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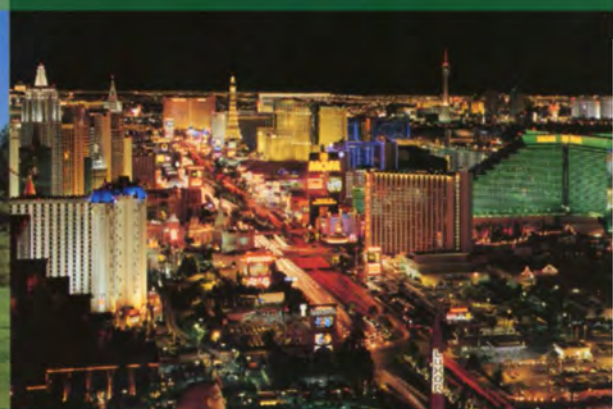


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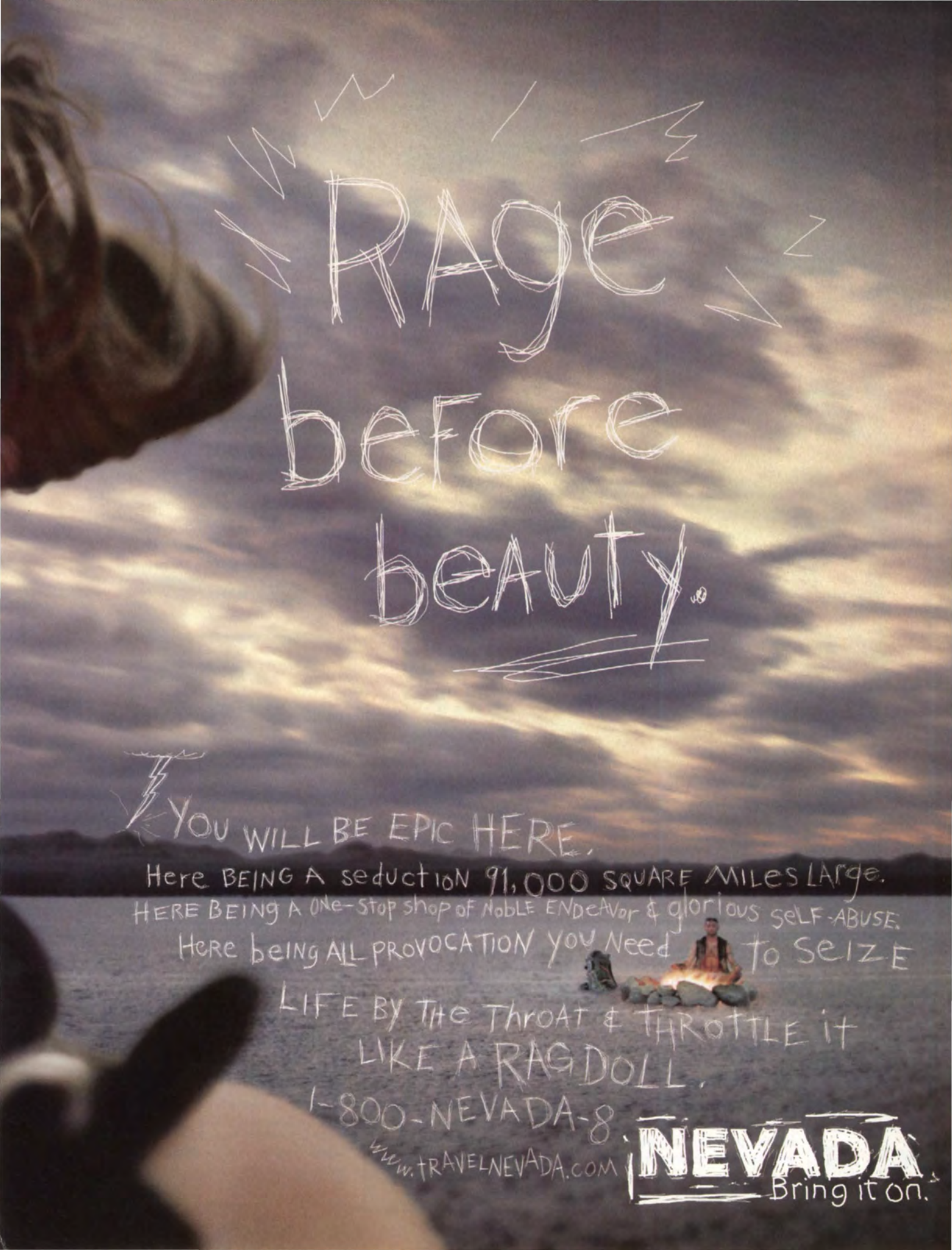
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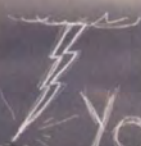
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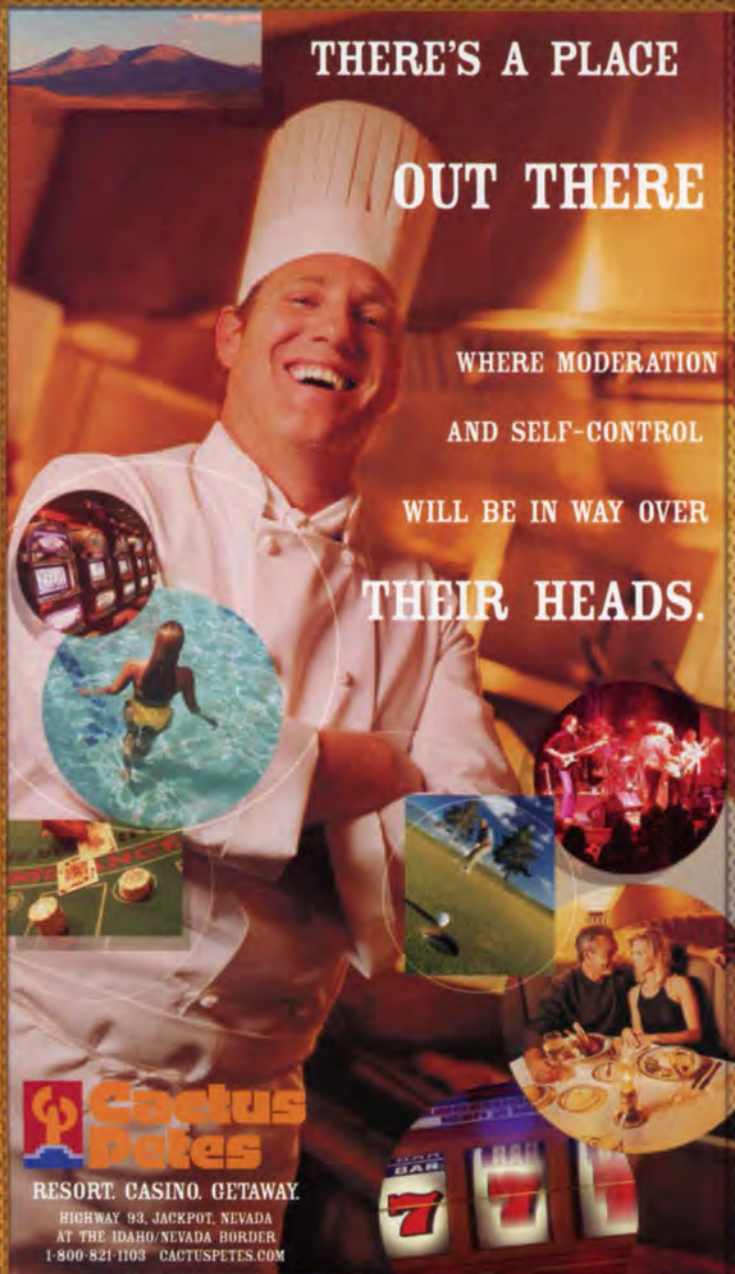
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Beer and Vittles

Las Vegas writer **Bob Barnes** enjoyed interviewing Jake Garehime Jr. for this issue's "Music Makers," in which Jake recalls growing up in early-day Las Vegas. "I'm a native Las Vegas myself," Bob says, "and it was exciting for me to talk with Jake. He was very entertaining, and he had a lot of interesting stories—some we couldn't print." The two men have another connection: Bob bought his first guitar in 1973 from the music store established by Jake's father, and he teaches fifth grade at Edith Garehime Elementary School, named after Jake's mother.

When not teaching or playing guitar, Bob writes a column for *Celebrator Beer News*, a national publication that focuses on microbreweries. "I cover the state of Nevada and get a lot of free beer out of it," he says. A home brewer—"all you need is a pot, a stove, and a big glass jug," he says—Bob won Best of Show for his India Pale Ale recipe in the 2000 home-brew contest at Lake Havasu, Arizona.

Teaching remains his first love. After 23 years, Bob says, his job gives him purpose. "At the end of the day," he says, "I feel like I've affected the world."



Bob Barnes

Wilma LaRocca researches and writes guides for *Nevada Magazine*. A volunteer staff writer since 2000, Wilma can tell you where in Nevada you can find the right golf course, ski slope, bowling center, spa, wedding chapel, or upscale RV resort. Her "Dining Out" story in this issue, "Rustic Rendezvous," reflects her love of good food and weekend getaways.



Wilma LaRocca

Raised on an Illinois farm, Wilma came west in 1960 and taught English at Hollywood High School. Among her students were Meredith Baxter and Barbara Hershey, who she says were "bright and charming young people." She was an English professor at California State University at Los Angeles and later worked as a technical writer for large electronics firms. Today, she and her husband, Tom, are retired and live in Carson City. They are inveterate travelers and frequently visit Las Vegas.

For *Nevada Magazine* Wilma has written features about high-class horse shows in Minden, the Captain and Tennille's wedding at Virginia City, and five-star hotels. She says, "This is much more fun than writing operators' manuals for electronic devices."

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Letters

Dude adventures and a famous shrimp cocktail.

Travels With Toni

Last July I joined my friend Toni Tennille on the Elko Trail Ride into the East Humboldt Range. Lin Anderson was on the ride and wrote a wonderful article about his experiences, "Dudes on the Trail," in the July/August issue. Lin is a terrific writer and was a real joy to be with on the trip.

Lin's conversations with his horse, Chief, added humor to the ride in and out of camp. Not a horseman himself, Lin was a real sport, especially when Chief developed colic or perhaps a stomach ache. Lin had to jump off or be crushed as Chief rolled over with the saddle and Lin's camera attached to his backside.

Lin's own personal story of endurance was the highlight of the trip for Toni and me. We really did enjoy his company.

Toni and I will be forever grateful to the Nevada Commission on Tourism and the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority for inviting us on their "familiarization" tour. I am glad that a year later Lin's story has appeared in *Nevada Magazine*.

Carole Terry
Carson City

The One and Only

I am a longtime subscriber to *Nevada Magazine*, and I would like to make an observation on the July/August '03 issue. In "Dudes on the Trail," Lin Anderson describes Ms. Toni Tennille as "one of the only women" he knows who orders a topo map before a trek. It's fine to describe someone as one of the few, several, handful, etc., but not "one of the only." I'd like to banish this fatuous, flaccid, foolish phrase from the English language.

W.H. Painter
Las Vegas

Shrimp of a Price

Last issue's "Casinoland" story, "Great Casino Bargains," stated, "The Golden Gate's 99-cent shrimp cocktail consists of lots of shrimp topped with sauce and a wedge of lemon." It is my recollection, as one who frequently enjoys this most famous of Las Vegas culinary experiences, that the wedge of lemon is not included in the 99-cent price, as the caption implies, but is available for the outrageous extra



Toni Tennille (left) and Carole Terry relax in camp while Lin Anderson tends to his horse.

charge of five cents! I should note that I never use lemon on my Golden Gate shrimp cocktails, as the shrimp is always fresh and tasty enough without it. It seems the author, Wilma LaRocca, needs to endure the inconvenience of making another trip to Las Vegas's oldest hotel to make sure.

Dan Lovegren
Elk Grove, CA

Dan, thanks for the note. Wilma recently talked to the food and beverage department of the Golden Gate Hotel and confirmed that the wedge is included at no extra cost. That delicious crustacean concoction, with the lemon, still costs one cent less than a buck.—Ed.

Another Round of Slots

I have two ideas for "Your Own Celebrity Slot Machine Contest," as described in "Contest Results" in last issue's "Nevada Almanac." The first machine would be based on the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*. If three or more Ted Baxter icons appeared, he could say, "And now the news!" Another unique celebrity slot could be based on the *Love Boat*. Drinks would be poured after an Isaac the Bartender bonus round. Also, guest stars who appeared through the years would pop up to set sail for more *Love Boat* adventures.

Andrew Perkins
Portland, OR

Andrew, we're glad you went overboard with your celebrity-slot concepts. Although the contest is over, we thought we'd share your ideas. Thanks for sending them.—Ed.

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Wayne Newton retained his title as Best Entertainer in Southern Nevada. Newton, who appears at the Stardust, remains Mr. Vegas for a majority of readers.

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Autumn's Golden Glow

Photographer **Larry Angier** finds good color in Carson Valley

Larry Angier says fall is a great time for shooting photos in Nevada, but some years are better than others. A few years ago, I photographed the same cottonwood trees, but they weren't nearly as good, he says of the image, right, taken west of U.S. 395 in Carson Valley in 2002. "Last year was just a primo year for good color," Angier and his traveling partner, Carolyn Fox, live in Jackson, California. Frequent visitors to the Silver State, they bounce along dirt roads, explore ghost towns, and make friends with ranchers and cowboys. Angier has been taking photos in Nevada for 30 years. His favorite subject? Outhouses.—Joyce Hollister







Roadside Attractions

Biking at Battle Mountain, Western heritage in Reno, and a free Las Vegas show.

Autumn at Topaz Lake

TOPAZ LAKE—September is season's end at **Topaz Lake Recreation Area**, a popular Douglas County park 21 miles south of Gardnerville. After Labor Day crowds vanish, and visitors can hike around the lake, drift in a boat, or loll in a camp chair and enjoy a quiet Northern Nevada autumn.

The park is situated in a Topaz Lake cove two miles east of U.S. 395. Park users include locals and travelers. A plaque honors Southern California resident Larry Fredin (1920-1998), who volunteered as a campground host for many seasons. "This park, for him, was a labor of love," says resident ranger Don Swain. Before the county installed an irrigation system, Fredin hand-watered trees, planted flowers and bulbs, and nursed the playground lawn.

The park has 16 reservable RV hookups and 12 first-come, first-serve RV spaces as well as tent camping, hot showers, restrooms, and picnic spots. Up to five boats can be launched at once at the recently re-



Autumn brings cooler weather and brilliant sunsets to Topaz Lake on the Nevada-California border.

vamped boat ramp. The Topaz Lake reservoir, three miles long and one mile wide, is the result of a 1921 dam project that stores water for irrigating farmlands in Smith and Mason valleys.

The county recreation area is open January 1 to September 30. Fees are \$15 for RV hookup, \$10 dry camp, \$5 day use and boat launch, \$1 per dog, \$5 per reservation for RV and group-use site. Private marinas serve boaters year-round. Call 775-266-3343 for information or 775-783-9828 for reservations.—*Kathie Hoxsie*

Western Heritage

RENO—**Bartley Ranch Regional Park** is more than a great place to have a picnic. Visitors also can enjoy music, hikes, wildlife, and history at the former Southwest Reno ranch.

You enter the park on a covered wood-planked bridge. Inside you'll find the Old Huffaker School (used 1867-1951). Reopened at the park in 1997 the renovated schoolhouse has whitewashed walls and green shutters, separate outhouses for boys and girls, and a belfry with the original brass bell.

Equestrians and bicyclists can ride the mile-long Ranch Loop Trail, which offers views of Reno. Hikers can trod the one-third-mile Flume Trail and the quarter-

mile Quail Run Nature Trail. Mornings and late afternoons are the best times to see marmots, squirrels, hawks, and an occasional visiting golden eagle.

Children love to find their way out of the corn maze, offered from mid September through October. The annual Sierra Autumn photo exhibit hangs in the Western Heritage Interpretive Center October 1 to 31, and the Fall Back Into Time Festival with schoolhouse tours, a pumpkin patch, and many old-fashioned family activities is held 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 19. The Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater hosts name musicians, such as Academy Award-winner Randy Newman August 27 Dan Hicks September 5, and the Blind Boys of Alabama September 27.

Beginning September 2 regular park hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (5 p.m. after October 26) daily except for special events. Bartley Ranch Regional Park is located at 6000 Bartley Ranch Road off Lakeside Drive, one-half mile south of McCarran Boulevard. Call 775-828-6612 for information.—*Susan Elbe*

Biking Bonanza

BATTLE MOUNTAIN—The new cross-country tracks of the **Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail System** wind through sagebrush-covered canyons and across the



A pumpkin-headed scarecrow guards the Huffaker School at Bartley Ranch Regional Park in Reno.



The Copper Mountain Bike Trail near Battle Mountain offers technical and aerobic challenges.

rocky ridgelines on the north flank of the Battle Mountains, located directly south of the town of Battle Mountain on Interstate 80. The area's climate allows riders to use the trails year-round.

The trail system includes five miles of beginner and nine miles of advanced terrain. All trails are signed. Dill Canyon Trail climbs a canyon and leads past rocky buttes for a fast and technical descent. From Dill Canyon riders can access the Playground trails, which offer mesa-top views of the Shoshone

Range and the Reese and Humboldt River basins. Still, the single track's technical rock obstacles and ledges commands a rider's constant attention. For a longer ride, mountain bikers can extend the Dill Canyon Loop by including the Limestone Wash Extension. The Long Canyon Loop, expected to be completed this fall, will bring the system up to 25 miles.

Located two miles south of the town of Battle Mountain on State Route 305, the bike trail is named after the historic Copper Basin Mine. Maps and information can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management's Battle Mountain field office. Call 775-635-4000 for details.

—Jeremy Jarnecke, BLM trail coordinator

Hard-Hat Tour

WINNEMUCCA—Anyone interested in how gold is produced at an open-pit mine can take a tour offered by Newmont Mining Corporation at its **Lone Tree Complex** east of Winnemucca.

Visitors can view the two-mile-long pit from a viewing stand. Down below, the huge ore trucks in the 400-foot-deep pit look like children's toys. However, one tire for those behemoths costs as much as \$10,000 and stands taller than a man, says the mine's community relations officer, Patty Herzog, who conducts tours.

Gold ore is ground into a powder inside the Lone Tree Mill, where hard-hatted tour-goers can see the equipment used in gold processing and the computers that



Traveler's Advisories

Surfing Nevada Reno, Carson City, and Virginia City comprise "Three Nevada Historic Cities," the newest online travel destination on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places Web site. The site, www.cr.nps.gov/nr, describes 28 U.S. trips recommended



The McKinley Park School, Reno's art and cultural center, is one of the sites listed on the National Park Service Web site.

for "cultural tourists," travelers interested in visiting historical landmarks. On the Nevada home page the three cities line up on a slot machine. If you click on the handle and hit a combination of three Carson City windows, you're rewarded with a photo of the Carson Brewery Company, circa 1930. The Nevada itinerary features 57 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places with photos, histories, and maps as well as brief histories of the three towns. The *Inyo* steam locomotive, built in 1875 for the V&T, chugs across the bottom of each page.—Joyce Hollister

9/11 Tribute

The Permanent Tribute to the Heroes of September 11 at New York-New York in Las Vegas was completed earlier this year. Thousands of T-shirts, notes, and cards left spontaneously at the base of the Strip hotel's Statue of Liberty replica are archived at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. A number of the items are displayed in the monument's windowed, granite shadow boxes.

Pooch and Kitty Retreat

Bringing your pets to Las Vegas? The **America Dog and Cat Hotel** offers luxury accommodations for Fido and Fluffy, featuring color televisions, private suites, and bubble baths. "Our clients probably have not been able to travel unless someone was able to watch their pets," says manager Christopher Easley. The facility offers indoor and outdoor exercise areas and 24-hour supervision. Daily rates begin at \$29 for cats and \$79 for dogs. The pet hotel is located at 2900 East Patrick Lane near McCarran International Airport. To make reservations visit www.vegas.com or call 800-851-1703 or 702-795-3647. Drop-off and pickup hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Patty Herzog leads a tour of the Newmont Mining Corporation's Lone Tree Complex open pit mine (above). Acrobats (right), dancers, and singers perform in "Air Play" at the Tropicana on the Strip.



control the operation. At the end of the 90-minute tour visitors can buy souvenirs such as hats, T-shirts, and mugs. For information or to make an appointment call Patty Herzog, 775-635-4302. The Lone Tree Complex is 25 miles east of Winnemucca via the Stonehouse exit on Interstate 80.—*Joyce Hollister*

Circus in the Air

LAS VEGAS—Slot players have front-row seats for a free show at the Tropicana Hotel on the Strip. Billed as a 20-minute version of a classic variety show, "Air Play"

features circus acts, dancing, and upbeat music performed on a stage built directly above two banks of slot machines.

Singers Charidy Sullivan-LaFontaine and Franco Deliz lead four dancers in several fast-paced sequences. They present a high-kicking tribute to Broadway and a yee-haw version of country line dancing, backed by keyboardist Ronnie Foster, who plays pop and country tunes.

Among the show's cast of contortionists and acrobats is barefoot, bare-chested Bulgarian aerialist Stoyan Metchkarov. He balances on various props and tumbles in midair, suspended

from the Tropicana casino's Tiffany glass ceiling. Metchkarov's act often brings him within arm's length of viewers. Dressed in black, the Siberian juggler Vladimir Vanin spins a heavy metal frame and other objects as "Danger Zone" from the *Top Gun* soundtrack pumps up the crowd.

A grab bag of live action, "Air Play" presents a different performance at each show. Showtimes are 3, 5, 7:30, and 9:30 p.m. daily on the Trop's main casino floor. Call 888-826-8767 for more information.

—*Deana Di Dio*

Jump and Jive

LAS VEGAS—A lone trumpeter stands, blasting out a riff. Two-toned wingtips tap, and full skirts twirl. Couples swing together, then spin apart as a clarinet wails. Whether swinging to Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's "Mambo Swing" or "Jersey Bounce" by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, big-band swing makes spirits soar.

The resurgence of swing dancing can be seen in several Las Vegas ballrooms. When Ray Anthony and His Orchestra arrive in town, the band draws more than 500 dancers ranging in age from 30 to 80. Anthony, a five-decade trumpeter and bandleader, usually appears at the Stardust. So does the longest-running swing orchestra, Les Brown and his Band of Renown. Brown (1912-2001) recorded "Sentimental Journey" and toured with the late Bob Hope for many years. His son, Les Jr., leads the band now.

Swing dancing dates back to the 1920s and '30s, when the Lindy Hop emerged at Harlem's Savoy nightclub. "Lindy Hop is the grandfather of all swing dances, as it was the first dance created within the specific sounds of big-band swing music," says Nick Peterson, president of the Las Vegas Lindy Hop Preservation Society. The Lindy Hop was named for pilot Charles "Lindy" Lindbergh's 1926 flight from New York to Paris. Later known as the jitterbug, the Lindy Hop is characterized by an eight-step pattern danced to a fast tempo. Couples swing each other in circles all over the dance floor. West Coast swing, which originated in San Diego dance halls in 1938, is more sophisticated, using a six-count pattern and slower beat as partners dance in a smaller space. West Coast swing can be danced to almost any music—rock, rhythm and blues, even country-western. This



Nick Peterson swing dances with Millie Abeyta at the Crazy Armadillo inside the Stratosphere in Las Vegas.



Nick twirls Millie with aplomb

fall visitors can swing dance to live or DJ music at several hotels and ballrooms in Las Vegas. If you want to dance but don't know how, several clubs offer lessons. Following is a sample of Las Vegas swing-dance locations.

The Russ Morgan Orchestra plays September 6 in the Stardust Ballroom of the **Stardust Hotel**. Morgan, a popular bandleader from 1920 to 1950, was known for "You're Nobody 'Til Somebody Loves You" and "Does Your Heart Beat for Me?" When Morgan died in 1969, his son, Jack, took over. Show time is 7 p.m., and admission is \$15. Seating is cabaret-style.

Jay Orlando and the Cousins play swing as well as fox trot and cha-cha at the **Charleston Heights Center**, 800 South Brush Street, 2 p.m. September 7. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call 702-229-6383.

Also in the Stardust Ballroom, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra appears on November 29. From the '30s to the '50s, this big band recorded such hits as "Tangerine" and "So Rare." Jimmy Dorsey (1904-1957) was considered one of the best alto saxophone players of his time. Bill Tole directs the band today. Show time is 7 p.m., and admission is \$15 per person. Call 702-732-6111 or 800-824-6033.

The Crazy Armadillo Tex Mex Grill and Oyster Bar inside the **Stratosphere** hosts Swingin' at the Crazy Armadillo from 8 to 11 p.m. every Thursday. A DJ plays, and admission is free. Instructors give free Lindy Hop lessons at 7:30 p.m. Locals receive 20 percent off food and drinks. Members of the Las Vegas Lindy Hop Preservation Society often dance here. Call 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER.

The Swing Dance Club of Las Vegas meets at **Dance Elegance** from 7 to 10:30

p.m. on Thursday and the month's third Saturday. The dance studio is known for its large dance floor and West Coast DJ music. Admission is \$6 for nonmembers. Dance Elegance is located at 1201 South Arville, a mile west of the Strip. Call 702-810-3146.

A DJ plays big-band music from 7 to 9 p.m. during Big Band Swing Sunday at **Dance Charisma**. Admission is \$6. Water and refreshments are provided. This ballroom dance studio is two miles west of the Strip at 3650 South Jones Boulevard, Suites 16-17. Call 702-364-8700.

—Jen A. Casey



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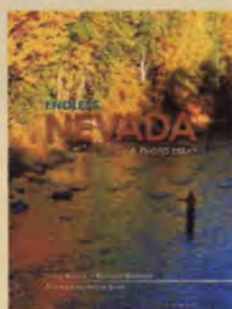
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Barn Sale

A one-third-size barn fills the main room at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

By Rebecca Loesch

The ruckus of cows, sheep, chickens, and roosters echoes throughout the gray-brown planks of the barn walls. Rusted branding irons and manure forks litter the floor. No one has been in to clean the stalls since the barn's construction, yet surprisingly, there is no smell.

"Barn Sale," a one-third-scale 19th-century barn, stands inside the main gallery at

Stuffed animals sit in the barn's stalls, and a hidden tape plays animal sounds to create an authentic farm atmosphere.

the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in downtown Gardnerville. Stuffed animals sit in the barn's stalls, and a hidden tape plays animal sounds to create an



A 16-foot-long, 21-foot-wide, and 15-foot-high barn greets visitors to the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville.

authentic farm atmosphere. The exhibit celebrates Carson Valley's "Year of the Barn" and will be displayed through December.

"At least 30 people came out on a Sunday to help bring the barn into the museum," says Leola Tucker, president of the Carson Valley Historical Society. "We took the front door partition down, moved the greeting desk, and built the entire barn."

The idea for the barn was developed by four area women to accompany "Barn Again!," the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit honoring classic American barns. The show visits the museum through September 30.



Irene Marshall carries a paper-stuffed feed bag to place inside the barn exhibit.



Clockwise from top: Irene Marshall drills old wood planks; the crew raises the barn walls in Irene's driveway; Ellen Caywood (left), Shirley Jones, and Lois Thran at the work site; and Lois (left, kneeling), Irene, Shirley, and Ellen (standing).



The four women—Shirley Jones, Lois Thran, Irene Marshall, and Ellen Caywood—began collecting old barn wood

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fashioned barn raising.”**

in summer 2002 and built the barn over a month and a half in Marshall's driveway.

“After we were done, we unbolted the barn and moved it down to the museum,” says Marshall, the project's foreman. “We rebuilt the barn within an hour and a half. It was like an old-fashioned barn raising.”

While perusing the exhibit you can find a two-man tree saw and a wooden horse plow along with milk cans, horseshoes, coyote traps, horse collars, and other farming devices. All tools displayed in the

barn were borrowed from local ranchers.

The historical society held a photo contest as part of a year-long project documenting historic Carson Valley barns. The museum's art room displays the photos as well as drawings of barns submitted by schoolchildren. In the main gallery, “Artists Do Barns,” a juried art exhibit, features 75 works painted by area artists. The photos and paintings are for sale.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday at 1477 U.S. 395 in Gardnerville. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 for kids under age six. Call 775-782-2555 or visit www.carsonvalleymuseums.org for more information.

Show Note: The Smithsonian Institution's exhibit, “Barn Again!,” will also visit the Western Folklife Center in Elko from October 7 to November 18. Call 775-738-7508 or visit www.westernfolklife.org.

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Every Day Was an Adventure

Our fearless foursome biked, hiked, and sweated through 10 Nevada challenges in 10 days. Plus, tips for would-be adventurers.

Jeremy Evans, (front), Karl Horeis (left, back) and K.M Cannon (right) cross granite boulders near Lake Aloha on the first day of their Nevada 10 adventures.

Story by Jeremy Evans, Photos by Rick Gunn

While snow camping in the Sierra Nevada two winters ago, my friend Rick Gunn sat in his tent as a storm raged outside. With nothing else to do, he began reading an issue of *National Geographic Adventure* and saw an advertisement for Nevada. The ad featured a dusty brown hill, a hiker, and the Nevada Commission on Tourism's promotion of the state as an outdoor adventure destination.

The image intrigued Rick so much that he got a copy of the agency's *The Dirt: Your Nitty-Gritty, Down-and-Dirty Guide to Nevada*, which cataloged hundreds of activities. *The Dirt* also provided a list of daunting challenges called the "Nevada 10." Soon, Rick, a photographer for the *Nevada Appeal* in Carson City, came up with what we called our "idiotic" idea.

"I wanted to make an adventure out of the 'Nevada 10,'" he said, adding optimistically, "A group of us could complete all 10 challenges in 10 days." *Appeal* reporter Karl Horeis and I instantly jumped on board, as did K.M. Cannon, *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and former *Appeal* photographer. We called it the Nevada 10-in-10 Challenge, and we would report it in the *Appeal*. Our support team consisted of outdoors editor Don Quilici and

his wife, Elaine, who commandeered a rented 28-foot RV.

We started at 4:30 a.m. on a cool August morning a year ago near Echo Lakes on the west side of Lake Tahoe. A crescent moon tried to brighten the opaque sky. With headlamps strapped on, we took the first steps of our epic adventure.

Challenge No. 1/Days 1-4: Hiking and Biking the Tahoe Rim Trail

We knew this challenge would be the most difficult. The Tahoe Rim Trail winds 165 miles around Lake Tahoe, so we had to either hike or mountain bike more than 30 miles daily to finish in four days.

We encountered several unforeseen obstacles. Forty-two miles into our 57-mile second day on the north shore, the forks on K.M.'s bike cracked near Watson Lake. He walked his bike the remaining two miles to Brockway Summit, where *Appeal* reporter Geoff Dornan met us with lunch. Geoff was a savior. Besides sandwiches, Geoff had brought his bike, which K.M. used while his was fixed at a bike shop.

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K.M. (front) and Karl take a breather after a long mountain-bike climb on the Tahoe Rim Trail.

That problem solved, we still had to hike 15 miles to Tahoe Meadows near Mount Rose. After an hour we stopped on a 10,000-foot ridge above Incline Village and witnessed a glorious Sierra sunset. Sadly, we realized this was the first time we had paused to marvel at the lake. We didn't reach the RV until almost midnight. This is no way to enjoy the TRT, I thought. Then I pushed on, which happened a lot during our 10-day adventure.

If You Go: Tahoe Meadows on the Mount Rose Highway is a good spot to soak in scenery and enter the Tahoe Rim



Karl grins as he bikes the Flume Trail. The challengers found the ride above Lake Tahoe "pure joy."

Trail. Heading south from the well-marked trailhead, you'll have great views in a few short and easy miles.

Challenge No. 2/Day 3: Biking the Flume Trail

Day 3 on the TRT involved a straightforward mountain-bike ride 36 miles south to Kingsbury Grade near Heavenly Ski Resort. The relatively short trek allowed us to knock off our second challenge, the Flume Trail, which parallels the rim trail above Tahoe's eastern shore. The 17-mile single track was pure joy. From steep, sun-drenched slopes, we stared 1,000 feet down to the turquoise waters lapping at Sand Harbor. It was difficult to not ride off cliffs because our eyes were so fixated on the panorama.

If You Go: The Flume Trail is considered intermediate, and riders of most abilities shouldn't have a problem completing it (although there are steep dropoffs). However, an easy five-mile hike from Spooner Lake to Marlette Lake via the North Canyon trail offers a good introduction to the area. There are information kiosks along the way.

Challenge No. 3/Day 5: Boarding Sand Mountain:

Sand Mountain, a 600-foot-high golden bump in the desert, was formed thousands

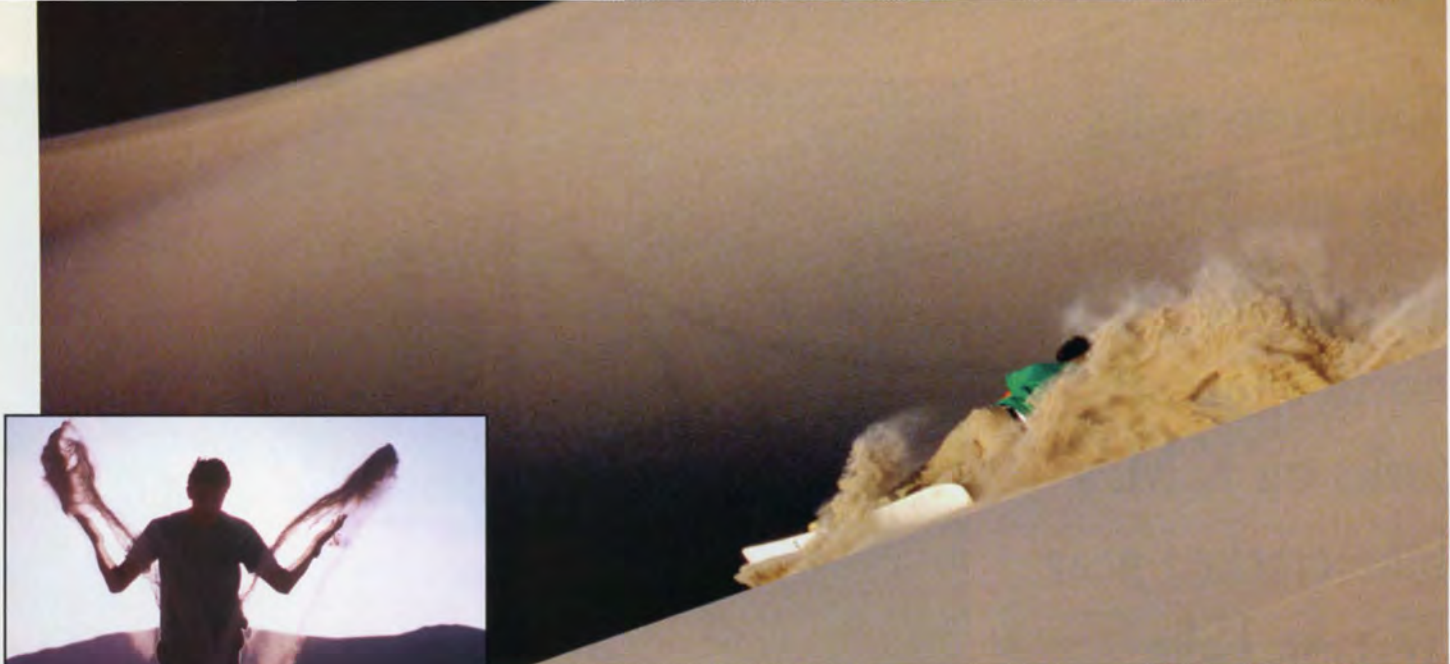
of years ago when sand particles blew east from the Walker River and collected in front of the Stillwater Range. Located 25 miles east of Fallon on U.S. 50, the dune is popular with off-road drivers and snowboarders. Yeah, snowboarders—or sandboarders, as these dune shredders are called.

Sliding back one foot for every two feet gained, it took us 45 minutes to trudge to the top of Sand Mountain. As the sun's first rays touched the summit ridge, we strapped on snowboards and carved back down in only 30 seconds. The sand wasn't as slick as snow, but nobody complained. After all, it was August.

If You Go: It's best to avoid the weekend crowds, especially on holidays. This is a haven for off-road vehicles. For a wilder hike to the top, walk around the base of the hill and climb the back side.

Challenge No. 4/Day 5: Boarding on the Black Rock Desert:

The Black Rock playa is the largest evidence of ancient Lake Lahontan, which covered most of Northern Nevada 13,000 years ago. The playa is so flat and smooth that all types of vehicles can drive on it. That's what provided our challenge that afternoon—being towed on off-road skateboards behind a car. For two hours the four of us cruised the powder-white playa dressed in costumes—Rick brought a



As the sun's rays touched the ridge, we strapped on snowboards and carved back down in only 30 seconds.



Karl flashes the "hang loose" sign to K.M. (above), who is towed behind a car on the Black Rock playa. At Sand Mountain Karl sandboards down (top), then scoops handfuls of sand at the end of his run (left).

purple dress, a white sport jacket, and straw hat. The rides left us elated.

If You Go: Make sure you drive out on the playa. A passenger car works fine. When finished, eat lunch at world-famous Bruno's in Gerlach.

Challenge No. 5/Day 6: Biking the Bloody Shins Trail

None of us had ever heard of the Bloody Shins Trail. Brimming with confidence after the TRT, we asked ourselves, how hard could it be? As Rick said afterward, "Bloody hard." Located north of Winnemucca, the Bloody Shins is a trail

system with beginner, intermediate, and expert trails, each dusty singletrack traversing the sagebrush-covered foothills of 9,396-foot Sonoma Peak. We tried the menacing expert route.

"I'd rather break my own leg and walk on crutches for six weeks than ride this trail again," I yelled about 15 miles into the 24-mile trail, feeling the stress fractures in my knees caused by biking the TRT. If not for the guidance of local mountain bikers Chuck Austin and Henry Kingman, we would've been in trouble.

Black, two-inch Mormon crickets infested the area. They eat each other, and they'll eat you, too, Chuck and Henry

warned us. True or not, it made me pedal faster.

If You Go: There is a lot of elevation gained and lost, which the view from the trailhead doesn't convey. Follow the beginner or intermediate trail the first time unless you are with somebody who knows the area. The expert trail can be tricky and isn't well marked.

Challenge No. 6/Day 7: Hiking the Ruby Crest Trail

"J-Dogg, watch out!" Rick yelled my nickname as he and K.M. ran toward me. It sounded as if several house-size



Your Own Challenges

Each of the "Nevada 10" offers unique scenery and challenges that are best enjoyed at a lessened pace. Jeremy Evans highlights three of his favorites on our Web site, www.nevadamagazine.com.

boulders were tumbling down the aspen-filled slope above us. We huddled, figuring at any moment our craniums would turn into instant mush. Suddenly two cows ran across the trail. Karl, ahead of us, had spooked them.

Experienced backpackers usually take four days to complete the 42-mile Ruby Crest Trail. We had a single day. The trail southeast of Elko runs from Harrison Pass north to Lamoille Canyon Road. Other than the Grand Tetons, the Rubies may be the most rugged mountain range in the lower 48. Several times we scrambled 2,000 feet into steep-walled canyons. In six miles we hiked up one 10,000-foot peak, down several hundred feet, and up another 10,000-footer. We thought the day would never end. It finally did—after 17 hours.

If You Go: From the town of Lamoille, drive to the end of Lamoille Canyon Road, and you will be properly greeted—by the glorious Ruby Mountains. The area is known as Nevada's Yosemite. The hike from the end of the road to Liberty Pass is less than six miles round trip and can be done if you're moderately fit.

Challenge No. 7/Day 8:

Climbing Wheeler Peak

The eight-mile round trip to 13,063-foot Wheeler Peak is usually a simple trek, but not for me. Bending my knees on the descent proved painful. When I landed on sharp rocks, I could feel the blisters on my toes bursting. Rick, K.M., and Karl passed me on the way down and waited for me at the trailhead for more than two hours.

Don Quilici had made a ritual throughout the trip of giving high fives to each of us after each challenge. I managed to only slap his forearm.

If You Go: You don't have to hike to the summit to experience the greatness of Wheeler. The area near the summit's trailhead has awesome views of the peak, dense aspen groves, and small creeks.

Challenge No. 8/Day 9:

Climbing Red Rock Canyon

West of Las Vegas lies Red Rock Canyon, one of the nation's great climbing areas. Of 3,000-plus routes in the national conservation area, we chose to climb Caliban, a 5.8-plus rated route in Calico Basin. It was an obvious choice—it was the closest to the park entrance, and we again had



Karl pretends to munch on one of the thousands of Mormon crickets infesting the Bloody Shins Trail (above). K.M. (left, top), Karl, and Jeremy find the deep dust of the trail slows their progress.



Karl grips the sandstone at Red Rock (above). K.M. hikes the midway point of the Ruby Crest Trail near Overland Lake (top). At right is Wheeler Peak summit shortly before the team begins the ascent.



to complete two challenges in one day.

That morning, while marveling at the smooth red and white sandstone, I belayed for everybody, using a rope to safeguard against falls. Since my feet were badly blistered, I chose to go last. The route wasn't difficult, but my pain threshold placed me on the brink of collapse. We left Red Rock yearning to return and climb more extensively.

If You Go: Avoid the hot weather from May to October unless you're there before sunrise, when it is cool. Icebox Canyon, a short drive inside the park, is a desert oasis.

Challenge No. 9/Day 9: Riding Amargosa Big Dune

The rigors of completing all 10 challenges in 10 days were more and more apparent. The RV, which we designated the "11th challenge," started acting up. That afternoon it was 114 degrees when we reached the two-gas-station town of Amargosa Valley. We parked along a lonely road and rested. When the generator died, so did the air-conditioner, and the RV wouldn't start. We sizzled like bacon. Eventually we inched back to State Route

373 and drove K.M.'s jeep to the dune. We quickly boarded down Amargosa Big Dune and headed north in the "11th challenge," bound for the state's tallest peak.

If You Go: Amargosa Dune is not as crowded as Sand Mountain but shouldn't be visited in the hot summer months. If you want to drive to the base of the dune,



Karl carves down the Amargosa Big Dune (above). Below, hiker Robert Morrill recorded the champagne toast as K.M. (left), Karl, Jeremy, and Rick celebrate on the 13,140-foot summit of Boundary Peak.

make sure you have a four-wheel drive that has proven itself in soft sand.

Challenge No. 10: Day 10

Hiking Boundary Peak

When we arrived on Boundary's 13,140-foot summit, we were greeted by four hik-

ers. Karl uncorked the champagne bottle he had carried in his pack, and half of it sprayed into the thin air. We cheered and shook hands. A handshake never meant so much. The other hikers—two men and their daughters—looked intrigued, but no matter how much we tried to explain our trip, they didn't seem to understand. The

bond created during the past 10 days was reserved only for the four of us.

If You Go: The views of Boundary Peak and the White Mountains along State Route 264 near Dyer are superb. You'll need a high-clearance vehicle to get to the trailhead at nearly 9,000 feet. You can fish at a small pond along the way.

Once off the mountain, we slapped Don our last high fives and headed toward Dyer in our rickety RV. Israel Kamakawiwo's ukulele version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" came on the radio. The Hawaiian's soothing voice filled the musty air, which was thick with odors associated with minimal bathing.

"You know how some songs are more than just words and instruments?" Rick pondered. I gazed at Boundary Peak, which marked the end of the greatest adventure of my life to date, and agreed.

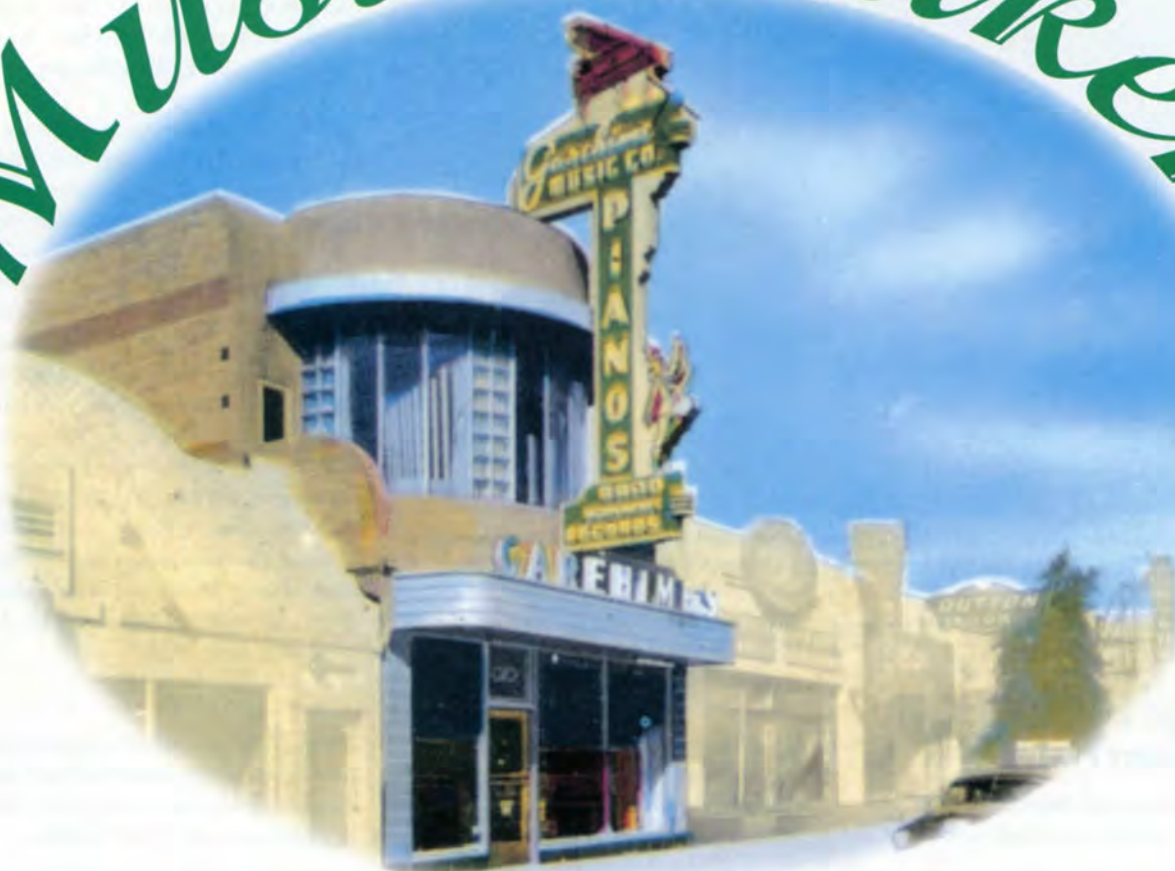
After driving more than 2,000 miles around the nation's seventh largest state, and hiking and mountain biking more than 250 miles, I figured there was only one challenge left.

Find a bar. ▢

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Music Makers

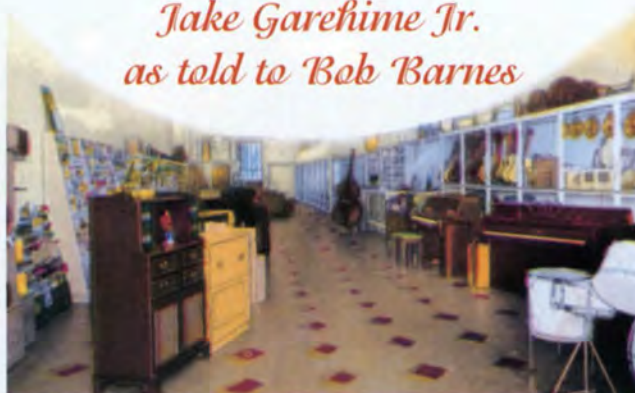


Life was an adventure in small-town Las Vegas, where the Garehime family established their musical roots in the 1920s.

*By
Jake Garehime Jr.
as told to Bob Barnes*

When Jake Garehime Jr. grew up in Las Vegas, wild horses roamed the desert, and if you wanted a house, you had to build it yourself. The Garehimes moved to Las Vegas in 1924. Now 80, Jake has watched his community grow from a small town into a metropolis, and he treasures those memories.

I just missed being a Las Vegas native. When I was a few months old, my parents, Jake and Edith Garehime, my sisters, June and Wilma, and I left Colorado for Los Angeles. June had a leaky valve in her heart and had to move to a lower altitude. On the way to California we visited Mom's younger brother, Archie Mellott, in Las Vegas, which was then a little railroad town. We had planned a brief visit, but it turned out to be our final stop.



Garehime's Music Store was a popular hangout for teenagers, who could listen to records in the listening booths on the main floor (above). The color photos were used on a postcard of the store, built in 1941.

Las Vegas became our family's home.

With \$60 in his pocket, my dad jumped at the chance to establish his own business. A handful of buildings on Fremont Street where the Fremont Hotel now stands were owned by a woman in Los

Angeles. She needed someone to manage her properties, so Dad obtained one of the stores in exchange for collecting rents. He was a jeweler by trade, but he also knew how to rebuild pianos. He opened the Garehime (pronounced *gair-hime*) Music and Jewelry Store—at the time the only music or jewelry store in town.

In 1924 Las Vegas had a population of 2,400 but few cultural opportunities. A store selling musical instruments offered a way for folks to entertain themselves. Dad would buy used pianos in California and rebuild and sell them. He later purchased a piece of land at 115 North 3rd Street, just off Fremont, where in 1941 he built a two-story building to house the store. Our family still owns that small parcel, and we lease it to

the Fremont Hotel and Casino.

In time my parents expanded the store's inventory to include Victorolas (early record players) and radios. Dad traveled to towns like Boulder City, Logandale, Caliente, and Pioche and sold pianos on consignment while Mom ran the store. Buying an item on time was quite common, and customers were expected to make payments of only 50 cents a week. Often when someone came into the store to sell an instrument, Dad would pay a higher price if he thought the owner was asking too little.

In the 1920s there were no major construction companies, so if you wanted to live in something other than a tent, you built it yourself. Dad built a 20-by-20-foot house, using wood from piano-packing crates for the walls and canvas for the roof. He did the plumbing and dug an artesian well. The air-conditioning was provided by a primitive swamp cooler—a



*Dad built a home,
using wood from piano-
packing crates for the walls
and canvas for the roof.*

box fan with a wet towel draped over it. The towel had to be re-soaked every few hours. In the hot summer months we children often slept outside on a big metal-framed bed. As Dad could afford more lumber, he added rooms and re-

placed the canvas with a wood ceiling. In the 1920s our house was located at the edge of town. It still stands today at 10th and Stewart streets.

Growing up in Las Vegas was an adventure. I can remember seeing wild horses watering at the creek that ran from the Old Mormon Fort. A neighbor corralled unbroken mustangs, and when the horses broke loose, I would jump onto one and try to ride it bareback until I fell off. I'd get up, latch onto another, and ride it for as long as I could.

At age 11, I built a boat using wood from a building that had burned down. The motor was a converted washing-machine engine. I sold rides on my boat out at Twin Lakes, a natural lake located in today's Lorenzi Park. Later, I installed an outboard motor. When I was 12, I built a car powered by a one-cylinder Sears and Roebuck engine. I drove the car to school



Bandleader Xavier Cugat held an autograph party at the Garehimes' music store in the early 1950s. Jake Sr. and Edith are standing in the first row on the right. Their daughter Wilma is next to Edith. The boy is Connie Titus Jr., nephew of Wilma's husband. Many Las Vegas stars bought music at the store.

and on streets all over town. Since the only paved road was Fremont Street, no driver's license was required.

We attended school in various buildings and tents. The tents were hot. The schools were located on 5th Street, now Las Vegas Boulevard, where the Federal Building and city offices sit today. I remember the high school burning down and running to watch. They built a new high school at 7th Street and Bridger Avenue, and it opened in September 1930.

To cool off in the summertime you could refresh yourself in one of two cement-lined ponds. One was at a ranch on West Charleston, and the other was in front of Stewart's Ranch near the Old Mormon Fort, where Cashman Field stands today. Occasionally I swiped corn at Stewart's Ranch and ate it straight off the cob. There were also two swimming pools, the Mermaid on Las Vegas Boulevard and Ladd's on 11th Street.



Betty and Jake Garehime Jr. were high school sweethearts.

One of my first gigs was in the early '40s, playing in the orchestra at Sally Rand's fan show.

I attended Las Vegas High and played trumpet in the band. I also had a dance band called the Serenaders. During high school I met my future wife, Betty, who was a drum majorette. She asked me to be

her date at a girls' reverse dance, and she was so charming that I couldn't refuse. I was a year ahead of her, but I refused my diploma and stayed in school for another year so we could graduate together in 1941. A month later we sneaked off to Kingman, Arizona, to get married. In 1943 I went into the Army.

Helldorado was Las Vegas' biggest event in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s. Western wear was the norm, and men were expected to grow a beard, with awards given for the bushiest beard. A Miss Helldorado beauty contest was held. In the '30s the scantily clad girls from Block 16 (where legal brothels were located) performed hoochie-coochie dances on an outdoor stage. Cowboys competed in a rodeo. There was a parade, and the Helldorado Village offered carnival rides and a ballroom. My father's Western band, the Helldorado Hill Billies, played for the dances. By the '40s and '50s some major resort-hotels had been built, and the casinos such as El



In 1938, Jake Garehime Jr., 14, poses with the car he built, using a one-cylinder engine. Behind him is Clayton Titus, husband of his sister, Wilma.

Rancho, Last Frontier, and Flamingo sponsored lavish floats. Showgirls pranced along the parade route.

Our music store was the only one in the area until the 1940s. As a teenager I started moving and delivering pianos, but my real interest was playing the cornet in bands. One of my first professional gigs was in the early '40s playing in the orchestra at Sally Rand's fan show at the Colony Club, located near where the Castaways Casino is today. I later played at the El Rancho, which burned down in 1960.

The Garehime Music Store flourished, and from 1924 until the store closed in 1988 we had seven different locations around downtown Las Vegas and Boulder City. All of the casinos' well-known musicians bought their supplies from us. Louis Armstrong was a good friend of Dad's and wouldn't let anyone else work on his trumpet. (I once took the liberty of playing Louis' horn while it was in the shop for repair.) The Martin Horn Company donated a specially made horn to Dizzy Gillespie, and since we were one of their dealers, the company asked Mom to present it to him on stage at a jazz festival in Las Vegas.

The teenaged Wayne Newton came in the store with his parents and brother Jerry to buy sheet music. Jerry, a guitar player, would also buy strings. They were playing the Fremont Hotel just down the alley from us. When we opened a new store in 1965, Wayne cut the ribbon. Once I convinced Gene Krupa, Benny Goodman's drummer, to bring his band and play an impromptu concert at one of our stores. Some of the famous people who came to the store were Sammy Davis Jr., Johnny Cash, Ray Anthony, Xavier Cugat, Louis Jordan, Frank Sinatra's arranger Sammy Fain, Fran Jeffries, and Ike and Tina Turner.

Garehime's was a popular hangout for high school kids, who would use the listening booths. Back then, customers were free to listen to records before buying them. The records weren't sealed, so you could pull any record out of its sleeve and give it a spin. Our store was the only place in town where people could listen all they wanted. We had regulars who visited daily, and a lot of kids came in to play the pianos.

Dad and I were involved in some Las Vegas media firsts. Dad played the violin at the opening ceremonies for the town's first radio station, KENO, in 1940, and I played trumpet in a band at the opening



Jake Garehime Sr. (left) and the Hellsdorado Hill Billies played for dances.

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of KLAS, the first TV station in Nevada, in 1954. Our son, Kurt, currently has a sports program on KENO called *The Wild, Wild West*.

After Dad passed away in 1960, Mom remained active with the store and joined numerous civic organizations. She donated musical instruments to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and was involved with her church and politics. She passed away in 1989. Our family was honored in 1998 when a new Las Vegas school was named the Edith Garehime Elementary School.

So many things are gone and new things built in their places. In 1960, Betty and I moved into our present home on Boulder Highway. At the time it was the new area of town—still surrounded by desert. My father used to say that someday the lights would reach from Las Vegas to Boulder City.

By gosh, he was right. ▀

Bob Barnes, a Las Vegas freelance writer, teaches fifth grade at Edith Garehime Elementary School, where Jake and Betty Garehime frequently visit to chat with the students.



O GREAT SMALL HOTELS

These historic hotels offer small-town settings and personalities all their own.

BY DAVID W. TOLL

All the world knows that Nevada is the home to more than our share of the world's great hotels. The newest and largest of our majestic resorts are themed dream-structures, evoking the great cities and civilizations of the world: Luxor, Paris, New York-New York, and the Venetian. But some of Nevada's finest hotels are among its smallest, and earlier this year I stayed at three of them.

Best Hotel by a Dam Site

This two-story construction of straight lines and flat-faced oblongs is the antithesis to those Las Vegas resorts, but when the Boulder Dam Hotel was new in 1933 and the only air-conditioned hotel in Southern Nevada, it was the class of the state. The hotel anchored the downtown commercial area of Boulder City, the community created to house the men and women building Hoover Dam (originally called Boulder Dam), and was a genteel al-

ternative to the rough Las Vegas hotels of the Hoover Dam era. While every other architect in America was in thrall to art deco and the rest of the immediate neighbor-

The Boulder Dam Hotel served a clientele of New Deal politicians, Hollywood movie stars, and East Coast socialites.

hood was built in a romantic, soft-shouldered Mexican fashion, its owners chose the cheap-to-build Dutch Colonial design.

For the next few years the Boulder Dam Hotel served a clientele of New Deal politicians, minor royalty, Hollywood movie stars, military heroes, industrialists, East Coast socialites and playboys, and an as-



The hotel's preservationists include Nita Pong and Dick Farmer of the Boulder Dam Hotel Association.

sortment of bohemian artists and writers. As resident Dennis McBride describes in his book *Midnight on Arizona Street: The Secret Life of the Boulder Dam Hotel*, it was "home to characters who no longer exist outside the pages of Agatha Christie nov-

els." But after 1941 the hotel went slowly downhill, and in the following four decades it struggled, then closed for good in a tangle of bankruptcy and litigation.

Fortunately, residents appreciated the hotel's place in Boulder City's history. In 1982, the hotel was named to the National Register of Historic Places, and in 1993 a labor of love by the entire community was begun to restore its original luster. Restoration was completed in 2001.

And lustrous it is, everything original, immaculate, and freshly remodeled. During a recent stay I found that my room, one of 22, was decorated with prints and paintings by celebrated local artist Cliff Segerblom. The room was equipped with a modern color television set, and I was able to get online and retrieve two days' e-mails without a lick of trouble.

"We've worked hard to combine the charm of a bed and breakfast with the privacy and convenience of a small hotel," Nita Pong, a member of the hotel's board of directors, told me over coffee. "Instead of casino gaming, our guests enjoy refreshment and relaxation. We offer great 'stay and play' packages with the beautiful new Boulder Creek Golf Course. We want our guests to enjoy themselves so much they'll come back again and again."

The Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum is located in the hotel, as is an art gallery showing the work of many of the town's artists. Also in the hotel, the Boulder Dam Café brags about serving "three dam good meals, seven dam days a week." Chamber of Commerce volunteers man an information desk in the lobby to help you find shopping and dining opportunities within strolling distance. I am not a shopper, but it might be pleasant to stroll around town with someone who is. You can have sundaes at the Ice Cream Shop just east of the hotel or a cocktail at Evan's a few steps farther on.

I enjoyed breakfast on the front verandah beneath the high pillared portico, where I exchanged greetings of the day with folks walking past. The sky was blue, the temperature in the low 70s, the eggs perfectly poached, and the world a bright and cheerful place indeed.

Ely's Historic High-Rise

This rather ordinary six-story brick building would go unnoticed in San Francisco, but the Hotel Nevada dominates downtown Ely, and it was the tallest building in the whole state into the 1940s. It is a classic Nevada hotel with a personality all its own.

See it first at night, when it seems to have



The Hotel Nevada limo awaits celebrity passengers as the neon begins its evening glow on Ely's main street. Managing partner Bert Woywood (right) devised the hotel's eccentric and colorful decor.

sprung from the pages of *Red Harvest*, Dashiell Hammett's novel noir set in a small Western mining city. Red smears the night with a bloody glare above the limo parked in the wash of light outside the main entrance. On the sidewalk a line of celebrity stars announces glittering names from yesteryear: Hoot Gibson, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Pat Nixon, and others who stayed at the hotel or have Ely connections.

Walk inside and enter a symphony for the eyes that is part Mozart, part Duke Ellington, part Spike Jones. Spectacular displays of memorabilia line the walls. Gleaming motorcycles hang from the ceiling above the pulsing, twittering slot machines. Objets d'art and random grotesqueries are scattered here and there. In a corner near the 21 table stands a four-foot gnome dressed in a tuxedo and holding a top hat.

Check in at the front desk and ascend to your floor in the new \$100,000 elevator. Each hallway is decorated with a mural by Ely artist Larry Bute, who spent a week on each level, painting his way down from the sixth floor. Your room, even if it's not one of the deluxe rooms dedicated to celebrity guests such as Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman, Lyndon Johnson, or Wayne Newton, is nicely furnished and clean. If you chose a deluxe room at check-in, the front desk will ask if you'd like a complimentary margarita to take up with you.

I love this place.

Bert Woywood, the managing partner responsible for creating the Hotel Nevada's unconventional atmosphere, spent more



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than 20 years as a dealer, pit boss, and shift manager at major Las Vegas hotels before taking over the Ely landmark in the early 1990s. He knew the hotel from fishing and hunting trips to White Pine County, so when he saw the "Hotel for Sale" ad in a Las Vegas newspaper, he leapt at it.

Woywood has gathered the hotel's eclectic furnishings and memorabilia with a taste for the unusual and an eye for a bargain. "It's like a museum with no theme," he says. He has installed wagon-wheel chandeliers, miniature mechanized dioramas, and Roy Rogers memorabilia.

The restaurant has a counter, vinyl booths, and a waitress who calls you "hon." The traditional casino fare ranges from a 99-cent breakfast (served 24 hours) to prime rib, with all-you-can-eat spaghetti somewhere in between. When pizza was added to the menu, the chef went to Las Vegas to work for a month at the Venetian

to learn pizza from Old World masters.

The Kennecott Suite on the southwest corner of the sixth floor was once the realm of visiting copper company executives from headquarters in Salt Lake City. Now the two-bedroom, three-TV suite has been completely refurbished (highlights: the glossy-black bedroom suite suggesting Elvis at his most decadent, the hand-painted Mexican toilet, and the magnificent spa). The suite is available for—get this—\$85 a night. This is surely the best hotel bargain in Nevada, maybe the world.

Gold Hill Survivor

Nevada's oldest surviving hotel was built in about 1861 of gathered rock and mud in the helter-skelter rush to build cities on the Comstock Lode. Called the Riesen House and then Vesey's Hotel in its early years, it served a commercial clientele that had to sleep through the endless crashing of the stamp mills and the mining machinery at the Yellow Jacket Mine, right out the back door. Over the years it has been hotel, boardinghouse, private resi-



Carol and Bill Fain, proprietors of the rustic but stylish Gold Hill Hotel near Virginia City, relax in the Crown Point Restaurant (right).



dence, bordello, and who knows what else, but in one aspect or another it has been in operation almost continuously. By the 1950s, when the mines had closed and the hotel was in disrepair, Dorothy and Fred Immoor bought it and saved it from ruin.

Better than that, they brought the Gold Hill Hotel back to life. The Immoors did not have much money to spend, but they had energy and vision, and they began the Gold Hill Hotel's modern era by adding the stone bar. They served drinks, rented the handful of little rooms (with shared bath) upstairs, and catered weddings.

After Dorothy's death Fred sold the hotel to Bill Fain, a computer company executive who had retired to nearby Virginia City, and his partner, Carol DeKalb, in 1986. That September Bill and Carol inaugurated a Tuesday Night Historical Lecture Series with Superintendent of Schools Hugh Gallagher speaking on "The Challenge of the Comstock and the Men Who Rose to the Challenge."

The following spring the new proprietors began building a modern kitchen, dining room, bookstore, and eight new guest rooms with all the amenities. They hired a chef (the fondly remembered Chef Geoff, who gave cooking classes) and catered their first wedding—their own—in December.

Now, 16 years later, the Crown Point Restaurant has a top reputation and serves a series of special dinners through the course of a year—holiday dinners, wine pairing dinners, even a special dinner on Mark Twain's birthday, November 29. The bar thrives with conversation of Virginia Citizens, Gold Hillers, and hotel guests from around the world. The Fains

Original plays and musicals, based loosely on Comstock history, are performed by local folks.

launched a series of After Dinner Theater productions in 2001, and the 500th Tuesday-night historical lecture was delivered recently. Original plays and musicals, based rather loosely on Comstock history, are performed by local folks and a lot of fun for all concerned.

"I have a PhD in physics," says Bill Fain. "That's not the greatest training for operating a hotel, but I lived in Europe for many years, and I loved the small country inns there. We've tried to make this hotel a comfortable and elegant place for people to enjoy. It's no way to make money, though. It's a labor of love, with the emphasis on labor. Carol works 100 hours a week, but I'm retired now, so I only work about 50."

Nevada's great hotels, blazing with lights and swarming with squadrons of friendly employees, are marvels of splendor and efficiency. But these small ones are great, too, with winning personalities instead of themes. ▀

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Hotel Holidays

Following is additional traveler's information on the "3 Great Small Hotels."

Call ahead for reservations and rates, which are subject to change.

Boulder Dam Hotel: 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-293-3510, fax 702-293-3093, www.boulderdamhotel.com. Twenty-five miles southeast of Las Vegas and seven miles west of Hoover Dam, the hotel houses the Boulder Dam Café, art gallery, and Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum. Lodging: 22 rooms include four suites. Rates are \$89-\$139. The Royal Suite, with bedroom, living room, and kitchen, costs \$159. Major credit cards.

Hotel Nevada and Gambling Hall: 501 Aultman St., Ely, NV 89301. Phone 888-406-3055, fax 775-289-4715, www.hotelnevada.com. Hotel includes a casino, bar (with 99-cent margaritas), restaurant, and the Bristlecone Wedding Chapel. Lodging: 105 rooms. Rates start at \$25; deluxe rooms, \$35-\$85. Major credit cards.

Gold Hill Hotel: Main Street (State Route 342), Gold Hill. Box 710, Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0111, fax 775-847-0604, www.goldhillhotel.net. One mile south of Virginia City, the hotel has the Crown Point Restaurant, a saloon, bookstore, lectures, and plays. Lodging: 12 rooms and six guest houses. Rates are \$55-\$200. Continental breakfast included. MasterCard and Visa.

“Thank You”

Nevada Magazine Readers

The following entertainers, shows, resorts, restaurants, and attractions were selected as winners by *Nevada Magazine* readers in our sixth annual “Best of Nevada” poll. The results appeared in the July/August issue. Here we present the list of honorees to say “thank you” to those readers who voted and “congratulations” to the winners of the 2003 “Best of Nevada” readers’ poll.

—Richard Moreno, Publisher

Best Entertainer

North: Gordie Brown, Harrah's Reno
South: Wayne Newton, Stardust, Las Vegas

Best Revue or Long-Running Show

North: “Passion Xtreme,” Caesars Tahoe
South: “Bottoms Up,” Flamingo Las Vegas

Best Dinner-Show Package

North: John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks
South: “Tournament of Kings,” Excalibur, Las Vegas

Best New Show/New Entertainer

“Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean,” Greek Isles Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas

Best Afternoon Show

“Bottoms Up,” Flamingo Las Vegas

Best Comedy Club

The Improv, Harrah's Las Vegas

Best Comedian

North: Gordie Brown, Harrah's Reno
South: Rita Rudner, New York-New York, Las Vegas

Best Magician

Lance Burton, Monte Carlo, Las Vegas

Best Hotel/Resort

Carson City: Piñon Plaza
Carson Valley: Carson Valley Inn
Lake Tahoe: Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Laughlin: Harrah's Laughlin
Mesquite: CasaBlanca
Reno/Sparks: Peppermill
Las Vegas: Bellagio
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Place to Gamble

Carson City: Carson Nugget
Carson Valley: Carson Valley Inn
Lake Tahoe: Caesars Tahoe
Laughlin: Harrah's Laughlin
Mesquite: CasaBlanca
Reno/Sparks: Peppermill
Las Vegas: Rio All-Suite Hotel
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Friendliest Casino

Carson City: Carson Nugget
Carson Valley: Carson Valley Inn
Lake Tahoe: Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Laughlin: Harrah's Laughlin
Mesquite: CasaBlanca
Reno/Sparks: Peppermill
Las Vegas: Rio All-Suite Hotel
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Slot Club

Harrah's Total Rewards Club

Best Thrill Ride

High Roller and Big Shot at the Stratosphere, Las Vegas



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Best Golf Course

North: Red Hawk Golf Club, Sparks
South: Revere at Anthem, Henderson
Rural: Dayton Valley Golf Club, Dayton

Best Place to Take a Photo

North: Lake Tahoe
South: Red Rock Canyon
Rural: Virginia City

Best Park

North: Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
South: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
Rural: Great Basin National Park

Best Place for Horseback Riding

Lake Tahoe

Best Place to Ski

Mount Rose Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe

Best Hiking Trail

Tahoe Rim Trail

Best Place to Camp

Lake Tahoe

Best Place to Boat

Lake Mead

Friendliest Town

Reno

Best Historic Place

Virginia City

Best Place to Take Kids

North: Lake Tahoe
South: Circus Circus/Adventuredome, Las Vegas
Rural: Virginia City

Best Special Event/Festival

North: Hot August Nights, Reno and Sparks
South: National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas
Rural: Virginia City Camel Races

Best Place to Shop

North: Meadowood Mall, Reno
South: Forum Shops at Caesars, Las Vegas
Rural: Laughlin Horizon Outlet Center

Best Museum

North: Nevada State Museum, Carson City
South: Liberace Museum, Las Vegas
Rural: Tonopah Historic Mining Park

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

North: Lake Tahoe
South: Eiffel Tower Paris Las Vegas
Rural: Tie between Range Steakhouse at Harrah's Laughlin and Adele's in Carson City

Best Buffet

Lake Tahoe: Forest Buffet, Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Las Vegas: Carnival World Buffet, Rio All-Suite Hotel
Laughlin: Fresh Market Square Buffet, Harrah's Laughlin
Reno/Sparks: Island Buffet, Peppermill, Reno
Rural: Canyon Cove Buffet, Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Gourmet Restaurant

Lake Tahoe: The Summit, Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Las Vegas: Le Cirque, Bellagio
Laughlin: Range Steakhouse, Harrah's Laughlin
Reno/Sparks: White Orchid, Peppermill, Reno
Rural: Plateau Room, Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Basque Restaurant

Louis' Basque Corner, Reno

Best Italian Restaurant

North: Romanza, Peppermill, Reno
South: Bootlegger, Las Vegas

Best Chinese Restaurant

P.F. Chang's, Las Vegas and Reno

Best Japanese Restaurant

Hamada of Japan, Las Vegas

Best Mexican Restaurant

Chevy's, Las Vegas and Reno

Best Hamburger

North: Awful Awful, the Nugget, Downtown Reno
South: Fatburger, Las Vegas

Best Saloon

North: Brew Brothers, Eldorado, Reno
South: Tie between Gilley's Dancehall, Saloon and BBQ at the New Frontier, Las Vegas, and P.T's Pub, Las Vegas
Rural: Bucket of Blood Saloon, Virginia City

Best Brewpub

North: Brew Brothers, Eldorado, Reno
South: Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery, Las Vegas

Best Place to Go Dancing

North: BuBinga Lounge, Eldorado, Reno
South: Studio 54, MGM Grand, Las Vegas

Best Coffee Shop

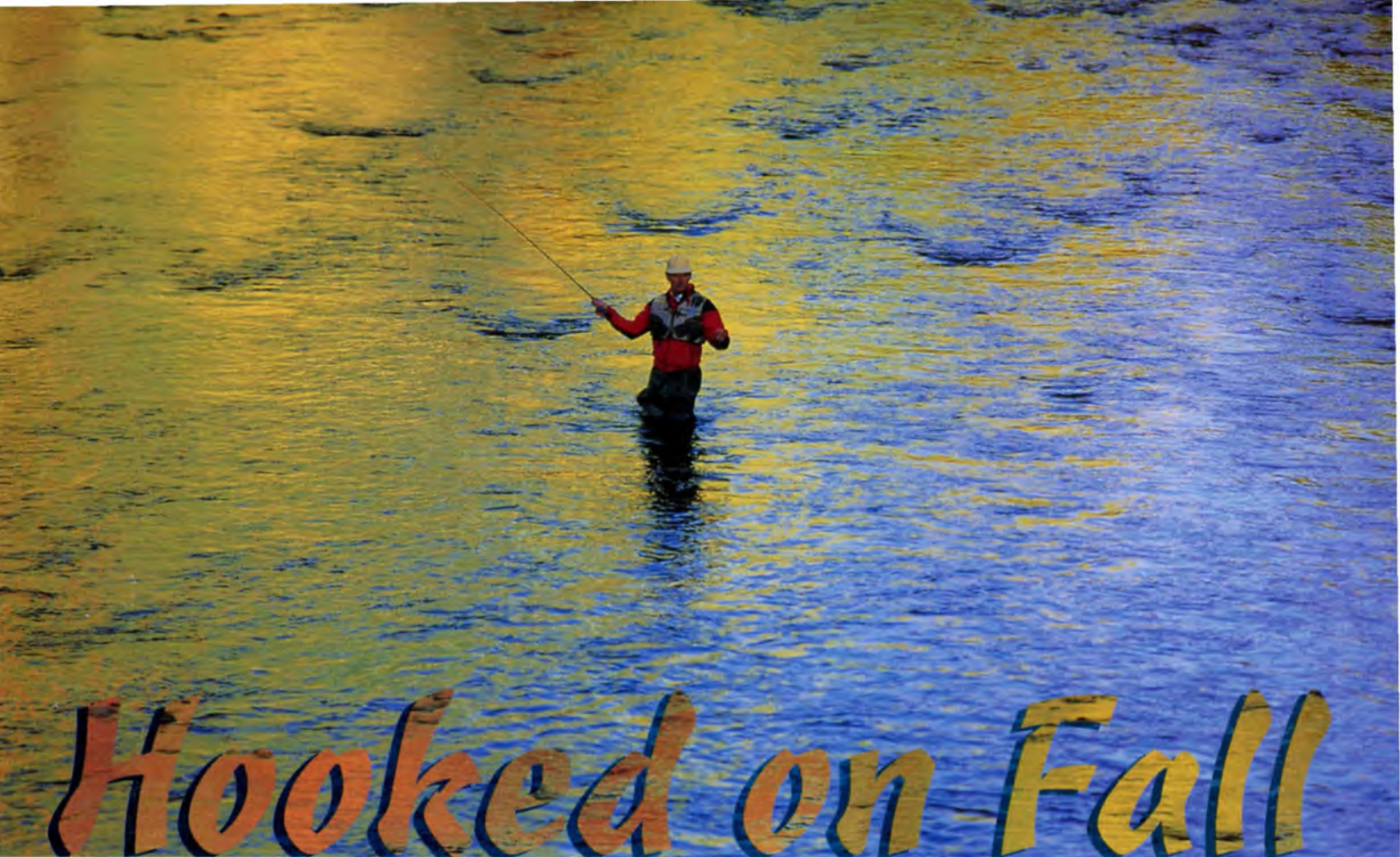
North: Peppermill, Reno
South: Peppermill, Las Vegas
Rural: Cabo Café, Harrah's Laughlin

Best Wedding Chapel

North: Arch of Reno Wedding Chapel, Reno
South: Little Chapel of the West, Las Vegas

Best Sightseeing Company

Scenic Airlines



Autumn leaves cast colorful reflections in the Truckee River.

Anglers will
find good casting,
fall foliage, and
a few fish tales
at these seven
Nevada lakes
and streams.

By Geoff Schneider

As summer fades into memory, Bob Ravera looks up to admire the fall colors of the Schell Creek Mountains as he casts a fly on Comins Lake. Drifting in his float tube, Ravera may see elk, ducks, or Canada geese stopping at the reservoir near Ely on their way to wintering grounds. He also may have the thrill of seeing a trophy-sized trout on the end of his line.

Fall fishing has its advantages, says Ravera, a dentist from Newport Beach, California, who with his wife, Cathy, fishes Eastern Nevada's rural waters through most of the year. "It's less crowded, the days are cooler, and the fishing can be excellent," he says of autumn angling. Also, the action "picks up a little bit" as the fall weather cools the water and brings the fish out of their summer malaise.

Following are seven lakes and rivers that the Raveras and other anglers will be fishing this fall, from south to north. Anglers should consult the state's "Nevada Fishing Seasons and Regulations" brochures for details on licenses, rules, and limits. The brochures are free at sporting goods

stores, marinas, and bait shops throughout Nevada. The fishing regulations also are available online at www.ndow.org, the Nevada Department of Wildlife's Web site.

Lake Mead: This giant Colorado River impoundment east of Las Vegas was created by Hoover Dam in the 1930s. Lake Mead has 550 miles of shoreline that wrap around five enormous basins. Besides good fishing, Lake Mead's fall attractions are cooler weather and the absence of crowds. If the fish aren't biting, anglers can walk the shore and note the contrast where the desert is absorbed into the lake's blue waters. They may even spot desert bighorn sheep on the cliffs.

"Fall is the classic time because the largemouth and striped bass are feeding as they prepare for next spring's spawn," says Butch Padilla, a retired NDOW biologist who spent years conducting research at the lake. "There is less traffic, so you pretty much have the lake to yourself. And the weather can be fabulous."

Striped bass are the lake's most popular game fish. Stripers are relatively easy to

catch and can weigh 20 pounds or more, although the average catch ranges from two to three pounds. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, and bluegill are popular as well. Typically, the bass will bite on lures that imitate their favorite forage fish, the threadfin shad. For campers, Lake Mead has several good National Park Service campgrounds.

Wayne E. Kirch W.M.A.: About 35 miles south of the little town of Lund, the White River surfaces to form this oasis before diving again beneath the desert floor to continue flowing as an underground river. In 1959 the state purchased the area for duck and goose nesting and hunting. Named after a Las Vegas sportsman who was a longtime state wildlife commissioner, Wayne E. Kirch Wildlife Management Area is tucked between the Egan and Grant ranges.

The refuge's five lakes are highly regarded by anglers for rainbow trout and largemouth bass. As the water cools in the fall, the fish become more energetic and easier to catch. Check NDOW's fishing regulations for Kirch's special rules, such as a 10-inch minimum size for keeper bass. By the way, Adams-McGill Reservoir was recently drained for dam repair. The refuge has a no-fee campground.

Comins Lake: An increasing number of anglers have been heading to Comins because of its large rainbow trout. The reservoir is situated seven miles south of Ely in scenic Steptoe Valley, known for its towering mountains and abundant wildlife.

Part of NDOW's acquisition of the historic 3-C Ranch, the lake is managed as a top-notch fishery. Phenomenal growth rates are reported for the rainbow trout that are stocked as nine-inch fish from the state's hatcheries. Anglers may catch fish of several pounds or more, particularly in the fall when the fish are active.

During the fall Bob Ravera has seen antelope and elk near the lake. Also, you can take a drive to nearby Success Summit in the early morning or evening and have a chance to see elk and mule deer along with beautiful scenery. Campgrounds are located at Cave Lake State Park and Elk Flat to the east of Comins.

Truckee River: This blue-green river flows through Reno on its way from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake. Truckee anglers often see mule deer and migratory birds like ducks and geese as the foliage takes on spectacular fall colors.

The Truckee offers outstanding fishing

for rainbow and brown trout in the fall, says Dave Stanley, an avid angler and owner of the Reno Fly Shop. At this time of year the brown trout move to their spawning bed, making them very active and providing rod-bending action for anglers. Also, in autumn the flow of the river slows and becomes more consistent, which helps anglers.

While most fishing activity takes place west of Reno, Stanley says fall is a good time to work eastward from Reno to Wadsworth. Browns and rainbows up to 24 inches in length are caught in that stretch of the river.

Pyramid Lake: In the 1920s and '30s anglers from around the nation came to Pyramid to catch trophy Lahontan cutthroat trout of 20 pounds or more. John Skimmerhorn, a Paiute fisherman, caught the world-record cutthroat of 41 pounds in 1925.

Times changed, and by the early 1940s the cutthroat-trout fishery had collapsed. But thanks to better water management the lake has again become a popular fishing place. It also has unique tufa scenery, cool fall weather, and no crowds.

Pyramid Lake is part of a Paiute reservation 35 miles northeast of Reno. Trout-fishing season runs from October 1 to June 30, and fall anglers have a chance to land a cutthroat weighing up to 10 pounds. At this time of year the trout follow tui chubs, their favorite food source, into shallow water, where the trout are vulnerable to lures and flies.

Fishing is closely regulated by the

*Keep an eye
on the weather at
Knott Creek
Reservoir—fall
snowstorms have
stranded anglers
at the lake.*



John Kimak, an avid Las Vegas angler, reels in a striped bass at Pump House Cove on Lake Mead.

Crittenden is a place that regulars call "Nevada pretty," where the enjoyment is all about catching big, feisty trout.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Contact tribal rangers at 775-476-1155 or plpt.nsn.us/ for information on regulations and the permits that are required for fishing, camping, and boating at the desert lake.

Even people who don't fish will find a trip to the lake to be worthwhile because of Pyramid's unusual tufa formations. The calcium spires, many shaped like rough-hewn bowls, are remnants of Lake Lahontan, which covered the area centuries ago.

Knott Creek Reservoir: The aspen leaves turn to blazing yellow and orange in fall at Knott Creek Reservoir, situated at 6,400 feet in the Pine Forest Range 130 miles northwest of Winnemucca. Besides its beauty, the appeal of this mountain lake near Denio is trophy trout up to 20 inches in length.

As the water cools, the lake's rainbow and bowcutt (a hybrid of rainbow and cut-throat) trout become active as they put on weight for the winter. Lures with single barbless hooks are the only baits that can be used. The fishing season runs from the second Saturday in June through November 15. Primitive camping is permitted.

Wildlife is abundant in the mountains that surround Knott Creek Reservoir, so bring binoculars. Also pack warm clothes because autumn temperatures can quickly turn cold at this elevation. Watch the weather—fall snowstorms have stranded anglers at the lake.

Crittenden Reservoir: Anglers have to be really determined to reach this lake because of its remote location in Nevada's

northeastern corner, but those who make the trek will be treated to the type of fishing that avid fishers dream about.

Crittenden, 69 miles northeast of Wells, can be reached by driving to Montello and then north on a dirt road for 19 miles. The lake has largemouth bass, but most anglers cast for the rainbow trout that grow 20 inches or more. Flies are the preferred trout-catching method—only artificial lures can be used here. Camping is not allowed around the lake, but an unimproved camp area is nearby.

Situated in a canyon surrounded by sagebrush, Crittenden Reservoir is a place that regulars call "Nevada pretty," where the enjoyment is all about catching big, feisty trout. There is appeal in Crittenden's isolation, and anglers enjoy having the lake—and its big rainbows—mostly to themselves when summer turns to fall. ▢



Geoff Schneider fishes Lake Mead for largemouth and striped bass in the fall. A Las Vegas resident, he is the Southern Region supervisor of information and education programs for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. See www.nevada-magazine.com for an extended version of his story with details regarding bait and angling strategies at these fall fishing spots.



Bobbing in his float tube, Bob Ravera holds a rainbow trout he caught at Comins Lake near Ely. The Newport Beach dentist and his wife, Cathy, frequently fish in Eastern Nevada.

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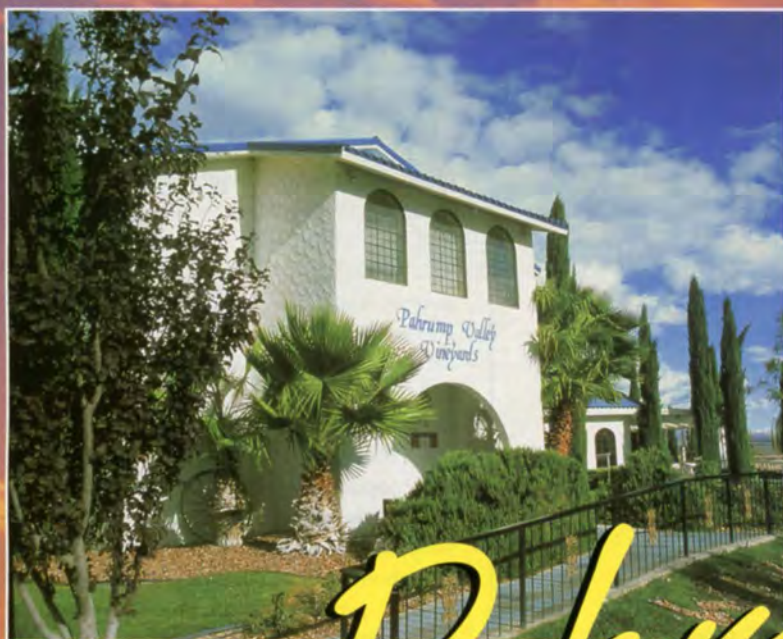
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Pahrump Valley Winery



Terrible's Lakeside Resort

Pahrump

Close to Las Vegas and Death Valley, Pahrump offers attractions of its own

Story and Photos by Larry L. Cantrall

Pahrump is getting discovered. For years the sleepy hamlet of Pahrump, 60 miles west of Las Vegas, was an off-the-beaten-track Nevada town known mostly for inexpensive land and discount firework stands.

Things have changed dramatically in recent years. Because of its location, close to not only Las Vegas but also many Southern Nevada and California tourist attractions, Pahrump has become one of the fastest-growing communities in the state.

As a result, you might say that Pahrump has come into its own. Three courses await golfers. An arts community presents special events at Nevada's largest winery. Four casinos feature 24-hour gaming, restaurants, and bars. And when it's winter elsewhere, it's usually warm in Pahrump Valley.

The Paiutes knew the valley as a special place. Their name for it combined "pah" for water, after the area's natural artesian springs, and "rimpi," for stone. In the late 1800s, white settlers raised alfalfa and cotton in the fertile valley, which sits on a major aquifer.

In the first half of the 20th century, Pahrump was one of the most isolated communities in the West. You could disappear from society and be confident your secret would be safe. Some believe

Butch Cassidy escaped that gunfight in Bolivia and died in the nearby mining town of Johnnie around 1940. Life was hard for Pahrump's cotton and alfalfa farmers, but success was attainable. The first paved road, State Route 160, connected Pahrump to Las Vegas in 1954. Electricity finally arrived in 1963, and telephone service followed two years later. The first grocery store opened in 1981.

Today, Pahrump is booming. The valley's population—a mere 63 in 1959—has grown to more than 32,000. Housing developments, tourist accommodations, and a thriving business community have replaced the old cotton farms. Many travelers, especially RVers, are finding Pahrump a good spot to visit.

Pick up the real estate section for Pahrump's local paper, the *Pahrump Valley Times*, and you'll find plenty of advertisements for new housing projects. The Pahrump township's Web site estimates that more than 10,000 single and multifamily units are under development or construction. Developments include Mountain Falls, an ambitious 1,000-acre project with 3,000 homes and a championship golf course, and Desert Greens, an adult manufactured-home community that includes a nine-hole golf course.

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A popular stop in Pahrump is **Pahrump Valley Winery**, the only winery in Southern Nevada. Known for its sweet white wine, Symphony, and its burgundy, Pahrump Valley Winery produces eight varieties. You can order wine to be shipped (775-727-6900). The winery has a gift store and a fine-dining restaurant. An amphitheater is the site of several yearly events, such as a summer arts festival. In October, the Grape Stomp features a jazz festival and wine tasting.

Pahrump's largest annual event, the **Pahrump Fall Festival and Rodeo**, is held at Petrack Park on the first weekend in October. Most of the events, including shows, dances, vendor booths, and contests, are free. Admission is charged for the carnival, PRCA rodeo, auto races at **Pahrump Valley Speedway**, and several events at the winery. Add the parade on Saturday morning, and the Fall Festival offers a weekend of fun and entertainment.

The weekend prior to the Fall Festival the Pahrump Chamber of Commerce stages the **Pony Express Ride**. Riders on horseback carry mail on a 34-mile Pony Express reenactment ride from Amargosa Valley to Pahrump. A kick-off dinner is held at the Longstreet Inn in Amargosa, and the event ends at Saddle West in Pahrump.

For race fans, **Pahrump Valley Speedway** (775-727-7172) holds dirt-track races in the summer. Out in **Amargosa Valley**, the rooster tails are flying at the sand-drag track (775-372-5658). If the wind starts blowing, be sure to choose the upwind side.

Four casinos offer 24-hour gaming. Pahrump's oldest casino, **Saddle West** (800-433-3987), and newest, the **Pahrump Nugget** (775-751-6500), join **Terrible's Town Casino** (775-751-7777) on State Route 160 in the area considered to be Pahrump's downtown. Seven miles southeast of town on Homestead Road, **Terrible's Lakeside Casino and RV Resort** (888-558-5253) features a man-made,

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Pahrump Events

It's always best to call ahead to confirm times and dates.

Man Who Lost the River: Pahrump Visual and Performing Arts Council play, September 5-6 and 12-13, at Pahrump Valley Winery. Call 775-727-1858.

Chautauqua: Historical presentations at

the Pahrump Valley Winery September 26-27. Call 775-727-6900.

Pony Express Ride: Teams of riders carry the mail between Amargosa Valley and Pahrump on September 27-28. The ride ends at the Saddle West. Call the chamber, 866-722-5800, to sign up or for information.

Summer Arts Festival: Jazz and art celebration at the Pahrump Valley Winery began in June and ends with the **Grape Stomp** on October 4. Call 775-727-6900.

Pahrump Fall Festival and Rodeo: PRCA event includes arts and crafts, exhibit hall, and kids' carnival, held on October 3-5 in Petrack Park. Call 775-727-5107 or visit www.pahrumpchamber.com.

For **Pahrump Valley Speedway** stock car

racing information, call 775-727-7172.

Art and Sol: Arts and crafts festival, October 25-26, Honeysuckle Park. Call 866-722-5800.

Social Powwow: Native American crafts, exhibits, dancing, and entertainment are offered on November 21-23 at Petrack Park. Call 775-727-3812 or 775-751-0569.

Coming in 2004: **The Silver State Regional Chili Cook-Off**, where cooks may enter the International Chili Society-sanctioned event. The public will be able to sample the entries. Call the chamber, 866-722-5800, or visit www.pahrumpchamber.com.

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Old School Ties

The pride of Mason Valley has been rejuvenated as the Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center.

By Joyce Hollister

When Dace Sacchini attended Yerington Grammar School No. 9 in the 1930s, she could hear troublesome boys being disciplined with wooden "principal's paddles" because her classroom was next door to Principal George Daugherty's office. "I cringed," she says, "but that's how it was in those days."

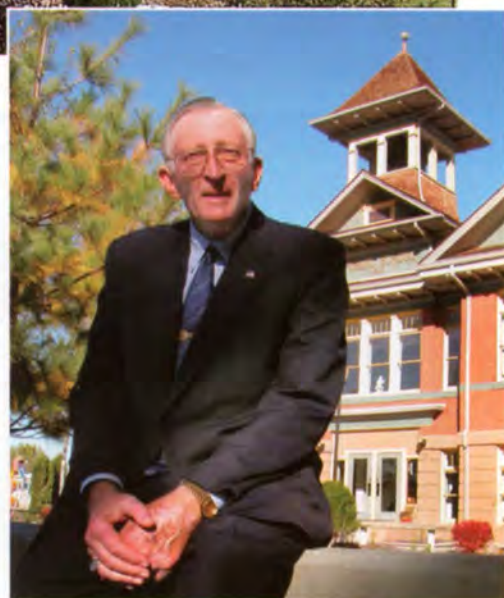
Daugherty wasn't all discipline, however. Sacchini recalls that he also taught students to tap dance after school. "He danced right along with us," she says. "We had lots of fun."

Sacchini and many longtime Mason Valley residents have fond memories of the school and are pleased to see it revived as the **Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center**. "I was hoping something like this would happen to the old school," Sacchini says.

Grammar School No. 9 was known as

the "pride of the valley" when it and the Lyon County Courthouse opened in 1912. Reno architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps designed both buildings. Deteriorating badly, the school was closed in 1980 and became the focus of a \$1.8-million fund-raising campaign in 1988. The late Jeanne Dini led the project's committee.

"A group of citizens who had gone to the school wanted to create a cultural center and have a place for plays and music," says Joe Dini, Jeanne Dini's husband and former speaker of the Nevada Assembly. "They really worked hard. Jeanne put her whole life into it. Unfortunately, it wasn't finished in 1994 when she passed away." Dini, who attended the school beginning in 1934, can remember the names of each of his teachers from the first through



Joe Dini (above) sits in front of the Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center (pictured at top).

eighth grades. As a legislator in the early 1990s, Dini pushed to establish the Commission for Cultural Affairs, which, through the sale of bonds, has helped rehabilitate the old Yerington school and other Nevada landmarks. In the last 10 years, the commission has distributed close to \$20 million, a figure matched by grant recipients.

"We have projects in all of Nevada's 17 counties," says Ron James, the state historic preservation officer. "Sixty-eight



buildings have benefited from the program, over 40 of them are open, and more than half a million people visit these facilities." Among the buildings are the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville, a renovated high school that dates to 1916, and the 1915-era Oats Park School, now a theater and arts center in Fallon. DeLongchamps designed those buildings, too.

Lyon County residents raised nearly \$800,000 for the Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center. "It's amazing a little town like Yerington could do that," Dini says. Besides \$840,000 in grants from the commission, the center received other outside help, and restoration was complete in 1998. Pat Fietta, who shares curating duties at the center with her husband, George LeMaitre, says former students marvel at the result. "They love to see what has been done with their old school," she says.

The center's main attraction is the 150-seat **Ginny Baker Theater**, named after a late Yerington resident who with her husband, Cal, was a major donor. Steeply raked seats give the theater what performers call a "live sound." Fietta says, "When an actor stands on the stage and whispers, you can hear him clearly from every seat." Internationally acclaimed pianist Robert Thies praised the acoustics after his performance last June. Recent productions include "The Shooting of Bob McKinney," a folk opera staged by a Virginia City group, and "Oliver!," performed by Yerington Intermediate School students. A summer concert by the Carson Valley Pops Orchestra drew a sellout crowd.

Daytime visitors can order tea, espresso drinks, or smoothies at the **No. 9 Café and Gallery**, where artwork and photographs are displayed. Tourists as well as residents appreciate the center, according to Fietta. "A visitor from Arizona told me he went to a school just like this one," she says. "We got to talking about principal's paddles, and he said, 'I might be able to get you one.'"

So long as Dace Sacchini doesn't cringe at the idea.



When You Go

The Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center is located at 120 North California Street in Yerington, 67 miles east of Carson City via U.S. 50 and Alternate U.S. 95. The No. 9 Café and Gallery is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

The Ginny Baker Theater's fall schedule includes "Eilley," performed by the Gold Hill Players, and the International Folk-



Workers pose for the photographer during the school's construction circa 1912 (above). Robert Thies, on piano, and Boglarka Kiss, on flute, in concert earlier this summer (far left). In the photo at left, Principal George Daugherty (left) and teacher Mr. Hight perform a tap dance routine.

loric Ballet Company, featuring Mexican regional dances in September, Comstock pianist Squeek LaVake's "Rag-Time Revue" in October, "Bunkhouse Braggadocio," a three-day cowboy poetry celebration in November, and Clay Jenkinson of Reno as Thomas Jefferson in December. Call 775-463-9116 or visit www.yeringtonculture.org. Visit www.nevadamagazine.com for extended versions of this story and an events schedule. ▀

Joyce Hollister is Nevada Magazine's associate editor.

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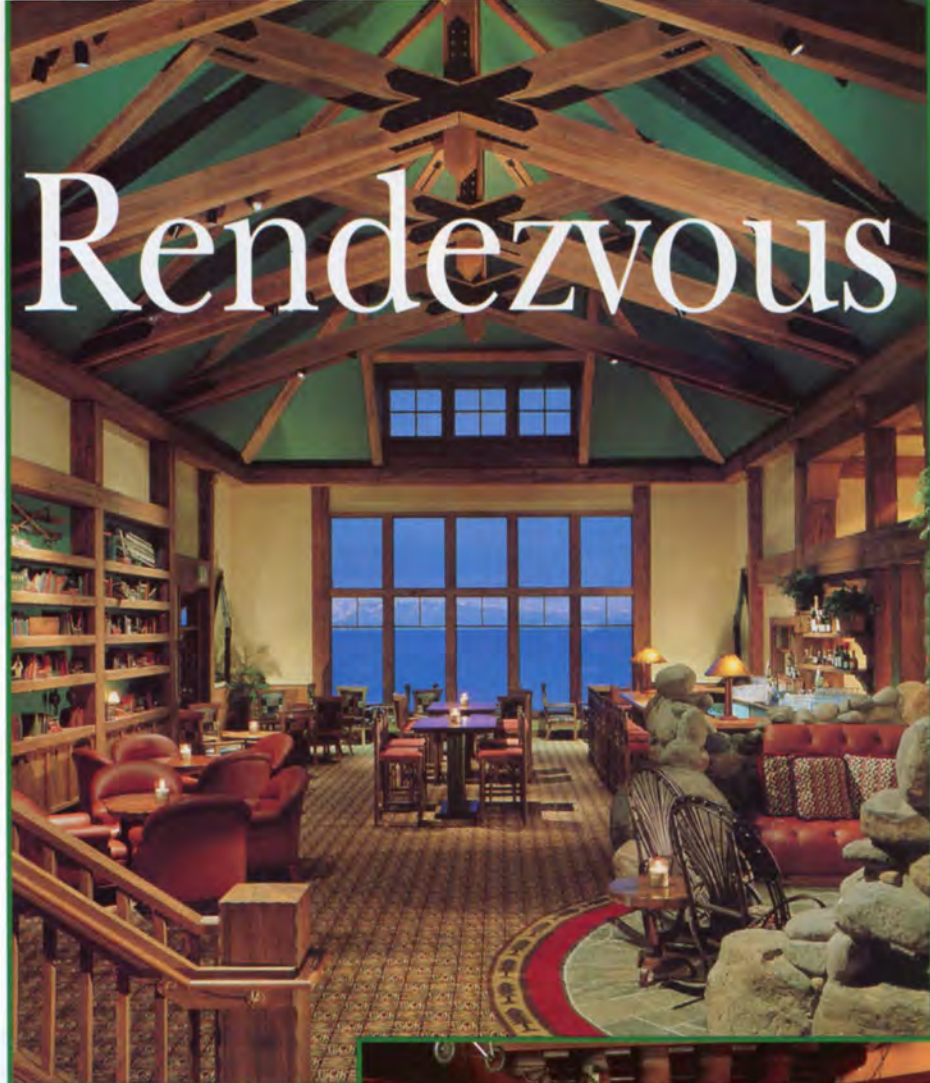
Dinner at these six Nevada lodges recalls a bygone era of fireside romance.

By Wilma LaRocca

When fall comes to the mountains, a good getaway is to drive to a dinner spot with tall pines, fall color, and rustic romance—a lodge. The lodge may have log walls, a stone fireplace, and a wall of windows so you can take in the view. You can go hiking after dinner, or even stay the night.

There are two such lodges on Mount Charleston, 40 miles northwest of downtown Las Vegas. Driving up Kyle Canyon Road (State Route 157) past Joshua trees and pines, you come upon the **Mt. Charleston Hotel**, a three-story, log-and-rock structure with attached lodge. The hotel sits on a shelf overlooking Kyle Canyon at 6,300 feet, 4,000 higher than Las Vegas.

Entering through tall double doors, you encounter a spacious great room with high ceilings and log walls. On one side the Cliffhanger Lounge and the Canyon Dining Room overlook Kyle Canyon. Before dinner you can relax with a drink beside the fireplace. Entrees begin at \$16.95. The menu includes chicken, pasta, steaks, ahi tuna, salmon, orange roughy,



The Lone Eagle Grille offers lakeside dining at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe (above). Bartenders like Samuel Lazerson (right) serve drinks with a view at the Mt. Charleston Hotel. The Topaz Lodge serves Gilroy Fields Chicken (top left), steak, and seafood in the Steakhouse.

and shrimp scampi. The tables are furnished with linens. Call 702-872-5500, www.mtcharlestonhotel.com.

At the top of Kyle Canyon Road the **Mt. Charleston Lodge** sits at 7,717 feet above sea level. An A-frame with a circular fireplace, the lodge offers views in the dining room and on the patio. "Our guests come from all around," says Dee Freeman, the lodge's office manager. "Some are skiers and hikers, some honeymooners. Some come just to stay in the cabins." Dining is casual, with dinner entrees priced from \$12 to \$45 for pheasant, Australian medallions of venison, prime rib, shrimp scampi, Alaskan salmon, and lasagna. The lodge is open 24 hours. Call 702-872-5408, 800-955-1314, www.mtcharlestonhotel.com.



The **Zephyr Cove Lodge** sits on Lake Tahoe's southeast shore, four miles north of the Stateline casinos. From the patio or the knotty-pine dining room you can watch sailboats and the *M.S. Dixie II* and *Woodwind*, which dock at the marina. Dining is casual. The menu features fettuccini dishes prepared with chicken or seafood, priced from \$11.95. Other entrees are barbecued pork ribs, New York steak, marinated salmon, pan-fried trout, and grilled chicken breast, priced from \$10.95. Call 775-589-4968, www.zephyrcove.com.

Tahoe views also come with dinner at the **Lone Eagle Grille**, the Hyatt Regency

Lake Tahoe's upscale restaurant in Incline Village. You can arrive at this alpine lodge by yacht—the restaurant has a pier with a floating bar conveniently located at the end. Inside, the Lone Eagle Grille has rock walls, open beams, two double-sided fireplaces, and shelves of books. You'll feel comfortable in mountain casual or evening attire. Tables are set with linen and crystal. The menu includes game, seafood, New Zealand lamb chops, and steaks.

"We have our own butcher shop on the property. Our steaks are dry-aged 21 days," says chef de cuisine Peter Brinckerhoff. "For any special dish I can tell the meat cutters exactly what I need." A sommelier helps guests select wines. Dinners begin at \$32. Call ahead for reservations, 775-832-1234, 800-233-1234, www.laketahoehyatt.com.

Topaz Lodge overlooks another body of water—Topaz Lake, 20 miles south of Gardnerville. The lodge, a U.S. 395 landmark on the Nevada-California border since 1952, is frequented by fishermen and hunters. The Steakhouse is located downstairs in a quiet corner far from the casino. Knotty-pine walls create an intimate atmosphere. You'll have a view of all the action on Topaz Lake. The appetizers, including coconut shrimp, fettuccine, and escargots, begin at \$6.95. Popular entrees featuring chicken breast, lamb, steaks, and seafood dishes start at \$14.99.

Chef Norton Robinson creates sauces to accompany the steaks, including brandy peppercorn, fresh herbs, and sautéed mushrooms, and, for the broiled halibut, cilantro-lime sauce. In the works is a new menu item. "I think we'll call it enigma stix," he says. "It's ginger-seared ahi tuna encased in potsticker skins with spinach and roasted yellow peppers, tempura dipped, and served with a honey sesame syrup." Call 775-266-3388, 800-962-0732, www.topazlodge.com.

The **Pine Lodge Dinner House** is 20 miles southeast of Elko in scenic Lamoille, a quiet one-street town near the Ruby Mountains. The dining room is known for its collection of mounted game trophies, including deer heads and a rare spotted beaver. A Dall's sheep, Alaskan brown and grizzly bears, Canadian wolf, and mountain lion are on display, too. Dinners are served with numerous side dishes. Entrees, from \$10 to \$25, include ribeye steak, bacon-wrapped filet mignon, baby back ribs, chicken, shrimp scampi, and halibut. "We're filled almost every night," says bartender Zona Mlakar. Call ahead for reservations, 775-753-6363. 🍷

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Nevada Almanac

Nevada trivia, reader recommendations, and a new contest.

Nevada Trivia

Q Where is the Buckaroo Hall of Fame?

A This small museum of Western art, memorabilia, and historic photographs is located in Winnemucca.

Q Where did the first Indian school open in Nevada?

A On March 1, 1878, a school was opened on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation. It was enlarged to become a boarding school in 1882.

Q Which two Nevada counties are named after men who once ran against each other for President of the United States?

A The counties are Lincoln, for President Abraham Lincoln, and Douglas, for his 1860 opponent, Stephen A. Douglas.

—from *The Nevada Trivia Book* by Richard Moreno (*Gem Guides*, 1998)



In the Spirit of Burning Man News reporter Karl Horeis, wearing a “cheesy” floral dress and trail runners, pauses before boarding the Black Rock Desert playa. Horeis, photographer Rick Gunn, and sports reporter Jeremy Evans, all of Carson City’s *Nevada Appeal*, and photographer K.M. Cannon of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* were on Challenge No. 4, Day 5 of their Nevada 10-in-10 Challenge (see Evans’ “An Adventure Every Day” in this issue). Boarding the Black Rock playa is the easiest and most fun of the 10 adventures, Evans says. Costumes are an option, of course.

New Contest

Mispronounced Nevada Names Contest

Through no fault of their own, Nevada travelers (and even residents) often mispronounce certain Silver State place names. For instance, Jarbidge has no “r” in the second syllable—it’s not *Jarbridge*. Another is Ely, which is pronounced ee-lee, not ee-lie. How many often-mispronounced Nevada place names can you identify? We’re looking for an even dozen. Hint: You might start with the name of the mountain range that separates Northern Nevada and California. The winner will be chosen at random from entries received by September 22 and will receive a Nevada Historical Calendar. E-mail your entries to jhollister@nevadamagazine.com or mail them to the **Mispronounced Nevada Names Contest**, Nevada Magazine, 401 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701. Good luck!

Reader Recommended

Flipped Over the Fort: We visited the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort about a year ago. We were fascinated to learn about early Las Vegas history at the museum, a building that incorporates part of the original adobe fort dating to the 1850s. Anyone with an interest in pioneer days will like this state historic park. —*Tom and Ruth Herd, San Francisco*

Touring Reno: My sister and I enjoyed the old houses on the self-guided historic walking tour of Reno. The tour was devised several years ago, but some of the brochures can still be found at the McKinley Park School, now Reno’s art and culture center (call 775-334-2417).

—*Ann Scott and Lynne Elkins, Portland, OR*



The historic Tyson House at 242 West Liberty Street is on Reno’s self-guided walking tour.

Do you have a Nevada travel recommendation to share with other readers? Write “Nevada Almanac,” Nevada Magazine, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; fax 775-687-6159; or e-mail editor@nevadamagazine.com (be sure to include your town and state).

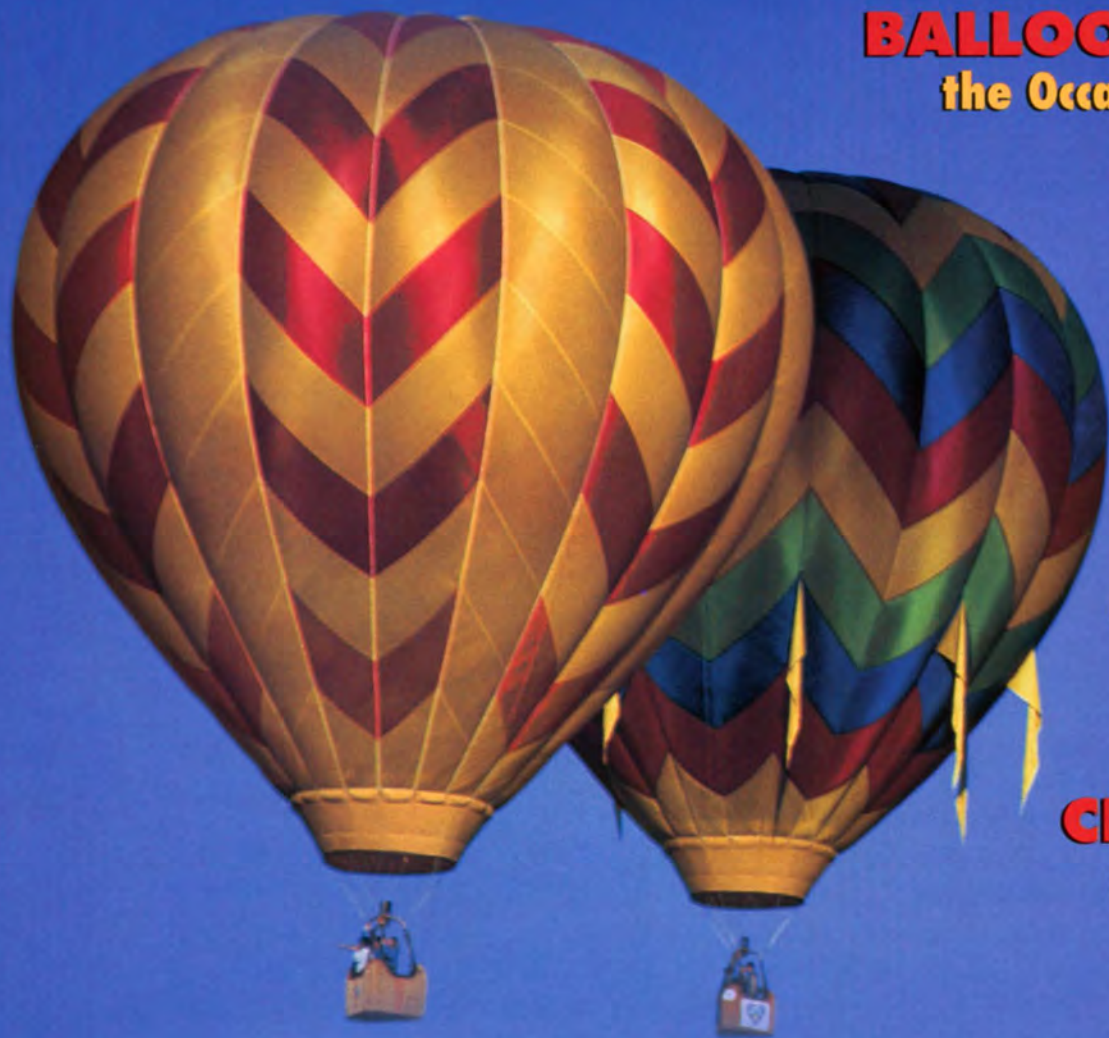
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Eventful Autumn

From balloon races to parades, fall is Nevada's biggest season for events.

By Ann Henderson

Fall in Nevada will test your ability to be in more than one place at once. As you'll see in this issue's "Nevada Events" and "Nevada Showguide," there are more than 400 events and an equal number of shows to choose from in the state during September and October.

Fall festivities range from the charming **Genoa Candy Dance** to the intense **Nissan Xterra USA Championship**, an extreme triathlon at Lake Tahoe. You can take in big-time professional sports like auto racing, boxing, hockey, and basketball. Those needing an adrenaline rush can attend the **Las Vegas Stampede Chuckwagon Races** or Reno's **National Championship Air Races**. Ballooning events soar in Reno, Las Vegas, and Elko. PGA golfers swing in the **Las Vegas Invitational**. Camels race in Virginia City.

Festivals celebrate Hispanic, Asian, Basque, Italian, Native American, and European cultures. You even can hunt ghosts in Reno and Virginia City or tour Carson City's historic homes during the annual **Ghost Walk**.

The fall event season ends with **Nevada Day** festivities celebrating the state's admission to the union on October 31, 1864. Elko will hold its annual parade, as will Carson City, which also hosts the World Championship Single Jack Rock Drilling Contest, a mustache and beard face-off, fireworks, and general partying.

Hotels fill their showrooms this autumn with a lineup that includes the **Kirov Ballet**



Game Time: An Elvis "Dealtainer" deals to blackjack players in the Legends Pit at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. At Lake Tahoe extreme triathletes (left) compete in the Nissan Xterra USA Championship, one of the many sporting events on Nevada's fall calendar.



and the Tony Award-nominated play **"The Full Monty."** **"Mamma Mia!"** and **"Blue Man Group"** continue at the top of the A-list in Las Vegas. **Lionel Richie** and **Willie Nelson** are booked into Reno's City Center Pavilion.

The entertainment buzz in Las Vegas centers on **"Zumanity,"** the new Cirque du Soleil production at New York-New York. The sensual theme of the show is raising eyebrows and comment, but any controversy is mild compared to the furor when topless showgirls first arrived in 1957 in "Minsky's Follies" at the Dunes. The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* editorialized: "The people of the state of Nevada may be liberal, but they also have a high standard of morals. If the operators of the Strip hotels, who revel in the indecency of the stage shows, believe that all sense of values among Nevadans is dead, they should look at their cards."

Entertainment has moved to the gaming floor at two Las Vegas hotel-casinos.

When the lights begin to flash in the Rio All-Suite Hotel, it's time for the **"BevEntertainers"** to set aside their drink trays and perform 90-second song or dance routines.

The Imperial Palace has installed **"Dealtainers"** in two of the casino's blackjack pits. The Champagne Pit has a free-flowing champagne fountain and is manned by dealers wearing clothes of the Rat Pack era, when Sammy Davis Jr. dealt blackjack to surprised gamblers at the Sands. At the Imperial Palace's Legends Pit, celebrity impersonators portraying Elvis, Buddy Holly, the Blues Brothers, Marilyn Monroe, Elton John, and Ray Charles deal to patrons. A parade through the casino at 6 p.m. signals the Legends Pit is open for business until 4 a.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Visitors wanting more adventure in their outdoor events will welcome Reno's **Whitewater Park and Kayak Slalom Racing Course**. The kayak course, scheduled to be completed and operational this winter, will be built on the Truckee River, which flows through downtown Reno. The project is expected to draw regional and national kayaking competitions and will improve sites along a 24-mile stretch of the river. The park is seen as the latest attraction to enhance Reno's reputation for outdoor adventure. ▀

Ann Henderson is Nevada Magazine's events and entertainment editor.

Speed Bikers

Recumbent
cyclists test their
pedal power
at the world
championships
in Battle Mountain
this September.

Story and Photos by
Richard Menzies

A human-powered vehicle, or HPV, accelerates on the flat highway. The recumbent cyclists pedal five miles on the approach and are timed in a 200-meter trap.

As a spectator sport, the World Human Powered Speed Challenge is a close cousin to the mythical submarine races. At five in the afternoon, a shuttle bus on loan from an idle gold mine picks us up in front of the Battle Mountain Civic Center and takes us 14 miles south of town. There we are dropped off like a litter of unwanted puppies at a spot where wooden bleachers and one lonely porta potty have been set up in the sagebrush. The bleachers face State Route 305, a two-lane ribbon of rural asphalt unremarkable by Nevada standards but widely regarded as an ideal straightaway for testing the upper limits of human performance.

Except for the chirping of crickets and occasional squawk of a two-way radio, the scene is quiet. Then a member of the timing crew announces that he has a racer in sight. Presently we hear a faint rattling noise. *Whoosh!* A torpedo-shaped object shoots past, vanishing into the distance as quickly as it appeared. The crowd applauds. The crickets resume chirping.

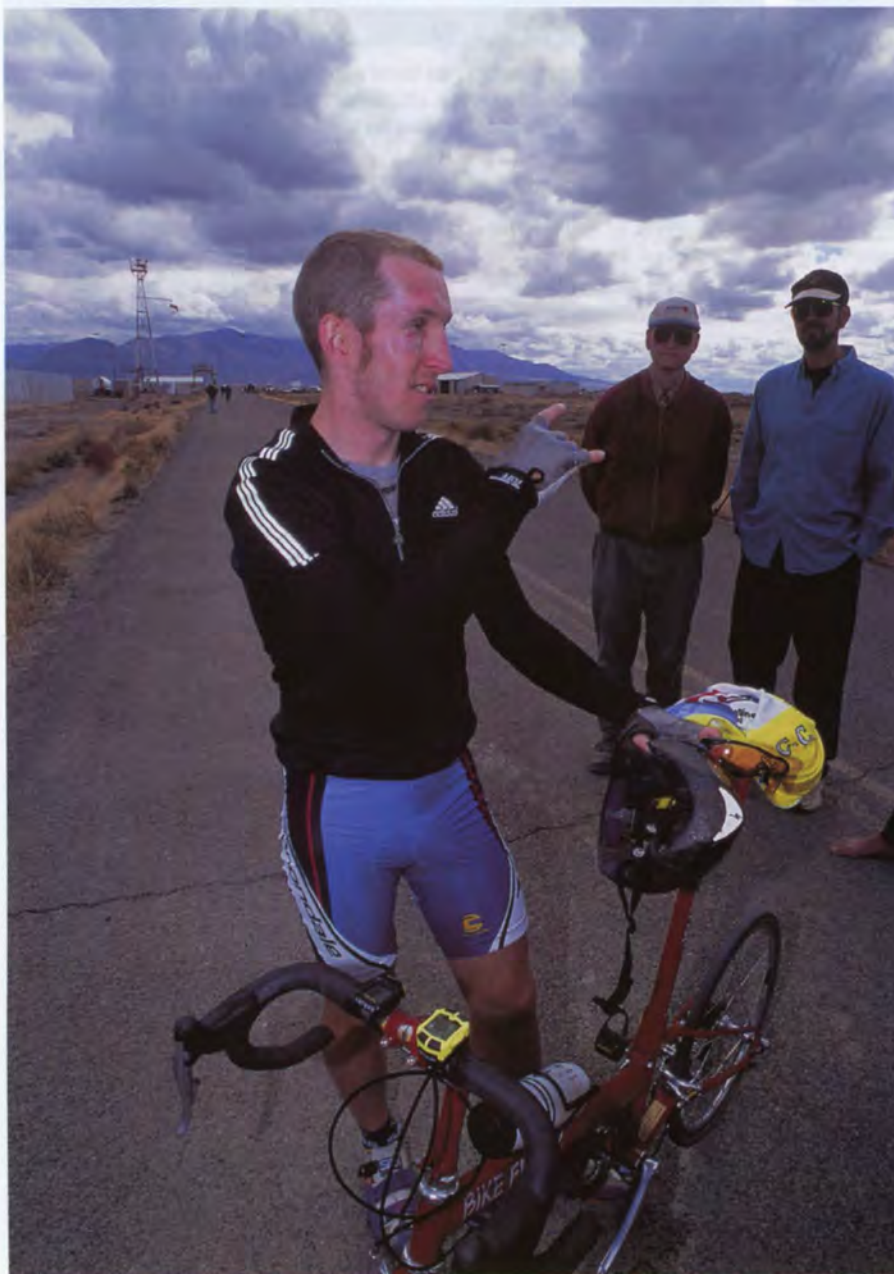
What just went thataway is a racing machine known as an HPV, or human-



Fans fill the bleachers on State Route 305 south of Battle Mountain. The trials are September 15-20.



Encased in *Diablo's* aerodynamic shell, Canadian Sam Whittingham (above) set a record of 81 mph last year. Below, Britisher Rob English describes his crash. Racing HPVs, he says, is "such a rush."



powered vehicle. The human inside the streamlined shell travels feet first on a low-slung recumbent bicycle frame. The bicycle's drive train has upwards of 50 gears, and it takes almost five miles before the contraption gets up to full speed. That's when things get really interesting.

"It's such a rush," gushes British cyclist Rob English. "To be doing it on your own power, on a flat road, is just tremendous—just an unbelievable feeling. You don't really get the sensation of speed so much 'cause you don't have the wind on you. But you look at the speedo—it reads 68 miles an hour. That's *freeway* speed!"

As English's bike entered the 200-meter long-timing trap, his speedometer registered 70—his fastest speed ever. The next instant, *bang!* The machine went spinning out of control, carving a fragrant swath through the sagebrush before finally coming to rest against a parked car. Because he was encapsulated in a practically bullet-

**At the Owl Club,
spandex-clad visitors
from Germany,
England, and Canada
rub shoulders with
cowboys and miners.**

proof shell, English was able to walk away from the wreck with only a mild concussion and facial lacerations.

Battle Mountain first became an international biking mecca four years ago, the result of a nationwide search by Californian Matt Weaver, who was looking for an ideal spot to field test his high-tech racing machine, the *Cutting Edge*.

"A sprint site long enough for the higher potential speeds and comparable to past sprint sites did not exist," recalls Weaver. "I decided to locate one. Ultimately it took an automobile loaded up with a computer and lots of fancy instrumentation and custom software and electronics and driving down the road, precisely surveying the road at speed. It was a fascinating project."

What the speed bikers needed was a road that was straight and level, with a smooth surface and little traffic. They also needed a road that could be shut down temporarily during nightly speed trials. Not only has the Nevada Department of Transportation been accommodating, so



Above: Sam Whittingham (center), the world's fastest self-powered human, rides a recumbent bike between time trials. Left: Walter "Mac" Martin and Gardner Martin (right) help Fast Freddy Markham prepare for his next run at Battle Mountain.

have the citizens of Battle Mountain. During race week—which is scheduled for September 15-20—cyclists are treated to such entertainments as a Basque banquet and a rodeo; in turn, the cyclists are more than willing to talk about their curious obsession and show off their exotic machines.

"It's like a chopper motorcycle with pedals," is how race-bike builder Gardner Martin of Freedom, California, describes his sleek Gold Rush Le Tour racing machine. Martin's longtime driver is former Olympian and U.S. National Cycling Team member "Fast" Freddy Markham. When he's tucked into position, little can be seen of Markham but the top of his helmeted head—and the image of his body in pro-

file, which is burned into the right side of the machine's Kevlar shell in a manner suggestive of the Shroud of Turin.

"You can see the shape of his body if you get back and look at it," says Martin. "That's Fast Freddy's imprint as he slid down the track. He was leading the race, coming down a slight grade. He was going maybe 63, and a gust of wind hit him. He just went down, sliding and spinning round and round for probably 200 feet."

Markham, who set his first world speed record in 1979, is now 45 years old and coasting toward retirement. Meantime, his teenaged daughter Tanya has already begun setting junior records. "It's in her blood," declares Martin, who is Tanya's proud godfather.

Airplane traffic at Battle Mountain's municipal airport, like automobile traffic on SR 305, is light. During race week, competitors hold drag races on the airport's access road while the tarmac is transformed into a half-mile criterion track.

Between events, cyclists can be found cruising city streets and county roads. At the Owl Club, spandex-clad visitors from Germany, England, Canada, and the Netherlands rub shoulders with leathery cowboys and hard-hat miners. What they all have in common is a certain laid-back attitude and a mutual appreciation for the wide-open spaces of rural Nevada. ▀

Richard Menzies once pedaled a Schwinn one-speed 200 miles before the engine gave out.

World Pedalists

An international field of aerodynamic speedbikers will meet in Battle Mountain for the World Human Powered Speed Challenge on September 15-20. The strong-legged racers will compete for a \$24,000 prize for the fastest run over 82 mph. Last year's champion, Sam Whittingham of Gabriola Island, British Columbia, set the event record of 81 mph. Each morning racers will attempt to qualify on the airport frontage road.

Main racing takes place on State Route 305 south of Battle Mountain in the last 90 minutes before sunset each evening, when winds are less likely to bother the entrants. The event is free for spectators. Other activities take place in Battle Mountain, 218 miles east of Reno on Interstate 80. Call the Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce, 775-635-8245, or visit www.battlemountain.org or www.wisil.recumbents.com for details, including how to compete in the event.



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Comedian on a Roll

Former drummer David Iannaci maintains the comedy beat at the Sands Regency in Reno. **By Kurt Hildebrand**

David Iannaci started in show business behind the drums, but for the past 30 years someone else has done the drum rolls while he tells the jokes. "Comedy keeps you young," says Iannaci, who describes himself as 60 going on 12. "I'm a little boy in my heart. I look at adults as just deteriorated children."

Born in Brooklyn, the rubber-faced Iannaci played all kinds of music during his first few years in show business. "One of my claims to fame is that I was a drummer for the original Coasters," the comedian says. "I played jazz, rock and roll."

One day in the mid-1970s Iannaci was playing a gig in Virginia Beach with a group named the Spinners—later renamed the Entertainers—when the equipment broke down. Since Iannaci was the group's cut-up, they sent him out to warm up the crowd. "I came out and started telling some jokes while the guys were getting their instruments to work," he recalls. "The guy who ran the place came back to the band and said, 'I'll hold you over for two months if this guy comes out and tells jokes before the show.'"

Iannaci combined comedy and music through the rest of the '70s, even playing a show with a group called the Lawmen. "They were cops who played in their uniforms," he laughs.

In 1979 Iannaci got his big break while working a comedy showcase at the Sahara in Las Vegas. "It was fate," he says. "I

David Iannaci presents a sketch as Vinny, one of his characters, with the aid of a foam hairpiece.



did the showcase for a week, and the entertainment director saw me. In those days, there were real entertainment directors. He said, 'I like you, and I want you to stay in town. He gave me \$1,500 to be the opening act for Bobby Gentry in the main room. I'm saying 'What? I'm gonna what?' I thought I was going to die that night."

Iannaci spent years in Vegas doing lounge shows. He was on the road in Biloxi,

Iannaci, who manages the comedy club, says, "It's great. If the main act doesn't show, then I can headline."

Mississippi, when he met his wife, Millie, five years ago. "She came to the show with her mother and kept coming back," he says. "After a few nights she came up to me and said, 'I've been seeing you every night this week, and I really like you. So I said, 'Let me take you to breakfast. I didn't want a woman, I wanted the right woman, and she must have been the one because we've been together for five years.'"

Iannaci says the erosion of support for lounge shows brought him and Millie to Reno, where he worked at Harrah's for

nine months before moving over to the Sands Regency.

"I did Just for Laughs at the Sands, and then the manager quit," he says. "I went down and offered to manage the show. It's great. If the main act doesn't show, then I can headline."

In his act Iannaci tells jokes and does impressions. Working a quiet crowd on a recent Thursday night, Iannaci contorts his face so one eye bugs out and lifts one shoulder in an impression of Ed Sullivan. A few chuckles rise from the audience as latecomers find their seats. "Come on, people," he exclaims. "I'll take loud breathing." He stretches his face and sticks out his tongue like a lizard. More laughs.

By the time he closes with an impressive drum solo on a single-leg table and introduces the next act, the audience has warmed up. Later, Iannaci is philosophical. "That's the beauty of live theater. You never know how the jokes are going to go over," he says. "Each audience has its own personality."

Iannaci says he likes the atmosphere at the Sands, which he describes as off-off Broadway. "It's old school, man," he says. "What's neat is that for the older crowd it's a little cool, a little nostalgic. But for the younger people, it's a new thing."

While he enjoys being off the road, another perk of running the comedy club is that it allows him to emulate one of his favorite characters, Ed Sullivan.

As Sullivan did, Iannaci encourages young acts to get stage time on his show. "I see the desire and how they want it," he says. "There is so little camaraderie in this business. But it is great to pass it on. What am I going to keep it for? I wouldn't be where I am if some guy didn't put his arm around me."

Show Notes

David Iannaci appears at the Just for Laughs Comedy Club at the Sands Regency in downtown Reno nightly except Monday and Tuesday. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, and 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is two-for-one on Thursday. Tickets cost \$10.95 (Saturday \$14.25), which includes tax but not drinks. Call 775-348-2200 or visit www.sandsregency.com for details. ♣

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Nevada Events

September and October events in Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, and Rural Nevada.

Nevada communities offer a great variety of events this fall, including Labor Day, Oktoberfest, and Halloween festivities. The Laughlin Professional Bullriders Bud Light Cup comes to the Laughlin Events Park, and Carson City hosts the huge party that is Nevada Day. Triathletes compete in the Nissan Xterra championships at Incline Village. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events and celebrations for September and October. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and details.

Las Vegas Territory

Imperial Acrobats of China • Aug. 28-Sept. 6 • Company's first American friendship tour begins in Las Vegas. Thomas and Mack, Las Vegas, www.ticketmaster.com.

Labor Day Motor Extravaganza • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Open to all years and models, burn-out competition, slow drags, and open header cruise. Silverton Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-643-0000.

Ash Grove Hike • Sept. 1 • Easy, one-hour, ranger-led walk. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Pirates Treasure Slot Tournament • Sept. 1-4 • \$10,000 first place, \$199 entry. Tropicana, Las Vegas, 702-739-2222.

Paris \$139 Slot Tournament • Sept. 2-3 and 24-25 • \$139 entry fee. Paris, Las Vegas, 800-727-4758, ext. 74711.

Bally's \$99 Slot Tournament • Sept. 2-3 and 24-25 • \$99 entry fee. Bally's, Las Vegas, 800-7BALLYS, ext. 4561.

Best of the New York Stage: Ben Vereen in Concert • Sept. 5 • Entertainer's Broadway credits include "Fosse" and "Chicago." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Boulder City Chautauqua • Sept. 5-6 • Characters celebrate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition with William Clark. Historical figures also include Sara Royce, John Jacob Astor, Caleb Greenwood, and Pierre Cruzatte. Boulder Theatre, Boulder City, 702-293-7688.

Rebel Volleyball: Gameworks Invitational • Sept. 5-6 • Women's volleyball tournament includes UNLV, Cal State Fullerton, Lamar, and Morgan State. Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Harvest Festival • Sept. 5-7 • Craft show. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-778-6300.

King of Hearts Blackjack Tournament • Sept. 5-7 • \$25,000 first place, \$500 entry fee. Tropicana, Las Vegas, 702-739-2222.

Generic Black and White Party • Sept. 6 • 17th annual benefit for Aid for AIDS of Nevada. The Palms, Las Vegas, 702-382-2326.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • Sept. 6 • Moderate to strenuous, three-hour, ranger-led hike. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.



Lamoille Pumpkin Patch

A scarecrow guards pumpkins at the Ranchers Center, formerly the Lamoille school, during the Lamoille Harvest Festival on October 4. Visitors can purchase handmade goods and home-baked pies as well as chili, soup, and hot dogs. The fair is a fund-raiser for the Presbyterian Church.

Book Review • Sept. 6 • Las Vegas author Brenda Billups discusses her latest book, *Woman at the Well*, a sequel to her book *The Willow Tree*, which was set in the South during the civil rights movement. West Las Vegas Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Jay Orlando and the Cousins • Sept. 7 • Fox trot, jitterbug, cha-cha, and swing music for dancing. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Mexican Independence Day Celebration • Sept. 7 • Arts and crafts, music, and food. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-284-6400.

Living-History: Soap Making • Sept. 7 • Demonstration. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

San Gennaro Feast • Sept. 10-14 • Italian food festival featuring more than 40 restaurants, beer garden, arts and

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crafts, carnival, pony rides, petting zoo, and strolling musicians. Rampart Blvd. and Alta Dr., Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.

REM Greatest Hits Tour • Sept. 11 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Las Vegas BikeFest • Sept. 11-14 • Motorcycle show at Cashman Center; Blue Oyster Cult performance Sept. 12 and Steppenwolf on Sept. 13 at Fremont Street Experience. Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Joanie Bartels Concert • Sept. 12 • Winner of AACE's Best Female Children's Artist performs. Silver Springs Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Krasnoyarsk Siberian Music and Dance Ensemble • Sept. 12 • Performance by the National Dance Company of Siberia. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas Classic Battle of the Bands/Step Show • Sept. 12 • The Human Jukebox vs. Blue and Gold Marching Machine. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Laughlin Professional Bullriders Bud Light Cup • Sept. 12-13 • Seventh annual gathering of the top 45 bull riders who will be competing for places in the National Finals Rodeo

in Las Vegas. Slo-mo action can be viewed on an instant replay screen in the stadium. Laughlin Events Park, Laughlin, 800-227-5245.

Primm 300 SCORE Off-Road Race • Sept. 12-13 • Open to buggy and truck classes. Buffalo Bill's Resort, Primm, 818-225-8402.

Autocross • Sept. 12-14 • Driving school ends with a driving skills competition on Sept. 14. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 775-727-1936.

Boulder City Folk Festival • Sept. 12-14 • Folk art event features music, food, and storytelling. Bicentennial Park and Wilbur Square, Boulder City, 702-293-6634.

Oscar de la Hoya vs. Shane Mosley • Sept. 13 • Prizefight. MGM Grand Garden Arena, MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 877-880-0880.

Historic Tour • Sept. 13 • Tour of restored outbuildings. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Burrito Bash • Sept. 13 • Competition and festival includes food and craft vendors. Neonopolis, Las Vegas, 702-382-6252.

"The Ramona Roses" • Sept. 13 • One-woman play about

cultural diversity and intelligence of students in an East Los Angeles high school. Must be age 15 or older. East Las Vegas Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Las Vegas Stampede Chuckwagon Races • Sept. 13 • Chuckwagons and their teams of four horses and four out-riders compete in the desert area behind the Plaza Hotel. Downtown Las Vegas, 403-516-6624, ext. 611.

Las Vegas Classic • Sept. 13 • Football game between Southern University and North Carolina A&T. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Latino Music Celebration • Sept. 13 • Music by Rick Arroyo and the Latin Rhythm Ensemble and Latin Breeze. Hartke Park, North Las Vegas, 702-633-1612.

CasaVino Wine Tasting • Sept. 13 • Fifth annual benefit for local charities. CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

Mexican Independence Celebration • Sept. 14 • Picnic, entertainment, food, mariachi music, vendors, exhibits, and contests. Freedom Park, Las Vegas, 702-649-1198.

Performing Arts Appreciation Day • Sept. 16 • 10th annual Thai festival features food, no-host bar, traditional dances, and a fashion show of national costumes. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Hot Lava • Sept. 19 • Polynesian troupe performs music and dance of the South Pacific. Bring a sack lunch. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-6328.

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

Fall Gift and Craft Show • Sept. 19-21 • Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, 702-568-7109.

"Annie Get Your Gun" • Sept. 19-21 and 27-28 • Nevada Conservatory Theatre presentation. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Ethnic Traditions Festival • Sept. 20 • Annual diversity celebration to promote cultural understanding. Recreation Center West Field, Mesquite, 702-346-8732.

Star Chef • Sept. 20 • About 25 Las Vegas chefs prepare their specialties. Event includes silent and live auction to benefit the March of Dimes. Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-732-9255.

Development, Effectiveness, and Future of the Rifle Musket • Sept. 20 • "Soldiers of the Old Fort" program presents a speaker at 10:15 a.m. Soldiers will be on hand to answer questions 9am-2pm. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Gospel Festival • Sept. 20 • Music featuring Las Vegas performer Carlton Malone. West Las Vegas Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Party Gras • Sept. 20 • Outdoor New Orleans-style street festival featuring Zydeco music, Cajun-style food, vendors, and entertainment. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-460-0777.

Zydeco Weekend • Sept. 20-21 • Cajun food and music. Avi Casino, Laughlin, 800-4300721.

Pacific Islands Festival: Ho'olaule'a 2003 • Sept. 20-21 • Entertainment, crafts, hands-on demonstrations, boutiques, games, and traditional dances and food. Singer-composer Na Hoku Hanohano performs Sept. 20 at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6704.

Las Vegas Hot Air Balloon Festival • Sept. 20-22 • Fifth annual benefit for Deaf Kids' Kamp includes a mass launch, paper balloon competition, tethered rides, and balloon glow. J.W. Marriott in Summerlin and Rhodes Ranch, Las Vegas, 800-346-6444.

Great Games Afternoon • Sept. 21 • Bring cards and games. Food furnished. Call Jewish Community Center for reservations. West Charleston Library, Las Vegas, 702-794-0090.

Living History: Gold Panning • Sept. 21 • Demonstration and discussion. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles

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Survivor IV Slot Tournament • Sept. 21-23 • \$500 entry fee. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

Fall Into Cash Slot Tournament • Sept. 21-24 • Flamingo, Las Vegas, 702-733-3111.

Blues and Brews Festival • Sept. 25-27 • Fifth annual festival features blues musicians, microbrew beer, and the Miss Hawaiian Tropic Blues and Brews contest. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-460-0777.

Next Friday Concert • Sept. 26 • Bring a sack lunch. City Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Home Decorating and Remodeling Show • Sept. 26-28 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-736-5958.

International Music Festival • Sept. 26-28 • Free event presents concerts, recitals, and workshops. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Nevada Senior Games • Sept. 27 • Lifting and fitness events begin at 9am. YMCA of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, 702-877-7235.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • Sept. 27 • Moderate to strenuous, three-hour, ranger-led hike. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Event • Sept. 27 • Oval track race. Super Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 800-644-4444.

Opera Verdi Europa in "Rigoletto" • Sept. 27 • The tale of a malicious court jester, his sheltered daughter, and the amorous escapades of the duke he serves. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Miss Kitty's Jeans to Jewels • Sept. 27 • Country dancing, music, food to benefit Opportunity Village. Bitter Root Ranch, Las Vegas, 702-259-3741.

Overton Airport Day • Sept. 27 • Experimental Aircraft Association members fly students age eight to 17. Aerobatics show at noon. Overton Airport, Overton, 702-394-4130.

Old Time Barn Dance • Sept. 27 • Callers and live fiddlin'



Balancing Act

The Imperial Acrobats of China begin a seven-city friendship tour at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas August 28-September 6.



Not Your Average Bear

The stage musical "Bear in the Big Blue House Live: A First Time For Everything" appears October 16-19 at Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas. Based on the Disney Channel production by Jim Henson Television, the play relates the further adventures of Bear and his fuzzy sidekicks.

music for square, mixers, contras, waltzes, and polkas. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Frozen Fury 7 • Sept. 27 • National Hockey League's Los Angeles Kings host pre-season game against former Stanley Cup champs Colorado Avalanche. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 800-929-7777.

Brass Roots Quintet • Sept. 28 • Free admission, but tickets are required. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Living History: Olive Lake • Sept. 28 • The life of a pioneer teacher. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Super Run 2003 Classic Car Show • Oct. 2-5 • Car show features oldies concert, burn-outs, slow drags, open header cruise, car corral, and vendors. Water Street, Henderson, 702-643-0000.

Hot Lava • Oct. 3 • Outdoor Polynesian-themed event featuring dancers and musicians. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-460-0777.

Great Hawaiian Adventure Jackpot Contest and Luau • Oct. 3-5 • \$77 entry fee. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

Trike Rally • Oct. 3-4 • Avi Casino, Laughlin, 800-430-0721.

Gold Coast SNORE 250 • Oct. 3-5 • 34th annual off-road race for trucks, buggies, and Baja bugs. Host hotel Gold Coast, Las Vegas, 702-452-4522.

"Cinderella" • Oct. 3-5 • Nevada Ballet Theatre presentation features choreography by Emmy Award-nominee Peter Anastos and sets and costumes originally created for the Hong Kong Ballet. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-243-2623.

"Winnie the Pooh" • Oct. 3-5, 9-12 • A.A. Milne's story presented by the Rainbow Company Youth Theatre. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6553.

The Spirit of America • Oct. 4 • Guest pianist David Koravaar performs with the Las Vegas Philharmonic. UNLV Performing Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Autocross • Oct. 4-5 • Driving skills competition. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 775-727-1936.

Art in the Park • Oct. 4-5 • One of the top fine-art shows in the West draws thousands to the picturesque community. Bicentennial and Escalante parks and Wilbur Square, Boulder City, 702-294-5725.

Lowrider Magazine Show • Oct. 5 • Auto show. Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 714-769-7474.

Living History: Chet Lauck • Oct. 5 • Life of an early ranch owner. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Las Vegas Invitational • Oct. 8-12 • 21st annual event attracts the top players on the PGA tour with a \$5-million purse. Play at TPC Summerlin, TPC at The Canyons, and Southern Highlands golf courses. Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.

Faith Prince in Concert • Oct. 10 • Tony Award-winner has appeared in "Noises Off," "Guys and Dolls," and "Little Shop of Horrors. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Americana Indian Show • Oct. 10-12 • Jewelry and collectibles. Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-2171.

Logandale Bluegrass Festival • Oct. 10-12 • 14th annual event features local and national bands, music workshops, food and craft vendors, band scramble, children's programs, and RV and tent camping. Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 702-564-3320.

Shakespeare in the Park • Oct. 10-12 • Outdoor presentations of the Bard's works. Pavilion at Liberty Point, Henderson, 702-384-8427.

Renaissance Faire • Oct. 10-12 • Parades, one-act Shakespeare plays, jousting, gladiator battles, trick riding, strolling minstrels, and military encampments including German, Italian, Ottoman, and Turk. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, www.lvrenfair.com.

"How I Learned to Drive" • Oct. 10-12, 15-19, and 22-26 • Nevada Conservatory Theatre production. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"To Reach the Unreachable Stars" • Oct. 11 • Celebrity City Chorus, the Las Vegas Chapter of Sweet Adelines

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International, performs a free concert. Green Valley Presbyterian Church, Henderson, 702-233-7893.

Living History: Pioneer Life • Oct. 11 • Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Boneyard Ball • Oct. 11 • Held in conjunction with the Neon Museum, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, call for location, 702-486-5205.

Italian Festival Weekend • Oct. 11 • Outdoor party features food, wine, and entertainment. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-460-0777.

Red Rock Canyon Harvest Festival • Oct. 11 • Cultural and natural history demonstrations and crafts for kids. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-515-5350.

Arrangers Holiday • Oct. 11 • Guest arrangers perform with the college's Allstar Jazz Band. Horn Theater, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Las Vegas Basque Festival • Oct. 12 • Mass at noon followed by dancers, relay races, food, and a bar. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, Las Vegas, 702-361-6548.

Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band • Oct. 14 • 19-member band performs swing, bebop, contemporary jazz, Dixieland, and patriotic selections. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Music Scholarship Concert • Oct. 14 • Band and choral program to benefit the Joe Williams Music Scholarship fund. Horn Theater, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Slot Tournament • Oct. 14-16 • Edgewater, Laughlin, 702-298-2453.

Re/Max World Long Drive Competition • Oct. 14-18 • The best long-hitting golfers compete. Palms Golf Course, Mesquite, 888-233-4654.



That Morning Glow

The skies above Reno light up as more than 120 hot-air balloons ascend during the Great Reno Balloon Race, September 5-7. The Dawn Patrol and a hare and hound competition are among the events that test pilots' skills. Fans can also attend the Las Vegas Hot Air Balloon Festival September 20-22 and the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival October 24-26 in Elko and Spring Creek.

UNLV Symphony Orchestra Concert • Oct. 15 • Appears with the new Dnipropetrovsk Chamber Orchestra. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Paris \$139 Slot Tournament • Oct. 15-16 and 22-23 • \$139

entry fee. Paris, Las Vegas, 800-727-4758, ext. 74711.

Bally's \$99 Slot Tournament • Oct. 15-16 and 22-23 • \$99 entry fee. Bally's, Las Vegas, 800-7BALLY'S, ext. 4561.

"Bear in the Big Blue House Live" • Oct. 16-19 •

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Aug. 8-9	Nevada Motocross Championship
Aug. 16	Overland Hotel Chili Cook-off
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival
Sept. 26-28	Senior Pro Rodeo
Oct. 11	Waterfowl Hunting Season, Opening Day (Date subject to change)
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All things Italian are celebrated during the San Gennaro Feast September 10-14 in Las Vegas and the Great Italian Festival October 11-12 in Reno. The San Gennaro Feast (above) includes food from more than 40 restaurants, a carnival, strolling musicians, and pony rides. The Reno event has a spaghetti sauce cook-off, grape stomp, and music.

Presentation for children. Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, 702-739-3267.

Cruise Night • Oct. 17 • Open to all years, makes, and models. Henderson Chevrolet, Henderson, 702-643-0000.

Scrappin' Safari VI • Oct. 17-18 • Scrapbooking supplies and ideas. Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-4863.

Nevada Heritage Festival and Clark County Gem and Mineral

Fair • Oct. 17-19 • Craft, home art, and lapidary demonstrations. Music, stagecoach rides, gold panning, geode cutting, gem and mineral sale, and food. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Henderson Civic Symphony • Oct. 18 • Opening concert features Rossini's "The Barber of Seville Overture," Grofé's "Grand Canyon Suite," and Ravel's "Bolero." Henderson Pavilion at Liberty Pointe, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Fall Festival and Car Show • Oct. 18 • Bluegrass music, kids' rides and games, pie-eating contest, crafts, and displays. Overton Park, Overton, 702-397-8875.

Las Vegas Century • Oct. 18 • Bicycle rides of 22, 37, 55, 79, and 108 miles to benefit Ronald McDonald House charities. Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-252-4663, ext. 203.

Classic Rocktoberfest • Oct. 18 • Festival of food and rock music featuring Eddie Money and Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Oil Painting Show • Oct. 19 • Sale. Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, 602-200-9600.

Oktoberfest Slot Tournament • Oct. 19-22 • Flamingo, Las Vegas, 702-733-3111.

Haunted House • Oct. 22-31 • Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-460-0777.

Vegas Valley Book Festival • Oct. 23-25 • Outdoor fair featuring more than 40 booksellers and other vendors, panels, readings, comics, and children's literature. Various locations, Henderson and Las Vegas, 702-895-1878.

NHRA ACDelco Nationals • Oct. 23-26 • Fuel dragsters, funny cars, nitro, and alcohol drags. The Strip, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 800-644-4444.

Los Angeles Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings • Oct. 24 • Pre-season NBA game features two of the league's best teams.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Events are color coded according to territory (see map in "Nevada Events").

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

Art Shows and Exhibits

American Pop Icons: Ongoing. Works by Jasper Johns and Andy Warhol. Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, Venetian, Las Vegas, 702-414-2440.

Nevada Wide: Thru Sept. 7. Exhibit of 36 panoramic Nevada photographs, with the earliest an 1876 view of Virginia City. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Andy Warhol: The Celebrity Portraits: Thru Sept. 7. More than 50 paintings covering three decades of the famous, ranging from Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis to Mick Jagger. Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art, Bellagio, Las Vegas, 702-693-7871.

Pickup Trucks: An American Icon: Thru Sept. 12. Trucks used for work and play. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Ruby Lakes National Wildlife Refuge Exhibit: Thru Sept. 15. Art depicts the scenic Ruby Marshes. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Diego Rivera and 20th Century Mexican Art: The Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection: Thru Sept. 21. More than 200 paintings, sculptures, and photographs dating from the 1920s to the 1990s. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Jonathan Puls: Thru Sept. 21. Religious and mythological themes. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Edward Hopper: The Paris Years: Thru Sept. 21. Display of 45 works reveals how Hopper became one of the great American artists. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Frontier Photos of Linda Dufurrena: Thru Sept. 27. Photographer and Nevada Magazine contributor captures ranch life and the striking scenery of Northern Nevada. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Harley-Davidson: Centennial Hogs: Thru Sept. 29. Exhibit celebrates the 100th anniversary of the big motorcycle. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Basque Tree Rubbings: Thru Sept. 29. The tree carvings of Basque shepherders. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

City Hall Art Show: Thru Sept. 30. Mixed media. City Hall, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Barn Again!: Traveling Smithsonian exhibit traces the importance of barns across the U.S. Thru Sept. 30, Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville (775-782-2555), Oct. 7-Nov. 18,

Western Folklife Center, Elko (775-738-7508).

Neon Las Vegas: Lighting the Dream: Thru Oct. 1. Neon and electrical signs from Las Vegas' past. Signs from the Neon Museum's "boneyard" come indoors for a closer look. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Wellspring from the Desert: Recent Works on Paper: Thru Oct. 19. Pastels by Sharon Allicotti. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

The New Nevada Museum of Art: Contemporary Architecture by Will Bruder: Thru Oct. 26. Exhibit examines the architect's concept in his design for the museum. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

The Art of Ron Amie: Thru Oct. 30. Retrospective of the late artist's work, which combined Rembrandt's dark environment with the bright colors of '70s pop art. West Las Vegas Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Early Man in Southern Nevada: Thru Oct. 31. Covers the Paleo through the Archaic and Basketmaker periods. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

The Big Dig: The Tule Springs Expedition, 1962-63: Thru Nov. 2. Mammoth remains, stone tools, and other artifacts. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Boulder City Art Guild: Thru Nov. 30. Exhibition by members. Jitters Coffee House, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Life in a Mining Camp: Thru Dec. 7. Photographs and artifacts explore the boom-and-bust lives of mining camps. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

The Tiniest Giants: Discovering Dinosaur Eggs: Thru Dec. 31. Fossils from the world's largest dinosaur-nesting site found in Argentina. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-3466.

Africa: The Source: Thru Dec. 31. Features traditional and contemporary African masks, sculpture, basketry, and fabrics. Left of Center Gallery, Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

Artists Do Barns: Thru Dec. 31. Juried show of Carson Valley barns painted by regional artists, and a one-third-scale barn on display in the main exhibit space. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Under One Sky: Thru Dec. 2004. Artifacts, life-size dioramas, children's room, and a contemporary art gallery of Nevada's Native American culture. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Tireless and Unremitting: The Chinese and Nevada's Railroad: Thru Jan. 2006. Explores the relationship of Chinese with the railroad and other aspects of their culture and daily life in Nevada. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Native American Artists Exhibit: Sept. 1-Oct.



Visitors can see ancient Indian petroglyphs (above) on a tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site at Grimes Point near Fallon.

31. Includes traditional style and serigraphs using old tribal design elements. Fourth Ward School Museum, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Revelations and Reflections of American Self-Taught Artists: Sept. 11-Oct. 20. Works depict heaven, hell, and purgatory. Marjorie Barrick Museum, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-3381.

Elko County Art Club: Sept. 17-Dec. 31. Fall fine art and sculpture show. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-777-7955.

Art at the College: Sept. 20-March 20. Boulder City Art Guild exhibition. Community College of Southern Nevada, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Dennis Oppenheim: Galloping Through the West: Oct. 5-Jan. 4. First major exhibition of the artist's sculpture, installations, and photo-documentations in more than a decade. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Vintage Racers: Speeding Through Time: Oct. 8-March 26. Restored race cars. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Marilyn Newton: News Photographer: Oct. 10-Dec. 30. An exhibition of the Reno-Gazette Journal photographer's work. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Tucker: Remnants of a Motoring Dream: Oct. 14-Feb. 27. History of the 51 cars produced and artifacts from two Montana Tucker dealerships. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Music, Lectures, Tours

First Fridays Concert Series: Free arts, music, and cultural block party from 4-6pm. City Park, across from City Hall, Las Vegas, 702-229-6704.

Free Concerts: Tues.-Sat. at the Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Wednesday Evening Lecture Series: Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Hidden Cave Tours: Sept. 13, 27 and Oct. 11-25. Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour of Grimes Point petroglyph site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon. Confirm tour dates, 775-423-3677.

Frances Humphrey Lecture Series: Sept. 23 and Oct. 28. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Sporting Events

Top Gun Raceway: Drag racing thru Nov. Fallon, 775-423-8926.

Rattlesnake Raceway: Oval dirt-track racing thru Nov. Fallon, 775-423-7483.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball: The Los Angeles Dodgers' AAA team in the Pacific Coast League plays Aug. 29-Sept. 1 vs. Sacramento River Cats. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 702-798-7825.

UNLV Football: The Rebels play Aug. 29 vs. Toledo, Sept. 19 vs. Hawaii, Oct. 18 vs. Utah, Oct. 25 vs. BYU, Nov. 8 vs. San Diego State, Nov. 22 vs. Colorado State. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-799-FANS.

UNR Football: The Wolf Pack plays Aug. 30 vs. Southern Utah, Sept. 27 vs. SMU, Oct. 4 vs. UNLV, Oct. 25 vs. Louisiana Tech, Nov. 8 vs. Fresno State, Nov. 15 vs. Hawaii. Mackay Stadium, Reno, 775-784-6900.

Battle Mountain Stock Car Racing: Sept. 6 and 20-21 Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-5060.

Dwarf Class Racing: Sept. 13 and 27 Tonopah Speedway, Tonopah, 775-482-9506.

El Capitan Annual Fishing Derby: Oct. 1-April 30. Biggest fish caught at Walker Lake wins monthly prize money. El Capitan, Hawthorne, 775-945-3321 ext. 239.

Las Vegas Wranglers: Team in the West Coast Hockey League kicks off its first season Oct. 21 vs. Bakersfield Condors, Oct. 24 vs. Idaho Steelheads, Oct. 28 vs. San Diego Gulls, Oct. 31 vs. Idaho Steelheads, Nov. 1 vs. Fresno Falcons, Nov. 4 vs. Florida Pride, Nov. 5 vs. Anchorage Aces, Nov. 7 vs. Bakersfield Condors. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-471-PUCK.

Farmer's Markets

Boulder City Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Bicentennial Park, 702-293-5933.

Carson Valley Farmer's Market: Wednesday mornings thru Oct. 1 Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

Henderson Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Water Street, Henderson, 702-565-2181.

Las Vegas Farmer's Market North: Wednesdays at Bruce Trent Park. Tuesdays at Gardens Park. Saturdays at Colonnade Square Shopping Plaza. Las Vegas, 702-562-2676.

Las Vegas Farmer's Market South: Fridays at Centennial Center. Saturdays at Desert Breeze Park. Las Vegas, 702-300-4492.

Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Pomegranate Art Festival • Oct. 24-25 • Crafts, artwork, entertainment, food, and kids make-and-take area. Old Logandale School, Logandale, 702-398-7007.

MX Race • Oct. 24-25 • Avi Casino, Laughlin, 800-430-0721.

Juan L. Sanchez Ensemble • Oct. 25 • Urban jazz, Flamenco fusion, and Middle-Eastern rhythms. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Living History: Chuckwagon and Trails Cooking • Oct. 25 • Demonstration and discussion. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Teen Rock Jam • Oct. 25 • Music by J.D. Simo and Big Bad Zero. Goynes Park, North Las Vegas, 702-633-1612.

Oktoberfest • Oct. 25 • Beer, dogs, sauerkraut, brats, and music. Virgin River Convention Center, Mesquite, 702-346-2902.

R.K. Gun Show • Oct. 25-26 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 563-927-8176.

Prague Chamber Orchestra with the Eroica Trio • Oct. 26 • Ensemble of 36 musicians and the world class Eroica Trio perform the works of Beethoven, Martinu, and Prokofiev. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Living History: Pioneer Women • Oct. 26 • Demonstration and discussion. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Haunted Forest at Opportunity Village • Oct. 29-31 • Candy stations and Halloween entertainment. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3741.

World of Outlaws • Oct. 31-Nov. 1 • Sprint cars race on dirt track. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 800-644-4444.

Mountain Man Rendezvous • Oct. 31-Nov. 2 • Primitive camp and demonstrations. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Burning Man Festival • Aug. 25-Sept. 1 • Annual counter-culture event draws about 25,000 people for a radical party that culminates in the burning of a 40-foot-tall effigy. Event takes place in the Black Rock Desert, seven miles northeast of Gerlach, www.burningman.com.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Aug. 28-Sept. 1 • Sample barbecued ribs, concerts, arts and crafts fair, and entertainment. Victorian Square and John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Labor Day Lake Tahoe • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Fishing derby, sternwheeler race, fireworks. Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 775-588-4591.

Red Star Powwow • Aug. 29-31 • Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, 775-425-0775.

Bocce Ball Tournament • Aug. 29-31 • Reception, buffet lunch, cocktail party, and Italian dinner. \$1,000 total prize money. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 866-284-7766, ext. 625.

Cure for the Summertime Blues Festival • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Blues and bluegrass music, craft booths, food, dances, pancake breakfasts, carnival, 10K run, and art show. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-825-1727.

Virginia City's 100-Year Labor Day Celebration • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Games, parade, and entertainment. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Numaga Days Powwow • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Dancing, crafts, and food. Hungry Valley, north of Sparks, 775-329-2936.

Labor Day Backcountry Camp • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Trail building and improvement. Training and equipment provided. Tahoe Rim Trail. Call for reservations, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Summertime Blues Festival Featuring Al Stewart • Sept. 1 • Showgoers will hear hits such as "Time Passages" and "Year

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\$44,000 Born to Be Wild Slot Tournament • Sept. 1-2 • \$199 entry fee. Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Nevada Magazine On Location II: A Photography Adventure • Sept. 3-7 • Gostin Photo Workshops, Reno, 775-333-9173.

Northern Nevada Senior Games • Sept. 4 • Open to persons 50 and older. Events include golf, weightlifting, track and field, tennis, bowling, and basketball. Lake Tahoe, Minden, Gardnerville, and Carson City, 775-783-6455.

Village Music Series • Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 • Free concert from 5-7pm. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Foundation Annual Banquet • Sept. 5 • Former U.S. Senator and Hollywood actor Fred Thompson will be the featured speaker at the University of Nevada, Reno's 22nd annual banquet. Tickets are \$200 for individuals (\$100 of which is tax deductible). Harrah's Reno, Reno, 775-784-4831.

Bullnanza • Sept. 5-6 • Fierce bull riding competition. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 800-595-7433.

Carson Valley Inn Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament • Sept. 5-6 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

Virginia City International Camel Races • Sept. 5-7 • Uncooperative camels and ostriches try to unseat riders in thrill-filled, and crazy, races that draw more than 25,000 spectators to the Comstock town. Events Arena, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Great Reno Balloon Race • Sept. 5-7 • The horizon above Reno fills with more than 120 colorful hot-air balloons, with

the Dawn Patrol at 5:30am and a hare and hound race that test the pilots' skills. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 775-826-1181.

Reno Truck Show • Sept. 5-7 • Salute to fire and police officers, fireman's muster, show and shine, food, and family entertainment. Downtown Reno, 775-826-5337.

Sample the Arts • Sept. 6 • Jazz, art show and sale. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-7816.

Carson City Mint Annual Coin Show • Sept. 6-7 • For amateur and professional collectors. The mint's original coin press will be operating and striking commemorative medallions. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Truckee Railroad Days • Sept. 6-7 • Fifth annual event features vintage locomotives, rail cars, model train exhibits, music, parade, hand-car races, food, and vendor booths. Truckee, 530-587-2587.

Tour de Tahoe: Bike Big Blue • Sept. 7 • Fully-supported bicycle tour around Lake Tahoe; 72 miles or boat cruise and 40-mile half-ride options. Horizon Casino, Stateline, 800-565-2704.

Video Poker Tournament • Sept. 7-8 • Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353.

Lake Tahoe Food and Wine in the Pines • Sept. 9-12 • Food and wine tastings, exhibits, and cooking demonstrations. South Shore and Stateline, 775-588-4591.

Cool September Days Car Show • Sept. 10-14 • Horizon Casino, Stateline, 530-541-7300.

National Championship Air Races •

Sept. 11-14 • Six classes of aircraft race on a closed pylon course 50 feet above the ground. Event includes an air show, featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, wing walker Teresa Stokes, military displays, vintage aircraft, and food. Pit passes and awards-dinner tickets are available. Reno-Stead Airport, 11 miles north of Reno, 775-972-6663.

March of Dimes 2003 Golf Tournament • Sept. 12 • Shotgun start. D'Andrea Golf Club, Sparks, 775-826-2166.

"The Odd Couple" • Sept. 12-13, 19-21, 26-28 • Neil Simon's play. Hug High School, Reno, 775-329-0661.

Barn Dance • Sept. 13 • Music, poets, games, and auctions. Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Pet Parade • Sept. 13 • \$5 per family registration. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-8144.

Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Series • Sept. 13 • Multidiscipline six- to 12-hour race can include kayaking, mountain biking, trail running, orienteering, and rope courses. Northstar-at-Tahoe Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 510-644-1441.

Tin Cup Tea and Chuck Wagon Barbecue • Sept. 13 • Benefit for the Nevada State Museum. Reservations required. Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 775-687-4810, ext. 239.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • Sept. 13 • Free concert. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Art Festival • Sept. 13 • Beer, wine, dancing, and a tacky art festival. Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, 775-265-2841.

Introduction to Backpacking: A Beginner's Adventure • Sept. 13-14 • Learn the tricks of



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The Silver State's largest parade tops off a party celebrating Admission Day in Carson City on November 1. Other events planned during October 27-November 1 include the World Championship Single Jack Rock Drilling Contest, an 1864 Grand Ball, the World Beard Championship, and a Lacy J. Dalton concert.

light-weight backpacking during a 21.8-mile Tahoe Rim Trail hike. Maximum of eight people. Tahoe Meadows to Spooner Summit, Incline Village, 775-588-2603.

Blow the Whistle on Asthma Walkathon • Sept. 14 • Second annual American Lung Association of Nevada benefit. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-829-5864.

Salsa y Salsa Festival • Sept. 14 • Entertainment, mariachis, dance, song, dance contest, salsa-tasting contest, crafts, and food. Legislative Plaza, Carson City, 775-885-1055.

Sick and Twisted Downhill Mountain Bike Race • Sept. 14 • \$400 purse per event. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Lake Tahoe, 800-GO-NORTH.

September Jazz • Sept. 16 • Big-band jazz. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Brindlestiff Family Circus • Sept. 18-19 • New York company performs. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

Dayton Valley Days • Sept. 19-21 • Street fair, parade, games, coffin races, stagecoach rides, and crafts. Old Town, Dayton, 775-246-5746.

Village Oktoberfest Celebration • Sept. 20 • Bavarian music, dancing, and beer. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-584-6268.

Yerington Swing Dance • Sept. 20 • Big-band jazz with the Mile High Jazz Band. Boys and Girls Club, Yerington, 775-463-9116.

Karson Kruzer's Street Dance • Sept. 20 • Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-882-1626.

Virginia City 100-Mile Horse Ride • Sept. 20 • 36th annual event is open to all persons. Each horse and rider must



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Ben Vereen appears in concert September 5 at UNLV in Las Vegas. The Tony Award-winning performer has starred in "Pippin," "Fosse," "Chicago," and numerous other Broadway hits. Also known for his role as Chicken George in *Roots*, Vereen brings his "Best of the New York Stage" show to Artemus Ham Hall.

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An Evening with the David Grisman Quintet • Sept. 20 • Outdoor concert. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 888-200-5599.

Partnership Hike • Sept. 20 • Tahoe Rim Trail hike. Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, East Shore, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Flume Trail Hike • Sept. 20 • 14-mile hike in Lake Tahoe backcountry. Spooner Lake parking lot, Lake Tahoe, 775-687-5678.

National Public Lands Day • Sept. 20 • Tahoe Rim Trail volunteer day. Location TBA, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Car Show • Sept. 20-21 • Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, 800-BILTMORE, ext. 733.

Ferrari Races at Virginia City • Sept. 20-21 • 30th annual ride featuring 22 corners and an elevation climb of 1,200 feet on State Route 342. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 20-21 • Rodeo Grounds, Dayton, 775-246-7909.

Basque Festival • Sept. 21 • Food and entertainment. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-882-3728.

Reno Philharmonic • Sept. 21 and 23 • Master Classics 1: guest pianist Maxim Philippov, Van Cliburn International Piano Competition silver medallist, performs. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

\$12,500 Sky's the Limit Video Poker Tournament • Sept. 21-22 • \$99 entry fee. Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

OATBRAN: One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada • Sept. 21-27 • Fully-supported ride on U.S. 50 from Lake Tahoe to Great Basin National Park passes through Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, and Baker. Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 800-565-2704.



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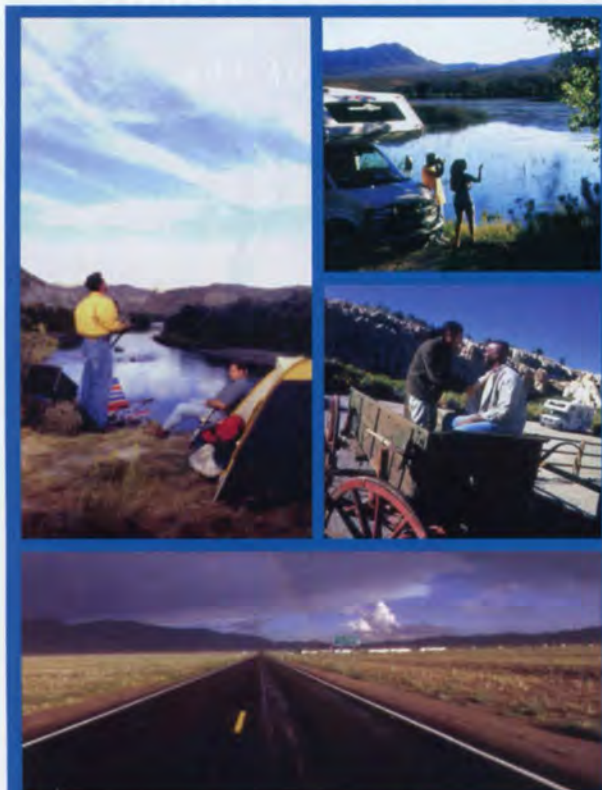
Raymond Winery Winemaker Dinner • Sept. 22 • Gourmet dinner and wines. White Orchid, Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Hike Big Meadows to Showers Lake • Sept. 23 • Moderate 14-mile round-trip hike. Bring plenty of water and lunch. No pets. Big Meadow trailhead, Tahoe Rim Trail, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-6557.

Thunder on the Mountain • Sept. 24-27 • Annual motorcycle run. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Street Vibrations • Sept. 24-28 • Harley-Davidson motorcycle festival with show and shines, free outdoor concerts, stunt shows, tours, music, vendors, food, and hog wash. Peppermill parking lot and downtown, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Fourth Friday • Sept. 26 • \$10 admission includes appetiz-



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XXXposed • Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 • Third annual display and sale of artwork inspired by the local adult entertainment scene. River Gallery, Reno, 775-329-3698.

"Cemetery Club" • Sept. 26-27 and Oct. 3-4, 10-11 • Three widows meet at the local cemetery to talk to their late husbands. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Lake Tahoe Autumn Food and Wine Festival • Sept. 26-28 • Cooking classes, grape stomp, wine seminars, and cook-offs. Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe, 800-824-6348.

\$10,000 Slot Tournament • Sept. 26-28 • Silver Club, Sparks, 800-905-7774.

"Pajama Game" • Sept. 26-28, Oct. 3-5 • Western Nevada Musical Theatre presents the Broadway play famous for the song "Hernando's Hideaway." Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4250.

Dart Tournament • Sept. 26-30 • Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, 800-BILTMORE, ext. 733.

Kids Art Fest • Sept. 27 • Hands-on activities for ages four to 12. VSA Arts of Nevada, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Chef and Child Tie and Tennis Shoe Dinner-Dance • Sept. 27 • Benefit for the High Sierra Chefs Association Chef and Child Foundation. Sparks Recreation Center, Sparks, 775-355-6758.

Hike-A-Thon Fundraiser • Sept. 27 • Benefit Tahoe Rim Trail improvements and educational programs. Location TBA, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Blind Boys of Alabama • Sept. 27 • Outdoor concert. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 888-200-5599.

Charity Bike Race • Sept. 27 • 30-, 60-, and 100-mile bicycle rides with a 6,000-foot vertical climb. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-584-6267.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • Sept. 27 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Genoa Candy Dance • Sept. 27-28 • 83rd annual event draws more than 350 craft and arts vendors. Event includes a dinner and dance featuring David John and the Comstock Cowboys, and the town's famous candy sale that is a benefit for community projects. Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Nissan Xterra USA Championship • Sept. 27-28 • Extreme athletes compete for an \$80,000 purse in a 1.5K swim, 30K mountain-bike ride, and 11K trail run. Lake Tahoe is the last stop before the world championship event in Maui. Incline Village, www.xterrplanet.com.

Peddlers Fair • Sept. 27-28 • Antiques Plus, Genoa, 775-782-4951.

Carson Valley Sertoma Oktoberfest • Sept. 28 • German food, music, costumes, beer, and polkas. Minden Park, Minden, 775-265-9159.

Last Chance Reception • Sept. 30 • Closing reception for the Smithsonian Institution's "Barn Again!" exhibit. Event is held in conjunction with the Nevada Humanities Committee's "Sagebrush Venacular" photo exhibit. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Hike Echo Lake to Lake Aloha • Sept. 30 • Moderate 12-mile round-trip hike through Desolation Wilderness area. Maximum of 10 people. Bring water and lunch. Echo Lake trailhead, Tahoe Rim Trail, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-6557.

Western Regional Button Show • Oct. 2-5 • Vendors from U.S., England, and Canada will showcase buttons for collectors, quilters, and crafters. Holiday Inn, Reno, 775-971-9538.

Will James Society Gathering: The Nevada Days • Oct. 2-5 • Renowned Western artist is remembered through an exhibit at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Also scheduled are clinics, lectures, entertainment, and a

chuckwagon dinner and concert featuring David John and the Comstock Cowboys at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 916-332-9343.

Fall Pot of Gold Poker Tournament • Oct. 2-12 • Buy-ins start at \$120. Reno Hilton, Reno, 800-648-3568.

Dave Alvin and the Guilty Men • Oct. 3 • Outdoor concert. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 888-200-5599.

World's Championship Chili Cook-Off • Oct. 3-5 • Cooks compete for the \$25,000 prize. Event includes tastings and chili-eating contest. Downtown Reno, 949-496-2651.

Slot Tournament • Oct. 3-5 • Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, 800-BILTMORE, ext. 733.

"Passion" • Oct. 3-12 • Champagne gala is planned for the opening Oct. 3 of the Stephen Sondheim play. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-887-5601.

Reno Doll and Teddy Bear Show • Oct. 4 • Benefit for the

Children's Cabinet in Reno includes mother-daughter tea party and children's fashion show. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, 775-348-7713.

Oktoberfest • Oct. 4 • Book sale, food, music, and entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-887-2244.

Spooner Lake Non-Competitive Walk • Oct. 4 • Choice of three routes, 3.1-, 6.2-, and 9.3-mile fall walks and hikes. Spooner Lake State Park, Lake Tahoe, 775-827-7356.

Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament • Oct. 4 • Second annual benefit tourney raises funds for free mammograms. Eagle Valley Golf Course, Carson City, 775-882-3051.

Gold Hill Arts Fair • Oct. 4-5 • Historic, cultural, and artistic event features Nevada and California artists. Gold Hill, 775-847-0311.

Kokanee Salmon Festival • Oct. 4-5 • Celebration marks the running of the salmon. USFS Visitor Center, Taylor Creek,



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Donner Party Hikes • Oct. 4-5 • 11th annual guided hikes trace emigrant and Donner Party history. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. Truckee, 530-587-2757.

Davis Creek Non-Competitive Walk • Oct. 5 • Choice of two walks, 3.7- and 6.2-mile walk that will include the nature trail and Bowers Mansion. Davis Creek Park, Washoe Valley, 775-852-7356.

Scarecrow Festival • Oct. 5 • Make your own for \$7.50. Materials provided. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-7629.

\$43,000 Oktoberfest Slot Tournament • Oct. 5-6 • \$199 entry fee. Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Brewery Toy Run • Oct. 11 • Motorcycle riders gather for a Christmas toy ride. Union Brewery Saloon, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Carson Valley POPS Concert • Oct. 11 • Free concert. CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-782-7459.

Pasta and Port Festival • Oct. 11 • Pasta sauce cook-off, grape stomping contest, wine and port tasting, cigar sampling, arts and crafts, and music. Historian Inn, Gardnerville, 775-783-1175.

Great Italian Festival • Oct. 11-12 • Spaghetti cook-off, grape-stomping contest, entertainment, bocce ball tournament, parade, and Italian food. Eldorado Special Events Plaza, Reno, 800-648-5966.

World Outhouse Races • Oct. 11-12 • Hand-constructed outhouses have one crew member seated inside and two other competitors who can push, pull, drag, shove, carry, or throw the outhouse to the finish line. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Lake Tahoe Marathon • Oct. 11-18 • A field of 3,000 runners is expected for the eighth annual event, which features marathon, half-marathon, relays, wheelchair marathon, and 10K, 5K, and kid's runs, and ultra three-day stage



Camels Gallop in Virginia City

Outriders are ready when a camel jockey needs assistance during the Virginia City International Camel Races September 5-7. Riders climb aboard uncooperative ostriches and camels and make a dash for the finish line in a raucous event that has drawn competitors from as far away as Australia.

marathon. Also included are a sports and fitness expo and pasta cruise aboard the *Tahoe Queen*. Commons Beach, Tahoe City, and host hotel Horizon, Stateline, 530-544-7095.

Let It Ride Tournament • Oct. 13-14 • Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353 for tournament information.

"Unplugged" • Oct. 13-25 • UNR Dance Program and Nevada Ballet Theatre of Las Vegas present ballet workshops and free public performances featuring Mark Diamond, New York City choreographer. Lombardi Building, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4041, ext. 240.

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Oktoberfest • Oct. 17 • Beers and German food. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Cemetery Tour • Oct. 18 • Living history and walking tour. Admission charge, refreshments served. Bring a flashlight. Mottsville Cemetery, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Autumn Open Studios • Oct. 18-19 • Maps are available at Alpine County Library. Markleeville, 25 miles south of Gardnerville, 530-694-2115.

Reno Bridal and Beauty Expo • Oct. 19 • Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, 775-849-8000.

Fall Back Into Time • Oct. 19 • Old-fashioned family festival with games, pumpkin patch, and tours of the restored Huffaker School. Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-828-6612.

Go West Jamboree • Oct. 19 • Old West reenactments, living-history, shoot-outs, and pony rides. Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, 775-265-3045.

Reno Philharmonic • Oct. 19 and 21 • Master Classics 2: guest violinist Vivane Hagner. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

\$10,000 Slot Tournament • Oct. 19-20 • Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353.

Joseph Phelps Winemaker Dinner • Oct. 20 • Gourmet dinner and wine. White Orchid, Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Performing Art Series • Oct. 20 • Welsh Men's Choir concert. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Austin Lounge Lizards • Oct. 24 • Concert. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

Fourth Friday • Oct. 24 • \$10 admission includes appetizers and wine. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Fall Tri-Game-A-Thon • Oct. 24-25 • Choose slots or blackjack, and the keno tournament is free. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Reno Fall Home Show • Oct. 24-26 • Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, 775-852-SHOW.

La Ka Le'l Be Powwow • Oct. 24-26 • Native American dancing, princess contest, vendors, and grand entries. Carson Colony Gym, Carson City, 775-885-6818.

\$300,000 Fall Poker Tournament • Oct. 24-31 • Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Blackjack Tournament • Oct. 25-26 • Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk • Oct. 25 • Guided walking tour to meet the spirits of the past in historic homes. Meet at Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • Oct. 25 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Nevada Ghost Hunting Conference • Oct. 25-26 • Experienced ghost busters present the latest technology, tours of haunted sites, and workshops on the area's history. \$79 registration. Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno and Virginia City, 775-829-9010.

20th Season Concert • Oct. 26 • Carson City Symphony opening concert features world premiere of "With Courage and Compassion" by Bruce Craig Roter. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Nevada Day Week Celebration • Oct. 27-Nov. 1 • Admission Day festivities include Nevada's largest parade on Sat., Nov. 1. Also fireworks, carnival at Mills Park thru Nov. 2, music and arts show, pancake breakfast, 8K and two-mile run-walk,

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Wynton Marsalis Septet • Oct. 28 • Performing Art Series presentation. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Wind Ensemble Concert • Oct. 30 • Free performance. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Trick or Treat in the Street of the Museum • Oct. 31 • Family evening has games, haunted fun house, pumpkin patch, and auto-related costume contest. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Virginia City Ghost Town • Oct. 31 • Safe trick-or-treat on the town's main street. Virginia City, 775-837-0311.

Ghost Walk • Oct. 31 • Guided tour of the Silver Terrace Cemetery. Virginia City, 775-847-0281.

Freakers Ball • Oct. 31 • Costume party, entertainment, and games. Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353.

Halloween Costume Ball • Oct. 31 • Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-882-1626.

\$10,000 Slot Tournament • Oct. 31-Nov. 2 • Silver Club, Sparks, 800-905-7774.

Rural Nevada

Elko County Fair and Livestock Show • Aug. 22-Sept. 1 • Horse racing, horse showmanship, flowers, photography, arts, and crafts exhibits. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

Tri-County Fair and Stampede • Aug. 29-31 • Rodeo takes place Aug. 30-31. Street dances, demolition derby, petting farm, and parade. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Western Art Roundup • Aug. 29-31 • Artists, poets, and in-

ductees into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame. Convention Center East Hall, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Annual celebration includes concerts, farmer's market, cantaloupe foods and games, entertainment, petting zoo, parade on Sept. 1, and fair exhibits. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Trains, Planes, and Automobiles • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Events include Rail Days 2003, with steam-engine train rides and displays of railroad history; Long Steel Rail Festival, a folk-art event with music, hobo camp, art, vendors, games, and workshops; the Ultra Lite Fly-In with aviation games, barbecue, and rides; a Cruisin' Car Show with a show and shine; Run to the Red Lights, a motorcycle event with a poker run, bike games, and barbecue; and the second annual Model Train Expo. Nevada Northern Railway Museum and other locations, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Livestock Music and Food Fest • Aug. 29-Sept. 1 • Country and bluegrass bands, barbecue, games, contests, and Old West shoot-outs. Gold Point Ghost Town, Gold Point, 775-482-4653.

Labor Day Weekend • Aug. 30-31 • Corn feed, music, bingo. Outdoor Inn and Community Hall, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

Fall Expo 2003 • Aug. 30-31 • Horseshoes, paddle boat races, adult tricycle races, sand art, volleyball, and educational booths. Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs, 775-577-4451.

Pioche Labor Day • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Electric Light Parade, day parade, golf tournament, arts and crafts, children's games, horseshoes, mining events, ball games, fireworks, food, and heritage plays on Aug. 31. Weekend includes a Lincoln County Mining History slide program on Aug. 30 and a morning geology hike on Aug. 31 at Cathedral Gorge State Park. Pioche, 775-962-5876.

Junior Rodeo • Aug. 30-Sept. 1 • Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4745.

Hawthorne 300 Desert Race • Aug. 30-Sept. 2 • Off-road VORRA double points competition. El Capitan, Hawthorne, 530-622-0370.

Tumblewords Literary Reading • Sept. 3 • Author Bill Kittredge reads from his most recent book. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.

Katy and Hugh Moffatt: Country and More • Sept. 5 • Brother and sister singer-songwriters. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Paradise Valley Beef Rib and Chili Cook-Off • Sept. 5-6 • Music and sampling. Paradise Valley Park, Paradise Valley, 775-578-3717.

Roping Finals • Sept. 5-7 • ACTRA Nevada-Idaho roping event offers money and prizes and the chance to go to the national finals. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Bonneville Off-Road Race Enthusiasts • Sept. 6 • 200-mile race through Ely's backcountry. Call for location, Ely, 775-289-8877.

Nuts About Pines • Sept. 6 • Discussion about the history of pine nuts and gathering tips. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

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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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Demolition Derby • Sept. 6 • Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-777-7354.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Sept. 6 and 13 • \$10 buy-in. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Lander County Fair • Sept. 6-7 • Senior pro rodeo, home arts displays, crafts, photography, and games. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-1112.

Steel Pistol Shoot • Sept. 7 • Trap Club, Lovelock, 775-273-7741.

Two-Man Scramble Golf Tournament • Sept. 11-12 • Rainbow and Peppermill, Wendover, 800-217-0049.

Silver State Gold Rush Challenge • Sept. 11-14 • 55-mile high-speed, open-road race and rally run against the clock on State Route 278. Eureka area, 702-631-6166.

Moonlight Maze • Sept. 12-13 • After dark stroll the Nevada Maze of an ichthyosaur carved in a cornfield. Maze is open days until Oct. 31. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 775-867-3750.

Living History Festival • Sept. 12-14 • Historical reenact-

town Wells eight miles uphill to Angel Lake. Wells, 775-752-3540.

Equestrian Drill Team Competition • Sept. 13 • High-speed riding. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-5469.

Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 13-14 • For competitors 40 and older. Out of Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-4459.

Mineral County Fair and Fall Festival • Sept. 13-14 • Vendors and carnival. Hawthorne, 775-945-2507.

Open Horse Show: Cow Horse Futurity • Sept. 13-14 • Working cow horse competition. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-2220.

X West Sandboarding • Sept. 14 • Sandboarders race down Sand Mountain, 25 miles east of Fallon. 775-423-2117.

Blackjack Tournament • Sept. 14-15 • Rainbow, Wendover, 800-217-0049.

World of Speed • Sept. 14-23 • Attempts to beat the land speed record featuring streamliners, roadsters, production



Fall Family Fun

The Fall Back Into Time family festival at Bartley Ranch Regional Park in Reno features a pumpkin patch, kids' games, and tours of the restored Huffaker School (above) on October 19. The Washoe County park also offers a corn maze and the month-long Sierra Autumn photo exhibit.

ments, food, and crafts. Out of Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-4459.

El Capitan Slot Tournament • Sept. 12-14 • El Capitan, Hawthorne, 775-945-3321, ext. 239.

Morrodors Car Show • Sept. 12-14 • Car show, vendors, dance, and breakfast. City Park, Elko, 800-428-7143.

Civil War Reenactment • Sept. 12-14 • Civilian camp, fashion show, cooking demonstrations, and living-history performances. Pioneer Park, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Bus Rodeo • Sept. 12-14 • Bus drivers compete in a second annual competition, which is followed by an awards banquet. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-3307.

Lou Ragland's World Famous Ink Spots • Sept. 13 • Nostalgic music. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Adventure Hike • Sept. 13 • Long walk into a remote area. Bring water and a snack. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460 for information.

Race to the Angel • Sept. 13 • Walk, run, or hike from down-

cars, and motorcycles. Also features an electric bar stool competition. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-485-2662.

Speed Week • Sept. 15-19 • Week between racing in Eureka and in Ely, which is celebrated with a parade of cars, barbecues, tours of Ely's murals, visits to Great Basin National Park, and historic train rides. Ely, 775-289-8877.

World Human Powered Speed Challenge • Sept. 15-20 • Recumbent bicycle riders reach speeds of more than 80 mph. \$24,000 prize for record-breaking run. State Route 305, Battle Mountain, 775-635-1112.

Tifeneb Parade and Silent Auction • Sept. 15-20 • Promotes downtown revitalization. Hawthorne, 775-945-2507.

Great Basin Festival • Sept. 16-20 • Asian, Basque, East Indian, European, Hispanic, and Native American cultural celebration includes performances, music, dancing, singing, storytelling, concert, arts and crafts, food, exhibits, films, lectures, and workshops. Great Basin College, Elko, 775-753-2178.

Silver State Classic Challenge • Sept. 18-21 • 90-mile high-speed, open-road race and rally run against the clock on State Route 318 from Lund to Hiko. Race activities such as car parade and reception in Ely. 702-631-6166.

"The Man Who Lost the River" • Sept. 19-20 • Theater Guild presentation. Pahrump Valley Winery, Pahrump, 775-727-5300.

Smoky Valley Days • Sept. 19-21 • Midway booths, gold-panning, games, rodeo, dances, car show, and monster trucks. Rodeo Grounds, Round Mountain, 775-377-3112.

Winnemucca Fall Cribbage Tournament • Sept. 19-21 • Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-2511, ext. 2207.

Historic Wendover Air Show • Sept. 20 • Aerobatics, Russian MIG-15, jet demonstration, World War II aircraft, and family entertainment. Wendover Airfield, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Fall Colors Slide Program • Sept. 20 • Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Country Craft Fair • Sept. 20 • Handmade items. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 775-867-3750.

Honoring Our Elders Powwow • Sept. 20-21 • Celebration of Thanksgiving for pinenuts, the bountiful native food. Community Park, Schurz, 775-773-2345.

Winnemucca Pro-Am Golf Tourney • Sept. 20-21 • Municipal Golf Course, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Morning Nature Walk and Evening Star Party • Sept. 21 • Ranger-led walk to learn more about park features and creatures. Las Vegas Astronomical Society members will lead a telescope viewing. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two



Cheeky Art

Face painting is a popular form of artistic expression during the Kids Art Fest in Reno. The free VSA Arts of Nevada event September 27 offers 10 hands-on activities for children ages four through 12. Lunch will also be available.

miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460 for information.

Slot Tournament • Sept. 21-22 • Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660, ext. 521.

Ruby Mountain Hunter and Jumper Classic • Sept. 25-28 • Spring Creek Horse Palace, Spring Creek, 775-738-1240.

Pony Express Trail Ride • Sept. 26-27 • Reenactment involves mail delivery on horseback from Amargosa Valley to Pahrump. Kick-off dinner at the Longstreet Inn in Amargosa. Ride ends at Saddle West, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Chautauqua • Sept. 26-27 • Spotlight on American writers. Pahrump Valley Winery, Pahrump, 775-727-5300.

Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 26-28 • Traditional events, booths, and concessions. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4556.

Aviation in Winnemucca • Sept. 26-28 • Modern and vintage military aircraft, fly-in's, fly-by's, trucks, tanks, and jeeps, and pancake breakfast Saturday morning. Event includes a military vehicle rally. Airport, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Rodney Mike Duckwater Classic • Sept. 27 • 13th annual roping competition. Brotherton's Arena, Lund, 775-238-5238.

Nevada State Power Lifting Championship • Sept. 27-28 • Convention Center, Elko, 775-934-8370.

Covered Wagon Days Trail Ride • Sept. 28 • Commemorative 12-mile ride along the California Trail from Argenta to Battle Mountain, followed by a barbecue in Lions Park. Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Corporate Four-Man Golf Scramble • Sept. 29-30 • Rainbow and Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660.

Richard Elloyan Concert • Oct. 3 • Dayton singer-songwriter-poet's performance includes a song he wrote about Eureka and its opera house. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Pahrump Fall Festival • Oct. 3-5 • Rodeo, parade, food, ven-

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Fall colors and the area's spectacular scenery form a backdrop for the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival October 24-26 in Elko and Spring Creek, 11 miles southeast of Elko. Festival events include balloon rides, races, and games. Other fall ballooning events are the Great Reno Balloon Race September 5-7 and the Las Vegas Hot Air Balloon Festival September 20-22.

dors, kids' carnival, exhibits, entertainment. Petrack Park and McCullough Arena, Pahrump, 775-727-5107.

Lamoille Harvest Festival • Oct. 4 • Handmade crafts, home-made food. The Ranchers Center (old school-house), Lamoille, 775-753-7717.

Oktoberfest • Oct. 4 • Food, entertainment, dancing, and crafts. Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4187.

Petal to Pod Slide Program • Oct. 4 • Learn about the seed pods that develop from desert flowers. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Humboldt County High School Rodeo • Oct. 4-5 • Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-2220.

Yerington Fly In • Oct. 4-5 • Military aircraft, sky divers, and static displays. Yerington Airport, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

Smith Valley Fun Day • Oct. 5 • Car show, craft show, antique engines, kids' games. Wellington, 775-465-2236.

Moonlight Maze • Oct. 10-11 • Stroll the Nevada Maze of an ichthyosaur carved in a cornfield. Maze is open days until Oct. 31. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 775-867-3750.

Fallon Harvest Days • Oct. 10-12 • Farm and ranch tours to learn more about area agriculture. Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Elko Te-Moak Powwow • Oct. 10-12 • Traditional Native American dances and regalia, food, booths. Elko Indian

Colony, Elko, 775-738-5038.

Reined Cow and Cutting Horse Competition • Oct. 10-13 • Event combines the fifth annual Reining Futurities and the seventh annual Stockhorse Spectacular. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-0532.

Fall Safety and Survival Workshop • Oct. 11 • Cathedral Gorge State Park, northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Harvest Moon • Oct. 11 • Hayride and chuckwagon dinner benefit for Bright Path of Elko. The Grove, Lamoille, 775-778-0547.

Humboldt County High School Rodeo: Cutting • Oct. 11-12 • Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-2225.

Scarecrow Factory • Oct. 11, 18, 25 • Straw provided. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 775-867-3750.

Craps Tournament • Oct. 11-12 • Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660, ext. 521.

Civil War Encampment • Oct. 11-12 • Nevada Civil War Volunteers provide living-history and 1860s military life demonstrations. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, Silver Springs, 775-577-2345.

Slot Tournament • Oct. 12-13 • Rainbow, Wendover, 800-217-0049.

Stonecircle • Oct. 17 • Five-piece contemporary Celtic band

performs a Central Nevada concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Country Craft Fair • Oct. 18 • Handmade items. Lattin Farms, Fallon, 775-867-3750.

Oktoberfest • Oct. 18 • United Way benefit. Duck Pond, Pahrump, 775-751-2400.

Sunset Geology Walk • Oct. 18 • Ranger-led easy walk. Bring a flashlight and jacket. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Harvest Wine Tasting and Art Show • Oct. 18 • Area wines, appetizers, music, and silent and live auctions. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-2225.

Reno Pops Orchestra • Oct. 19 • Concert includes works of Mozart. Pershing County High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 775-273-2005.

Harvest Sale and Auction • Oct. 19 • Arts and crafts, antique auction. Smith Valley, 775-465-2353.

Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival • Oct. 24-26 • Balloon rides, races, games. Elko and Spring Creek, 775-738-7135.

Haunted House • Oct. 24-31 • Spring Creek Horse Palace, Spring Creek, 775-738-1240.

Pig Roast: Halloween Party • Oct. 25 • Free pig roast, costume party, and auction to benefit the fire department. Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

"Murder by Magic" • Oct. 25 • Drama. Arts and Cultural Center, Hawthorne, 775-945-2507.

Cathedral Gorge's First Century Slide Program • Oct. 25 • Learn about the history of one of the state's first parks. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Blackjack Tournament • Oct. 26-27 • Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660, ext. 521.

Elko's Nevada Day Parade • Oct. 31 • Colorful parade has about 50 entries. Downtown Elko, 775-738-7991.

Harvest Festival • Oct. 31 • Costume contest and entertainment for kids. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-5062.

Halloween Costume Contest • Oct. 31 • Rainbow and Peppermill, Wendover, 800-648-9660.

Coming Events

Reno Film Festival • Nov. 6-9 • Reno, 775-334-6707.

Chukar Tournament • Nov. 8 • Championship hunt. Battle Mountain, 775-635-1112.

Gift of Lights • Nov. 14-Jan. 4 • Car tour to view 120 light displays. Las Vegas, 702-451-1641.

Magical Forest • Nov. 26-Dec. 28 • Winter wonderland. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3741.

Downtown Hoedown • Dec. 4 • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Boys Choir of Harlem • Dec. 5 • UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Best in the Desert Las Vegas 200 Off-Road Race • Dec. 5-7 • Las Vegas, 702-457-5775.

National Finals Rodeo • Dec. 5-14 • Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Hometown Christmas Parade • Dec. 6 • Sparks, 775-353-2291.

Christmas Parade • Dec. 6 • Ely, 775-289-8877.

Fourth Ward School Victorian Christmas • Dec. 6-7 • Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Ramada Express International Rally • Dec. 10-14 • Laughlin, 702-298-8171.

Historic Train Rides • Dec. 13-14 • Boulder City, 775-687-6953.

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 24-31 • Elko, 888-880-5885.

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Nevada Showguide

Where the stars and shows are playing in September and October.

Nevada's clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. In Las Vegas this fall, Lisa Marie Presley appears at the House of Blues in Mandalay Bay and Gloria Estefan at Caesars Palace. In Reno, "Star-Spangled Celebration" and "Spirit of the Dance" both play at the Eldorado, and David Spade headlines at Caesars Tahoe. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performances. Schedules may change, so call ahead for times and reservations or visit www.nevadamagazine.com.

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HENDERSON

Casino MonteLago at Lake Las Vegas • 702-939-8888: Special events TBA.

Fiesta Henderson • 702-558-7000: Bands play in the Lava Lounge on Fri.-Sat.

Green Valley Ranch • 702-454-0544: Jazz Club: Entertainment Fri.-Sat. Whiskey Amphitheater: Al Jarreau, Sept. 26.

Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Entertainment Wed.-Sun.

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

Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-4700: Firenze Lobby Lounge: Florentine Tea daily from 2:30-5pm.

Sunset Station • 702-547-7777: Club Madrid: Strunz and Farah, Sept. 6. Peaches and Herb, Nov. 1. Eric Burdon and the New Animals, Dec. 12. Amphitheater: Dave Koz: The Saxophonic Tour with Marc Antoine, Chris Botti, and Jeff Lorber, Oct. 10.

JEAN

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

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

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 877-333-WISH: Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: Kirov Ballet, Sept. 6-7. Mariachi Festival, Sept. 13. "The Full Monty," Tony Award-nominated musical, Oct. 14-19. "Starlight Express," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, Jan. 20-25. "Riverdance," Feb. 10-15. "Rent," March 19-21. "42nd Street," May 5-9. "Cats," June 23-27. CenterStage Showroom: Society of Seven, musical comedy, dark Mon. "X: An Erotic Adventure," adult production show, 10:30pm Tues.-Sun. Sinbad's Lounge: Bands play until 3am. Music in the Curve nightclub 10:30pm-5am Fri.-Sat.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Entertainment TBA. Karaoke 8:30pm-1:30am Mon. Bands play Tues.-Thurs. Jerry Tiffe's Band, 4-7pm Fridays.



Boy, What Girls

It's always girls' night out at "An Evening at La Cage," the celebrity female-impersonator revue at the Riviera in Las Vegas. The long-running show stars Frank Marino (center) as Joan Rivers. The La Cage Theatre troupe portrays such stars as Tina Turner, Liza Minnelli, Bette Midler, and Cher.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-5800: Palace Grand Lounge: Entertainment TBA. Bands play 4-7pm Fri.-Sun.

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

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Barbary Coast Lounge: Pete Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3-6pm Tues.-Fri. Entertainers play in the lounge. Karaoke, Mon.-Tues.

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

Caramel Bar is open nightly 5pm-4am. Musicians play in the Petrossian Lounge and Baccarat Bar. Fontana Room: Bands play nightly. Jimmy Hopper and his band, dark Mon.

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

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Ottmar Liebert, July 5. The Railhead: The Alan Parsons Project, Sept. 19. Hal Ketchum, Oct. 3. Night Ranger, Oct. 11. Ray Price, Oct. 17. Phil Vassar, Oct. 24. The Rubes, Oct. 31. Trace Adkins, Nov. 7. Taylor Dayne, Nov. 8. The DeCastro Sisters, Nov. 15. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Thurs. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Big Easy Showroom: "Shock," 10:30pm Fri.-Sat. "Hypnoticulous with Terry Stoke," 9pm, dark Mon.-Tues.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: The Colosseum Showroom: Celine Dion stars in "A New Day,"

dark Mon.-Tues. Gloria Estefan, Oct. 10-19. Shadow Bar: Dancers and flair bartenders perform 8pm-2am Sun.-Thurs., 7pm-3am Fri.-Sat. DJ Mon.-Sat. 9pm-2am. Entertainment in the Café Lago Restaurant, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, and Galleria Bar.

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.

Egg and I Restaurant • 702-364-9686: "Marriage Can Be Murder," interactive dinner theater has guests playing detective, 7pm Wed.-Fri., 6pm Sat.

Excalibur Hotel • 702-597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings," jousting-dinner show. Merlin's Theater: "Thunder From Down Under," all-male revue plays at 7:30pm Sun.-Wed., 7:30 and 11:30pm Fri.-Sat., dark Thurs. Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club: Comedians perform at 10pm nightly and 7:30pm Thurs. 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): Fitzgeralds Showroom: Larry G. Jones, free impersonator show, 5pm, dark Tues.-Wed. "Spirit of the King" starring Steve Connolly, dark Tues.-Wed. Diva-Licious, singing duo, 9pm Thurs.-Mon. Wild Billy Tucker, comedian, 10:30pm Thurs.-Mon. (shows have a one-drink min-

imum per person; must be 21 for Diva-Licious and Wild Billy Tucker). Bobby Ruffin's Tribute to the Drifters, 7:15 and 9:15pm, Tues.-Wed., \$12.95. First Floor Stage: "Mike Lee, Singer of Memories," 8pm-1am Thurs. and Mon., 5:30-9:30pm Fri.-Sat. The Speaks Brothers, 10pm-2am Fri.-Sat. Singer Derek James, 8pm-1am Tues.-Wed.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: Gladys Knight, 7:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. The Amazing Johnathan, outrageous magic, 10pm Fri.-Wed. "Bottoms Up," comedy revue, 2 and 4pm, dark Sun. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, 8pm Thurs.-Tues., 10:30pm Fri.-Sat., dark Wed. Flamingo Late-Night Lounge: DJ and dance music, 1-4am.

Flamingo O'Shea's • 702-737-1343: Entertainment TBA.

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.

Fremont • 702-385-3232: "Jump, Jive, an' Wail."

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): Lounge: Kinda Dixie Jazz Band, noon-6pm. Bands play nightly except Mon. Gold Coast Showroom: "Serendipity," musical tribute to the '60s, '70s, and '80s, dark Mon.-Tues. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat., indf. Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor on Tues. Dance lessons are 6-7pm. Sunday Tea Dance Party with Larry Taylor from 1-5pm. Free drama workshop, 2-4pm Tues.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Live piano featuring David Morris, Rick Warren, Moses Hazen, Betty de Betea, 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-385-7111: Ballroom: "Spirit of the Dance." Bands play in the Show Bar Lounge.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke, 9pm-2am Wed.-Sun.

Greek Isles • 702-952-8000: Magic Theater: Dr. Naughty, comedian-hypnotist at 10:15pm daily. Sandy Hackett Comedy Club, 9pm nightly. "The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean," dinner at 5:30pm, show at 7pm, dark Fri.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: The Joint: Ringo Starr, Aug. 30.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111: Clint Holmes Theatre: Clint Holmes, musical variety show, dark Sun. Comedy Cabaret: Improv, nightly except Mon. "Skintight," adult musical revue, dark Thurs. "Mac King Comedy Magic Show" appears at 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Carnival Court: Jade Starling with Lisa Lisa, Sept. 1. Cook E. Jarr, 12:30-2:30am Fri.-Sat. Bands play outdoors at noon. Music nightly in La Playa Lounge and in the Range Steakhouse Lounge. View Nightclub opens in the Range Steakhouse at 11pm.

Howard Johnson Hotel • 702-798-1111: TBA.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert," impersonator revue, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Sun. Shangri-la Pool Deck: "Hawaiian Hot Luau Imperial-Style," buffet dinner and Polynesian revue, Tues. and Thurs. thru Oct. 23. Entertainment nightly in the Kabuki Lounge and Fri.-Sun. in the Nomiya Lounge.

Key Largo • 702-733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: One performs nightly 8pm-2am.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theater: Entertainment TBA. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: The Smothers Brothers, thru Sept. 14, 7:30pm. Kenny Rogers, Sept. 5-6, 10pm. The Commodores, Sept. 12-13, 10pm. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles, Sept. 16-Oct. 5, 7:30pm. Sheena Easton, Sept. 23-Oct. 26, 7:30pm. The Doobie Brothers, Sept. 26-27, 10pm. Creedence Clearwater Revisted, Oct. 3-4. Trent Carlini: The Dream King, Oct. 7-26. The Smothers Brothers, Oct. 28-Nov. 16. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles,



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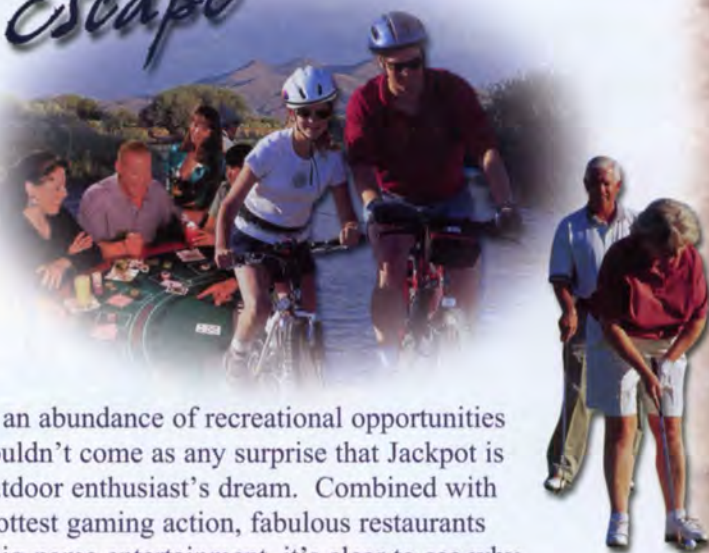
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Nov. 25-30, 7:30pm. The Commodores, Nov. 28-29, 10pm. Logan Wells, Dec. 2-7, 7:30pm. Brooks and Dunn, Dec. 8-10. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles, Dec. 16-21, 7:30pm. The NightClub: Disco nights, 11pm-3am Thurs.-Sat., DJs spin '70s and '80s dance music.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: Luxor Theatre: "Blue Man Group: Live at Luxor," percussion theater. Pharaoh's Theater: "Midnight Fantasy," production show, dark Mon. Ra Nightclub at Luxor: DJs Wed.-Sat. Entertainers play nightly in Nefertiti's Lounge. Movies in the IMAX theater.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Mamma Mia!," the Broadway musical based on the music of Abba, dark Tues. Mandalay Events Center: Chinese Labor Day Concert: Jolin Tsai-Sha I-Kang Kang, Aug. 30. Pepe Aguilar, Sept. 13. Steely Dan, Sept. 27. Fitness Olympia and Mr. Olympia, Oct. 24-25. Mandalay Beach: Blues Traveler, Aug. 31. B-52's, Sept. 5. India.Arie, Sept. 12. Billy Idol, Sept. 26. House of Blues: Café Tacuba, Sept. 5. Lisa Marie Presley, Sept. 13. Dashboard Confessional, Sept. 23. Peter Frampton, Oct. 24. Dance music, Thurs.-Sun. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Bands play in the Orchid, Island, and Coral Reef lounges. The Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay is open daily.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Hollywood Theatre: David Copperfield, thru Sept. 3, Sept. 25-Oct. 8, and Dec. 24-Jan. 1. Carrot Top, Sept. 4-17. MGM Grand Garden Arena: Oscar de la Hoya vs. Shane Mosley, Sept. 13, world super welterweight championship. Jimmy Buffett, Sept. 20. Frozen Fury: NHL exhibition game, Colorado Avalanche vs. Los Angeles Kings, Sept. 27. Andre Agassi's Grand Slam for Children, superstar entertainers, such as Faith Hill, Sir Elton John, and Robin Williams perform to benefit at-risk children, Oct. 4. Maxxis U.S. Open World's Richest Motorcycle Race, Oct. 10-12. La Femme Theatre:

"La Femme, Topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Studio 54: Dancing Tues.-Sat. Entertainment in the Tabu, Zuri Lounge, Craftsteak Restaurant, and Entertainment Dome. EFX Theatre: Cirque du Soleil production to open in 2004.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular, dark Wed.-Thurs. Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans performs nightly except Fri. and Mon. Entertainment in the Onda

MGM Sports Nights

This fall the MGM Grand hosts several events for the sports-minded in Las Vegas. Oscar de la Hoya boxes Shane Mosley for the super welterweight world title, the Colorado Avalanche and Los Angeles Kings hit the ice in Frozen Fury, Andre Agassi presents his Grand Slam for Children, and motorcyclists race in the Maxxis U.S. Open.

Lounge Thurs.-Sat. and Baccarat Bar Tues.-Thurs.

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: Gilley's Saloon: Bands play Tues.-Sat.

New York-New York • 702-740-6969 or 800-693-6763: Broadway Theatre: "Zumanity," adult Cirque du Soleil production, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly. "Boo!" improvisational revue, 10pm Tues.-Thurs., 10:30pm

Fri.-Sat., dark Sun.-Mon. Ticket includes an after-show roller coaster ride. The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen: Food and entertainment. Coyote Ugly: Dance nightclub opens nightly at 6pm. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play from 7:30pm nightly in the Bar at Times Square. Bands play in the Big Apple Bar. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster opens daily at 10am.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Arena: Peter, Paul, and Mary, Sept. 19. Double Down Throwdown: Country Music Festival, Sept. 20. Suncoast Futurity, Oct. 14-18. Orleans Showroom: Brenda Lee, Sept. 4-7. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, Sept. 11-14. Neil Sedaka, Sept. 16-21. Manhattan Transfer, Sept. 25-28. Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show, Oct. 2-5. Louie Anderson, Oct. 9-12. Righteous Brothers, Oct. 14-26, dark Oct. 20. Steven Wright, Oct. 30-Nov. 2. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, Nov. 6-9. Neil Sedaka, Nov. 11-16. Righteous Brothers, Nov. 18-30. Randy Travis, Dec. 10-13. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Performers appear nightly except Mon. Brendan's Irish Pub: Bands play nightly. Jazz, Tues., Blues Zydeco, Wed., Blues, Thurs., Jazz, Fri.-Sat., Irish acoustic sing-a-long, Sun. "Rock This Town Live," tributes to Elvis, Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis, 7-8pm, Mon.-Thurs. Sazio Restaurant: "Ba-Da-Bing," interactive dinner show, Thurs.-Mon.

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

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Rain in the Desert: Concerts TBA, cabana area, water booths, special effects. Skin Pool Lounge: 3 Doors Down, Sept. 11. Entertainment nightly in the Palapa Lounge. Ghostbar on the 55th floor offers an indoor-outdoor lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Paris Pool Summer Concert Series: Susan Tedeschi/Bering Strait, Aug. 30.

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Theatre des Arts: Wayne Brady, Sept. 5-7. Chris Isaak, Sept. 19-20. Dennis Miller, Oct. 8-12. Olivia Newton-John, Oct. 16-19. Natalie Cole, Oct. 30-Nov. 1. Clint Black, Nov. 6-8. Tony Bennett, Nov. 13-16. Jeff Foxworthy, Dec. 5-7. Wayne Brady, Dec. 12-13. Ballroom: A-Mei Concert, Dec. 27. Bands play in Le Cabaret Lounge, Napoleon's Lounge: Entertainment nightly. Dancing 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun. in the Risqué nightclub. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Theatre: The Comedy Zone, dark Mon. "Stars of the Strip, impersonator show, 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Omaha Lounge: Dusty Barron/The Sun Spots perform Tues.-Sun.

Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Addison's Lounge: Rock, oldies, and R&B bands perform 8pm-midnight Fri.-Sat. Open mike for musicians on Thurs. Round Bar: Entertainment Tues.-Sat.

Rio All-Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Scinta Showroom: The Scintas, musical-comedy show, dark Thurs. Ronn Lucas, comic-ventriloquist, 3pm Sat.-Thurs., dark Fri. Samba Theater: Penn and Teller, comedy-magic show, dark Tues. "Showgirls, late-night adult musical revue at 11pm, dark Tues. Club Rio: "Chippendales: The Show," dark Tues. Club Rio Nightclub is open for late-night dancing Thurs.-Sat. Calypso Room: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding, off-Broadway interactive dinner theater, nightly. Masquerade Show in the Sky: Carnival-themed parade above the casino daily at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9, and 10pm. Bikinis Beach and Dance Club: Nightclub opens 10pm Thurs.-Sun. Sexy swimwear competition on Thurs. Entertainment in the Ipanema Bar and VooDoo Lounge.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash, production show, dark Fri. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage, celebrity female impersonators



Wayne Brady's Show

Wayne Brady, host of *The Wayne Brady Show*, combines song, dance, and comedy at the Theatre des Arts in Paris Las Vegas on September 5-7 and December 12-13.

revue, 8pm, dark Tues. "Men the Show," 10pm, 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.-Wed. and Fri. "America's Neil Diamond Tribute: Portrayed by Jay White, 7pm Sun.-Thurs. The Exotic Hypnotics, featuring Genie and Richard, 11:30pm Tues.-Sun. "Hail, Hail Rock 'n Roll, 10pm Tues.-Sun. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band plays at 1:15am Sat. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 10pm Mon.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: "World's Greatest Magic Show," dark Tues., indf. Congo Room: The Platters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters, and Beary Hobb's Drifters. Bands play in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-454-8048: Sam's Town Live: The Fab, Beatles tribute, thru Dec. 31. 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. Entertainment in the Bonne Chance Lounge.

Santa Fe Station • 702-658-4900: Santa Fe Amphitheater: The Green Room: Comedy Corner, Wed.-Sat., 7:30pm. Louie Louie, 10:30pm-12:30am Fri.-Sat. Nightclub open for dancing. Jerry Tiffe and His Orchestra, 7-11pm Wed. Memphis Championship Barbecue: John Earl and the BoogieMan Band perform Fri.-Sat.

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

Stardust • 702-732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Wayne Newton Theatre: Anthony Cools, 11pm Thurs.-Sat. Chicago, Sept. 3-6. Neville Brothers, Sept. 11-13. Andrew Dice Clay, Sept. 12-13, 11pm. The Temptations and Four Tops, Sept. 25-28. Wayne Newton, Sept. 29-Nov. 9. Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Nov. 12-15. Don Rickles, Nov. 20-23. Andrew Dice Clay, Nov. 28-29, 11pm. "Asian Night, Dec. 20, Vietnamese entertainment. Friday Night Jazz Concerts: IN 2 IT, Sept. 19. Stardust Lounge: Bands play nightly. Stardust Ballroom:

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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. Images Lounge: Checkmates, Sept. 30-Oct. 12. Bands play nightly. Entertainment in the Top of the World Lounge, Crazy Armadillos: Latin/Disco Night, Mon. Karaoke on Tues.-Wed. DJ on Thurs. Bands play Fri.-Sat. Band showcase, Sun.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Showroom: Gianni Russo, Sept. 5-7. Tony Orlando, Sept. 12-14. David Brenner, Sept. 19-21. Bobby Collins, Sept. 27-28. The Four Freshmen, Oct. 3-5. McKenna Medley, Oct. 10-12. Dame Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Oct. 17-19. Al Martino, Oct. 24-26. Tony Danza, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. The Lettermen, Nov. 7-9. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 14-16. Dave Mason, Nov. 22-23. Roger Williams, Nov. 28-30. Bill Acosta, Dec. 5-7. Susan Anton's Christmas Show, Dec. 19-21. David Brenner, Dec. 29-31. Suncoast Lounge: The Limey Bar Stewards, 9:30pm-midnight Tues. Spazmatics, 10:30pm-1:30am Wed. Bands 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 Wed.-Thurs. Entertainment in the Mist and Breeze lounges. "Sirens of the TI, a new version of the hotel's pirate-battle attraction, opens Oct. 26.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Les Folies Bergere," dark Sun. "The Magic of Rick Thomas, 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Tropics Lounge: "The Tropicana Bird Show," 11am, 12:30, and 2pm except Thurs. T. Fox



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Venetian • 702-733-5000: Showroom at the Venetian: "Lord of the Dance," Celtic production, dark Mon. "V: The Ultimate Variety Show," nightly, specialty and daredevil acts. **Westward Ho** • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: Grubstakes Jamboree, thru Nov. 15. Dinner and show, Wed. and Sat., dark Sept. 17 and Oct. 29. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the lounge.

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Avi • 702-535-5555: ArrowWeed Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Colorado Belle • 702-298-4000: Oldies duos play in the Boiler Room Microbrewery and Restaurant. Dixieland band strolls on D Deck. Special Events: Parti Gras, Sept. 20. Blues and Brews Festival, Sept. 25-27. Hot Lava, Oct. 3. Italian Festival Weekend, Oct. 11. Haunted House for Halloween Oct. 22-31.

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Cornell Gunters Coasters, Sept. 9-14, Sept. 30-Oct. 5, Oct. 7-12, and Oct. 28-30. Hotel California, Sept. 19-21, Oct. 17-19, and 21-26. Eagles tribute show. Rhythm Junkies, Sept. 23-28. Music nightly.

Flamingo Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Flamingo Ballroom: Glen Campbell Christmas Show, Nov. 29. Ann-Margret, Nov. 30. Vicki Lawrence, Dec. 27. Flamingo Amphitheater: Wynonna, Sept. 13. Kenny Rogers, Sept. 27-28. The Righteous Brothers, Oct. 11. Engelbert Humperdinck, Oct. 26. Willie Nelson, Nov. 2.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Nightclub: Dinner and dancing to the music of the '40s and '50s on Tues. Bands play nightly.

Harrah's Laughlin • 702-298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta Showroom: Chippendales, Oct. 3-4. Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater: George Jones, Oct. 31, 8pm.

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River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Crystal Sands Room: Entertainment TBA. Bands or DJ music nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke, 4-7pm Wed.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Country Music USA, thru Sept. 21, dark Fri. Gallagher, Sept. 24-27. Freddy Fender, Oct. 8-12. The Supremes starring Mary Wilson, Oct. 15-19. Ricky Van Shelton, Oct. 21-26. Roy Clark, Oct. 28-Nov. 2. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 4-9. Oak Ridge Boys, Nov. 12-16. The Lettermen, Nov. 19-23. Mel Tillis, Nov. 26-30. Vicki Lawrence, Dec. 27-31. Lightning Strikes Nightclub: Karaoke, Sun.-Mon. Boogie Night, Wed. Tequila Fever, Thurs. Beach Night, Fri., bikini contest. Party Night, Sat.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: A Tribute to Bill Haley featuring the original Comets, Sept. 13. Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad, Oct. 4. Suzy Haner, Oct. 17-18. Crystal Gayle, Nov. 15. Christy Bryant, Dec. 31. Comedians entertain weekends when performers are not scheduled. Entertainment in the 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: Club Xtreme: Video and live DJ on Fri. and Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play in



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Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Club Tequila: Entertainment Wed.-Sat.

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

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Connie Francis, Jan. 23-24. Merle Haggard, Feb. 28. The Armadillo: Krokies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack, Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm.

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Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Julio Iglesias, Sept. 12. Brooks and Dunn, Sept. 19. Show Bar: Bands play Fri.-Mon.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment Sat.-Sun. Performers play in the Piano Bar.

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

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

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Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Danny Marona, Aug. 29-31. Entertainment in the Center Stage Cabaret. Dancing in the Atlantis Nightclub. Special Events: Liparita Winemaker Dinner, Oct. 29. Duckhorn Winemaker Dinner, Dec. 4.
Boomtown • 775-345-6000: Can-Can Theater and Dancehall: Performers like Gary and Sandy, the Lelands, Tony Vee, and Tommy Bell play Tues.-Sun.
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Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): "Broadway! The Star-Spangled Celebration, thru Nov. 30, musical tribute to Broadway (dark Mon.). Also "Spirit of the Dance, thru Nov. 30, (dark Mon.). Call for show times. Bands play nightly at the Brew Brothers microbrewery. Piano music in the Roxy Lounge. BuBinga Lounge: Dance to DJs and bands Tues.-Sat. Bands play in the Eldorado Cabaret. Special Event: Great Italian Festival, Oct. 11-12.

Fitzgeralds • 775-785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands perform nightly in the casino's Fitz Showbar.

Golden Phoenix • 775-785-7100: Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Harrah's Reno • 775-788-2900 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: Gordie Brown, one-man theatrical production, thru Sept. 1. Chippendales, thru Sept. 1. Comedy Magic, 4pm Wed.-Sun. "Motor City All-Stars Rhythm and Blues Revue," starring Chapter One, thru Sept. 3, dark Fri. Bands play Thurs.-Mon. in the Sapphire Lounge. Xtreme Park: Thrill rides and climbing wall are open daily.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Celebrity Showroom: Collin Raye, Sept. 19-20. Neal McCoy, Oct. 10-11. Crystal Gayle, Nov. 7-9. Roy Clark, Nov. 20-22. Oak Ridge Boys, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Entertainment during the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off: Mumbo Gumbo, Aug. 28. Curtis Salgado, Aug. 29. Eric Burdon and the New Animals, Aug. 30. Aaron Tippin, Aug. 31. Buckwheat Zydeco, Sept. 1. Bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's. Flamenco guitarist Thurs. and jazz Fri.-Sat. in Restaurant Orozko.

Peppermill • 775-826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Tahoe Grand Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Cabaret Lounge: Bands such as Sidro's Armada, Memphis Rising, Raised on Radio, and Madison Avenue play nightly. Ron Perry and Dale Vernon perform in the Steakhouse Lounge. Special Events: Raymond Winery Winemaker Dinner, Sept. 22. Street Vibrations Celebration, Sept. 24-28. Joseph Phelps Winemaker Dinner, Oct. 20.

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

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 Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

Sundowner • 775-786-7050.

Tamarack Junction • 775-852-3600.

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STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 775-588-2455: William's Back Door Blues Club: Bands play 9:30pm-12:30am Thurs.-Sat.

Caesars Tahoe • 775-588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: "Passion Xtreme," thru Sept. 11, adult revue, Sun.-Thurs. Macy Gray, Sept. 5-6. Steve Winwood, Sept. 27. Billy Idol, Oct. 4. David Spade, Oct. 10-11. Temptations, Oct. 24-25. Club Nero nightclub has music for dancing. Cleo's Bar: Pianist Arthur Hervey.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: Outdoor Concert Series: Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band, Aug. 29. Bands play in the Casino Center Stage.

Harveys • 775-588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Cabaret: The Improv, comedians perform nightly except Mon. "Hilarious Hocus Pocus: The Fielding West Show," thru Sept. 8, 4pm, dark Tues.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Carnival Cabaret, male celebrity impersonator revue, dark Mon. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge. Special Events: Cool September Days Car Show, Sept. 10-15. Craft Fair, Sept. 19-21.

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

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382.

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. Special Event: Wild West Days, Sept. 26.

BEATTY

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

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

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Hotel Nevada • 775-289-6665.

FALLON

Bonanza Inn • 775-423-6031.

Fallon Nugget • 775-423-3111.

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Joe's Tavern • 775-945-2302.

JACKPOT

Barton's Club 93 • 775-755-2341.

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

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

LOVELOCK

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

PAHRUMP

Pahrump Nugget • 775-751-6500.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Club West Nightclub: DJ music for dancing at 9pm. Bands perform on select Sat. "Comedy Corral," Thurs., free show featuring stand-up comedians. Jack Reeves Show, country music and dancing 5-9pm Sun. Special Events: Pony Express Ride Banquet, Sept. 27. Fall Roundup Golf Tournament, Oct. 11-12.

Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

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

SILVER SPRINGS

Silver Springs Nugget • 775-577-4263.

TONOPAH

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

Tonopah Station Ramada Inn • 775-482-9777: Bands play on weekends.

WENDOVER

Montego Bay • 775-664-9100: Entertainment nightly. Special Events: Ladies Classic Golf Tournament, Sept. 25-26. Corporate Four-Man Golf Scramble, Sept. 29-30.

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): True to Life, thru Sept. 7. Bands play nightly except Mon. Special Events: Two-man Scramble Golf Tournament, Sept. 11-12. Halloween Costume Contest, Oct. 31.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Cabaret Lounge: Prime Time, Sept. 1-14. Bands play nightly except Mon.

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

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WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 775-623-2511: Winners Lounge: Groups such as Midnight Riders, Joey Carmon, Herb McQuay, Louie Fontaine, Dane Rinehart, Dan Baur, and Rock 'n Horse play. Special Events: Cribbage Tournament, Sept. 19-21. Karaoke Stampede, Nov. 7-9.

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Boulder Dam Hotel • 1305 Arizona St., 702-293-3510.

Colorado River Tours • Underground gold mine tour. Nelson, 702-291-0026.

Hoover Dam and Hoover Dam Visitor Center • Theater and exhibit hall, High Scaler Monument. U.S. 93, 702-597-5970.

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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 B Moser St. off Sunset, 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

A.J. Hackett Bungy • 810 Circus Circus Dr., 702-385-4321.

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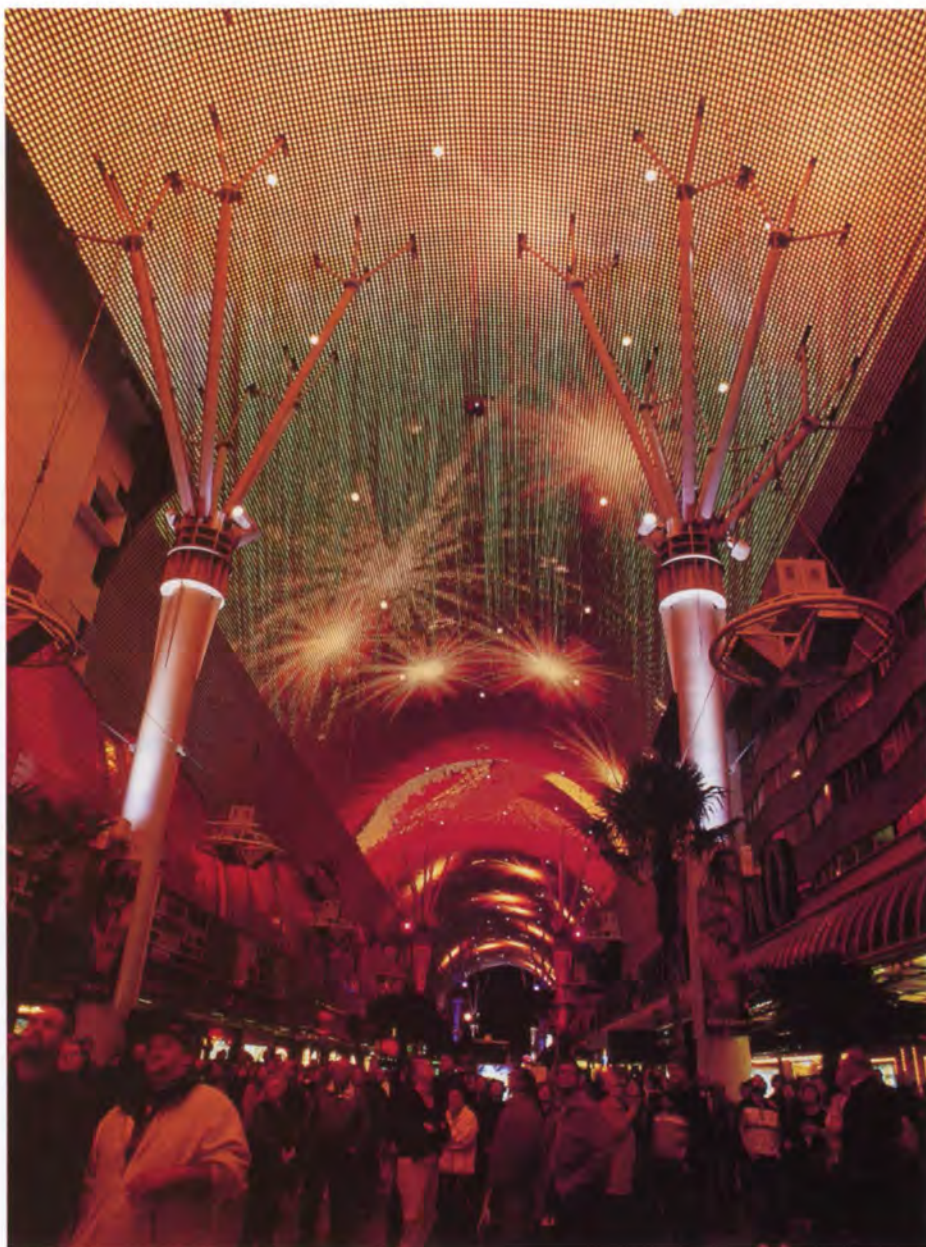
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Desert Demonstration Gardens • 3701 W. Alta, 702-258-3205.

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ESPN Zone • Sports-themed restaurant. New York-New York, 702-933-3776.

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Floyd Lamb State Park • Picnicking and fishing. 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 702-486-5413.

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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.

Gilcrease Nature Sanctuary • Petting zoo, picnic areas, walking trails, open Wed.-Sun. 8103 N. Racel St., near Floyd Lamb State Park, 702-645-4224.

Guggenheim Hermitage Museum • Works of the masters. Venetian, 702-414-2440.

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Las Vegas Art Museum • 9600 W. Sahara Ave., 702-360-8000.

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Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, attracts nature lovers because of its striking sandstone formations, which offer hiking trails, climbing routes, and unusual geological puzzles.

Las Vegas Club • Sports memorabilia. Downtown, 702-385-1664.

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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. 702-515-5400.

NASCAR Cafe • Race cars displayed in the themed restaurant. Sahara Hotel, 702-734-7223.

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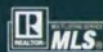
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White Pine Public Museum • Exhibits on history of Ely area. 2000 Aultman St., 775-289-4710.

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Eureka Sentinel Museum • 775-237-5010.

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Casino Notes

News from hotel-casinoland. By Ann Henderson

Las Vegas Territory

The **Riverside Resort** in Laughlin is offering a "Country Music USA" package for \$89 per couple through September 21. The deal, which is available Sunday through Thursday, includes the tribute show, a two-night stay, buffet dinner, and two free nights midweek in December. The show is dark on Fridays. Call 800-227-3849 for information.

The **Stardust** on the Las Vegas Strip is celebrating its 45th anniversary, a time to recall the casino's history, which is the subject of an exhibition on display at the hotel through September. The Stardust, which opened on July 2, 1958, was founded by gambling figure Tony Cornero and featured the world's largest marquee at more than 10,000 light bulbs and 7,000 feet of neon tubing. The hotel is asking for do-



The Stardust is celebrating its 45th anniversary with a rocket-shaped time capsule containing memorabilia related to Las Vegas and the Strip hotel. Above, the Stardust's star attraction, Wayne Newton, inspects the capsule.

nations of Las Vegas and Stardust memorabilia from 1958 to help fill a rocket-shaped time capsule that will be buried later this year. The Stardust is known for the "Lido de Paris," one of the city's first

spectacular productions and its showgirls, the Bluebell Girls. The show, which ran 30 years, also featured horses, jaguars, and elephants. The property today is the stage home of singer Wayne Newton, the

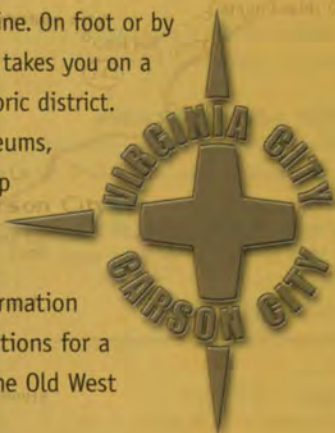
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Brenda Lee, the tiny singer with the big voice, returns September 4-7 to the Orleans in Las Vegas.

Midnight Idol, for 40 weeks per year; the rock 'n' roll band Rickey and the Redstreaks, who take over the hotel during the National Finals Rodeo; and appearances by big bands such as the Russ Morgan and Jimmy Dorsey orchestras. Call 702-732-6111 for information on donating mementos to the time capsule.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Anniversary parties were held this summer at **Circus Circus** and the **Silver Legacy** in Reno. The big top-themed property turned 25, and the Silver Legacy celebrated its eighth birthday. Anniversary-year promotions at **Circus Circus** include a nightly drawing, which will make the winner eligible to win an H2 Hummer on September 21.

Visitors can climb aboard horse-drawn carriages at the **Siena** for a ride along the River Walk in downtown Reno. A 30-minute ride costs \$40 for two people and \$10 for each additional adult. A 10- to 15-minute ride costs \$20 for as many riders as can comfortably fit in the carriage. For information call 775-337-6260.

The **Silver Legacy** is among the latest casinos to add more of the "ticket-in, ticket-out" slot machines. The technology eliminates wait time needed to refill slots and pay off jackpots. When they win, players receive a printed ticket, which they can play in another machine, redeem at a cashier, or save for another visit to the casino.

Entertainment Notes

In 1956, **Brenda Lee** was 12 when she cut her first record, "Jambalaya (On the Bayou)" and launched a career that still earns her standing ovations in Las Vegas. Soon thereafter the country singer was nicknamed "Little Miss Dynamite" in a nod to her recording of the song "Dynamite" and her physical stature.

At four-foot-nine, without the bouffant hairdo, Lee made jokes about her height ("I'd like to be as tall as one of Faith Hill's legs") during a recent performance at the

Orleans. Aside from a few other references to being vertically challenged, Lee and her six musicians and two backup singers roll through a nonstop concert of her hits, such as "Sweet Nothin's," "Break It to Me Gently," and her gospel favorite, "This Little Light of Mine." It is a good show that her fans will enjoy, and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" is on the playbill no matter the time of year or temperature. Brenda Lee returns to the Orleans September 4-7. Call 800-ORLEANS. ▀

Ann Henderson is Nevada Magazine's events and entertainment editor.



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Imperial Palace/Burger Palace—794-3261. Burgers, fries, and other fast-food items. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Emperor's Buffet—731-3311. Buffet carving station, roast baron of beef, desserts, and more. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Imperial Buffet—794-3261. Prime rib and champagne dinner nightly. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/The Rib House—794-3261. Barbecued ribs, chicken, blackened entrees. D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Teahouse—731-3311. Carving station with prime rib. Weekend brunch. B, L, D. \$.

ASIAN

Imperial Palace/Ming Terrace—794-3261. Man-darin and Cantonese cuisine, abalone, kung pao shrimp, roast duck. D. \$.

ITALIAN

Imperial Palace/Pizza Palace—794-3261. Pizza, pasta, salads. L, D. \$.

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Imperial Palace/Embers—794-3261. Steaks and continental dishes, 28 menu choices. D. \$.

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AMERICAN

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Don Laughlin's Riverside/Riverview Café—298-2535. Giant hamburger, lemon pepper chicken, steak, and shrimp. B, L, D. \$.

Don Laughlin's Riverside/Sidewalk Café—298-2535. Breakfast sandwiches, deli sandwiches. B, L, D. \$.

Flamingo Laughlin/Flamingo Diner—298-5205. Build-your-own-omelets, Steak 'n Pasta. B, L, D. \$.

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Harrah's Laughlin/Cabo Café—298-4600. Burgers, sandwiches, omelets, Caesar salad, fish and chips. B, L, D. \$.

Harrah's Laughlin/Club Cappuccino—298-4600. Gourmet coffees, pastries, sandwiches, fruit smoothies. B, L, D. \$.

ASIAN

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MEXICAN

Harrah's Laughlin/Baja Blue—298-4600. Fajitas (steak, pork, seafood, chicken), Steak Mexicana, mixed grill Baja Blue, tacos de carne asada. D. \$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Don Laughlin's Riverside/Gourmet Room and Lounge—298-2535. French renaissance menu, tableside cooking. D. \$\$\$.

Don Laughlin's Riverside/Riverside Buffet—298-2535. Multinational menu, Sunday champagne brunch. B, L, D. \$.

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Oasis/Paradise Buffet—346-5232. Mongolian barbecue, deli, and fruit, soup, and salad bars. Themes include All American, Italian, and prime rib. B, L, D. \$.

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AMERICAN

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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. Omelets, pancakes, sandwiches, and fried chicken. B, L, D. \$.

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Oasis/Charmaine's Fine Dining—346-5232. Steaks, prime rib, lobster, lamb chops, pasta, and seafood. Two-time Zagat award winner. D. \$.

Oasis/Garden Room—346-5232. Extensive menu includes porterhouse and prawns, prime rib, 24 hours. B, L, D. \$.

Oasis/Pizza Pub—346-5232. Pizza, wings, sub sandwiches. L, D. \$.

INTERNATIONAL

CasaBlanca/Katherine's—346-7529. Dining room fea-

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. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Rotisserie—Sparks, 356-3300. Buffet, Sunday brunch. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Peppermill/Food Court—Reno, 826-2121. Mexican, Asian, Italian, hamburgers, salad bar. B, L, D. \$.

Peppermill/Island Buffet—Reno, 826-2121. Chicken, seafood, prime rib, salads. B, L, D. \$.

Peppermill/Peppermill Restaurant—Reno, 826-2121. Burgers, sandwiches, salads, seafood, and chicken. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

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Atlantis/MonteVigna Italian Ristorante—Reno, 825-4700. Tuscany-style Italian cuisine, 4,000-bottle wine cellar. D. \$\$\$.

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John Ascuaga's Nugget/Restaurante Orozko—Sparks, 356-3300. Veal medallions saltimbocca, braised lamb shank, paella valenciana. D. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Atlantis/Atlantis Seafood Steakhouse—Reno, 825-4700. Steaks, prime rib, seafood, and pastas. D. \$\$\$.

Atlantis/Oyster Bar on the Sky Terrace—Reno, 825-4700. Oysters, clams, shrimp, and lobster. L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Oyster Bar—Sparks, 356-3300. Lazyman's cioppino, seafood stews. L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Steak House—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, steak, and lobster. L, D. \$.

Peppermill/Steak House—Reno, 826-2121. Steaks, seafood, chicken, salads. D. \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$.

Lake Tahoe

AMERICAN

Caesars Tahoe/Aroma Café—Stateline, 588-3515. Coffee, latte, and cappuccino. Variety of muffins, sandwiches, and salads. B, L, D. \$.

Caesars Tahoe/The Roman Feast—Stateline, 588-3515. All-you-can-eat-buffet. Prime rib, oven-baked pizza, pasta. Friday seafood, Saturday steak buffet. Also, a 24-hour café. B, L, D. \$.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe/American River Café—Stateline, 588-6611. Hangtown fry oyster omelet, maple-glazed barbecued baby back ribs, 49'er tailgater chili. B, L, D. \$.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe/Forest Buffet—Stateline, 588-6611. Brick-oven baked pizza, Italian pasta bar, Asian wok station, French rotisserie. L, D. \$.

ITALIAN

Caesars Tahoe/Primavera—Stateline, 588-3515. Linguini carbonara, tenderloin pizzaiola. D. \$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Caesars Tahoe/Broiler Room—Stateline, 588-3515. Prime rib, seafood, Cajun specialties. D. \$.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe/Friday's Station Steak and Seafood Grill—Stateline, 588-6611. Veal Oscar, Friday's T-bone, filet mignon, blackened shrimp. D. \$.

CONTINENTAL

Harrah's Lake Tahoe/The Summit—Stateline, 588-6611. Chef's nightly creation, pepper-crusted smoked filet mignon, live Maine lobster thermidor, grilled medallions of venison. D. \$\$\$.

Around the State

JACKPOT: Cactus Petes Resort Casino/Canyon Cove Buffet—821-1103. International buffet nightly with carved prime rib. Friday night's seafood feast with oysters on the half shell. Breakfast Monday-Saturday, Sunday brunch. B, D. \$-\$\$.

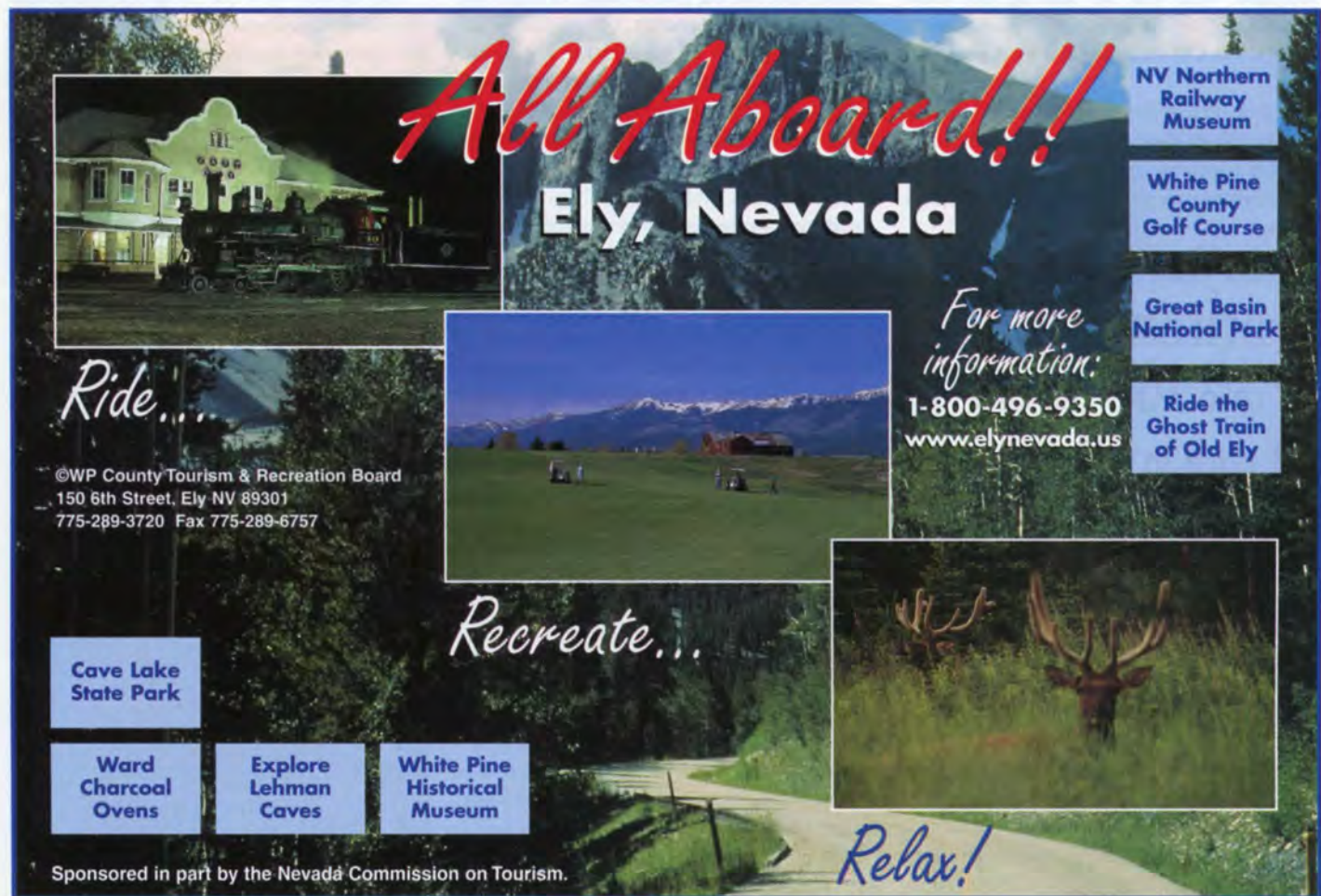
JACKPOT: Cactus Petes Resort Casino/Coyote Café—821-1103. Café offers breakfast and grilled menu selections. B, L, D. \$.

JACKPOT: Cactus Petes Resort Casino/Gala Showroom—821-1103. One of only a few dinner showrooms in all of Nevada, provides fine dining in a Las Vegas-style showroom setting. D. \$.

JACKPOT: Cactus Petes Resort Casino/Desert Room—821-1103. American and Chinese dishes 24 hours a day. B, L, D. \$.

JACKPOT: Cactus Petes Resort Casino/Plateau Room—821-1103. Continental cuisine, desserts, regional wines. Closed Monday and Tuesday. D. \$.

PAHRUMP: Saddle West Hotel/Silver Spur—727-1111. Saddle West restaurant offers T-bone steak dinner, filet mignon and lobster, chicken cordon bleu, eight-ounce swordfish dinners. B, L, D. \$.



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Chiliheads in Reno

Cooks stir, judges taste, and Willie Nelson sings during the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off.

By Brian Kluepfel

Judging a chili cook-off is a bit like playing Goldilocks: "This chili is too spicy. This one is too chewy. This one is too watery. This one's just right!" And while judges are committed to brutal honesty on their score sheets, they otherwise must maintain deadpan—and sometimes painful—silence during judging.

"Don't talk to the other judges, don't make faces, and pretend you're the only one out there," instructs chief judge Fred Wieland, who will be among the elite panel deciding the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off October 3-5 in downtown Reno.

About 125 teams are expected to fill four blocks of Virginia Street with the zesty smell of meat and spices. Admission is free, and visitors can purchase quarts of chili

doing this," says Skip Cooley, a resident of Carson City and the 1992 champion. "I'm having fun, you bet, but don't think I don't want to win every time."

The competition boils down to three areas of expertise: salsa, chili verde (the newest category, added in 1999), and the big granddaddy of them all, red chili. Competitors often enter all three categories in a quest for ICS's coveted Triple Crown. The red chili still carries the grandest prize: \$25,000 and a silver bowl. The winner's recipe is published on the official cook-off Web site.

ICS defines red chili as "any kind of meat or combination of meats, cooked with red chili peppers, various spices, and other ingredients, with the exception of beans and pasta, which are strictly forbidden." But it's the magical combination of ingredients that chefs work on all year, winning regional competitions to get to the big finale in Reno.

"You might like cilantro, but not all the judges will," says Cooley, who will be competing this fall.

Ed Pierczynski, also from Carson City, says, "I've tried every kind of meat—bear, venison, alligator, even duck—but I always go back to the old standby, tri-tip beef."

Sonny Allen of Dayton, chairperson of the Nevada State Championship, buys his powders from the 1986 world champion, Jim Beatty of Sespe Creek Chili in California. Another cook told me he won a competition when he discovered the magic of adding prunes to the mix.

Don't feel sorry for the judges—they are provided an ample supply of beer,

soda, water, and bread to cleanse their palates between bites.

Spectators can enter a chili-eating contest. Last year's winner, Rich LeFevre of Henderson, ate 166 ounces of chili in 10 minutes, an

experience that certainly would qualify as a Tums moment.

For details on Willie Nelson's shows call 888-288-1833. Discounts of \$5 are available for showgoers buying tickets through the Silver Legacy, Harrah's Reno, Eldorado, or Circus Circus and for those who have room reservations at the participating hotels for the chili cook-off. Visit www.chilicookoff.com for more information on the World's Championship Chili Cook-Off. ■

Brian Kluepfel is a freelance writer and chili aficionado from Berkeley, California.



Willie Nelson and his band will be cookin' during the International Chili Society cook-off in Reno.

Last year's chili-eating contest winner ate 166 ounces of chili in 10 minutes.

from competitors. The weekend also includes concerts by Willie Nelson, who performs October 3-4 at the nearby City Center Pavilion.

The International Chili Society has hosted the cook-off for the past 26 years. This diehard cadre of self-professed "chiliheads" log many miles in competing and trying to create the perfect bowl. Teams come from as far away as Australia for the finals in Reno.

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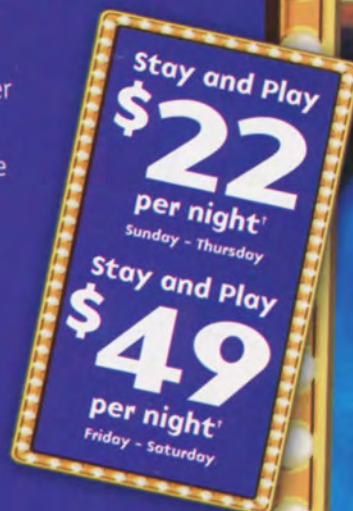
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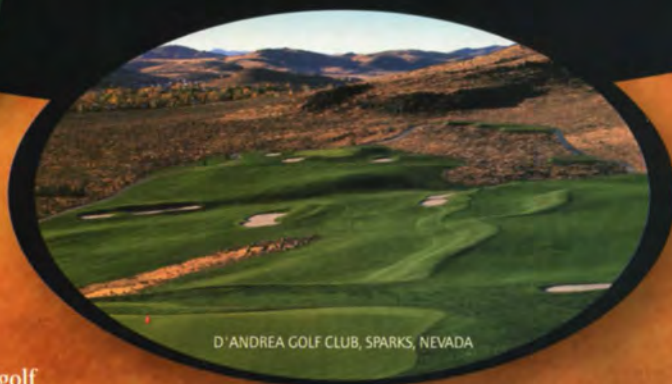
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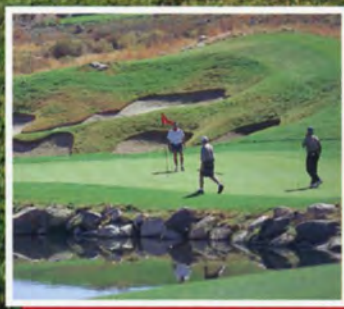
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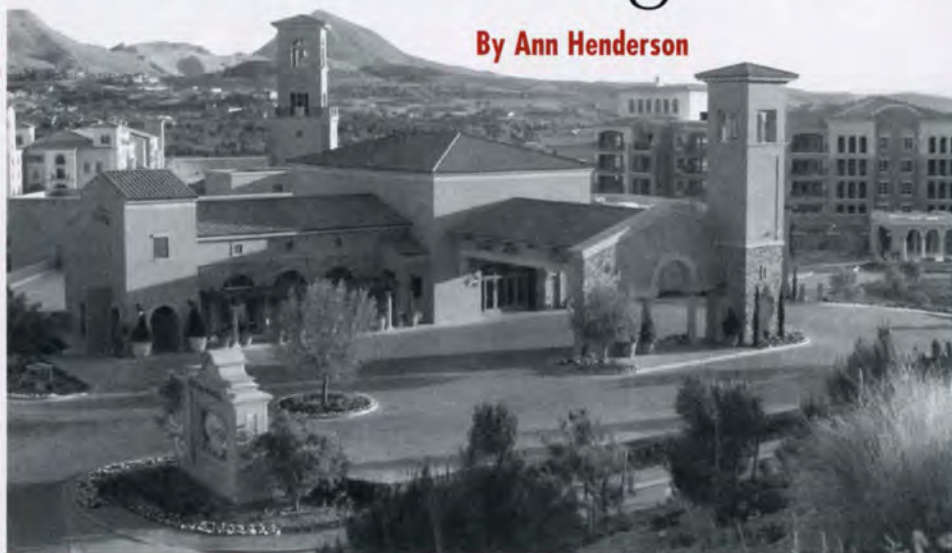
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Casino MonteLago: Comfortable

By Ann Henderson



The Tuscan winery-themed Casino MonteLago recently opened at Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson. At right, the Tenuta Café.



The latest addition to the \$4-billion Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson is not the kind of flashy monolith usually associated with Southern Nevada properties. Instead, the **Casino MonteLago** is remarkable for its boutique size and location. The casino's theme, that of a 15th-century Tuscan winery, is reinforced by huge wine casks lining the ceiling. Murals and photographs depict wine-country scenes.

At 675, the number of slots and video poker machines may be small compared to the thousands of slots in a Strip casino, but

there is a David and Goliath attitude at Casino MonteLago. The property, which also has 10 blackjack and two craps tables, makes up for its lack of size by offering 100 percent "payback" on most of its machines.

The casino's attractions include **Tappo**, a two-story bar that serves salads and sandwiches. **Tenuta** is a 120-seat, 24-hour café. The **Sports Book** offers HDTV technology, and television screens are located above the gaming tables to track the action.

Casino MonteLago is part of the **MonteLago Village**, a \$500-million Mediterranean-themed complex of shops and restaurants. Hotel accommodations are

FAST FACTS: Casino MonteLago is located at Lake Las Vegas, nine miles east of Henderson off Lake Mead Drive. For information on Casino MonteLago call 702-939-8888 or visit www.casinomontelago.com. For Ritz-Carlton information call 702-567-4700 or visit www.ritzcarlton.com.

found at the 349-room **Ritz-Carlton**. The casino, village, and Ritz-Carlton are connected physically to form one huge complex, but each is owned separately. Together, however, they create an attraction that is worth exploring.

Impressive, too, is **Lake Las Vegas Resort**, home to a 320-acre man-made lake, cascading waterfalls, and three golf courses, including the public **Falls** and **Reflection Bay** and the private **SouthShore**. Luxury homes and the **Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas** add to the destination's appeal.

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LAS VEGAS TERRITORY

Changing Hands

The **Aladdin** on the Strip and the **Golden Nugget**s in Laughlin and downtown Las Vegas will have new owners. Once all the paperwork has cleared, the Aladdin (purchased for \$635 million) will have a new theme and name, Planet

Hollywood Hotel and Casino, which will be a Sheraton Hotel. Poster Financial Group announced there are no plans to change the Golden Nugget properties, which the company purchased for \$215 million. Casino mogul Steve Wynn got his start at the downtown Golden Nugget, later building the Mirage, Treasure Island, and Bellagio resorts.

Wynn Changes Name

Steve Wynn has changed the name of his new hotel being built on the former site of the Desert Inn. Instead of Le Rêve (French for "The Dream") the \$2-billion property will be called **Wynn Las Vegas**. Name recognition was cited as the reason for the change. Le Rêve is the name of a Pablo Picasso painting owned by Wynn.

Nevada Convention Update

The Silver State annually hosts more than four million convention and trade-show delegates. The state's facilities can accommodate gatherings ranging from family reunions to events for more than 100,000 persons. For rural convention and visitor bureaus consult the "Hot Lines" listing in *Nevada Magazine*. For further information also contact the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, 702-892-0711, or the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, 775-827-7600.

Lattin Farms: Fallon's Agrarian Setting

By Rick Gray

One of Nevada's most memorable meeting sites is a cornfield in Fallon, 60 miles east of Reno. **Lattin Farms** features amenities that meeting planners expect for a successful conference—plus the chance to experience a disappearing way of life and a few home-grown surprises.

Lattin Farms can host meetings for groups of 10 to 200. The **Meeting Barn** is a temperature-controlled room that can accommodate up to 40 people. The barn—which really is a barn—is wired for audio-visual needs. Larger groups of up to 200 can meet on the grassy picnic area.

Meals are prepared in the **Lattin Farms Country Kitchen**, a full-cooking kitchen

that can fill catering needs from continental breakfasts to seven-course meals. Although Lattin Farms does not have a liquor license, staff can help locate a local service group to handle that part of the event.

The **Nevada Maze** at Lattin Farms is great fun, whether for the whole delegation or a spousal program. Each year five acres of corn are planted in the shape of the state of Nevada, and themed mazes are then created within the state's outline. This year's theme is "Ancient Fishes of the Lahontan Valley,"

so the corn will be cut into the shape of an ichthyosaur, a prehistoric seagoing reptile and Nevada's official state fossil. Adrian Fisher, a world-renowned maze designer from London, England, created the design.

Beginning in July, Lattin Farms operates a produce stand with fruits and vegetables ranging from eggplant and asparagus to sweet, juicy Hearts O' Gold cantaloupe. Specialty breads are baked in the Country Kitchen and offered year-round. The farm hosts several special events in the fall, including a giant pumpkin contest, a pumpkin festival, and a scarecrow factory. Educational opportunities are also available on the farm.

FAST FACTS: To arrange a Lattin Farms meeting, party, or wedding, call Laura Powell, 775-867-3750, or visit www.lattinfarms.com. Admission to the Nevada Maze is \$6 adults, \$4 children five to 14, \$20 family pass, and \$4 per person for groups of 10 or more.

Rick Gray is executive director of the Fallon Convention and Visitors Authority.

TOURISM CONFERENCE

The 20th Annual Governors Conference on Tourism, produced by the Nevada Commission on Tourism, will be held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas December 15-17. The conference usually draws about 1,000 delegates, who gather to discuss and hear about the latest industry trends from nationally recognized experts. This year's theme, "The 20th Anniversary: Celebrating Diversity," reflects the conference's two decades as a leading industry gathering and recognizes that Nevada is a diverse state in all respects—attractions, adventure, gaming, history, and population. For information on registration for the Governor's Conference on Tourism visit www.travelnevada.com.

Shopper's Alert

Las Vegas Premium Outlets mall had a summer opening date in Las Vegas. More than 120 stores plan to offer savings of 25 to 65 percent. The center has a food court, and a tour representative will serve the group-tour market. Stores include Guess, Polo Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, and Kenneth Cole. The 435,000-square-foot mall is located in the downtown area near the Clark County Government Center. There are 50 Premium Outlets worldwide.

RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY

Ski News

This winter, skiers and boarders at **Diamond Peak** in Incline Village will ride a high-speed detachable lift that will move them to the top of the mountain in half the time. The new lift replaces a quad chairlift. Diamond Peak has 30 runs and 655 acres of skiable Tahoe terrain. For information visit www.diamondpeak.com.

Racking Up Strikes

The \$250,000 **Storm National Mixed Championships** finishes its three-month bowling competition in October. The American Bowling Congress/Women's International Bowling Congress-sanctioned event was expected to draw 1,500 to 2,000 teams to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Scheduled dates are October 2-5, 9-12, 16-19 and 23-26. Visit www.nationalmixed.com for further information on the event.

Downtown Events Center

Plans are on the drawing board to renovate the **National Bowling Stadium** in downtown Reno and add a 6,700-seat events center. The \$40-million project has a target completion date of December 2004. The new facility is designed to help attract convention business and host special events.

Slot Clubs

Guide to Casino Players Clubs

Nevada's casino customers can receive perks by joining players clubs, or slots clubs as they are also known. A player can earn points while gambling and then redeem them for cash, food, entertainment, room nights, and shopping discounts.

Most casinos offer numerous player-club promotions. Members may receive invitations to slot or golf tournaments. Club members at **Silver Legacy** in Reno can earn airline miles. Last summer, the **Cannery** in North Las Vegas held drawings for 12 mortgage payments and a grand prize of a new home. Many hotels, such as **Fitzgeralds Reno**, hold drawings for new cars. Through October 3, **Harrah's Laughlin** is offering the chance to win a trip to Jamaica or a Winston Cup NASCAR race.

Of course, casinos promote players clubs to attract customers. The points a player may earn are related to the amount of money gambled and vary by casino and game.

Membership in a players club is free, and some clubs allow registration online. To sign up, guests fill out an application for a player tracking card. The player then inserts the card into the slot machine or presents it to the table-game dealer before wagering. Thereafter, the player accrues points in his or her personal account.

EARNING POINTS: At most hotels, points can be redeemed for cash or comps, and the amount you need to gamble to earn points varies. For instance, at **Westward Ho** in Las Vegas you will need to play 40 quarters in slots or 175 in video poker to earn 10 points. Nickel slots require 125 in slot play and 360 in nickel video poker. At **Sam's Town**, also in Las Vegas, 1,000 points equals \$1 in cash while 600 bonus points equals \$1 in comps. The **Carson Nugget** in Carson City keeps it simple by giving cash back for all play; every point equals a penny, and one point is earned for every \$2 slot

machine bet.

It is not necessary to gamble to receive perks at the **Las Vegas Hilton**. Visitors can earn comp dollars when they pay their hotel bill. A three-percent credit on a paid room is deposited into a membership

account before the guests' next visit. **CASINO MATHEMATICS:** Extra points can be earned through bonus promotions. For example, the Carson Nugget awards triple points to those celebrating a birthday. Most casinos notify members about these and other promotions through mailers.

THE RULES: Restrictions vary, but generally members are not allowed to lend their card to another person. Photo identification is needed to register, and some cards have an expiration date. Points can be accumulated for months—in some cases more than a year—but can be forfeited if there is no activity for a specified period.

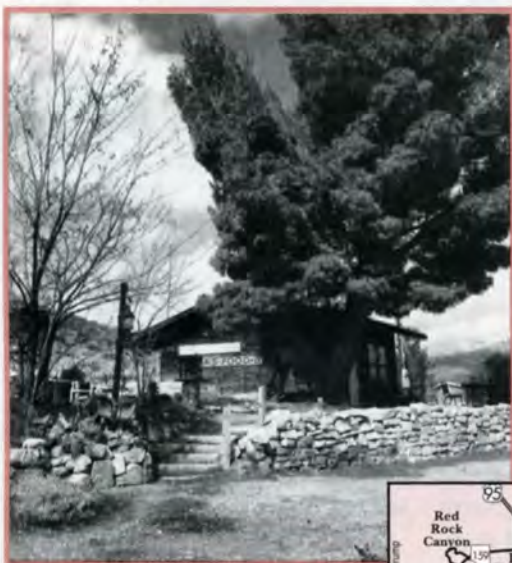
Gaming corporations owning multiple casinos usually have one interchangeable card. For example, a Mandalay properties card is good at **Mandalay Bay**, **Luxor**, **Excalibur**, **Monte Carlo**, and **Slots' of Fun** in Las Vegas, **Circus Circus** in Reno and Las Vegas, and **Edgewater** and **Colorado Belle** in Laughlin. Likewise, the Park Place Connection Card is good at Park Place Entertainment properties such as the **Las Vegas Hilton**, **Bally's**, **Flamingo Las Vegas**, **Caesars Palace**, and **Paris Las Vegas**.

MORE INFO: Visit www.nevada.com for an extended "Players Club Guide to Nevada Casinos," which includes club details for the more than 25 casinos that contributed information for this story. Phone numbers and Web sites are provided.—Ann Henderson



Goodsprings Historical Side Trip

By Gene Segerblom



Early-day citizens of Goodsprings pose in front of the Pioneer Saloon, which dates to 1913 (above). A number of other historic structures remain in the town (left).

Tucked in the desert hills seven miles west of Interstate 15 and the Nevada Landing and Gold Strike hotel-casinos at Jean is the former mining town of **Goodsprings**. The hamlet is a favorite tour stop for visitors because of its place in Nevada history and Hollywood lore.

When mining activity peaked during World War I, 800 people lived in Goodsprings—a population rivaling that of Las Vegas, 37 miles northeast. There were several stores, saloons, a post office, hotel, and weekly newspaper.

Today Goodsprings has about 225 permanent residents, and the only public business is the Pioneer Saloon, a classic watering hole that looks much as it did when George Fayle opened it in 1913. The saloon features its original mahogany back-bar, wood floors, and potbelly stove. The Pioneer, which serves as a local museum, has a pressed-tin ceiling, and the walls are marked with bullet holes.

The Pioneer is remembered as the refuge of Clark Gable as he awaited news of his wife, Carole Lombard, who died with 21 other people when their airplane crashed in the mountains above town in 1942. (A melted piece of metal from the fatal wreckage is displayed in the bar.)

Originally the springs were used by the Anasazi and Paiute Indians and later by explorers traveling the Old Spanish Trail

between Santa Fe and Los Angeles. A monument commemorates General Antonio Armijo, who camped on the trail with 60 men and 100 mules in 1830. The springs and town are named for Joseph Good, a 19th-century settler.

The area's mines date to 1856, when Mormons from the Las Vegas Mission opened a lead mine nearby at Potosi, the oldest lode mine in Nevada. Over the years, mineral deposits were tapped by hundreds of workings, but the mines have generally been idle since the 1950s.

The town has a well-kept cemetery. The oldest gravestone is that of Anna Nimmer, who died in 1890. Across the road are the remnants of the Yellow Pine Mill and a narrow-gauge railroad that connected the mine and mill to the main railroad line at Jean.

The State of Nevada recognized Goodsprings as a historical site with a marker next to a wooden military barracks that was moved from Tonopah in the 1940s. The building serves as a community center, church, and post office. The town's first permanent building, constructed in 1886, was made of stone and is still standing. Another notable structure is the old miner's cabin across the road from the springs that gave the town its name.

Approximately one-half mile west of the cemetery is the Goodsprings School, which is on the National Historic Register and is

the oldest operating school in Clark County today. Although the building has been remodeled since it opened in 1913, the basic structure still stands, including the bell.

Walking-tour maps of Goodsprings may be obtained by writing the Goodsprings Historical Society, Box 603, Goodsprings, NV 89019, or by calling 702-874-1411. All historic buildings in Goodsprings are privately owned and on private property. The school and the saloon are the most accessible sites to visitors.

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