphitheater: '70s Soul Jam: The Chi-Lites, Delfonics, Stylistics, Jimmie Walker, and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, July 12. The Doobie Brothers, Sept. 1.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 702-477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands play nightly except Tues.

Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Bands appear nightly except Wed.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 877-333-WISH: Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: "Guys and Dolls," May 14-19. "Blast!" Oct. 22-27. Sinbad's Lounge: Bands play until 3am. Music in the London Club Lounge.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie: The Checkmates, April 30-May 12, July 2-14, Aug. 20-Sept. 1, and Sept. 24-Oct. 6. Randy Anderson, Oct. 8-20. Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie: The Checkmates, Oct. 22-Nov. 3. Jerry Tiffe's Band, 4-7pm Fridays.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-5800: The Lounge: Randy



Stealing the Show

Max Clever, a specialty act in the Stratosphere's afternoon show, "Viva Las Vegas," appears with MoJo, a Bichon Frise; Kitty, a Japanese Chin; and Spike, a cockatoo that flirts with female showgoers. JoJo impersonates Elvis, while Kitty is a cross-dresser who enjoys the spotlight.

Anderson, April 30-May 12. Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie: The Checkmates, May 14-26 and June 18-30. Randy Anderson, July 17-21.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" dark Fri. Indigo Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Tues. in the Strip hotel lounge.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Lounge: Gregg Peterson, May 1-12. Elements, May 15-19. Lanni Counts, May 22-June 2. Elements, June 12-16. Smith Brothers, June 19-30. Karaoke, 8pm-1:30am Mon.-Tues.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indl., dark Wed.-Thurs. and June 19-27. Light: Nightclub opens at

9pm Tues.-Sun. Musicians play in the Allegro and Petrossian lounges and Baccarat Bar. Fontana Room: Jimmy Hopper and his band, dark Mon.

Blue Note Jazz Club • 702-699-9196: "Tease," interactive dinner theater, dark Wed. **Insomnia Nightclub**: Opens at 11pm for dancing.

Boardwalk Casino Holiday Inn • 702-735-2400: Lighthouse Lounge: Spectrum, Motown sound, indf., dark Mon. Purple Reign, a tribute to Prince, dark Sun.-Mon.

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The Railhead: David Benoit, June 15. Jerry Vale, Nov. 1-2. Dance nights: Salsa After Dark, Mon.; Blues, Thurs.; Yellow Brick Road, 11pm-2:30am Fri.-Sat. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Tues. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Bourbon Street Theatre: "I Love LaFong," comedy and ventriloquism, Wed. "The Fielding West Show: Comedy, Tricks, and Naked Chicks," comedy-magic revue, dark Wed.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Shadow Bar: Dancers and flair bartenders perform 8pm-2am Sun.-Wed. Caesars Magical Empire: Dinner and magic featured in Sultan's Palace: Scott and Jenny Alexander, April 23-May 18. Ayala, May 21-June 1. Secret Pagoda presents magicians Jon Armstrong and Collin Foster, April 16-May 11. Jon Armstrong and Alain Nu, May 14-May 18.

Cowboy Roast

Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal hosts the second All-Star Comedy Roast on June 28 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The roaster is Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith. Tickets are \$100 for the charity event.

Scott Alexander and Alain Nu, May 21-June 1. Entertainment in the La Piazza Terraza lounges and Cleopatra's Barge. Piano music, Galleria Bar and Café Lago. Caesars sponsors the Professional Bull Riders Bud Light Cup World Championships, Oct. 24-27, Thomas and Mack Center.

Casino Royale • 702-737-3500: Café Trilussa: Piano music nightly, dark Tues. and Wed.

Castaways • 702-383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Windjammer Lounge and Outer Bar: Bands play nightly.

Circus Circus • 702-734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts from 11am to midnight.

Excalibur Hotel • 702-597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings," music-dinner show. Catch a Rising Star: Comedians perform nightly at 7:30 and 10pm. Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers, 10am-10pm daily. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands and dancing. Music in the Regales and Camelot restaurants.

Fitzgeralds • 702-388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Second Floor Events Center: Larry G. Jones, free impersonator show 5pm Thurs.-Mon. (one-drink minimum). Craig Newell's "Tribute to Elvis," 7pm Thurs.-

Sun. First Floor Stage: Mike Lee, "Singer of Memories," 8pm-1am Thurs.-Mon.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Gladys Knight, indf., dark Sun.-Mon. "Bottom's Up," 2 and 4pm, indf., dark Sun. Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, dark Mon.

Flamingo O'Shea's • 702-737-1343: Comedy Theater: "Hip-Nosis: Playin' With Your Head," starring Justin Tranz, R-rated comedy show, 9pm Tues.-Sat.

Four Queens • 702-385-4011 or 800-634-6045.

Four Seasons • 702-632-5000: Piano entertainment during Traditional Afternoon High Tea in the Verandah restaurant, 2-5pm daily.

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Kinda Dixie Jazz Band, noon-6pm. Bands like Front Page, Peter Monroy, Susan McDonald, Bruce Conte, and The Klique play nightly except Mon.

Gold Coast Showroom: "Honky Tonk Angels: A Tribute to Country's Great Ladies," dark Mon.-Tues. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat., indf. Ballroom dancing and free dance lessons with disk jockey Larry Taylor on Tues. Dance lessons are 6-7pm. Sunday Tea Dance Party with Larry Taylor. Free drama workshop, 9:30-11:30am Sat.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Live piano featuring David Morris, Danny Sands, Bob Long, and Moses Hazen, noon-midnight. Jazz trio performs on Sun. and Wed. evenings.

Golden Nugget • 702-385-7111: Golden Nugget Showroom: Amazing Johnathan, magic on the bizarre side, thru July at 10pm, dark Mon. Bands like Jonathan and MusicMagic and Nathan Owens and the Motown Review play in the Oasis Lounge nightly except Mon.

Golden Palm Casino/Howard Johnson Hotel • 702-798-1111: Karaoke, 9pm-2am Wed.-Sun.

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Greek Isles • 702-952-8000: Magic Theater: "Houdini Lives" starring escape artist Dixie Dooley, dark Mon.-Tues. "That's Magic" starring illusionist Christian Augustine, dark Mon.-Tues. Star Theater: Le Dinner Cabaret, interactive dinner theater, dark Wed. Dr. Naughty, comedian-hypnotist at 10:15pm daily. Penthouse Late Night, talent show, 12:30am Fri.-Sat.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-226-4650: The Joint: Entertainment TBA.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111: Clint Holmes Theatre: Clint Holmes, musical variety show, dark Sun. Comedy Cabaret: Improv, nightly except Mon. "Skintight," musical production, dark Thurs. Mac King Comedy Magic Show appears at 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Carnival Court: Entertainment daily: Music nightly in La Playa Lounge and in the Range Steakhouse Lounge.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert," celebrity impersonator show, dark Sun. Poolside: Hawaiian Hot Luau, dinner and show, Tues. and Thurs. thru Oct. 24. Kabuki Lounge: Bands play 4:30pm-2am.

Key Largo • 702-733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: Bands provide live entertainment.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theater: "Stars of the Strip," comedy impersonators, 2 and 3:30pm Mon.-Fri. "The Comedy Zone," comedians perform at 8 and 10pm, dark Mon. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Sat.-Mon.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Paul Rodriguez, May 3-4. The Commodores, thru May 9. Earth, Wind, and Fire, May 10-13. Wynonna, May 16-18. Righteous Brothers, May 21-June 16 (8pm

shows except 10:30pm on May 24-26). Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, May 24-26. Smothers Brothers, June 18-28, Aug. 13-Sept. 8, and Nov. 5-24. Righteous Brothers, July 9-Aug. 4 and Oct. 8-Nov. 3. 36th Annual Victor Awards, June 29. The Commodores, Sept. 10-Oct. 6 and Nov. 26-Dec. 5. The NightClub: Sheena Easton, indf., dark Fri. Dance bands play 11pm-3am Wed.-Sun. Crystal Lounge: Piano music 3-5pm Mon.-Fri. Jazz artists play 5-9pm Mon.-Fri.

Luxor • 702-262-4400: Luxor Theatre: "Blue Man Group: Live at the Luxor," percussion theater. Pharaoh's Theater: "Midnight Fantasy," production show, dark Mon. Ra Nightclub at Luxor: DJs Wed.-Sat. Nefertiti's Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Thurs.

Main Street Station • 702-387-1896 or 800-713-8933.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Events Center: Prizefight with Oscar De La Hoya vs. Fernando Vargas, May 4. Fei Yu Chin, May 11. Britney Spears, May 24-25. Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Storm," Latin production show, dark Tues.-Wed. House of Blues: Face to Face, 5pm May 4. Sasha and Digweed, 1am May 4. Dance music, 11pm Thurs.-Sun. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Live blues Fri.-Sat. in the Courtyard. Bands play in the Island, Orchid, and Coral Reef lounges.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: EFX Theatre: "EFX Alive," starring Rick Springfield, special-effects production show, dark Sun.-Mon. and May 28-June 1. Shaquille O'Neal All-Star Comedy Roast II of Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, June 28. Grand Garden Arena: Brooks and Dunn, May 10. Jimmy Buffett, May 25-26. Tom Jones, June 6-19. Wrangler ProRodeo Tour, summer finals, June 13-15. World Featherweight Championship: Marco Antonio Barrera vs. Erik Morales, June 22. Champions on Ice 2002: Olympic Tour, Aug. 3. Hollywood Theatre: David Copperfield, May 16-22. George Carlin, May 23-June 5. Carrot Top, June 20-July 3. La Femme Theatre: "La Femme," Topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Studio 54: Dancing Tues.-Sat. Live entertainment in the Dome/Show Bar and Neyla lounges.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular, dark Wed.-Thurs. and May 8-23, Aug. 21-29, and Sept. 18-26. Paul Anka, May 9-20 except May 10, 15, and 17. Danny Gans Theatre: Ray Romano, May 17-19. Impressionist Danny Gans performs nightly except Fri. and Mon. Entertainment in the Lagoon Saloon and Baccarat Bar.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: 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 • 702-794-8200: Roundtable Showroom: "Thunder From Down Under," Australian male revue, dark Thurs. Rock and Roll Legends, impersonator revue of celebrities such as Paul McCartney, Stevie Nicks, and Neil Diamond, 4pm, dark Fri. Murray: Magie's New Master, 2pm, dark Fri. Gilley's Saloon: Bands play nightly Tues.-Sat.

New York-New York • 702-740-6969 or 800-693-6763: Broadway Theatre: "Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance," thru July 28, dark Sun.-Mon. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play from 8pm nightly in the Bar at Times Square.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Showroom: Frankie Avalon/Bobby Rydell, May 9-12. Lorrie Morgan, May 17-19. Air Supply, May 23-26. Debbie Reynolds, June 5-9. Neil Sedaka, June 11-16. Peter, Paul, and Mary, June 21-23. Vicki Lawrence, June 27-30. Mrs. USA Pageant, July

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Palace Station • 702-367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Laugh Trax Comedy Club: Comedians like David J. perform Tues.-Sat. Jack's Irish Pub: Entertainers perform nightly except Tues.

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Bands play nightly in the Palapa Lounge and Thurs.-Sun. in Rain in the Desert nightclub. DJs play Fri.-Sat. in the ghostbar, which has an observation deck with views of the city.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Le Theatre des Arts: Tony Bennett, May 9-12. Bands play in Le Cabaret Show Lounge, dark Tues. Napoleon's Cigar Bar: Jazz trio plays nightly except Tues. Oranque Restaurant: Jazz Wed.-Thurs. with Tommy Thompson.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Omaha Lounge: Dusty Barron/The Sun Spots perform Tues.-Sun.

Regent Las Vegas • 877-869-8777: J.C. Wooloughan Irish Pub: Entertainment Wed.-Sun. Addison's Lounge: Bands play Tues. and Thurs.-Sun. Karaoke Night, Wed.

Rio Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): The Masquerade Showroom: The Scintas, musical-comedy show, dark Wed.-Thurs. Ronn Lucas, comedian-ventriloquist, 3pm, Wed.-Mon., dark Tues. Samba Theater: "Showgirls," production show, dark Thurs. Pavilion: Entertainment TBA. Calypso Room: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway interactive dinner theater, Wed.-Mon. and a Sunday brunch performance at noon.



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Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash," pro-

duction show, dark Fri. Top of the Riv: Brett Butler, May 3-4. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue, dark Tues. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Tues. "Riviera Comedy Club," comedians appear nightly. Le Bistro Theatre: Singer Marlene Ricci, 8:30pm Tues.-Sun. "Tribute to Elvis" with Jim LeBoeuf,

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2:30-6pm Fri.-Sun. "Jay White as Neil Diamond," 7pm Tues.-Sun. "Rockin' USA," tribute to Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and Elvis Presley, 10pm Tues.-Sun. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band plays Sat.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: Magician Steve Wyrick, indf., dark Tues. Congo Room: "The Rat Pack Is Back," dark Thurs. Entertainment also offered in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-454-8048: Sam's Town Live: Entertainment TBA. Late Night: Music and dancing 11pm-3am Fri.-Sat. Roxy's Saloon: Bands play. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, 10pm.

San Remo • 702-739-9000 or 800-522-7366: Parisian Cabaret: "Showgirls of Magic," revue, dark Mon. Bonne Chance Lounge: Entertainers nightly.

Santa Fe • 702-658-4900: The Lounge: Jerry Tiffe and His Orchestra, 7-11pm Wed. Bands play Fri.-Sat. Memphis Championship Barbecue: John Earl and the BoogieMan Band perform Fri.-Sat.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Rattlesnake Rickey's Saloon: Entertainment TBA. Bands play nightly.

Stardust • 702-732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Wayne Newton Theatre: Wayne Newton, thru May 1. Don Rickles, May 2-5. Wayne Newton, May 6-28 and June 3-26. Don Rickles, June 27-30. Andrew Dice Clay, July 15-31. Wayne Newton, July 15-31. Andrew Dice Clay, Aug. 1-3. Wayne Newton, Aug. 5-25. Don Rickles, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Andrew Dice Clay, Sept. 4-7 and 11-14. Wayne Newton, Sept. 16-Oct. 31. Stardust Ballroom: Billy May Orchestra, June 15. Nelson Riddle Orchestra, Aug. 3. Ray Anthony and His Orchestra, Nov. 16. Stardust Pavilion: Harry James Orchestra, May 25. Les Brown's Band of Renown, Oct. 19. Bands play onstage nightly in the resort's Stardust Lounge.

Stratosphere • 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Broadway Showroom: "American Superstars," impersonator revue, dark Thurs. "Viva Las Vegas," musical revue, 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Outdoor Events Center: Entertainment TBA. Entertainment in the Top of the World and Oasis lounges.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Showroom: Phyllis Diller, May 3-5. Eddie Money, May 10-12. Missing Persons, May 18-19. Dave Mason Band, May 25-26. The Lettermen, June 7-9. Tony Danza, June 14-16. Kingston Trio, July 12-14. Air Supply, July 19-21. Average White Band, Sept. 21-22. Al Martino, Oct. 4-6. Riders in the Sky, Oct. 11-13. The Lettermen, Oct. 18-20. Rich Little, Nov. 1-3. Kingston Trio, Dec. 6-8. Two for Tuesday: Sweet Al and the Boys 7-10pm, Yellow Brick Road 10pm-1am. Wednesday Knight Fever: Music 7-10pm, Boogie Knights 10pm-1am. Bands like Front Page and the Klique play in the lounge nightly except Mon.

Terrible's • 702-733-7000: Stage Bar Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Treasure Island • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère," dark Mon.-Tues and June 3-11. Hideaway Lounge: Music nightly. Buccaneer Bay sea battle nightly.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Folies Bergere," dark Thurs. "Illusionary Magic of Rick Thomas," 2 and 4pm daily except Fri. Tropics Lounge: "The Birdman of Las Vegas," 11am, 12:30pm, and 2pm



Scorch and Friend

Comic-ventriloquist Ronn Lucas has a long-term contract to appear in an afternoon show at the Rio in Las Vegas. Lucas is known for his assortment of characters, including "Scorch," a green dragon who refers to himself as "Kermit the Frog on acid."

except Thurs. Celebration Lounge: T. Fox and the Fox City Show, dark Mon.-Tues. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: Showroom at the Venetian: "Melinda: First Lady of Magic," indf., dark Wed. "Bravo," starring Charo, production show, dark Sun.

Westward Ho • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: "HoWaiian" Luau Dinner and Show, Wed. and Sat., thru June 8. "Hilarious" Comedy Revue, magic and comedy revue, indf., dark Wed., Fri., and Sat. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the lounge.

Wild West Gambling Hall • 702-740-0000.

LAUGHLIN

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Flamingo Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Club Flamingo: "Reflections of the Rat Pack," Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. impersonators, dark Thurs. Flamingo Ballroom: Lorrie Morgan, Sept. 14. Smothers Brothers, Nov. 2. Amphitheater: Wynonna, May 11. Neal McCoy, May 22. Neil Sedaka, Oct. 5. Teri Clark, Oct. 16.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Nightclub: Bands play nightly. Karaoke on Tuesdays.

Harrah's Laughlin • 702-298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta Showroom: Earl Turner, high-energy cabaret singer, thru Sept. 18. Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater: Lee Greenwood, May 19.

Pioneer • 800-634-3469: Gunfighter demonstration, 7pm Fri.-Sat.

Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: "The Fantasticks," musical production, May 6-12. John Pinette, May 25-26. "Always Patsy Cline," tribute production starring Sally Struthers, Oct. 19-24 and 26-31. Lounge: Bands play nightly at the Ramada Express except Mon. Karaoke Madness is scheduled on Mon.

River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Bands or DJ music nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke with Don West, 4-7pm Wed.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: The Yardbirds, May 10-11. Thunder From Down Under, male review, May 16. Country Music USA, June 15-Sept. 15. Gallagher, July 5-6. Freddy Fender, Oct. 2-6. Ricky Van Shelton, Oct. 29-Nov. 3. Roy Clark, Nov. 5-10. The Oak Ridge Boys, Nov. 13-17. Charlie Prose, Jan. 9-Feb. 13.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Comedy shows Fri.-Sat. when there is no headliner onstage. Bands entertain nightly except Mon. in the Skydome Lounge.

Eureka Casino Hotel • 702-346-4646: Wild Cactus Lounge: Sonny D, Mon. and Wed. Fun Fool's Karaoke, Tues. Bands play in the lounge Thurs.-Sun.

Oasis • 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187: The Boot Saloon: Video and live DJ, Fri. and Sat. Sandy Hackett's Comedy Club on Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Bands play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Roxy's Theatre: Advertising Community Talent Show, charity fundraiser, May 18. Comedy Night at 5, 7, and 9pm Sat. (free show). Impersonators/Tribute Show, 7 and 9pm Sat. Cabo Lounge: Pete "Big Elvis" Vallee, 7-10pm Thurs. D.J. music 6pm-2am Fri.-Sat.

Jerry's Nugget • 702-399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Dance bands play Fri. and Sat.

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Loretta Lynn, May 18. Glen Campbell, June 7. Festival of Fire, fundraiser for firefighters' burn fund, June 8. The Chantels/Diamonds/Tokens, June 22. Patti Page, July 6. Fabian with Joey Dee and the Starlites, July 27. Ray Charles, Aug. 17. Ronnie Milsap, Aug. 23. Alan King, Sept. 27. Connie Francis, Nov. 22-23. The Armadillo: Celebrity Skin, 10pm-2am Thurs. Loveshack, Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm Sun.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Entertainment TBA. Stage Bar: Bands play Thurs.-Sun. Carolee's Comedy Club: Guest comedians appear on Fri.-Sat.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: The Piano Bar: Pianist Thurs.-Sun.

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Reno-Tahoe Territory

CARSON AREA

Carson Nugget • Carson City, 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Bar: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Carson Station • Carson City, 775-883-0900: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Cabaret Lounge: Big Tiny Little/The Robeys, April 29-May 5. City Zu, May 7-12. Shake, Rattle, and Roll, May 14-19. Naked City, May 20-June 2. George Pickard, June 3-16. Stew Stewart, June 4-9. American Made Band, June 11-16. The Gardners, June 17-23. Tommy Bell, June 18-23. Gary and Terry, June 24-30. Louie Fontaine, June 25-30.

Piñon Plaza • Carson City, 775-885-9000: Sports Book Lounge: Bands play Wed.-Sun.

Sharkey's Nugget Casino • Gardnerville, 775-782-3133.

Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 775-266-3339: Bands play Fri.-Sat. at the Topaz Lodge.

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: "Thunder From Down Under," Australian male review, May 28-June 1. Danny Marona in Concert, May 24-26. Groups like Band on the Run, Speedy Garfin, Memphis Rising and

Impact perform nightly in the Center Stage Cabaret. **Boomtown** • 775-345-6000: Can-Can Theater and Dancehall: Claudine Castro, April 30-May 5. Marty Davis, May 7-12 and 14-19. Free Ride, May 21-26. David Proud, May 28-June 2. American Made Band, June 4-9. Midnight Riders, June 11-16 and 18-23. Outsiders, June 25-30.

Club Cal Neva-Virginian • 775-323-1046 or 877-777-7303: Bands play on Fri. and Sat.

18. War, May 31-June 1. The Oak Ridge Boys, June 28-29. The Bellamy Brothers, July 19-20. Bill Engvall, July 26-27. Rose Ballroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's. Flamenco guitarist Thurs. and jazz Fri.-Sat. in Restaurante Orozko.

Peppermill • 775-826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Tahoe Grand Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands play in the Cabaret Lounge.

Circus Circus • 775-329-0711: Free daily circus acts, 11am-10:30pm.

Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Eldorado Showroom: "Burn the Floor," production show, thru Sept. 1. Bands play nightly at the Brew Brothers microbrewery. Piano music in the Roxy Lounge. BuBinga Lounge: Dance to DJs and bands.

Fitzgeralds • 775-785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands perform nightly. Young Dubliners Concert, May 10. Reno Celtic Celebration, bagpipes, dancing, athletics at Wingfield Park, July 27-28.

Harrah's Reno • 775-788-2900 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: "Whisper," adult revue, thru May 17 at 10pm Sun.-Tues., 7:30 and 10pm Wed., 10pm Fri., midnight Sat., dark Thurs. Gordie Brown, one-man theatrical production, thru Sept. at 7:30pm Fri.-Tues. plus 9:30pm Sat., dark Wed.-Thurs. The Plaza at Harrah's Reno: Entertainment TBA.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Celebrity Showroom: Los Lobos, April 26-27. Neal McCoy, May 17-



Saying Goodbye

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Reno Hilton • 775-789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theater: The Beach Boys, May 3. "Kalin and Jinger: Illusionarium," magic revue, dark Sat. Hilton Amphitheater: Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 26. Silver State Pavilion: Entertainment TBA. The Garage: Bands play nightly.

Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Empress Lounge: Music nightly except Sun.-Mon. Comedians perform in the Just For Laughs Comedy Club, dark Mon.-Tues.

Silver Club • Sparks, 775-358-4771 or 800-905-7774 (U.S. outside Nevada).

Silver Legacy • 775-329-4777 or 800-225-BASS (U.S., Canada, and Mexico): Grande Exposition Hall: Nestor Torres/John Shipley, May 2. Julio Iglesias, May 3-4. King of the Cage, May 17. Otmar Liebert, May 18. Carrot Top, May 25-26. Engelbert Humperdinck, June 7-8. Chris Ledoux, June 22. Jeff Foxworthy, June 29. Boz Skaggs, July 12-13. Styx, July 20. Doobie Brothers, Sept. 27-28. Rum Bullions Island Bar: Dueling pianos, Thurs.-Mon. Steel Rum Drums, Tues.-Sat. Comedians perform at the Catch a Rising Star comedy club, dark Sun. Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

Sundowner • 775-786-7050.

Tamarack Junction • 775-852-3600.

Western Village • Sparks, 775-331-1069, 800-648-1170.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 775-588-2455.

Caesars Tahoe • 775-588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: The Beach Boys, May 4. The Amazing Johnathan, May 17-18. Peter Frampton, June 21-22. Nero's 2000 nightclub has live music. Cleo's Bar: Pianist Arthur Hervey.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore

Room: "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah: A Tribute to the Beatles," starring Rain, May 22 - Sept. 15, dark Tues. and Fri. Bands play in the Casino Center Stage.

Harveys • 775-588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Cabaret: The Improv, comedians perform nightly except Sun.-Mon. Geechy Guy on Sun.-Mon.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Carnival Cabaret," male celebrity impersonator revue, dark Mon. Club Z: Dance music. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge.

Lakeside Inn • 775-588-7777: Entertainment TBA.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Frank Sinatra Celebrity Showroom: TBA.

Crystal Bay Club • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0512: DJ Wed.-Sun.

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe • Incline Village, 775-832-1234: Bands play in the Regency Grand Ballroom. Lone Eagle Restaurant: Music, Wed.-Sat. Casino Stage Bar: Pianist, Wed.-Sun.

Jim Kelley's Tahoe Nugget • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0455.

Tahoe Biltmore • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0660: Bands play nightly.

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Longstreet Inn • 775-372-1777: Weekend entertainment.

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Stagecoach • 775-553-2419 or 800-4-BIGWIN (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play in the lounge Fri.-Sat.

Exchange Club • 775-553-2368: Karaoke on Fri.

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Commercial Hotel • 775-738-3181: Bands play nightly.



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The Beach Boys, with Bruce Johnston (left) and Mike Love, perform at the Reno Hilton on May 3 and Caesars Tahoe on May 4. Devotees of the kings of the surfin' sound will hear such hits as "Surfin' Safari," "409," "Surfin' USA," "Surfer Girl," "In My Room," and "I Get Around."

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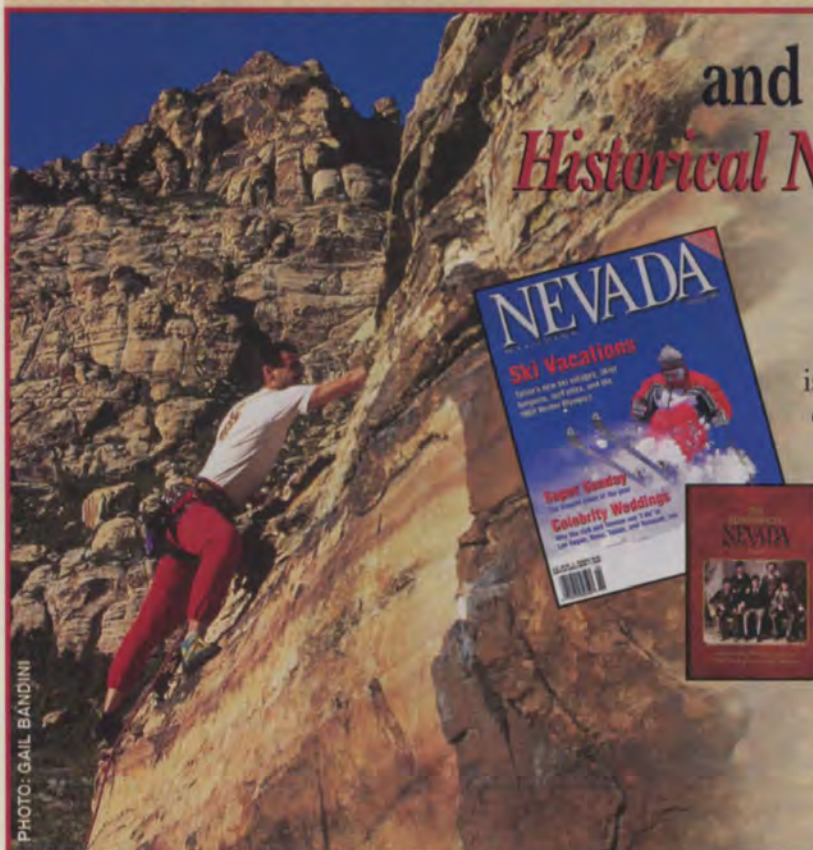


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Gold Country Casino • 800-621-1332: J.R.'s Lounge: Entertainment on weekends at Elko's Gold Country.

High Desert Inn • 775-738-8425: Comedy show Fri.

Red Lion • 775-738-2111 or 800-545-0044 (Western U.S. outside Nevada): Club Max Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Stockmen's Hotel • 775-738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Bands play in the Stockmen's Showroom.

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Hotel Nevada • 775-289-6665.

FALLON

Bonanza Inn • 775-423-6031.

Fallon Nugget • 775-423-3111.

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El Capitan • 775-945-3322: Bands play in the casino lounge.

Joe's Tavern • 775-945-2302.

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Barton's Club 93 • 775-755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Horseshu Casino • 775-755-2321. Horseshu Cabaret: Entertainment TBA.

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Ramada Inn/Sturgeon's • 775-273-2971: Center Club Showroom: Bands and karaoke are featured on weekends.

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Mountain View Casino and Bowl • 775-727-7777: Bowling alley at the Pahrump casino.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Club West: Nightclub with DJ, 9pm Fri. Club West Comedy Corral, 8:30pm Thurs.

Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

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Banc Club • 775-482-5409: Bands play Thurs.-Sat.

Station House • 775-482-9777: Shotgun Willie's Saloon: Bands play nightly except Mon. in the newly reopened Station House.

WENDOVER

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play nightly except Mon.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Red Garter • 775-664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (continental U.S. outside Nevada).

Silver Smith/State Line • 775-664-2231 or 800-354-3671: Live entertainment nightly except Mon. Paris by Night, outdoor concert in the Vietnamese language, June 1. Asian All American Festival, Vietnamese language concert, July 4. Asian Pioneer Festival, Vietnamese language concert, July 24. Asian Moon Festival, Vietnamese language concert, Sept. 22. Chinese Moon Festival, concert in the Chinese language, Sept. 29. Asian Mayflower Festival, Vietnamese language concert, Nov. 28. Asian Holiday Festival, Vietnamese language concert, Dec. 25. New Year's Eve, buffet dinner, entertainment, and champagne, advance reservations suggested, Dec. 31.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 775-623-2511: Bands play nightly at the Winners.

Model T Hotel • 775-623-2588: Bands play Wed.-Sun. at the Model T.

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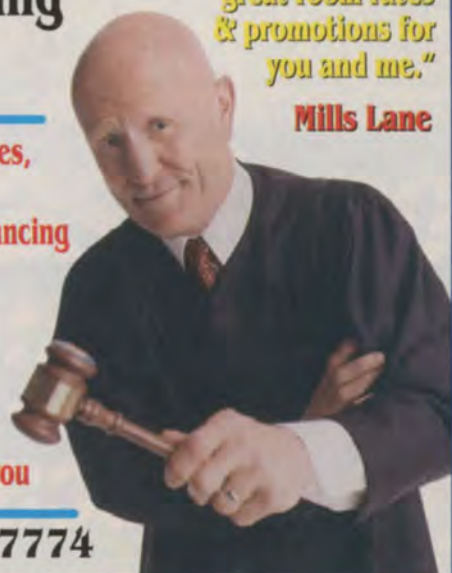
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She's Got Tonight

Sheena Easton, the tiny performer with the big voice, rocks the NightClub by evening and her kids by day.

By Kathy Espin

Sheena Easton is on a journey home, and she is almost there. After more than 20 years of the gypsy life—tours, Broadway runs, TV and movie appearances—she is finally settling down. She opened her own show at the Las Vegas Hilton in January, and she plans to have her own home in Las Vegas by summer. The gypsy life will soon be a memory.

At the age of 43, the '80s pop star has matured and mellowed. "It's about bloody time," Easton says. She attributes the change to motherhood. She adopted two children at birth; son Jake is now seven, and daughter Skylar is six. They are her world, and, like any parent, she puts their welfare at the center of any decision she makes.

"The reason I focused on a show in Las Vegas is so I could have a normal life. It's impossible to have a normal life on the road," the single mom says. The Easton family lives temporarily in a corner suite in the Las Vegas Hilton. It's not the ideal situation (she misses having a yard), but it has its advantages. "The kids are in bed by the time I get ready for work at eight. I work for an hour and a half, and I'm back in the room by 10:30," she explains. Jake and Skylar go to school, have friends, and are active in sports—normal, everyday activities that Easton can take part in. She recently took her children and four of their friends to Circus Circus to



Sheena Easton delivers a classic cabaret show at the Las Vegas Hilton.

play in the Adventuredome and arcade. She says, "It was my night for the play date. I have friends with children, and we take turns. This night it was my turn to have the kids. They loved it."

Easton has spent nearly two of the last three years in Las Vegas. First came a year of costarring with David Cassidy in "At the Copa" at the Rio. Then she spent last

summer in a trial run at the Hilton.

The show has been revamped and features a talented eight-piece band. The song list balances Easton's familiar hits—"Morning Train," "The Lover in Me"—with R&B favorites such as Whitney Houston's "Step by Step" and Dionne Warwick's "I Say a Little Prayer."

Missing from the song list is the controversial "Sugar Walls," written for Easton by Prince in 1983 and targeted by Tipper Gore for its sexually explicit lyrics. Gone are her trademark thigh-high boots and short skirts. Now she has the look of a '40s torch singer in spaghetti-strapped, sequined, floor-length gowns and honey-colored hair down to her shoulders. No longer is she the 20-something Scottish pop singer famous for "For Your Eyes Only," the theme song of the 1981 James Bond movie, and for her duet with Kenny Rogers in "We've Got Tonight" in 1983. She is a grown woman now, and she likes the difference.

"I love my life, and I love where I am in my life. I love that I'm in my 40s. I really can't sing any sad songs," she says. "I look back at my glamour years in my 20s, and I say, 'That was great. There was nothing bad about that. But it was like having your house completely decorated but no foundation. It was like having dessert every night but no meat.' The singer has experienced physical changes,

too, such as a more mature figure, but that apparently bothers the media more than Easton. In fact, she takes a self-deprecating attitude on stage about the changes time has wrought. "It's more the media that focuses on the physicality. The media are constantly in your face about your image and your look." She says she has learned over the years to ignore both the flattery and the cruel things people say. "I just say, 'Bite me. At a certain point that's just what you have to do,'" she says.

"I always say that my 40s are my reward for surviving my 30s. I don't care what career you are in. In your 20s you are getting there. In your 30s you kind of, sort of are there. Hopefully, by the time you are 40, you can relax and enjoy it." That's where she finds herself today.

She is excited about settling in Las Vegas, although she says it was a difficult

Easton recently took her children and four friends to the Circus Circus Adventuredome.

"It was my night for the play date."

transition at first. Most of her adult life she has had a home in Southern California, and, as most visitors do, she had a distorted idea of living in Las Vegas.

"Like a lot of people, I thought of Las Vegas as the Strip," she says. "But now the one thing I really see about Las Vegas is that it is a city that is built on the family. There are gated communities, where kids can ride their bikes, and family restaurants. Restaurants here don't have to say, 'Families welcome. It's taken for granted,'"

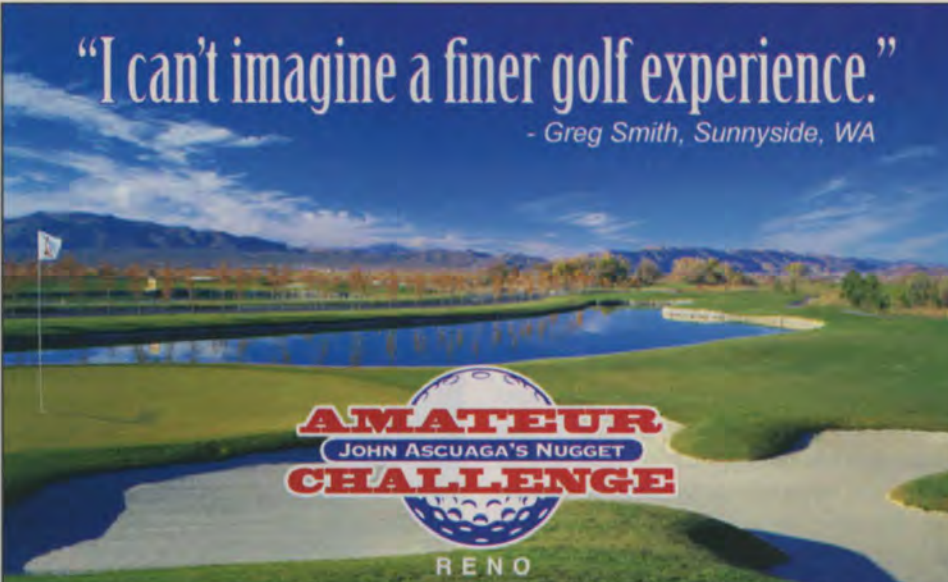
Her priorities over the last few months have been opening her show and getting the family settled, Easton says. Next comes the house hunting. Once she takes that step, her journey home will be complete.

Show Notes

Sheena Easton performs through December 29 in the NightClub at the Las Vegas Hilton. Show time is 9 p.m. daily except Friday. Tickets cost \$29 plus tax. Drinks are extra. Call 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361 for reservations. ▀

Kathy Espin is a Las Vegas writer.

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Casino Notes

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Las Vegas Territory

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Buffet Chic: The **Golden Nugget Laughlin** goes formal during its daily prime-rib buffet with mood lighting and tablecloths. While diners may eat by candlelight, they are still offered the football-field-sized array of other buffet goodies. The price for the prime-rib buffet is \$7.99.

Messy and Good: Memphis Championship Barbecue opened an 8,500-square-foot



Flair bartenders entertain guests and serve Asian-themed drinks at the Jade Bar in Harrah's Reno.



Guests soak Moroccan-style at the Aladdin's Elemis Spa.

restaurant at **Santa Fe Station** in Las Vegas. The chain eatery started as a successful bar that gained fame when the owner's Apple City Barbecue Team began competing in 1988. The Las Vegas outlet is home to the Blues Lounge, which features music Thursday through Saturday. This summer, John Earl and the BoogieMan Band play on Fridays and

Saturdays at the eatery's Blues Lounge.

Getting Toasted: There's a new place for the beverage of celebration at **Paris Las Vegas**. Located inside Napoleon's, the Champagne Bar is stocked with more than 100 champagnes and sparkling wines for sale by the bottle and the glass. The bar, which is decorated in trendy stainless steel and gilded leather, also serves appetizers and hors d'oeuvres.

Salud: The Capri Italian Ristorante at **Sunset Station** in Henderson received the Five Fleur-de-lis Award from the International Press Association. The eatery's chef, Blas Flores, was also presented with the association's President's Award for culinary creations.

for dessert. The price is \$8.99. La Strada has received the *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence" for the past eight years and the "International Award of Excellence" from the Restaurant and Hospitality Rating Bureau.

Name Change: The Grill Steakhouse at the **Eldorado** in Reno has changed its name to the Prime Rib Grill. The eatery specializes in prime rib but also offers other meat and seafood entrees. The restaurant has retained its mahogany wood decor, brass accents, and star-lit ceiling.

Curb Appeal: John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks can claim bigger is better when it comes to the property's new \$1-million sign. At 45 by 25 feet, the electronic version not only offers video graphics but also will save the casino more than \$250,000 in annual operating expenses. The old sign, constructed in 1993, used thousands of 40-watt light bulbs and was limited to a handful of colors.

Fourth Reminder: John Ascuaga's Nugget plans its annual Star Spangled Sparks fireworks and Fourth of July celebration. Expect big things from the Nugget and Sparks as well as other Nevada hotels and towns this July Fourth.

Green's In: Flair bartenders, Asian-themed

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Early Bird Alert: The **Eldorado's** award-winning Italian restaurant, La Strada, has a new early-bird special from 5 to 6 p.m. daily. The deal consists of minestrone soup or Italian salad, rosemary chicken and ravioli with meat sauce, and homemade gelato



A new \$1-million sign lights the way to John Ascuaga's Nugget.

drinks, and high-end liquors are the big draw at the new Jade Bar at **Harrah's Reno**. Green gel lights are set behind a custom-built mahogany and poplar bar with a marble counter, which holds six 32-inch television sets and \$1 progressive slot machines. Jade is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Casino Promotions

Bucks and Benz: The **Eldorado** in Reno has scheduled its Bucks and Benz Giveaway for May 18-20. Drawing tickets for prizes are given to players who receive a hopper-fill or hand-paid jackpot on select machines.

Slot Perk: When players join the slot club at the **Stratosphere** in Las Vegas, the hotel's Player's Club Guaranteed Refund program will reimburse 15 percent of the new cardholder's money that is played on any slot or video poker machine in the first 30 minutes of membership—up to \$100.

Free Pull: Look for the free-pull slot machines at the two casino entrances of the **Tropicana** in Las Vegas. The grand prize is a Ford Mustang convertible, and players receive casino coupons. Players can take the free pull once in a 24-hour period.

Tournament Action

The **Atlantis** in Reno has slot and keno tournaments with \$500 in cash prizes on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Weekly blackjack tournaments on Wednesday and three-card poker on Thursday both have a \$20 buy-in.

Boulder Station in Las Vegas holds a \$2,000 video poker tournament on Thursday. The entry fee is \$10 with \$5 re-buys. Every contest plays a 15-minute session, and the day's 42 highest scores

advance to the final round. The grand prize each week is \$500.

Saddle West in Pahrump has a free Eye-Opener Slot Tournament from 9 a.m. to noon Sunday through Thursday.

Entertainment

"Jubilee!" Changes: Acrobats and Aerialists have replaced magician Dirk Arthur in "Jubilee!" The musical production at **Bally's Las Vegas**, known for its lavish sets, has been musically "sinking" the *Titanic* since 1981.

Earl's New Home: Showgoers have until September 18 to see the high-energy act of singer **Earl Turner**, who moved his show from the Rio in Las Vegas to **Harrah's Laughlin**. Turner plays five instruments and performs music ranging from gospel and blues to pop and rock. Backed by an eight-member band, Turner gives a personal performance, often moving into the audience to engage showgoers.

Party Time: Asked if "this is the house that came to party," showgoers at the **Las Vegas Hilton** recently roared they were ready. After arriving on stage amid a burst of pyrotechnics, the **Commodores** proved themselves to be loud, splashy showmen with revival-like energy. The R&B trio recently signed a multi-appearance deal at the Hilton. During their show the entertainers moved down memory lane with such hits as "Easy," "Sail On," "Just to Be Close to You," "Three Times a Lady," and "Night Shift." The Commodores, William Atwell King, Jr. (W.A.K.), Walter Lee Orange (Clyde), and James Dean Nicholas (J.D.) can be seen at the Hilton April 23-May 9 (dark April 26-27 and May 7), September 10-October 6, and November 26-December 5. Tickets to the Commodores are a value at \$30 and \$40.

Late Night: The **Rio** opened a new late-night adult revue, "**Showgirls**," and an entertainment exhibit in the Samba Theater. The revue's theme follows showgirls from "Ziegfeld Follies" to present day. The exhibit is in the theater entrance and spans more than 100 years of showgirl history including costumes, memorabilia, and photos. The exhibit is free and open for viewing daily from noon to midnight.

Showgirls are available for photos from 10 to 11 nightly except Thursday.

Her Retirement Performance: Comedienne **Phyllis Diller**, retiring from stand-up comedy, will perform her last show on May 5 at the **Suncoast** in Las Vegas. Known for her wacky humor and grating laugh, Diller wrote four bestsellers including *Phyllis Diller's Housekeeping Hints*, *Phyllis Diller's Marriage Manual*, *The Complete Mother*, and *The Joys of Aging and How to Avoid Them*. She appeared in 22 of Bob Hope's television specials and accompanied him on a trip to Vietnam. Hope told reporters the war would have been over in three days if Diller had cooked for the enemy.

Give It an "A": When the audience responds with belly laughs to the antics of an elfin creature with an overly bodacious behind, it is easy to see why "**Mystère**" at **Treasure Island** is at the top of the "A" list of Las Vegas shows. The elf's pre-show diversions of (mis)leading showgoers to their seats and playing matchmaker with strangers is only a taste of the stylish circus-themed production. The rest of the show is similar to the Cirque du Soleil parade of aerialists, gymnasts, and trapeze artists shown on television. But the small set doesn't capture the spectacle and bone-tlingling "chukka-boom" of the huge drums



Cirque du Soleil presents the intriguing "Mystère" at Treasure Island.

that descend from the ceiling or acts that seem to defy the laws of science, such as the two strongmen whose contortions weren't explained in any physics book. Gravity, too, does not exist for a troop of aerialists who not only jump from pole to pole but also hang horizontally. "Mystère" is everything you heard it would be, and more.

Ann Henderson is the events and entertainment editor of Nevada Magazine.



Attractions, Tours & Museums

Places to go and things to do around the Silver State.



Let's Get Wet

The Children's Water Playground at Wet 'n Wild on the Las Vegas Strip has a large pool that is a feast for the eye and matches the energy level of kids. Satisfying the adult need for thrills is left to rides like Bombay, Der Stuka, Royal Flush, and Banzai Boggan. The 16-acre water park is adjacent to the Sahara Hotel and is open weekends until May 17 when its daily summer schedule begins.

Visitors will find many intriguing attractions when they explore the Silver State's museums, resorts, and state and national parks. For more details on attractions, tours, and museums, please call the information phone numbers provided.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Boulder City Historic District • Walking tours. 1305 Arizona St., 702-293-2034.
Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum • Displays and books on the dam's construction in the 1930s. 1305 Arizona St., 702-294-1988.
Boulder Dam Hotel • 1305 Arizona St., 702-293-3510.
Colorado River Tours • Underground gold mine tour.

Nelson, 702-293-4422 for further information on tours.
Hoover Dam and Hoover Dam Visitor Center • Discovery Tour, theaters, exhibit hall, High Scaler Monument. U.S. 93, 702-597-5970.

Lake Mead Cruises • Excursions on Lake Mead. 702-293-6180.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Alan Bible Visitor Center • Visitor center is on U.S. 93 between Boulder City and Hoover Dam. 702-293-8990.

Skydive Las Vegas.com • Tandem jumps. 702-293-1860.
St. Jude's Ranch for Children • Chapel tours and antique car museum. 100 St. Jude's St., 702-294-7100.

HENDERSON

City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve • Self-guided or guided tours for more than 10 people. 2400 Moser St. off Sunset, 702-565-4264 and 702-566-2940.

Clark County Museum • 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., 702-455-7955.

Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden • Tours. 2 Cactus Garden Dr., 702-458-8864.

Mountasia Family Fun Center • 2050 Olympic, 702-898-7777.

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LAS VEGAS

Adventuredome • Covered park with rides and attractions. Next to Circus Circus, 800-444-CIRCUS.

A.J. Hackett Bungy • 810 Circus Circus Dr., 702-385-4321.

Bellagio • Fountain shows. 702-693-7111.

CART Driving 101 • Indy-car driving experience. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-651-6300.

Cinema Ride • Motion simulator rides. Forum Shops at Caesars, 702-369-4008.

Cowboy Trail Rides • Horseback riding. 702-387-2457.

Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex • 9295 W. Flamingo, 702-253-9832.

Desert Demonstration Gardens • 3701 W. Alta, 702-258-3205.

Elvis-A-Rama Museum • 3401 Industrial, 702-309-7200.

ESPN Zone • Sports-themed restaurant. New York-New York, 702-740-6969.

Excalibur • Dragon battle in front moat, motion simulators. 702-597-7777.

Flamingo Las Vegas • Wildlife sanctuary. 702-733-3111.

Floyd Lamb State Park • Picnicking and fishing. 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 702-486-5413.
Flyaway Indoor Skydiving • 200 Convention Center Dr., 702-731-4768.
Forum Shops at Caesars • Hourly shows at Festival and Atlantis fountains. 702-893-4800.
Fremont Street Experience • Light show on the hour from dark to midnight. Downtown Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.
Gameworks • Climbing wall and arcade. Showcase Mall, 3785 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 702-597-3122.
Guggenheim Museums • Guggenheim Heritage features works of the masters. Guggenheim Las Vegas has contemporary exhibits. Venetian, 702-414-4500.
Guinness World of Records Museum • 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 702-792-3766.
Hard Rock Hotel • Music memorabilia. 702-693-5000.
Harley-Davidson Cafe • Motorcycle memorabilia, Harleys on display. Las Vegas Strip, 702-740-4555.
Holy Cow! Casino • Brewery tours. 702-732-2697.
Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum • McCarran International Airport, 702-455-7968.

Good Times in Ely

The White Pine Public Museum in Ely hosts a party May 11 complete with gold panning, classic and old-time cars, community choir, Silver Eagle Dancers, bus tours, black-powder demonstration, quilt display, cowboy poetry, museum tours, and food vendors. A suggestion: Take time to view the eye-catching murals painted on Ely buildings. Call 775-289-4710 for information.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection • Classic and antique vehicles. 702-794-3174.
Laser Quest • 7361 W. Lake Mead, 702-243-8881.
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Las Vegas Club • Sports memorabilia. Downtown, 702-385-1664.
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Las Vegas Motor Speedway • Guided tours. 702-644-4444.
Las Vegas Natural History Museum • From dinosaurs to desert creatures. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 702-384-DINO.
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Lied Discovery Children's Museum • Science and other learning exhibits. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 702-382-KIDS.
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New York-New York • Roller coaster. 702-740-6969.
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Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Historic State Park • Site of 1855 settlement. 908 Las Vegas Blvd. N., at Washington Ave., 702-486-3511.
Paris Las Vegas • Rides to the observation deck of the hotel's Eiffel Tower. 702-946-7000.
Planet Hollywood Las Vegas • Movie memorabilia. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 702-791-7827.
Race for Atlantis • IMAX 3D motion simulator. Forum Shops at Caesars, 702-893-4800.
Rainforest Cafe • Bird habitat and animated creatures. MGM Grand, 702-891-8580.
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area • 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-363-1921.
Richard Petty Driving Experience • Drive NASCAR-style cars. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-643-4343.
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Scandia Family Fun Center • 702-364-0070.
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Spring Mountain Ranch State Park • Red Rock Canyon, 702-875-4141.
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The Palms • IMAX theater. 702-942-7777.
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Children's Museum of Northern Nevada • Educational exhibits. 813 N. Carson St., 775-884-2226.

Kit Carson Trail • Walking tour. 775-687-7410 or 800-NEVADA1.

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Nevada State Museum • 600 N. Carson St., 775-687-4810.

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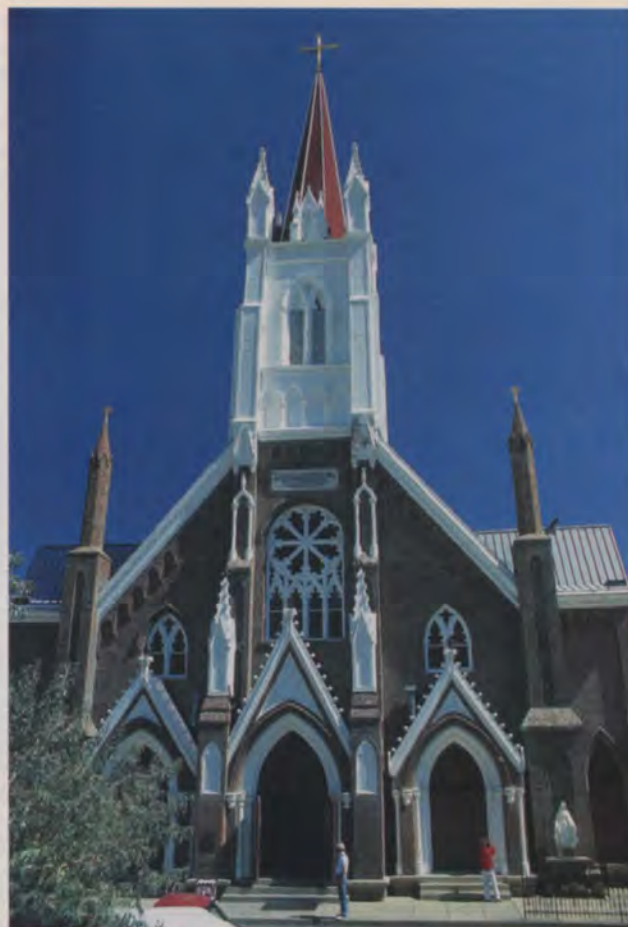
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Fleischmann Planetarium • Stargazing programs. U of N campus, 775-784-4811.

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Nevada Historical Society Museum • 1650 N. Virginia St., U of N campus, 775-688-1190.

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Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum • Local history, Southern Pacific train cars, 1864 Glendale School, Victorian Square, 775-355-1144.

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Nevada Gambling Museum • 775-847-9022.

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Ponderosa Mine • Tours. 775-847-0757.

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Davis Creek Park • 775-849-0684.

Washoe Lake State Park • Birdwatching, windsurfing, fishing. East Lake Blvd., 775-687-4319.

Rural Nevada

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BEATTY

Beatty Museum • Mining exhibits. 775-553-2424.

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Beatty. 775-553-2200.

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East Ely Railroad Depot Museum • Tours. 775-289-1663.

Great Basin National Park • Hiking, camping, ancient bristlecones, and tours of Lehman Caves. Baker, 65 miles east of Ely, 775-234-7331.

McGill Historical Drug Company • Call for tours of an old-fashioned drugstore. McGill, 775-235-7082.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum • Train rides on historic locomotives. 1100 Ave. A, East Ely, 775-289-2085.

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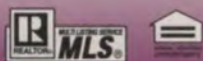
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Eldorado/Roxy—Reno, 786-5700. Gourmet dishes include Chilean sea bass with Yukon gold potatoes and creamed spinach. D. \$.

Eldorado/Chefs Buffet—Reno, 786-5700. USDA prime rib, homemade pastas, Mongolian grill, salad bar, dessert bar. B, L, D. \$.

Eldorado/Choices—Reno, 786-5700. Deli, espresso

bar, bakery, Asian Noodle Kitchen. B, L, D. \$.

Eldorado/Tivoli Gardens—Reno, 786-5700. Multi-ethnic, 24-hour restaurant. B, L, D. \$.

ITALIAN

Eldorado/La Strada Restaurant—Reno, 786-5700. Northern Italian cuisine featuring a variety of veal, chicken, and seafood entrees. Award-winning wine list. D. \$\$.
Peppermill/Romanza Ristorante Italiano—826-2121. Osso Bucco Alla Romanza, Salmone Affumicato con fettuccini nere alla vodka, costollette D'Agnello, ravioli di zucchini dolci. D. \$.

Silver Club/Anna Maria's—Sparks, 358-4771. Italian cuisine served in a casual setting. D. \$-\$\$\$.

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John Ascuaga's Nugget/Restaurante Orozko—Sparks, 356-3300. Veal medallions saltimbocca, braised lamb shank, paella valenciana. D. \$-\$\$\$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Best Western Piñon Plaza Resort/Steakhouse—Carson City, 885-9000. Specialties include Southwestern shrimp, rack of lamb dijonaise, six cuts of steak. D. \$.

Carson Nugget/Oyster Bar—Carson City, 882-1626. Clam chowder, fish and chips, salmon burgers, pan roasts. L, D. \$.

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John Ascuaga's Nugget/Steak House—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, steak, and lobster. L, D. \$.

Peppermill/Steak House—Reno, 826-2121. Steaks, seafood, chicken, salads. D. \$-\$\$\$.

Silver Club/Victoria's—Sparks, 358-4771. Steak, prime rib, poultry, pasta, and seafood. D. \$-\$\$\$.

Lake Tahoe

AMERICAN

Caesars Tahoe/Cafe Roma—Stateline, 588-3515. Lamb chops, prime rib. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

ASIAN

Caesars Tahoe/Empress Court—Stateline, 588-3515. Szechwan, Mandarin. D. \$.

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Caesars Tahoe/Primavera—Stateline, 588-3515. Linguini carbonara, tenderloin pizzaiola. D. \$.

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PAHRUMP: Saddle West Hotel/Silver Spur—727-1111. T-bone steak dinner. Filet mignon and lobster; chicken cordon bleu, 8 oz. swordfish dinners. B, L, D. \$.

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Viva "La Femme"

The MGM Grand's
Parisian import keeps
the audience guessing.

By Mike Weatherford

In a video prologue to "La Femme," a French-accented male voice tells us the show was launched 51 years ago in Paris based on the belief that "art was woman, and woman was art." A few seconds later he reiterates that show founder Alain Bernardin's mission was "to reinvent the female form as modern art."

Corporate casino giant MGM-Mirage seems to be making a point here. MGM Grand executives didn't just plunk some lap-dance emporium right in the center of Las Vegas' largest hotel.

This is "art," fellas. "Art!" So stop your drooling.

"La Femme" does seem artful compared to some knock-off topless revues that have none of the same wit, detail, or European aesthetic. The MGM struck a deal with the late Bernardin's children to recreate his famed Crazy Horse Cabaret in as much detail as possible, from the color of the stage curtain to the pyramid-shaped table lamps. The Crazy Horse is so famous in Europe that dancers from around the world are chosen from a one-in-50 audition ratio.

In the MGM show, the dancers are matched so symmetrically on a low, wide stage—which forces a wide-screen movie perspective—that the toy-soldier effect of the opening number, "God Save Our Bareskins," is astonishing.

Watching the 12 women march and salute in lockstep, you also realize French men aren't nearly as impressed by breast implants or press-on nails as American men seem to be. The women are petite and naturally endowed, and the show puts the "tease" back in stripping with chore-



Elaborate lighting and a European aesthetic put the "oo-la-la" in "La Femme."

ography that often requires ballet skills.

Beyond the human element, "La Femme" is discreetly high-tech in its elaborate lighting, which uses semitransparent and motion-picture footage to literally paint the women in light. "Adagio" features a neon inverted triangle that is

Crispy Suzette takes a turn on a sofa shaped like a pair of lips.

echoed in the tiny patterns of light projected on the women as well as the strategically placed pieces of fabric that Nevada law mandates. The effect is so well done that the audience is left wondering how total is the nudity.

Lest the show forget to be erotic, a solo turn from Crispy Suzette on a sofa shaped like a pair of lips serves as a reminder of the suggestive power of black stockings and spiked heels.

Even the specialty acts preserve the show's European flavor. The Quiddlers present a pantomimed spoof of Michael

Jackson while magician Otto Wessely offers comic twists on familiar illusions.

But if "La Femme" is art, you ask, what is it about? Well, it's about \$50 for about 85 minutes. Its restraint, along with music unfamiliar to American ears yet anchored in New Orleans jazz, might make it a tough sell for bachelor parties expecting the decadence of off-Strip topless clubs.

If, however, you value Las Vegas' return to style and believe that it can extend as far as a girlie show, you'll be happy to give up a night of "Viva Las Vegas" to say, "Vive La France."

Show Notes

"La Femme" appears nightly except Tuesday in the La Femme Theatre at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Show times are 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$49 and \$59, including tax. Drinks are extra. Showgoers must be 21. The dress code calls for no T-shirts, tank tops, baggy jeans, flannel shirts, tennis shoes, or work boots. Call 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111. ▀

Mike Weatherford is an entertainment writer for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

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Stylish Links

By Kevin Iole

Wolf is the third Pete Dye course to open at the Las Vegas Paiute Resort. Playing 7,604 yards from the back tees, Wolf is the longest course in the state.

Several intriguing new courses by famous designers recently opened in the Silver State.

As the golf-course construction boom continues in Southern Nevada, golfers in the past year have seen the opening of new courses designed by some of the game's top architects.

Last year Boulder City became home to one of the most exclusive courses in the world. The upscale Cascata is a \$60-million wonder that is open only to the most high-rolling guests of Park Place Entertainment casinos (Bally's, Caesars Palace, Flamingo Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, and Paris). Cascata was designed by Rees Jones, one of the game's foremost architects. There's a river running through the clubhouse, and the 18th hole alone reportedly cost \$5 million to build.

Another leading architect, Pete Dye, saw his third course at the Las Vegas Paiute Resort open to much acclaim. Wolf differs dramatically from Paiute's first two courses, Sun Mountain and Snow Mountain. Wolf uses more mounding and fairway sloping and presents severe elevation changes. Wolf plays 7,604 yards from the back tees but features generous fairways, some nearly 70 yards wide.

"It's a fun course. We're not looking to beat anyone up," Dye said of Wolf. "If you play your normal game, you'll be able to

get around the course at about your handicap and have a lot of fun doing it."

The Las Vegas Paiute Resort has a new neighbor, the 27-hole SilverStone Golf Club. Designed by Bob Cupp, SilverStone's three nines offer varying challenges. Long, accurate tee shots are demanded on the Mountain nine, which includes two par-fives of more than 600 yards. More precise shotmaking is required on the Desert nine, where smaller greens put a premium on the short game. The Valley nine is the shortest of the three and requires good club selection to avoid trouble.

Jack Nicklaus' imprint is all over Bear's Best, which opened last fall on the west side of Las Vegas Valley. Bear's Best consists of 18 of the Golden Bear's favorite holes that he has designed for courses around the world.

Tom Weiskopf, one of the great players of his generation, has designed his first course in Nevada, The Falls, soon to open at Lake Las Vegas in Henderson. The Falls offers elevation changes of more than 100 feet on some holes and sweeping views of the valley. Lake Las Vegas also announced plans for a Tom Fazio-designed course that is expected to open in 2004.

The Tuscany Golf Club will open this summer in Henderson. The player-friendly track designed by Ted Robinson has exceptionally wide fairways and huge greens. Those features should help the pace of play and give golfers the chance for low scores.

A New Year's Eve opening is planned for Boulder Creek Golf Club in Boulder City. The municipal course will have 27 championship holes, a lighted nine-hole par-three course, and what is billed as the world's largest driving range. Also, the city of Las Vegas plans to open a par-60 executive course in the northwest later this year. In Mesquite, Falcon Ridge, a companion course to Wolf Creek at Paradise Canyon, is expected to open soon.

In the Reno-Sparks area, Red Hawk Golf Club opened the private Hills Course designed by Hale Irwin, the U.S. Open winner and Senior PGA Tour star. The Hills Course is a links-style layout with small greens and deep bunkers. Its five-year-old sister course, the public Lakes, was designed by yet another famous architect, Robert Trent Jones Jr. ■

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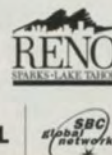
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Fore!

"Nevada Golf 2002" is an annual *Nevada Magazine* guide to golf courses around the Silver State and along its borders—courses ranging from the swank links of Las Vegas to the forested layouts of Lake Tahoe, and friendly rural courses from Wendover to Yerington and Round Mountain.

Southern Nevada

BOULDER CITY

Boulder City Golf Course—A traditional-style golf course with mature trees lining the fairways and several water features. The course record (61) is held by pro Ken Whiteaker and amateur Mati Masluk. Buddy Allen Golf School. City course, 18 holes, estab. 1972. Golf Manager Bob Conrad, Head Pro Tony Fiorentini. 1 Clubhouse Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. Call 702-293-9236. Back tees: 6,561 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for rates. Club rental \$15. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Cascata Golf Club—Lavishly landscaped new Boulder City layout by Park Place Entertainment is for the use of its hotel guests. Architect: Rees Jones. Private, 18 holes, estab. 2001. Head Pro Brian Hawthorne. Boulder City, NV 89005. Call 702-294-2000, www.parkplace.com. Back tees: 7,000 yards, par 72. Cascata is the realm of guests of Caesars Palace, Paris Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, Bally's Las Vegas, and Flamingo Las Vegas.

DEATH VALLEY

Furnace Creek Golf Course—World's lowest golf course—214 feet below sea level—is a green oasis amid raw desert landscape. Ball does not fly far because of elevation; 6,215 yards is equivalent to about 6,400 yards at sea level. Temps reach 120s in mid-summer. Architect: William P. Bell, redesigned by Perry Dye in 1997. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1933. General Manager Cal Jepson, Director of Golf Kip Freeman. Death Valley, CA



Casinos are a chip away at Edgewood Tahoe, host of July's American Century Celebrity Golf Championship.

92328. Call 760-786-2301, www.furnacecreekresort.com. Back tees: 6,215 yards, par 70. Green fees: \$55. Sundowner and summer rates. Carts: \$20. Club rental \$10-\$15.

HENDERSON

Anthem Country Club—Private course with scenic canyons overlooks the Las Vegas Strip. Architects: Keith

Foster and Hale Irwin. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Del Webb Corp., General Manager Barrett Eiselman, Head Pro John Sanders. 1 Club Side Dr., Henderson, NV 89012. Call 702-614-5050 (golf shop), 702-914-3000 (membership info), www.delwebb.com. Back tees: 7,267 yards, par 72. Green fees: Limited public play Mon.-Wed. Rate is \$200; June-Aug. \$100. Club rental \$25. Major

credit cards. Anthem Country Club is spikeless.

Black Mountain Golf and Country Club—Desert course with cacti and Joshua trees will expand to 27 holes in November 2002. Lots of sand bunkers, two lakes. Qualifying site for 2000 and 2001 U.S. Opens. Host site for USGA Public Links qualifying on June 18-19. Architect: Bob Baldock. Semi-private, 18 holes (27 in Nov. 2002), estab. 1957. General Manager Jim Stanfill, Head Pro Tony Lawson. 500 Greenway Rd., Henderson, NV 89015. Mail: Box 91566, Henderson, NV 89009-1566. Call 702-565-7933, www.golfblackmountain.com. Back tees: 6,550 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$65 weekdays, \$80 weekends. Summer rates. Club rental \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Desert Willow Golf Club—Executive links course nestled against Black Mountain. The longest par 4 is 349 yards; the longest par 3 is 209 yards. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Natural Golf School. Semi-private, 18-hole executive course, estab. 1996. Sun City McDonalds Ranch, Pro Shop Manager Mildred Santos. 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson NV 89012. Call 702-263-GOLF. Back tees: 3,811 yards, par 60. Green fees: Sept-May: \$39 to walk and \$49 for a cart, June-Aug.: \$21 and \$31. Club rental \$25. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

DragonRidge Country Club—Desert terrain, dramatic elevation changes next to the McCullough Mountains. Dress code: no denim. Architects: Jay Morrish and David Druzisky. Golf school headed by Cliff Lawson. Private with limited public play, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Owner Richard C. MacDonald, Director of Operations Cliff Lawson, Head Pro Chuck Hardy. 552 S. Stephanie St., Henderson, NV 89012. Call 702-614-4444 or 877-855-1505, fax 702-914-2019, www.dragonridgegolfclub.com. Back tees: 7,039 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Peak season, Sept. 27-May 31: \$165 weekdays, \$195 weekends, twilight \$95 and \$125. Off season, June 1-Sept. 8: \$115 weekdays, \$140 weekends, twilight \$75 and \$95. Club rental \$50. Credit cards accepted. Spikeless.

The Falls at Lake Las Vegas Resort—Scheduled to open in September 2002, the third Lake Las Vegas course will have many water holes, canyon play, and changes in el-

Golf Groups

Nevada's golf associations are active in organizing amateur events and junior programs as well as course ratings. For more information contact the Northern Nevada Golf Association, Box 5630, Sparks, NV 89432 (775-673-4653 or www.nnga.org) or the Southern Nevada Golf Association, 3590 E. Patrick Lane, Suite C, Las Vegas, NV 89120 (702-458-4653).

evation. Designer: Tom Weiskopf. Nicklaus/Flick Golf School. Public, 18 holes, open Sept. 25, 2002. Director of Golf John Herndon. 1605 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy., Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-740-4653, www.lake-lasvegas.com. Back tees: 7,210 yards, par 72. Call for green fees. Credit cards accepted. Spikeless.

Legacy Golf Club—Links-type course welcomes both public and corporate-convention golf groups. U.S. Open qualifying site. Named Best Southern Nevada Course in 2001 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll. Architect: Arthur Hills. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. General Manager Allen Jones, Head Pro Randy Weigman. 130 Par Excellence Dr., Henderson, NV 89074. Call 702-897-2187, 702-897-2200, www.thelegacygc.com. Back tees: 7,233 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for seasonal and twilight rates. Club rental (Callaway) \$50. Major credit cards. Spikeless.

Reflection Bay Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas Resort—Reflection Bay, the first daily-fee Jack Nicklaus course in the state, is located 17 miles east of the Strip at Lake Las Vegas. In 2002 course was ranked 28th best golf resort by *Golf Digest* and one of that magazine's top 100 daily-fee courses. Course will close for overseeding Sept. 25-Oct. 15. Nicklaus/Flick

Golf School. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Director of Golf John Herndon, Pro Brian Jensen. 75 Montelago Blvd., Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-740-4653, www.lakelasvegas.com. Back tees: 7,261 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range: Spring and fall: \$225 weekdays, \$250 weekends. Summer: \$165 weekdays, \$190 weekends. Discount packages for guests of Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

The Revere Golf Club—Picturesque desert courses wind through canyons. Honorable mention in "10 Courses You Can Play" in *Golf Magazine*. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Daily fee, 36 holes, estab. 1999. Del Webb Corp., Troon Golf, Head Pro Mollie Gibson. 2600 Hampton Rd., Henderson, NV 89052. Phone 702-259-4653, fax 702-617-5750, www.revereatthem.com.

Lexington Course: 18 holes, estab. 1999. Back tees: 7,143 yards, par 72. **Concord Course**: 18 holes, estab. 2002. Back tees: 7,055 yards, par 72. Green fees vary seasonally \$125-\$180; call for details. Club rentals \$55. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Rio Secco Golf Club—Tiger Woods, who works with teacher Butch Harmon at Rio Secco, holds the course record of 64. Course was voted No. 1 resort course by Las Vegas PGA professionals and ranked in top 10 golf resorts by *USA Today*. Architect: Rees Jones. Butch Harmon School of Golf (702-889-2444). Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Harrah's/Rio Suite Hotel, General Manager Eric Dutt, Head Pro Ken Wright. 2851 Grand Hills Dr., Henderson, NV 89052. Call 702-889-2400 or 888-TO-SECCO, fax 702-361-8134, www.playrio.com. Back tees: 7,332 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: Guests of Rio Suite Hotel and Harrah's Las Vegas pay \$125-\$200. Summer rates lower. Non-Rio and non-Harrah's guests pay \$250. Club rentals available. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

SouthShore Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas Resort—Designed by Jack Nicklaus, SouthShore was host of the Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge in 1996, 1997, and 2001. Course records have been set by PGA tour stars: Kirk Triplett shot 62 from black tees, and Tom Watson shot 61 from blue tees. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf John Herndon, Head Pro Dale Ray Akridge. 100 Strada Di Circolo, Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-558-

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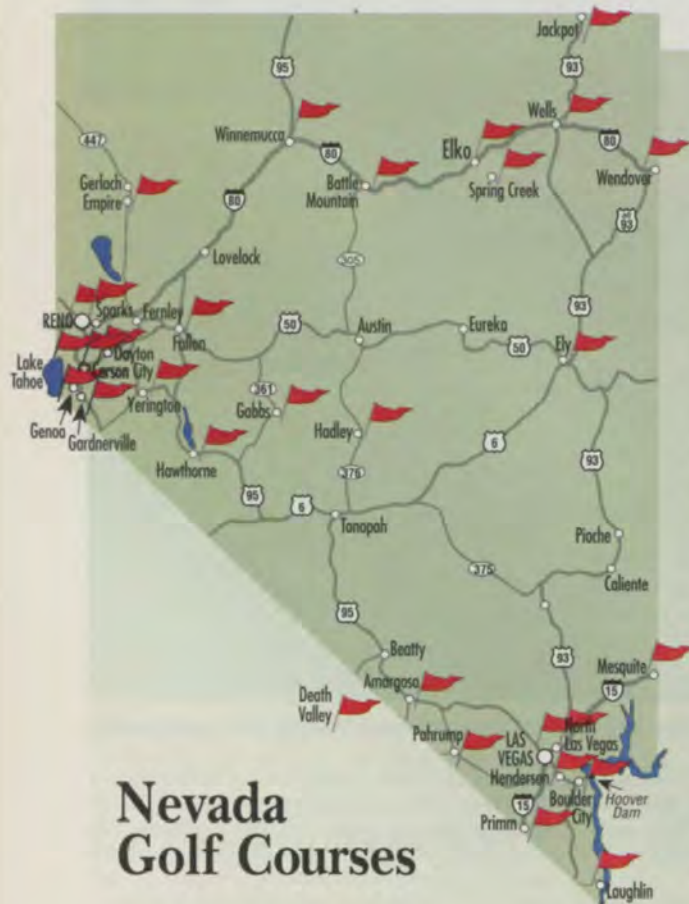
Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Information Center, 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Call 702-892-7575 and ask for reservations. Web www.vegasfreedom.com. The LVCVA has a map and listing of area courses.

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, Golf Information, 1 E. First St., 2nd Floor, Reno, NV 89502. Call 800-FOR-RENO. Web www.reno-laketahoe.com. The RSCVA, which operates Wildcreek and Northgate, has information on courses and hotel golf packages.

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701. Call 800-NEVADA-1. Web www.carson-city.org. Carson has a color brochure on area's "Divine 9" courses. The CCCVB can transfer your call directly to area courses for tee times and information.

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Authority, 1513 U.S. 395 N., Gardnerville, NV 89410. Call 800-727-7677. Web www.carsonvalley-nv.org. Ask for the color golf brochure on the area's "Divine 9" courses.

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Nevada Golf Courses



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0022, fax 702-558-0024, www.lakelasegas.com. Back tees: 6,917 yards, par 71. Members and guests. Spikeless.

Tuscany Golf Club—Tuscany plans a summer 2002 opening. The holes are challenging but fair, with subtle elevation changes and views of the mountains and the Strip. Course offers "inspiration rather than intimidation," says Director of Golf Tom Vold. Architect: Ted Robinson. Public, 18 holes, opening in summer 2002. Pre-Opening Office: 2920 N. Green Valley Pkwy., No. 115, Henderson, NV 89014. Call 877-282-7602. Back tees: 6,906 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for current rates. Club rentals. Major credit cards accepted. Soft spikes.

Wildhorse Golf Club—Traditional rolling terrain with plentiful water. Golf schools and tournaments are available on request. Architects: Robert Cupp and Hubert Green. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1958. American Golf, GM-Head Pro Charles Packard. 2100 Warm Springs Rd., Henderson, NV 89014. Call 702-434-9000, fax 702-434-9006. Back tees: 7,041 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: Peak season: \$80 M-Th, \$110 F-S. Twilight \$65, \$80. Ask about summer rates. Club rental \$40 and \$55. Shoe rental \$10. Major credit cards. Soft spikes.

LAS VEGAS

Angel Park Golf Club—Angel Park, which has two championship courses, an executive course, and a night-lighted driving range, has been voted favorite golf course by locals six of the last seven years. Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay designed the long layouts, and Robert Cupp and John Fought designed the executive. Resort Golf Schools and Academies. Resort courses, estab. 1989. General Manager Carl Von Hake, Head Pro Don Cramer. 100 S. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89145. Call 702-254-4653 or 888-4GOLFLV, www.angelparkgolfclub.com. **Mountain Course:** Course has subtle changes in elevation, challenging greens, views of Spring Mountains, Red Rock Canyon, and Las Vegas Strip. 18 holes. Back tees: 6,722 yards, par 71. **Palm Course:** Palm Course has some forced carries over water and desert, challenging par 3s, and fast greens. 18 holes. Back tees: 6,530 yards, par 70. **Cloud Nine:** The 12-hole par-3 course uses concepts of famous par-3s from around the world. Nine holes are lighted for night play. Open till midnight in summer. Tees: 1,341 yards, par 27 (there are 12 holes total). Green fees: Rates are seasonal; call for current rates. Club rental \$40-\$50. Major credit cards. Nonmetal spikes only.

Badlands Golf Club—Scottsdale-style course, desert target golf, built around arroyos, flows with natural terrain. Architect: Johnny Miller. Ken Venturi Golf Academy, Nike Golf Learning Center. Resort course, 27 holes, estab. 1995. General Manager Chuck Afualo, Head Pro

Jeffrey Levin. 9119 Alta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128. Call 702-242-GOLF, fax 702-360-5149. Back tees: 6,926 yards, par 72. Seasonal rates; call for details. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Bali Hai Golf Club—This South Seas-style course is south of Mandalay Bay on the Las Vegas Strip. Two black labs, Max and Dixie, keep birds and other animals off the course. Designers: Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Walters Golf, Head Pro C. Scott

Ahern. 5160 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Call 702-450-8000 or 888-397-2499, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 7,015 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$150-\$325 depending on season. Twilight rates. Major credit cards. Soft spikes only. Cili, a Wolfgang Puck restaurant and bar, overlooks the course.

Bear's Best Golf Club—This is an 18-hole all-star collection of Jack Nicklaus' favorite holes that he has designed around the world, located in The Ridges in Summerlin. The club has fore-caddy program. A David Leadbetter Golf Academy is scheduled to open in October 2002. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 2001. Operations Manager Adam Owen, Head Pro Pat Mastandrea. 11111 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 866-385-8500, bearsbest.com. Back tees: 7,194 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$195 M-Th, \$235 F-S. Ask about off-season and twilight rates. Club rental \$60. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Callaway Golf Center/Divine Nine—Lighted for night play, executive course is part of the Callaway Golf Center near the southern end of the Strip. Architect: Robert Cupp. Giant Golf Academy. Public, 9 holes, estab. 1997. General Manager John Boretta. 6730 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Call 702-896-4100. Tees: 1,230 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$37. Carts \$7. Senior and junior rates. Club rental \$12. Credit cards accepted. Soft spikes.

Canyon Gate Country Club—Course is difficult with lots of water, sand bunkers, narrow fairways, and fast greens. Architect: Ted Robinson. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Manager Chuck Feddersen, Director of Golf Steve Lind. 2001 Canyon Gate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89117. Call 702-363-0303, pro shop 702-363-0481. Back tees: 6,742 yards, par 72. Canyon Gate Country Club homeowners and nonhomeowners may join the club for \$32,000. Guests of members pay \$100 including cart. Club rental \$35. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

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THE PROS' PICKS 2002

When *Nevada Magazine* asked the state's golf pros to rate their favorite Nevada and Tahoe-area courses recently, responses came from 40 club pros and managers, including 24 from the Las Vegas area, 12 from the Reno area, two from Tahoe, and two from rural Nevada. In all, 75 courses were mentioned. Here are the picks in 2002, including the courses' total votes and first-place votes (from other courses' pros).



Tiger Woods holds the course record at Rio Secco, one of the top courses in the Las Vegas area.

Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline: 24 (4)
Reflection Bay, Lake Las Vegas: 18 (1)
Genoa Lakes, Carson Valley: 16 (1)
Shadow Creek, North Las Vegas: 16 (4)
TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas (private): 16
Montreux, Reno (private): 15 (3)
Southern Highlands, Las Vegas (private): 14
SouthShore, Lake Las Vegas (private): 14 (1)
Las Vegas Country Club (private): 11
Wolf, Las Vegas Paiute Resort: 11
Primm Valley, Lakes: 10 (1)
Red Hawk, Sparks: 10
Rio Secco, Henderson: 10
Wolf Creek, Mesquite: 9 (1)
Desert Inn, Las Vegas: 8
Whitehawk, north of Truckee: 8 (2)
Incline Championship, Lake Tahoe: 8
TPC Canyons, Las Vegas: 8
ArrowCreek, Reno (private): 7
Bali Hai, Las Vegas: 6 (1)
DragonRidge, Henderson: 6
Lake Ridge, Reno: 6
Legacy, Henderson: 6
Royal Links, Las Vegas: 6
Bear's Best, Las Vegas: 5
Cascata, Boulder City (private): 5 (1)
Coyote Moon, Truckee: 5 (1)
Las Vegas National: 5
Sun Mt., Las Vegas Paiute Resort: 4

scheduled to close June 30, 2002, as the former Desert Inn property becomes a new Steve Wynn resort, Le Reve. Hosted the Tournament of Champions in the '50s and '60s and the Las Vegas Invitational in '80s and '90s. Jack Nicklaus made the longest putt of his playing career at the D.I.—108 feet on No. 11. Architect: Lawrence Hughes. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1952. Head Pro Jay Bavington. 3145 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Call 702-733-4290. Back tees: 7,193 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Spring: \$165 S-Th, \$195 F-S. Twilight \$100 S-Th, \$125 F-S. Local rates \$125 S-Th. Lower rates in summer. Club rental \$30. Major credit cards. Spikeless preferred.

Desert Pines Golf Club—The Carolina-type course near downtown Las Vegas has more than 4,000 pine trees and a fully automated golf center with 58 heated (in winter) and misted (in summer) hitting bays. Architect: Perry Dye. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Walters Golf, Director of Golf Andy Wright, Head Pro Michael Severn. 3415 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Call 702-450-8000 or 888-397-2499, pro shop 702-388-4400, fax 702-438-8382, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 6,810 yards, par 71. Green fees: Peak season: \$135 M-Th, \$175 F-S. Summer rates lower. Twilight rates. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Spikeless only.

Desert Rose Golf Course—Moderate length, flat terrain, good fairways. Dress code: shirts with collars, no cutoffs, but jeans and shorts permitted. Nike Golf Learning Center. Clark County course, 18 holes, estab. 1960. GM-Head Pro Tate Stull. 5483 Club House Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 702-431-4653. Back tees: 6,511 yards, par 71. Green fees include carts: Nonresidents \$69 M-Th, \$89

F-S. Clark County residents \$33 M-Th, \$39 F-S. Twilight rates. Club rental \$29. Major credit cards. Soft spikes and tennis shoes.

Las Vegas Country Club—Private course is a former co-host of the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational. Gently rolling, large greens, well bunkered. Architect: Edmund Ault with Ron Carl redesign. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1967. Manager Dale Telford, Director of Golf John Creaney. 3000 Joe W. Brown Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Back tees: 7,164 yards, par 72. Members and guests only. Soft spikes.

Las Vegas Golf Club—Course is mature with lots of trees and little water. Architect: Tom Bell. City course, 18 holes, estab. 1949. General Manager Tim Chew; Bill Lewis is director of Nike Golf Learning Center. 4300 W. Washington, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Call 702-646-3003. Back tees: 6,631 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$69 M-Th and \$89 F-S, Las Vegas residents \$25 to walk, \$34.50 to ride. Reduced summer rates. Club rental: \$20. Major credit cards. Night-lighted driving range. Spikes OK.

Las Vegas National Golf Club—Site of many PGA and LPGA tour events and Tiger Woods' first pro win. Architect: Bert Stamps. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1961. American Golf, General Manager Paul Kikuta. 1911 E. Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Call 702-382-GOLF, www.americangolf.com. Back tees: 6,815 yards, par 71. Green fees include carts: Spring and fall: \$130-\$140 M-Th, \$150-\$185 F-S. June 1-Sept 1: \$70-\$90. Twilight rates. Club rental \$40-\$55. Soft spikes preferred.

Las Vegas Paiute Resort—Three Pete Dye courses are located on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation, 20

miles north of downtown Las Vegas. Member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. Resort courses, 54 holes, estab. 1995. General Manager Dick Huff, Head Pro Byron Cone. U.S. 95, Snow Mountain Exit near Mount Charleston, 10325 Nu-Way Kaiv Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89124. Call 702-658-1400 or 800-711-2833, www.lvpaiutegolf.com.

Snow Mountain (Nu-Way Kaiv): Course has desert and mountain views, elevated tees, water on seven holes, and no parallel fairways. 18 holes, estab. 1995. Back tees: 7,158 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range balls: \$145 M-W, \$165 F-S. Seasonal rates. **Sun Mountain (Tav-ai Kaiv)**: Generous layout with strategically placed pot bunkers and railroad-tie bunkers. 18 holes, estab. 1996. Back tees: 7,112 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range balls: \$145 M-W, \$165 Th-S. Seasonal rates. **Wolf (Kweetoo-unuv)**: The longest course in Nevada. LPGA stars Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb played the inaugural round in *Shell's Wonderful World of Golf*. The 15th hole has an island green. 18 holes, estab. 2001. Back tees: 7,604 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range balls: \$175 M-W, \$195 Th-S. Seasonal rates. No walking. Club rental \$40-\$50. Credit cards accepted. Soft spikes.

Los Prados Country Club—A short course with five par 3s, three par 5s, and 10 par 4s. Narrow fairways, small greens, some sand, and water on four holes. The short, tight course is surrounded by houses; control is important. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1985. 5150 Los Prados Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89130. Call 702-645-5696. Back tees: 5,348 yards, par 70. Green fees vary seasonally for nonhomeowners; call for rates.

Painted Desert Golf Course—Desert target design by Jay Morrish features lush fairway landing areas amid natural desert landscape. Touring pro Robert Gamez set the course record of 62. Nike Golf Learning Center. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1987. American Golf, GM-Head Pro John Scappatura. 5555 Painted Mirage Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129. Call 702-645-2570 or 800-GOTRY18. Back tees: 6,840 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts and vary from \$80-\$120 M-Th, \$85-\$150 F-S. Call for details. Twilight rates after 1:30 p.m. Club rental: \$40 for steel, \$50 for graphite Callaways. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Spikeless preferred.

Red Rock Country Club—Private courses near Red Rock Canyon were designed by Arnold Palmer. Home links of PGA Tour player Ed Fryatt. Private, 36 holes, estab. 1999. Head Pro Rob Blackburn. 2250 Red Springs Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 702-304-5600 (pro shop), 702-360-2223 (membership). **Mountain Course**: 7,187 yards, par 72. **Arroyo Course**: 6,953 yards, par 72. Members and guests only.

Rhodes Ranch Golf Club—Designed by Ted Robinson, Rhodes Ranch has water on seven holes and a *Guinness Book of World Records* mark for the most 18-hole rounds of golf played in one day: 615. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1997. 20 Rhodes Ranch Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89148. Call 702-740-4114 or 888-311-TEES, www.rhodesranch.com. Back tees: 6,909 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$120 M-Th, \$145 F-S. Clark County residents \$55 S-Th, \$85 F-S. Summer rates after June 1. Club rental \$40. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Royal Links Golf Club—Royal Links was named one of "Top 10 You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine* in 1999. Each hole was inspired by a famous golf hole on a course where the British Open has been played. Architect: Perry Dye. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Walters Golf, Director of Golf Joe Dahlstrom. 5995 Vegas Valley Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 702-450-8000 or 888-397-2499, pro shop 702-450-8123, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 7,029 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$225 M-Th, \$250 F-S year-round. Twilight rates. Club rentals: \$50. Caddies are available. AE, Disc., JCB, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Siena Golf Club—Named by *Las Vegas Where Magazine* as having the best panoramic view of Las Vegas. Course in the Tuscan-themed Siena at Summerlin community has 95 white-sand bunkers and six lakes. Architects: Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Director of Golf Clay Meininger. 10575 Siena Monte Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 702-341-9200, fax 702-562-0883, www.sienagolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,816 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for updated rates. Spikeless. The

13,500-square-foot clubhouse is scheduled to open in May 2002. The Siena Bistro patio overlooks the course. **SilverStone Golf Club**—This new course designed by Robert Cupp has three nines—Mountain, Desert, and Valley. Located near Floyd Lamb State Park, SilverStone has water, palm trees, and a 28th hole where players can play off a tied match. Site of Celebrity Golf Classic in March 2002. Public, 27 holes, estab. 2001. Head Pro John Krizman. 8600 Cupp Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89131. Call 702-562-3770 or 877-888-2127, fax 702-562-3771, www.silverstonegolf.com. Back tees: Longest combination is 7,159 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Spring and fall peak season: \$140 M-Th, \$160 F-S. Summer and winter off season: \$70 M-Th, \$75 F-S. Club rental (Callaway) \$55. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes are required.

Southern Highlands Golf Club—When the private course opened in 2000, one of the first guests to play it was President Bill Clinton. Cohost of the Invensys Classic at Las Vegas on October 9-13. Architects: Robert Trent Jones and Robert Trent Jones Jr. Private, 18 holes, estab. 2000. 3140 S. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146. Call 702-263-1000. Back tees: 7,240 yards, par 72. Members and guests only.

Spanish Trail Country Club—Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., this private course has fast, bentgrass greens, undulating fairways, and lakes. Play on the club's three 9-hole sections rotates daily. Golfers include Greg Maddux, Mike Maddux, and Andre Agassi. Private, 27 holes, estab. 1984. Manager Jesse Thorpe, Head Pro Jerry Roberts. 5050 Spanish Trail Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89113. Call 702-364-0357. Back tees: Longest combination is 7,107 yards, par 72. Private membership; guests pay \$87. AE, Visa. Spikeless.

Stallion Mountain Country Club—Three private courses may be played by guests at more than 25 Las Vegas hotels that maintain corporate memberships. Site of the John Jacobs Golf School. Private, 54 holes. General Manager Gregg Minshall, Head Pro Jim Fossenkemper. 5500 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 702-



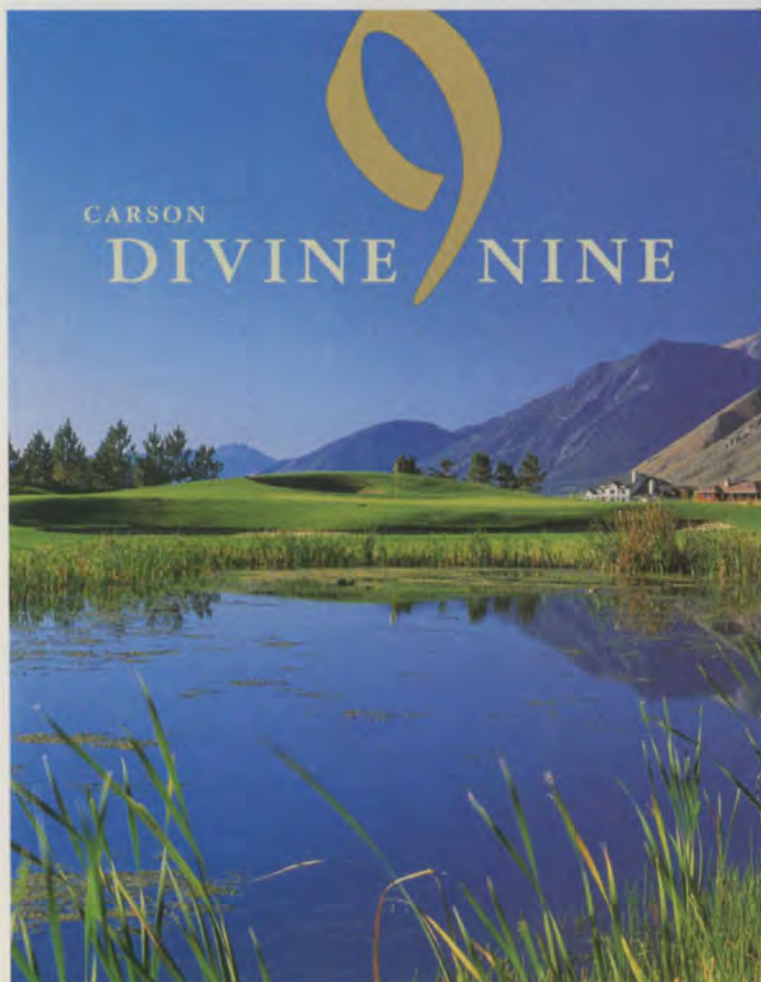
Bob Estes receives Nevada-style congratulations after winning the 2001 Invensys Classic at Las Vegas.

450-8000 or 888-397-2499, visit www.waltersgolf.com.

Citation: Traditional course was designed by Jim Colbert and Gary Bickler. 18 holes, estab. 1991. Back tees: 6,676 yards, par 72. **Man O' War:** Players must carry bunkers and water to reach the small greens. Chip Beck shot a 59 here in tourney play. Architects: Jim Colbert and Gary Bickler. 18 holes, estab. 1991. Back tees: 6,849 yards, par 72. **Secretariat:** Long, narrow, modern design with water on 10 holes. Architects: Jim Colbert and Jeff Brauer. 18 holes, estab. 1995. Back tees: 7,223 yards, par 72. Green

fees: Man O' War and Citation fees run about \$105-\$120 M-Th, \$120-\$150 F-S in spring and fall, lower in summer. Secretariat green fees run \$20-\$35 more. Call for seasonal rates. Club rental \$50. Spikeless.

Sun City Las Vegas Golf Club—Semi-private courses are open to the public, but residents are given preference. Part of Del Webb's Sun City community, the courses were designed by Billy Casper and Greg Nash. **Palm Valley:** Rolling terrain with great views. 18 holes, estab. 1989. Director of Golf Jesse Bridgeman, Head Pro Jim



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Highland Falls: Hilly with scenic waterfalls on 17th and 18th at 3,000-foot elevation. 18 holes, estab. 1993. Director of Golf Jesse Bridgeman, Head Pro Paul Brown. 10201 Sun City Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-254-7010. Back tees: 6,512 yards, par 72. Green fees for both courses vary seasonally; call for details. Nonresident and twilight rates. Summer rates start in June. Club rental \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes. **Eagle Crest:** Eagle Crest course has one of the highest elevations in the valley. 18-hole executive, estab. 1995. 2203 Thomas Ryan Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-240-1320. Back tees: 4,067 yards, par 60. Green fees vary seasonally; call for rates. Spikeless.

Tournament Players Club at Summerlin—TPC stadium course built to accommodate spectators hosts the Invenys Classic at Las Vegas on October 9-13. Named one of the top 10 courses in Nevada by *Golf Digest*. Architect: Bobby Weed with Fuzzy Zoeller. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. PGA Tour, General Manager Chuck Bombard, Head Pro Jason Edmiston. 1700 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-256-0111. Back tees: 7,243 yards, par 72. Members and guests. Spikeless.

Tournament Players Club at the Canyons—Cohost of the PGA Tour's Invenys Classic at Las Vegas, this high-end daily-fee course was built using natural desert canyons. Named one of the best 100 golf shops for 2002 by *Golf World Business*. Home to local PGA Tour players such as Bob May, Jeff Gallager, John Riegger, Robert Gamez, and Chris Riley. Architect: Bobby Weed with Raymond Floyd. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. General Manager Dan Hammell, Head Pro Brian Esposito. 9851 Canyon Run Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89144. Call 702-256-2000, www.tpc.com. Back tees: 7,063 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$180 M-Th, \$240 F-S. Ask about summer and twilight rates. AE, DC, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

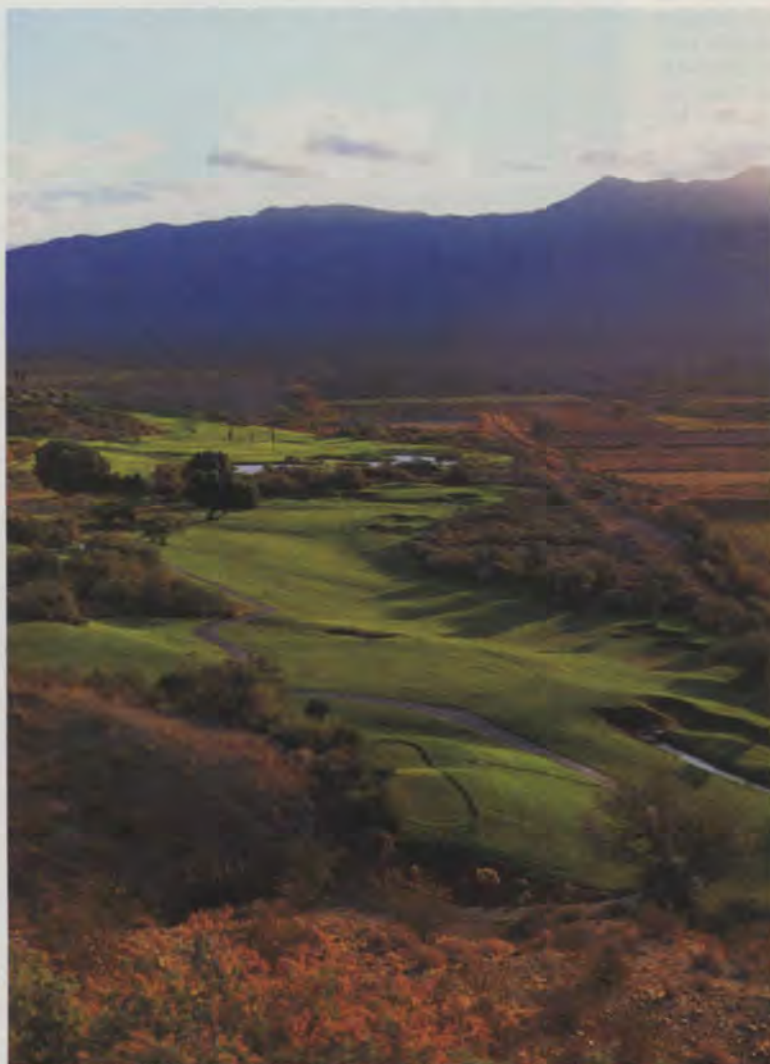
LAUGHLIN

Emerald River Country Club—Target course on the Colorado River south of Laughlin's hotel-casinos is difficult, with narrow fairways. Hosts Iron Man Tournament: 36 holes in one day. Architects: Ault and Clark. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1990. American Golf, GM-Head Pro John Duckett. 1155 West Casino Dr., Box 32220, Laughlin, NV 89029. Call 702-298-0061. Back tees: 6,572 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$76 M-Th, \$85 F-S, seniors \$66 M-Th, \$71 F-S. Club rental \$20. Hotel packages available. Spikes permitted.

Mojave Resort Golf Club—Links-style course is located across from the Avi Casino on the Mojave Indian Reservation, 10 miles south of Laughlin casinos. Hosted Southern Nevada Golf Invitational for the past three years. Named a four-star course by *Golf Digest*, Mojave has 87 sand hazards and wildlife such as rabbits, snakes, tarantulas, beavers, and coyotes. Architects: PGA West/Brian Curley and Grant Heserot. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1997. General Manager Chris Stewart (PGA), Head Pro Keri Stewart (LPGA). 9905 Aha Macav Pkwy., Laughlin, NV 89029. Call 702-535-4653, www.mojaveresort.com. Back tees: 6,939 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and practice range: Summer rates beginning June 1: \$35 M-Th, \$45 F-S. Rates vary by season. Discount for guests of Laughlin hotels. Twilight and senior rates. Club rental \$25. Credit cards accepted. Soft spikes.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca Golf Club—Situating in both desert and wetland environments, CasaBlanca can be tough or easy with five sets of tees. Member of the New York State Audubon Society Environmental Sanctuary Program. Hosts the Nevada Open. Architect: Cal Olson. Shotmakers Golf School. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Director of Golf Bob Ault, Head Pro Chris Orchard. 1100 W. Hafen Ln., Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 702-346-6781 or 888-711-GOLF, www.golfmesquitenevada.com. Back tees: 7,036 yards, par 72. Green fees: CasaBlanca Resort guests in May pay \$65 M-F, \$75 S-S. Nonguests \$85 M-Th, \$95 F-S. Guests in June-Sept. pay \$45 M-F, \$50 S-S. Nonguests \$55 M-Th, \$60 F-S. Seasonal rates vary; call for details. Carts optional. Club rental \$25-\$35. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.



The Palms in Mesquite is host of the Re/Max World Long Drive Championship.

Oasis Golf Club—Oasis was named one of "Top 10 You Can Play" by *Golf Magazine* in 1996. Set in the Virgin Mountain foothills, the Oasis has elevated tees and good views. Architects: Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. Oasis Golf Academy with Mike Lyons. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf Randy Tickner, Head Pro Ed Stanfill. 100 Palmer Lane, Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 702-346-7820 or 888-367-3386, www.golfmesquitenevada.com. Back tees: 6,982 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$125 M-Th, \$135 F-S. Summer rates. **Vistas Course:** Resort course, 9 holes, estab. 1995. Tees: 3,524 yards, par 37. Green fees: \$45. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Club rental \$35. Spikeless.

Palms Golf Club—Back 9 is hilly with up to 114-foot drops from some tees to fairways. Host of the Re/Max World Long Drive Championship in October. Architect: William Hull. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Director of Golf Bob Ault, Head Pro Ken Turner. 711

Palms Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89024. Call 702-346-5232 or 888-711-4653. Back tees: 7,008 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for rates and packages. Affiliated with Oasis Resort.

Wolf Creek at Paradise Canyon—Desert course named one of America's best new public courses in 2001 by *Golf Digest*. Set amid dramatic sandstone canyon cliffs. Dress code enforced: shirts with collars, no denim. Sister course, **Falcon Ridge**, to open in late 2002. Architect: Dennis Rider. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Owners Dennis Rider and Doug Clemetson, Head Pro Mike Stewart, Assistant Pro George Fullerton, Teaching Pro Randy Byers. 401 Paradise Pkwy., Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 866-252-4653, www.playthewolf.com. Back tees: 7,018 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$150. Summer rates. Club rental \$40. Major credit cards. Wolf Creek is a spikeless course.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Craig Ranch Golf Course—Short, narrow course with 7,000 trees. No sand bunkers, one lake, small sloping greens. Architect: J.C. Stimson. Tom Carlson Junior Golf Academy. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1963. Head Pro Tom Carlson. 628 W. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Call 702-642-9700. Back tees: 6,001 yards, par 70. Green fees: \$19 to walk, \$28 to ride. Club rental \$10. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

North Las Vegas Golf Course—This 14-acre par-3 course was the first course in the state lighted for night play. Good city views. Host course for Nevada Senior Olympics par-3 event. City course, 9 holes, estab. 1971. Manager Mike Buttell, Head Pro Henry Sandler. 324 E. Brooks, North Las Vegas, NV 89036-4086. Call 702-633-1833, fax 702-633-1902. Back tees: 1,128 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$7 weekdays (lower for seniors and students), \$9 weekends. Night golf: \$9 weekdays, \$10 weekends. Club rental \$10 with pull cart. No credit cards. Spikeless.

Shadow Creek—Owned by MGM-Mirage, this semi-private course has what amounts to the highest green fee in the state. Shadow Creek was conceived by former Mirage chairman Steve Wynn and designed by Tom Fazio. In 1997, Shadow Creek was ranked the 15th best course in the U.S. by *Golf Digest*. Lush course has pheasants, swans, and other waterfowl. Architects: Tom Fazio and Steve Wynn. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. MGM-Mirage Corp., Director of Golf Monte Montgomery. 3 Shadow Creek Dr., North Las Vegas, NV 89031. Call 866-250-3634, 702-791-7111, 888-778-3387 (tee times). Back tees: 7,239 yards, par 72. Green fees:

\$500 for guests of the Mirage, Bellagio, Treasure Island, MGM Grand, New York-New York, and Golden Nugget. Besides lodging, fees include limo transportation to and from the course, cart, and caddy service. Shadow Creek requires soft spikes.

Sunrise Vista Golf Course—This Nellis Air Force Base course has grown to 36 holes with the opening of the fourth 9 last year. For use by active-duty and retired military personnel and Department of Defense civilian employees and their guests. Architect: Halsey Design Group. Military course, 36 holes, estab. 1972 (first nine in 1967). Director of Golf Leo Van Wart. 2841 Kinley Dr., Nellis AFB, NV 89191. Call 702-652-2602 ext. 10, fax 702-652-8572, www.mil.nellis.af.mil/golf. Back tees: Longest combination is 7,051 yards, par 72. Green fees: Guests \$45 to walk. Military, depending on grade, \$14-\$23 to walk. Juniors \$11. Carts \$10 per person. Club rental \$5-\$15. MC, Visa. Soft spikes. New Margaritaville Mexican

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Reno/Tahoe Open: PGA Tour pros compete for a \$3-million purse August 19-25 at Montreux Golf and Country Club in Reno. Call 888-848-RENO or visit www.renotahoeopen.pgatour.com.

Invensys Classic at Las Vegas: PGA Tour pros play 90 holes for a \$5-million purse October 9-13 at TPC at Summerlin, TPC at the Canyons, and Southern Highlands. Call 702-242-3000 or visit invensysclassic.com for details on the tournament.

restaurant recently opened at Sunrise Vista, the course for Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

PAHRUMP

Desert Greens—Informal, nine-acre par-3 course, part of a mobile-home subdivision, has water holes and sand bunkers. Holes are 70 to 105 yards long. Public, 9 holes, estab. 2001. Manager Jon Beesley. 350 W. Wilson Rd., Pahrump, NV 89048. Call 775-751-1999. Tees: 776 yards,

par 27. Green fees (each tee has two boxes): \$8 for 9 holes, \$12 for 18. Pull carts: \$1. Players can bring own electric or gas carts. No credit cards. Soft spikes.

Lake View Executive Golf Course—Fairly flat layout has four lakes. Architect: William Bell. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1984. 1471 Mount Charleston, Pahrump, NV 89048. Call 775-727-6388. Back tees: 3,583 yards, par 59. Green fees: Seasonal rates vary, \$15-\$30. Power carts not available; \$2 for pull carts. Club rental \$15. Lake View is spikeless.

Willow Creek Golf Course—Former Calvada championship course has 17 bunkers, long layout, water on 13 holes. Pahrump is 60 miles west of Las Vegas. Architect: William Bell. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1980. 1500 Red Butte Dr., Pahrump, NV 89048. Call 775-727-4653, 877-779-4653, fax 775-727-7759. Back tees: 7,025 yards, par 71. Green fees include carts: Seasonal rates vary, \$25-\$55. Hotel-casino packages available. Club rental \$25. Spikeless.

PRIMM

Primm Valley Golf Club—The border community of Primm has two courses designed by Tom Fazio. *Golf Digest* gave Primm Valley four and a half stars. *Golf Magazine's* "Top 100 Public Courses" in 2000-2001 rated the Lakes No. 52, the Desert No. 93. Primm Valley Golf Academy. Resort courses, 36 holes. MGM-Mirage, Director of Golf Mark Yelenich, Head Pro Tom Delaney. 31900 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm, NV 89019. Call 800-386-7867 or 702-679-5510, www.primmvalleyresort.com.

Lakes Course: Has lakes and streams, wide fairways, and mature pine trees. 18 holes, estab. 1997. Back tees: 6,945 yards, par 71. **Desert Course:** Landscaped to blend with the surrounding cacti and grasses. 18 holes, estab. 1998. Back tees: 7,131 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: Until May 20: \$165 M-Th; \$195 F-S. May 21-June 10: \$125 M-Th; \$150 F-S. Seasonal rates vary. Club rental \$40. Shoe rentals \$10. Golf packages available from Buffalo Bill's, Whiskey Pete's, and Primm Valley hotel-casinos. Credit cards accepted. Soft spikes.

Reno/Tahoe Area

CARSON CITY

Eagle Valley Golf Course—These two public courses have contrasting personalities and host a Golf Learning Center. Carson City Municipal Golf Corp., General Manager Michael McGehee, Head Pro Mike Browning. 3999 Centennial Park Dr., Carson City, NV 89706. Call 775-887-2380. **East Course:** Wide-open course, suitable for all levels of golfers. Course is watered with treated effluent and stays green most of the year. Architect: Arthur Jack Snyder. 18 holes, estab. 1976. Back tees: 6,658 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$21. After 2 p.m. \$12. Winter rates. Carts: \$18. Club rental \$15. MC, Visa. Spikes OK. **West Course:** The West is a links-style course which is hilly and very narrow. Architect: Homer Flynt. 18 holes, estab. 1987. Back tees: 6,851 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$39.50 until 1 p.m., \$26.50 from 1-4 p.m., \$18 after 4 p.m. Winter rates. Club rental \$15. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Empire Ranch Golf Course—The 27-hole layout is set among protected wetlands between bluffs overlooking the Carson River. Architect: Cary Bickler. Public, 27 holes, estab. 1997. GM-Head Pro Jeff Sparks. 1875 Fair Way, Carson City, NV 89701. Call 775-885-2100, 888-227-1335, www.empireranchgolf.com. Back tees: Longest combination is 6,840 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$35 M-F, \$40 S-S. Senior specials. Seasonal rates. Club rental \$20. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Silver Oak Golf Course—Challenging course at north end of Carson City in Silver Oak development. Elevated tees, hilly on back 9. Architects: Tom Duncan and Sid Salomon. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Head Pro Tom Duncan. 1251 Country Club Dr., Carson City, NV 89703. Call 775-841-7000. Back tees: 6,654 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: Summer \$45; after 3 p.m. \$30. Winter \$30. Twilight rates. Rates vary seasonally. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Golf Course—Course winds through the tall cottonwood trees planted by early settlers over a cen-

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The Golf Club at Genoa Lakes—Designed by John Harbottle and PGA player Peter Jacobsen, this long, undulating layout at the base of the Sierra is an annual site of local U.S. Open qualifying. *Golf Digest* named it the fourth "Best New Public Course" in the U.S. in 1994. Named Best Rural Nevada Course in 2001 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll. New owners have made major capital improvements. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1993. Owners Mario and Diane Antoci, Director of Golf Lou Eiguren, Head Pro Ebon Slack. Jacks Valley Rd., Box 350, Genoa, NV 89411. Call 775-782-4653 or 775-588-

GOLF, fax 775-783-8053, www.genoalakes.com. Back tees: 7,317 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: May 1-June 17: \$65 M-Th, \$85 F-S. Twilight after 2 p.m.: \$45. June 17-Sept. 30: \$90 M-Th, \$100 F-S. Twilight after 4 p.m.: \$45. Oct. 1-April 30: \$50-\$60 and under. Club rental \$30. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch—Built in the Sierra foothills with a panoramic view of the Carson Valley and forested mountains. Voted best golf course in Carson-Douglas in 2000 by *Reno Gazette-Journal* readers. Architects: John Harbottle and Johnny Miller. Private and group lessons taught by Dick Ridley. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1998. American Golf, Director of Golf Ken Kaifas, Pro Dick Ridley. 2901 Jacks Valley Rd., Box 316, Genoa, NV 89411. Call 775-782-7700, fax 775-782-0252, sierranevadagc.com. Back tees: 7,358 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$40-\$105 peak-season rate. Twilight and off-season rates. Club rentals. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Sunridge Golf Club—Course at north end of Carson

Valley has multiple sets of tees and incorporates hilly topography and natural wetlands. Architect: Bill Wellman. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Owner Bill Wellman, Head Pro Keith Stoll. 1000 Long Drive, Carson City, NV 89705. Located two miles south of downtown Carson City. Call 775-267-4448, fax 775-267-5173, www.sunridgegolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,904 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$55 M-Th, \$75 F-S, and holidays. Twilight and off-season rates. Club rental \$40. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

DAYTON

Dayton Valley Golf Club—Designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay, layout includes intricate bunkers, rock outcroppings, and undulating fairways. Awarded a four-star rating by *Golf Digest*. Dayton has been a Stage I PGA Tour qualifying site for last eight years—longest in nation. The 2002 qualifier is Oct. 13-18. Call for Golf School dates. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Director of Golf Jim Kepler, Head Pro Rick Vaughan. 51 Palmer Dr., Dayton, NV 89403. Call 775-246-7888, fax 775-246-7894, www.daytonvalley.com. Back tees: 7,218 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Summer \$65 M-Th, \$85 F-S. Twilight rates. Spring and fall rates. Club rental \$25. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

WASHOE VALLEY

Thunder Canyon Country Club—Course set against the Sierra has 10 lakes, two waterfalls, and thousands of pines, deciduous trees, and shrubs. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1994. Owners Roger and Gayle Block, Director of Golf Denise Bratzler. 19 Lightning W Ranch Rd., Washoe Valley, NV 89704. Call 775-882-0882, golf shop 775-884-4597. Back tees: 7,241 yards, par 72. Reciprocal play for members and guests of other private clubs outside a 50-mile radius. Guest fees \$70 if accompanied by a member, \$100 if unaccompanied or if reciprocity with other private clubs outside a 50-mile radius. Spikeless. Restaurant is open to the public.

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ArrowCreek Golf Club—ArrowCreek has two private courses at 5,300 feet in Southwest Reno below Mount Rose. Outside golf events can be booked Mon.-Thurs. at the Legend. Both have mountain views, mild undulations, and intricate bunkering. Strict dress codes are enforced: shirts with collars and no denim. Private, 36 holes, estab. 1999. General Manager Dennis Alexander, Director of Golf Martin Chuck. 2905 ArrowCreek Pkwy., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-850-4630, 775-850-GOLF for tee times, 775-850-4453 for membership info. **The Legend:** The Legend is a traditional layout designed by Arnold Palmer. Back tees: 7,115 yards, par 72. **The Challenge:** Designed by Fuzzy Zoeller and John Harbottle to resemble Scottish links. Back tees: 7,425 yards, par 72. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Brookside Golf Course—Course originally was an 18-holer, but nine holes and the driving range were acquired for Reno airport's expansion. The remaining course is short and flat. Course record is 27. City of Reno course, 9 holes, estab. 1956. Head Pro Bob Forse. 700 S. Rock Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-856-6009. Back tees: 3,018 yards, par 35. Green fees vary by season: \$13 for 9 holes, plus \$9 for 18. Seniors \$11 plus \$7. Juniors \$7.50 plus \$5. Spikes OK.

D'Andrea Country Club—D'Andrea is set in Sparks with views of the Reno skyline. Public play until membership reaches 250. Course-record (67) coholders are Senior PGA Tour players Jim Thorpe and Walter Hall and Director of Golf Michael Jory. Clubhouse scheduled to open in June 2002. Architect: Keith Foster. Private with public play, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Manager Michael Stevens, Director of Golf Michael Jory. 2351 North D'Andrea Pkwy., Sparks, NV 89434. Call 775-331-6363, 775-626-8890 membership info, www.jenamar.com. Back tees: 6,849 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$45-\$90. Club rental \$40. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Hidden Valley Country Club—Long, open layout, well bunkered, fast sloping greens. Course has been newly re-modeled. Architect: Billy Bell Jr. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1958. General Manager Ralph T. Woolbright, Head Pro Tom Dawson. 3575 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-857-4742 (pro shop). Back tees: 7,302



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Lake Ridge Golf Course—Designed by Robert Trent Jones, Lake Ridge has large greens with numerous bunkers. The famous 15th hole has an island green that must be reached with a tee shot from a hillside 120 feet above the lake. The Ridge Restaurant is nearby. Named Best Northern Nevada Course in 2001 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll. Finalist for 1999 Apex Award. Daily fee, 18 holes, open March-Dec., estab. 1969. Owner-Manager Stan Jaksick, PGA Master Pro Paul Lane, Director of Instruction Jan Usher. 1200 Razorback Rd., Reno, NV 89509. Call Lake Ridge at 775-825-2200, 800-815-6966, visit www.lakeridgegolf.com, e-mail lakeridge@golf.reno.nv.us. Back tees: 6,715 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$78 M-Th, \$93 F-S. Twilight rates after 3 p.m.: \$45 and \$55. Walkers permitted after 5:30 p.m. Club rental \$30. Fees are lower in early spring and late fall. AE, MC, Visa. Pro shop ranked among top 100 in U.S. by *Pro Shop Magazine*. Spikes OK.

Montreux Golf and Country Club—Jack Nicklaus designed this forested course, which hosts the Reno/Tahoe Open on August 19-25. Ranked No. 2 in Nevada by *Golf Digest*, Montreux is the second-longest course in the state and home course to PGA touring pro Scott McCarron and LPGA touring pro Annika Sorenstam. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1997. General Manager Stan Jaksick, Director of Golf Gus Jones. 18077 Bordeaux Dr., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-849-9496, www.montreuxgolf.com. Back tees: 7,577 yards, par 72. Private course; membership is \$100,000. Credit cards accepted. Spikeless. Three additional practice holes have opened.

Northgate Golf Club—Scottish links-style course has generous undulating fairways and greens surrounded by both sand and grass bunkers. Course was first in Nevada to host U.S. Open qualifying. Host course for the PGA Ben Hogan Reno Open. Architects: Benz and Poellot. Three teaching professionals. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1988. Northgate course is owned by Reno-Sparks

Oct.: \$70 M-Th, \$80 F-S. June-Sept.: \$85 M-Th, \$95 F-S. Nov.-Dec.: \$50 M-Th, \$55 F-S. **Hills Course**: This private, scenic layout was designed by Hale Irwin. Private, 18 holes, estab. 2001. Back tees: 7,161 yards, par 71. Members and guests only. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes. Freddie's Roost restaurant.

Rosewood Lakes Golf Course—Scenic links-style course cut through the area's natural wetlands with large undulating greens. Very quiet, peaceful setting with natural wildlife. Annual home of Reno/Sparks City Championship. Architect: Brad Benz. City of Reno



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Convention and Visitors Authority. General Manager Joe Kelley, Head Pro Fred Elliott. 1111 Clubhouse Dr., Reno, NV 89523. Call 775-747-7577, www.renolaketahoe.com. Back tees: 6,966 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: Nonresidents \$40 M-Th, \$45 F-S. Washoe County residents \$35 and \$45. Twilight rate \$33 after 2 p.m. Club rental \$20 and up. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless preferred.

Red Hawk Golf Club—Two courses, one public and one private, are part of the Wingfield Springs community seven miles north of I-80 in Sparks. Hosts Golf Academy. Director of Golf Lane Fairbanks. 6600 N. Wingfield Pkwy., Sparks, NV 89436. Call 775-626-6000, www.wingfieldsprings.com. **Lakes Course**: Public course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. meanders through wetlands and lakes. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Back tees: 7,127 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Jan.-April: \$40 M-Th, \$55 F-S. May and

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course, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Golf Manager Norm Blandel, Pro Bob Forse, 6800 Pembroke Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-857-2892, www.rosewoodlakes.com. Back tees: 6,693 yards, par 72. Green fees: Nonresidents \$36, Washoe County residents \$28. Twilight rates: \$20 nonresidents, \$16 residents. Fees vary after summer. Carts: \$22. Club rental \$15. MC, Visa. Spikes OK.

Sierra Sage Golf Course—Front nine built by U.S. Air Force. Links style, with sagebrush lining generous rolling fairways. Water hazards, sand bunkers, small greens. Course hosted Senior Tour event in 1978.

Washoe County course, 18 holes, estab. 1958. Director of Golf Mike Mitchell, Head Pro Dennis Oliver, 6355 Silver Lake Blvd., Stead, NV 89506. Call 775-972-1564. Back tees: 6,605 yards, par 71. Green fees: April 1-Oct. 1: Nonresidents \$29, Washoe County residents \$23. Resident seniors and juniors \$19. Twilight after 2 p.m. is \$17.50. Winter rates. Carts: \$23. \$1.50 per person starting-time fee April-Oct. Club rental \$12. Spikeless.

Washoe County Golf Course—Reno's oldest course has new 6th and 18th greens. Front 9 is flat, back 9 is hilly. Washoe County Golf Course earned *Golf Digest's* "Places

to Play" three stars in 1999-2000. Built by W.P.A. Washoe County course, 18 holes, estab. 1936. Director of Golf Barney Bell, Head Pro Darin Menante, 2601 S. Arlington, Reno, NV 89509. Call 775-828-6640. Back tees: 6,695 yards, par 72. Green fees: April 1-Oct. 31: Nonresidents \$29, Washoe County residents \$23. Seniors and juniors \$19. Twilight rate \$17.50. Winter rates. Carts: \$23. \$1.50 per person starting-time fee April-Oct. Winter rates. Club rental \$15. Spikeless.

Wildcreek Golf Course—Wildcreek's championship and executive courses offer views of the Truckee Meadows. Architects: Benz and Phelps. Owned by Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. General Manager Ronnie Hill, Head Pro Fred Elliott, 3500 Sullivan Ln., Sparks, NV 89431. Call 775-673-3100, www.renolake.com. **Championship Course**: Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1978. Very hilly, lots of water, bunkers, and trees. Hosted Gatlin Brothers Senior PGA Tour event in 1982-84. Wildcreek hosted USGA Public Links qualifying several times and will host 2002 Northern Nevada Amateur. Five teaching pros on staff. Back tees: 6,993 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$62 M-Th, \$68 F-S, Washoe County residents \$53. Twilight \$39. Winter rates. Tournament fee: \$62, \$68. Club rental \$20-\$35. **Executive Course**: Resort course, 9-hole executive, estab. 1978. Rolling hills, lots of water, challenging par-3 course. Back tees: 2,840 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$14; Nov.-March \$11. Senior and junior rates. Carts: \$20 (\$5 per person per 9). Club rental \$7. AE, MC, Visa. Steel spikes OK.

Wolf Run Golf Club—Course in southwest Reno has views of the Sierra, downtown Reno, and surrounding foothills. Has a special 19th hole designed to settle any match. Architects: John Fleming and Lou Eiguren. Wolf Run Golf Academy. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1998. General Manager Terry Jarcik, Head Pro Tim Davis, 1400 Wolf Run Rd., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-851-3301, fax 775-851-4403, www.wolfungolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,930 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: May-Sept.:

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Edgewood Tahoe—One of *Golf Digest's* top 25 public golf courses in U.S., Edgewood borders Lake Tahoe near the Stateline hotel-casino area. It hosted the Amateur Public Links in 1980 and the U.S. Seniors Open in 1985 and annually hosts the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship (July 15-21, 2002, NBC-TV). Architects: George Fazio/Tom Fazio. Resort course, 18 holes, open May 7-Oct. 13, estab. 1968. Park Cattle Co., Head Pro Randy Fox, Box 5400, Stateline, NV 89449. Call 775-588-3566 or 888-881-8659, www.edgewood-tahoe.com. Back tees: 7,491 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$200. Walking same fee. Club rental \$40. Caddies available. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

Glenbrook Club—Nevada's first golf course changed from public to private in 1998. Private, 9 holes, estab. c. 1926. 2070 Pray Meadow Rd., Glenbrook, NV 89413. Call 775-749-5201. Back tees: 5,566 yards (based on 18 holes), par 71. Private membership. Soft spikes.

Lake Tahoe Golf Course—Located in an alpine meadow surrounded by tall Sierra peaks. Architect: William Bell. Resort course, 18 holes, open April-Oct., estab. c. 1962. American Golf Corp. U.S. 50 West (1 mile west of airport), 2500 Emerald Bay Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Call 530-577-0788. Back tees: 6,745 yards, par 71. Green fees: Call for rates. Early-bird and twilight rates. Club rental \$25-\$40.

Tahoe Paradise Golf Course—Challenging executive layout, narrow with tree-lined fairways and six par 3s. Public, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1960. GM-Head Pro Dave Beeman, 3021 U.S. 50, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Call 530-577-2121. Back tees: 4,021 yards, par 66. Green fees: \$35. Seniors \$27. Twilight \$20 after 3 p.m. Carts (optional): \$15 per person. Club rental \$12. Spikes OK.

LAKE TAHOE, NORTH

Incline Golf Courses—Two members of the Jones family designed these courses. Robert Trent Jones created the Incline Championship Course while his son Robert Trent Jones Jr. laid out the Mountain Course. Superintendent of Golf Operations John Nosek, Pro Brian Eilders. **Championship Course**: Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1964. Laid out among the tall pines of Tahoe, course features gentle elevation changes with streams as water hazards on 13 holes. 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451. Call 888-236-8725, www.golfincline.com. Back tees: 6,931 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$125, twilight rate after 4 p.m. \$65. Incline Village General Improvement District residents \$38. **Mountain Course**: An executive course in the pines with streams on 12 holes. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1969. 690 Wilson Way, Incline Village, NV 89451. Call 888-236-8725, www.golfincline.com. Back tees: 3,513 yards, par 58. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents pay \$50, IVGID residents \$27. Club rental \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless preferred.

Northstar-at-Tahoe Golf Course—Front 9 is open with heavily contoured greens. Back 9 has narrow, tree-lined fairways, contoured greens. Course is a Cooperative Audubon Sanctuary. Senior PGA Tour player George Archer holds course record of 69. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. John Jacobs Golf School in summer 2003. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1973. Head Pro Graham Sampson, Basque Dr. at Northstar, Box 129, Truckee, CA 96160. Call 530-562-2490 or 800-GO-NORTH, fax 530-562-2035, www.skinorthstar.com. Back tees: 6,897 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and bucket of balls: June 21-Sept. 8: \$95. Other times between

May 15-Oct. 30, it's \$65. Club rental \$42. Soft spikes.

Old Brockway Golf Course—Across the street from Lake Tahoe, Old Brockway has rolling hills, tall pines, a meandering creek, and good views of the lake. Architect: John Duncan Dunn. Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1924. Owner Lane Lewis, Head Pro Garrett Good, 7900 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 95719. Call 530-546-0909. Back tees: 6,900 yards (based on 18 holes), par 72. Green fees (2001): Spring and fall: \$50. Summer: \$60. Spikes allowed.

Resort at Squaw Creek—Hotel golf packages are available at this traditional course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and set in Squaw Valley. Dress code: collared shirts. Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-May-Oct., estab. 1991. General Manager Jan McCormick, Head Pro Doug Flynn, Box 3333, 400 Squaw Creek Rd., Olympic Valley, CA 96146. Call 530-583-6300. Back tees: 6,931 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$85 M-Th, \$115 F-S in the high season. Twilight rates. Early and late season rates. Locals (Tahoe and Reno) pay \$55 after noon S-Th. Club rental \$30. Caddies \$40. Major credit cards. Spikeless recommended.

Tahoe City Golf Course—Nine-hole course has four par 4s, four par 3s, and one par 5. Initially designed by May Webb Dunn in 1917, making it the oldest course in the Tahoe Basin. Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1917. General Manager Bob Bonino, Head Pro Mark Landry, 251 N. Lake Blvd., Box 226, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Call 530-583-1516. Back tees: 5,261 yards (based on 18 holes), par 66. Green fees (2001): Off-season \$40, July-Aug. \$50. Twilight rates. Seasonal and senior rates. Carts. Club rental. MC, Visa. Spikeless preferred.

TRUCKEE & VICINITY

Coyote Moon Golf Course—Sierra course has rolling hills, tall pines, and Trout Creek. Clubhouse will open this summer. Architect: Brad Bell. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Director of Golf Paul Martin, 10685 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee, CA 96160. Call 530-587-0886, fax 530-550-2211, www.coyotemoongolfcourse.com. Back tees: 7,177 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$145. AE, Visa. Soft spikes preferred.

Dragon Golf Course—Clubhouse is one of three designed by Frank Lloyd Wright but never built. Views of the Sierra and Feather River. One of top "New Challenges" in *Golf* in May 2001. Architect: Robin Nelson. Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-April-mid-Nov., estab. 2000. General Manager John Graham, Director of Golf Matt Ochs, Head Pro Blake Smith, Box 880, Graeagle, CA 96103. Call 530-832-4887, 800-368-7786, www.dragongolf.com. Back tees: 7,077 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$120 with cart, \$100 walking. Twilight \$65 after 3 p.m. Club rental \$30. Major credit cards. Spikeless.

Graeagle Meadows Golf Course—Located on the scenic Feather River in the Mohawk Valley, surrounded by the Sierra, course has two lakes, the river, two creeks, and a scenic, park-like setting. Many elevated tees. Architect: Ellis Van Gorder. Public, 18 holes, open April-Nov., estab. c. 1968. Manager Dan West, Head Pro Bob Klein Jr. Represented on LPGA Tour by Emilee Klein. State Route 89 north of Truckee, Graeagle, CA 96103. Call 530-836-2323. Back tees: 6,725 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$40 M-Th, \$45 F-S. Twilight rates. Carts (optional): \$15 person. Club rental \$15. MC, Visa. Spikes OK.

Plumas Pines Golf Resort—Mountain course bordered by the middle fork of the Feather River and Plumas-Eureka National Forest. Longboards Pro-Am on June 3, 2002. Great view from deck. Architect: Homer Flynt. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Nov., estab. 1980. Director of Golf Tom Godman, Pro Brandon Bowling, 402 Poplar Valley Rd., Blairsden, CA 96103. Call 530-836-1420, www.graeagle.com/plumaspin.es. Back tees: 6,504 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$50 M-Th, \$70 F-S, \$20 for replay. Twilight \$35 after 3 p.m. Club rental \$10. Spikeless. Longboards Bar and Grill.

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Golf Club at Whitehawk Ranch—Mountain course, 38 miles north of Truckee, winds through pines and meadows. Golf shop named Resort Merchandiser of the Year by Northern California PGA in 2000. Four-and-a-half-star rating from *Golf Digest* in 2000. Architect: Dick Bailey. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Head Pro Van Batchelder. 768 Whitehawk Dr., Clio, CA 96106. Call 530-836-0394 or 800-332-4295. www.golfwhitehawk.com. Back tees: 6,951 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: Spring and fall: \$75-\$105. Summer: \$105-\$125. Same for walkers. Club rental \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Spikeless.

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AMARGOSA VALLEY

Longstreet Inn Golf Course—Thirty-five miles north of Pahrump and 35 miles southwest of Beatty, this par-3 course is part of the Longstreet Inn hotel-casino and RV park in Amargosa Valley. Architect: Ronald Freeman.



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Public, 9 holes, estab. 1998. Owner Jim Marsh, Course Manager James Hooten. State Route 373, Amargosa Valley, NV 89020. Call 775-372-1777 or 800-508-9493, fax 775-372-1280. Tees: 942 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$12. Club rental: \$3 with refundable \$20 deposit. No credit cards. Spikes allowed.

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Mountain View Golf Course—Rolling layouts, tight doglegs, narrow fairways—target golf with premium on accuracy. Architects: John and Maria Heller. Lander County course, 9 holes, open March-Oct. estab. 1991. GM-Head Pro Jon Lovell. 205 Fairway Dr., Box 201-14, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Call 775-635-2380. Back tees: 6,332 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$12 all day every day. Senior and junior rates. Annual and monthly passes. Carts: \$14 single, \$20 double. Club rental \$8. Major credit cards.

ELKO

Ruby View Golf Course—Long, rolling fairways lined with big trees, large well-bunkered greens. Named one of America's best and affordable public courses by *Golf Digest* in 1996. Golf legend Tony Lema was head professional in 1957 at the old Ruby View course. City of Elko

course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1968. Head Pro Rick Longhurst. 2100 Ruby View Dr., Elko, NV 89801. Call golf shop 775-777-7277, Mulligan's Bar and Grill 775-777-7279. Back tees: 6,919 yards, par 72. Green fees: Nonresidents \$20, Elko residents \$16 M-Th. Nonresidents \$25, Elko residents \$20 F-S. Carts (optional): \$12 per player. Club rental \$14. Major credit cards. Soft spikes only.

ELY

White Pine Golf Course—Course was expanded from nine to 18 holes in 1998, creating a variety of large and narrow fairways, flat and rolling terrain, and small and extra-large greens. Architect: Bob Baldock. White Pine County course, 18 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1957. Head Pro Jo-Jo Coronado. 151 N. Golf Course Dr., Ely, NV 89301. Call 775-289-4095, fax 775-289-1560, elygonline.com. Back tees: 6,843 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$24. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rental \$10. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

EMPIRE/GERLACH

Burning Sands Golf Course—Course has been built over the years by gypsum-mine employees in the company town of Empire, 100 miles north of Reno. Public, 9 holes, estab. early 1960s. Town Manager Dave Carter, Supervisor Bill Couk. Downtown Empire, NV 89405. Call 775-557-2341. Back tees: 2,007 yards, par 32. Green fees: Donations accepted; \$10 suggested for nonresidents.

Lucifer's Anvil Golf Course—Informal layout of more than 7,000 yards on the Black Rock playa north of

Army Ammunitions Depot, Box 967, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Call 775-945-1111. Back tees: 5,514 yards (based on 18 holes), par 68. Green fees: \$14 M-F, \$16 S-S. Carts (optional): \$12. Club rental \$5. Casino packages available.

JACKPOT

Jackpot Golf Club—Lengthy, undulating layout with lots of doglegs and large, sloping, fast greens. The course is known for coyotes, deer, hawks, and pesky ball-stealing ravens, particularly in the spring and fall. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. Elko County course, 18 holes, open March-Oct., estab. c. 1970. Manager Dave Albrecht, Head Pro Doug Russell. 415 Ace Dr., Jackpot, NV 89825. Call 775-755-2260. Back tees: 6,436 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$15 M-F, \$18 S-S. Elko County residents \$9 M-F. Carts (optional): \$22. No private carts. Club rental \$12. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Round Mountain Golf Course—Longest 9-hole course in Nevada is situated in Hadley in Big Smoky Valley, 50 miles north of Tonopah and 60 miles south of U.S. 50. Three lakes come into play on six holes. Elevation is 5,726 feet. Architect: William Howard Neff. Public, 9 holes, open March 1-Nov. 30, estab. 1991. Head Pro Apprentice Leo Vath. Box 480, Round Mountain, NV 89045. Call 775-377-2880, fax 775-377-1208, or visit www.bigsmokyvalley.com. Back tees: 3,569 yards, par 36. Green fees: \$16. Carts \$9 per person. Senior and junior discounts. Check Web site for prices. MC, Visa. Soft spikes only. Hadley has an indoor swimming pool, tennis courts, gym, and RV park.

SPRING CREEK

Spring Creek Golf Course—Desert course 15 miles southeast of Elko has narrow fairways and sagebrush rough. Must be accurate off the tee. Public, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1972. Spring Creek Assn., Head Pro Jason Jerman. 401 Fairway Blvd., Spring Creek, NV 89815. Call 775-753-6331. Back tees: 5,638 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$22. Carts (optional): \$20. Club rental \$10. MC, Visa. Spikeless.

WELLS

Chimney Rock Golf Course—Course has three lakes, sand bunkers, and small, really fast greens. City of Wells course, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1976. Head Pro Ron Springsteel. 750 Ventosa Ave., Box 430, Wells, NV 89835. Call 775-752-3928. Back tees: 6,130 yards (based on 18 holes), par 70. Green fees: \$16. Carts (optional): \$18. Club rental \$5. Spikeless.

WENDOVER

Toana Vista Golf Course—A long, narrow target course forms an oasis near the Salt Flats. Architect: Homer Flynt. Resort course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1987. West Wendover Recreation Dept., Director of Golf Reid Goodliffe. 2319 Pueblo Blvd., Box 2290, West Wendover, NV 89883. Phone 775-664-4300, 800-852-4330 outside Nevada. Back tees: 6,820 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$40. Carts mandatory until 1 p.m. weekdays and 4 p.m. weekends. Club rental \$10. Spikes allowed. Ask about golf academy dates.

WINNEMUCCA

Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course—Challenging 9-hole course in town park has small greens and no water. Architect: Bob Baldock. City of Winnemucca course, 9 holes, open March-Oct., estab. c. 1952. Head Pro Bill Phillips. 1395 Mizpah St., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Call 775-623-9920. Back tees: 3,250 yards, par 36. Green fees: \$14 weekdays, \$16 weekends. One dollar off if you start before 7:30 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Carts (optional): \$20. No credit cards. Spikeless.

YERINGTON

Mason Valley Country Club—Quiet community course has expanded from 9 to 18 holes and has lots of water. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1964. Owners Tom Carpenter and Ernie Carpenter, Manager Tiffany Carpenter. 111 Hwy. 208, Yerington, NV 89447. Call 775-463-3300. Back tees: 6,616 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$28 nonmembers, \$22 members. Carts (optional): \$20 nonmembers, \$15 members. Juniors \$12. Club rental \$5. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

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menu. Entrees begin at \$31. Open daily. Business casual dress. Call 702-693-7223.

Le Cirque: ★★★★★ If you're in a playful mood at Bellagio, you'll enjoy Le Cirque's circus-theme decor. It's a little mad but elegant. Le Cirque provides an intimate dining atmosphere for Chef Marc Poidevin's haute-French cuisine. Specialties include *salade de Homard "Le Cirque"* and braised rabbit in Riesling with morel mushrooms, fava beans, and spaetzle. The wine list contains over 500 international selections. You may choose from a three-course tasting menu for \$80 or a five-course menu *degustation* for \$95. Open daily. Jackets are required. Call 702-693-8100, www.lecirque.com.

Picasso: ♦♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ At Bellagio Master Chef Julian Serrano guided Picasso to its five-diamond, five-star status. The decor includes 12 original Picasso artworks and abundant fresh flowers. Serrano's French cuisine has a Spanish influence. Prix fixe menu is \$79.50 and the menu *degustation* is \$89.50. Open Thurs.-Tues. Jackets are recommended. Call 702-693-7111.

Caesars Palace: ♦♦♦♦♦ Surrounded by attractively landscaped grounds, Caesars Palace on the Strip has art galleries, heated outdoor pools, entertainment, eateries, and the Forum Shops at Caesars. Many guest rooms feature regally draped beds beneath mirrored ceilings and bathrooms with Roman tubs. Some suites have private dining rooms, parlors, wet bars, and saunas. Standard rooms and suites cost \$89 to \$650. Call 800-CAESARS, 702-731-7110, www.caesars.com.

Four Seasons: ♦♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ The Four Seasons occupies the 35th through 39th floors of Mandalay Bay's hotel tower and has a private driveway. The nongaming resort offers a serene retreat with gardens, nightclub, jogging area, spa, and pool. There are one- and two-bedroom suites, and floor-to-ceiling windows offer views of the mountains, valley, and desert. Guest rooms and one-

bedroom suites cost \$200 weekdays, \$300 on weekends. The presidential suite costs \$3,000 to \$4,000. Call 877-632-5000, 702-632-5000, www.fourseasons.com/lasvegas.

Golden Nugget: ♦♦♦♦ If you want an affordable penthouse suite near historic downtown casinos like Binion's and the Four Queens, consider the Golden Nugget on Fremont Street. The polished brass and marble are real. So are the flowers in giant urns. The Golden Nugget has a heated pool, lap pool with lifeguard, exercise room, and sauna. Guest rooms start at \$59. A one-bedroom spa suite is \$450; other suites cost \$250 to \$700. The hotel has gourmet Italian and Chinese restaurants. Call 800-634-3454, 702-385-7111, www.goldennugget.com.

Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas: ♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ A private resort in Henderson, Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas received AAA's four diamonds last year and Mobil's four stars in February 2002. Movie buffs will recognize it as the site of *America's Sweethearts*, starring

Julia Roberts. The Hyatt has a European-style casino, spa, fitness center, two heated pools, rental canoes and bicycles, and several restaurants. The Jack Nicklaus-designed Reflection Bay Golf Club is next door. A golf counselor coordinates golf lessons, clubs rental, and car rental at 800-4-GOLFERS. Suites cost \$155 to \$299. Call 800-55-HYATT, 702-567-1234, www.hyatt.com.

Las Vegas Hilton: ♦♦♦♦ With 3,174 rooms and suites, the Las Vegas Hilton was once the biggest hotel in Nevada. The hotel has eight restaurants, retail shops, heated pool, all-weather lighted tennis courts, and Star Trek: The Experience. Guest rooms begin at \$75. Suites range from \$340 to \$3,000. Call 800-732-7117, 702-732-5111, www.lv-hilton.com.

Mandalay Bay: ♦♦♦♦ Mandalay Bay has two four-diamond restaurants (3950 and Aureole), nine other eateries, the House of Blues, a lakeside beach, jogging, and Spa Mandalay with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the



Roman statues line the pools of Caesars Palace (right). Le Cirque at Bellagio has a playful circus theme (bottom left). The Four Seasons was the first five-diamond hotel in Las Vegas (bottom right).





The Venetian is a replica of Venice (left). The setting sun warms the deck of a beachfront cottage at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe (right). Romantic dining is offered beneath the stained glass dome of Michael's at the Barbary Coast (below left).

every suite, priority seating at Siegfried and Roy and Renoir, and priority tee times at various golf courses. Some suites have private elevators. Guest rooms are \$79 to \$399. Suites, furnished with imported carpets and polished marble, cost \$375 to \$1,025. Call 800-627-6667, 702-791-7111, www.themirage.com.

Renoir: ♦♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ Renoir in the Mirage and Picasso at Bellagio are the only restaurants in Las Vegas to earn both five-star and five-diamond awards. Numerous paintings by Pierre-Auguste Renoir himself hang in the entrance near diners. Chef Alessandro Stratta prepares many seafood and vegetable specialties such as Santa Barbara prawns with caramelized fennel and Fuji apples with carrot-ginger sauce, roasted squash with foie gras, artichokes, and potato confit, and pancetta-wrapped veal tenderloin with wild mushroom and spinach lasagna. For dessert there is chilled Meyer lemon soufflé with lemon ripple ice cream. Menus are fixed price and à la carte. Entrees begin at \$36. The extensive wine list emphasizes French selections. Open Tues.-Sat. Jackets are recommended. Call 702-791-7353.

Paris Las Vegas: ♦♦♦♦♦ The 34-story hotel is modeled after the Hotel de Ville in Paris. You can ride to the top of the 50-story Eiffel Tower for a spectacular view of Las Vegas and stroll the indoor Parisian streets. The hotel has a heated pool, whirlpools, lighted tennis courts, French-themed restaurants (including the four-diamond Eiffel Tower), and European health spa. Guest rooms cost \$90 to \$300. Suites cost \$350 to \$2,500. Call 888-266-5687, 702-946-7000, www.paris-lv.com.

Eiffel Tower Restaurant: ♦♦♦♦♦ At Paris Las Vegas, the Eiffel Tower Restaurant offers views from the 11th floor of the tower and patio dining. Before dinner you can have a drink at the piano bar. Diners on the side facing Bellagio can watch the fountain show every 15 minutes. Chef-owner Jean Joho offers French cuisine. You could begin with the seafood platter for two, then try a salad or lobster bisque, and, for an entree, trout, veal, or a thick filet mignon with sautéed wild mushrooms—but save room for a dessert soufflé. The menu is à la carte. Three-course dinners begin at \$41. Open daily. Semi-formal dress. Call 702-948-6937.

Treasure Island: ♦♦♦♦♦ Several times each evening in front of this resort the *H.M.S. Britannia* declares war on the pirate ship *Hispaniola*. All Treasure Island suites have a sitting area, two bathrooms, and whirlpool. The out-

door pool creates a tropical setting with shade awnings and palms. Cabana rental includes juices, cable television, and a changing room. Rooms are \$69 to \$359; suites, some with a high-speed Internet access, are \$299 to \$1,150. Call 800-944-7444, 702-894-7111, www.treasureisland.com.

Venetian: ♦♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ AAA awarded four diamonds to the Venetian in 2001. The hotel's 1,200-foot Grand Canal has gondolas steered by serenading gondoliers. Along the canal are court jesters and novelty performers. You can browse the lobby with its artwork and marble, visit international shops, dive into one of the pools, soak in a whirlpool, or order a massage at the Canyon Ranch SpaClub. Several restaurants are operated by famous chefs. Rooms and suites are \$129 to \$999. Call 800-494-3556, 702-414-1000, www.venetian.com.

Lutece: ★★★★★ At the Venetian, Lutece, one of New York's most famous French restaurants for more than 30 years, has a second location. The eatery overlooks the Grand Canal. Chef David Feau offers a modern approach to classical French cuisine, such as sautéed foie gras with chocolate sauce and aged black Angus sirloin with potato "au four," salad, and maitake mushrooms. Appetizers cost \$14 to \$30, entrees \$28 to \$55. The seven-course tasting menu dinner is \$155. Open daily. Elegant-casual dress; jackets are optional. Call 702-414-2220.

Other Las Vegas Eateries

Michael's: ♦♦♦♦♦ At Barbary Coast on the Strip, Michael's offers continental cuisine, a romantic decor, and a stained-glass-domed ceiling. Diners are seated at designated times, so reservations are required. House favorites at Michael's include fresh imported Dover sole, rack of lamb, chateaubriand for two, and scampi. Desserts include cherries jubilee, bananas Foster, and Michael's fresh assorted berries au Chambord. Dinners are à la carte and cost \$35 to \$90. Open daily. Elegant casual dress. Call 702-737-7111, www.coastcasinos.com.

Nobu: ★★★★★ At the Hard Rock Hotel, Nobu is a first-time winner of Mobil's four stars and the only Japanese restaurant in Nevada to win this award. The dining room has a view of the pool and Oriental decor, with one wall made of seaweed, another of rock. Table seating is American style. Diners are encouraged to sample Chef Peter Woo's selections of modern Japanese cuisine or choose from house specialties. Fish for the sushi bar is flown

lagoon. A special attraction is the Shark Reef, which supports sharks, tropical fish, and reptiles. Guest rooms cost \$109 to \$599, suites \$169 to \$2,999. Call 877-632-7000, 702-632-7777, www.mandalaybay.com.

3950: ♦♦♦♦♦ At Mandalay Bay, a modern restaurant with a simple name (3950 Las Vegas Boulevard South is Mandalay Bay's street address), 3950 has an à la carte menu featuring seafood, high-quality cuts of beef, and continental cuisine. Dinners cost \$27 to \$58. Open daily. Dressy casual attire. Call 877-632-7000, 702-632-7414.

Aureole: ♦♦♦♦♦ At Mandalay Bay, celebrity chef Charlie Palmer brought his New York restaurant's design to Las Vegas. The 9,000-bottle wine cellar is housed in a four-story stainless-steel-and-glass tower that stands in the center of the dining room. The fixed-price menu includes an hors d'oeuvre, Maine crab and salmon cake, truffled potato, gnocchi, charcoaled tuna, and dessert. Palmer's specialties are seasonal American dishes such as oak-smoked salmon and pan-roasted lobster with caramelized fennel. Dinners are \$55 to \$75, fixed price. Open daily. Jackets are suggested. Call 702-632-7401.

The Mirage: ♦♦♦♦♦ The Mirage is known for its Strip-side volcano, illusionists Siegfried and Roy, and their white tigers and dolphin habitat. The Mirage also has a five-star, five-diamond restaurant (Renoir), heated pools and whirlpools, and spa. Service includes fresh flowers in



The Summit at Harrah's offers views of Lake Tahoe (above left). You can ski or hike into Squaw Valley Lodge (above right). A nightly five-course menu is paired with wines at the Peppermill's White Orchid (below right).

in daily from the Tokyo fish market. Dinners cost \$50 to \$60. Open daily. Call 800-HRD-ROCK, 702-693-5090.

Reno Eateries

Harrah's Steak House: ♦♦♦♦ At Harrah's in downtown Reno, Harrah's Steak House serves lunch and dinner. The menu is a la carte, and there are several table-side preparations. Favorites are the five-onion soup with a gruyere cheese crust and steak Diane. Dinners cost \$23 to \$32. Open daily for dinner, Mon.-Fri. for lunch. Call 800-HARRAHS, 775-788-2929, www.harrah.com.

White Orchid: ♦♦♦♦ At the Peppermill Hotel on South Virginia Street, the White Orchid offers contemporary American cuisine. The menu features such delicacies as a tower of ahi tuna tartar with avocado and sweet yellow pepper dressed with a sesame soy vinaigrette as an appetizer. Entrees include broiled prime filet mignon in a Portobello mushroom cap with Roquefort cheese and cabernet sauce. Dinners cost \$24 to \$44. The nightly five-course chef's special is \$75 to \$85 with five wines. Open Wed.-Sun. Call 775-689-7300, www.peppermillreno.com.

Lake Tahoe/Stateline

Caesars Tahoe: ♦♦♦♦ Caesars Tahoe has held four diamonds for 21 consecutive years. The hotel has headliner entertainment, four restaurants, the Nero's 2000 nightclub, heated pool, saunas, and tennis courts. Rooms offer lake and mountain views. Suites range from \$370 to \$950 and rooms from \$79 to \$300. Call 800-367-4554, 775-588-3515, www.caesars.com.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe: ♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ At casino center on U.S. 50, Harrah's Lake Tahoe has seven restaurants, six bars, sauna, massage, exercise facilities, and game and recreation rooms. The hotel has name entertainment, family fun center, shopping, glass-domed pool, hot tub, and fitness center. Each room and suite has two bathrooms, large closets, and robes and slippers. Room rates begin at \$129; suites cost \$229 to \$429. Call 800-HARRAHS, 775-588-6611, www.harrah.com.

The Summit: ♦♦♦♦ At Harrah's, the Summit on the 16th floor was once the Star Suite where Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, and others stayed. In 1989 it was converted to the two-story restaurant. Bart Libby plays the piano. You can visit the cocktail lounge next door for a cigar

or spirits and a lake view. The menus are a la carte, fixed price, or a chef's selection, priced from \$26 to \$32. The atmosphere is intimate. Open Wed.-Mon. Jackets are required. Call 800-HARRAHS, 775-588-6661.

Harveys: ♦♦♦♦ Harveys, the original casino on Tahoe's south shore, was purchased by Harrah's last year. The year-round resort has seven restaurants, including the four-diamond Llewellyn's, heated pool, whirlpool, game room, bicycling, and massage. Rooms cost \$119 to \$299, suites \$299 to \$699, most with a view of Lake Tahoe or the Sierra Nevada. Call 800-HARVEYS, 775-588-2411, visit www.harrah.com.

Llewellyn's: ♦♦♦♦ At Harveys, Llewellyn's 17th-floor dining room offers views of Lake Tahoe. The a la carte continental menu includes wild boar and rack of lamb. The wine list features many California varieties. A cocktail lounge with entertainment is next door. Entrees cost \$18 to \$28. Open for dinner daily and for Sunday brunch. Call 800-HARVEYS, 775-588-2411, www.harrah.com.

The Ridge Tahoe: ♦♦♦♦ Three miles east of U.S. 50 at the top of Kingsbury Grade, the nongaming Ridge Tahoe has many rooms with views of the Carson Valley or Lake Tahoe. A coffee shop, dining room, and Sunday champagne brunch are available to guests and to the public with reservations. There's a health club and spa, private ski gondola to Heavenly, indoor lighted tennis courts, racquetball courts, and transportation to casinos. One- and two-bedroom suites cost \$165 to \$245, and condos with fireplaces and fully equipped kitchens \$350. Call 800-334-1600, 775-588-3553, www.ridgetahoe.com.

Lake Tahoe/North Shore

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe: ♦♦♦♦ and ★★★★★ Set in the pines of Incline Village, the Hyatt Regency resort features 500 feet of lakefront beach with rentals of canoes, kayaks, jet skis, motorboats, and sailboats. There's nearby golf, tennis, biking, and hiking. The hotel has four restaurants. Rooms cost \$180 to \$475. One-bedroom suites cost \$415 to \$1,210, two bedrooms \$645 to \$1,565. Two-story cottages with private beach begin at \$445.



Call 800-233-1234, 775-832-1234, www.laketahoe-hyatt.com.

Resort at Squaw Creek: ♦♦♦♦ Five miles northwest of Lake Tahoe, this resort near Squaw Valley's ski area has five restaurants, three pools (one heated), saunas, and activities ranging from golf to skiing. Rooms and suites run \$250 to \$415, all with a forest or valley view. Call 800-404-9917, 530-583-6300, www.squawcreek.com.

Glissandi: ♦♦♦♦ At the Resort at Squaw Creek, Glissandi features California French cuisine. The menu offers fixed price and a la carte selections. The wine list has over 300 California and international wines. The four-course chef's special is \$52. Regular entrees cost \$27 to \$45. Open Tues.-Sat. Casual dress. Call 530-581-6621.

Squaw Valley Lodge: ♦♦♦♦ You can ski or hike in and out to this all-suite resort on the slopes near the Squaw Valley ski area cable car. The lodge has a health club, courtyard, six hot tubs, heated pool, and sauna. One- and two-bedroom suites have fireplaces, kitchens, and laundry facilities. Suites cost \$179 to \$415. Call 800-922-9970, 530-583-5500, www.squawvalleylodge.com.

Jackpot

Cactus Petes: ♦♦♦♦ On U.S. 93 in Jackpot, Cactus Petes is a 10-story resort with a Las Vegas-style dinner showroom, lounges with live music, signature restaurants, outdoor entertainment venue, lighted tennis courts, RV park, and heated pool. Golf is available. Guest rooms cost \$65 to \$135, suites \$125 to \$200. Call 800-821-1103, 775-755-2321, www.ameristars.com.

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Letters

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wondered what life had been like when the buildings still stood.

What a treat soon after to read "Whistle Stop at Smoke Creek" by Sally Bee Brown (Nov/Dec '01). I'm sure that today the Sigmons would find the sere country almost unchanged save for the disappearance of not only the railroad buildings but also Tex's ramshackle place up Wildhorse Canyon. The stream still flows, bubbling over remnants of the old irrigation pipe, and enough detritus remains to fuel the imagination.

Heading the other direction a few weeks later was not so sweet. The heavily

figuring that I would fill up in Goldfield. I was shocked to find out they no longer have a gas station in Goldfield. My options were to double back to Tonopah or take a chance on getting to Beatty. I did make Beatty with a gallon to spare.

Goldfield has to be the only county seat in America without a gas station. Also, perhaps one of your readers can tell me if the 93 miles between Tonopah and Beatty is the furthest one can travel in Nevada between gas stations.

Pierre R. Sans Souci
St. Louis, MO

Pierre, thanks for the tip. There still is no gas station in Goldfield, but county officials prevailed upon the Nevada Department of Transportation to place highway signs in Beatty and Tonopah to warn motorists that gas is not



The chalk bluff in this photo alerted reader Norman Enlow, who says the "L" is in Panaca, not Lovelock.

ruttled Black Rock playa was still strewn with evidence of the Burning Man event and still occupied by their "public works" crews, and navigation was difficult. By the end of October everything save the damage to the desert was gone. The BLM is ambiguous as to the role 20,000 people play in this damage, but I am not.

Picking up the garbage is not cleaning up the mess. To save the Black Rock, Burning Man must find a new home. Count me with John Bogard ("Letters," Nov/Dec '01) and Black Rock Rescue on this one.

Mike S. Moore
Gerlach

Gasless in Goldfield?

When recently driving south on U.S. 95 I passed up a chance to gas up in Tonopah,

available in Goldfield. As to whether this stretch of gasless Nevada highway is a record, perhaps readers can help settle the question.—Ed.

"L" Is for Lincoln

I feel it is my duty as a lifelong resident of this state to report an error that I found in one of your past issues. Granted, this notice is a little late—by about 27 years.

While rummaging through a box of my grandfather's belongings, I found some old copies of *Nevada Magazine*, then known as *Nevada Highways and Parks*. In the Spring 1975 issue I noted the article "Those Big Initials?" by editor Don Bowers. Featured were photographs of the large whitewashed initials adorning hillsides throughout the state, usually honoring local high schools.

I grew up in Panaca in Lincoln County,

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and I recognized several initials from places where I had wrestled in tournaments and run in track meets during high school, such as Tonopah, Virgin Valley (Mesquite), White Pine (Ely), and Elko. I looked with great amusement at the alleged picture of Lovelock. In the foreground I noticed a familiar silo and a unique chalk bluff in the foreground.

The scene is not found in Lovelock. The chalk bluff is Court Rock, a landmark well known to students of Lincoln County

When I was in high school, painting the "L" was an annual event held after the awards banquet.

High School. I had run around Court Rock too many times to forget its features, sent by coaches and P.E. teachers to warm up for practice or class. I am certain that other Lincoln County High students have similar memories of huffing and puffing up and down and around the dusty trail that surrounds its base. It appears the photo was taken in dear old Panaca, whose big block "L" honors Lincoln County High School, not Lovelock.

When I was in high school, painting the "L" was an annual event, usually held the morning after the athletic awards banquet. Scores of kids would pile into pickups loaded with 55-gallon drums of water and sacks of lime, which were used to make the whitewash we poured over the rocks of the "L" via a loosely organized bucket brigade. When we were done, we would head back to the high school and board school buses bound for Veyo, Utah, for the annual school picnic.

One year we ran out of whitewash. While others went to get more water, some of us remained huddled, shivering around small sagebrush bonfires, joking, talking, just being 16 on a glorious desert morning. The errant 1975 feature mentions that letters to the editor on the hillside initials' origin would be printed in "some future issue." I hope I'm not too late.

Norman Enlow
Reno

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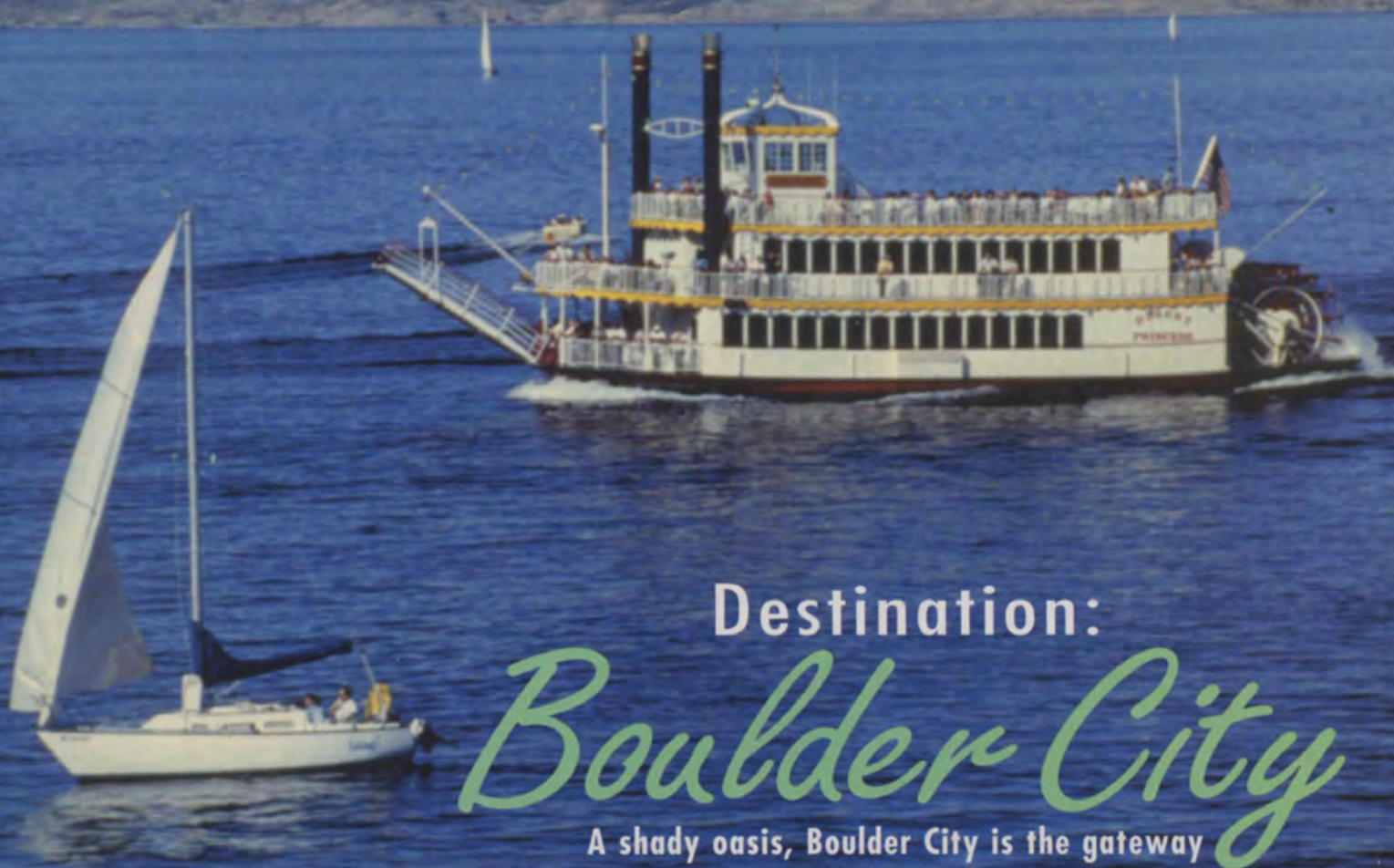
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Destination:

Boulder City

A shady oasis, Boulder City is the gateway to Lake Mead and the host to many outdoor events.

By Jack Bulavsky

Boulder City is a curiosity in Nevada, especially when compared to Las Vegas, just 23 miles away. While Las Vegas is desert, Boulder City is an unexpected oasis of cool grass, shade trees, and parks. And while you can gamble and carry on to your heart's content up and down the Las Vegas Strip, Boulder City is the only municipality in the state that prohibits gambling.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Boulder City was America's first planned city of the 20th century. The town was created in the 1930s to provide shelter to the thousands of men and women who built **Hoover Dam** (then known as the Boulder Dam) and serves today as the gateway to **Lake Mead**, which was formed by the dam.

The well-preserved historic district of Boulder City provides a glimpse of the 1930s and is a popular pedestrian area. Turning south on Arizona Street off Nevada Way, tourists will find restaurants, art galleries, and the famous **Boulder Dam Hotel** (702-293-3510), once a stopping place for celebrities and royalty. The hotel has

22 guest rooms and houses the **Boulder City Chamber of Commerce** (702-293-2034), the **Boulder City Arts Council** (702-293-2138), the **Hoover Dam Museum** (702-294-1988), and **Boulder Dam Hotel Café and Bakery** (702-293-0098). Nearby, the **Boulder Theater** (702-293-5001), also on the National Register of Historic Places, features live performances throughout the year.

There are numerous motels lining Nevada Way as you drive into Boulder City from Las Vegas. You can stop for a meal at the **Happy Days Diner** (702-293-4637), **Carlos' Mexican Café** (702-294-6640), or the **Fortune China Restaurant** (702-293-7188). Golf in Boulder City is affordable at the 18-hole **Boulder City Municipal Golf Course** (702-293-9236).

In Boulder City's backyard, **Lake Mead National Recreation Area** (702-293-8906) promotes fishing, boating, hiking, mountain biking, and camping. On U.S. 93 and Nevada Way north of town the **Nevada Welcome Center** (702-294-1252) offers maps, directions, and information on events. The **Lake Mead/Alan Bible Visitor**



The Boulder Dam Hotel has guest rooms, a café, an art gallery, and the Hoover Dam Museum (above). Lake Mead offers water sports (top).

Center (702-293-8906) is open daily from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and offers films and exhibits about the area's cultural and natural history. The **Lake Mead Lodge** (702-293-2074) provides rooms, and **Lake Mead Marina** (702-293-3484) offers docking for boats. Fishermen can troll for largemouth and striped bass on chartered Lake Mead fishing trips (702-293-6294). On the road to the dam, the **Hacienda Hotel and Casino** (702-293-5000) gives visitors the look and action of Las Vegas.

The **Colorado River** provides added recreational pleasures, including Colorado River raft trips (702-294-1414), allowing visitors a chance to see the area's flora and fauna and Nevada's state animal, the desert bighorn sheep. **Lake Mead Cruises** (702-293-6180) takes visitors across the lake for a close view of Hoover Dam on the *Desert Princess* and for lake ecotours on the *Velocity*.

The **Discovery Tour** at Hoover Dam includes one stop inside the dam, where visitors can see the generators, and several sites on top of the dam and inside the visitor center (702-294-3523) where tour guides give talks. You can also see a 25-minute film on the dam's construction.

Boulder City • SPECIAL EVENTS •

Boulder City prides itself on being a small city where you can relax, smile, and stroll. Welcome signs refer to it as friendly, clean, quiet, and safe. Many events are scheduled around this setting, but keep in mind that all dates and times are subject to change.

Farmer's Market: Every Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. from February through October, growers from California and Arizona sell produce in Bicentennial Park. 702-293-5933.

24th Annual Spring Jamboree and Craft Fair: More than 125 craft booths, food, music, entertainment, and a car show are offered May 4-5 at Bicentennial Park. No admission fee. 702-293-2034.

Damboree: This old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Central Park includes a parade, games, patriotic program, food, and drink. Fireworks at Veteran's Memorial Park at nightfall. 702-293-0335.

Cardboard Boat Races: Races are held July 24 at the Boulder City pool. Materials are free at the pool prior to the event. Only cardboard, tape, and glue are allowed; prizes are awarded. 702-293-9286.

Chautauqua: Nevada and U.S. historical figures are portrayed with audience interaction at the Boulder Theater on September 6-7. 702-294-4365.

Boulder City Folk Festival: Storytelling, folk music, ethnic food, and artist demonstrations fill the two-day festival at Bicentennial and Wilbur parks, September 13-14. 702-293-6634.

Rattlin' Rails Handcar Races: Old-fashioned railroad handcars race side by side on September 28-29 at the Yucca Street Rail Yards. Five-member teams compete along a 450-foot course. There is a \$100 fee for handcar teams, but no charge for spectators. 702-294-0982.

Wurstfest: Oktoberfest comes early to Boulder City, where bratwurst, beer, German music, and a large auction take over Bicentennial Park on September 28. Admission is free. 702-293-7777.

Art in the Park: This annual event in Bicentennial Park, October 5-6, is now considered the largest art and craft show in the West with over 300 booths. Admission is free, and parking is at the old airport. 702-293-4111, ext. 725.

Book Fair: After several hours at Art in the Park, visitors can walk across



the street to 400 Nevada Way, where the American Association of University Women sells new books discounted 40-70 percent from list price. 702-293-1056.

Christmas Tree Lighting: The holiday season begins with a musical program and lighting of the community Christmas tree on November 22 in Frank Crowe Park. 702-293-2034.

Christmas Parade: A Christmas parade is held along Nevada Way ending at Bicentennial Park December 7. More than 150 entrants and marching bands participate. Children can have their photo taken with Santa. 702-293-2034.

AAUW Christmas Home Tour: Five decorated and distinctive Boulder City homes open their front doors on December 7. Admission is \$10 and tickets are sold at the Boulder Dam Hotel. 702-293-3564.

Parade of Lights: Hundreds of decorated boats motor along Lake Mead displaying elaborate holiday lights. The boats set out from Lake Mead Marina on December 7. 702-457-2797.

Nutcracker Ballet: Local resident Desi Arnaz, Jr. is the Nutcracker in this Christmas classic performed at the Boulder Theater in mid-December. Reserved tickets are \$10. 702-293-5001.

Boulder City Information: Call the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce at 702-293-2034 or visit www.bouldercitychamber.com for travel assistance. The *Boulder City News* (702-293-2302), which is published every Thursday, offers further information and area news.

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Short names, Nevada trivia, and the New State Symbols contest.

Nevada Trivia

Q What casino introduced female blackjack dealers?

A In the early 1940s, Harolds Club in Reno, followed quickly by Harrah's Club, introduced women dealers. Prior to World War II, dealers were male in most casinos. Labor shortages during the war years spurred clubs to hire women.

Q In 1988, what movie became the first motion picture filmed mostly in Nevada to win an Oscar for Best Picture?

A The movie was *Rain Man*, starring Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman. *Rain Man* used locations in Pahrump and on the Las Vegas Strip.

—from *The Nevada Trivia Book* by Richard Moreno
(*Gem Guides*, 1998)

Map Facts

Short and sweet. Good things come in small packages. Small but mighty. Do these clichés hold true for a dozen Nevada places whose names consist of only four short letters or fewer? You decide.



Playing Through Course superintendent Richard Brown tests the wind as a twister appears the day before the Black Rock Self-Invitational Golf Tournament in 1996. Rain followed and soaked the playa, delaying the tournament's start by a few hours, says photographer and event organizer Doug Keister. This year's tourney is June 29-30 (see page 46). "It is not for sissies," Doug warns.

New State Symbol Contest

The state flower: Sagebrush
The state bird: Mountain Bluebird
The state idol: Wayne Newton

We know plenty of folks out there have ideas for a new Nevada state symbol, so we have extended the **New State Symbol Contest** for another issue. Dead-

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