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Soaring, Skiing, and Storytelling

While climbing in Zion National Park in June 1998, photographer **Charles Luce** almost succumbed to hypothermia when he was trapped in steep, water-filled Wildcat Canyon. The experience thrust the former reporter back into writing. "I realized I was filled with stories that might have died with me," he says. "After I got back, I opened a notebook and took a pencil and started writing. I've written almost every day since."

Charles had trained as a journalist and worked for a newspaper in Niles, Ohio, before earning a master of fine arts degree in photography. A photography instructor at the County College of Morris in New Jersey, Charles discovered Nevada while leading student field trips to Utah's national parks beginning in 1992. "One time my wife, Leslie, joined me, and we started exploring the natural places near Las Vegas," he explains. "We discovered they were less visited and more pristine. We decided to focus our attention on Nevada." Now Charles visits the state two or three times a year.

A telemark skier and technical mountain climber, Charles



Outdoor writer Charles Luce.

writes for outdoor publications such as *Off-Piste*, *Couloir*, and *AMC Outdoors*. This issue's "Good Air Day" is his fifth story for *Nevada Magazine*. His friend, Paul Rehm, the sailplane pilot in the story, also was with him in March/April's "Race to Lye Creek," in which the two dodged lightning as they skied the Santa Rosas. Charles' previous *Nevada* features were on John Muir's Nevada travels, 19th-century photographer Timothy O'Sullivan, and backcountry skiing. Currently Charles is writing a novel inspired by trips he and Leslie made to a Peruvian village. An alternative medicine practitioner, Leslie offers acupuncture and energy healing to victims of post-traumatic stress syndrome at a New York City clinic that opened September 12, 2001. The couple live in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Climbing, mountaineering, and backcountry skiing give Charles the chance to "be with the guys," he says, and provide fodder for his writing. "I could never be the type of writer to spend his time in the library," he says. His advice for a busy, would-be adventurer? "Don't be a slacker. You can find the time to do all these things."—*Joyce Hollister*

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Hold Your Armpits High

I can't believe Battle Mountain was named the "Armpit of America" by the *Washington Post* ("Pit Stop," by Lin Anderson, May/June '02). I have been to Battle Mountain several times, and I love it. It is in a beautiful area, and I have always found the people to be very nice, friendly, and helpful.

As for the local color, I guess Gene Weingarten failed to see the unique charm of a stuffed chukar or the humor of the burned out "S" at the Shell station. Such things are the real America, unlike the over-manicured Washington where Mr. Weingarten resides.

Battle Mountain, I hope you enjoy your festival. You are a great town, and don't let anybody from inside the Beltway tell you otherwise.

Hold your head and armpits high.

Carol Hughey
Montoursville, PA



Battle Mountain's hillside "BM," an eternal symbol.

An Initial Surprise

If I had only known about the Armpit Festival in Battle Mountain sooner, I wouldn't have shaved last night before the charity fundraiser. Maybe next year. The promoters said, "The more coarse, the better."

On our last trip to Battle Mountain, we

dined at the Colt Inn and Casino. From the table we had a good view of the drilling fluids plant across the street. Actually we'd been drawn in by the 24-ounce T-bone steak special for \$8.88, but they were sold out.

We can only hope that the festival planned for June 29-30 and July 3-7 is a success. Otherwise Battle Mountain's citizenry may use the town initials as their next inspiration for an event.

Carolyn Fox
Jackson, CA

Taiwan to Las Vegas

I'm writing this letter regarding "Spring Fling," the March/April feature on spring-time events by Joan Patterson and Susan Elbe. Being a Taiwanese, I was proud that the name of baseball player Chin-Feng Chen, a member of the Las Vegas 51s, appears in *Nevada Magazine*, but it's a shame that the writer didn't get the right information. Chen is from Taiwan, not Korea. I know it's difficult for American people to tell between Asian people, but this kind of mistake shouldn't happen to professionals like your staff.

Tony Cheng
Lakeland, FL

Tony, thanks for the correction. Chin-Feng Chen, 24, plays first base for the 51s, the Triple-A farm team of the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was hitting over .300 in early summer.—Ed.

Navy, Not Air Force

I spent 30 years in the United States Air Force in the aircraft-maintenance career field, and I noted with interest the photo of a jet in "Battle Born Nevada" by Joyce Hollister in the May/June issue. The caption said, "An F-16 pilot trains at NAS Fallon." I believe the aircraft is actually a Navy F/A-18.

Bob Drewitt
El Dorado Hills, CA

Bob, you're right. The photo does show a Navy F/A-18, not an F-16, which is used almost exclusively by the Air Force.—Ed.

Is U.S. 6 the Loneliest Road?

Reading "Gasless in Goldfield?" in last issue's "Letters" reminded me of a Nevada visit a few years back. While touring the
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"Carson Valley Barn" by Steve Johns received second place in the 2001 contest.

Photo Contest Rules

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

Deadline: Postmarked by August 5, 2002.

Entry Form: The entry form in *Nevada Magazine's* July/August 2002 issue must be filled out, signed, and included with photos. All entries must be mailed in. Drop-offs will not be accepted at the office.

How Many Photos: You can enter any combination of black-and-white prints, color prints, and color slides, for a maximum total of seven.

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

Digital Manipulation: Digitally manipulated photos are acceptable, but must be labeled as such.

Presentation: Color or black-and-white prints must be 8"x10" to 11"x14" unmounted. Transparencies must be 35mm slides or larger. Please be sure to present

slides in a plastic sleeve (no metal or glass holders).

Packaging: The simpler, the better. Maximum envelope size should be 12"x16" Only one photographer with up to seven photos per package. Please write "Photo Contest" on the package.

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

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

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Roadside Attractions

Carlin nature park, Colorado River rafting, and an Elvis guitar.

Oasis in Carlin

CARLIN—In the late 1800s Chinese residents grew vegetables for Central Pacific Railroad workers near a pond west of Carlin. Today, hidden from view but close to Interstate 80, the **Chinese Gardens Nature Study Area** is a quiet, secluded spot, good for short stops or all-day relaxation.

Carlin acquired the site from the Central Pacific Railroad in the 1920s, and locals called it “the fish pond.” Eleven years ago high school science teacher Steve Feasel of the Carlin Combined School spearheaded a project to create a nature study area for schoolchildren, calling it Chinese Gardens after Carlin’s original name. The mini park’s main attraction is a large pond that holds trout, catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, carp, and perch. Ducks, blackbirds, hawks, wrens, sparrows, and pheasant feed and nest in the park, and sometimes a mink, a muskrat, or deer will wander through.

The pond, fed by an artesian well, is surrounded mostly by grassy areas where you can stretch out in the sun. At one end a small grove of willows is tall enough for adventuring out of sight through a maze of



Carlin Combined School students Bill McCrary (left) and Byron McCrary fish at the Chinese Gardens pond.

narrow, dirt trails. The park also offers picnic tables, small benches for fishing, and toilets. The best times to visit are from spring through fall.

To reach the Chinese Gardens Nature Study Area, take Central Carlin Exit 280 off I-80. At the intersection of Chestnut

(State Route 231) and Willow streets, turn southeast on Willow and watch for signs directing you to the area. The park is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily. Fishing licenses are required for ages 13 and older. Many anglers use worms and power bait to snag a fish or two.—*Kate Butler*



Opened in 1928, the Midas school was deemed “modern in every respect,” say the Friends of Midas.

Visitors Welcome

The 27 residents of Midas invite visitors to the restored Midas Schoolhouse, which is part museum and part town hall and maintained by the Friends of Midas. Committee member Bob Bennett says every resident of the old mining town has a key to the building, and visitors wishing to see the museum can ask anyone for help. Children can play on the restored playground. Write to the Friends of Midas, Gold Circle Drive, Midas, NV 89414 for more information. Located 62 miles northeast of Winnemucca, Midas is reached via State Route 789 from Golconda. The last 32 miles to Midas are unpaved.

Traveler's Advisories

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Vacationers looking for challenging experiences in Nevada's outback will find tips in two new publications. **Adventures on the Edge: Elko Area Guide to Recreation on Public Lands in Nevada** lists the best places to hike, mountain bike, climb rocks, and ride horses in Northeastern Nevada. The guide also notes places to go for sledding, skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling as well as fishing, boating, and

The "Nevada 10" top-ranked hikes and climbs are featured in *The Dirt*.

hunting. Visitors interested in historical tours, ghost towns, and scenic drives will find directions and information. Four-color photos and maps illustrate the text. To obtain the 48-page guide call the Elko Convention Center, 775-738-4091 or 800-248-3556, or visit elkocva.com. Also, **The Dirt: Your Nitty-Gritty, Down-and-Dirty Guide to Nevada**, recently published by the Nevada Commission on Tourism, reviews hundreds of places for hiking, sandboarding, skiing, biking, climbing, backcountry trekking, rafting, diving, and hang-gliding. The 110-page guide describes the "Nevada 10" top-ranked hikes and climbs. Call 800-NEVADA-8 for a copy or see it on the Web at www.travelnevada.com/adventure.

Lovelock Depot Opens for Tours

The 120-year-old **Lovelock Railroad Depot**, now known as Henry's Station, has opened for tours after a 12-year restoration. The depot features railroad memorabilia and historic photos, an ice cream parlor, and gift shop. Lovelock residents renovated the depot, the only Number Two-style, two-story residential depot still in existence; Southern

Pacific built 26 depot styles before dropping the numbering system. Each day, Henry's Station opens at 6 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and stays open until 8 p.m. The depot is located two blocks south of Lovelock's historic round courthouse.

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Pioneer Trail

Motorists on Interstate 80 can follow the approximate path of the **Oregon-California Trail** between Humboldt Lake, about 20 miles southwest of Lovelock, and the California state line near Verdi thanks to 18 signs installed by the Nevada Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Oregon-California Trails Association. Smaller versions of the I-80 signs have been placed on the Silver Springs branch of U.S. 50 near Fort Churchill and on Jacks Valley Road near Genoa, where pioneers detoured to cross the Sierra.



Musical Art

LAS VEGAS—Popular music meets the visual arts at the **Grammy Art of Music**. Here you can find a guitar once owned by Elvis Presley, CDs signed by Eric Clapton, and Paul Stanley's boots from the KISS Revenge Tour. You'll also see lithographs by John Lennon, graphic art by Peter Max

(the official artist for the Grammy Awards), and paintings by Paul McCartney and Grace Slick. Artists often visit the shop. Alanis Morissette unveiled five of her photographs, and Slick and Max have promoted their work at the store. Musicians occasionally perform there.



Elvis Presley's guitar is one of his items on display at Grammy Art of Music.

The Grammy Art of Music functions as a music museum, but everything is for sale. Prices range from \$12 to \$100,000. The proprietors will search for special memorabilia or artwork and can draw from outlets in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, and Miami. Formerly located in the Forum Shops at Caesars, the Grammy Art of Music has moved to the Desert Passage at the Aladdin Hotel on the Strip. Call 702-313-7674.—Elizabeth Nielsen

Down by the River

RENO—On the banks of the Truckee River stands **Idlewild Park**. More than a lawn with picnic benches, Idlewild is packed with activities for all ages.

A child-sized railroad tours Kiddie Playland, Idlewild's family amusement park. Little ones can ride on a yellow whale named Winky that "swims" in a circle, or they can "fly" on white and blue planes. Other rides include a merry-go-round, a mini roller coaster, a super slide, and a tilt-a-whirl. Playland opens at 11 a.m. daily May to September.

Across from Kiddie Playland is the Reno Municipal Rose Garden, which features more than 500 varieties of climbing, musk, grandiflora, and hybrid tea roses. Nevada's only American Rose Society-accredited garden, Idlewild's flowerbeds receive new rose varieties donated by growers each year. "People can come see all the new roses before they go on sale," Jim Quinby, City of Reno horticulturist, says. "This garden is an awfully nice and peaceful place to take a walk."

Idlewild Pool is an Olympic-sized outdoor swim center that includes a children's pool and a water-spray feature. Hours are 1 to 3:55 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through August 25. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youths six to 17 years old, and \$1.50 for seniors. A mile-long walking path separates the river and the park. Other attractions are two softball diamonds, two bocce ball courts (provide your own bocce balls), two playgrounds, a skate-board park, a pond, and the James D. Hoff Peace Officer's Memorial. The memorial honors the 85 fallen law enforcement officers in the state of Nevada, beginning with Virginia City's Uriah Gregory in 1866. Open daily, the park is located on Idlewild Drive, one and a half miles west of downtown Reno off Riverside Drive.—Susan Elbe

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"We have the kinds of items that support visitors to Walker Lake," Sheila says. The Abbess also hold events at the Buffalo Stop such as ice cream socials, and they plan a July Fourth barbecue with music and an open arts and crafts show.

Walker Lake's fishing is best in winter, while campers, swimmers, and boaters flock to the lake in the summer. Across the highway from the mini mart is the Walker Lake State Recreation Area beach, which has a boat launch, restrooms, and shaded picnic spots with tables and grills. Call the Buffalo Stop at 775-945-1177 for more information.—Joyce Hollister

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Best of Nevada 2002

Readers choose their favorite Silver State attractions. **By Richard Moreno**



Fifth Annual Nevada Magazine Readers' Awards

Few Nevada Magazine features attract as much interest as our annual "Best of Nevada" readers' poll, and this year was no different. In addition to hundreds of ballots pouring into our offices—kind of like all the owls delivering letters in the recent *Harry Potter* movie—we received more than a few telephone calls from interested parties eager to find out if readers had voted for their hotel-casinos, restaurants, or services.

The wait is over. The following are the winners of the fifth annual "Best of Nevada" reader survey.

Best Entertainer

Maybe we ought to retire this category. For the fifth straight time, **Wayne Newton** was voted Southern Nevada's best entertainer. The "Midnight Idol," who appears at the Wayne Newton Theatre at the Stardust, edged singer-impressionist **Danny Gans**, a featured performer at the Mirage. In Northern Nevada, last year's winner, comedian-singer **Danny Marona**, who appears at the Atlantis, narrowly outpointed **Gordie Brown**, the singer-impressionist who headlines at Harrah's Reno.

Best Revue or Long-Running Show

It doesn't get much closer than this. The Northern Nevada winners were magicians **Mark Kalin and Jinger Leigh Kalin**, who appeared in last year's "Carnival of Wonders" and have returned with a new show, "Kalin and Jinger's Illusionarium," at the Reno Hilton. Kalin and Jinger bested Harrah's Reno's adult revue, "Whisper," by one vote. In Southern Nevada the easy victors were Las Vegas favorites **Siegfried**



and Roy, who perform illusions nightly at the Mirage theater named after them.

Best Dinner Show Package

For the second straight year the winner in Southern Nevada was the Excalibur's "Tournament of Kings," a raucous, medieval-themed dinner show involving a jousting tournament, wizards, eating with your hands, and colorful period costumes. In the north **John Ascuaga's Nugget** in Sparks also won for the second year in a row for its popular "Stepping Out" package, which combines dinner or a room with a show.

Best New Show/New Entertainer

Gordie Brown, who appears in Sammy's Showroom at Harrah's Reno, was tops in this category. Brown combines impressions of Willie Nelson, Tom Jones, Garth Brooks, and others in a music-and-comedy show that obviously struck a chord with readers.

Best Afternoon Show

The venerable cabaret show "Bottom's Up," which stars comedian **Breck Wall** and a cast of dancers and comedians, was voted best afternoon show. The irreverent revue, which plays at the Flamingo in Las Vegas, is regularly revamped and has been



Danny Marona repeated as best entertainer in the north (left) while the Excalibur's "Tournament of Kings" remained the best dinner show package in the south. **Mark Kalin and Jinger Leigh Kalin** were magical to voters for best northern revue (below).



presented by **Wall** nearly continuously since 1959, often in Nevada showrooms.

Best Comedy Club

"The Improv" at Harrah's Las Vegas was top vote-getter in this category in Southern Nevada while "Catch a Rising Star" at the Silver Legacy in Reno was the choice of readers for best comedy club in Northern Nevada.

Best Comedian

Readers really like **Danny RMarona**. The veteran performer, who combines comedy, impressions, and singing, was overwhelmingly voted best comedian in Northern Nevada. In Southern Nevada, the crimson-haired **Carrot Top**, who performs regularly at the MGM Grand, was narrowly selected best funny man over Danny Gans and Rita Rudner.



The Carson Valley Inn in Minden earned three rural awards (left). Readers chose Caesars Tahoe the best hotel at the lake (below left), and the Golf Club at Genoa Lakes was named the best rural course (below right).

Best Magician

Lance Burton made the competition disappear. The popular magician, who appears at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas, coasted to an easy victory in the voting for best magician.

Best Hotel

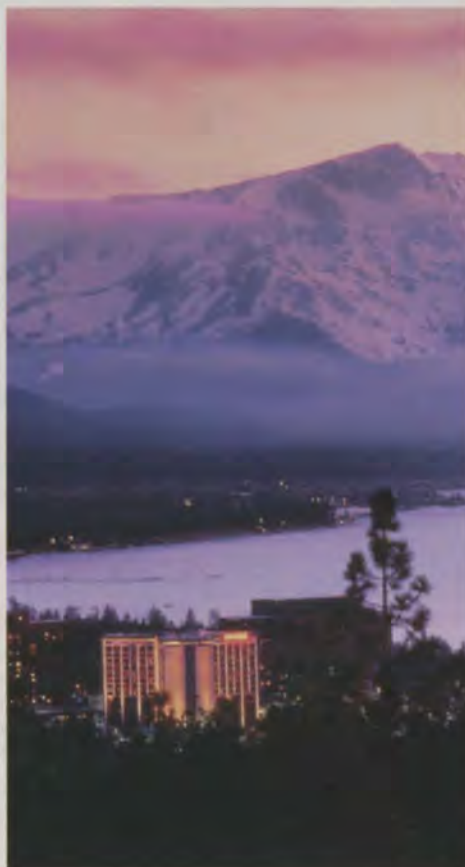
For a second year the **Peppermill** was voted best hotel in Reno, with strong showings by the Atlantis and Siena. Last year's Las Vegas winner, **Bellagio**, was the readers' choice, narrowly out-pointing Mandalay Bay. At Lake Tahoe it was a close vote as **Caesars Tahoe** edged Harrah's Lake Tahoe for bragging rights as top hotel. The easy winner in Laughlin was **Harrah's Laughlin**, and in Mesquite the **Oasis** slipped by the CasaBlanca. In Carson City readers voted for the **Piñon Plaza** while Minden's **Carson Valley Inn** repeated as best rural hotel.

Best Place to Gamble

When it comes to gambling in Las Vegas, readers like to place their bets at the **Rio**, which narrowly outscored last year's winner, Sam's Town. In Reno, readers felt the best place to gamble was the **Peppermill**. Tahoe's best gambling palace was **Harrah's Lake Tahoe**. In Laughlin readers selected **Harrah's Laughlin**, and in Mesquite it was the **Oasis**. For the fourth straight year the **Carson Nugget** coasted to victory as best place to gamble in Carson City, and perennial winner **Carson Valley Inn** was tops in rural Nevada.

Friendliest Casino

A combination of pleasant surroundings and winning attitudes helped readers select the **Peppermill** as friendliest casino in Reno. The **Rio** was the friendliest joint



in Las Vegas while in Laughlin readers were happy to play at **Harrah's Laughlin**. At Lake Tahoe, **Harveys** was the reader-friendly choice, and the **Oasis** was friendliest casino in Mesquite. Carson City's friendliest was the **Carson Nugget**, a repeat winner. In rural Nevada, the **Carson Valley Inn** edged Cactus Petes in Jackpot.

Best Slot Club

The first two years after we introduced this category in 2000, readers chose **Harrah's Total Rewards** program as best slot club. Ditto this year.

Best Thrill Ride

While "icy roads to Reno" and "the road from Tuscarora to Midas" got a couple



of votes, the best thrill ride in Northern Nevada turned out to be the **Reno Hilton's Skyscreamer**, a big swinging contraption that is best experienced on an empty stomach. The southern winner for the third straight year was the **Stratosphere** in Las Vegas for its **Big Shot** and **High Roller** rides. The former is a gravity-fall ride perched atop the 1,149-foot Stratosphere Tower while the latter is a roller coaster that races around the tower's top. Both rides are not for acrophobes.

Best Hotel Spa

Readers said the best place to get a little Rrest and relaxation in Southern Nevada is the **Canyon Ranch**, which is located inside the Venetian in Las Vegas. Reno's **Atlantis** has the best hotel spa in Northern Nevada, according to voters.

Best Golf Course

There was a new top course in the south—**Bali Hai Golf Club**, south of Mandalay Bay on the Las Vegas Strip. In Northern Nevada, **Red Hawk Golf Club**, located in Wingfield Springs north of

This year Lake Tahoe sailed away with five awards (left), and Bellagio was named best hotel in Las Vegas (right). The High Scaler Monument is just one site to see at Hoover Dam, which tied with Red Rock Canyon for the best place to take a photo in Southern Nevada (below).



Best Place to Boat

There's a trend here. **Lake Tahoe** was the easy winner over Lake Mead in the Brobdingnagian battle for best place to boat.

Friendliest Town

Reno, which won last year, was the choice of readers when it came to selecting Nevada's friendliest burg. Runners-up were Laughlin and Las Vegas, both previous winners.

Best Historic Place

Despite a strong showing by the Tonopah Historic Mining Park, **Virginia City** was the overwhelming choice as best historic place. The town's wooden sidewalks, frontier storefronts, and 19th-century charm wooed readers.

Best Place to Take Kids

For a fifth year **Lake Tahoe** was voted best place to take kids in Northern Nevada. Tops in the south was another repeat winner, **Circus Circus' Adventuredome**, while in rural Nevada the top children's attraction was **Virginia City**.

Best Special Event/Festival

The **National Finals Rodeo**, held in December in Las Vegas, was named best special event/festival in Southern Nevada for the fourth time in five years. In the north, Reno's popular **Hot August Nights**, a celebration of the autos, music, and styles of the 1950s and '60s, was the big winner. There was a three-way tie in the state's rural areas among the **Laughlin River Run**, **Virginia City Camel Races**, and **Genoa Candy Dance**.

Sparks, was the duffer's choice. Readers said the best rural course was the **Golf Club at Genoa Lakes**, which also won that honor last year.

Best Place to Take A Photo

For photographers, **Lake Tahoe** always seems to click. For the fifth year the Lake in the Sky was the overwhelming choice as best place to take a photo in the northern part of the state. Down south, there was a tie between **Hoover Dam** and **Red Rock Canyon**. In rural Nevada the best was **Great Basin National Park**, 65 miles east of Ely.

Best Park

Every year readers have difficulty choosing between Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire as best Southern Nevada park, and this year was no different. When all the votes were counted, **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area** narrowly out-tallied Valley of Fire State Park. In the north, **Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park** was top choice. **Great Basin National Park** became a five-time winner as best park in rural Nevada.

Best Place for Horseback Riding

This new category suggested by readers was won by **Lake Tahoe** because of its marvelous scenery. Runner-up was the Ponderosa Ranch at Incline Village, which offers horseback rides on trails that afford great views of Tahoe.

Best Place to Ski

For the second year **Mount Rose Ski Resort**, which offers a popular \$249 annual ski pass, edged Heavenly Ski Resort at Lake Tahoe as best place to ski.

Best Hiking Trail

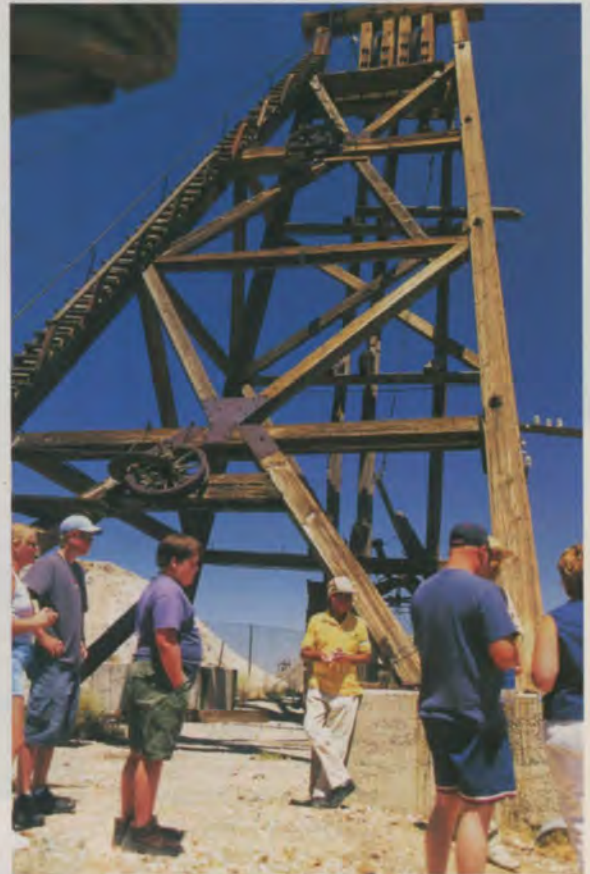
The **Tahoe Rim Trail**, which encircles Lake Tahoe, was again voted best hiking trail in the state. The 165-mile trail was completed last year.

Best Place to Camp

Readers clearly enjoy water and gorgeous scenery. **Lake Tahoe** edged Lake Mead as the best place to camp.



The Adventuredome at Circus Circus in Las Vegas was voted best place to take the kids in the south (left). The Virginia City Camel Races earned a top spot (above), as did the Tonopah Historic Mining Park (right).



Best Place to Shop

The voting mirrored last year with repeat winners in all three regions. In Northern Nevada, **Meadowood Mall** in Reno was tops for a fifth year. The **Forum Shops at Caesars** reigned in the south, also for a fifth time. Best rural shopping place was the **Horizon Outlet Center** in Laughlin, so named the last two years.

Best Museum

There was a new best museum in rural Nevada: the **Tonopah Historic Mining Park**. The park encompasses 130 acres of the original Tonopah mining district, including mines and equipment. The other top spots went to past winners. For the fifth time the **Liberace Museum** in Las Vegas was voted Southern Nevada's best museum, and Reno's **National Automobile Museum** was named best museum in the north for the fourth time.

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

The balloting was passionate in this category as readers submitted dozens of names. When the dust settled, the Southern Nevada winner was the **Top of the World** restaurant at the Stratosphere, and the Peppermill's **White Orchid** restaurant won in the north. For rural romance the vote went to **William Fisk's Steakhouse** at Harrah's Laughlin.

Best Buffet

The **Rio's Carnival World Buffet** continued to reign supreme when it comes to all-you-can-eat in Southern Nevada. In Reno, the Peppermill's **Island Buffet** edged the Atlantis' Toucan Charlie's Buffet. Area honors went to the **Forest Buffet** at Harrah's Lake Tahoe and the **Fresh Market Square Buffet** at Harrah's Laughlin. The top pick in the state's rural areas was the **Canyon Cove Buffet** at Cactus Petes in Jackpot.

Best Gourmet Restaurant

People had plenty of opinions about this category, and the voting produced several close tallies and a couple of ties. For instance, at Lake Tahoe readers were deadlocked between the **Summit** at Harrah's Lake Tahoe and **Llewellyn's** at Harveys. In Las Vegas, **Hugo's Cellar** at the Four Queens tied with **Delmonico's** at the Venetian. The Reno winner was the Peppermill's **White Orchid**, which narrowly beat Lexie's at the Siena and MonteVigna at the Atlantis. Best Laughlin gourmet room was **William Fisk's Steakhouse** at Harrah's Laughlin. In rural Nevada, the readers' top selection for gourmet eatery was the **Plateau Room** at Cactus Petes in Jackpot.

Best Basque Restaurant

No contest here. The winner by a picon-punch knockout in this brand-new category was **Louis' Basque Corner**, which has been serving large-portioned family-style Basque meals in Reno since 1967.

Best Italian Restaurant

Romanza at Reno's Peppermill was the Readers' choice as best Italian restaurant in Northern Nevada while **Battista's Hole in the Wall** in Las Vegas was tops for pasta in Southern Nevada.



Romanza at the Peppermill in Reno was the primo Italian restaurant in Northern Nevada (above). Club Nero's in Caesars Tahoe was voted the best night spot at Lake Tahoe (left).



Best Asian Restaurant

Reno's **Palais de Jade**, which offers fine Chinese dining, was voted best Asian restaurant in Northern Nevada. **Benihana Village**, tucked in the Las Vegas Hilton, was the readers' pick for best Asian eatery in Southern Nevada.

Best Mexican Restaurant

Bertha Miranda's, which has restaurants in Reno and Sparks, took top honors in the north. The southern winner was the MGM Grand's **Coyote Café**, which serves Southwestern cuisine.

Best Saloon

Perennial winner **Brew Brothers** at the Eldorado in Reno got the nod as best watering hole in Northern Nevada. In Southern Nevada, the victor was **Gilley's Saloon, Dance Hall, and Bar-B-Que** at the

New Frontier in Las Vegas. In a landslide, readers named the **Bucket of Blood Saloon** in Virginia City rural Nevada's best saloon for the fourth time.

Best Brewpub

In a repeat of last year's voting, Southern Nevada's best brewpub was the **Monte Carlo Brew Pub**. The same was true in Northern Nevada, where **Brew Brothers** at Reno's Eldorado edged the Great Basin Brewery and the Silver Peak Restaurant and Brewery.

Best Night Spot

When it came to putting on the dancing shoes, **Club Nero's** at Caesars Tahoe was the clear choice at the lake. In Las Vegas, the Rio's popular **VooDoo Lounge** was tops. The **BuBinga Lounge** at the Eldorado was Reno's best night spot while on the Colorado River **Tarzan's** swung at the Golden Nugget Laughlin. The rural vote went to Jackpot's **Horseshu Club**.

Best Wedding Chapel

Reno's **Chapel of the Bells**, which won last year, was again pronounced best wedding chapel in Northern Nevada. In the south the ring went to **Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel**, which specializes in Elvis, disco, and other wedding themes.

Best Helicopter Tour Company

Repeat winner **Sundance Helicopters**, which flies tourists to see the Grand Canyon and the Las Vegas Strip, was named best helicopter tour company.

Best Reservation Service

National Reservations Bureau, a previous winner, was voted best reservation service in the state. The company, accessed via nrbsinc.com, offers discount hotel rooms, tours, show tickets, and other vacation services.

Best Adventure Tour Company


It was a close vote as **Lake Mead Cruises**, which offers jet-ski tours, eco-tours, and cruises on the *Desert Princess* paddle-wheeler, edged last year's winner, **Guaranteed Tours of Las Vegas**.

Best Airline Vacation Package

No surprise in this category as two of the largest air carriers in the Silver State, **Southwest Airlines** and **America West Airlines**, tied in the voting for best airline vacation package.

Reader Recommendations

Many readers suggested that best swimming pool be added to next year's survey. Other popular ideas included best free thing to do and best arcade. One of our favorite recommendations, however, was adding best magazine. The reader voted for *Nevada Magazine*, saying, "Thank you for all the information you provide."

You're welcome. 

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's publisher. He wishes that someone would invent a ballot that counts itself.

'We Were Dancers'

Former El Rancho Vegas dancer Nancy Baker is still on a roll.

By Joan Patterson



Baker reviews her scrapbook, filled with Las Vegas history, at her costume company.

be seen on the cover of *Nevada Magazine's* Nevada Historical Calendar.

The photo shows the eight George Moro dancers wearing strapless cocktail-style dresses of creamy velvet. Popped on their heads like silly afterthoughts are square hats made to look like dice, billowy plumes of feathers erupting from the top. Baker is in the center row, third from the left. Her arm is gracefully bent toward her face, her head cocked just so. The costumes were part of a choreographed number during which the girls tap danced on top of giant dice.

"At that time the girls lived at the hotel, and we all had to be single and on call for publicity pictures," Baker says. "I don't remember getting this particular one taken because they were always taking photos like this."

The Las Vegas News Bureau, part of the city's convention and visitors agency, sent publicity photos to newspapers across the country, hoping to entice gamblers to town. Of course, the beautiful and talented dancers were just part of the attraction. Baker recalls the early-day headliners who made the trek to the desert resorts—Rudy Vallee, Eddy Arnold, Buddy Lester, Kay Thompson, Sammy Davis Jr., Frankie Lane, Zero Mostel, Louis Armstrong, and Lena Horne. The entertainers were working stages smaller than those in most modern-day junior high schools. "The El Rancho could just hold the eight dancers—that was it," she says.

Baker is 71 and has a petite frame that

Nancy Baker is peeling back the pages of a scrapbook she started keeping 50 years ago, and as she turns the browned, crumbling sheets, even she seems surprised at the history unfolding before her.

There are photographs of a youthful Sammy Davis Jr. when he was still performing with his father and uncle in the Will Mastin Trio. Other photos show shiny-faced singing groups like the Hoosier Hot Shots and Delta Rhythm Boys. There's a promotional brochure from the old El Rancho Vegas—the first casino-resort built on what is now the Strip—showing handsome couples relaxing around a swimming pool.

"Las Vegas was friendly. It was just so friendly here. You knew the bosses by their first name, and they knew your first name," says the classic beauty, her long silver hair pulled back by simple combs.

Baker worked as a showroom dancer from 1949 to 1954. She began her Vegas career as one of the George Moro dancers at the El Rancho Vegas and eventually worked neighboring casinos such as the Last Frontier, Thunderbird, and Flamingo.

Las Vegas history buffs may know her as one of the dancers in the famous Dancing Dice photograph. The 1951 promotional portrait appears regularly in articles, television shows, and museum displays about Southern Nevada. This year, the photo can



In 1951, while dancing at the El Rancho Vegas, Baker (center row, third from left) appeared in the famous Dancing Dice photo.

barely makes a ripple as she walks through a room. She started dancing at three and studied Spanish-style routines at the famous Eduardo Cansino studio in Los Angeles. One of her favorite Vegas headliners was Carmen Miranda, the "Brazilian Bombshell," because of her Latin song-and-dance numbers.

However, Baker is reluctant to recount colorful stories about Miranda or the other entertainers she has worked with. For someone in show business since childhood, it would be like gossiping about family. She does talk freely about working in Las Vegas when it was coming into its own.

"Vegas was a very small town, very friendly, and you got to know everybody," she says. "You could go shopping downtown, and people would say, 'Oh, yeah, I saw you the other night [on stage].'"

"The stars dressed in the same dressing rooms as us because it was the only dressing room," she continues. "We're talking about very small hotels."

The Strip consisted of a few casinos in the middle of nowhere. Baker remembers standing outside her room at the El Rancho where she and the other dancers lived and seeing nothing but open desert

to the west. "It was just so much fun to be here," she says. "We used to get horses from the stables at the El Rancho. There were bridle paths where the Strip is now and hitching posts at the hotels, so we would tie up our horses and eat lunch at the Flamingo. There were horses all around."

Baker and the other dancers performed two shows a night and rehearsed in the afternoon. The routines changed every two weeks to match the various headliners.

"We were not showgirls. We were dancers. Dancers have to dance," she says. "We were constantly doing something different, and it was pretty hard work—tap, ballet, acrobatics."

When the Strip shows started going topless, Baker decided it was time to quit and open her own dance studio. "I taught for 13 years, but I was also doing all the costumes for the dance recitals. One day my husband came in and said, 'It's either dancing or costumes, and tomorrow you will tell me which.'"

Soon after, the Williams Dancing Academy became the Williams Costume Company (Williams is her maiden name). Her husband, Newton, who died four

years ago, left the gaming industry to help run the business. The costume shop is still operating after 35 years. Located on South Third Street near downtown Las Vegas, the warehouse-size structure brims with thousands of handmade costumes created by Baker and a small staff of seamstresses. It also houses a huge selection of feathered boas, showgirl headdresses, rhinestones, and tiaras.

Liberace, Little Richard, Charo, Carrot Top, and Roseanne Barr have shopped at the 16,000-square-foot store, and locals fill the place at Halloween in search of that perfect get-up. Most of the costumes are rented by catering companies and casinos hosting special events. Baker and her staff, for example, recently made 40 monk costumes for a party with a Middle Ages theme.

Baker spends most of her time at the shop. What free time she does have is spent feeding apples and grapes to her 12



Baker relaxes in her tortoise habitat, home to a dozen residents like Turtle Soup (center).

desert tortoises. Yes, this former showroom beauty and entrepreneur has a small sanctuary that includes a 60-year-old male named Oscar. "They're my stress-relieving pets," she says.

It's no wonder she never gets to that scrapbook. 📖

Joan Patterson is a Las Vegas writer.

High Haunts

By Deke Castleman

These
towering
taverns
offer
elevators,
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It's a fact of nature: The higher you go, the more you see. This is true, literally, when it comes to airplanes, mountaintops, and observation floors of tall buildings. It's also true, figuratively, when it comes to elevating your consciousness with certain (legal, of course) psychoactive ingestibles. By visiting any one of a handful of Nevada's highest haunts, hovering over the landscape from Las Vegas to Lake Tahoe, you can combine the two elevated views—both external and internal—into one “peak” experience.

A sampling of prices is listed with each lofty lounge. Wine prices are by the glass, and most beers include domestic and imported. Please note that prices are approximate and highly subject to change.

Summit View Lounge

The second-lowest of the highest bars in the state is the Summit View Lounge, on the 16th floor of Harrah's Lake Tahoe, which it shares with a concierge lounge and the fine-dining Summit Restaurant. You enter this intimate and beautifully appointed room on marble floors through French doors inlaid with sculpted glass. Tasteful art with a jazz theme graces the walls along with wooden wine cabinets and a small humidor (selling cigars from \$10 to \$75 apiece). The lounge's prime viewing spots are two tables next to bay windows that provide a bird's-eye perspective of Tahoe's south shore.

Beer: Domestic, \$5, imported, \$6. **Wine:** By the glass \$10-\$18. **Mixed Drinks:** \$7.25-\$9. Top-shelf for the area but par for Nevada's upper-floor bars. **Phone:** 775-588-6611.

Friday's Station

Two floors above the Summit, another Harrah's Lake Tahoe high bar occupies a small nook in Friday's Station steakhouse. This aerial alehouse offers a place to hang for a few minutes while waiting for a dinner table, soaking up the view of the lake.

Beer: \$3.50-\$4.50. **Wine:** \$4-\$9. **Mixed Drinks:** Martinis \$5, Polish potato martini \$7.50, Manhattans \$5-\$6.50, tropical

The Top of the World Lounge, perched on the 107th floor of the Stratosphere Tower in Las Vegas, boasts great views and the highest bar west of the Mississippi.

Photo: Chris Leedham



drinks \$6.50. **After Dinner:** Liqueur and coffee drinks \$7-\$8.50, sherry, port, or dessert wine \$4-\$18. **Phone:** 775-588-6611.

Peak Lounge

On Harveys' 19th floor next to Llewellyn's fine-dining restaurant, the Peak Lounge is the largest of the three Tahoe sky-high party pubs. Several tables share three floor-to-ceiling bay windows and the stunning Tahoe backdrop. Sunday brunch is served in the bar.

Cocktails: \$6-\$11. Port, cognac, and brandy \$6.25 and up, \$150 for the Louis XIII cognac. **Appetizers:** Served from 6 to 9:30 p.m., house salad or onion soup au gratin \$6.50, baked brie \$9.50, Alaska king crab \$15, and beluga caviar \$75 an ounce. **Phone:** 775-588-2411.

Polo Tower Lounge

Also on the 19th floor, but half a world (and half a state) away, stands the lounge atop the Polo Tower timeshare complex on the Las Vegas Strip. The curved wall of picture windows overlooks the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Tropicana Avenue, with a spectacu-

lar view of Monte Carlo, New York-New York, MGM, and Excalibur.

This lounge is sedate days and weeknights but gets to rockin' on Friday and Saturday nights, when there's a \$10 cover charge for men (women enter free, which dresses up the joint). A DJ spins platters weekends, providing background music for spiky-haired wolves to sniff around bare-midriff foxes.

Beer: \$5. **Mixed Drinks:** \$7 **Phone:** 702-261-1000.

Eiffel Tower Lounge

You board a glass elevator at the foot of one of the legs of the replica Eiffel Tower in the Paris Las Vegas. You are whisked upward to the Eiffel Tower Lounge and Restaurant on the 11th floor. You step off the elevator—right into the bustling kitchen! A greeter leads you to the bar and eatery.

The large, always-crowded room boasts three full walls of picture windows. The prime viewing spot is on the west wall overlooking the Las Vegas Strip and Bellagio's dancing fountains. The Paris hot-air-balloon marquee fills the south-facing windows, backdropped by

Paris habitués meet for cocktails in the Eiffel Tower's 11th-floor lounge, which overlooks the Strip and the giant Paris balloon.

the Aladdin and Monte Carlo. Caesars Palace and the Flamingo dominate the north side. A pianist plays as bartenders serve drinks stylishly.

The dress code is strict but loosely enforced. As long as you're neatly attired (no jeans, T-shirts, tennis shoes) and carrying your wallet, you'll be admitted.

Beer: \$5.25-\$6.50. **Mixed Drinks:** \$8.50, nine different martinis \$12 (try the Oh La La). **Wine:** \$10-\$22, goblets of bubbly \$18-\$49. **Appetizers:** Smoked salmon with capers and onions \$14.95, Maine toe crab salad \$15.95, a trio of French cheeses \$13.50, foie gras \$19.95, caviar sampler \$220. **Desserts:** Apple strudel and cinnamon ice cream, chocolate hazelnut cake, raspberry Napoleon, and, of course, chocolate Eiffel Tower are \$10 each. **Phone:** 702-948-6937

Binion's Ranch Steakhouse

The lounging room in Binion's Ranch Steakhouse, on the 24th floor atop the old Mint tower, has been reduced over

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Three Peaks

Story and Photos
by Scott T. Smith

Hikers on Mount Jefferson will find cirques, creeks, and a trio of summits over 11,000 feet.

John Muir explored these mountains. He climbed the peaks and wrote of cliff-bound cirques—rugged crenellations scooped into the whale-backed summit ridge—and identified them as the legacy of glaciers. Muir was describing not his usual Sierra Nevada tramping ground but the Toquima (“toe-kee-ma”) Range north of Tonopah.

The huge massif of Mount Jefferson dominates the Toquima Range and rises more than a mile above Big Smoky and Monitor valleys. The crown of Mount Jefferson is a broad ridge with three peaks, prosaically named South Summit, Middle Summit, and North Summit. At 11,941 feet, South Summit is the sixth-highest peak in Nevada.

Mount Jefferson lies within the Alta Toquima Wilderness, named for the Alta Toquima archaeological site discovered in the 1970s. At 11,000 feet, the site contains the remains of the highest known Indian village in North America.

Now, long after the villagers disappeared and more than a century since Muir walked its trails, my wife, Mary, and I have



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At left, Mary Bedingfieldsmith stands on the Middle Summit of Mount Jefferson.

Above right, a llama break high in the Toquimas.

come to climb Mount Jefferson. We have two llamas in tow, and our goal is to hike a loop, crossing all three summits of Jefferson on the way.

High up Pine Creek we reach a forest of limber pines and the remains of a sawmill. In the 1870s the mill supplied lumber for Belmont, the former Nye County seat that is now a ghost town. Amazingly, loaded wagons once negotiated the route we have followed up the canyon.

Later, we come to a tarn, a small lake, tucked into the head of a glacier-carved cirque. We camp near a trickle of snowmelt, the nascent Pine Creek.

We are directly below Middle Summit, inaccessible from this direction behind thousand-foot cliffs.

By early afternoon the next day we have gained the summit ridge. In a rising breeze we pitch the tent, stake the llamas, and head for South Summit. On top, wind moans through numerous antennae protruding from a small building, and the gale pulls tears from our eyes as we squint at the panorama. We can see more than 30 distinct mountain ranges. Nevada's highest point, 13,140-foot Boundary Peak, is clearly visible 100 miles to the southwest.

Mount Jefferson

Advanced hikers will find rugged but scenic hiking trails in the Alta Toquima Wilderness, home of Mount Jefferson's three summits in the Toquima Range. The area is 60 miles north of Tonopah and 50 miles south of Austin. Access is by dirt roads in Monitor Valley. Hikes measure 10 to 16 miles round trip from the USFS Pine Creek Campground, 16 miles north of Belmont. For maps and details contact the Tonopah Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Box 3940, Tonopah, NV 89049, 775-482-6286, www.fs.fed.us/htnf. Helpful references include *The Hiker's Guide to Nevada* by Bruce Grubbs (Falcon Press, 1995) and *Hiking the Great Basin* by John Hart (Sierra Club Books, 1992). For a copy of *The Dirt*, the Nevada Commission on Tourism's recently published adventure guide, call 800-NEVADA-8 or visit www.travelnevada.com.



The crest of Mount Jefferson is less a ridge than an airy esplanade, a wide windy avenue between the steep canyons to the west and precipitous cirques to the east. We linger for hours on Middle Summit, watching cumulus clouds blossom as they race by. Our camp in the saddle below the North Summit has a 250-mile view.

At dawn we are awakened by a clap of thunder and the rattle of raindrops on the tent. We skip North Summit, opting to dash off the exposed ridge before the clouds drop more lightning bolts. The downpour waits until we are well into Bucks Canyon and stops by the time we reach the trail-head late in the day, moist and muddy but satisfied. ▀

Scott T. Smith is a Logan, Utah, writer-photographer.

A tarn (above), rimmed with false hellebore, sits in a cirque at the head of Pine Creek.

At right, Mary prepares breakfast in a meadow.



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Chautauqua: Remembering Our Roots

Great characters and historical moments come alive at Nevada's living-history events this summer

Clay Jenkinson of Reno portrays Thomas Jefferson at Chautauquas in Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Boulder City.





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Clay Jenkinson, a founder of the modern Chautauqua movement, portrays founding father Jefferson.

Characters From the Past

*History repeats
itself this summer
as Nevada
Chautauquans
and reenactors
bring famous
historical figures
to life*

By Joan Patterson
and Mike Weatherford

When history, ideas, and a bit of show business meet, the name is fancy but the result is pure Americana: Chautauqua. The name was appropriated from a lake in upstate New York, but it has come to mean anywhere people gather, often picnic-style, for "living-history" presentations by scholars and gifted mimics portraying everyone from Thomas Jefferson to Las Vegas pioneer Helen Stewart.

"Getting 1,000 people out with kids and a blanket, there's a hunger for it," says Steve Davis, assistant director of Nevada Humanities, which sponsors the Great Basin Chautauqua in Reno. "It's not only fun and interesting but can be relevant to the world people live in."

This summer and fall, a series of statewide Chautauqua and living-history events will keep Nevada in the main current of a tradition that began in the 1870s when a group of Sunday-school

teachers gathered at a camp near Lake Chautauqua to share ideas. The camp became a cultural institute, and by 1900 the show had gone on the road, featuring famous speakers such as William Jennings Bryan, who said he gave his "Cross of Gold" speech 5,000 times under tents in small towns across the country.

The Chautauqua era faded with the advent of radio and motion pictures, but its spirit has been revived in today's living-history movement. That movement began in the 1970s when a couple of scholars from North Dakota decided they could fill a tent by staging historical impersonations inspired by Hal Holbrook's one-man show, "Mark Twain Tonight," and Steve Allen's groundbreaking TV series, *Meeting of the Minds*.

One of those scholars was Clay Jenkinson, who today is the Reno-based owner of Dakota Sky Education and whose portrayal of Thomas Jefferson has become a national model for the pro-

*The Boulder City
Chautauqua will
take place in the
theater restored by
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gram. "When we started, it was hard to find scholars willing to do it," he recalls. "They tended to be theater people with a background in English."

Within a few years, Chautauqua presentations came to be "more about ideas, not theater," Jenkinson says. Most scholars still dress in character and deliver a first-person opening monologue based on the historical figure's biography or writings. The program then segues into a question-and-answer session with the Chautauquan thinking on his feet and answering questions in character. At the end, the scholar can step outside the role to introduce himself and provide context or insight. The last segment is especially helpful, Jenkinson adds, if the actor "doesn't necessarily subscribe to all the ideas the character is espousing," giving him a chance to put inflammatory issues such as slavery into a historical context.

Since 1992, Jenkinson's experience and enthusiasm have helped Nevada Humanities build the Great Basin Chautauqua into the largest in the country. This year's event, "Inventing America: The Founders' Generation," runs July 15-18 in Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. The performances will draw as many as 2,200 people for an evening program, the crowd spilling from the 1,000 chairs arranged under the big top to blankets and picnic tables in the surrounding park area. Jenkinson will reprise his Jefferson portrayal. Other Chautauquans will recreate Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, African-American poet Phyllis Wheatley, and poet and historian Mercy Otis Warren.

Boulder City is a Las Vegas-area community with a small-town atmosphere. This may explain why Chautauqua has been such a big success there, drawing crowds of 300 to 500 spectators a night.

"From the beginning it's been a very

good response. It's kind of like, if you build a tent they will come," says Ihla Crowley, program director of the Boulder City Chautauqua. The living-history event will take place September 6-7 in the old Boulder City Theater. Crowley says the movie house, built in 1932, was the first building in Boulder City to have air-conditioning. Dam workers would pay their dime, get out of the sweltering heat for a few hours, and usually fall asleep by the time the cartoon was over.

The 400-seat theater was recently renovated by residents Desi Arnaz Jr., the son of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, and his wife, Amy. They not only are preserving the building, which is said to have a resident ghost, but have turned it into a venue for stage productions.

The Boulder City Chautauqua's theme this year is the Lewis and Clark Expedition,

so audiences can expect a visit from Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and Sacagawea, as well as Clay Jenkinson as Thomas Jefferson. The main presentations and music take place in the evening. A children's Chautauqua, featuring students from Henderson, is scheduled for Saturday morning.

Youthful historical impersonators will appear during the Chautauqua in the Park, July 10-11 at Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa, 10 miles south of Carson City.

Duke Sanders, a member of the Carson Valley Young Chautauquans, an offshoot of the Great Basin Chautauqua, began standing before an audience three years ago at age 10. His interest in Chautauqua was piqued when his mother pointed out a newspaper article on the topic. "I tried it and had a lot of fun," he says. Sanders



Alice Brown will recreate Las Vegas pioneer Helen Stewart (inset) during Spring Mountain Ranch State Park's living-history programs. Stewart's ranchland included the Old Mormon Fort in Las Vegas.

History Lives

Chautauquas, living-history events, and reenactments are held year-round in Nevada. Call to confirm dates and admission charges. The following schedule runs through spring 2003.

Lake Tahoe Chautauqua: June 29-30. Four Great Basin Chautauqua scholars, including Clay Jenkinson, present "The Birth of Our Country." Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 800-GO-TAHOE.

"Liberty Pit": July 3. Original play is based on the town's Liberty Pit mural, which depicts the Ely area's mining roots. Evening includes a dinner. Other holiday events include a parade, fireworks, and Ghost Train rides. Ely, 775-289-8877

Chautauqua in the Park: July 10-11. Features Nevada characters such as rancher H.F. Dangberg and Bertha Raffetto, author of "Home Means Nevada." Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Pioche Heritage Days Plays: July 11-13. Original productions based on the town's rambunctious history. Town Hall, Pioche, 775-962-5303.

Great Basin Chautauqua: July 15-18. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin make appearances. Young Chautauquans will perform each morning. The public is invited to a free performance by local Chautauquans July 14. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 775-784-6587

Pioneer Living History: July 20. Demonstrations such as quilting, butter-churning, and blacksmithing. Stone Cabin Living History Museum, Spring Valley State Park, 18 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Genoa Renaissance Fair: July 27-28. Jousting, belly dancers, and music. Main Street, Genoa, 775-782-4951.

Great Gatsby Festival: Aug. 11-12. Living-history program, vintage cars, costumed tours, music, croquet, high tea, fashion show. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-0320.

Boulder City Chautauqua: Sept. 6-7. Event portrays the western encounters of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806) with portrayals of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and Sacagawea, as well as Thomas Jefferson. Boulder Theater, Boulder City, 702-294-4365.

Renaissance Festival: Oct. 11-13. Jousts,



Fort Churchill's Civil War Reenactments simulate camp life in the 1860s. The spring and fall gatherings include displays, cannon firing, and living-history portrayals. The next event is in October.

medieval encampments, and reenactments. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8206.

Civil War Encampment: Oct. 12-13. Living-history events, displays, and cannon firing. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, U.S. 95A, eight miles south of Silver Springs, 775-577-2345. A similar event usually is held around Memorial Day.

Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk: Oct. 19. Meet the spirits of the past during a walking tour of historic homes. Nevada State Museum courtyard, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Mountain Man Rendezvous: Nov. 9-11. Costumed members of the Spring Mountain Free Trappers present a primitive camp and black-powder demonstrations, knife forging, beadwork, and storytelling. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Victorian Home Christmas Tour: Dec. 8. Historic homes are decorated for the season. Historic District, Carson City, 775-882-1805.

History Musical: February 2003. The youth theater group Rainbow Company of Las Vegas presents an original 50-minute musical based on Nevada history. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Eagle Valley Muzzleloaders Spring Rendezvous: April. Trappers, traders, a black-powder shoot, and encampment. Carson City, 775-884-4542.

Bowers Mansion Encampment: May.

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

Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend: May 16-18. Tours, dances, lectures, Victorian Tea. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Kit Carson Wild West Tour: May 24. Historic homes are open for tours led by "spirits of yesterday." Historic District, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Carson City Rendezvous: June 7-9. Mountain-man encampment, Civil War reenactments and camp, music, and Native American dancing. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Valhalla Renaissance Festival: June. Fencing, jousting, plays, crafts, food, and drink. Camp Richardson, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Reno Days Festival: June. Music, historic reenactors, crafts, and food. Reno, 775-334-2594.

Snowshoe Thompson Festival: June. Arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, living history, and a white-elephant sale. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-265-6097.

Living History Programs: Spring Mountain Ranch's season of living-history programs consists of two spring dates and 13 in the fall. For a schedule of performances featuring Helen Stewart and other pioneers and events, call 702-875-4141.

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Young Chautauquan Duke Sanders performs as Heinrick Frederick "H.F." Dangberg (inset), an early-day Carson Valley rancher. Grace Dangberg was his granddaughter.

will portray H.F. Dangberg and answer questions about the Carson Valley rancher.

"Dangberg came from Prussia in the mid-1800s and brought the idea of irrigation," says Sanders. "He owned most of the water rights, land, and a good portion of the businesses, including the creamery, which furnished Virginia City with dairy products."

Another Carson Valley Young Chautauquan, Jenny McMenomy, 14, frequently is asked to present her portrayal of Bertha Raffetto, the Reno woman who wrote the

state song, "Home Means Nevada." McMenomy wears a 1950s dress she found in a vintage-clothing store.

History also lives at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park during programs in the spring and fall. The ranch, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, was established in the 1860s and became a park in 1972. The park has a picturesque setting in Red Rock Canyon with green lawns, tall trees, and views of the Spring Mountains.

Each year at the park Las Vegas resident Alice Brown portrays pioneer Helen

Fort Churchill's Civil War Encampments have no horses and not a lot of gunfire

Stewart in an hour-long Chautauqua-style presentation. Brown sits in a rocking chair, wearing a tiered dress and large straw hat, and presents Stewart as a middle-aged woman living in the isolated desert valley around the turn of the century.

Brown, a librarian for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for 22 years, searched local archives and talked to one of Stewart's great-grandsons to research the part of a woman often called the "First Lady of Las Vegas." Brown says she discovered an extraordinary woman who started the first school in what was to become Las Vegas, befriended the Paiutes of the area, and even planted the city's first trees.

"She was doing everything she could to make the place livable," Brown explains. Stewart was isolated on her Las Vegas



Jenny McMenomy wears a vintage dress for her portrayal of Bertha Raffetto, the Reno woman who wrote "Home Means Nevada," the state song.

ranch, particularly after the death of her husband, Archibald, in 1884. She would invite weary travelers to stay at her ranch, an oasis with its creek and large cottonwood trees, for weeks—just for the com-

pany. One of Brown's favorite stories describes how Stewart, in her later years, was invited to an afternoon tea by the local dentist's wife. Instead of staying an hour or so, Stewart sat in the woman's kitchen for most of the afternoon. She just didn't know what it meant to make a simple social visit since her own guests often stayed for days at a time.

The low-key, ideological approach to history extends as far as the twice-yearly Civil War Encampment at Fort Churchill State Historic Park, eight miles south of Silver Springs. Next scheduled for October 12-13, the event has drawn as many as 400 visitors looking to experience camp life 1860s-style. There are no horses and not a lot of gunfire, park supervisor Jim Prida says, which speaks all the more powerfully of living history's ability to captivate long after radio and movies first threatened the Chautauqua tradition.

If the men and women in period garb "can get talked into a battle, they'll have one," Prida says, but most visitors will settle for a cannon-firing demonstration. That, and some good dialogue. ▀

Joan Patterson is a Las Vegas freelance writer. Mike Weatherford's column and stories can be found in the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

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Making a Patriotic Spectacle

Not to be outdone on the Fourth of July, Mother Nature staged her own fireworks display over Beatty, the small town 115 miles north of Las Vegas. Photographer and resident Richard Stephens captured both the lightning storm and the pyrotechnics in a double exposure on the same night.

Nevada communities offer a great variety of events this summer, beginning with Fourth of July celebrations. In Henderson, the inaugural SCORE Henderson Terrible's 250 off-road race raises adrenaline July 11-14. Reno visitors will find cultural activities daily during the Artown festival throughout July, while Elko presents the National Basque Festival on the Fourth of July weekend. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following statewide events for July and August. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times.

Las Vegas Territory

Red, White, and Boom: Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Entertainment by Starship featuring Mickey Thompson, Loveshack, and Yellow Brick Road. Event includes fire-

works, a car show, contests, and skateboard, breakdancing, and martial-arts exhibitions. Desert Breeze Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Star Spangled Spectacular • July 4 • Concert featuring the Las Vegas Philharmonic followed by fireworks. Hills Park in Summerlin, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787.

Damboree • July 4 • Parade, games, patriotic program, food, and drink at Central Park. Fireworks at Veteran's Memorial Park. Boulder City, 702-293-0335.

Van's Warped Tour • July 5 • About 50 bands play on multiple stages. Sam Boyd Stadium Practice Fields, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

2002 World Pastry Team Championship • July 5-6 • More than 60 chefs compete for prize money. Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, 212-239-0855.

K.C. Hillites Midnite Special • July 6-7 • Nighttime off-road race for trucks and buggies. Call for location. Las Vegas, 702-452-4522.

Gun Show • July 6-7 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 405-842-3277.

Flamingo \$100,000 Slot Tournament and Flamingo Keno

Tournament • July 7-10 • \$100,000 in total prizes, \$599 entry for slots and \$599 or \$459 for keno includes a three-night stay. Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.

"Lil' Abner" • July 10-13, 17-20, and 24-27 • Musical performed outdoors. Bring a picnic dinner. Advance tickets recommended. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Young People's Summer Concert: Norman Foote • July 11 • Songs, outrageous props, and offbeat humor. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Family Film Series: Mary Poppins • July 11 • Bring a pic-

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nic for a free film under the stars. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6328.

Las Vegas Hilton Million Dollar Blackjack Tournament • July 11-13 • \$57,500 preliminary round, \$1,000 entry includes three-night stay. Las Vegas Hilton, 800-457-3307.
SCORE Henderson Terrible's 250 • July 11-14 • Inaugural seven-lap open desert race over a 35-mile course between U.S. 93 and the McCullough Mountains. Event includes a charity bowling tournament, Checkered Flag Fiesta at Fiesta Henderson Hotel featuring the Sundogs, Pit Crew Challenge, free Tommy Rucker concert at Police Park. Henderson, 702-565-5197.

Plaza Series Concert • July 12 • Outdoor concert. Downtown Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

The Cox Pavilion Rocks • July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23 •

Duel in the Desert

The SCORE Henderson Terrible's 250 will present a seven-lap open desert race over a 35-mile course. The dash between U.S. 93 and the McCullough Mountains in Henderson highlights activities on July 11-14.

Showcase of local and regional bands. Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

Roulette Tournament • July 12-13 • \$49 entry. Flamingo Laughlin, 800-435-8469.

Shoot Out at the Palace • July 12-14 • Craps tournament, \$20,000 first prize, \$300 entry. Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-351-7400, ext. 1.

Family Film Series: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory • July 18 • Bring a picnic for a free movie under the stars. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6328.

Las Vegas Community Band • July 19 • Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Poets' Corner • July 19 • Established poets and open-mike participants. West Las Vegas Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Tool • July 19 • Concert. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

Cruise Night • July 19 • Chubby's Hot Rods and Evil Twin, Las Vegas, 702-464-3070.

Bridal Show • July 19-20 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-368-0088.

River Rick's Video Poker Tournament • July 19-21 • \$200 entry includes two-night stay; \$7,000 first place. Pioneer Hotel, Laughlin, 800-634-33469.

Discovery Park Concert • July 20 • Outdoor concert. Discovery Park, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Cardboard Boat Races • July 24 • Racers compete for prizes and can use only cardboard, tape, and glue. Boulder City pool, Boulder City, 702-293-9286.

Young People's Summer Concert: Joanie Bartels • July 25 • Sing- and dance-along performance. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Family Film Series: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang • July 25 • Bring a picnic for a free movie under the stars. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6328.

Flamingo Star Spangled Slot Tournament • July 25-27 • \$15,000 in total prizes, \$79 entry. Flamingo Laughlin, 702-298-5111.

Downtown Cultural Series: Lucky Streak Barbershop Quartet • July 26 • Bring a sack lunch for the noon concert. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-6704.

Pool Party • July 27 • Outdoor concert by the pool. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Slot Tournament • July 28-30 • \$20,000 first place, \$400 entry. Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-351-7400, ext. 1.



Nevada Territory Map

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

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

International Dance Challenge • July 31-Aug. 2 • Dance competition. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 615-885-2222.
Family Film Series: The Wizard of Oz • Aug. 1 • Bring a picnic for a free movie under the stars. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6328.

Plaza Series • Aug. 2 • Outdoor concert. Downtown Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Flamingo Craps Tournament • Aug. 2-3 • \$7,500 in total prizes, \$49 entry. Flamingo Laughlin, 702-298-5111.

Cajun Zydeco Festival • Aug. 3 • Concert features food and beverage vendors. Government Center Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

"Champions on Ice" • Aug. 3 • Olympic medalists and international champions. Grand Garden Arena, MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-891-7777.

As They Grow Expo • Aug. 4 • KLUC 98.5 Radio-sponsored event. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-253-9800.

Wild West Shootout Blackjack Tourney • Aug. 4-6 • \$7,500 grand prize, \$139 entry. Edgewater, Laughlin, 702-298-2453.

Flamingo \$100,000 Slot Tournament • Aug. 4-7 • \$100,000 total prizes, \$599 entry includes three-night stay.

Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882 for more information.
"Annie" • Aug. 7-10, 14-17, and 21-24 • Musical performed outdoors. Bring a picnic dinner. Advance tickets recommended. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Young People's Summer Concert: Linda Arnold • Aug. 8 • Singer hosts the nationally syndicated radio show *Pickleberry Pie*. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Sonata Park Concert • Aug. 10 • Outdoor performance. Sonata Park, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Bally's \$50,000 Yo, Ho, Ho Slot Tournament • Aug. 11-14 • \$50,000 total prizes, \$399 entry includes three-night stay at Bally's or Paris. Bally's, Las Vegas, 800-7BALLY, ext. 4561.

Cruise Night • Aug. 16 • CTI Abrasives, Las Vegas, 702-798-1189.

Diversity Doubles and Singles Bowling Tournament • Aug. 16-18 • \$150 entry per bowler. Santa Fe and Texas Station hotels, Las Vegas, 702-631-1000.

Summer Art Show on the Lake • Aug. 16-18 • Annual show on the floating dock at Lake Mead Cruises Landing.

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Pool Party • Aug. 17 • Outdoor concert by the pool. Whitney Ranch Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Second Chance Slot Tournament • Aug. 20-22 • \$50,000 grand prize, \$500 entry. Edgewater, Laughlin, 702-298-2453.

Nevada Chamber Symphony • Aug. 23 • Outdoor concert. Downtown Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Harvest Festival • Aug. 23-25 • Home and decorating show. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 707-778-6300.

Gun Show • Aug. 31-Sept. 1 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 800-333-GUNS.

Labor Day Motor Extravaganza • Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Car show. RV Park, Silverton Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-263-7777.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Lake Tahoe Chautauqua • June 29-30 • Four Great Basin Chautauqua scholars, including Clay Jenkinson, present "The Birth of Our Country." Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe

Outdoor Broadway

Those in the know make reservations early and then prepare a picnic supper for the summer musicals staged at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas. Evening performances include "Lil' Abner" on July 10-13, 17-20, and 24-27 and "Annie" August 7-10, 14-17 and 21-24. Call 702-594-PLAY.

Nevada State Park, 800-GO-TAHOE for information.

Pepsi Golf Tour • June 30-July 1 • Rising-star golfers compete in the Professional-Open West Coast mini-tour circuit. Northgate Golf Club, Reno, 775-321-5881.

Illadelph Legends • July 1 • Hip-hop dance movement opens the month-long Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Artown • July 1-31 • Month-long arts festival with more than 200 events including dance, plays, concerts, fine arts exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment for children, and movies. Citywide, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Fourth of July Cavalcade of Spectaculars • July 3-7 • Whirling carnival rides, midway games, food vendors, concessions, arts and crafts, and entertainment keep families busy. Event includes fireworks on July 4. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

Pops in the Park • July 4 • Patriotic concert by the Reno Philharmonic. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-323-6393.

Star Spangled Sparks • July 4 • Old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration at Sparks Marina Park followed by evening fireworks on Victorian Square. Sparks, 775-358-1976.

Star Spangled Fourth: Lights on the Lake • July 4 • Largest fireworks display west of the Mississippi. Stateline, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-5050.

Independence Day Party • July 4 • Parade, fireworks and a Victorian tea at Fourth Ward School. C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

\$75,000 Slot Tournament • July 4-6 • Winners of the daily slot tournaments thru July 3. Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-789-2000.

Slot Tournaments • July 4-6 • Silver Club, Sparks, 800-905-7774.

Wizard of Oz • July 5 • Free outdoor screening is part of

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Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Trans Tahoe Regatta • July 5-7 • Annual sailing regatta across Lake Tahoe includes a warm-up race on July 5, with a noon race start on July 6. Tahoe Yacht Club, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.

Tahoe Improv Players • July 6 • Comedy performance. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Pops on the River • July 6 • Concert featuring the Reno Philharmonic. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-323-2030.

Junior Trail Steward Workshop • July 6 • Designed for elementary-age children. Introduces participants to the Tahoe Rim Trail and outdoor courtesy. Tahoe Rim Trail, Lake Tahoe. Call for location, 775-588-0686.

For Kids Only: Ages 9 to 95 • July 6 • Arts, crafts, and games. Group Area, Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Ahora's Latin Jazz and Salsa Music Festival • July 6 • Music, dancing, and spicy food. Downtown, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Sunday Night Jazz at the Sands • July 7, 14, 21, and 28 • Poolside jazz is part of Artown celebration. Sands Regency, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Beakman Live • July 8 • Humorous large-scale science-demonstration program (free) is part of Artown, Reno's month-long arts celebration. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Meet the Winemaker • July 8 • Dinner and wines from

Chateau St. Michelle Winery. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Beethoven at Bartley Classical Music Series • July 8, 15, 22, and 29 • The Ahn Trio opens the free performance on



Ice Flying

Russian pairs skaters Oksana Kasakova and Artur Dmitiev, the 1998 Olympic champions, will perform in "Champions on Ice" July 24 at Lawlor Events Center in Reno and August 3 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Other stars include Michelle Kwan and Sarah Hughes.

July 8 for Artown followed by three Monday night concerts featuring area musicians. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Black Irish Band • July 9 • Music of the 1800s performed on authentic instruments. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Nevada Festival Ballet • July 9 • Free performance, classical to contemporary for the Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Chautauqua in the Park • July 10-11 • Features Nevada characters such as rancher H.F. Dangberg and Bertha Raffetto, author of the state song, "Home Means Nevada." Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Flamenco Concert • July 11 • Music and dancers perform. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Sounds of Silents at Trinity • July 11 • Screening of the silent movie *Metropolis* accompanied by pipe-organ music. Part of Artown festival. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Tahoe ARTour • July 11-14 • More than 30 artists open their studios to showcase their art. North Lake Tahoe. Call for a map, 530-581-2787.

Citizen Kane • July 12 • Free outdoor movie is part of Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Summer Family Concert • July 12 • Michael Powers Band plays jazz and blues. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-9828.

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ONGOING EVENTS

All events are color coded according to territory (see map on page 31).

Reno-Tahoe Territory **Pioneer Territory**
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Pony Express Territory **Indian Territory**

Art Shows and Exhibits

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

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

The Joy of Light: Thru July 30. Glass sculpture by Lois Gregg-Auclair. C Gate, McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

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

Wynette Beckett and Dee Burton: Thru Aug. 31. Paintings displayed in the Barrick Gallery, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

AAA: Angels of the Open Road: Thru Oct. 13. Exhibit on the American Automobile Association in Nevada with vintage tow trucks, a 1924 Harley-Davidson emergency road-service motorcycle, Lincoln and Victory high-way signs, and early Sierra touring memorabilia. National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection), Reno, 775-333-9300.

George Washington: A National Treasure: Thru 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.

Elko 75 Years Ago: Thru Oct. 31. Photo and map exhibit. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Millennium Membership Quilt: Thru Dec. 31. The quilt, 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. Advancements in conservation, recycling, land

protection, and food products for animals. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

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.

The Nevada Quilt Odyssey: July 12-Sept. 28. The works of creative quilters. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Larger Than Life: Viola Frey: July 12-Oct. 27. Six large-scale ceramic figurative sculptures. Nevada Museum of Art, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Jo Whaley: Natura Morta-Entomology: July 12-Oct. 27. Nature photographs. Nevada Museum

Nov. 9-Jan. 26. Historic photographs and entertainment artifacts. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7948.

Music, 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.

Worldfolk's Fourth Annual Battle of the Bands: May 31-July 6. Contest features more than 100 bands performing at eight venues over a period of 27 nights. Bands and solo and duo acts from the West participate. Las Vegas, call for locations, 702-227-5017.

Hidden Cave Tours: July 13 and 27 and Aug. 10 and 24. Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour to nearby Grimes Point petroglyph site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon. Confirm tour dates, 775-423-3677.

Steam Train Rides: July 4-7, 20-21, Aug. 3-4, 17-18, Aug. 31-Sept. 2. Ride on a train pulled by a steam-powered engine. Motor car rides are offered on the weekends the steam train does not run. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Wine Walk: 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.

Band Concerts: Fridays thru Sept., free. Third Street downtown 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 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.

UNLV Football: The Rebels play Wisconsin Aug. 31. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing Season: 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



Images of valley life appear on the Millennium Membership Quilt displayed at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

of Art, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Desert Treasures 2002: Aug. 24-Nov. 3. Minerals, mining, and their importance to Nevada. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7948.

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.

Elko County Art Club: Nov. 1-Dec. 31. Juried fall-winter show. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Las Vegas History of Entertainment, Part IV:



"Alexandria," Philip Metscher's photo of his mother, is part of the Great Nevada Picture Hunt show at the Nevada Historical Society's Downtown Gallery in Reno.

\$20,000 turkey national big bucks; Sept. 14, ET; Sept. 28, ET finals points series race; Sept. 29, J&L Trailers Top 16 Biggs Shootout, 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: 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 on Sept. 21. Nevada Dirt Track Championship on Oct. 19. Fallon, 775-423-7483.

Dirt Track Racing: Season runs every other weekend through mid-Oct. Hawthorne Speedway, Hawthorne, 775-945-1833.

Horse Shows in the Sun: HITS Tahoe: July 3-7 10-14, and 17-21. Olympic-style horse-jumping. Free admission except Sundays during the grand prix events. Stockyard Road, Minden, 775-782-8144.

Farmer's Markets

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.

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

Carson Farmer's Market: Wednesdays, thru Aug. 28. Farm produce, honey, nuts, vegetables, flowers, and crafts. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

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

Gardnerville Farmer's Market: Wednesdays, thru Oct. 9. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

Big Easy • July 12-14 • Cajun-themed festival featuring the food, music, dance, and parades of Louisiana. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-358-4771.

Bird Walk and Talk • July 13 • Bird viewing and identification led by Audubon Society members. Wetlands, Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Death Ride: Tour of the California Alps • July 13 • Bicycling endurance ride over five mountain passes, 128 miles, and 16,000 feet of climbing. Markleeville area south of Lake Tahoe, call for location, 530-694-2475.

Raptors • July 14 • Learn about hawks, eagles, and other birds of prey. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-687-5678.

Folklife Festival • July 14 • Cultural celebration featuring

silent movie *Phantom of the Opera* accompanied by pipe-organ music. Part of Artown festival. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Top Hat • July 19 • Free outdoor movie is part of Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Stargaze • July 19 • High-powered telescope viewing led by Fleischmann Planetarium staff. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Silver Legacy Anniversary Concert • July 19 • The Reno Philharmonic performs a free outdoor concert for the hotel's seventh anniversary. Virginia Street, Reno, 775-322-1538.

"Paradise Unzipped" • July 19-20 • The Geoffrey Chaucer and Co. performs the classic Chaucer tale. Tallac Historic



Outdoor Art Galleries

Shoppers can find fine art and one-of-a-kind crafts at a number of Nevada events this summer. Elko's Art in the Park (above), July 13-14, and Ely's Arts in the Park, August 3-4, specialize in handcrafted items. Fine art is in abundance at the Summer Art Show on Lake Mead, August 16-18.

a free concert by Brazilian headliner Katia Moraes and Sambaguru. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Celtic Sunday • July 14 • Celtic music performed by Wicked Tinkers. Valhalla Lawn, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Gayle Ross • July 15 • Cherokee storyteller appears as part of Artown celebration. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Great Basin Chautauqua • July 15-18 • Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are among the historical characters who will be portrayed. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 775-784-6587.

Conjunto Jardin • July 16 • Traditional Mexican folk music. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Sierra Nevada Ballet • July 16 • A free performance of "A Night to Remember" for the Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

American Century Celebrity Golf Championship • July 16-21 • Celebrity golfers compete for a \$500,000 purse. Celebs such as John Elway, Mario Lemieux, Jerry Rice, Matthew McConaughey, Thomas Gibson, Jimmy Connors, and Chris Webber are expected to play. Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 800-AT-TAHOE.

Ancient Future • July 18 • World music fused with contemporary jazz and rock. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Sounds of Silents at Trinity • July 18 • Screening of the

Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166 for information.

Marcel Marceau • July 19-20 • Master of mime appears as part of Artown festival. Eldorado, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Stranded! • July 20 • Learn survival techniques and how to make a survival kit. Group Area, Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Tahoe Rim Trail 50K/50Mile Endurance Run • July 20 • Spooner Lake State Park on U.S. 50, Lake Tahoe, 530-542-3424.

Street Dance • July 20 • Bands play at the Carson Nugget. Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Art and Wine Tasting Festival • July 20 • Outdoor art exhibit and sale, food, and wine. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-265-6097.

Bingo Blowout • July 20 • John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300.

Ice Hot Arts • July 20 • Free family event with hot-rod car and art exhibits and entertainment. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

A Night at the Opera • July 20 • Outdoor evening movie is part of Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Trans-Tahoe Swim Relay • July 20 • 26th annual event sponsored by the Olympic Club of San Francisco, which has teams of six swimmers each cross the 11 miles from Sand Harbor State Park to Tahoe City. Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, 415-775-3088, ext. 1205.

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Virginia City Rodeo • July 20-21 • Saddle bronc and bull riding, roping events, and barrel races. Rodeo Grounds, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

\$22,500 Summer Slot Tournament • July 20-21 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

British European Vintage Motorcycle Show and Swap • July 20-21 • Call for location. Carson City, 775-267-2539.

Reno Basque Festival • July 20-21 • 35th annual festival with traditional Basque games, dancing, and foods. Events include *soka tira* (tug-of-war), wood chopping, and weight lifting. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-787-3039.

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival • July 20-21 • Seventh annual outdoor festival of music, food, and mi-

Goebel. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 800-225-2277.

Matt Marucci and the Avant-Bop Quartet • July 25 • Fusion of avant-garde jazz and bebop. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Sounds of Silents at Trinity • July 25 • Screening of the silent movie *The Thief of Bagdad* accompanied by pipe-organ music. Part of Artown festival. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-322-1538.

"The Three Musketeers" • July 25-27 • Alexander Dumas' romantic adventure. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Park, Reno, 775-324-4198.

To Kill a Mockingbird • July 26 • Free outdoor movie is part of Artown festival. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.



A Gathering of Tractors

John Deere will be among the big names appearing at the Carson Valley Antique Tractor, Engine, and Farm Show on August 17-18. Working and museum-quality equipment from the late 1800s to early 1900s will be displayed at the event on Stephanie Lane between Carson City and Minden.

crobrews. Eldorado, Reno, 800-648-5966 for details.

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival • July 20-Aug. 25 • Audience members eat their picnic dinners, which range from simple sandwiches to elaborate candelabra affairs, while they watch plays staged with Lake Tahoe and the nighttime skies as a backdrop. Performances include "Taming of the Shrew" and "Twelfth Night." Sand Harbor State Park, Incline Village, 800-747-4967.

In the Good Ol' Summertime • July 21 • Ice cream social. Roberts House, Carson City, 775-882-1805.

Concert on the Green • July 21 • Bring a picnic, chairs, and dancing shoes. Genoa Park, Genoa, 775-782-8686.

"Magical Moonshine Theatre" • July 22 • Play for children. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Rob Faust • July 22 • Free mask theater program is part of Artown celebration. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Robert Thies • July 23 • Pianist performs in concert. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Area 51 Dance Theatre • July 23 • Free modern dance performance for Artown. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

"Champions on Ice" • July 24 • Skaters include Michelle Kwan, Sarah Hughes, Evgeny Plushko, and Timothy

Summer Family Concert • July 26 • The County Line Band performs. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-9828.

Silver Dollar Car Classic • July 26-28 • All makes and models of cars, rock and roll weekend, poker run, show and shine, drive-in movie, fireworks, and street dance. Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Youth Fair • July 27 • 4-H event for young people. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-887-2252.

Coeur d'Alene Auction • July 27 • Part of Artown. In last auction, 600 buyers purchased \$10.5 million of Western wildlife and sporting art in less than five hours. Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-786-0558.

Wa-She-Shu Edeh Festival • July 27-28 • Basket competition, demonstrations, displays, Native American singing, dancing, storytelling, fashion show, and food vendors. Tallac Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 775-267-0021.

Art, Wine, and Music Festival • July 27-28 • Juried fine artists and crafters. Squaw Valley USA, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Genoa Renaissance Fair • July 27-28 • Jousting, jugglers, belly dancers, and music. Genoa, 775-782-4951.

San Francisco Ballet • July 27-28 • Part of Reno's Artown cultural celebration. Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Reno's Celtic Celebration • July 27-28 • Five Celtic pipe

bands perform in a free concert. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Slot Tournament • July 28-29 • Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 800-648-3353.

John Ascuaga's Nugget Amateur Challenge • July 28-Aug. 1
• All levels of golfers welcome. Tournament play is at Red Hawk, Wolf Run, and Dayton Valley. Event includes three days of golf, parties, a golf exposition, and prizes. Packages of five days, four nights from \$799. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-803-6918.

"Annie" • July 29 • Free performance by Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival's children's production. Part of Artown celebration. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Harmonics • July 30 • Concert featuring the island sounds of steel drums. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

\$1,500 Blackjack Tournament • July 30 • \$25 entry. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-7711.

"Reflections of a Life on Stage" • July 30 • Multi-generational cast performs a free ballet for Artown. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Grgich Hills Winemaker Dinner • July 31 • Gourmet dinner paired with the wine of the month. Atlantis, Reno, 775-825-4700.

Back Country Camp • Aug. 2-4 • Volunteers camp out on the Tahoe Rim Trail and perform trail maintenance. Food, tools, and training provided. Call for location, Lake Tahoe, 775-588-0686.

Hot August Nights • Aug. 3-11 • Hot rods, music, proms, cars of the '50s and '60s, parade, cruises, and concerts. Cars limited to the first 5,000 pre-1972 vehicles. Victorian Square in Sparks and Downtown Reno, 775-356-1956.

Victorian Dance • Aug. 4 • Participants are encouraged to



Making a Clean Jump

Brittany Henson of Reno guides her horse, Bewitched, through its paces during HITS Tahoe. Meeting in Minden for the third year, the Olympic-style equestrian competition takes place July 3-7, 10-14, and 17-21 in a converted pasture. The event attracts world-class hunters and jumpers.

dress for the era. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975 for further event information.

Rockin' and Reelin' Slot Tournament • Aug. 4-5 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007 for further event information.

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Goldfield Turns 100

An auction highlights town's historic birthday bash

By Laura Zimmerman

When the auctioneer signals the start of bidding on Saturday, August 24, important pieces of Goldfield history will go on sale as the town hosts its third annual Land Rush Auction. The auction, to sell non-tax-producing property to the public, is one of the highlights of the Goldfield Centennial Celebration on August 23-25.

Goldfield dates back to 1902, when gold was discovered in the area. Goldfield's population reached 20,000 in its heyday, with a two-year ore production of \$15 million in 1906-1907. Today Goldfield, located 26 miles south of Tonopah on U.S. 95, is home to 300 residents in winter and 500 in summer.

During the centennial, enthusiastic local historians will entertain visitors with tours. Weekend events will include a parade, street dance, swap meet, games, children's activities, and entertainment.

There will be tales about UPS founder Jim Casey, who as a boy delivered telegraph messages on his bicycle in Goldfield. Gunfighter reenactments will honor Virgil Earp, a onetime Goldfield resident. Boxing fans will learn how promoter Tex Rickard brought Joe Gans and Oscar "Battling" Nelson to town for the world lightweight championship in 1906. The fight, its grueling 42 rounds, and Goldfield made history.

Residents also will share stories about the Goldfield Hotel, which won't be on the bidding list this year but is expected to be auctioned in 2003. Originally owned by mining baron George Wingfield, the hotel was built in 1908. The lobby boasted a 22-karat gilt ceiling, and the dining room served lobster and squab.

Event Notes

The Goldfield Centennial Celebration on August 23-25 will include tours, a parade, dance, swap meet, kids' games, and hotel-getaway drawings. Attractions include the Goldfield Historic Tour, the Central Nevada Museum in Tonopah, and the Tonopah Historic Mining Park. Goldfield is located 183 miles north of Las Vegas and 263 miles south of Reno. Goldfield has RV parks and RV dry camping. Lodging is available in Tonopah, 26 miles north, and in Beatty, 67 miles south. Call the Goldfield Chamber of Commerce, 775-485-3560.

Laura Zimmerman of Las Vegas is a Nevada Magazine editorial assistant.



Goldfield's annual parade includes such sights as a Model T Roadster (left), the singing group Wild Fire (below left), and flag bearer Sandy Spicer.





Get Outta My Way

Runners hotfoot it through the streets of Elko during the Running of the Bulls, which kicks off the National Basque Festival, July 5-7. Winners earn bragging rights and a pass of the bota bag. Other traditional Basque festival events include dancing, weight-lifting, wood-chopping, and Sunday Mass.

Valhalla Fine Quilt Exhibit • Aug. 4-6 • Display, Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Golden Bough • Aug. 6 • Celtic music concert, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Laurel Barnet • Aug. 8-10 • Musical review of classic composers such as Gershwin and Porter, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Wooden Boat Week • Aug. 8-15 • Eight days of events celebrate antique and classic "woodies" with cruises, restoration clinics, and parties, marking the festival's 30th anniversary. Includes the Concours d'Elegance on Aug. 9-10, Tahoe Yacht Club, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.

Hot August Nights Dance • Aug. 9 • Boomtown, nine miles west of Reno on I-80, 800-648-3790.

Concours d'Elegance • Aug. 9-10 • Show of classic restored wooden boats, Sierra Boat Company, Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.

Northern Nevada Australian Sheep Dog Show • Aug. 9-11 • Animals show off their skills and agility, Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-687-4763.

Moonlight Campfire Program • Aug. 10 • Ranger-led program, Equestrian Area, Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Arts and Craft Street Fair • Aug. 10-11 • Artisans, fine art, and crafts, Old Town, Dayton, 775-246-7909.

Atlantis Blackjack Tournament • Aug. 10-11 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

Great Gatsby Festival • Aug. 11-12 • Living-history program with vintage cars and vendors, costumed tours, music, croquet, high tea, '20s fashion show, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-0320.

Oregon-California Trail Association Meeting • Aug. 13-18 • Conference dedicated to preserving the Emigrant Trail, Circus Circus, Reno. For attendance information visit www.canvoca.org.

Washo Basket Weaving Demonstration • Aug. 13 • Learn how the Washo Indians gathered willows and made baskets, Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Swing Week • Aug. 13 and 15 • Dance to the classics performed by the Tahoe Swing Band, Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Main Street Event • Aug. 16-18 • More than 250 cars on display. Event includes a street dance and barbecue, show and shine, poker run, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-265-7119.

Street Dance • Aug. 17 • Bands play at the Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Reggae and Brew • Aug. 17-18 • Microbrew tasting and reggae music on Aug. 17, Barbecue on Aug. 18, Valhalla Lawn, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Carson Valley Antique Tractor, Engine, and Farm Show • Aug. 17-18 • Working museum and display of late-1800s to early-1900s tractors, engines, and farm and mining equipment, Stephanie Lane on U.S. 395 between Minden and Carson City, 775-267-4816.

Pyramid Lake Triathlon • Aug. 18 • One-mile swim, 25-mile bicycle ride, and a six-mile run, or a spring distance, which is half of the international event. A barbecue follows the race, Sutcliffe Marina, Pyramid Lake, 775-786-5531.

Concert on the Green • Aug. 18 • Bring a picnic, chairs, and dancing shoes, Genoa Park, Genoa, 775-782-8686.

Reno-Tahoe Open • Aug. 19-25 • PGA Tour stop features top pros competing for a \$3-million purse. Forested course in Mount Rose area was designed by Jack Nicklaus, Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, 775-322-3900 or 888-848-RENO.

Men of Worth • Aug. 20 • Traditional and modern Celtic music, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Bats and Other Creatures of the Night • Aug. 20 • Slide presentation, Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Pepsi Golf Tour • Aug. 20-21 • Rising-star golfers compete in the Professional-Open West Coast mini-tour circuit, Lake Ridge Golf Club, Reno, 775-321-5881.

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creative living exhibits, carnival, destruction derby, and entertainment. Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-688-5767.

Hip Service • Aug. 22 • Concert by a 13-piece band that

plays soul, funk, and R&B. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

Slot Tournaments • Aug. 23-25 • Silver Club, Sparks, 800-905-7774.

Carson Valley Sertoma Truck Pull • Aug. 24 • Professional truck pull featuring high performance, modified four-wheel-drive pickup trucks. Event offers food, beverages, and children's games. Douglas County Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-267-4208.

24 Hours of Tahoe • Aug. 24-25 • 24-hour mountain bike race involving teams of one to five competitors. Race is over an 11.5-mile course. Northstar-at-Tahoe, North Lake Tahoe, 530-562-1010.

Silver State Marathon • Aug. 25 • 21st annual marathon, half-marathon, 10K run, 10K walk, and picnic sponsored by the Silver State Striders. No race-day registrations. Bowers Mansion Park, Washoe Valley, for details visit www.silverstatestriders.com.

\$1,500 Blackjack Tournament • Aug. 27 • \$25 entry. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-7711.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Aug. 29-Sept. 2 • Barbecue ribs for taste-testing, concerts, entertainment, and arts and crafts fair. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-356-3300.

Back Country Camp • Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Volunteers camp out on the Tahoe Rim Trail and perform trail maintenance. Food, tools, and training provided. Call for location, Lake Tahoe, 775-588-0686.

Rural Nevada

Armpit Festival • June 29-30 and July 3-7 • Celebration of Battle Mountain's selection by the *Washington Post* as the "Armpit of America." Event includes a concert, cook-off, apple pie contest, campfire music, and cowboy poetry on June 29. A Hispanic-themed evening with food, music, and entertainment are on June 30. Covered wagon bar-


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becue, bed races, laser tag, sumo wrestling, and a street dance take place July 3. Games, contests, Basque dancers, vendors, parade, and fireworks are on July 4. Team roping and baseball on July 5. Team roping, stock-car races, and a dance on July 6. Expect deodorant tosses throughout the festival. Various locations, Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Silver State International Rodeo • July 2-7 • Nine rodeo performances, trade show, July Fourth parade, carnival, and concessions. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

"Liberty Pit" • July 3-6 • On July 3 an original living-history play based on the town's Liberty Pit mural, which depicts the area's mining roots. Evening includes a dinner. Other holiday events include a parade, fireworks, rides aboard the Ghost Train, roping contests, and 4-H breakfast. Ely, 775-289-8877.

Community Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Parade, food vendors, games, fireworks. Various locations, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2728.

Mason Valley Fourth of July • July 4 • Barbecue, crafts, entertainment and fireworks. Mountain View Park, Yerington, 775-463-3511.

July Fourth Bash at Walker Lake • July 4 • Water sports, barbecue. Cliff House, U.S. 95 at Walker Lake, 10 miles north of Hawthorne, 775-786-6663.

Run and Ride • July 4 • Bike and foot races. State Line and Silver Smith casinos, Wendover, 775-664-2221.

Eureka Fourth of July • July 4 • Parade, entertainment, and barbecue in the park. Downtown, Eureka, 775-237-5484.

Fireworks Spectacular • July 4 • Traditional evening fanfare. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-6284.

Lake of Fire • July 4 • Fireworks over water. Marina, Spring Creek, 18 miles south of Elko, 775-738-9895.

Fourth of July Celebration • July 4-7 • Deep-pit barbecue and music at the bar. Outdoor Inn and picnic area, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

Running of the Bulls • July 5 • Bulls will be released on the streets of Elko behind a group of runners to kick off the

Golfers Tee Off

Entertainment and sports stars tee off in the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship at Edgewood Tahoe on July 16-21.

The Reno-Tahoe Open will host top PGA players vying for a \$3-million purse on August 19-25 at Montreux. At Lake Ridge in Reno rising stars play August 20-21 during the Pepsi Golf Tour.

National Basque Festival. Elko, 775-738-1240 for details.
Don Edwards • July 5-6 • Original cowboy-music concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

National Basque Festival • July 5-7 • Cultural celebration with authentic dancing, weight lifting, and wood chopping. Event includes Running of the Bulls on Friday and church services on Sunday. Elko County Fairgrounds and City Park, Elko, 775-738-1240.

El Capitan Slot Tournament • July 5-7 • El Capitan Club, Hawthorne, 800-922-2311.

Summer Survival Tips Workshop • July 6 • How to cope with heat and other factors in an emergency. Spring Valley State Park, 18 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Founders Day • July 6 • Parade and entertainment celebrates the town's 52nd anniversary. Penny Park, Silver Springs, 775-577-4336.

Bull Fighting • July 6 • Part of the town's Basque festival. Stockmen's Hotel, Elko, 775-738-5141.

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Hi yo! Silver, Away

A young rider clings to his mount during the mutton-busting event at the Silver State Stampede, which is scheduled for July 11-13 in Elko. The competition for the younger set (and future rodeo stars) is followed by a PRCA rodeo. Team penning is planned for the July 11 kick-off party.

Stock Car Racing • July 6 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament • July 8-9 • State Line and

Silver Smith casinos. Wendover, 775-644-2221.

Pioche Heritage Days Plays • July 11-13 • Original productions based upon the town's history. Players also stage

an old-fashioned melodrama. Town Hall, Pioche, 775-962-5308.

Silver State Stampede • July 11-13 • PRCA rodeo, mutton-busting. Team penning and kick-off party on July 11. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-7135.

White Pine Four-Wheel Rally and Good Sport Vehicle Show • July 11-14 • Scenic and challenging runs for rally participants. All four-wheel-drive vehicles are invited. Holiday Inn, Ely, 775-289-6798.

Fallon Stampede Powwow • July 12-14 • Native American dances, pageantry, hand games, and crafts. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-2217.

Ely Shoshone Fandango • July 12-14 • Traditional celebration of Native American culture offers dancing, food vendors, pageantry, and arts and crafts. Ely Shoshone Reservation, Ely, 775-289-3013.

The First Campers • July 13 • Slide program discusses the Native Americans who lived in the Meadow Valley from prehistoric times until the coming of the settlers. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Art in the Park • July 13-14 • Handcrafted items only. City Park, Elko, 775-777-7901.

Peppermill Blackjack Tournament • July 14-15 • Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660.

Superior Livestock Auction • July 16-19 • Gathering of cattle buyers and sellers. Event includes golf. Winnemucca Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Pioneer Living History • July 20 • Pioneer craft and household demonstrations such as quilting, butter-churning, blacksmithing. Stone Cabin Living History Museum, Spring Valley State Park, 18 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Stock Car Racing • July 20 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Pioneer Day Celebration • July 20 • Parade, breakfast, games, crafts, barbecue, ball games, and contests. Multiple locations, Panaca, 775-726-3333.

Coyotes M/C Mtn vs. MRANN State Champ Hare Scrambles Shootout • July 20-21 • Desert motorcycle race. Ely, 775-289-8280.

One-Man Scramble Golf Tournament • July 25-26 • State Line and Silver Smith casinos. Wendover, 775-664-2221.

Pony Express Weekend Open Road Race • July 26-28 • 90-mile race from Battle Mountain to Austin on S.R. 305. Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Lovelock Frontier Days • July 26-28 • Parade, music, talent show, various contests, arm-wrestling, weight-carrying, quadrathlon, kids' games, food vendors. Historic Courthouse Park, Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

Exotics, Aliens, and Invaders • July 27 • Slide program about weeds and non-native animals and the problems they cause. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Team Roping • July 27-28 • Austin Roping Club, Austin, 775-964-1113.

Nevada Motocross Championships • Aug. 2-3 • Event includes a freestyle competition and phat air contest. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-677-4540.

Fifties Fever • Aug. 2-4 • Classic car and hot rod celebration has parades, street dances, poker runs, and entertainment. Downtown, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Good Times Street Drags • Aug. 2-4 • Competition held in conjunction with Fifties Fever. Downtown, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Stock Car Races • Aug. 3 • Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Camp Valley Cowboys M/C • Aug. 3 • Desert motorcycle race. Panaca, 775-728-4582.

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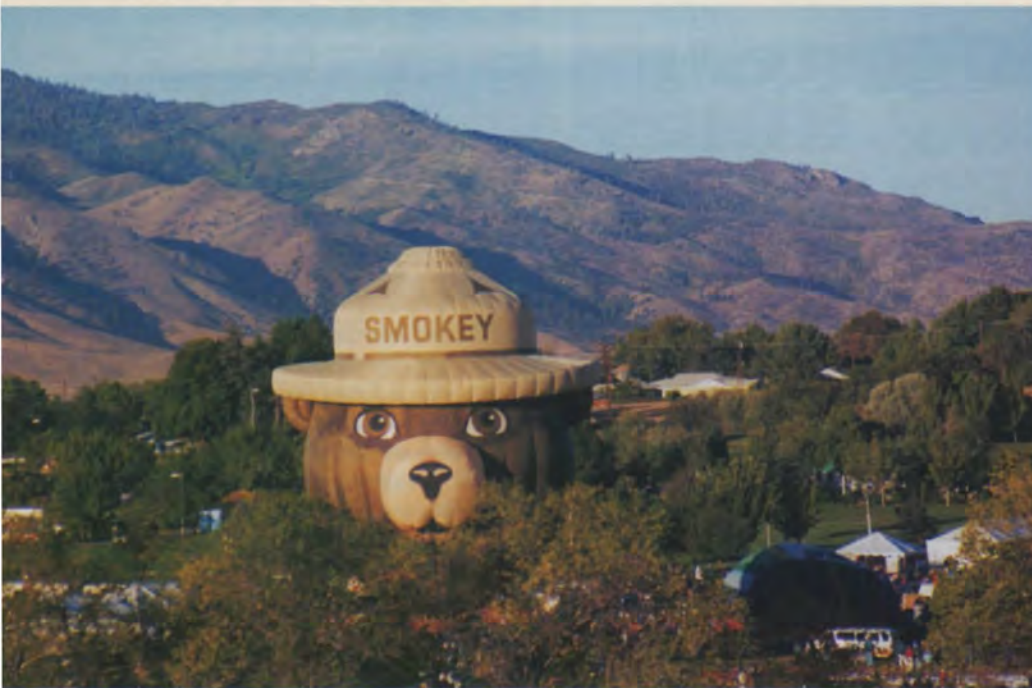
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Arts in the Park • Aug. 3-4 • More than 80 vendors and booths featuring handmade items. County Park, Ely, 775-289-7072.

Katy Moffatt • Aug. 9 • Country music concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Tonopah 300 • Aug. 9-11 • Best in the Desert off-road

points race for all classes. Pre-run on July 20-21. Tonopah area, 702-457-5775.

Eureka County Fair • Aug. 9-11 • Horse show, roping events, exhibits. Eureka County Fairgrounds, Eureka, 775-237-5484.

Fantasy Classic and Antique Car Show • Aug. 9-11 • Western region show has vendors, car events, and prizes. County Park, Ely, 775-289-8888.

Jarbridge Days • Aug. 9-11 • Music featuring Casey Adams. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

PBI Bull Riding • Aug. 10 • The best meet the beasts. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 208-467-4413.

Chukar Day • Aug. 10 • Celebration honoring the chukar, Nevada's popular game bird, includes a craft fair, swap meet, games, chicken's hit bingo, horseshoe tournament, dunk tank, beef and chukar barbecue, and a hoe-down. Kingston, 28 miles southeast of Austin, 775-964-1310.

Santa Maria Day • Aug. 10 • Italian harvest festival has music, parade, games, food, and crafts. Downtown, Dayton, 775-246-0161.

Overland Hotel Chili Cook-off • Aug. 10 • Second annual sanctioned event for chili and salsa cooks. Overland Hotel, Fallon, 775-423-2719.

Lovelock Junior Rodeo • Aug. 10-11 • Barrel racing, team roping, goat roping competitions. Fairgrounds, Lovelock, 775-273-2968.

Team Roping • Aug. 10-11 • Austin Roping Club, Austin, 775-964-1113.

Peppermill Keno Tournament • Aug. 11-12 • Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660.

Lyon County Fair and Rodeo • Aug. 15-18 • Kids' day, carnival, rodeo, parade, tractor pull, hay boom, dance, and demolition derby. Lyon County Fairgrounds, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

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Stock Car Races • Aug. 17 • IMCA/ATV races. Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain. 775-635-2784.

Wildfire! • Aug. 17 • Learn the pros and cons of wildfires. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

White Pine County Fair and Horse Races • Aug. 17-18 • Vendors, games, food, parimutuel betting, livestock show. White Pine County Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-7072.

Rail Days • Aug. 17-18 • Gathering of local artists and authors sponsored by the Fernley Preservation Society. Fernley, 775-575-2515.

Claim Jumpers Mountain Bike Festival • Aug. 17-18 • Mountain bike races for all levels. Event includes barbecue, swimming, and music. Bike trails in Toiyabe Range, T-Rix Mt. Bike, Austin, 775-964-1212.

Goldfield Centennial Celebration • Aug. 23-25 • Event includes the Land Rush Auction, parade, street dance, tours, swap meet, games, and entertainment. Main Street, Goldfield, 775-485-3560.

Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow • Aug. 23-25 • Celebration of the dance and vision of Wovoka, Paiute messiah and an originator of the Ghost Dance movement. Event includes Native American dance, food, arts, and crafts. Softball Park, Yerington, 775-463-2350.

Elko County Fair • Aug. 23-25 and Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Stock horse events, home arts, 4-H events, carnival, horse racing. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

Moonlight Hike • Aug. 24 • Ranger-led hike to explore the park's geology by moonlight. Bring a flashlight and wear sturdy shoes or boots. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Working Cowhorse Show and Clinic • Aug. 24-25 • Livestock Events Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-1302.

Western Art Roundup • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Artists, poets, crafts people, and inductees into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame. Winnemucca Convention Center, Winnemucca, 800-WMCA-NEV.

Hearts 'O Gold Cantaloupe Festival • Aug. 30-Sept. 2 • Concerts, farmer's market, cantaloupe foods and games, entertainment, carnival, petting zoo, and fair exhibits. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Pioche Labor Day • Aug. 30-Sept. 2 • The population of the small community doubles for the weekend's mining events, dances, parades, barbecue, kids' games, fireworks, ball games, and parties in the town's saloons. Main Street, Pioche, 775-962-5544.

Basque Picnic • Aug. 31 • Ethnic festival with dancing, food. Lions Park, Battle Mountain, 775-635-5135.

Nuts About Pines • Aug. 31 • Learn about the uses of pine trees and the history and gathering of the pine nut. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Tri-County Fair and Stampede • Aug. 31-Sept. 1 • Fair and rodeo for Humboldt, Pershing, and Lander counties. Humboldt County Fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Trains, Planes and Automobiles • Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Event combines Raildays 2002, Long Steel Rails Festival, and Ultra-Lite Fly-In, and includes a motorcycle run, model train expo, train rides, displays, hobos, and storytelling. Nevada Northern Railway Museum and East Ely railroad depot, Ely Airport, Ely, 775-289-8877.

Fallon Junior Rodeo • Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • Weekend includes the Labor Day parade on Sept. 2. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4745.

Valley Off-Road Racing Association • Aug. 31-Sept. 2 • 250-mile desert race of four 60-mile laps. Sturgeons Casino is the host for race activities. Tufa Motorsports Park Area, Lovelock, 775-246-5545.



Nevada Showguide

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

Nevada's clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. This summer, John Mellencamp appears at the Aladdin in Las Vegas. Harrah's Reno plans numerous events associated with Artown at its outdoor Plaza, and the Beach Boys play a concert at the Red Lion in Elko. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performers. Showrooms often fill fast, so be sure to call ahead for show times and reservations.

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

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Fiesta Henderson • 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: Estancia Event Center: Darrell Hammond, July 13.

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: Eric Burdon, Dec. 13. 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. Dave Koz and Friends, Aug. 10. The Doobie Brothers, Sept. 1. Spyro Gyra/Jonathan Butler, Sept. 7.

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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: John Mellencamp, Aug. 3. "Blast!", Oct. 22-27. Sinbad's Lounge: Bands play until 3am. Music in the Curve nightclub.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie: The Checkmates, 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 Anderson, July 17-21.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" dark Fri. Indigo Lounge: Entertainment



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The "Folies Bergere" has been a staple at the Tropicana in Las Vegas since 1959. The latest version of the show offers scenes from past "Folies" and new production numbers. Comedy, dancing, acrobats, and beautiful girls in trademark feather headdresses lead up to the finale, "Circle of Life," from *The Lion King*.

scheduled nightly except Tues. in the Strip hotel lounge.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Lounge: Front Page, July 3-14. Susan McDonald, July 24-Aug. 4. Elements, Aug. 7-11. Gregg Peterson, Aug. 21-Sept. 1. Karaoke, 8pm-1:30am Mon.-Tues.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf., dark Wed.-Thurs. Light: Nightclub opens at 10:30pm Thurs.

and Sun., 9:30pm Fri.-Sat. 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 Tues. Insomnia Nightclub: Opens at 11pm for dancing.

Boardwalk Casino Holiday Inn • 702-735-2400: Lighthouse



Knight Songs

Georgia-born Gladys Knight began singing at age four and has never stopped, celebrating her 50th anniversary of performing in 1998. Among her notable songs are "Midnight Train to Georgia," "Friendship Train," and "Letter Full of Tears." She appears indefinitely at the Flamingo Las Vegas.

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: Kenny Rankin, Sept. 27. Jerry Vale, Nov. 1-2. Dance nights: Blues, Thurs. The Fab, 7:30-10pm, Yellow Brick Road, 11pm-2:30am Fri.-Sat. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Tues. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat. at Boulder Station.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Bourbon Street Theatre: "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 and Secret Pagoda: Joseph Gabriel/Jeff Lee/Collin Foster, July 9-13. Scott and Jenny Alexander/Daryl/Alain Nu, Aug. 6-10. The Majestic/Daryl/Alain Nu, Aug. 13-31. Magic performances with show only, no dinner, 11am-4pm. Entertainment in the La Piazza Terrazza 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.

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). "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 Thurs. Flamingo Room Restaurant: Emilio Morel, piano music nightly.

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 Gregg Peterson,

Elements, Smith Brothers, and Susan McDonald 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, July 22-Aug. 12 at 10pm, dark Mon. Society of Seven, music and comedy revue, thru July 22 at 8pm. Bands like Destiny and Nathan Owens and the Motown Review play in the Show Bar Lounge nightly except Mon.

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

Greek Isles • 702-952-8000: Magic Theater: "Houdini Lives" starring escape artist Dixie Dooley, dark Mon. and Wed. "That's Magic" starring illusionist Christian Augustine, dark Mon.-Tues. and Thurs. Club 21 opens at 12:30am on Sat. Sandy Hackett comedy show at 9pm nightly. Star Theater: Le Dinner Cabaret, interactive dinner theater, dark Wed. Dr. Naughty, comedian-hypnotist at 10:15pm daily. Banquet Room: Ba-Da-Bing, interactive dinner theater.

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

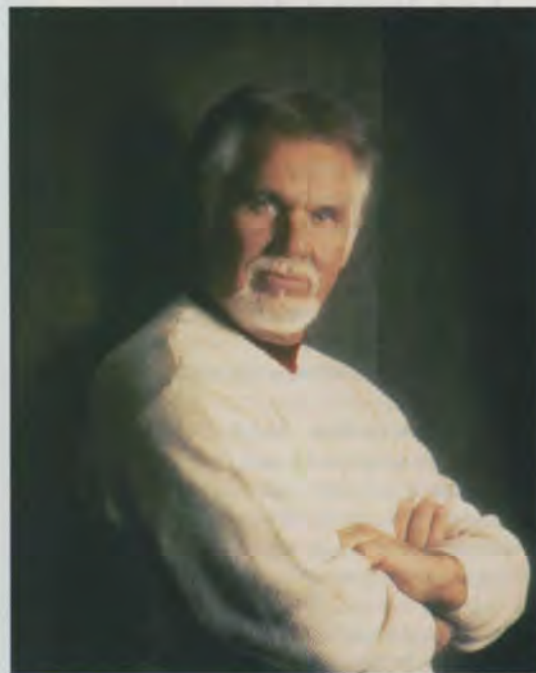
Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111: Clint Holmes Theatre: Clint Holmes, musical variety show, dark Sun. Comedy Cabaret: Improv, nightly except Mon. "Skintight," musical production, dark Thurs. Mac King Comedy Magic Show appears at 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Carnival Court: Entertainment daily. Music nightly in La Playa Lounge and in the Range Steakhouse Lounge. View Nightclub opens in the Range Steakhouse at 11pm.

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.

J.W. Marriott (formerly the 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. Dancing in the OXO Restaurant, 5-9pm Sun.

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



Rogers' New Decade

Kenny Rogers, the rock singer who became a country-music superstar, is in his fifth decade of performing. Rogers' 2000 hit single, "Buy Me a Rose," inspired an episode of the TV series *Touched by an Angel*. Rogers will perform at the Las Vegas Hilton on July 4-6, Caesars Tahoe on July 12-13, and the Flamingo Laughlin on November 10.

and 3:30pm Mon.-Fri. "The Comedy Zone," comedians perform at 8. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Sat.-Mon.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Kenny Rogers, July 4-6. The Righteous Brothers, July 9-Aug. 4, dark Mon. Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Aug. 8-10. The Smothers Brothers, Aug. 13-Sept. 8, dark Mon. The Commodores, Sept. 10-Oct. 6, dark Mon. The Righteous Brothers, Oct. 8-Nov. 3, dark Mon.

The Smothers Brothers, Nov. 5-24, dark Mon. The Commodores, Nov. 26-Dec. 5, dark Mon. Brooks and Dunn, Dec. 9-11. The NightClub: Sheena Easton, thru July 21. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the

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This year marks the 20th anniversary of Donn Arden's "Jubilee!" at Bally's Las Vegas.

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Beatles, July 22-28. Sheena Easton, July 29-Nov. 3. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles, Nov. 4-10. Sheena Easton, Nov. 11-17. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles, Nov. 18-24. Dance bands play 11pm-3am Wed.-Sun. Crystal Lounge: Piano music 3-5pm Mon.-Fri. Jazz artists play 5-9pm Mon.-Fri. Special Events: Pool parties, July 4, July 19-20, and Aug. 16-17.

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: Oscar De La Hoya vs. Fernando Vargas, championship boxing, Sept. 14. Mandalay Bay Beach Summer Concert Series: Meat Loaf, July 4. Cheap Trick, July 5. Heart, Aug. 2. David Sanborn, Aug. 3. Lynyrd Skynyrd, Aug. 10. Foreigner, Aug. 30. Beach Bash: B-52's, July 19. Billy Idol, July 20. Gypsy Kings, Sept. 1. Hall and Oates, Sept. 28. Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Storm," Latin production show, dark Tues.-Wed. House of Blues: Joe Strummer and the Mescaleros, July 4. Wayne Brady, July 5-6. Jerry Jeff Walker, July 19. B.B. King and the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Aug. 7. The Tragically Hip, Aug. 9. Pat Metheny Group, Nov. 15. Dance music, 11pm Thurs.-Sun. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Live blues Fri.-Sat. in the Courtyard.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: EFX Theatre: "EFX Alive," starring Rick Springfield, special-effects production show, dark Sun.-Mon. MGM Grand Garden Arena: Champions on Ice 2002: Olympic Tour, Aug. 3. NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche, Oct. 5. U.S. Open: The World's Richest Motorcycle Race, Oct. 11-13. Hollywood Theatre: Carrot Top, June 20-July 3. George Carlin, July 4-17. Paul Anka, July 29-Aug. 6. Jackie Mason, Aug. 8-14. "Sinatra Sings Sinatra," starring Frank Sinatra Jr., Aug. 15-21. 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 Theatre: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular, dark Wed.-Thurs. and Aug. 21-29 and Sept. 18-26. Darren Romeo, "The Voice of Magic," Tues.-Sat. at 3pm. Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans performs nightly except Fri. and Mon. and July 20-21, Aug. 16-18, and Oct. 18-19. Ray Romano, Aug. 16-18. Dennis Miller, July 20-21 and Oct. 18-19. Entertainment in the Lagoon Saloon, Onda Lounge, 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: Rock and Roll Legends, impersonator revue of celebrities such as Paul McCartney, Stevie Nicks, and Neil Diamond, 4 and 7pm. Victor and Diamond: The Soul of Magic, 2pm, dark Fri. Gilley's Saloon: Bands 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 Mon. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly except July 4 and Aug. 27-28. Coyote Ugly: Dance nightclub opens nightly at 6pm. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play from 8pm nightly in the Bar at Times Square. Bands play in the Bar at Times Square and the Big Apple Bar.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Showroom: Mrs.

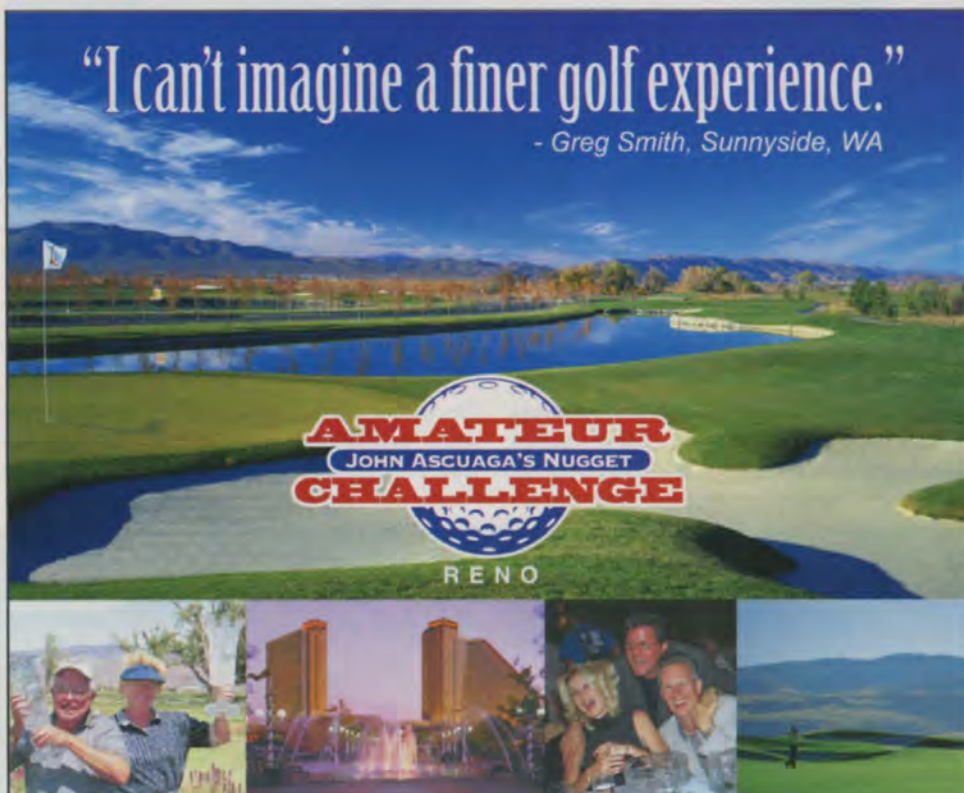
USA Pageant, Aug. 1. Tower of Power, Aug. 2-4. Gordon Lightfoot, Aug. 8-11. Bobby Vinton, Aug. 15-18. Neil Sedaka, Aug. 20-25. Air Supply, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Frankie Avalon/Bobby Rydell, Sept. 12-15. Debbie Reynolds, Sept. 18-22. Neil Sedaka, Oct. 8-13. Steven Wright, Oct. 17-20. Frankie Avalon/Bobby Rydell, Nov. 14-17. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Performers like Rockfield Drive and the Coates Twins appear nightly, dark Mon. Big Al's Fat Tuesday Poolside Parties, music and prizes, thru Aug. 27.

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

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Rain in the Desert: The Cranberries, July 2. Bands play nightly in the Palapa

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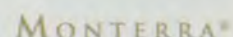
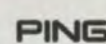
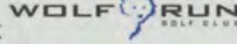
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On the Night Shift

The sound of the Commodores harks back to their early days with Motown ("Three Times a Lady" and "Night Shift"), yet the band continues to produce new songs. The Commodores recently issued five albums on their own label and embarked on a world tour. The group will appear at the Las Vegas Hilton September 10-October 6 and November 26-December 5.

Lounge. DJs play Fri.-Sat. in the high-altitude Ghostbar.
Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Le Theatre des Arts: Legends of Motown featuring the Temptations and

Marvelettes, July 5-7. Patti LaBelle, July 18-21. Natalie Cole, Aug. 1-4. Al Green, Aug. 10-11. Michael Bolton, Aug. 17-18. Sinbad, Aug. 22-25. "Can Can" performed by

the Nevada Opera Theatre, Sept. 7-8. Earth, Wind, and Fire, Sept. 19-22. Tony Bennett, Oct. 10-13. Legends of Motown featuring the Temptations and Marvelettes, Nov. 28-30. Earth, Wind, and Fire, Dec. 19-22. Bands play in Le Cabaret Show Lounge, dark Tues. Napoleon's Cigar Bar: Jazz trio plays nightly except Tues. Oranique 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.

Rio Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): The Masquerade Showroom: The Scintas, musical-comedy show, dark Thurs. Ronn Lucas, comedian-ventriloquist, 3pm, Wed.-Mon., dark Tues. Samba Theater: Penn and Teller, comedy-magic show, thru Dec., dark Tues. "Showgirls," dark Sun. Showgirls are available for photos from 10-11pm nightly except Sun. Club Rio: "Chippendales: The Show," male revue, dark Tues. Club Rio Nightclub is open for late-night dancing Wed.-Sat. Calypso Room: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway interactive dinner theater, Wed.-Mon. and a Sunday brunch performance at noon. Masquerade Show in the Sky: Carnival-themed parade with exotic floats and costumes above the casino daily at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9, and 10pm. Entertainment in the Rio Bamba Cabaret, Ipanema Piano Bar, and VooDoo Lounge.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash," production show, dark Fri. Top of the Riv: Entertainment TBA. 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 Thurs. "Riviera Comedy Club," comedians appear nightly. Le Bistro Theatre: Singer Marlene Ricci, 8:30pm Tues.-Sun. Jim LeBoeuf and the Naturals, 2:30-6pm Fri.-Sun. "Jay White as Neil Diamond," 7pm Tues.-Sun. "Stephen Sorrentin: Voices in My Head," impressionist, 10pm Tues.-Sun. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band plays at 12:15am Sat. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 7-8pm Mon.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: Magician Steve Wyrick, indf., dark Tues. Congo Room: "Bravo" starring Charo, 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: America, Aug. 23. 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.

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Rock and Roll starring Lesley Gore, Shirley Alston Reeves, Little Peggy March, and the Chiffons, July 10-13. Wayne Newton, July 15-31. Andrew Dice Clay, Aug. 1-3. Wayne Newton, Aug. 5-25. Don Rickles/Peggy March, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Andrew Dice Clay, Sept. 4-7 and 11-14. Wayne Newton, Sept. 16-Oct. 31. Stardust Ballroom: Lamont Patterson Big Band Dance featuring the Johnny Haig Orchestra, July 1. Asian Nights, Vietnamese entertainment, July 27. Nelson Riddle Orchestra, Aug. 3. Asian Nights, Vietnamese entertainment, Aug. 31. Ray Anthony and His Orchestra, Nov. 16. Stardust Pavilion: 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: Kingston Trio, July 12-14. Air Supply, July 19-21. McKenna Medley and Streetwise, Aug. 3-4. Frankie Avalon/Steve Rossi, Aug. 10-11. Dame Cleo Laine/John Dankworth, Aug. 16-18. Ramsey Lewis Trio, Aug. 24-25. Brett Butler, Aug. 31-Sept. 1. Average White Band, Sept. 21-22. Bobby Collins, Sept. 28-29. Al Martino, Oct. 4-6. Riders in the Sky, Oct. 11-13. Rich Little, Oct. 18-20. Tower of Power, Oct. 25-27. The Lettermen, Nov. 8-10. The Four Freshmen, Nov. 15-17. Roger Williams, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. The Kingston Trio, Dec. 6-8. Bobby Rydell/Steve Rossi, Dec. 13-15. Don Ho, Dec. 20-22. 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 Peter Monroy and Elements play 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. Hideaway Lounge: Music nightly. Buccaneer Bay sea battle nightly at the hotel's Strip entrance.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Folies Bergere," dark Thurs. "Illusionary Magic of Rick

Cuchi Cuchi

Charo, a showroom star in Las Vegas since the 1970s, appears indefinitely in "Bravo" in the Sahara's Congo Room. The international variety show features flamenco, salsa, samba, and Charo's fiery Spanish guitar and "cuchi cuchi" humor. Charo also performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks July 11-13.

Thomas," 2 and 4pm daily except Fri. Tropics Lounge: "The Birdman of Las Vegas," 11am, 12:30pm, and 2pm 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. "Signed, Sealed, Delivered: A Celebration of Stevie Wonder," musical tribute, dark Tues. "Main Event: Bob Anderson and Stephen Triffitt," performing a tribute to Frank Sinatra, dark Mon.

Westward Ho • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: "HoWaiian" luau dinner and show, Wed. and Sat., thru June 8. "Holarious" comedy revue, magic, indf., dark Wed., Fri., and Sat. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the lounge.

Wild West Gambling Hall • 702-740-0000.

LAUGHLIN

Avi • 702-535-5555: Arrowweed Lounge: Bands nightly.

Colorado Belle • 702-298-4000: Bands play in the Boiler Room Microbrewery and Restaurant.

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Music nightly.

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Flamingo Showroom: Comedy Stop, thru Sept. 1. Flamingo Ballroom: Roberta Flack, Aug. 30. Lorrie Morgan/Sammy Kershaw, Sept. 14. The Four Tops, Sept. 21. Neil Sedaka, Oct. 5. Teri Clark, Oct. 16. The Smothers Brothers, Nov. 2. Kenny Rogers, Nov. 10.

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: K.C. and the Sunshine Band, July 13.

Pioneer • 800-634-3469: Showdown at Sundown, gun-fighter demonstration, 8pm Fri.-Sat.

Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: "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: Crystal Sands Room: Joey and Maria's Wedding, interactive Italian wedding-dinner theater, July 6, 13, 20, and 27, Aug. 10, 17, 24, and 31, Sept. 7, 14, and 28, Oct. 5, 12, and 26, Nov. 9, 23, and 30, Dec. 14, 21, and 28. 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: "Country Music USA," thru 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 plays the Riverside Jan. 9-Feb. 13.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: Billy Ray Cyrus, July 6. Bellamy Brothers, July 26. Paul Revere and the Raiders, Aug. 24. 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 on Fri. and Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play in the lounge.

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: "Salsations," Latin-themed production show, thru Aug. 15 (888-464-2468). Cabo Lounge: Pete "Big Elvis" Vallee, 7-10pm Thurs. DJ 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: Patti Page, July 6. Fabian with Joey Dee and the Starlites, July 27. Ronnie Milsap, Aug. 9. Alan King, Sept. 27. Charley Pride, Oct. 4. Merle Haggard, Nov. 2. Ray Charles, Nov. 8. 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: Martina McBride, July 12. Randy Travis, July 26. 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.

Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP.

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CARSON AREA

Carson Nugget • Carson City, 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Bar: Joey Carmon, July 2-7. Teaser, July 9-14. Band on the Run, July 16-21. Stevie and the Stingrays, July 23-28. Dean Everett Band, July 30-Aug. 4. Madison Avenue, Aug. 6-11. Louie Fontaine, Aug. 13-18. Killer Tomatoes, Aug. 20-25.

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: Bands play nightly.

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: Concert Weekend, July 19-20. L.A. Party Dolls, '50s and '60s music, Aug. 6-11. Danny Marona, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Bands perform nightly in the Center Stage Cabaret.

Boomtown • 775-345-6000: Can-Can Theater and Dancehall: Stew Stewart, July 2-7. Gary and Sandy, July 9-14 and 16-21. Memphis Rising, July 23-28. Impact, July 30-Aug. 4. Lelands, Aug. 13-18 and 20-25. Madison Avenue, Aug. 27-Sept. 1. Hot August Nights Dance, Aug. 9.

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

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John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Celebrity Showroom: Charo, July 11-13. The Bellamy Brothers, July 19-20. Bill Engvall, July 26-27. Randy Travis, Aug. 2-3. Gordon Lightfoot, Aug. 15-17. Taj Mahal and the Phantom Blues Band, Sept. 6-7. Elvin

Bishop, Sept. 20-21. Tracy Byrd, Sept. 27-28. The Lettermen, Oct. 4-5. Jeff Foxworthy, Oct. 11-12. Johnny

Rivers, Oct. 18-19. Roy Clark, Nov. 1-2. Ray Price and the Cherokee Cowboys, Nov. 22-23. Shaolin Wheel of Life, Kung Fu production, Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Rose Ballroom: Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, July 5-6. Hot August Nights Prom featuring Shaboom, Aug. 10. Bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's. Flamenco guitarist Thurs. and jazz Fri.-Sat. in Restaurante Orozko. Outdoor Events: Star Spangled Sparks, fireworks display, July 4. Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Aug. 31.

Peppermill • 775-826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Tahoe Grand Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands Johnny Baron and Tony Vee, Madison Avenue, Raised on Radio, Pocket City, Band on the Run, and Sounds of Motown play in the Cabaret Lounge. Ron Perry performs in the Steak House Lounge.


Rail City Casino • Sparks, 775-359-9440: Side Track Lounge: Entertainers play on weekends.

Reno Hilton • 775-789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): The Hilton Theater: "Kalin and Jinger: Illusionarium," magic revue, dark Sat. Roberta Flack, July 6. The Neville Brothers, July 13. Hilton Amphitheater: Alan Jackson, July 24. B.B. King Blues Festival with B.B. King, George Thorogood and the Destroyers, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Aug. 8. Lynyrd Skynyrd, July 26. Silver State Pavilion: Entertainment TBA. The Garage: Bands play nightly.





Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Tequila Bar: Music nightly except Mon.-Tues. Comedians perform in the Just For Laughs Comedy Club, dark Mon.-Tues. Special Events: Summer Pool Parties. Concert Series: July 7-Aug. 18, performers TBA.

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Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah! A Tribute to the Beatles," starring Rain, thru 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.

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

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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.

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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.

ELKO

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

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): Outdoor Concerts: The Beach Boys, Aug. 16. Charlie Daniels Band, Aug. 31. Club Max Showroom: Hott Stuff Review, thru Aug. 4. Little River Band, Aug. 2. Sixties Mania, Aug. 7-Sept. 1.

Stockmen's Hotel • 775-738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Bands play in the Stockmen's Showroom. Outdoor Events: Fireworks Spectacular, July 4. Bull Fighting, July 6. Open Road Racing Show and Shine, Aug. 2. Akko Karate Tournament, Aug. 16-17.

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Hotel Nevada • 775-289-6665.

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Bonanza Inn • 775-423-6031.

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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.

LOVELOCK

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

PAHRUMP

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. Special Events: Pahrump Harvest Festival, Oct. 4-6. Fall Round-Up Golf Tournament, Oct. 9-10. Vietnam Memorial Wall at Saddle West, Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

Terrible's Town Casino • 775-751-7777.

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

Station House • 775-482-9777: Shotgun Willie's Saloon: Entertainment TBA.

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. State Line Showroom: Sixties Mania, thru July 28. 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.

Holiday Inn Express • 775-625-3100.

Sundance Casino • 775-623-3336.

Red Lion • 800-633-6435.

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Country Comedy Capers

Bill Engvall unveils the funny side of life at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

By D. Brian Burghart

Although he lives in Los Angeles, Bill Engvall—comedian, television actor, and avid bowler—appreciates what he finds when he plays showrooms in the Silver State. “I love Nevada, and I’ll tell you why,” said Engvall in a telephone interview from a bowling alley, the El Dorado Bowl, in Los Angeles, where he plays in a league. “Nevada gives you everything that you want. If you want glitz, glamour, and gaudiness, there’s Vegas. You can go outdoors and hike in the mountains or go fishing. Every time I’m there, I just have a blast.”

Engvall, 45, will appear at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks on July 26-27. He specializes in down-home humor, often being compared to Jeff “You Might Be a Redneck” Foxworthy. He draws his humor from life's ordinary moments—family, friends, and those unfortunate society members that everyone loves to hate, stupid people. In fact, his routine excoriating the intellectually challenged launched his career and became the comedy album “Here's Your Sign,” which earned gold-record status. Engvall's theory is that if stupid people were to wear signs proclaiming, “I’m stupid,” regular people could avoid them, thus making life better for everyone.

Engvall's pointed wit doesn't stop at home. He also tells the occasional loving joke at the expense of his wife, Gail, and their 20 years together. “In that first year of marriage, you pick a fight so that you can make up and have sex. In the 20th year of marriage, you pick a fight so they'll sleep in the other room.” The trials of teaching his 15-year-old daughter, Emily, to drive becomes comic fodder, as does sharing moments with Travis, Engvall's 10-year-old son. He'll even poke fun at himself.

“I try to draw on experiences in life that everyone can relate to,” he says. He doesn't talk about politics or religion, and when he discusses real-life subjects, like sex, he works clean, no cussing, and he takes a great deal of pride from his all-ages appeal.

Engvall got his stand-up comedy start on amateur night at a Dallas nightclub where he was working as a disk jockey. After a few rounds, a friend suggested Engvall tell some

jokes. “I did five minutes—don't even remember what I did—but the lady who ran the club came up to me afterwards and asked me if I wanted to be the house MC. It paid better than I was making in the nightclub, so I started doing it. And that was 20 years ago.”

Comedy didn't really become a career until after his debut album, “Here's Your Sign,” reached No. 1 on the Billboard Comedy Chart in 1996. Engvall decided he'd better get serious about his humor. “It was just a really cool job until then. I told all my friends that it fulfilled all my job requirements: I could sleep in late, drink on the job, and work at night,” Engvall says.

His rise in the entertainment industry continued from there. He released three more solo albums, with another, “Cheap Drunk,” which Engvall describes as autobiographical, due out this year. He's made frequent appearances on the small screen, co-headlining a Showtime special, *A Pair of Jokers*, with Rosie O'Donnell and hosting A&E's *Evening at the Improv* and TNN's *Sofa Cinema*.

After “Here's Your Sign” made No. 1, Engvall got serious about his humor.

He was Jeff Foxworthy's best friend on the *Jeff Foxworthy Show*.

Not bad for a guy born in Texas whose favorite store is Home Depot. Engvall says while he loves Nevada, there's one thing he always looks out for when he's in the Silver State: the wind.

“When the wind starts blowing in Nevada, you might as well stay inside,” he says. “I was in Vegas [in 1994] when the Hilton sign blew over. In every other state in the union, that's called a tornado.”

Show Notes

Bill Engvall brings his comedy act to the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks on July 26-27. Showtime is 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$37 which includes tax and one drink. Call 800-648-1177 or 775-356-3300 for reservations. ▀

D. Brian Burghart is a Sparks writer and comedy fan.



Casino Notes

News from hotel-casinoland. By Ann Henderson

Las Vegas Territory

Frog Legs: A new kids' attraction, Frog Hopper, has opened at the **Adventure-dome at Circus Circus** on the Las Vegas Strip. Children must be at least 36 inches tall to go on the ride, which allows them to "hop" as high as 18.5 feet.

Lookin' Trendy: Curve, a new hot spot on the Las Vegas nightclub scene, has opened at the **Aladdin**. Curve, which is located in the hotel's London Club, is laid out in five differently designed rooms and includes a third-floor balcony overlooking the Strip. Curve is open from 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday and requires fashionable attire.

Fresh Air: Arizona Charlie's West in Las Vegas has installed 113 state-of-the-art air-filtration units that clean the air by removing smoke and pollen. The new filtration units are part of a \$1.5-million remodeling project at the property.

Country Casino: Boulder Station in Las Vegas has been named the Academy of Country Music's "Casino of the Year." This is a repeat win for the property, which received the award in 2000. The academy recognized Boulder Station for the artists, such as Toby Keith, the Charlie Daniels Band, and Kenny Chesney, who appear in the hotel's Railhead showroom.

Get Jazzed: Commander's Palace has added a New Orleans-style jazz brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Menu items include andouille sausage, pepper-crusted steak, and beignets dusted with powdered sugar. Musicians stroll among the diners. Commander's Palace is located inside Desert Passage at the Aladdin.

Late Nights: The club named **GLAM**, short for Glamorously Decadent Nightclubbing, opened recently in Planet Hollywood Las Vegas, which is located inside the Forum Shops at Caesars. GLAM is open 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. A DJ provides music for dancing.

Pub Opens: Green Valley Ranch, Station Casinos' newest property in Henderson, has an Irish pub, Fado. The bar's furniture, artifacts, and façade were designed and constructed in Ireland. The pub offers traditional food, music performed by



Neon signs decorate the elevator tower of Neonopolis, the new restaurant and retail center in Las Vegas.

Gaelic musicians, and soccer and rugby broadcasts by satellite.

Late Night: Harrah's Las Vegas entered the nightclub scene when it recently opened View, located in the second-floor Range Steakhouse. The club, which is open from midnight to 5 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, offers a view of the Las Vegas Strip and features a DJ playing dance tunes.

Summer Heat: Harrah's Laughlin has added spicy Southwestern cuisine to the Grill Restaurant's summertime menu. The expanded selection of seafood, steaks, and pasta includes fajitas, pasta diablo, carnitas, and chimichangas.

Happening Now: Las Vegas was voted the best American city for "happening" bars and restaurants by *Travel and Leisure* magazine. In a survey of 100,000 America Online members, Las Vegas was chosen first for hotels with happening bars and hot restaurants and number two for cheap but good hotels.

Downtown Glitz: The \$100-million **Neonopolis** opened recently at the Fremont Street Experience, offering dining, shopping, and a 14-screen movie complex. Jillians restaurant, a Kentucky import, will open this fall. The attraction's centerpiece is an 85-foot elevator tower decorated with historic neon signs, complementing the collection of restored museum-quality

neon signs already displayed on Fremont Street.

Shopping News: Nordstrom is on track to open in time for Christmas shopping at the Fashion Show Mall in Las Vegas. The 180,000-square-foot store is equipped with a runway that rises automatically from the floor of the building. A grand opening charity gala planned for November 1 will feature a full runway fashion show of American and European designer collections. Tickets for the evening begin at \$150 per person. Call 702-243-2623, ext. 234, for information.

Orleans Addition: The 630-room tower at the **Orleans** in Las Vegas has a September completion date. The addition brings the hotel's room count to 1,460. The construction project included a 30,000-square-foot expansion of the casino, a new poker room, and a Subway sandwich shop. A health spa and fitness center should open with the tower, and a 9,000-seat arena is planned for spring 2003.

Getting Wet: In May the **Palms** opened the Skin Pool Lounge, a combination swimming pool and nightclub that is reserved for hotel guests during the day and open for the party scene at night. The 75,000-square-foot entertainment area offers port-holes where guests can see mermaids swimming after dark, a concert stage, two dance floors—one floor is a pool-top—

and dining at Nine Steakhouse.

New Eateries: The Rampart Casino at the J.W. Marriott in Las Vegas has opened two new restaurants this summer. The 348-seat Rampart Buffet was moved to a new location and given a garden decor. The 24-hour Promenade Cafe opened in the hotel's restaurant row and offers patio dining within the Las Vegas casino.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Art Deal: Reno's downtown hotel-casinos play a major role in **Artown**, the city's July-long cultural event. The casinos will host outdoor concerts and entertainment, and many of the 200 events, most of which are free, are held at Wingfield Park on the Truckee River just south of the casino center. During the celebration, visitors may find their sobriety tested when they see 25 life-size fiberglass bighorn sheep that have been painted by artists and displayed as part of the Counting Sheep public-art show. Throughout July the National Automobile Museum will offer free admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applause, Applause: Two fine-dining restaurants at the **Atlantis** in Reno, the Atlantis Seafood Steakhouse and MonteVigna Italian Ristorante, have received the Award of Excellence

add-on and one \$20 re-buy. For those who let their feet, not their fingers, do the moving, the hotel plans a Hot August Nights Dance at 8 p.m. on August 9. The dance coincides with Reno's Hot August Nights, a festival of '50s and '60s cars and music.

Lookin' Good: **Cactus Jack's Casino** in Carson City has doubled in size, adding retail space to the 31-year-old property. The addition also provides office and storage areas. Plans are to renovate the exterior to match the expansion.

Winner Take All: The **Carson Nugget** offers blackjack tournaments for a \$10 buy-in at 10 a.m. Monday and Friday and 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Carson City property will add an additional \$100, and all money goes to tournament winners. The Nugget also will offer casino-wide food and gaming specials on the July Fourth and Labor Day holidays and street dances July 20 and August 17.

New Rooms: The **Club Cal Neva Virginian** in Reno has reopened the 181-room Nevadan hotel tower with 97 remodeled rooms and plans to remodel the remaining rooms this year. The tower's refurbished lobby houses the Riverfront Theatre, which offers live entertainment.



Artist Phyllis Shafer created this "Nevada Lambscape" as part of the Counting Sheep exhibit during Artown in Reno.

from *Wine Spectator* magazine. Such restaurants are recognized for their food and wine and how the two complement each other.

Hang On: **Boomtown**, located nine miles west of Reno on I-80, has Texas hold 'em poker tournaments Friday at 7 p.m. For a \$22 buy-in, players receive \$500 in tournament chips and the option of one \$20

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Pasta Alert: Harrah's Reno is serving two special platters Sunday through Thursday in Cafe Andreotti. The dinners, Mama Mia Misto Italian Platter and the Andreotti Seafarer Platter, are \$20 and feature a collection of dishes. Mama Mia consists of chicken parmesan, fettuccine Alfredo, and shrimp scampi served with a salad, garlic bread, and vegetables. The seafood platter has clam chowder, calamari, cioppino, shrimp scampi, risotto, and vegetables.

Air Service: National Airlines will begin new service at Reno-Tahoe International Airport on October 3, offering four daily nonstop roundtrips from Las Vegas. Fares

for tickets purchased online begin at \$82 roundtrip. National is also resuming service to Reagan Washington National Airport and instituting new flights to Washington Dulles.

Crustacean Sensation: All the restaurants at the **Reno Hilton** will be serving crab specialty dishes in July and August during the hotel's Crabathon.

Rural Nevada

Saddle Up: Saddle West has a monthly Red, White, and Blue Slot Tournament for a

\$25 buy-in and bingo with no-split pots on Sunday through Thursday. The Pahrump hotel plans special room and RV packages for two fall events, the Fall Round-Up Golf Tournament, October 9-10, and the Vietnam Memorial Wall at Saddle West, October 26-November 3.

Entertainment Notes

Floored by Show: By the end of "Burn the Floor: Do You Want to Dance With Me?" in Reno's **Eldorado Hotel**, you will be ready to leap up and do some jitterbugging yourself. Producer Harley Medcalf searched the world for the best championship ballroom dancers and added a dose of rock 'n' roll to the usual salsa, swing, waltz, and cha-cha. He and choreographer Jason Gilkinson have created 75 minutes of music and dance that will appeal to Gen-Xers as well as seniors.

The swing-dance sequences to classics such as Glenn Miller's "In the Mood" and Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing" are the highlights of the show. Singer Angela Teek has a powerful voice and offers jazzy vocals; it's a pity she doesn't have more stage time. "Burn the Floor" plays nightly except Mondays through September 1. Tickets range from \$21.95 for seniors and children to \$36.95 for VIP seating on weekends. Call 800-648-5966.—*Joyce Hollister*

Magical Place: Caesars **Magical Empire**, a magic-themed dining and entertainment complex at Caesars Palace, offers daytime magic shows in the Strip hotel. Caesars Magical Empire consists of 10 dining chambers, a maze, Sultan's Palace and Secret Pagoda theaters, and the Grotto and Spirit bars. Magicians entertain diners in a ghostly atmosphere at night, and between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. there are luminaria shows and wandering magicians. Tickets are \$26.50 for adults and \$10 for ages five to 12.

Doc by Day: On Monday nights, Dr. Scott Lewis leaves his day job as a Las Vegas chiropractor for the bright lights of the Strip. Lewis, who has been tending to patients for more than 15 years, recently opened his comedy-hypnosis show in the Le Bistro Theatre at the **Riviera Hotel**. In his practice the doctor uses hypnotherapy to help patients with such addictions as to cigarettes or chocolate. But on Mondays his subjects are likely to believe themselves sexy Chippendale dancers or Japanese-speaking guests on the *Jerry Springer Show*. ▀

Ann Henderson is events and entertainment editor of Nevada Magazine.

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
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Casino Deals

Nevada hotel-casinos offer **dining, lodging, gaming, and golf** specials this summer.

By Wilma LaRocca

This summer Nevada casinos offer a variety of bargains, from slot-club deals to budget room rates. Here is a sampling of specials available throughout the state. Most room rates listed are for weekdays. Weekend rates may be higher. Call to confirm prices and availability.

The Classic Las Vegas package at **Bally's** includes a two-for-one ticket to the "Jubilee!" late show, a pair of two-for-one cocktails, and \$50 in dining certificates to select hotel restaurants such as the Steakhouse, Al Dente, Changos, and the dinner buffet. The package price is \$75 per room, per night, Sunday through Thursday; the second show ticket is \$53.50. The deal is good through August 29. Call 702-967-4591 or 800-634-3434.

Binion's Horseshoe, in the middle of the Fremont Street Experience in downtown Las Vegas, has a summer room deal. Until August 29 Binion's offers Victorian-

style rooms in the original east tower for \$19 per night weekdays and \$39 weekends. The west tower has larger rooms for \$29 weekdays, \$49 weekends. The swimming pool on the 25th floor has views of downtown and the Strip. Call 702-382-1600 or 800-634-6811.

If you stay two consecutive nights at the **Golden Nugget** in downtown Las Vegas, you receive a \$25 credit good in any Golden Nugget restaurant, lounge, show-room, spa, and shops, or you can use it to help pay for an extra night. The "best" package price is \$54 Sunday through Thursday and \$74 Friday and Saturday through September 19. Call 800-846-5336.

At the **River Palms** in Laughlin membership in the Young at Heart slot club is free for players 50 and older and offers a 10-percent discount on rooms and dining. Every Friday the casino serves Krispy Kreme doughnuts and juice from 8 to 9 a.m. and holds the Young at Heart slot tournament from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., followed by complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Call 702-298-2242 or 877-787-7256.

The **Atlantis** in Reno holds slot tournaments on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday that are free to Club Paradise members. Club membership is free, too. Call 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500.

Golfers staying at the **Peppermill** in Reno have two course options in the Golf Getaway package, which includes a two-night stay in a tower room and one round of golf with a cart Sunday through Thursday. The \$119 package offers a round of golf at Lake Ridge after 1:30 p.m., and the \$129 package offers play at Red Hawk after noon. Call 866-926-4653.

The Golf and Gamble special at the **Piñon Plaza** and **Carson Station** in Carson City offers one night's lodging (double occupancy) and a round of golf with cart at Sunridge, Carson Valley, Dayton Valley, Empire Ranch, or Eagle Valley West. The deal includes \$20 free casino chips, a free



Golf specials in Reno and Carson City offer play at courses from Lake Ridge to Sunridge (above).

cocktail, and casino coupons. The package, valid through September 30, begins at \$75 per person at Carson Station and \$82 per person at Piñon Plaza. Call 877-519-5567, ext. 1056.

In Jackpot, room rates at the **Four Jacks** begin at \$24.95 weekdays and \$50 weekends. Guests receive a \$5 roll of nickels per room and two-for-one beers. Slot players at the Four Jacks receive a souvenir every time they hit four jacks. Call 775-755-2491 or 800-251-6313.

Summer visitors to Winnemucca will find rooms for \$35 a night at **Winners Villa**, which is part of **Winners Hotel and Casino**. There also are free RV parking spaces. Summer events include a cattle auction on July 16-19 in the convention center, which uses new technology to update a ranching tradition—video of the livestock. It's free, and you don't have to buy a herd of Herefords. Call 775-623-2511 or 800-648-4770. ■

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Bally's offers a two-for-one "Jubilee!" deal.



Attractions, Tours & Museums

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

Travelers 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

Black Canyon/Willow Beach River Adventures • Boat and raft tours down the Colorado River. Hacienda Hotel, 702-294-1414 or 800-455-3490.

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.

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.

Ron Lee's World of Clowns • Tours. 330 Carousel Pkwy., 702-434-1700.

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 and art gallery. 702-693-7111.

CART Driving 101 • Indy-car driving experience. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-651-6300.



On a Roll in Vegas

The Manhattan Express takes riders up, down, and all around New York-New York on the Las Vegas Strip. Coaster fans revel in the negative Gs and a 180-degree "heartline" twist and dive.

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.

Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum • McCarran

International Airport, 702-455-7968 for information.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection • Classic and antique vehicles. 702-794-3174.

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Madame Tussaud's Celebrity Encounter • Wax Museum. Venetian, 702-367-1847.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History • 4505 Maryland Pkwy., UNLV, 702-895-3381.

MGM Grand • Lion habitat open daily. 702-891-7979.

Mirage • Volcano and Siegfried and Roy Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat. 702-791-7111.

Mount Charleston • Recreation information. 702-222-1597.

NASCAR Cafe • Race cars displayed. Sahara Hotel, 702-734-7223.

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New York-New York • Roller coaster. 702-740-6969.

Nevada Zoological-Botanical Park • Home of 150 species, from apes to peacocks. 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 702-648-5955.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic 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.

Rio Suite Hotel • Free carnival-themed sky parade. 702-252-7777.

Sahara Hotel • Speed: The Ride roller coaster, virtual-reality car racing. 702-737-2735.

Sam's Town Sunset Stampede • Water and laser show. 702-456-7777.

Santa Fe Station • Ice arena. 4949 N. Rancho Dr., 702-658-4900.

Scandia Family Fun Center • 702-364-0070.

Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay • Exhibit of sharks, sea predators, and aquatic creatures. Visitors can ask questions of divers. 702-632-7777.

Shelby American • Shelby Cobra auto museum and factory tour. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-643-3000.

Spring Mountain Ranch State Park • Red Rock Canyon, 702-875-4141.

Star Trek: The Experience • Las Vegas Hilton, 702-697-8700.

Stratosphere • Roller coaster, Big Shot ride, and Strat-O-Fair midway. 702-380-7777.

The Palms • IMAX theater. 702-942-7777.

Treasure Island • Sea battle every 90 minutes starting at 5:30pm. 702-894-7111.

Tropicana • Birds and gambling museum. 702-739-2222.

Venetian Hotel • Gondola rides on the hotel's Grand Canal. 702-733-5000.

Walker African-American Museum and Research Center • Exhibits and records, by appointment only. 702-647-2242.

Wetlands Park • Nature center and walking trails. 7050 E. Tropicana Rd., 702-455-7522.

Wet 'n Wild • Water theme park. 702-765-9700.

LAUGHLIN

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area • Nature and water sports. Four miles south of Laughlin, 702-298-1859.

Colorado Belle • Cyber Roller Coaster and Boiler Room Microbrewery. 702-298-4000.

Colorado River Museum • Arizona Hwy. 95, 520-754-3399.

Davis Dam • Self-guided exterior tours. 520-754-3623.

Del Rio River Tours • 520-754-4391.

Grapevine Canyon • Seven miles west of Laughlin. Inquire about road conditions, 702-298-2214.

Laughlin River Tours • Colorado River, 702-298-1047.

Ramada Express • American Heroes Museum and military tribute film. 702-298-4200.

Riverside Resort • Classic cars, river tour boat, and bowling center. 702-298-2535.

MESQUITE

Virgin Valley Heritage Museum • 702-346-5705.

Oasis • Gun club, hayrides. 702-346-5232.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

The Planetarium • Community College of Southern Nevada, 702-651-4759.

OVERTON

Echo Bay Resort and Marina • Water sports on Lake Mead, houseboat and ski-boat rentals. 702-394-4000.

Lost City Museum of Archaeology • Museum presents artifacts and reconstructed homes of ancient Pueblo people who lived in the Moapa Valley. 702-397-2193.

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SEARCHLIGHT

Paddle River Art.com • Art gallery, 702-297-1540.

Searchlight Museum • Area history. 702-455-7955.

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CARSON CITY

Brewery Arts Center • 449 W. King St., 775-883-1976.

Carson and Mills Park Railroad • Mills Park, 775-887-2523.

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.

Nevada State Capitol • 775-687-5030.

Nevada State Library and Archives • State Constitution exhibit. 100 Stewart St., 775-684-3310.

Nevada State Museum • 600 N. Carson St., 775-687-4810.

Nevada State Railroad Museum • S. Carson St. at Fairview Dr., 775-687-6953.

Nevada Supreme Court • Tours. 775-684-1617.

Roberts House Museum • 1207 N. Carson St., 775-882-2174.

Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum • 777 S. Stewart St., 775-887-2210.

DAYTON

Dayton State Park • 775-687-5678.

Dayton Historic Society Museum • Open weekends in the 1865 Old Dayton Schoolhouse on Shady Lane.

GARDNERVILLE

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center • Old Douglas County High School on U.S. 395, 775-782-2555.

GENOA

Genoa Courthouse Museum • Open May-October. 775-782-4325.

Mormon Station State Historic Park • 775-782-2590.



Playing at Piper's

Piper's Opera House hosts a variety of plays, musicals, speakers, and concerts in Virginia City. Here, Alexander Tutunov, a touring pianist from Russia, practices before his 2001 "Russian Spirit" concert with the Carson City Symphony. See the "Nevada Events" listing for this summer's schedule.

David Walley's Hot Springs • 775-782-8155 for information.

LAKE TAHOE

Hard Rock Cafe • Harveys, Stateline, 775-588-2411.

Heavenly Gondola • Stateline, 775-586-7000.

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park • Sand Harbor, 2005 Hwy.

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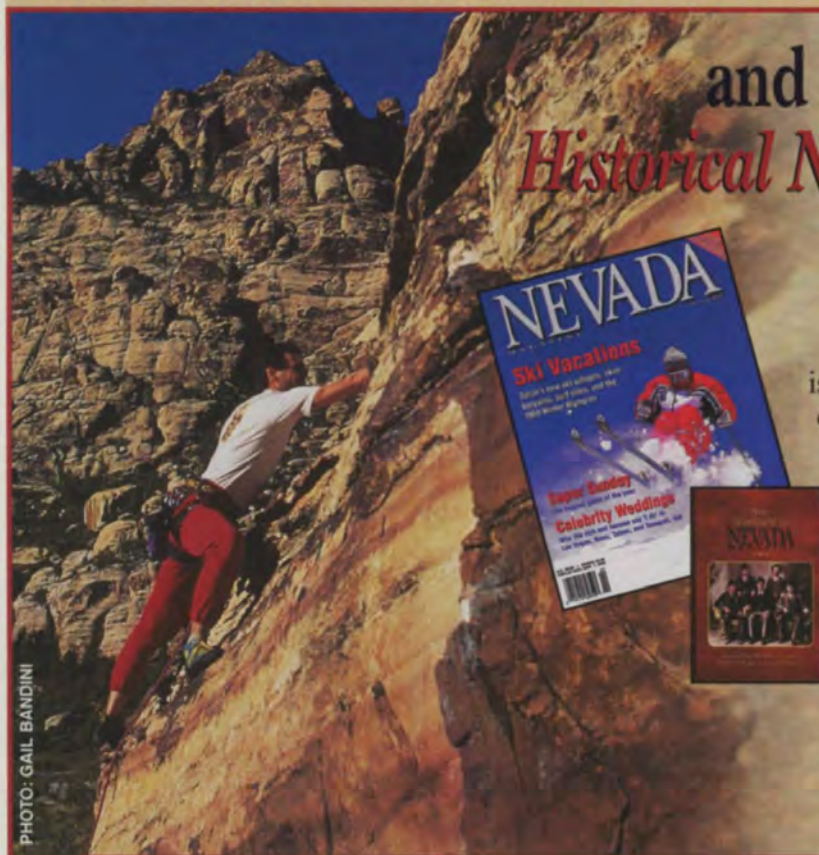


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Tallac Historic Site • South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-5227.
U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center • Stream-profile chamber. 530-573-2600.
Vikingsholm • Tours. 530-525-7232.
Zephyr Cove Resort • Cruises, boat rentals. 775-588-6644.

RENO

Animal Ark • 10 mi. north of Reno on U.S. 395, then 12 mi. on Red Rock Road, 775-969-3111.
Bartley Ranch Regional Park • Hiking, horse arena, and one-room Hufacker Schoolhouse. 775-828-6612.
Fleischmann Planetarium • Stargazing programs. U of N campus, 775-784-4811.
Galena Creek Regional Park • Mt. Rose Hwy., 775-785-4319.
Harrah's Reno • Summer entertainment in outdoor plaza. 775-786-3232.
Liberty Belle Slot Collection • Liberty Belle Saloon, 4250 S. Virginia St., 775-825-1776.
National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) • 10 Lake St. S., 775-333-9300.
National Bowling Stadium • Tournaments and IWERKS theater. 300 N. Center St., 775-334-2695.
Nevada Historical Society Museum • 1650 N. Virginia St., U of N campus, 775-688-1190.
Nevada Museum of Art, E.L. Wiegand Gallery • During construction of new museum, gallery is located in the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. 775-329-3333.
Kiddie Playland • Rides, picnicking. Idlewild Park, 775-329-6008.
Raymond J. Smith Truckee River Walk • 775-334-2077.
Reno Hilton • Water golf, Ultimate Rush thrill ride, putting course, go-kart center. 775-789-2000.
Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy • Classes. 1313 S. Virginia St., 775-329-5665.
Riverside Artist Lofts • Arts and cultural center. 17 S. Virginia St., 775-329-2787.
Sierra Arts Center Gallery • Gallery and offices. Riverside Artist Lofts, 17 S. Virginia St., 775-329-2787.
Sierra Safari Zoo • 10 mi. north of Reno at Red Rock Rd., 775-677-1101.
Silver Legacy • Giant mining machine and laser shows every hour. 800-MUSTSEE.
Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden • Rancho San Rafael Park, 775-785-4153.
Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure • Rancho San Rafael Park, 775-785-4064 for details on Great Basin Adventure.
Wilbur D. May Museum • Rancho San Rafael Park, 775-785-5961.

PYRAMID LAKE

Numana Hatchery Visitors Center • 775-574-0290.

SPARKS

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Ranchers' brands exhibit. 775-356-3300.
Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum • Local history.

Reno Underground Art

While its new building is being constructed, the Nevada Museum of Art has moved underground. The Reno museum's temporary galleries are downstairs in the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts.

Southern Pacific train cars, 1864 Glendale School. Victorian Square, 775-355-1144.

Sparks Marina Park • Fishing, walking paths. 775-353-2376.
Victorian Square Fountain • Water shows. 775-353-2284.
Wild Island • Water park open in summer, miniature golf and raceway open year-round. Off I-80, 775-359-2927.

VERDI

Boomtown Family Fun Center • Motion-theater rides, Ferris wheel, and miniature golf. 775-345-8668.

VIRGINIA CITY

Assay Office Museum • 775-847-0777.
The Castle • 775-847-0275.
Chollar Mine • Tours of workings. 775-847-0155.
Fourth Ward School Museum • 775-847-0975.
Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum • 775-847-9394.
Mackay Mansion Museum • 775-847-0173.

Nevada Gambling Museum • 775-847-9022 for details.

Piper's Opera House • 775-847-0433.
Ponderosa Mine • Tours. 775-847-0757.
Virginia and Truckee Railroad • 775-847-0380.
Virginia City Radio Museum • 775-847-9047.
Virginia City Tours • 775-786-0866.
The Way It Was Museum • 775-847-0766.

WASHOE VALLEY

Bowers Mansion Park • Park open year-round. Historic mansion of Comstock millionaires. 775-849-1825.
Davis Creek Park • 775-849-0684.
Washoe Lake State Park • Birdwatching, windsurfing, fishing. East Lake Blvd., 775-687-4319.

Rural Nevada

AUSTIN

Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site • Self-guided tour with signs. 24 miles east of Austin on U.S. 50, 775-635-4000.

BEATTY

Beatty Museum • Mining exhibits. 775-553-2424.
Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Beatty. 775-553-2200.

Railroading in Ely

Train buffs can ride the rails in Ely on summer weekends when the Nevada Northern Railway Museum offers trips by diesel and steam power. The historic railroad served the area's copper industry.

Rhyolite • Historic bottle house and the Gold Well Open Air Museum sculpture exhibit. Four miles west of Beatty, 775-553-2424.

ELKO

Northeastern Nevada Museum • 1515 Idaho St., 775-738-3418.
Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Wilderness Area • 775-752-3357.
Sherman Station Complex • Restored 1875 ranch, tours, and greater Elko area visitor information. 775-738-7135.
Western Folklife Center • 501 Railroad St., 775-738-7508.
Wild Horse State Recreation Area • 65 miles north of Elko, 775-758-6493.

ELY/GREAT BASIN PARK

Cave Lake State Recreation Area • 15 miles south of Ely, 775-728-4467.
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.
Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Site • 16 miles (11 dirt) south of Ely, 775-728-4467.
White Pine Public Museum • Exhibits on history of Ely area. 2000 Aultman St., 775-289-4710.

EUREKA

Eureka Opera House • Open for tours Mon.-Fri. or by appointment. 775-237-6006.
Eureka Sentinel Museum • 775-237-5010.

FALLON

Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave • Tours. 1050 S. Maine St., 775-423-3677.
Fort Churchill State Historic Park • Eight miles south of Silver Springs, 775-577-2345.
Sand Mountain • Giant sand dune 20 miles east of Fallon, 775-885-6000.
Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge • 15 miles east of Fallon, 775-423-5128.

FERNLEY

Reno-Fernley Raceway • Paint-ball park. 775-575-7217.

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GERLACH

Soldier Meadows Guest Ranch • Tours, horseback riding, Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area, 530-233-4881.

GOLDFIELD

Historic Buildings and Mining Tour • Telegraph Office, Florence Mine, and Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company Building. 775-485-3486.

HAWTHORNE

Mineral County Historical Museum • Exhibits on the history of the Hawthorne area. 400 10th St., 775-945-5142.

Walker Lake State Recreation Area • Fishing, camping, and birdwatching. 775-945-5896.

Mines of Tonopah

The Tonopah Historic Mining Park presents the head frames, tunnels, and ore cars of several of the mines that made Tonopah a silver capital and revived Nevada's economy in the early 1900s.

LOVELOCK

Giant Tufa Park • West of Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

Pershing County Marzen House Museum • Lovelock-area history. 775-273-7213.

MOUNTAIN CITY

Mountain City Visitor Center • 80 miles north of Elko via Hwy 225. Open for tours and information June-Oct. Mountain City, 775-763-6691.

PAHRUMP

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Pahrump, which is 58 miles east of Furnace Creek. 775-727-5880.

Pahrump Valley Winery • Tours. 3810 Winery Rd., 775-727-6900 or 800-368-WINE.

PIOCHE/CALIENTE

Box Car Museum • Railroad and local history. Caliente, 775-726-3129.

Cathedral Gorge State Park • 10 miles south of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Elgin Living History Schoolhouse Museum • Open for week-end tours or by appointment; 21 miles south of Caliente. Write Lynn Wood, Box 266, Caliente, NV 89008.

Kershaw-Ryan State Park • Three miles south of Caliente, 775-728-4460.

Lincoln County Historical Museum • Pioche, 775-962-5207.

Million Dollar Courthouse • Pioche, 775-962-5182.

Spring Valley State Park • Park is 18 miles east of Pioche, 775-728-4460.

Stone Cabin Living History Museum • One mile north of Spring Valley State Park, 775-728-4460.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Smoky Valley Museum • 1935 schoolhouse and assay equipment. Open by appointment. 775-377-2243.

SILVER SPRINGS

Fort Churchill State Historic Park • Eight miles south of Silver Springs, 775-577-2345.

TONOPAH

Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site • 50 miles north of Tonopah, 775-867-3001.

Central Nevada Museum • Tonopah-area history. 775-482-9676.

Tonopah Historic Mining Park • 775-482-9274.

WENDOVER

Bonneville Salt Flats • 801-977-4300.

WINNEMUCCA

Buckaroo Hall of Fame • 775-623-2225.

Humboldt Museum • Winnemucca-area history. 775-623-2912.

Midas Schoolhouse • Call for tours; 46 miles by dirt road, east of Winnemucca, 775-529-0302.

YERINGTON

Lyon County Museum • Exhibits and photos on the history of the Yerington area. 775-463-2245.

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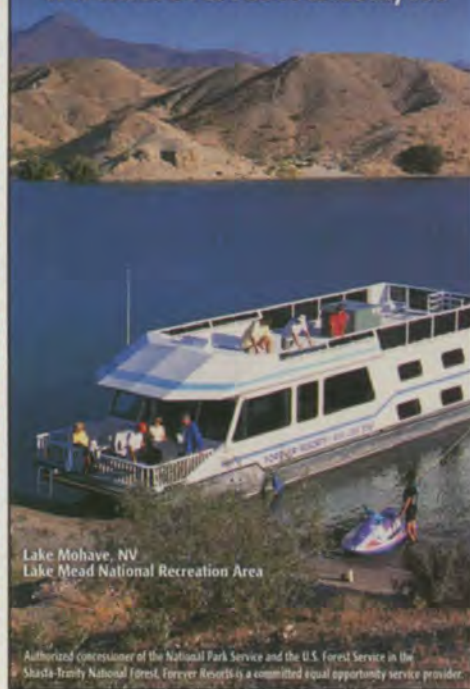


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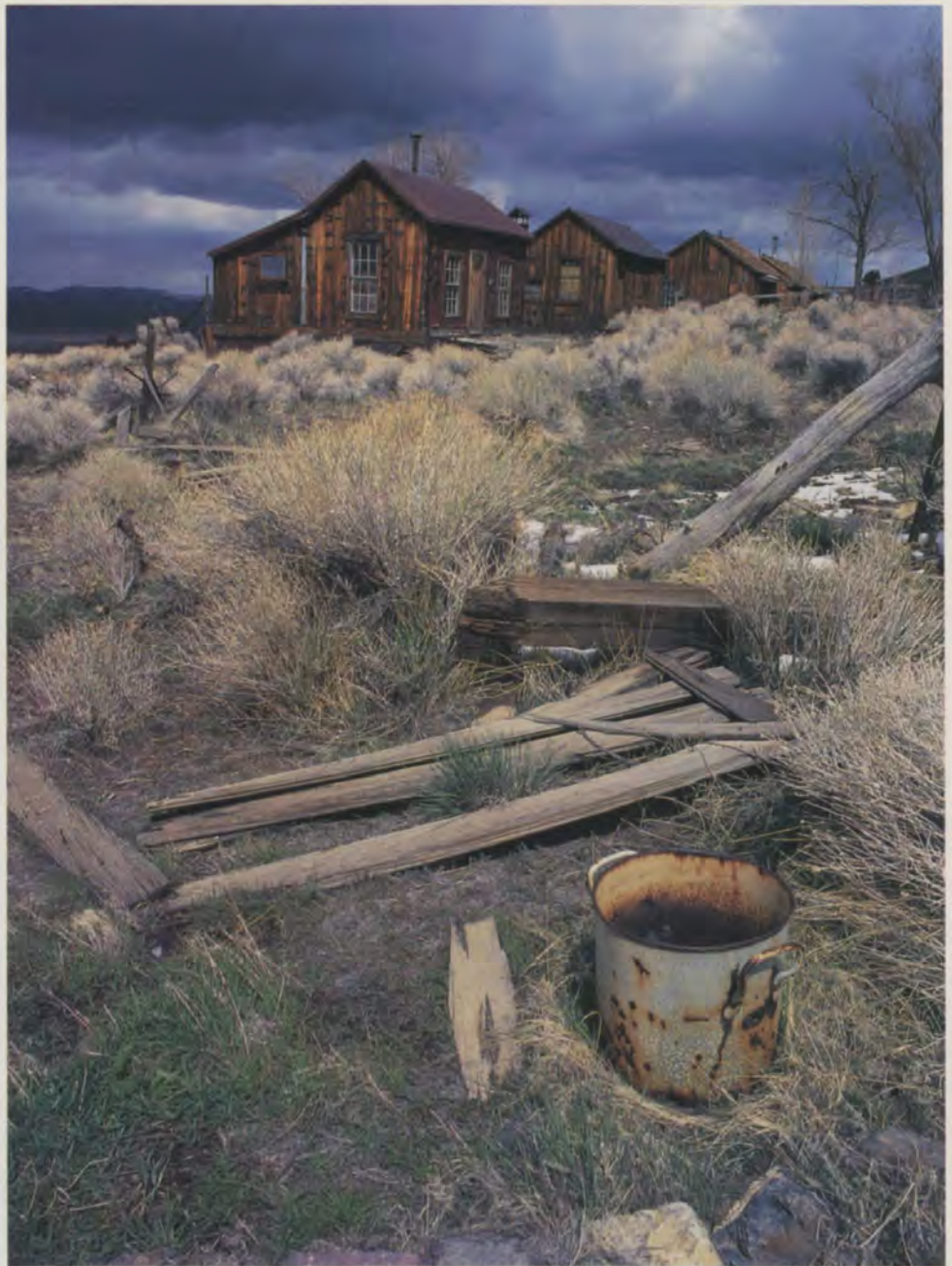
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Goldfield C of C: Box 219, Goldfield, NV 89013; 775-485-3560 for Goldfield information.

Great Basin Business and Tourism Council: Information on Baker and Great Basin National Park. Box 166, Baker, NV 89311; 775-234-7323.

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Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Bureau: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; Web www.winnemucca-nv.us; 775-623-5071 or 800-WMCA-NEV.

Indian Territory

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: 680 Greenbrae Dr., No. 265, Sparks, or Box 7440, Reno, NV 89510; 775-355-0600.

Indian Territory: Nevada Commission on Tourism, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; www.travelnevada.com; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8.

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Death Valley National Park: Beatty Visitor Center: 307 Main St., Beatty, NV 89003; 775-553-2200. Park: Death Valley, CA 92328; 760-786-2331.

Great Basin National Park: Nevada Hwy. 488, Baker, NV 89311; www.nps.gov/grba; 775-234-7331.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Way, Boulder City, NV 89005; www.nps.gov/lame; 702-293-8907.

Nevada Division of State Parks: 1300 S. Curry St., Carson City, NV 89710; www.state-nv.us/stparks; 775-687-4370.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area: HCR 33, Box 5500, Las Vegas, NV 89124; www.redrockcanyon.blm.gov; 702-363-1921.

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Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: www.fs.fed.us/hnfm/; 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431; 775-331-6444; 2881 S. Valley View, Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102; 702-873-8800; 2035 Last Chance Rd., Elko, NV 89801; 775-738-5171.

Nevada Division of Wildlife: Main office: 1100 Valley Rd., Reno, NV 89512; www.nevadadivisionofwildlife.org; 775-688-1500; Southern Nevada: 4747 W. Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108; 702-486-5127.

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ASIAN

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Riviera Hotel/Ristorante Italiano—794-9363. Lobster Francaise, fresh seafood. D. \$-\$\$\$\$.

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Carson Nugget/Coffee Shop—Carson City, 882-1626. Open 24 hours. B, L, D. \$.

Carson Station/Station Grill and Rotisserie—Carson City, 883-8400. Baby back ribs, fish specials. L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

Carson Station/Station Restaurant—Carson City, 883-0900. Homestyle cooking. B, L, D. \$.

Carson Valley Inn/Fiona's—Minden, 783-6650. Steaks, seafood, and nightly specials. D. \$.

Carson Valley Inn/Katie's—Minden, 782-9711. Four-course prime rib dinner, steak and lobster, half-pound burgers, and breakfast specials. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

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John Ascuaga's Nugget/Farm House Coffee Shop—Sparks, 356-3300. Old-fashioned home cooking, omelets, pancakes, sandwiches, and fried chicken. B, L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Gabe's Pub and Deli—Sparks, 356-3300. Quick-service deli offers snacks, sandwiches, desserts, pastries. B, L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/General Store—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, seafood Louis. B, L, D. \$.

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Peppermill/Island Buffet—Reno, 826-2121. Chicken, seafood, prime rib, salads. B, L, D. \$.

Peppermill/Peppermill Restaurant—Reno, 826-2121. Hamburgers, sandwiches, salads, seafood, chicken. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

Silver Club/Town Square Restaurant—Sparks, 358-4771. Breakfast served all day. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

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Eldorado/Golden Fortune—Reno, 786-5700. Hong Kong-style cuisine. D. \$.

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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. Espresso bar, deli, bakery, Asian Noodle Kitchen. B, L, D. \$.

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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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Down-Home Magic

Magician Lance Burton combines personal touches with big moments in his Monte Carlo show.

By Mike Weatherford

Let there be no illusion: Change comes slowly to Lance Burton. The star magician is very deliberate about adding new segments to his show at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas.

In fact, his Lance Burton Theatre production, which he opened in 1996 under a 13-year "umbrella" contract, is a glorified version of the show he presented for six years at the bygone Hacienda. Burton says he will always perform the 12-minute act "that I paid my rent with for years," in which he produces doves out of nowhere (after all, his sleeves are rolled up) to the strains of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

Why are tradition and continuity so important to the 41-year-old performer? Perhaps it was said best during a recent *This Is Your Lifestyle* roast of Burton by the Second City comedy troupe. Comic actor Ed Goodman asked the crowd, "How many people figure out at age five what they want to be, and then they are that thing?"

Burton knew he wanted to be a magician from the moment one pulled silver dollars from his five-year-old ears at a Christmas party. Now the Louisville native says he gets to "relive his childhood every night through the audience."

Perhaps that's why his show has become one of the top family attractions on the Strip. Even during a 10 p.m. performance, a request for "four or five" young volunteers had 16 of them running up on stage.

Burton's personality combines the suave, ladies'-man aura of the traditional magician with the gee-whiz, overgrown-kid



The personable Burton mixes sleight of hand with "cabinet tricks."

For a guy who gets hanged and attacked by a robot, Burton maintains an unflappable humor.

persona the late Doug Henning brought to the trade in the hippy-trippy '70s. Burton may be trying to look cool in that tuxedo, but his voice sounds as if he's losing the battle not to burst into a giggle at any moment.

Burton balances sleight-of-hand magic with the "cabinet tricks" that have become synonymous with the big stages of Las

Vegas. "This is the one you'll be talking about tomorrow," he promises as he closes one of his seven female dancer-assistants into a giant gramophone and then manages not only to make her vanish but to pull a double switch: She takes his place onstage, while he materializes in the audience.

For a guy who also gets hanged from a gallows and mangled by a sci-fi robot in the course of 90 minutes, Burton maintains an unflappable humor. That's really the key to his success: Not just the big "wow" moments but the little ones in between, such as when he sits on the stage steps and chats up the crowd with his coy grin and laid-back Southern drawl.

If you don't know by now, the real secret to Las Vegas magic isn't animals or big cabinets. It's the personality of the magician. Burton may have needed most of

his life to perfect the magic, but he had the personality in him all along.

Show Notes

Lance Burton performs in the Lance Burton Theatre at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas. Show times are 7 and 10 p.m. (dark Sunday and Monday). Mezzanine tickets cost \$59.95, balcony \$54.95. Prices include tax but not drinks, which are available from self-service bars. Telephone orders are subject to a \$2.50 service fee per ticket. Call 702-730-7777 or 800-311-8999 for reservations. ■

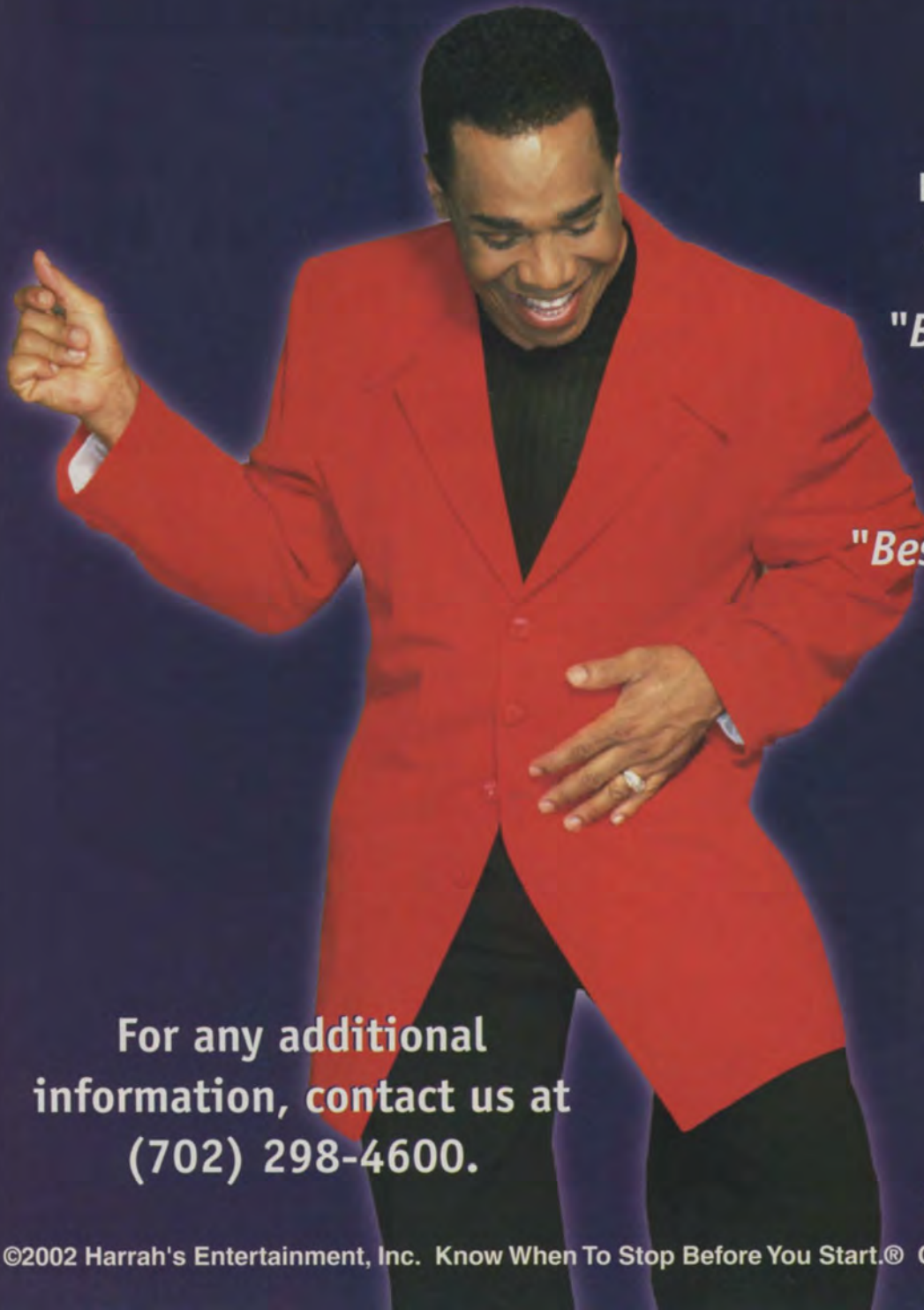
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Is Las Vegas really “Vegas” anymore?

By Jack Bulavsky

I'm losing my patience. Not with my wife or kids or overpaid casino executives, but with those who insist on calling Las Vegas “Vegas.” When did we get so lazy that we don't have time to say or write the city's full name?

San Diego is San Diego, New Orleans is New Orleans, and St. Louis is St. Louis. When I was going to college in Northern California, it was always “San Francisco.” Those who knew better never said “Frisco.” Locals immediately recognized a tourist or know-nothing the minute he or she said “Frisco.”

It's the same for me here. Anyone who says “Vegas” is new to the city, uneducated about the city's history, or attempting to make believe he or she is a longtime resident. Doesn't work. No old-timer or native refers to Las Vegas as “Vegas.” Sin City, yes. Lost Wages, yes. Vegas, no.

Apparently there is a movement underway to abbreviate our city's fine name. I really don't know why. It's not difficult to say or spell. If anything, we should change the name of our state since so many people refer to it as “Nevahdah” instead of “Nevada.” But that's another issue.

I propose we start calling Las Vegas by

its initials, L and V. Los Angeles is L.A., and Kansas City is K.C. So why not L.V.? Since so many current residents are from L.A., the transition would be easy. I can see it now as Jay Leno ends his monologue by reminding everyone he'll be appearing at the MGM Grand in L.V. next week.

The reason we need to stop using the word “Vegas” is that it doesn't fit anymore.

**Frank Sinatra,
Dean Martin, and
Sammy Davis Jr.
were quintessential
“Vegas.”**

The only people who had a right to call Las Vegas “Vegas” are dead. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. were quintessential “Vegas.” They were of a time and place that personified the true meaning of “Vegas”: booze, broads, Cadillacs, dinner shows, gourmet rooms with red velvet wallpaper, and people who knew

how to dress and how to tip. Back then it was OK to call Las Vegas “Vegas.” Today, Las Vegas is more Las Vegas than Las Vegas was 20 years ago.

The first symptoms of the demise of “Vegas” occurred when the Tropicana Golf Course was torn up in 1989 to make room for the MGM. It became seriously ill when the Dunes was imploded in 1994, and it was placed on life support two years later following the demolition of the Hacienda. “Vegas” loudly passed away with the implosion of the Sands Hotel on November 26, 1996.

Scott Eldredge is one of the few people who have lived and worked in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Las Vegas, Nevada. Eldredge, the director of marketing at the Silverton Hotel-Casino, says everyone in his home state refers to Las Vegas (that's New Mexico) as Las Vegas. “Is there any other way to pronounce it?” he asks.

No, there isn't!

So no more “Vegas,” OK? It's L.V. from now on. Let's all say it together:

“I love L.V.!”

Jack Bulavsky is a Vegas—oops—a Las Vegas freelance writer.

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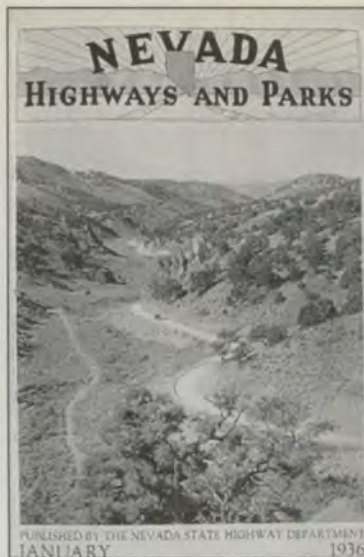
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Great American West by motorcycle, I stopped in Tonopah for a quick photo. Although I had half a tank of gas—plenty to reach Warm Springs, according to my map—I filled up in Tonopah. I was glad when I reached Warm Springs and saw the abandoned service station. At that time, there was no gas along the 168 miles of U.S. 6 from Tonopah to Ely. That stretch of highway is truly the loneliest road (not U.S. 50) and the longest gasless road I've encountered in America. Thank goodness my Harley had a five-gallon tank.

Freddy White
Morehead, KY

Déjà View

After studying the old *Nevada Magazine* covers depicted in the page-53 ad in March/April '02, I thought I was having déjà vu when I saw Carolyn Fox's photograph of Carroll Summit on page 64 of the



The January 1936 cover pictured Carroll Summit on old U.S. 50, now S.R. 722 (above).

same issue. Upon closer examination of the large black-and-white *Nevada Highways and Parks* cover in the ad, I do not think it was taken in the exact location, but the similarity is uncanny.

Charles Hurst
Cheshire, CT

Charles, this scene west of Austin has changed little since January 1936, when the photo was published on the cover of the first edition of *Nevada Highways and Parks*. Note the posi-



tion of the tall pillar of rock that looms over the highway in both photographs.—Ed.

A Tip of the Hat

As a *Bonanza* fan who long planned to attend the June Friendship Convention at Lake Tahoe, I was thrilled to read the article on our long-awaited event in the May/June '02 issue. Kim Pryor's story, "Bonanza Rides Again," points out the worldwide and long-lasting appeal of the television show. The convention was organized by Vicki Christian of England with the help of

Heike Barke of Germany, Tom Swann of the USA, and a small assortment of volunteers from all over the world.

Marian Veneskey
State College, PA

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High Haunts

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the years, but you can still sit at the six-stool bar or at a few cocktail tables to the side of the restaurant. Your view is out windows that overlook the north Las Vegas Strip (Stratosphere Tower, Hilton, and as far as the Rio) and the East Fremont Street-Boulder Highway strip. The steakhouse bar bustles during dinner hours, although more with waiters than barflies. Bartop bowls of mixed nuts are a nice touch.

Beer: \$3-\$3.50. **Wine:** \$5-\$8. **Mixed Drinks:** \$4. **Phone:** 702-382-1600.

VooDoo Lounge

First things first. When you enter the VooDoo Lounge elevator, located on the second story of the Rio's Masquerade Village casino, you press the button for the 51st floor. However, this high haunt is actually on the 41st floor. Rio manage-



Michelle and Gregg McAndrews of Las Vegas enjoy exotic concoctions and the view from the Stratosphere's Top of the World (above). Below, Friday's Station bar at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.



ment decided to "skip" the 40s so that travel writers and anyone interested in truth in numbers would have to explain the situation.

Still, once you get off the elevator, you're in a different world (and what's a 10-story discrepancy among friends, anyway?). You're greeted by the psychedelic effect of black lights illuminating voodoo symbols and artwork—masks, hexes, totems, birds—painted on the purple walls and ceiling.

The tall windows are tinted so dark that when the doors to the patio are opened during the day, you're nearly blinded with an intense blast of light.

The sizable patio looks over the center Strip. Day or night, with Caesars, the Mirage, Venetian, Treasure Island, Harrah's, and Bellagio in direct view, this is by far the best panorama from a skyscraping saloon that you will find in the state.

Best of all, it's free from 5 to 8 p.m. The cover charge after 8 p.m. is \$10 Friday and Saturday and \$5 other nights; local women are admitted free. Bands play nightly at the VooDoo from 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The standard drinks here are a bit more reasonably priced than other lofty groggeries. In addition to the view, the

"flashiest team of bottle-juggling fire-breathing bartenders in the country," according to the menu, have been known occasionally to put on a Tom Cruise *Cocktail*-type show. Both the lounge and VooDoo Cafe (down a grand staircase to the "50th" floor) open at 5 p.m.; the lounge closes at 3 a.m. A dress code is enforced during cover-charge periods, so men should wear a collared shirt and dress slacks.

Beer: \$4.25-\$5.25. **Wine:** House wine \$6. **Fancy Cocktails:** Shrunk Head (vodka, sweet and sour, cranberry juice) and the VooDoo Kolada (rum, kahlua, creme de cacao, coconut milk, and tropical liqueurs) \$6.75. If you get into the party mood (not hard to do, up here in the clouds), go for the Witch Doctor, made with light rum, 151-proof rum, spiced rum, Malibu rum, peach schnapps, banana liqueur, and tropical juices, \$21. **Phone:** 702-252-7777.

Ghostbar

First things first. The Palms, which stands across West Flamingo Road from the Rio, followed its neighbor's floor-numbering philosophy. So when you press the button for the 55th floor, home of the Ghostbar, you're actually whisked only to the 45th.

Second things second. There's a \$20 cover charge for all men and out-of-town women, and \$10 for local women, so you may pay the highest price in Nevada for two drinks in Nevada's second-highest

bar (for instance, \$53 for a Bud and a glass of house white wine).

The Ghostbar boasts one whole wall of glass on the north, half a wall on the south where the bar is, and patio doors on the east. Rippled backless couches, ball chairs, and even a papasan-style seat for two hanging from a chain in the corner comprise the trendy furniture. Continuing the space-age theme, the cocktail waitresses wear white plastic blouses and short shorts.

Outside, the bilevel patio overlooks the same scene as the Rio's VooDoo, although it's a block farther away from the

Strip. A small Plexiglas rectangle in the corner looks down nearly 500 feet to ground level, and the vertigo is intense.

Beer: \$5. **Wine:** \$7 **Mixed Drinks:** \$7 to \$17 **Phone:** 702-942-7777

Top of the World Lounge

Which brings us to the highest honky-tonk not only in Nevada but west of the Mississippi. High-speed double-decker elevators carry you to the indoor observation level on the 108th floor of the Stratosphere Tower, from where you can take either the stairs or a local elevator

to the Top of the World Lounge one floor below.

The 32-seat oval bar occupies a sort of loft that overlooks the revolving Top of the World restaurant. (Warning: If you drink too much, you might spin one way while the room spins the other). The 20-foot-tall picture windows offer views of Las Vegas far below. Cars move continuously on Sahara Avenue, Paradise Road, and the freeway. Amber headlights on the Strip creep toward you. Red taillights shrink into the distance. Millions of tiny LEDs flash from the message marquees that line the boulevard. Helicopters cruise at eye level. It's a view of a colorful city in motion.

Tower admission is \$7 for visitors and \$4 for area residents, seniors 55 and older, and children four to 12. The Top of the World's drink menu lists page after page of beverages from around the globe. Happy hour lasts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beer: Brews from Ireland to South Africa, Germany to Australia, \$4.25-\$12 (for the 25-ounce Belgium Chimay). The Sky High snack bar on the 108th floor also serves beer. **Wines:** \$6 and up. French, Italian, Spanish, New Zealand, and American wine by the bottle \$22-\$225. Or try a bottle of Romanee-Conti Domain (1996) for \$1,850. **Mixed Drinks:** \$7-\$12, 12-year-old single-malt \$30. **Appetizers:** Bruschetta \$6.99, crab cakes \$9.99, prawn cocktail \$11. **Desserts:** Tiramisu or New York cheesecake \$7.75, Chocolate Stratosphere for two \$15. **Phone:** 702-380-7777

Vista Room

It may be 86 stories lower than the Top of the World, but the Vista Room, expected to open later this summer, will be the loftiest lounge and restaurant in Reno. Formerly the Top of the Flamingo, the Vista Room is on the 21st floor of the Golden Phoenix, formerly the Flamingo Reno, which closed last year.

The Golden Phoenix (**Phone:** 775-785-7100) has reopened its hotel, and the casino and Vista Room are expected to open after gaming-license approval. Like its highly regarded predecessor, the Vista Room will offer elevated libations and vistas stretching from downtown Reno to the mountains. ■

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Goldfield's Glory Days

As Goldfield celebrates its centennial, historian **Sally Zanjani** chronicles the mining town's meteoric rise in her book *The Glory Days in Goldfield, Nevada*, soon to be published by the University of Nevada Press. Here, her chapter "The City Goldfielders Built" offers some glimpses of town life between 1902, when gold was discovered, and 1907, when booming Goldfield boasted 20,000 residents and was the largest city in Nevada.



Since the town had no piped water until the autumn of 1907, Goldfielders purchased their water from the water wagon, and due to the expense of city water, many continued to buy their water in five-gallon cans. The well water they bought was "awfully alkali," John Koontz recalled: "If you got used to the coffee made from that, you couldn't drink anything else because it didn't taste bad enough."



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Before long fancier businesses appeared. As more Goldfielders moved from tents and dugouts to better residences, a market for wallpaper emerged.

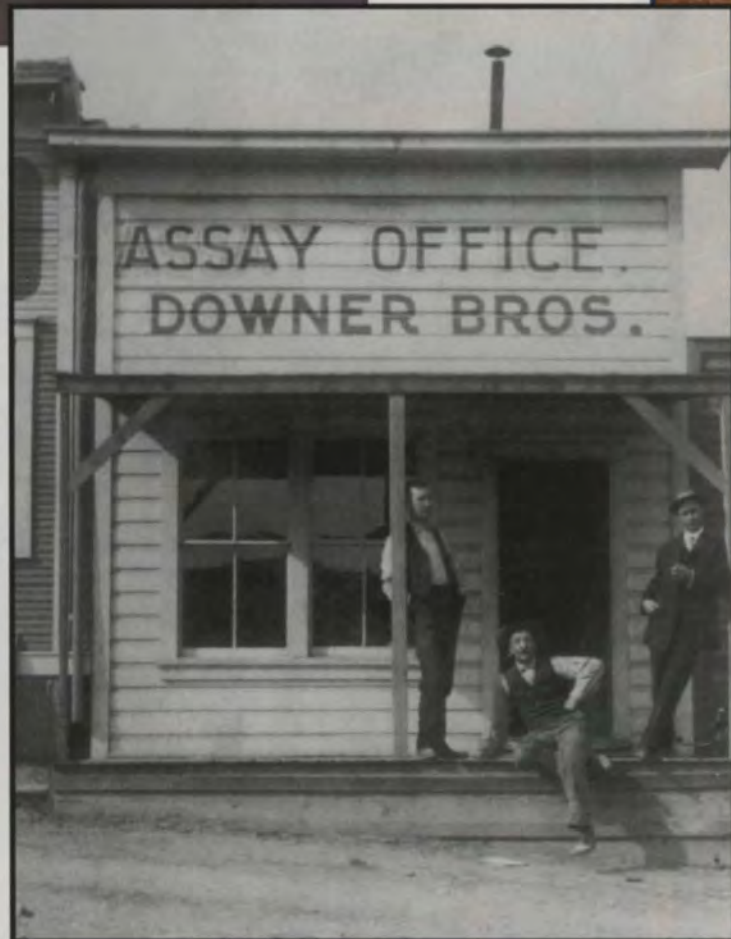


When a fire started by a leaking gas stove in the Bon Ton millinery shop on July 8, 1905, began to spread, the city was nearly lost, but beer is credited with saving the day. After water pressure dropped to a trickle, Goldfielders doused the flames with kegs of beer and applied beer-soaked blankets to the sides of buildings. Long after the fire had been extinguished, downtown Goldfield reeked of beer.

GOLDFIELD NEV JULY 8TH 1905



During the great boom of 1906, men sometimes slept in the saloons or in Miners' Union Hall, and a tent hotel temporarily opened again to accommodate an influx of visitors exceeding the accommodations. Several hotels had already opened, including the Esmeralda, where men slept in six-hour shifts with no changes of bedding, the Den, and the Grotto (which probably lived up to their names).



The shops where assayers, with scales and cupels, determined the gold content of ore proliferated rapidly, and some were even legitimate (others existed primarily to fence ore highgraded from the mines). The Downer brothers, Malcolm and Roger, operated one of the respectable businesses. A good report from them often gave the seal of approval to a prospective mine. Years later, when Roger Downer closed the door of his shop for the last time, he said: "At this desk Malcolm and I have written thousands upon thousands of certificates, each one of which meant good news or bad, to the most deserving, industrious gambler, who makes the cleanest of money—the hard rock miner."



In the golden summer of 1907, Goldfield reached the zenith. With a population of 18,000 or 20,000, it was by far the largest city in Nevada and contained nearly half as many people as had resided in the entire depopulated and depression-ravaged state in 1900. Mining production, led by Hayes-Monette, had roared ahead in 1906 to \$7,040,000, treble the figure for the previous year. Above all, the buoyant spirit of the boomers still made all things seem possible. Judge J.W. Deane called Goldfield: "The marvel of the world—richest gold ores ever produced from lodes in quantity.—comparable only to the material heaven, that 'new Jerusalem, whose 'gates are jasper and whose streets are gold.'—Goldfield will be mined and will produce centuries after its founders shall be forgotten and the name 'Mohawk' shall be yellowed and forgotten in Nevada archives." So it seemed at the peak of the great boom.

100 Years of Goldfield

The 500 citizens of present-day Goldfield hope for a new stampede when they honor their town's past during the Goldfield Centennial Celebration on August 23-25. The event includes a parade, historical tours, and the third annual Land Rush Auction. See page 38 in this issue's "Nevada Events and Shows" for details.

Sally Zanjani, who serves in the political science department of the University of Nevada, Reno, is the author of several books. She won the 2001 Evans Biography Award for Sarah Winnemucca (University of Nebraska Press, 2001) as the best biography of a person involved in the history of Mormon country. Her "extensive photographic essay" on The Glory Days in Goldfield, Nevada 176 pages, 167 black-and-white photos, 16 illustrations, \$31.95 hardcover, ISBN 0-87417-520-8) will be published in November by the University of Nevada Press, Mail Stop 166, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557-0076. Call 877-NVBOOKS or visit www.nvbooks.nevada.edu.

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By Dennis Parks. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557. 172 pages, \$21.95 paper, ISBN 0-87417-484-8. In 1972, ceramicist Dennis Parks took a break from his job as a college art professor in Los Angeles, packed up his wife and two sons, and made what he expected to be a temporary move to the remote Elko County town of Tuscarora, where he had operated a summer pottery school. Writing with candor and wit, Parks describes his transformation from urbanite to ruralite, recalling the challenges of learning how to raise farm animals, plant a garden, fight crickets, and accept the eccentricity of rural neighbors. Additionally, after deciding to stay in Tuscarora, Parks relates how he and his neighbors banded together to successfully battle a mining company that wanted to destroy the town.



**Comp City: A Guide to Free Casino
Vacations, Second Edition**

By Max Rubin. Huntington Press, 3687 Procyon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89103. 384 pages, \$19.95 paper, ISBN 0-929712-36-6. Former casino executive Max Rubin has updated and expanded his insider's guide to taking advantage of casino perks, which was originally published in 1994. Writing in a frank, sassy style, Rubin describes ways that gamblers can earn free hotel rooms, drinks, meals, air fare, and other "comps" (short for complimentary) from casinos. While the first edition focused on Las Vegas properties and their freebies, this new edition includes other areas with legal gambling such as Reno, Laughlin, Atlantic City, Mississippi, and Connecticut.

**Mustang's Last Ride: The Closure
of the Mustang Ranch Bordello**

By Bill Valentine. Nevada Undercover Publishers, Box 1384, Carson City, NV 89702.

372 pages, \$29.49 paper, ISBN 0-9714553-0-9. A former corrections officer, Sergeant Bill Valentine spent 20 years with the Nevada Department of Prisons. During his career, he became acquainted with many inmates associated with Joe Conforte, controversial former owner of the Mustang Ranch brothel, which was closed by the federal government in 1999. Using court records, newspaper accounts, and interviews with inmates, Valentine traces the history of the infamous Mustang Ranch and its flamboyant operator, who reportedly lives in exile in South America. The book is filled with juicy details about Conforte's escapades and describes events surrounding the killing of former heavyweight boxer Oscar Bonavena at Mustang in 1976.



It Was Great While It Lasted

By Mark Curtis. Black Rock Press, University Library, 322, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557-0044. 188 pages, \$22.00 hardcover, \$16.00 paper, ISBN 1-891033-21-2. From the 1950s to the 1980s, the late Mark Curtis was one of the top public-relations professionals in Nevada. For most of those years, he was associated with Harrah's, working closely with founder William Harrah to build an image for the company as one of Nevada's premier hotel-casino operations. In this posthumously published memoir, Curtis reflects on his early years as a freelance entertainment writer and radio host in Reno and his long relationship with Harrah's (he worked for Harrah's twice, 1957 to 1961 and 1970 to 1986). Additionally, he writes of his experiences as a Reno advertising executive in the 1960s. He recalls successful public relations efforts, like changing the name of Bill and Effie's Truckstop to Boomtown, and some not so well-received, such as his attempt to change the name of the city of Sparks to East Reno.



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Natives in Bloom

Photographer

John O'Neill focuses
on wildflowers.

Carson Valley photographer John O'Neill always carries plenty of film with him when he goes hiking. He says, "There's nothing worse than finding the perfect flower, the perfect light, the perfect composition—and discovering you just used your last frame."

A retired music and art teacher, O'Neill operates the Carson Valley Violin School with his wife, Nelle, an award-winning violin maker. They hike together most weekends, exploring Tahoe-area spots like Spooner Lake and Mount Rose. O'Neill packs a 20-year-old Nikon FM-2 that he says is a "completely mechanical instrument that lets me make all the decisions." He shoots Fujicolor 200 print film at fast shutter speeds, which results in sharp flowers and soft-focus backgrounds. He shares his photos of native flowers as well as photography tips on his Web site, <http://home.pyramid.net/gallery/wf.html>.

Although O'Neill takes his wildflower photography seriously, he doesn't focus too much on scientific names. He calls a purple flower growing in his home orchard a "mountain aster." He says with a grin, "A flower can have 10 common names, so I don't feel at all guilty about giving it this one."—Joyce Hollister

TOP RIGHT: Balsamroot looks a lot like mules' ears, according to O'Neill, who notes that the leaves are smooth, not furry. The bright-yellow flowers appear in spring in Carson Valley. TOP LEFT: The daisy is white but often takes on colors from its surroundings when you photograph it, O'Neill says. He found this one at the Mount Rose Campground during a July hike. BELOW: Purplish-blue asters generally bloom in the fall. BACKGROUND: This photograph, which O'Neill took at Spooner Lake in July, shows wild dandelions going to seed.



Good Air Day

By Charles Luce

Soaring more than 10,000 feet above Pyramid Lake offers a wave of thrills and current lessons on thermal dynamics.

"Make sure you put on enough," my friend Paul Rehm said as he tapped the sunscreen bottle I was holding. "You'll burn easily at 14,000 feet."

"You think we'll get to 14?" I asked, trying to conceal a nervous edge in my voice.

"Could," he answered. I looked past him to the machine that was going to take us to this elevation—a two-seat sailplane. It wobbled slightly in the desert wind, white paint glowing in the afternoon sun. Fourteen thousand feet in that? I didn't think so.

"If we hit good lift, we could go higher," Paul added. "Of course, we'd need oxygen. Rather, I would. FAA rules don't say anything about the passenger."

I squirted more sunscreen on my hand. "Never been to 15K before," I said calmly.



Flight instructor and glider pilot Charlie Hayes owns Palomino Soaring north of Reno.

"Hiked to 14-and-a-half once. Got pretty sick." I made myself smile. "This'll be an even bigger adventure than I'd imagined."

A big adventure would be all right, I told myself. That was why I stood on this sun-blasted airfield 25 miles north of Reno—to have an adventure. A uniquely Nevada adventure, a one-of-a-kind foray into the world's premium sailplane airspace.

"I'm ready," I announced, tossing the sunscreen to Paul. Moments later I settled into the narrow confines of the glider's rear seat. As I fastened lap and shoulder belts, the aircraft's owner, Charlie Hayes, appeared.

Hayes looked affable and relaxed. That was good—he'd been going over Paul's license and flight log. If he'd seen anything in the 250 entries that showed unreadiness, he surely wouldn't look so happy. Hayes is both a flight instructor and the owner of Palomino Valley Soaring.

"You'll do fine," he told Paul.

The words soothed my nerves. As Hayes



A tow plane clears the ground with a sailplane in its wake.

and Paul began a technical discussion about the region's weather, I turned my attention to the landscape. The airstrip, Air Sailing Gliderport, was nestled in a flat valley between the Virginia Range and the Dogskin Range. Both were rocky and colorful geometric ridges laced with reds and browns. Just over the Virginias lay Pyramid Lake—once we got high enough we'd have a great view of it. We'd also have western views as far as Mount Lassen, a dormant volcano in California. I felt a rush of anticipation.

Hayes looked at me worriedly. "I don't like that," he said.

"Me neither," Paul agreed.

What—did I have on the wrong shoes?

"Your water bottle," Paul said, pointing to the nalgene flask I carried everywhere.

"And camera," Hayes added.

Good
thermals are
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"They're missiles in turbulence," Paul said.

My nerves came jumping back. I lamely handed over the possessions, wondering if the wisest move might be to follow them with my body. But no, I wasn't going to chicken out, not after all I'd heard about Nevada sailplaning. Paul and his pilot friends were forever waxing enthusiastically about the Silver State. Nevada has the greatest lift, they said, and the biggest variety of rising air types. You can soar to over 40,000 feet. You can fly more than 500 kilometers from one ridge to another. It's unlike anything in America—or the world.

Paul leaned in to check my belts, a system of straps that crossed my chest and lap, meeting in a weighty brass buckle over my stomach. I had no more chance of moving than a trussed heifer. "Good!" he proclaimed and jumped into the pilot seat in front of me.

Motion caught my eye. A tiny woman wearing wraparound sunglasses and huge gloves strolled past us to a single-engine plane parked nearby. "Our tow pilot," Paul said. The woman tugged her aircraft's propeller as

if she were going to jump start it, then lithely scampered into the cockpit and fired the engine.

Hayes attached a nylon rope from our glider to the tow plane. I felt my heart accelerate. "Give me the sign when you're ready!" he shouted above the tow plane's roar.

Paul gave the thumbs up. Hayes rotated his arm, and the pilot, Sabrina Sharkey, revved her engine, blasting dust and sagebrush fragments at us. We started to roll.

Seconds later we were airborne, clearing the ground even before the tow plane. I watched over Paul's shoulder as he maneuvered the stick, trying not to get too high. He had explained that takeoffs were hazardous—if the glider lifted too much, it could drive the tow plane's nose into the runway. I held my breath. The tow plane rose higher than the sailplane. We were all committed to the air.

We ascended smoothly over the rugged landscape. This was a lot more fun than taking off in a passenger jet. But just as I began to enjoy myself, the glider dropped like a shot

traveling at about 80 mph; independently, the glider would fly at about 45. He said, "When I cut loose, it'll be smoother."

I held on and waited. Sharkey towed us in a wide circle—first south toward Reno, then east toward Pyramid Lake and the Virginia Range. We had a long way up to go before we were higher than the mountains. "I'm cutting loose," Paul suddenly announced.

"Wait!" I thought. "We need to get higher!" But he had already grabbed a lever. There was a loud "Bang!" and we instantly slowed. I watched the rope streak away. Sharkey turned to the left as Paul cut the glider right. We were on our own, sailing, engine-free.

The sensation wasn't like the popular cliché—effortless, smooth, silent. This sailplane was rather noisy—wind whistled through crevices in the fuselage; the ship creaked and groaned—and it wasn't very smooth, either. The little craft responded to every subtle shift of wind, jumping, vibrating, wobbling, pitching, and dropping. Nevertheless, I was enjoying the ride. The view was spectacular. Mountains loomed in front of us.



Views from a glider can be spectacular, as here above Carson Valley. Pilot Hod Taylor is based in Minden.

pigeon. I grabbed the back of Paul's seat and uttered a four-letter expletive.

"That was sink!" Paul shouted, meaning we'd just passed over downward-moving air. "You OK?"

"Fine!" I yelled back. "Just hadn't expected it." "Watch the tow," he responded, a suggestion to keep my eye on Sharkey's plane. Whatever it did—drop, rise, yaw to the side—we were sure to do a second later.

As we bounced and flopped, Paul explained that the tow plane's speed was exaggerating all our ups and downs. We were

Table-flat Winnemucca Valley stretched below. In the distance Reno's casinos glistened. Northward the desert stretched away in a buff haze.

My eyes kept returning to the Virginia Range. We were aimed right at it and clearly lower than its highest point, 8,722-foot Tule Peak. When were we going to turn away?

"Charles! Look at that," Paul pointed to an instrument on the dashboard. Its needle stood vertical. "What is it?" I asked.

"Rate of ascent. Damn, that's a good tow pilot—she brought us right into a thermal!"

Before I could savor this fact, the plane lurched like a stumbling quarter horse, and the rate-of-ascent meter plummeted. "Out of it," Paul announced. "I'm gonna wheel left and go back and find it."

He put us into a tight turn and leveled off. "Watch the wings," he commanded. "The one that goes up is the direction we turn in." Moments later the right wing bumped upward as if a giant had shoved it. He banked hard, like a spiraling hawk. The ascent meter tacked back to vertical.

As we circled into the thermal, ascending 500 feet per minute, Paul explained how the air currents work. Sunlight heats the ground, which transfers heat energy to a parcel of air, which becomes lighter because it's hotter (Boyle's Law) and then begins to rise.

If the air above is cool, the parcel keeps going up, becoming a constantly moving column that pushes away neighboring air, which responds by sinking. Good thermals are cyclic engines that can last for hours. They can be triggered by areas as small as a garage roof or as large as a lava flow.

I could see the trigger for the one we were riding—a patch of bare red rock at the head of a canyon.

"See those birds?" Paul asked. He pointed toward Pyramid Lake. We could see a column of white wings tilted sideways, doing exactly what we were doing a half a mile away. "Watch and see who's going up fastest."

Three or four turns later it was evident the birds had us beat. "Hey, let's go check out their thermal!" he chortled.

But the birds—they were pelicans—would have none of us. As soon as we entered their air space, they headed to the place we'd been. Hawks and eagles don't behave that way, Paul said. They might act surprised when a sailplane shows up, but they always share.

The pelican thermal took us to over 9,000 feet. Emboldened by the fact that we were now higher than any nearby peaks, Paul set off westward looking for new lines of lift.

As we crossed over the airfield, now a tiny "V" of asphalt far below, I craned my neck to look at clouds. A gray plate of cirrus had opened right over us, allowing bright sun to break through. A few puffy cumuli danced around; very high up were several lenticular clouds.

All these were good signs. The cirrus indicated unstable air, which meant thermals could thrive. Each cumulus actually was the cap of a thermal, the only visible portion. And the lenticular meant something special indeed.

Lenticular clouds, which look like flying saucers, are signs of an air condition called "wave." Formed by departing fronts or landforms interacting with fast-moving winds, wave is to a glider pilot what perfect creme brûlée is to a gourmet: delicious, sought-after, worth any search. It's an extremely smooth

Riding Nevada's Really Big Air



Soaring toward the Sierra.

Several aviation companies and airstrips in the Silver State offer sailplane rentals and rides as well as landing areas for glider owners. Ride prices vary according to the ride's length and the height of the tow.

Palomino Valley Soaring (775-475-2440) operates at the Air Sailing Gliderport on Winnemucca Ranch Road, 18 miles north of Sparks. Glider rides range from \$60 to \$120 per person.

Two companies provide rides at Minden-Tahoe Airport, four miles north of Minden. **High Country Soaring** (775-782-4944) also a broker for used sailplanes, gives rides for \$100 per person. **Soar Minden** (775-782-7627) charges \$95 to \$210 for one person and \$160 to \$275 for two.

The **Las Vegas Soaring Center** (702-874-1010) offers rides at the Jean Airport, 25 miles south of Las Vegas off Interstate 15. Prices are \$79 for one passenger for a 15-minute minimum and \$139 for a 30-minute minimum; two-passenger flights cost \$49.50 and \$99.50 per passenger.

At the Tonopah Airport, no facilities are available for gliding, but pilots who have motorized sailplanes or tow planes and gliders can call Mike Peterson at **Desert Flying Service** (775-482-3626) for information about the Tonopah flying operations.

The Ride: Expect the flight to be rougher than the average passenger-jet trip but far more scenic. It's good to call the sailplane company in advance about the weather. Generally, warm, dry days spotted with cumulus are best, but wave conditions can thrive in winter.

Remember to cover yourself with a good sunscreen because most sailplanes have a plastic canopy that admits the sun from every angle and does not block UV rays. You won't be able to carry a water bottle or objects into the sailplane, so drink water before you fly. But not too much water—you don't want to fly in bumpy air with a full bladder.

Ask the pilot how high the flight is expected to go. Air cools about five degrees per 1,000 feet, so do your math and decide which clothes you'll need at the high-

est point. Put them on while still on the ground—once aloft you'll be belted too tightly to wriggle your arms into sleeves. For information about the sport visit www.ssa.org, the Web site maintained by the Soaring Society of America.

Sailplane Events: Spectators can meet world-class glider pilots at the **U.S. National 15-Meter Soaring Championships** on July 16-25 at the Tonopah Airport. Annual soaring events are held in Jean and Minden in the spring, and spectators are welcome to watch sailplanes take off and land.

Conditions for soaring are excellent in Tonopah, according to Jim Norris, the 15-meter Soaring Championships chairman. The contest will attract up to 70 pilots from around the country. Norris says this will be the second year that a soaring contest has been held in Tonopah, and the area is becoming hot. "The word on the street for Tonopah is that the soaring is as good as it gets in the world, potentially," Norris says. The 15-meter (referring to the glider's 15-meter, or 50-foot, wingspan) is an intensely competitive class. The sailplanes ascend up to 18,000 feet as the pilots fly about 500 miles a day and reach speeds of up to 115 mph. The Tonopah event is organized by the Regional Twelve Soaring Council of Southern California. Call Norris at 805-898-1008 for details.

In Minden at the end of April 2003, pilots will take advantage of the Sierra Wave to fly higher than 30,000 feet during **Wave Camp**, says Andrew McFall of Soar Minden. Minden is known worldwide for its wave and thermals, and the airport is often the site of national and regional championships. Call McFall at 775-782-7627 for Wave Camp details.

The Jean Airport will host an annual **Gold Strike** glider meeting in the first week of June 2003. Pilots who fly the Schweizer 1-26 sailplane gather each year to soar together and swap stories, says Jerry Marshall, owner of the Las Vegas Soaring Center. Call Marshall at 702-874-1010 for information.

—Charles Luce and Joyce Hollister

lift mechanism of almost unimaginable efficiency, capable of raising sailplanes 1,000 feet per minute. And wave goes very, very high: 30,000, 40,000, 50,000 feet? No one knows for sure.

In the east, wave is a rare phenomenon. Western Nevada is a different story. Wind rushing down the Sierra, then back out of valleys, regularly creates stupendous wave—wave so strong it has lifted gliders to over 40,000 feet.

I sat back and tried to imagine what it would be like to reach that elevation in an engineless aircraft. The height would be about that reached by a commercial jet plus the entire height of Nevada's highest mountain, 13,140-foot Boundary Peak. You'd have to have oxygen and probably a pressurized suit.

In the midst of these musings something strange happened—the plane seemed to stop. It was bizarre. The wind kept whistling, and I could see the ground moving, but the chattering vibrations of tumultuous lifting air had vanished.

Paul whistled low and murmured, "We just found wave." The altimeter was winding upward like a wristwatch on amphetamines. "Man, feel that!" he crowed. "It's smooth as sitting in a chair, but look at us go!"

Suddenly we were out of it, back in ragged air and sinking fast. "Must be lee edge, or real weak wave," Paul mused. He took us in a wide circle, aiming for our previous spot.

We hit the wave again.

This time the lift was stronger. In less time than it takes to hum a popular song we were pushing 12,000 feet, and the cloud bottoms were getting very close. Tule Peak was no threat. One more pass through wave could bring us to 15,000.

But Paul hesitated before making that leap. This craft had no oxygen, and he wasn't going to flirt with FAA rules. In fact, the longest we could stay at 12,500 feet was 30 minutes.

We hit the wave again, and Paul tried to level us at 12,500. This turned out not to be so easy. Dropping flaps didn't help. He lifted the dive brake, a slat of metal that sticks up from the wing, spoiling its lift. We kept going up.

I had an uneasy feeling, compounded by the fact that the air pouring into our cabin was suddenly cold. I tapped Paul on the shoulder.

"Is the lift ever so strong you can't get out of it?" I asked.

"There's always a way out, except in a thunderstorm," he assured me. Then to prove his point he turned the plane sharply. We hit sink and abruptly lost 2,000 feet.

Taking us down to a warmer elevation, Paul swung back and forth over the southern point of Dogskin Mountain. The 7,200-foot peak split the prevailing winds the way a wing

dam splits a river, making the current rise. We shot upward like a bubble in a teakettle. Ridge lift, it is called.

Paul turned and beamed. "Great conditions, dude. Three of the four kinds of lift in one ride."

"What's the fourth?" I asked.

"Coastal lift," he answered blandly. "Almost ready to go in?" I looked at my watch. We'd been up nearly two hours. "All right," I answered.

The landing is perhaps the most exciting part of glider flight. I tried not to remind myself that we had only one shot as we spiraled toward the airfield, passing in and out of sink and lift.


Eyes on the windsock, Paul began his approach. Suddenly, we were at runway level, going what seemed to be very fast. Our single landing gear touched and rolled. We came to a halt.

Immediately it was hot inside my Plexiglas cage. Hayes and Sharkey ambled over. "How was it?" Hayes asked.

"Great!" Paul enthused. "Thermal, ridge lift, and wave!"

Hayes smiled broadly. "Yep. Typical Nevada day." ▀

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In a Hot August Nights ritual, cars and fans gather under the arch.

WEBKOOL and IBKOOLR? What's this, Nevada Esperanto? How about LVCHEVY, MA'S STUD, and Papa's Big Red Rat? Yes, it's the language of Hot August Nights.

Two summers ago I renewed my appreciation for classic cars at Hot August Nights in Reno. In previous years my friend Larry and I had watched the parade downtown on Virginia Street. We liked to prowl the Peppermill parking lot, which is great for cars, waves, and smiles. Also, we'd heard the Atlantis lot was a good, new possibility.

Ray Zaro, a Carson City resident and Hot August Nights regular, gave us the Atlantis tip at a California show. Ray showed us his red '39 Chevy Sedan Deluxe with the plates "WEBKOOL." The car pulled a little red trailer with the plate "IBKOOLR." Upon closer inspection we could see that the trailer, which served

as an ice chest, was made from an old Hotpoint refrigerator laid on its side with fenders fabricated to match the car.

Staying KOOL wasn't easy at the Atlantis. The day was downright sultry, and thunderstorms were expected in late afternoon. We soon encountered MA'S STUD, a 1939 dark-green Studebaker Commander Coupe commanded by Al Bazzani of Ukiah, California.

"I'm wiping off all the water spots," Al told us. "Right when we came over the pass last night, it started to rain. That's when I realized I'd left the wipers on the workbench." I asked him if the car was hard to drive, remembering that my dad's yellow '39 Buick, Blondie, was a handful. Al explained, "It's easy to drive now that it has power steering and power brakes."

Next to the Studebaker, which had a 350 Chevrolet engine, I noticed a framed list of credits: *Custom interior by Bazzani's Bitchen Stitchen...Built by Al Bazzani...Driver/owner*

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Classic-car buffs
and their vehicles
are the stars
of Hot August
Nights.

By Carolyn Fox

Chelle Bazzani. I asked Al who Chelle was.

"Chelle's my wife," Al said. "This was her personal car even before we fixed it up. It's unusual because it's a business coupe, a model for traveling salesmen. It has this little shelf here that covers the back seat. It's a place to spread out samples and paperwork."

Nearby, Mike Bazzani, Al's son, was working on RAZZI, his '32 Plymouth. Mike, a Sonoma County deputy sheriff, said he drove his car every day, eschewing the trailers that many car people use to transport their vehicles. His hot rod had a rumble seat and a hot-pink paint job. His credit list noted that the Plymouth had been painted by a guy named Bubba.

"What if you need to touch up the paint?" I asked.

"It's easy," Mike said. "See this bottle of fingernail polish? My ex-wife picked out the color from this bottle. We just matched it."

Later I spotted two motorcycles painted by artist J.W. Everitt, who had turned the machines into a fantasy of gleaming chrome and soft cat faces. I saw a Hudson convertible named Papa's Big Red Rat. It started to cloud over—time to go to the swap meet and the Cool Car Showroom at the Reno Livestock Events Center.

Leaving the Atlantis parking lot, we saw the Umbrella Heads. They turned out to be members of the Martin family from Modesto. The parents, Amalia and Ken, and their daughter, Andrea, were wearing umbrella hats. However, their son, Luis, who was verging on teenagehood, wore a baseball cap. He was pretty embarrassed by



Al Bazzani polishes the grill of his '39 Studebaker Commander Coupe, a traveling salesman's model.

the whole thing but agreed to pose, figuring no one in Modesto would ever see the photograph.

Inside the Livestock Events Center, cars for sale were displayed on pieces of blue carpet. Outside at the swap meet we inspected several fixer-uppers on flatbed trailers. An ice chest positioned next to one trailer hitch had a sign: "FREE POP, BEER, ICE WATER." Right away I was suspicious. I said no thanks, but Larry couldn't resist the word "free." He lifted the lid, and—*yeow!*—a coral snake jumped out and bit him on the finger. It was rubber. The owners, who'd been sitting at a distance in their lawn chairs, got a big laugh.

Folks were putting things away in

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earnest now that a big, black thunderhead had crossed the Sierra and was heading our way. We slipped under a tented area called the Nostalgia Faire and pawed through a box of old license plates. Ready to meet friends at John Ascuaga's Nugget, we ran for the car as raindrops began to fall. The streets were flooded immediately. We paddled over to the Nugget, where people were oohing and ahing at the rain.

My barber, Dave, had recommended we go to the Reno Hilton, so we drove there after lunch. Dave was right—some neat cars were parked under the Hilton's portecochere. The ceiling had a zillion little white lights that reflected off the cars' glossy paint and chrome. Even though it was still raining, I thought I might get some good images.

There was quite a crowd of people, many holding umbrellas. I juggled my umbrella, camera gear, and tripod. Where were those Umbrella Heads? They had the right idea. I noticed a '49 Chevy four-



Ray Zaro's KOOL '39 Chevy Sedan Deluxe has a cooler trailer and a plate that speaks to auto collectors.

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wheel-drive pickup with a chrome grille that looked like an extra-long rib cage. And with those zillion little white lights reflecting into my lens, set at f16 for stars, it was so KOOL.

A man walked over. "Hi. That's Chris Zyn's truck. I'm Don Rodoni, the crew chief. I built the motor." He paused and asked, "Were you here last year?" I said no. "Well, we started her up and blew out most of those little light bulbs."

Impressed, I asked Don if he was going to do it again. He said pleasantly, "In a couple of minutes. If I were you, I'd get a little ways away."

I backed off and stood next to Larry and Rita Tanner, the owners of a red Corvette.

Mike Bazzani touches up his '32 Plymouth with fingernail polish (right). Below, Chris Zyn's '49 Chevy pickup roared at the Reno Hilton, giving Corvette owners Rita and Larry Tanner an earful.



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Members of the Martin family demonstrate proper umbrella attire during Hot August Nights.

They didn't drive the car but trailered it to shows. On their way home to Santa Rosa from the last event the tow vehicle broke down, so they had to drive their precious Corvette to get help.

Soon Don Rodoni started the Chevy's motor. That was what we had been missing all day—the sound of an engine. The noise was like being caught in the Gold Hill Tunnel when the Virginia and Truckee Railroad's steam engine comes through. I could feel the vibration through my entire body.

I looked at the Tanners. They both were covering their ears and laughing. I imagined a license plate for the '49 Chevy pickup: "ITBLOUD." ▀

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The 16th annual Hot August Nights takes place over two weekends on August 3-11 in Reno, Sparks, and Lake Tahoe. The gala of '50s and '60s cars and music will include a parade, concerts, daily show-n-shines, and nightly cruises. For details call 775-356-1956, visit www.hotaugustnights.net, and see this issue's "Nevada Events and Shows."

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Northern Lights When Bill Kositzky of Reno camped at Pyramid Lake on August 12, 2000, to photograph a meteor shower, he got a surprise. "I never thought I'd see the Northern Lights," says Bill, who captured the Aurora Borealis, his friend Ed Hanley, and Ed's dog Buddy in this triple exposure.

New State Symbol Contest

New state symbols, including one pretty far out (a spaceship) and one down-to-earth (dirt), could swell the list of official Nevada emblems if six *Nevada Magazine* readers have anything to say about it.

Deanna Swaney of Wasilla, Alaska, thinks the **UFO** should be a state symbol. "After all, Nevada has the Extraterrestrial Highway, Area 51, and lots of mind-blowing, otherworldly landscapes," says Swaney, who was responding to our recent New State Symbols Contest. "I've driven every road in the state and have seen plenty of flying saucers buzzing around, especially around Pioche, Cathedral

Valley, and Great Basin National Park."

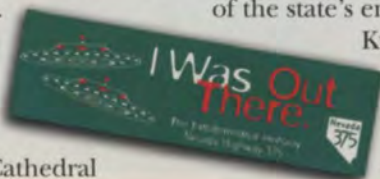
Nancy Whipple of Orovada, the farming community on U.S. 395 north of Winnemucca, nominates the **dirt** from her town as the Nevada State Soil. **Rose Dominguez** of Las Vegas thinks **Hoover Dam** makes a good candidate for a state symbol, even though part of the dam is in Arizona.

An **antique slot machine** should be one of the state's emblems, says **Vicki Clark**, a Kuna, Idaho, resident who was raised in Nevada. She says, "One sees slot machines almost everywhere one goes, whether it's in a

grocery store or at the airport."

Bryan Boehm of Marion, Texas, suggested a Nevada State Sport—**mountain biking**. He submitted a pencil drawing of a bicycle racing across an outline of the state.

Gary M. Buyachek of Las Vegas had three proposals. For State Ghost (male) he nominated **Hank Monk**, the 1860s stagecoach driver. For the female state spirit, he suggested the unlucky Comstock millionairess, **Eilley Orrum Bowers**. Buyachek wants to honor the memory of Virginia City courtesan **Julia Bulette** by naming her Nevada State Madam, and he nominated **E Clampus Vitus** as the State Historical Society. Buyachek, however, disclosed that he is a





Hank Monk, symbol.

member of ECV, which could constitute a conflict of interest.

Because their new state symbols arrived first at the Nevada office, Vicki Clark and Bryan Boehm each won a year's subscription. Thanks to everyone who submitted their nominations.

Nevada Trivia

Q When was Nevada's first highway designated?

A Nevada Route 1, which stretched across the northern part of the state from Wendover to Verdi, was designated in 1913. Later, it was named the Victory Highway (1920), then U.S. Highway 40 (1926), and finally Interstate 80 (1958).

Q Where can you find the "Seven Sisters," "Elephant Rock," and the "Beehives"?

A These colorful monikers refer to unique sandstone formations found in Valley of Fire State Park, 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

—from *The Nevada Trivia Book* by Richard Moreno (*Gem Guides*, 1998)

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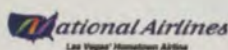
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