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—Mark Vollmer on King Lear Peak



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Rocking and Rafting

In 2001, **Melissa Siig** decided she wanted to be a journalist, so that summer she applied for a reporter's job in Tahoe City, where she lives with her husband, Steven. "I walked into the *Tahoe World* and asked if they were hiring," the 31-year-old remembers. "They weren't, so I said I would write for free, and I did. After a few months, a position opened up."



Melissa Siig

Melissa says writing for the weekly newspaper at Lake Tahoe allows her to delve into topics she might not have discovered on her own. "I cover everything, business, environment, government, human interest stories," says Melissa, who also freelances for *Alaska Airlines Magazine*, *Horizon Air Magazine*, and the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. "I'm always learning something new."

Her curiosity led her to spend a hot summer weekend exploring the petroglyph displays in remote Lagomarsino Canyon east of Reno. She recalls that visit in "An Ancient Art" in this issue.

Lagomarsino's rock art grabbed Melissa's imagination. "You're looking at something that was done by people thousands of years ago," she says. "It's like a time machine in a way. You can reach out and touch the past, but you don't know what the purpose was or what they're trying to say."



Matt Farley

Matt Farley lives in downtown Reno, home of the Truckee River Whitewater Park he describes in "Reno Rapids Make a Splash" in this issue. The 23-year-old University of Nevada, Reno student recently returned to the Truckee Meadows from Las Vegas, where he served as a *Nevada Magazine* editorial assistant.

Matt has had first-hand experience with the Truckee's roiling waters. "A few summers ago, my dad and I tried to kayak through the area where the park is now," Matt says. "We only rolled over a few dozen times, and we only lost the boat twice."

While working on stories in Las Vegas, Matt says he stood resolute in the face of the "Borg Invasion" at *Star Trek: The Experience* and absolutely did not scream like a girl as he rode in a helicopter 800 feet above the Strip.

Freelancing for the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, Matt has checked out mariachis for a story on Cinco de Mayo celebrations, interviewed Broadway singer Davis Gaines, and reviewed the hard-core band Bad Religion. "I can't play or sing a thing, so I respect people who can," he notes. "I was mainly into punk rock in high school, but my horizons are broadening."

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Letters

Las Vegas' first hotel and railroad oysters.

Nice Twist

"Rattle Tales," Luann Lee Brown's story about poker-room characters in the Jan/Feb '04 issue, was wonderful, with a surprise ending, too. Even an Easterner can appreciate your magazine and articles like this.

Al Holliday

Publisher, *Pennsylvania Magazine*
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Oysters: The Real Thing?

This note is in regard to last issue's letter from Bill Wilson of Medina, Texas. Mr. Wilson suggested the oysters referred to in Carolyn Fox's "My Dearest Marie" (Jan/Feb '04) "were probably of the mountain variety, harvested at branding time."

As a child I was close to my maternal grandmother, Mary Sloan Craig, who grew up in the railroad town of Barstow, California. She died 17 months ago, just two months before her 103rd birthday. One thing I remember from her stories of her childhood in the Mojave Desert community is that the Santa Fe Railroad brought in all their supplies and household goods, including fresh vegetables, fish, seafood, and even fresh flowers from the coast.

Hostesses who had no access to ice would schedule their dinner parties according to the railroad's timetable. Kaolin, the Nevada town where Minnie Henco lived a bit further down the line, was probably no different.

By the way, Grandma always said bouquets of cut carnations lasted the longest in the desert heat—up to a week—while roses lasted, at best, a few days, and violets only a day.

Sharon Carter
Jacks Valley

Hotel Mystery

I am hoping you can answer the following question. In this year's Nevada Historical Calendar for February 13, it notes: "1905—Ladd's Hotel opens, becoming the first hotel in Las Vegas." However, Stanley Paher's book *Las Vegas: As It Began, As It Grew* makes no reference to Ladd's Hotel, instead referring to the

Hotel Las Vegas. Bill Yenne's *The Illustrated History of Las Vegas* states that the town's first hotel was the Hotel Nevada.

For those of us who enjoy the Nevada Historical Calendar, can you clarify which account is correct?

Joe Rogers
Monticello, IN

Joe, we talked to Dave Millman, curator of the history collection at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas, and he says there is no absolute answer. In his later years Las Vegas pioneer C.P. Squires recalled "Captain" Ladd's tent lodging house, as K.J. Evans noted in his 1999 Las Vegas Review-Journal article, "C.P. Squires, The Father of Las Vegas," which also appeared in The First 100, published by Huntington Press. However, Dave says there might have been other, unknown lodging places in 1905, the year Las Vegas was established. He thinks the Hotel Las Vegas, a tent that offered 30 individual guest rooms with chairs and chamber pots, could be considered the first Las Vegas hotel, having opened at the corner of Main and Stewart streets on May 14, 1905. The Hotel Nevada was built of stone in 1906. Thanks for bringing the question to our attention.—Ed.

Correction

In "Puttin' on the Ritz," last issue's story about Mobil and AAA travel-guide awards, the toll-free number listed for the Ritz-Carlton at Lake Las Vegas was incorrect. The correct number is 800-241-3333. Thanks to the readers who caught the error.—*The Editors* ♡

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"Tahoe Dreaming, Zephyr Point" by Shirley Kagel won second place in the 2003 contest.

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Deadline: Postmarked by June 7, 2004.

Entry Form: This entry form must be filled out, signed, and included with photos. All entries must be mailed in. Drop-offs will not be accepted at the office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Permission: Contestants grant *Nevada Magazine* permission to print winning entries in the Sept/Oct 2004 issue of *Nevada Magazine* and the *Nevada Travel Planner/Visitors Guide*. Contestants also give *Nevada Magazine* permission to make reproductions of winning entries for a traveling art show, Web site display, and Great Nevada Picture Hunt slide-show presentations.

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Enamored With Neon

Photographer **Douglas Towne** finds old motel signs illuminating.

Douglas Towne became interested in neon on a Las Vegas holiday in 1985, when he drove by the signs of motels like the Valley (top center) on Fremont Street. "I liked the homespun, folk-art feel," the Phoenix resident says. "I realized with the coming of franchises and standardization, vintage neon signs were a fading slice of Americana." Towne, a hydrologist, began documenting old neon motel signs, such as those of the Wagon Wheel in Wells, the Elko Motel, and the Lariat in Fallon. The first time he saw the Chief Hotel Court's sign on Fremont Street, the neon tubes were broken. Years later, he discovered the sign, refurbished and lit up, at the Fremont Street Experience. Towne says, "It was like meeting an old friend who was much more resplendent with the passing of time."



VALLEY
MOTEL
AIR CONDITIONED
VACANCY

A neon sign for Valley Motel. At the top, a cowboy in a hat and plaid shirt is shown in profile, looking towards the right. Behind him is a stylized mountain range. Below the cowboy, the word "VALLEY" is written in green neon. Underneath that, "MOTEL" is written in large, red neon letters. Below "MOTEL", the words "AIR CONDITIONED" are written in blue neon. At the bottom, "VACANCY" is written in red neon, enclosed in a red neon border.

WAGON
WHEEL
MOTEL

A tall, black neon sign for Wagon Wheel Motel. At the top, the words "WAGON" and "WHEEL" are written in red neon. Below them, the word "MOTEL" is written vertically in large, pink neon letters. To the right of the sign is a large, glowing neon wheel with a yellow and white design. A small white star is visible at the top right corner of the sign.

A neon sign for Lariat Motel. It depicts a cowboy on a horse, both rendered in yellow and red neon. The cowboy is wearing a hat and is holding a lasso. The horse is in a galloping motion. The sign is set against a dark background.

Lariat
MOTEL

A neon sign for Lariat Motel. The word "Lariat" is written in a green, cursive script. Below it, the word "MOTEL" is written in large, pink, block letters. The entire sign is enclosed in a yellow neon border.



Roadside Attractions

A Reno art colony, the Million-Dollar Courthouse, and martinis on ice.



The art-deco exterior of the Ice House Lounge recalls Las Vegas' original early-1900s ice house.

Chillin' With Martinis at the Ice House

LAS VEGAS—The neon martini glass glowing on the art-deco exterior of the **Ice House Lounge** is a beacon for a thirsty and hungry downtown crowd. Architect Charles Gruwell designed the two-story structure to recall the original Las Vegas ice house, demolished in 1988, that stood nearby in the early 1900s.

Two ice bars—bars with troughs filled with ice—keep the house specialty drink, a chilled martini, ice cold. The restaurant serves such items as Stuffed Texas French Toast and lamb ribs with raspberry sauce.

Guests also can dine on outdoor patios.

A photograph of the original ice house is displayed among the black-and-white photos of old Las Vegas. A high-tech sound system pleases the party crowd, and 42-inch plasma-screen televisions are scattered throughout the lounge so sports junkies won't miss a single play.

The Ice House Lounge, 650 South Main Street, is open 24 hours; visitors arriving early in the evening will find the best parking spots. Call 702-315-2570 for information.—*Denise Williams*

Million-Dollar Museum

PIOCHE—Spending \$1 million to build a courthouse is no big deal these days, but Pioche's **Million-Dollar Courthouse**, which began in 1871 as a \$16,400 project, ran more than \$980,000 over budget because of corruption and mismanagement. Add county bond defaults, and the result was 65 years of taxpayer contributions to retire the debt.

Once an embarrassment, the old courthouse is now a point of pride. The brick-and-stone building houses one of Pioche's two Lincoln County Historical Museum collections (the other is on Main Street). Relics of the mining industry, such as drills and ore samples, recall mining's importance in county history. Nozzles and hose fittings, leather helmets, and historic photos of firefighters share space with an old Caliente post office counter. Leather-bound volumes speak of the county recorder and assessor working by lamp-light. Life-sized figures are frozen in a turn-of-the-century courtroom tableau, and stone-walled jail cells tell of the primitive conditions in the 19th-century



Pioche's courthouse cost taxpayers \$1 million.

mining town. The museum displays a number of watercolors by R.G. Schofield. The prospector, who eventually settled in Pioche, painted rural and mining scenes in Pioche, Eureka, and Cherry Creek between 1879 and 1913.

The courthouse is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily from April 16 to October 15 at 25 Lacour Street, a half-block off Main Street, next to the service station. Admission is free, although contributions are welcome. Pioche is 174 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. 93. Call 775-962-5182 or 775-962-5207.—*Paula Riley*

Pause for Reflection

Lisa Frink and her son Kinkaid read near the waterfall and pond at the **Lewis Avenue Corridor**, a three-block plaza featuring 600 trees and shrubs and wide, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks in downtown Las Vegas. Poel's Bridge, embedded with 20 poems by Nevada writers, crosses the pond. The Lewis Avenue Corridor links the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse and the Regional Justice Center and lies between Las Vegas Boulevard and Fourth Street.



Artists Take Root

RENO—The **Wildflower Village** on West Fourth Street, where old motels overlooking downtown have been converted into apartments and studios, has blossomed into an art community. The complex also has a gift shop, café, and wedding chapel.

“The rewards of having the artists living and working here are worth the extra effort,” says renovator and owner Pat Campbell-Cozzi. The Village houses two art galleries showing paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and crystalline-glazed porcelain. Wine and cheese tastings are conducted from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

The gift shop, Mystic Creations, features natural products such as soap, organic seeds, and herbs, as well as handmade



Artists Petra Von Falcon Seagraves (left), Shannon Schiavone (also the gallery director), Pat Campbell-Cozzi (owner), Scott Harvey, Stephen Seagraves, and Tom Shearer pose inside one of Wildflower Village's galleries.

glass, clothing, and jewelry. Visitors can tour the artists' studios and take a class in glass blowing or bead making.

Overnight guests can stay at the Village's bed-and-breakfast or its motel, whose facades have been painted to resemble Mediterranean streets. The interiors are decorated with French lace curtains and Tiffany-style lamps and stocked with designer linens. Some rooms have fireplaces and kitchenettes.

The Wildflower Village, 4395 West Fourth Street, is two miles west of downtown Reno. Call 775-827-5250 or visit www.wildflowervillage.com for more information.—*Rebecca Loesch*

Mesquite Heritage

MESQUITE—In the summer of 1942 local boys working for the National Youth Administration built the stone walls for Mesquite's town library, later a hospital

Traveler's Advisories

State Park Fees Raised

Entrance fees at **Nevada State Parks** were raised \$1 per vehicle in February to help offset maintenance costs. Various park fees were also changed. Visit www.parks.nv.gov or call 775-687-4384 for a complete list of fees.

State Museum Changes

The **Nevada State Museum** in Carson City remains open during an improvement project that includes installing new heating, air conditioning, and ventilation equipment. About 30 percent of the museum's exhibits are closed, including the second-floor geology exhibit, which is expected to reopen this summer. The Dat So La Lee baskets and other Native

American artifacts are slated to move to the “Under One Sky” exhibit in the north building, which will be unaffected by the project. Call the museum at 775-687-4810 or visit www.nevadaculture.org for more information on events and exhibits.

Surfing Nevada

By clicking on the swinging doors you can enter www.nevada-history.org. At the “index saloon” you “take yer pick” of Nevada history subjects ranging from Hoover Dam to ghost towns. The site offers more than 150 historical photos, census data, and links to other history sites. Web surfers can see photos of rock art in Southern Nevada at www.nevadaplaces.com. The site also offers pictures of Rachel, the ET Highway, mines and mill sites, and BLM's Lunar Crater National Back Country Byway.

Truckee Trolley

Vacationers can take the **Truckee Trolley** from the chamber of commerce office in Truckee's Amtrak station to the Truckee Factory Outlets, area beaches, and the West End Bistro (menu favorites: crepes and apple chipotle) at Donner Lake. The trolley runs Monday through Saturday. Call 530-587-7451 for fares, times, and stops.

and now the **Virgin Valley Heritage Museum**. The boys earned \$15 a month until the start of school forced them to stop, says 84-year-old Nora Hughes, museum manager.

“The town's men finished it before the winter rains came,” Hughes says. “You can see by the size of the rocks where the boys stopped and the men took over. The rocks above the windows and doors are large, and the rocks below are small. The boys wanted their jobs to last all summer.”

Displays in the museum include artifacts from the area's first families, Mormon farmers who practiced polygamy before it was outlawed. “One of our early settlers, Dudley Leavitt, had five wives and 51 children,” Hughes says. “We have lots of pictures of him and his family.”

Work by local artists and traveling art shows are displayed at the **Mesquite Fine Arts Center**, which opened in July 2003 next to the museum. A corrugated tin silo reflects the area's farming heritage, and a courtyard offers space for outdoor events.

The arts center has two galleries and a gift shop. In May a traveling photo show, “The Southern Paiute: A Portrait,” will appear, and a pottery exhibition is scheduled in June.

The museum (702-346-5705, www.mesquitenv.com) and art center (702-346-1338, www.mesquitefineartscenter.com) are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday, at the corner of Mesquite Boulevard and Yucca Street. Admission is free; donations are accepted. Call 702-346-8732 or visit www.mesquitenv.com for information about the events being held this summer to celebrate Mesquite's 20th anniversary.—*Joyce Hollister*



Visitors peruse artworks displayed at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center.



People Page

A teacher who leads the hunt and the sporting woman's clothier.

Teacher Takes Aim

By Kathie Hoxsie

In 2001 avid hunter **Jim Billingsley** introduced outdoor adventure to his students at Lowry High School in Winnemucca, where he was coaching and teaching social studies. That summer they published the first *Northern Nevada Outdoors*, a quarterly that now runs 56 pages and reaches more than 1,500 subscribers in Nevada and six other states.

"The students not only learn about writing and publishing, but they confront real hands-on situations that are part of putting out a product for the consumer," Billingsley explains.

The magazine class is a physical education elective, and the school doesn't spend a penny on it. The sale of subscriptions and advertising pays for printing, postage, supplies, and equipment. The magazine is sold at sporting-goods, hardware, and grocery stores for \$4 a copy.

Staffers write about the joys and woes of their own hunting, fishing, birding, and camping experiences. Lowry students write about half of the editorial content, and adult hunters' stories, photos, and recipes make up the other half.

Hunting is the quarterly's focus, but other topics also get a shot. In one issue, Amanda Brinkerhoff examined five breeds of hunting dogs, and in another, Bryan Snyder explained why antlers aren't symmetrical. Bryan also laid out "The Next Generation," a spread of trophy photos submitted by young people, and a second spread of similar shots submitted by adults.

A Lowry graduate who moved to Winnemucca when he was 10, Billingsley and his wife, Jeri, have two children, Jamie, 18, and Jace, nine. Last year Jamie, who loves to hunt, was a staff member of *Northern Nevada Outdoors*.

In June 2003, after 25 years at Lowry, Billingsley announced his semi-retirement. More time stalking in the field will benefit *Northern Nevada Outdoors* and Billingsley's other vocation, videography. His Jim Dandy Productions expects to



Teacher Jim Billingsley and student Jacque Cerri design pages for a *Nevada Northern Outdoors* issue (top). Dana Turvey adds a pair of flip-flops to a beach-wear display at her South Tahoe women's gear shop (below).



offer five hunting videos for sale this year.

Billingsley still teaches the magazine class. "I am committed to the success of *Northern Nevada Outdoors*," he says. "I want to make sure we have a quality product. I want the students to learn and have fun."

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Women's Gear Guru

By Connie Emerson

Seven years ago cyclist and skier **Dana Turvey** opened WomenSport, the only full-range sports shop for women in the country, at Lake Tahoe's Round Hill. Turvey, a ski instructor who later worked as a sales rep for ski and boot manufacturers, turned to retail following several injuries on the slopes.

"After my eighth knee surgery and the second for a broken heel, I decided I didn't need to be in ski boots all the time. I went to work for a South Shore sports shop," the former Montana resident says. She got the idea for WomenSport while managing the store.

Although there are shops exclusively for women runners in Denver and Seattle, as well as a women's fishing shop in Anchorage, Turvey's research showed her that no U.S. store carried gear and clothing for all women's sports. "I really didn't have to develop the idea," Turvey says. "The light bulb just went on."

Located in Round Hill Square on U.S. 50, the store's front window previews the array of clothing inside. Last fall, a pair of lime green and cerise tennis socks with mesh insets shared the window with an assortment of no-nonsense hiking boots. Yoga and workout wear and cycling clothes are year-round staples.

Turvey sells only sport clothing that is created especially for the female form. "After all, women don't go to Macy's and

A tiny space on WomenSport's wall displays a collection of photos Turvey has taken of international ski stars.

buy their clothes in the men's department," she says. "Women's clothing is planned to fit you from the ground up."

A tiny space on WomenSport's wall displays a collection of photos Turvey has taken of international ski stars such as hot-dogger Glen Plake (see "Skiing to Extremes," Jan/Feb '04) and World Cup racer and two-time Olympian Jonna Mendes, who was Turvey's roommate for a couple of years.

"It started when she would come to town and sleep on her dad's couch," Turvey says. "I decided that an elite ski racer shouldn't sleep on the couch, and I had a spare bedroom."

Turvey occasionally covers international ski competitions for *Ski Racing Magazine*, *Ski Tahoe*, and other publications. "As I'm a freelancer, no one's footing the bill, and there's very little skiing for me," Turvey says. "It really is work. On the other hand, there are some very good-looking European men." ❏

Connie Emerson is a Reno freelance writer.

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An Ancient Art

Preservationists say hiding Nevada's rock art doesn't always help preserve it, but tours do. **By Melissa Siig**



*I*t was high noon on a summer's day, and I was trying to steal a sip of water while climbing over boulders and avoiding the rattlesnakes that, I was told, lurked in the shadow of each rock. We had driven a bumpy dirt road north from Virginia City to arrive at a place that on first inspection didn't seem any different from the rest of Nevada's backcountry—a canyon filled with sagebrush, talus, and little else.

When I gathered the courage to look up from my feet, I saw the reason we had braved the summer heat to reach Lagomarsino Canyon. On a boulder five feet in front of me was a white, spidery drawing of bighorn sheep. A neighboring rock displayed a white stick figure. Still another showed a rainfall of pecked dots. We seemed to be standing in an ancient, open-air museum.

I was taking a Lagomarsino Canyon tour, one of several outings offered by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation, a Reno-based organization established in 2001 to preserve the state's ancient rock writings, or petroglyphs. During the tour I discovered that the canyon, located on Storey County land about 15 miles east of Reno, has thousands of drawings—a sun-baked gallery that stretches more than half a mile. The rock art is thought to have been made by Native Americans within the last 2,000 to 4,000 years.

Although the inscriptions' meanings re-

main a mystery, rock-art experts are sure of one thing—they are engaged in a race against time. Facing vandalism and encroaching development, preservationists are trying to protect this unique art form that offers a rare glimpse into the lives of ancient people who left no written record of their culture.

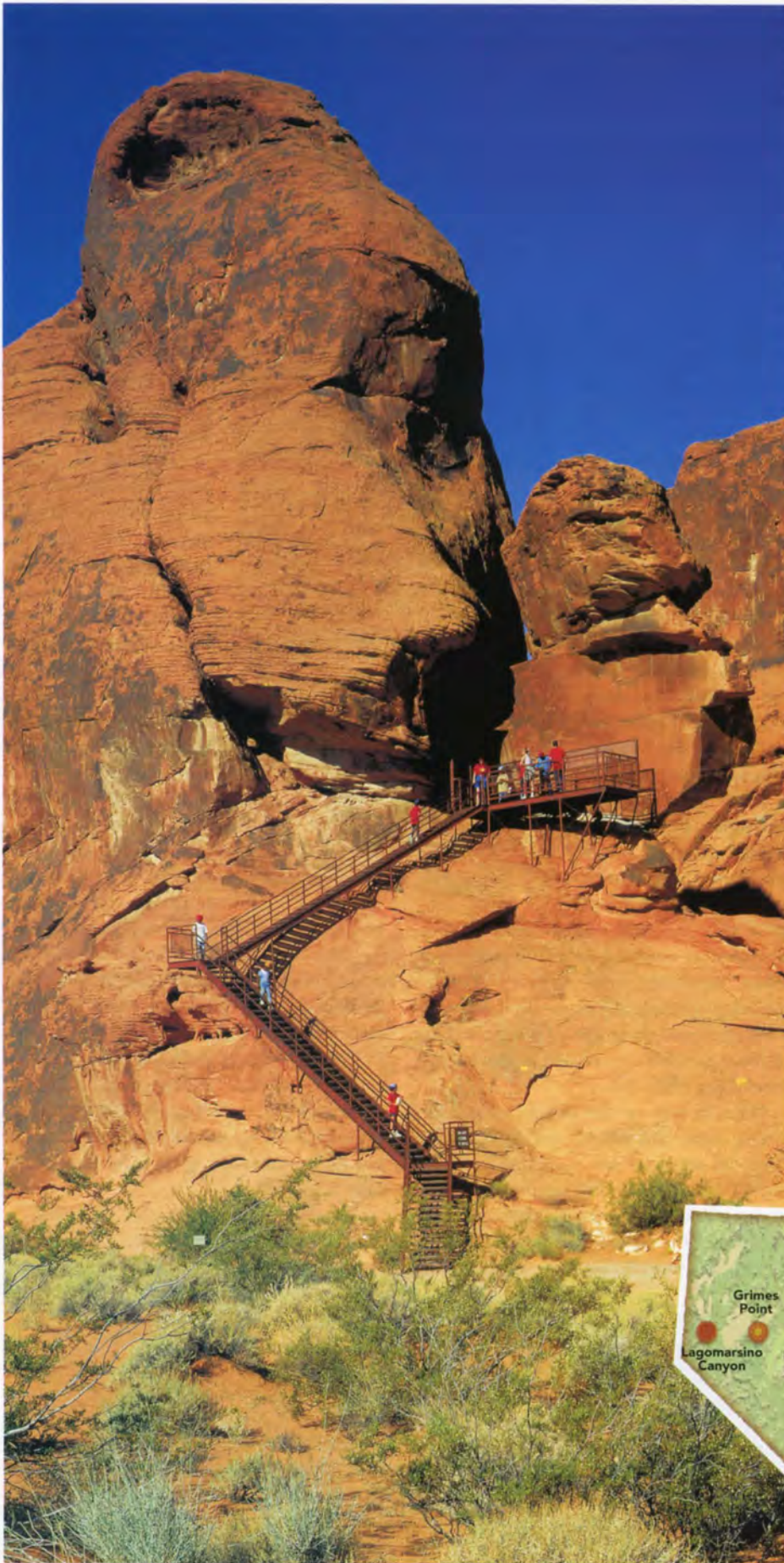
Our tour leader was Alanah Woody, a Minden resident and executive director of

the Nevada Rock Art Foundation. Woody, collections manager at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, has a PhD in anthropology and wrote her dissertation on Nevada rock art.

Joining the trek were foundation members Alvin McLane and Ernie Winters. Winters, a Virginia Highlands resident, saw the drawings in the 1980s while he was doing research for his educational video,



Dee Jaeger of Sparks inspects sun-like symbols at Lagomarsino. Top: Grapevine Canyon near Laughlin.



Nevada's Rock-Art Sites

The Silver State has more than 1,000 rock-art sites, the majority in remote locations that are virtually impossible for the average traveler to find. Many petroglyphs have remained secret and unseen for centuries. Some sites such as Lagomarsino Canyon are endangered because of vandalism.

The state's most-visited rock-art site is **Valley of Fire State Park** (702-397-2088), where Mouse's Tank and Atlatl Rock have outstanding petroglyph displays. The park is 12 miles south of Overton and 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Overton is the home of the **Lost City Museum of Archaeology** (702-397-2193), which describes the area's ancient Pueblo culture.

Red Rock Canyon, 12 miles west of Las Vegas, has rock-art sites. Check at the BLM visitor center (702-363-1921) for details.

Seven miles west of Laughlin, including a short stretch of dirt road, scenic **Grapevine Canyon** has numerous petroglyphs. Contact the Laughlin Visitor Center (800-4LAUGHLIN, www.visitlaughlin.com) or Lake Mead National Recreation Area (702-293-8907, www.nps.gov/lame) for information.

Those three Southern Nevada sites can be extremely hot in summertime, but the weather is pleasantly mild in other seasons.

Travelers on U.S. 50 can visit two rock-art sites. **Grimes Point**, 12 miles east of Fallon, has self-guiding markers. The Nevada Rock Art Foundation offers monthly tours here;

call 775-284-1529. Grimes Point also is part of a twice-monthly tour of the nearby Hidden Cave archaeological site from the Churchill County Museum in Fallon; call the museum, 775-423-3677, for information.

Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Area has a self-guiding loop trail that visits the rock art. Hickison offers a BLM campground and picnic area amid the piñon and junipers on Hickison Summit, 22 miles east of Austin.



Atlatl Rock at Valley of Fire is named for its petroglyphs of the *atlatl*, a notched stick used to throw spears.



Alanah Woody discusses rock art at Grimes Point, where tours are conducted monthly.

Ghost Towns of Nevada. McLane has explored most of the state on foot for the Desert Research Institute and other agencies. A student of Nevada rock art for 20 years, the Reno resident first visited the canyon in the 1960s.

"Lagomarsino may have more panels and individual elements than any other single petroglyph site in the state,"

Although the figures' meanings remain a mystery, rock-art experts are sure of one thing—they are engaged in a race against time.

McLane said. "It's most undoubtedly the best-known site in Northern Nevada."

For preservationists, that is part of the rock-art dilemma: Familiarity and publicity can lead to vandalism, but so can a lack of public appreciation. So the foundation focuses on education, recruiting volunteers to record and protect sites.

It also conducts tours. By special arrangement, the foundation will lead rock-art and history buffs to Lagomarsino this summer. Through most of the year Woody and others give monthly tours at the Grimes Point petroglyph site east of Fallon (see page 15).

Woody believes the only way to ensure the protection of areas like Lagomarsino is to have a trained guide on hand to

educate visitors. "I think everyone and their dog should come see rock art," she said, "but it's a double-edged sword. I want people to come, but not alone."

As we hiked the canyon, I saw large gray boulders huddled on a hill and two springs surrounded by cottonwoods. Wild horses nibbled brush while dragonflies hovered over the creek, humming in the heat.

The presence of the springs was probably one reason the ancient people made so many engravings here. Less obvious was who the artists were. Lagomarsino is positioned near the historic boundary between the Washoes and Northern Paiutes. Although there is no way to prove the engravings' authorship, Washoe elders have recognized some of the designs, and the tribe has claimed the area. The Washoe tribe will be helping the foundation to record the site.

Some of the Lagomarsino petroglyphs looked curiously familiar. One appeared to be a burden basket, used by women to gather wood or pine nuts. Another resembled a winnowing tray. Many markings were abstract. For instance, a barrage of dots or lines were the only art found on some boulders. But just as when we cloud-gaze, each person sees something different.

"That is part of the beauty of it," said Woody as she scrambled over the boulders. "You can see your own meaning in it."

According to Woody, no one is certain of the markings' purpose. There are only theories. The art might have delineated territorial boundaries, acted as a solar

marker, or played a role in religious ceremonies. Woody said she subscribes to the "art for art's sake" theory.

"People think rock art is this deep, dark mysterious stuff. But like art that we have [in the modern world], it's part of our daily life," Woody said. She noted that most of the markings face toward the stream, as if they were meant to be observed from the bottom of the canyon.

The creators of the petroglyphs wanted them to endure, she said. "The Indians knew of the lasting quality of stone. They put it on there so it would last."

Although the desert environment has helped preserve the fragile glyphs, they can be easily harmed. As we walked the canyon, Woody cautioned me not to step on or touch the rock art. She explained that oils from the hand can cause lichens to grow and the markings to flake off.

Woody has seen an increase in visitors—and graffiti—over the years at Lagomarsino. One of her favorite

panels was vandalized last spring. Known as "The Snowmaker," it depicts a human figure framed by falling dots. Although the damage breaks her heart, Woody said it stems from lack of education.

"Most of the vandalism happens because people don't understand the significance of the markings," she said. "Some people think we should keep it a secret, but that's not working. So education is the only hope." ▀

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Do's and Don'ts

Rock-art preservationists recommend a number of do's and don'ts for visitors at sites:

Do:

Stay on existing trails. Treat sites with respect. Bring sunblock, water, and snacks. Wear a hat and high boots.

Don't:

Litter. Touch, walk, lean, or climb on rock-art panels. Carve or write on panels. Collect rocks, artifacts, or plants. Disturb the ground around or below the site.

Rock-Art Tours

This summer the Nevada Rock Art Foundation will conduct tours of Lagomarsino Canyon by special arrangement. Alanah Woody and other foundation members lead monthly tours of Grimes Point near Fallon. The foundation also seeks volunteers to record and monitor sites. For a tour or membership information call 775-284-1529 or e-mail info@nevadarockart.org. Write the Nevada Rock Art Foundation, 305 South Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501 or visit www.nevadarockart.com for more information.

The Prime of Miss Jeanne Wier

Jeanne Elizabeth Wier led the Nevada Historical Society for nearly half of its 100 years.

By Peter L. Bandurraga

The Nevada Historical Society, the state's oldest museum, is celebrating its centennial this year. The society was founded on May 31, 1904, at the insistence of Jeanne Elizabeth Wier, a young professor driven by a love of history, scholarship, and her adopted state.

The society was born during a meeting at the University of Nevada in Reno. That day Wier's colleagues on the Social Sciences Committee of the Nevada Academy of Sciences found her argument persuasive—that the Silver State desperately needed a historical society to preserve the memories of Nevada's pioneer generation before they passed from the scene. The state was 40 years old, and it was apparent that the old-timers were departing much too quickly.

Possibly because it was her idea—and because her fellow professors recognized her persuasiveness and persistence—Wier was elected to lead the new organization. She went on to serve as the society's director, without pay, for nearly half a century, filling its



Early collections were displayed in the 1913 "temporary" building (above and top) that housed the society till 1927. The building later was a student union.

Photos: Nevada Historical Society



Jeanne Wier, about the time she joined the University of Nevada faculty.

collections space to overflowing with important records and relics that tell Nevada's story.

First, Wier had to establish funding. Membership cost \$1 per year, yet even with 400 initial members statewide, the society could not survive. So the legislature created the Nevada Historical Society as a state agency in 1907 and the society was included in the governor's budget two years later.

Wier began building the society's collections. In 1908 she made her first field trip to Southern Nevada. At the height of the summer heat, she traveled by train, horse, wagon, automobile, and foot. She brought back important collections from the mines and ranches of Pioche, Panaca, and Las Vegas, including the papers of pioneer rancher Helen Stewart.

The next summer she traveled to the booming mining camp of Bullfrog, near Beatty, to retrieve the library, papers, photographs, and furnishings from the office of U.S. Senator William Stewart. The father of the Nevada Constitution and federal mining law, Stewart had many records of Nevada's early days. Wier took everything she could lay hands on—including the sign on the front of the building—and shipped it all back to Reno.

The woman responsible for saving much of Nevada's heritage was born on April 8, 1870, in Grinnell, Iowa. Jennie Wier (as she was known then) attended public schools and graduated from Iowa State Teacher's College (now Grinnell College) in 1893. Like many of her classmates, she was imbued at home, church, and school with the vigorous tenets of the evangelical Protestantism that held sway in most of America. At college she was elected president of both the Young Women's Christian Association and the Shakespeare Society.

On December 13, 1892, the student newspaper, *The Normal Eye*, reported Wier's opening address at a Greek symposium presented by the Shakespeare group: "She spoke of the high degree of culture attained by the ancient Greeks, and compared the condition of the Grecian women with the women of today. Her delivery was marked by ease and dignity of manner, and her production showed much thought and beauty of expression."



Society librarians were surrounded by volumes at the old State Building in downtown Reno.

Upon completing her three-year bachelor of didactics degree, Wier headed west. After teaching and serving as a vice principal in Heppner, Oregon, she enrolled in the then-new Leland Stanford, Junior, University in Palo Alto, California. She concentrated on the study of Native American culture in the West. At Stanford she joined fellow Iowan Herbert Hoover in the small student body and pursued her bachelor of arts degree with History Professor Max Farrand.

Farrand, Wier's mentor, was a close academic friend of Frederick Jackson Turner of the University of Wisconsin. In 1893, only two years before, Turner had shocked the historical community by declaring, based on his study of the 1890 census, that the frontier—that avenue to freedom, that singular element of American life that had done so much to shape the distinctive American character—was now closed. Americans must henceforth develop in a new way.

Wier felt another Wisconsin influence—its early establishment of a state historical society. The good people of Wisconsin were quite aware that mainstream academia, with its attention focused on the Eastern Seaboard, would never pay them any heed. If their history were to be preserved and written, they would have to do it themselves.

Wier flourished under Farrand and others at Stanford. In 1899, President Joseph Stubbs of the University of Nevada wrote to colleagues at Palo Alto seeking a replacement for Professor Anne Martin, who was leaving Reno to pursue graduate studies. Wier was recommended and came to Reno as a substitute in the fall. When Martin—later the first woman from Nevada to run for the U.S. Senate—did not return the next year, Wier was hired permanently.

As she adjusted to the near-frontier conditions of turn-of-the-century Reno, Wier continued her

**Wier organized
the state's first
suffrage meeting
in 1911
and urged her
female students
to work for
emancipation.**

bachelor's studies long-distance. Her senior thesis, an ethnographic study of the Washoe Indians, remains the seminal work in the field. She completed her degree in 1901 while growing to love Nevada.

Four years later, in an address to the Academy of Sciences at the University of Nevada, she recalled her early days in Reno:

"And first of all, let me assure you that I speak as a Nevadan. Shortly after coming to the State, when Stanford University vanquished Nevada in a game of football, it was impossible for me to conceal my pleasure at the result. There were many who chided me for my sympathy with my own college team, but I shall never forget how the President of the University [Joseph Stubbs] mildly remarked that he would allow me two years in which to change my views—that he did not believe in sudden conversion, anyhow."

In addition to teaching, Wier threw herself into the task of fostering the new Nevada Historical Society. In that same 1905 address she stated why the work of the year-old society was so important:

"[I]t is for us as a Society, to see that the landmarks of our history are not obscured, neither the portraits of our heroes and our pioneers lost to present view. Certain it is that the day cannot be far distant when no human memory will be able to furnish the details of the events which have made us what we are today. Already there is a lamentable lack of interest among the younger generation. It will indeed be a sad day for Nevada when a people have grown up 'who know not Joseph nor the way by which we came into this land.'"

Until 1913 Wier kept and displayed the society's growing collections in her home on Ninth Street, now University Terrace. The rooms were crowded with everything from relics of Nevada's Spanish-American War units to a bathtub from the mining camp of Columbia to stacks of old newspapers.

Lobbied by Wier and her supporters, the 1913 legislature appropriated \$5,000 for a scaled-down,



The society's museum resided in the State Building basement from the 1930s to the '60s. Schoolchildren's favorite attractions included the 1864 Gridley sack of flour and a stuffed, two-headed calf.

"temporary" facility to house the collections and provide space for exhibitions, library reference, and publications. The new building at 844 North University Avenue, now Center Street, stood two doors south of the university entrance. From the beginning the building literally was filled to the rafters with all the wonderful objects that Wier brought in. Never taking salary for her society work, Wier soon had the museum, library, and manuscript and photography collections organized. After the society moved in 1927 the building served as a student union until after World War II. Today the site is a parking lot.

Just as she nurtured the society, Wier also had to care for her mother and sister, who came to live with her. Neither was ever in good health, and both took a lot of her attention. At the same time Wier was busy in the growing suffrage movement in Nevada. She organized the state's first suffrage meeting, held January 28, 1911, in Reno, and urged her female students to realize their proper roles in society and work for emancipation.

Meanwhile, Wier applied to both Stanford and the University of California, hoping to enter a graduate program dealing with Indians. However, anthropology was not yet a field of study in many American universities, and both Stanford and UC turned her down. In 1924 she did receive a doctorate, an honorary one from the University of Nevada.

Wier kept close contact with scholars on both campuses, especially President David Starr Jordan of Stanford and historian Herbert Bolton, who at Berkeley later established the new field of Spanish borderlands history. Wier formed a scholarly association with UC Professor Alfred Kroeber, which proved beneficial for the society when Kroeber shared a portion of the artifacts he excavated from Lovelock Cave.

In 1926, however, disaster struck. Despite Wier's protests, the society's collections were moved into the new State Building in downtown Reno, on the site of today's Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts. The transfer, part of the celebrations for the completion of the Transcontinental Highway, effectively removed the collections from her control. Some items were arranged in a gallery display, but Wier complained bitterly of the damage done by untrained hands.

Wier's sense of betrayal might be traced to her youth. So imbued with her sense of mission, she could not allow any other vision for the society. When her handpicked board of trustees, even after she had cooked them lunch, would not oppose the governor or legislature, she was devastated.

The University Archives contains an exchange that sheds some light on this odd situation. Wier sent an urgent telegram to Clarence Mackay, son of silver baron John Mackay and himself a major benefactor of the university.

Mackay wrote to President Walter E. Clark asking for clarification. Although sympathetic to his professor of history, Clark advised Mackay not to become involved. The university president

Centennial Jubilee

The museum and store of the Nevada Historical Society in Reno is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Library hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors, and free for ages 17 and younger. The society, an agency of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs' Division of Museums and History, is located at 1650 North Virginia Street; call 775-688-1190 or visit www.nevadaculture.org for details. This year the society is celebrating its Centennial Jubilee with a series of exhibitions and gala events. The show "A Century of History in Nevada: The Story of the Nevada Historical Society" runs through June. On May 23 the society hosts a Centennial Garden Party Extravaganza and two days later the Biennial Conference on Nevada History, whose theme is "Out of the Past, Into the Future." On June 9 former UNR art professor Jim McCormick will discuss "Collecting Nevada Art." On July 15 there will be an opening reception for "Jeanne Wier and the Nevada Historical Society," an exhibition honoring the society's early-day leader. July 17 is Family Fun Day, a free event to include children's activities, music by the Rubber Chicken String Band, book signing by local authors, ice cream, and lemonade. Among other events is the Centennial Jubilee Extravaganza Street Fair on September 18, held with the Washoe County Library System, which also is celebrating its centennial in 2004.

wrote, "I never like to pass judgment without being wholly on the inside and knowing all the facts. There may be some facts on Miss Wier's side which I do not know. I had felt quite clear, however, bringing to bear the various things I have learned about this organization during many years, that Miss Wier is now wrong in this matter and is simply characteristically determined to have her way, no difference how mistaken her way may appear to the unanimous present Board of Control of the Society, each of whom was probably originally selected by her to be a member of that Board."

Finally, in the 1930s, Wier regained control of the collections. With the help of Works Progress Administration employees, she undertook a systematic cataloguing of the museum and library collections. Cases were found and materials arranged in new displays. The library was reestablished. Large-scale collecting resumed, most notably with U.S. Senator Key Pittman's papers and possessions in 1943 and the legislature's purchase of 10 Dat-So-La-Lee baskets in 1945. Wier supervised the WPA writers who compiled *Nevada: A Guide to the Silver State*, and the society served as a repository for Nevada's war records.

When Wier died on April 13, 1950, at the age of 80, she had served nearly half a century at the society's helm. Clara Beatty, her student and secretary, took over, and work continued. The *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* began publication in 1957. In 1958 the historical society remodeled and expanded its facilities.

Wier would have been pleased but still hungry for more. She had longed for a permanent home for her child. Once she had asked Frederick J. DeLongchamps, the famous Reno architect, to design a facility, but it was never built. Wier could never find the financing or acquire a good site. She even tried, without success, to have an abandoned building moved to Reno from Stead Air Base.

In 1968 the society finally found a home that Jeanne Wier would have liked. The new building was constructed at 1650 North Virginia Street on the University of Nevada campus. The architect was Ray Hellman of Reno, who also built the nearby Fleischmann Planetarium. In the following decades, the society's staff grew and became professional, the collections grew and were organized, and the building itself was remodeled several times.

Today the galleries and library of the Nevada Historical Society provide visitors and residents access to the most extensive collections to be found anywhere pertaining not just to the pioneer generation but to all Nevadans. Jeanne Wier would have approved, but she also would have been lobbying for more, perhaps cranking up a Hummer for yet another collection-gathering expedition into the desert. ▀

Peter L. Bandurraga is the fifth director of the Nevada Historical Society and the second to have graduated from Stanford. He, too, has had a "conversion" and thinks of himself as a Nevan.

Smoking...

From poker rooms to showrooms, Nevada's hotel-casinos are clearing the air for nonsmoking customers.

By Wilma LaRocca



Twenty years ago, gambling in a casino meant hanging out in a smoke-filled room. If you tried to escape the haze, you might find a single nonsmoking seat at a blackjack table. You could set up your little eggbeater fan at the poker table—and irritate everybody without moving much smoke. The attitude was, if you can't handle the smoke, get out of the casino.

You won't find that attitude today. Virtually all large casinos in Las Vegas, Laughlin, Reno, and Lake Tahoe have nonsmoking gaming areas, and most casinos have installed elaborate ventilation systems.

The clean-air movement is especially apparent in nongaming areas—hotel rooms, restaurants, and showrooms. If you so choose, you can dine in most hotel-casinos with nary a whiff of smoke curling your way. Showrooms are smoke-free. Several

Most Nevada casinos rely on improved

resorts offer nonsmoking hotel floors.

Some hotels saw the trend coming. **Harrah's Laughlin** has provided a completely nonsmoking casino space since 1988. The 18,000-square-foot area contains reel slots, video-poker machines, and blackjack and roulette tables.

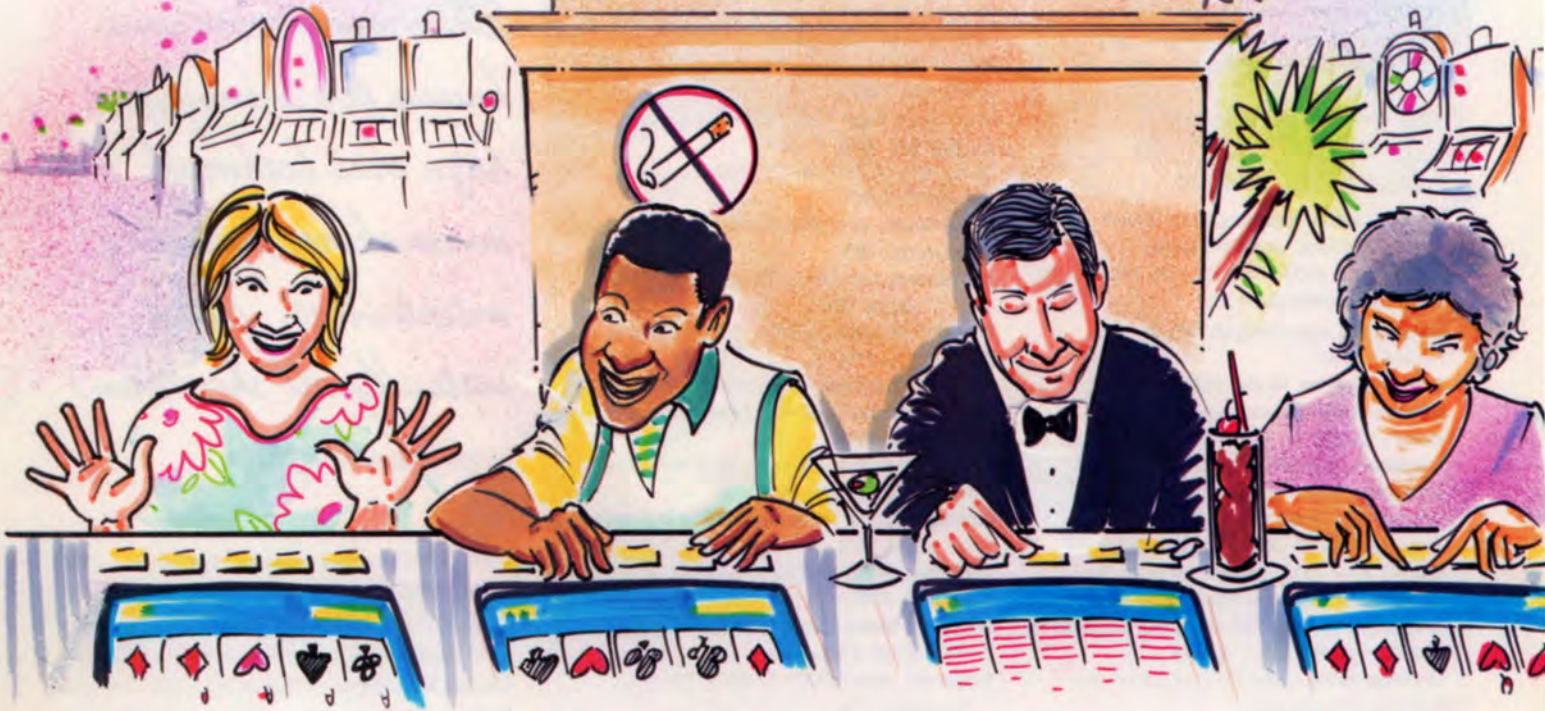
"Our customers absolutely love it," communications specialist Cecilia Marotto says. "It's very popular with our health-conscious guests. The gaming area is truly divided, but both sides have exciting gaming. We point very sensitive people to the left, others to the right."

The trend to expand nonsmoking options is confirmed by a recent *Nevada Magazine* "Smoke-Free Survey" in which more than 40 hotel-casino managers and

spokespeople told us about their nonsmoking practices. The findings represent a clearing of the air since our first survey 17 years ago ("Where There's Smoke, There's Ire," Sept/Oct '87). A few showrooms were going smoke-free, and some smoke-free hotel rooms were available. Gaming areas were a refuge for cigar and cigarette smokers—as they often still are. However, today even the casino floors have cleaner air.

The change has largely been voluntary. Nevada law requires a restaurant with seating for 50 or more to provide a nonsmoking section—but that's it. The owner of a gambling hall can designate nonsmoking areas if he wishes, but he doesn't have to. In fact, the law reads: "The smoking of

...or Not?



ventilation and air-filtration systems.

tobacco is not prohibited in a licensed gaming establishment.”

“Customers’ requests drive the change to smoke-free spaces,” says Gary Stevens, slot director at Laughlin’s **Colorado Belle**. “We have a 5,000-square-foot nonsmoking area that features a variety of our players’ favorite slot machines.” Tim Jones, director of safety for MGM Mirage, says, “**MGM Grand** has no nonsmoking gaming tables because there are not sufficient guest requests.” But, he says, “We have a designated nonsmoking slots section in the main casino, and the conference center meeting space is nonsmoking.”

At the **Atlantis** in Reno, which offers the puff-free Four-Star Poker Room, Kristi Prentice explains the attraction: “Every-

body likes our nonsmoking poker room. It’s very social and interactive. And a smoker can always just walk out and have a cigarette.” Down the street at the **Peppermill**, spokesperson Miles Ottenheimer says, “Our poker room is smokeless, and the players seem to enjoy that. For blackjack all you have to do is tell the pit boss you’d like a nonsmoking table, and he’ll make arrangements.”

In Las Vegas, **Bellagio** designates some gaming areas, including the poker room, as smokeless. “We make a day-by-day evaluation of each pit in the casino and make adjustments for nonsmoking areas accordingly,” says MGM Mirage spokesperson Yvette Monet.

Most casinos rely on improved ventila-

tion and air-filtration systems. In Jackpot, **Cactus Petes’** new clean-air system cost \$4 million. In Carson City, **SlotWorld’s** Dennis Small says, “We spent a quarter of a million dollars on a special ventilation system.” **Saddle West** in Pahrump has installed a system that provides clean air to bingo players. Mobile air filters called smoke-eaters are used in Ely’s **Hotel Nevada**, built in 1929. At Lake Tahoe, the **Lakeside Inn’s** air filters form air “curtains” designed to prevent the migration of contaminants from one area to another. At the **Mirage** in Las Vegas, fresh air is pumped into the poker room and contaminated air is pulled out. Generally speaking, unless you choose to sit beside a smoker, you’ll probably find that the ventilation systems do a pretty good job.

You can still find casinos where puffers rule. “We had a designated nonsmoking casino area a few years ago, but it got very

Smoke-Free Environments

Smoke-Free Gaming

The following hotel-casinos offer smoke-free gaming areas.

Atlantis, Reno: Four-Star Poker Room, Sky Terrace (includes 100 slots)

Bellagio, Las Vegas: Some pits, poker room

Colorado Belle, Laughlin: Seats in poker room, keno area, and sports book (poker tournaments are non-smoking)

Harrah's Lake Tahoe: South Shore Room gaming area

Harrah's Laughlin: Separate casino floor

Harveys, Lake Tahoe: Race and sports book

MGM Grand, Las Vegas: Slots-only gaming area in main casino

Virgin River, Mesquite: Bingo parlor

Clean-Air Eateries

These 36 casino restaurants, many of them gourmet or high-end rooms, are all smoke-free.

Atlantis, Reno (800-723-6500): Sky Terrace Oyster Bar and Sky Terrace Sushi Bar

Bellagio, Las Vegas (888-987-6667): Aqua, Picasso, Olives

Carson Valley Inn, Minden (800-321-6983): Michael's at the Inn (two private nonsmoking rooms), Fiona's

CasaBlanca, Mesquite (877-771-2777): CasaBlanca Buffet

Harrah's Lake Tahoe (800-HARRAHS): Summit, Forest, North Beach Deli (all indoor seating)

Harrah's Reno (800-HARRAHS): Harrah's Steak House, Lucky Noodle Bar, Fresh Market Square Buffet

Harveys, Lake Tahoe (888-427-2789): Sage Room, Pacifica Seafood Buffet, El Vaquero

Las Vegas Hilton (800-732-7117): Benihana, Andiamo, Margarita Grille

The Mirage, Las Vegas (800-627-6667): Renoir

The Palms, Las Vegas (866-725-6773): Alize, Nine Steakhouse

Riverside, Laughlin (800-227-3849): Gourmet Room, Sidewalk Café

Royal Hotel Casino, Las Vegas (800-634-6118): Table Talk

Siena, Reno (877-SIENA-33): Enoteca

Speakeasy Hotel Ramada Inn, Reno (775-329-7400): Deli

Stratosphere, Las Vegas (702-380-7777): Top of the World, Roxy's Diner

Venetian, Las Vegas (888-2VENICE): Lutece, P.S. Italian Grill, Postrio, Tsunami, Valentino, Zeffirino

Nonsmoking Rooms

The following Nevada hotel-casinos offer guests the greatest percentage of nonsmoking rooms, according to Nevada Magazine's recent "Smoke-Free Survey."

Atlantis, Reno (800-723-6500): 806 of 986 rooms, **82%**

Venetian, Las Vegas (888-2VENICE): 3,285 of 4,049 suites, **81%**

Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas (800-PLAY-RI0): 2,063 of 2,551 suites, **81%**

MGM Grand, Las Vegas (800-929-1111): 4,004 of 5,005 rooms, **80%**

Harrah's Las Vegas (800-HARRAHS): 2,010 of 2,526 rooms, **80%**

Siena, Reno (877-SIENA-33): 169 of 213 rooms, **79%**

Circus Circus, Reno (800-648-5010): 1,235 of 1,572 rooms, **79%**

Stratosphere, Las Vegas (702-380-7777): 1,995 of 2,571 rooms, **78%**

Bellagio, Las Vegas (888-987-6667): 2,310 of 3,005 rooms, **77%**

Harrah's and Harveys, Lake Tahoe (Harrah's, 800-HARRAHS; Harveys, 888-427-2789): 950 of 1,267 rooms, **75%**

New York-New York, Las Vegas (800-NYFORME): 1,517 of 2,023 rooms, **75%**

Flamingo Laughlin (800-FLAMINGO): 1,408 of 1,907 rooms, **74%**

The Palms, Las Vegas (866-725-6773): 310 of 424 rooms, **73%**

Ti/Treasure Island, Las Vegas (800-944-7444): 2,100 of 2,885 rooms, **73%**

Peppermill, Reno (800-648-6992): 786 of 1,100 rooms, **71%**

The Mirage, Las Vegas (800-627-6667): 2,174 of 3,044 rooms, **71%**

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks (800-843-2427): 1,134 of 1,600 rooms, **71%**

Harrah's Reno (800-HARRAHS): 667 of 946 rooms, **71%**

Virgin River, Mesquite (800-346-7721): 503 of 714 rooms, **70%**

Aladdin, Las Vegas (877-333-9474): 1,797 of 2,567 rooms, **70%**

Circus Circus, Las Vegas (800-444-2472): 2,359 of 3,370 rooms, **70%**

health spas are generally clean-air refuges.

You'll have no trouble finding a restaurant table without an ashtray. Like hotel rooms, restaurants went nonsmoking before the gambling halls. Of the 196 eateries noted in our survey, 110 have 70 percent or more of their seating designated as nonsmoking, and 36 restaurants—many of them gourmet rooms—are smoke-free (see sidebar). Last May the **Atlantis** in Reno changed two restaurants on the Sky Terrace to nonsmoking

Showrooms were once known for a smoggy haze that bothered nonsmokers, including entertainers. Today virtually all showrooms are smoke-free.

status. "Customers asked for this," says Atlantis spokesperson Kristi Prentice.

In 1987 a few large hotels had smoke-free guest rooms. Remarkably, **Circus Circus Las Vegas** designated 1,400 rooms, half its total, as nonsmoking, but the next highest counts were **Circus Circus Reno** (200), **Flamingo Las Vegas** (132), **Las Vegas Hilton** (112) and **Laughlin's Colorado Belle** (105). Most hotels set aside only a few rooms for nonsmokers. Today, five major resorts, the **Atlantis** in Reno and the **Venetian**, **Harrah's Las Vegas**, **MGM Grand**, and **Rio All-Suite Hotel** in Las Vegas, have 80 percent or more nonsmoking rooms and suites.

At Minden's **Carson Valley Inn** guests in the Motor Lodge stay in a totally smoke-free building. The first three floors of **Boomtown's** hotel tower near Reno and more than half of the **Flamingo Laughlin's** hotel floors are nonsmoking.

These days the aim in most Nevada hotel-casinos apparently is to make annoying smoke as rare as an eggbeater fan. ♣

Wilma LaRocca, Nevada's staff writer, and her husband, Tom, are frequent casino vacationers. "As nonsmokers, we like this clean-air movement," she says. See nevadamagazine.com for more results of the "Smoke-Free Survey."

little play, so we reopened it to smokers," says Sophia Rasile of the historic **El Cortez** in downtown Las Vegas. **Harrah's Las Vegas** found that satisfying smokers and nonsmokers became a balancing act. When a 3,000-square-foot slot area was designated nonsmoking in the Strip casino, too many machines sat unplayed. The space was reduced to 1,000 square feet.

Showrooms, which can be difficult to ventilate, were once known for a smoggy haze that bothered nonsmokers—including the entertainers. Our recent survey

found no showrooms that allow smoking.

Even some bars—the Range Bar at **Harrah's Laughlin**, the Ghost Bar at the **Palms** in Las Vegas, and the Enoteca jazz bar at the **Siena** in Reno—don't allow guests to light up.

Most hotel-casino convention centers are nonsmoking. So are special events held at the **Carson Valley Inn's** Shannon Ballroom. Smoke-free lobbies at the **Royal Hotel** in Las Vegas and the **Speakeasy Hotel Ramada Inn** in Reno provide haze-less check-in. Indoor pools, arcades, and

High Places

Bagging the BARD

A trek to the top of King Lear Peak offers high-blown theater above the Black Rock Desert. Just make sure your tent is securely pegged.

Standing on the summit of King Lear Peak, Jack Hursh and I gazed at the immense Black Rock playa almost a mile in elevation below our feet. Cliffs fell away from all sides of the rocky peak, and the wind whipped our faces. We felt at once triumphant, having climbed one of Nevada's most intriguing peaks, and overwhelmed by the desert's remoteness.

But our feeling of isolation didn't last long. As we began our descent, I heard other footsteps. "Jack!" I whispered

hoarsely. He turned, and we found ourselves eye to eye with three bighorn sheep less than 30 feet away.

Before we could lift our cameras, the sheep bolted out of range. Immediately they were joined by three more bighorns, and we watched as all six made an amazingly effortless descent down a steep field of boulders—a rocky maze that was to be our downhill route. What Jack and I later took an hour and a half to descend, the six sheep covered in 15 minutes before veering out of sight.

By Mark Vollmer



The author gazes across the Jackson Mountains from King Lear Peak.

Hikers who reach the summit can read a weathered edition of “King Lear” left by a climber years ago.

feet above the east side of the Black Rock Desert, 60 miles west of Winnemucca.

King Lear is popular with hikers because of the rugged beauty of the canyons that cut into the peak and its contrast with the flat desert lakebed below. From the summit you can see a huge swath of the Great Basin from the Oregon border south to Gerlach and east from California to the mountains near Winnemucca. The peak’s hulking form inspired its name, after the title character of Shakespeare’s play. In Act II, Lear himself hears the call of the outdoors when he proclaims:

*No, rather I abjure all roofs, and chose
To wage against the enmity o’ the air;
To be a comrade with the wolf and owl*

In fact, hikers who reach the summit can read a weathered edition of “King Lear,” which a Bard-loving climber placed in a jar atop the peak years ago.

On this beautiful May weekend Jack and I were accompanied by his artist mother, Aleta Hursh, and my friend Jana Dunn. Aleta and Jana decided to stay at camp, taking walks and painting watercolors, while Jack and I trekked to the top.

To plan the all-day, six-to-eight-mile round trip we consulted maps and guidebooks, several of which Jack, a cartographer at the Nevada Bureau of Mines in Reno, and I had collected (see sidebar). We learned that all approaches to the summit involve cross-country scrambling up talus slopes between volcanic cliffs.

McGill Canyon would provide the best entry from the Black Rock Desert on the peak’s west side. Big Cedar Creek on the east side offered the closest access from Desert Valley. Both routes feature reliable water with riparian zones of willow and chokecherry. Higher up, hikers can see aspen groves and junipers. Besides bighorn sheep, mountaineers may be lucky enough to spot a golden eagle or red-tailed hawk catching thermals.



Wildflowers such as balsam root and paintbrush bloom on King Lear’s volcanic slopes.

We took the easier Big Cedar Creek approach. From camp at 5,400 feet, we began our 3,500-foot climb by following a jeep trail along the creek. At the end of the trail (and marking the wilderness boundary) the gentle slope abruptly changed to a 45-degree incline. Our westward ascent led us to the spring that fed the creek—the water tumbled 300 feet down a volcanic precipice. Here, at 6,800 feet, the aromatic sagebrush gave way to blooms of balsam root, desert peach, lupine, and paintbrush that softened the rocky terrain.

The remaining climb involved three hours of boulder-hopping. At the summit we enjoyed our first panorama of the Black Rock Desert. We weren’t prepared for the immense expanse abruptly opening up before us. “This is amazing!” I shouted, letting out a rebel yell. Jack

arrived three minutes later. “Your war-whoop gave me a burst of adrenaline,” he said, grinning.

We took in the beautiful views until a gust blew my baseball cap over a cliff. (The possible meaning of that loss was revealed later.) As the sun hung low over the playa, we began our descent. Three hours later we arrived in camp and devoured the dinner of rotisserie chicken and beans that Aleta and Jana had prepared.

But King Lear wasn’t finished with us yet. Soon after we retired to our sleeping bags, a stiff night wind blowing down from the peak collapsed Jana’s and my tent with gale-force gusts. The wind toyed with us, knocking down the tent each time we tried to prop it up. Finally, we dragged our bedrolls outside and lay down under the

King Lear Trek

Looming above the Black Rock Desert in the state's northwestern corner, King Lear Peak is 60 miles west of Winnemucca and 60 miles northeast of Gerlach.

What to Bring: Despite King Lear Peak's imposing appearance, ropes are not required to scale the summit. However, hikers should be prepared for a strenuous, dawn-to-dusk hike from the wilderness boundary at the peak's base. (For a less demanding trip, camp higher up the mountain with backpacks for a shorter peak bag.) The steep slopes require sturdy leather hiking boots and good physical conditioning. Day hikers should bring a gallon of water and plenty of food. The typical climbing season runs from April through October, but snow can hit the upper elevations till late June and as early as Labor Day, so wear layered clothing. Due to King Lear Peak's remote location, it's a good idea to car-camp for two nights, using that as a base for the long climb. Otherwise, the closest motels are in Winnemucca and Gerlach via dirt roads.

How to Get There: The easiest approach to King Lear Peak is from Desert Valley, via Winnemucca, on the east side of the Jackson Mountains. (A high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicle is recommended to negotiate the last four miles.) In Winnemucca, turn west onto Jungo Road from U.S. 95 in the north part of town. The road changes from asphalt to well-maintained gravel and parallels the Union Pacific railroad tracks. Thirty-six miles west of Winnemucca, amid foundations of the old railroad town of Jungo, there's a major junction with an unsigned dirt road heading right (north) toward Trout Creek Ranch. Take this road to another obvious junction just before the ranch, about 17 miles north of Jungo, and bear left (northwest). (The right-hand fork leads to the ranch.) Three and a half miles past the fork, a jeep trail meets your road from the left. Turn onto this two-track FWD road and drive west about four miles to the base of the Jackson Mountains. Ahead you'll see the rough outline of King Lear Peak. Camp anywhere along the open grassy areas that border Big Cedar Creek near the road.

It's possible to approach King Lear from Gerlach, but be prepared for rough roads and washouts.

Publications: For maps and information on King Lear Peak and the surrounding Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, contact the U.S. Bureau of Land Management state office at 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502, 775-861-6500, www.nv.blm.gov, or BLM's Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV, 89445, 775-623-1500. Both offices are open weekdays.

John Hart's excellent totebook, *Hiking the Great Basin*, published by Sierra Club Books (www.sierraclub.org), describes routes up the west side of King Lear Peak from the Black Rock Desert. Contact local bookstores and outdoor shops for other publications.—Mark Vollmer

A Winnemucca Prelude

If time allows on your drive to King Lear Peak, stop at the Humboldt Museum (775-623-2912) at U.S. 95 and Jungo Road in Winnemucca. The museum has a full-scale replica of a mammoth skeleton unearthed from the Black Rock Desert near the base of King Lear Peak—a good introduction to the fascinating Ice Age history of the region.

The museum's curator, Pansilee Larson, might even mention the time her father, Lee Case, climbed King Lear with a friend way back in 1910. "He was in his late teens at the time," said the Winnemucca native during our visit. "He and his friend Erman Ruckteschler must have been deer hunting. They did a lot of adventures like that, climbing peaks on their hunting trips out of Winnemucca."

She made one request before we left: "If you have time, would you look for a pair of old binoculars my father left on top of the peak?" Jack and I said we'd try. Our quick search atop King Lear Peak yielded nothing, but a pair of antique binoculars may still await rediscovery by a lucky climber.—Mark Vollmer

stars. Exhausted, we fell right to sleep as the wind howled. (Meanwhile, Jack and Aleta slept soundly in her camper truck.)

The air was dead calm when we awoke the next morning. The only sign of the overnight tempest was our sagging tent—and Jack's and Aleta's good-natured chuckling. They already had been up for an hour.

"My question is," Aleta said, "why did you sleep on the lee side of the tent where

it could have blown on top of you?" I glanced at the tent stakes still holding each corner firmly in place and replied, "I'm just glad it didn't rip to shreds."

Jack then offered his theory on King Lear's revenge. "I think the mountain gods weren't too happy we made it to the top. But since you already sacrificed your hat, the peak decided not to destroy your tent." I agreed it wasn't a bad trade.

Meanwhile, the bighorn sheep un-



Hikers are advised to bring water, sunscreen, and well-broken-in boots.



Besides bighorn sheep, mountaineers may spot a golden eagle catching thermals.

doubtedly had found shelter from the wind. Their sure-footed scrambling showed what's unique about exploring a peak like King Lear: Memorable experiences await, but it's the peak that dictates their course. ▀

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A Town Celebrates

Gardnerville marks its 125th birthday with clowns, old cars, and a downtown stroll.



By Joyce Hollister

Gardnerville saloonkeeper Pop Starke (center) offers cigars to celebrants, about 1900.

When Gardnerville turned 100 in 1979, no one seemed interested in celebrating. A special section in *The Record-Courier*, the local newspaper, proved to be the only major observation of the event.

But this year, for its 125th birthday, the town of Gardnerville is making up for the missed opportunity with three weekends of pancake breakfasts, concerts, classic cars, and barbecues (See "When You Go"). There will be an arts and crafts fair and living-history presentations.

The Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center has mounted "The Town of Gardnerville's 125th Birthday Exhibit," telling the community's story through artifacts and old photographs. One relic is a permanent-wave machine dating from the 1920s. The contraption, with its metal curlers heated by electricity, looks like an instrument of torture. Such machines were used at Jane's Beauty Salon in Gardnerville until the 1950s, when exhibit committee member Laurie Hickey had her hair waved. "I was a little girl, whining that the curlers hurt," Hickey remembers. "The beautician said, 'This is the price we pay for

beauty, dear. I told her I'd rather be ugly."

Other artifacts include the original white-and-gold baptismal font (circa 1900) from Trinity Lutheran Church and a 1940s-era whiskey bottle from the Carson Valley Mercantile. A 1921 town map shows plots where property lines were officially described as an irrigation ditch or the neighbor's chicken fence.

Gardnerville was named after John and Mary Gardner, natives of England who established a ranch in Carson Valley in the mid-1860s. The Gardners sold seven and a half acres of their ranch to Lawrence and Mary Gilman on April 5, 1879, the date recognized as the founding of Gardnerville. That summer the Gilmans moved a building from Genoa to the property and opened it as the Gardnerville Hotel.

This August, local restaurants will prepare special dishes for the Douglas County Historical Society's "A Taste of Gardnerville." The event will focus on the museum and the downtown business district. The society has published *A Guidebook to Down-*

town Gardnerville with vintage photos of historic buildings and a map that leads visitors on a self-guided tour. The book is sold at the museum store.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of *The Record-Courier*. The *Gardnerville Record* and the *Genoa Courier* were consolidated on April 8, 1904. To observe the centennial, items have been added to the museum's permanent exhibit of antique

There will be an arts and crafts fair and living-history presentations.

printing equipment donated by the newspaper.

Displayed along with old lead type and photos of fondly remembered editors is the newspaper's 1979 centennial edition, "The First 100 Years: A Tribute to Gardnerville, Nevada." Twenty-five years later, the town is ready to celebrate. ♡

Joyce Hollister, Nevada's associate editor and former Record-Courier staffer, helped paste up the Gardnerville centennial section in 1979.



Clockwise from left: Irene Marshall wraps Betty Cordes' hair in curlers that dangle from a 1920s permanent-wave machine displayed at the museum's Gardnerville 125th birthday exhibit. The Gardnerville Hotel is pictured in 1880. P.C. Wilder owned Gardnerville's first store in the 1880s. Pop Starke (below left) presides over his Oberon Saloon, 1906.



Mr. Frevert poses with his Indian motorcycle.

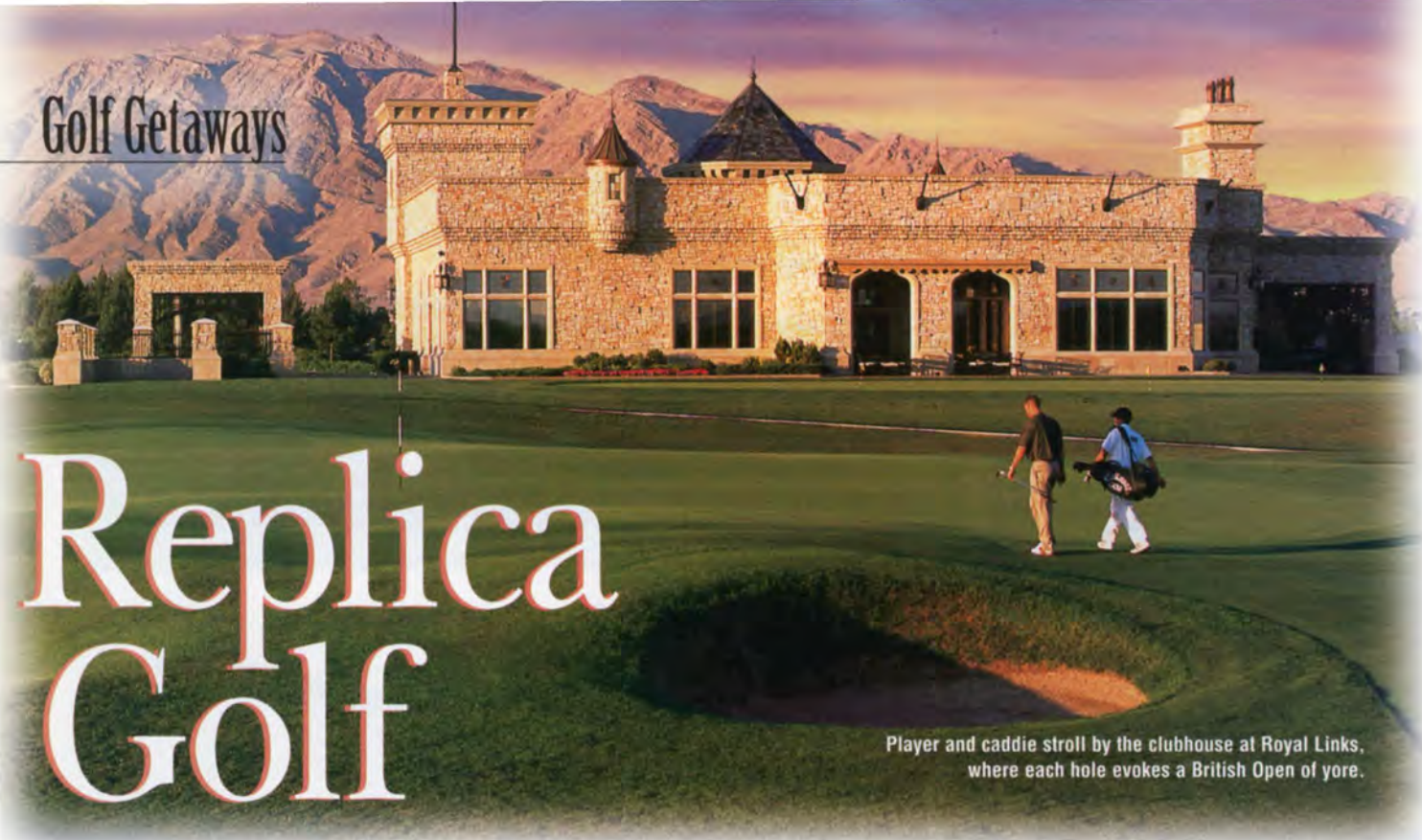
When You Go

Children's Theme Weekend: May 15-16, Heritage Park, corner of Gilman and Courthouse streets. Breakfast, clowns, children's sports, barbecues, Youth Chautauqua presentations, face-painting, concerts (775-782-7134).

Classic Cars, Motorcycles, *Record-Courier* 100th Anniversary 5K/10K Runs and 5K Fun Walk: May 22-23, Heritage Park. Breakfast, vehicle displays, motorcycle poker run, concerts, barbecues (775-782-7134); runs and fun walk on Sunday only (775-782-5121).

Heritage Weekend: June 19-20, Heritage Park. Breakfast, Old Time Craft Fair and Open Air Market, living-history camps and re-enactors, cemetery tours, barbecue, concerts (775-782-7134).

A Taste of Gardnerville: August 7 Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 1477 U.S. 395, and downtown Gardnerville. Food and guided tours of the business district. Cost \$20 (tickets 775-265-6097; guidebook and exhibit information 775-782-2555).



Replica Golf

Player and caddy stroll by the clubhouse at Royal Links, where each hole evokes a British Open of yore.

Golfers can play reproductions of world-famous holes at two Las Vegas courses.

By Ken Van Vechten

Golfers, take note, that Las Vegas-as-elsewhere phenomenon so evident in the city's skyline has been replicated at your feet. It is right there touching your SoftSpikes on fairways, greens, and teeing grounds scattered about the valley.

Golfer-gambler-entrepreneur Bill Walters started the trend in Southern Nevada, building courses that recall the Carolina piney woods or a South Seas paradise—the

“The Road Hole has been around some 400 years. Everyone can identify with Hell Bunker.”

Desert Pines and Bali Hai layouts, respectively. Yet for the pinnacle of mimicry, look to Walters' **Royal Links Golf Club**, where the holes are modeled after those of British Open-hosting courses such as Muirfield, Prestwick, Turnberry, Royal Troon,

and other legendary layouts of the Isles.

Walters got the idea for Royal Links during one of his many forays to the game's ancestral home. On one particular trip, playing St. Andrews with 40-mph winds steering rain on a nearly horizontal attitude, gorse and flagsticks competing in a limbo contest, Walters says he realized he was playing the game in the place and style as intended. Knowing that only a tiny minority of players will ever make it to Great Britain, Walters set out to bring the experience to them.

“The Road Hole has been around some 400 years. Everyone can identify with Hell Bunker,” Walters says of two of the distinguishing features of the Old Course at St. Andrews that he has replicated at Royal Links. “This stuff is memorable. This is the way golf was meant to be played. I wanted to build something in the States to give the 99.9 percent of golfers who'll never experience Open golf a taste.”

Located on the valley's east flank, Royal Links (888-427-6678, www.waltersgolf.com, \$125-\$250) is conditioned similarly to a Scottish links course, so it is less plush



Las Vegas golf magnate Bill Walters imagined Royal Links while on a golf trip to the British Isles.

than the typical American country club or resort routing. With the often-present wind, the conditioning complements the player who can keep the ball down. The bunkering is flat-out nasty, and a good number of the Open-evocative pits sit right where a “fair” American fairway would sport a flat, grassy lie. (This is reason enough to opt for one of the available caddies.) The clubhouse at Royal Links looks like a castle, and outside it stands a statue



The black-sand bunkers at Bear's Best replicate those of a Montana course designed by Nicklaus. Here, Las Vegas golfer Jack Sheehan approaches the No. 4 green.

of Old Tom Morris, who won four British Opens in the 1860s.

Is it Scotland? Of course not, as proven by the Stratosphere Tower in the distance, the three-digit summer temps, and the fact that Caterpillar equipment is not a substitute for nature working through the eons. Who cares? Royal Links has a unique look—the holes *do* resemble the wild moonscapes seen during those British Open telecasts—and a playing quality distinct from the usual high-end daily-fee experience, and it provides a challenging test of golf.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then who better to mimic than Jack Nicklaus, the Golden Bear? And that's just what Nicklaus did with **Bear's Best Las Vegas**.

Bear's Best (866-385-8500, www.bearsbest.com, \$85-\$245) is located on the west side of town, in Summerlin. This track features holes chosen by the Golden Bear himself from his more than 200 worldwide designs, with an eye toward examples suited to the lay of the land, the altitude,

and the climate in Las Vegas—all but one hole are from Arizona, Baja California, and the Rocky Mountain states. From a player's perspective, you get a routing without any weak links, and many of the holes give you a gypsy-in-the-palace chance for a taste of the action behind some rather private gates. With so many distinctive holes it is tough to pick a favorite. Yet if pressed to select the singular "other place" experience, it's hard to beat the black sand on Nos. 4 and 11, which is the same slag used in bunkers at Montana's Old Works Golf Club, a former ore-smelting operation and one-time EPA Superfund site.

As a player Nicklaus brought a ton of power to the game, and it shows at Bear's Best if you step up to the wrong set of tees. Yet it was the way he thought himself around the course that made Nicklaus (still) the greatest. If the pin's tucked, don't be a sucker. If the most direct route off the tee takes you uncomfortably close to a bunker or hazard, know that the approach will be through the green's most exposed flank. Use your head, play your game, and, like a true professional, heed



Jack Nicklaus picked Bear's Best holes from 200 courses worldwide.

As a player Nicklaus brought a ton of power to the game, and it shows at Bear's Best.

your caddie's advice. When told to hit over the center-of-fairway bunker on 16, do so even though you know in your heart's heart that the route surely leads to *terra incognita*.

I always play well at Bear's Best. A frequent golfing companion attributes it to improved focus on challenging courses. I call it mental dislocation, and I owe it all to the caddie corps. From reading putts to finding balls that otherwise would be lost to providing spot-on yardages—"Ignore your playing partner, sir, and pull your 150 club"—a caddie allows me to switch off.

And for a time I can best the Bear. ♣

Ken Van Vechten, a golfer and freelance writer from Riverside, California, recommends giving the caddie a good tip (and perhaps a wee dram of whisky).

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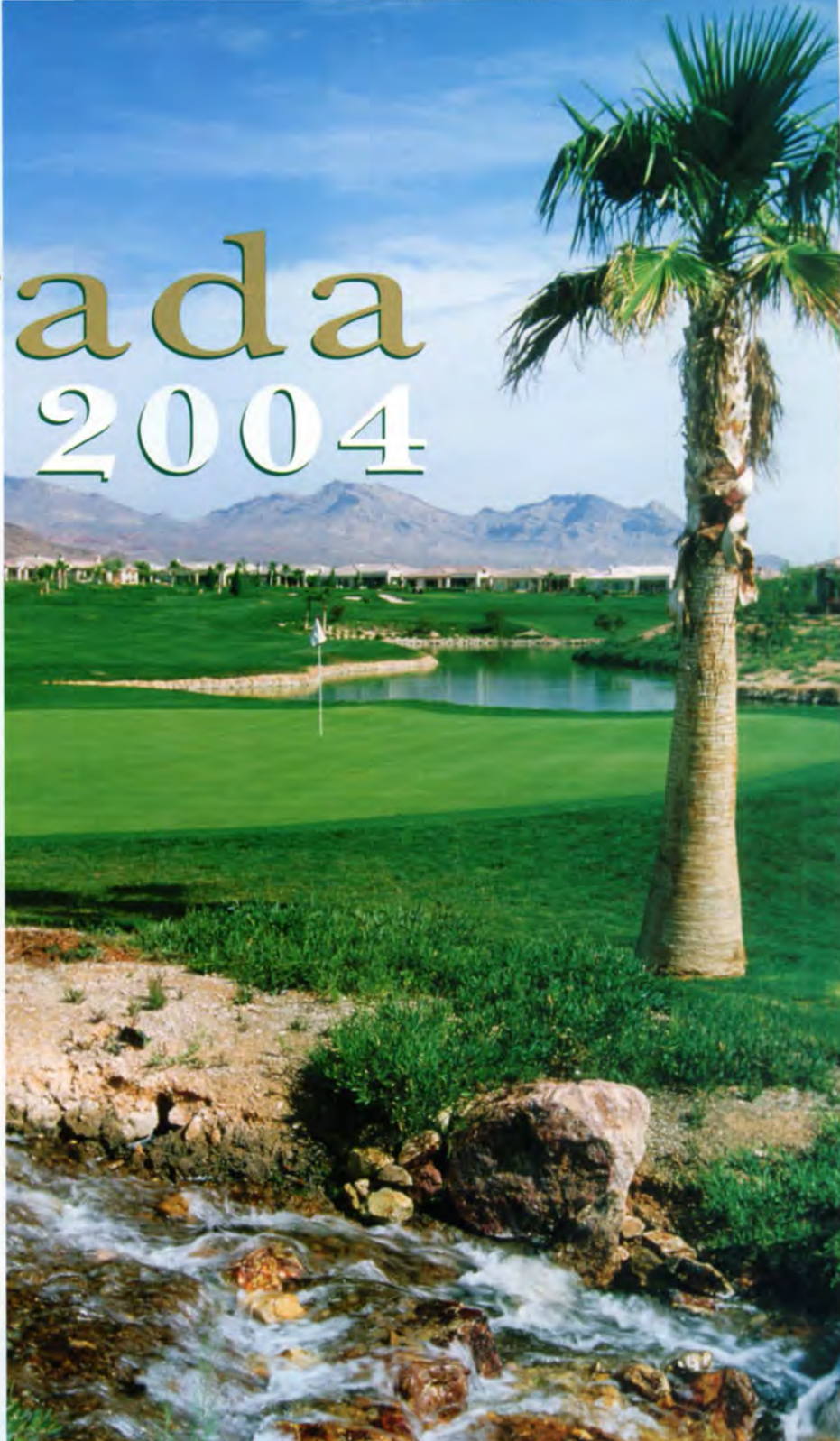
Golfers will discover more than 100 courses in Nevada, around Lake Tahoe, and along the state's borders. Unless otherwise noted, the courses in this guide are open year-round. Green fees, which are subject to change, generally indicate the peak-season 18-hole fee, which usually applies to spring and fall in the south and summer in the north. Green fees vary widely by season, especially in the Las Vegas area, so call ahead to confirm rates. Weekend rates often apply to holidays. Early reservations are recommended. Nearly all clubs have a pro shop, driving range, restaurant, and bar.

Southern Nevada

BOULDER CITY

Boulder City Golf Course—This traditional-style golf course has mature trees lining the fairways and several water features. The course record of 61 was set by professional Ken Whiteaker and amateur Matt Masluk. Architect: William Bell. City course, 18 holes, estab. 1972. Golf Manager Bob Conrad, Head Pro Tony Fiorentini. 1 Clubhouse Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. Call 702-293-9236. Back tees: 6,561 yards, par 72. Green fees: Nonresidents \$57 M-F, \$62 S-S. Clark County residents \$40 and \$45. Summer rates. Club rentals \$20. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Boulder Creek Golf Club—This 27-hole city course was named Best New Golf Course by *Vegas Golfer*. Boulder Creek uses both wide fairways and desert terrain with no blind shots or hidden hazards. Home course of touring pros Chris Riley and Stephanie Lounden. Hosting National Amputees Golf Assn. Championship in Oct. 2004. Architect: Mark Rathert. City course, 27 holes, estab. 2003. Head Pro Andy Schaper. 1501 Veterans Memorial Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005. Call 702-294-6534, fax 702-294-6536, www.bouldercreekgc.com. Back



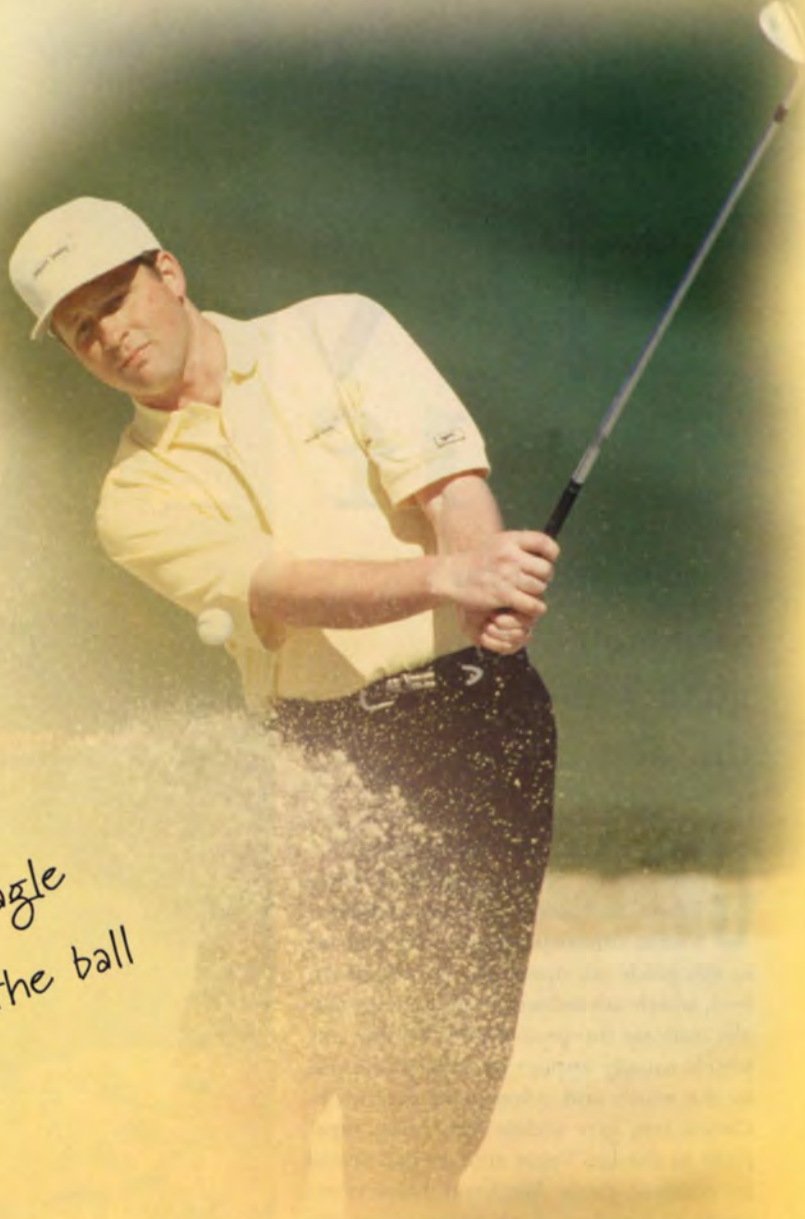
Siena Golf Club in Las Vegas has palm trees, nearly 100 sand bunkers, and a Tuscan theme.

tees: Longest combination (Coyote Run-Eldorado) is 7,500 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS: Nonresidents \$115 M-Th, \$140 F-S. Afternoon rates \$70 and \$85. Residents \$60 M-Th, \$70 F-S. Afternoon rates \$45 and \$55. Walking \$15 off. Summer rates. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Cascata Golf Club—Ultra-upscale layout is owned by Park Place Entertainment. Private, 18 holes, estab. 2001, www.parkplace.com. Boulder City, NV 89005. Back tees: 7,000 yards, par 72. Cascata is used by preferred guests of Caesars Palace, Paris Las Vegas, Las Vegas Hilton, Bally's Las Vegas, and Flamingo Las Vegas.

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Furnace Creek Golf Course—The world's lowest golf course—214 feet below sea level—is flat but has a high degree of difficulty and lots of tall date palms and tamarisk. Ball does not fly far because of elevation (6,105 yards is equivalent to 6,430 yards at sea level). Temps reach 120s in summer. Visitors can stay at Furnace Creek Inn, Furnace Creek Ranch, or National Park Service campgrounds. Architect: William P. Bell; redesigned by Perry Dye in 1997. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1933. GM Cal Jepson, Director of Golf Kip Freeman. Box 187, Death Valley, CA 92328. Call 760-786-2301, fax 760-786-2762, www.furnacecreekresort.com. Back tees: 6,236 yards, par 70. Green fees: \$55. Summer \$30. Carts \$25. Club rentals \$10-\$15.

HENDERSON

Anthem Country Club—Private desert course has scenic rock outcroppings, washes, canyons, and views of the Las Vegas Strip. Architects: Keith Foster and Hale Irwin. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Troon Golf, Director of Golf Phil Lopez, Head Pro John Sanders. 1 Club Side Dr., Henderson, NV 89052. Call 702-614-5050, fax 702-614-5055, www.anthemcc.com. Back tees: 7,267 yards, par 72. Member-guest only. Major credit cards. Soft spikes.

Black Mountain Golf and Country Club—One of the most mature courses in Las Vegas Valley expanded to 27 holes in 2002. Desert layout has cacti, yuccas, Joshua trees, lots of sand bunkers, and four lakes. Qualifying site for U.S. Open and Public Links. A few days after winning the 100th U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in 2000, Tiger Woods caddied for his college roommate, Jerry Chang, in the Public Links qualifier here. Members include race-car driver Al Unser Jr. Architects: Founders-Horizon by Bob Baldock, Desert Course by George Williams. Semi-private, 27 holes, estab. 1957. GM Jeff Kindred, Director of Golf Tony Lawson. 500 Greenway Rd., Henderson, NV 89015. Call 702-565-7933, www.golfblackmountain.com. Back tees: Longest combination (Horizon-Founders) is 6,541 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Nonresident \$65 M-Th, \$100 F-S, residents \$45 and \$55. Summer rates. Club rentals \$30. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Desert Willow Golf Club—Executive links course nestled against Black Mountain. The longest par 4 is 349 yards; the longest par 3 is 209 yards. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Semi-private, 18-hole executive, estab. 1996. Sun City MacDonalds Ranch, Head Pro Eric Locklar. 2020 W. Horizon Ridge Pkwy., Henderson, NV 89012. Call 702-263-GOLF, fax 702-270-7020. Back tees: 3,811 yards, par 60. Green fees include cart and range: \$24-\$40. Club rentals \$25. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Natural Golf School and Junior Golf Academy (ages 6-17). Soft spikes.

DragonRidge Country Club—DragonRidge, named one of the country's best new private courses by *Golf Digest*, allows limited public play. Hillside and canyons create dramatic elevation changes and views of the Strip. Director of Golf Cliff Lawson named one of top 10 instructors in Nevada by *Golf Digest* in 2001. Dress code: collared shirts, no denim. Architects: Jay Morrish and David Druzisky. Private with limited public play, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Owner Richard C. MacDonald, Director of Golf Cliff Lawson, Head Pro Mike Baird. 552 S. Stephanie St., Henderson, NV 89012. Call 877-855-1505 or 702-614-4444, fax 702-914-2019, www.dragonridgecountryclub.com. Back tees: 7,039 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Peak season, late Sept.-May: \$150-195, twilight \$50-\$115. Off season, June 15-Sept. 8: \$40-\$115. Walking is allowed. Club rentals \$50. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Golf School with Cliff Lawson. Soft spikes.

The Falls Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas Resort—Course designed by Tom Weiskopf was named one of Top 10 New Courses You Can Play in *Golf Magazine* in 2003, No. 9 Best New Upscale Public Course in America by *Golf Digest* in 2004, and No. 1 of Top 10 New Golf Courses by *Elite Traveler* in 2004. Desert bighorn sheep



Angel Park has one of Nevada's largest golf complexes, including two championship courses.

are often seen on the course, which has valley views and dramatic elevation changes on back nine. The Vineyards restaurant overlooks the ninth and 18th greens. Daily-fee resort course, 18 holes, estab. 2002. Director of Golf John Herndon, Head Pro Greg Brockelman. 101 Via Vin Santo, Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-740-5258, www.lakelasvegas.com. Back tees: 7,250 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range: Spring and fall: \$240 M-Th, \$260 F-S. Summer: \$165 M-Th, \$190 F-S. Discount for guests of the Hyatt Regency and the Ritz-Carlton at Lake Las Vegas. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

The Legacy Golf Club—Links-type course welcomes both public and corporate-convention golf groups. Annual site of U.S. Open qualifying. Named Best Golf Course 2003 in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal's* online poll. The "Suits" Hole (No. 10) has tee boxes shaped like the suits of playing cards—hearts, spades, clubs, and diamonds—as a tribute to Las Vegas. Known for the Devil's Triangle, the tough Nos. 11, 12, and 13. Architect: Arthur Hills. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. GM Allen Jones, Head Pro Randy Weigman. 130 Par Excellence Dr., Henderson, NV 89074. Call 702-897-2187 or 702-897-2200, www.thelegacygc.com. Back tees: 7,233 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Call for rates. Club rentals (Callaway) \$50. Major credit cards. America's Favorite Golf Schools. Soft spikes.

Reflection Bay Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas Resort—Reflection Bay, the first daily-fee Jack Nicklaus course in Nevada, was named one of America's 100 Greatest Public Courses by *Golf Digest* in 2003-04 and one of Top 100 Courses You Can Play by *Golf Magazine* in 2000 and 2002. Hosted Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge in 1998-2000 and 2003. Daily-fee resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Director of Golf John Herndon, Pro Brian Jensen. 75 MonteLago Blvd., Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-740-4653, www.lakelasvegas.com. Back tees: 7,261 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range: Spring and fall: \$240 M-Th, \$260 F-S. Summer: \$165 M-Th, \$190 F-S. Discount for guests of the Hyatt Regency and the Ritz-Carlton at Lake Las Vegas. AE, MC, Visa. The Golf Institute at Lake Las Vegas. Soft spikes.

The Revere Golf Club—Like Paul Revere, the Revere runs from Lexington to Concord, two courses that wind through desert canyons. Winner of the 2003 Visitors Choice Award for Favorite Golf Course by the *Las Vegas Guide* and an honorable mention Top New Courses in America by *Golf Magazine*. Named Best Course in Southern Nevada in 2003 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll.

North side of the clubhouse is all glass, offering views of the valley. Restaurant open for dinner Wed. nights. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Troon Golf, GM Greg Kinney. 2600 Hampton Rd., Henderson, NV 89052. Call 877-273-8373 or 702-259-4653, fax 702-617-5750, www.reveregolf.com. **Lexington Course**: Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Back tees: 7,143 yards, par 72.

Concord Course: Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 2002. Back tees: 7,034 yards, par 72. Green fees vary seasonally \$90-\$225; call for details. Club rentals (\$60) include two sleeves of logo balls. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes; no denim.

Rio Secco Golf Club—The 240-acre course designed by Rees Jones was rated No. 91 of Best Public Courses in America by *Golf Digest* in 2003. Also voted best overall golf experience in Las Vegas by *Vegas Golfer*. Course has packages with owner, Harrah's and Rio. Butch Harmon runs a golf school at Rio Secco; his most famous student, Tiger Woods, holds the course record of 64. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Harrah's/Rio, GM Eric Dutt, Head Pro Ken Wright. 2851 Grand Hills Dr., Henderson, NV 89052. Call 888-TO-SECCO or 702-889-2400, fax 702-361-8134, www.riosecco.net. Back tees: 7,332 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Guests at Rio All-Suite Hotel, Harrah's Las Vegas, and all other Las Vegas hotels pay \$125-\$200. Summer rates lower. Club and shoe rentals. AE, MC, Visa. Butch Harmon School of Golf: 702-889-2444, butchharmon.com. Soft spikes.

SouthShore Golf Club at Lake Las Vegas Resort—The first private Jack Nicklaus signature course in Nevada incorporates desert and a 320-acre man-made lake. Course records were set by PGA Tour stars: Kirk Triplett shot a 62 from black tees, and Tom Watson shot 61 from the blues. Named one of Top 50 Modern Courses by *Golf Week*. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf John Herndon, Head Pro Dale Ray Akridge. 100 Strada Di Circolo, Henderson, NV 89011. Call 702-558-0022, fax 702-558-0024, www.lakelasvegas.com. Back tees: 6,917 yards, par 71. Members and guests only. Soft spikes.

Tuscany Golf Club—Tuscany offers a Ted Robinson design with generous fairways, large sloping greens, white-sand bunkers, and views of Sunrise Mountain and the Strip. The new course, which will celebrate its "grand re-opening" in June 2004, relies on "inspiration rather than intimidation," according to Director of Golf Tom Vold. As part of its refurbishing the Henderson course has 2,000 new trees and 18 new Bermuda grass greens. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2003. Director of Golf Tom Vold, Head Pro Patrick Duty. 901 Olivia Pkwy., Henderson, NV

Golf Getaways

The following are good sources of information on Nevada golf courses:

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, Information Center, 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Call 702-892-7575. For details and hotel information visit www.vegasfreedom.com. The LVCVA has a map and listing of area courses.

Golf Mesquite, Nevada. Call 866-720-7111. Visit www.golfmesquitenevada.com. Promotes golf and hotel-casino room packages in Mesquite, 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, Golf Information, 4590 South Virginia Street, Box 837, Reno, NV 89502. Call 800-FOR-RENO. Visit www.renolaketahoe.com or www.divine9.com. The RSCVA, which operates Wildcreek and Northgate, has information on courses and hotels as well as current "Stay and Play" golf packages.

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701. Call 800-NEVADA-1. For information visit www.visitcarsoncity.com or www.divine9.com. Carson has a color brochure on area's "Divine 9" courses. Tee times: 800-638-2321.

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Authority, 1513 U.S. 395 N., Gardnerville, NV 89410. Call 800-727-7677. For information visit

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several birds. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2003. Sunrise Colony Co., Head Pro Doug Castellari. 2250 Red Springs Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 702-258-2300, arroyogolfclubatredrock.com. Back tees: 6,953 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Call for rates. AE, MC, and Visa.

Badlands Golf Club—Scottsdale-style course designed by Johnny Miller is built around arroyos and flows with natural terrain. The 27-hole facility has been a *Golf Digest* top-10 Nevada course and was voted Best of Las Vegas by readers of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* in 1997-1998. Resort course, 27 holes, estab. 1995. GM Chuck Afulalo, Teaching Pro Jim Fonda. 9119 Alta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89128. Call 702-242-GOLF, fax 702-243-8098. Back tees: 6,926 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$135 M-Th, \$190 F-S. Seasonal and twilight rates; call for details. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Ken Venturi Golf School. Soft spikes.

Bali Hai Golf Club—Tropically themed resort course has seven acres of water, an island green, palm trees, and Augusta white sand. Located south of Mandalay Bay on the Strip, Bali Hai was voted one of 32 Best Resort Courses by *Golf Week*. Named one of Top 100 Golf Shops by *Golf Business World* in 2002 and 2003. Architects: Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Walters Golf, Head Pro C. Scott Ahern. 5160 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Call 888-397-2499 or 702-450-8000, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 7,015 yards, par 71. Green fees range from \$150 to \$325 depending on season. Twilight rates available. Major credit cards. Walters Golf Academy by Mike Davis. Soft spikes only.

Bear's Best Las Vegas—An 18-hole all-star collection of

Jack Nicklaus' favorite holes that he has designed, the Summerlin-area course provides each group with a forecaddie armed with a distance finder. Celebrity players have included Vince Gill, Judd Nelson, Kenny Rogers, and Joe Thiesman. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 2001. Operations Manager Adam Owen, Head Pro Pat Mastandrea. 11111 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 866-385-8500, bearsbest.com. Back tees: 7,194 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$195 M-Th, \$245 F-S. Off-season and twilight rates. Club rentals \$60. Forecaddies are mandatory. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Callaway Golf Center/Divine Nine—Desert-style executive course designed by Robert Cupp is part of the Callaway Golf Center at the south end of the Strip. Longest hole is 185 yards. Course is lighted for night play. Public, 9 holes, estab. 1997. All American Golf, GM John Boretta. 6730 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Call 702-896-4100. Tees: 1,230 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$37. Carts \$7. Senior and junior rates. Club rentals \$10. Credit cards accepted. Giant Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

Canyon Gate Country Club—Private course has many palm trees and an oasis atmosphere. Challenging with lots of water, sand bunkers, narrow fairways, and fast greens. Architect: Ted Robinson. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Manager Ladonice Waldrep, Director of Golf Steve Lind, Head Pro David Merrill. 2001 Canyon Gate Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89117. Call 702-363-0303, 702-363-0481 pro shop. Back tees: 6,742 yards, par 72. Canyon Gate Country Club homeowners and nonhomeowners may join the club for \$32,000. Guests of members pay \$115 to play 18 including cart with GPS. Club rentals \$35. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Desert Pines Golf Club—The Carolina-type course near downtown Las Vegas has more than 4,000 pine trees. State-of-the-art driving range—climate controlled. Celebrity golfers have included Greg Maddux, Chris Webber, Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples, Shannon Sharp, Will Smith, and Marc Anthony. Architect: Perry Dye. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Walters Golf, GM and Director of Golf Jim Anderson. 3415 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89101. For information call 888-397-2499 or 702-450-8000, pro shop 702-388-4400, fax 702-438-8382, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 6,810 yards, par 71. Green fees: Peak season: \$135 M-Th, \$175 F-S. Summer rates lower. Twilight rates. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Walters Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

Desert Rose Golf Course—Only course owned by Clark County has moderate length, flat terrain, and good fairways and greens. Dress code: shirts with collars; jeans and shorts permitted, but no cutoffs. County course, 18 holes, estab. 1964. American Golf, GM and Head Pro Tate Stull. 5483 Club House Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 702-431-4653. Back tees: 6,511 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$59 M-Th, \$79 F-S. Clark County residents \$33 M-Th, \$39 F-S. Twilight rates. Club rentals \$39. Major credit cards. Soft spikes and tennis shoes.

Durango Hills Golf Club—Executive course in Northwest Las Vegas has 14 par 3s and four par 4s. The par 3s range from 124 to 210 yards, so you'll hit every iron. The par 4s are 326 to 408 yards. Architects: Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley. City course, 18-hole executive, estab. 2002. City of Las Vegas, IRI Golf Group, Head Pro Nick Spiegel. 3501 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129. Call 702-229-4653. Tees: 3,780 yards, par 58. Green fees include cart: Call for current rates. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Eagle Crest Golf Club/Sun City Summerlin—Eagle Crest has rolling terrain and one of the highest elevations in the valley. Named Best Executive Course in *Vegas Golfer*, Eagle Crest is affiliated with Highland Falls and Palm Valley. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Semi-private, 18-hole executive, estab. 1995. Del Webb Corp., Director of Golf Joe Kelly, Head Pro Al Sibille. 2203 Thomas Ryan Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-240-1320. Back tees: 4,067 yards, par 60. Green fees:

89015. Call 866-TUSCANY, 702-951-4500. Back tees: 6,906 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for current rates. Club rentals. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

LAS VEGAS

Angel Park Golf Club—Angel Park features two championship courses designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay, an executive course designed by Robert Cupp and John Fought, an 18-hole putting course, and a night-lighted driving range. Named one of Top 100 Golf Shops for 2003 by *Golf World Business*. Resort courses, estab. 1989. GM David Bogue, Head Pro Don Cramer. 100 S. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89145. Call 888-4GOLFV or 702-254-4653, www.angelparkgolfclub.com. **Mountain Course:** Course has subtle changes in elevation, challenging greens, and views of Red Rock Canyon and the Strip. 18 holes. Back tees: 6,722 yards, par 71. **Palm Course:** Gently rolling terrain with desert bordering many holes and some forced carries over water and desert. 18 holes. Back tees: 6,530 yards, par 70. **Cloud Nine:** This 12-hole par-3 course uses concepts of famous par 3s from around the world. Nine holes are lighted for night play. Tees: 1,341 yards, par 27 for 9 holes (there are 12 holes total). Green fees: Rates are seasonal; call for current rates. Club rentals \$50-\$60. AE, DC, Disc., JCB, MC, Visa. Resort Golf Schools and Academies. Soft spikes.

The Arroyo Golf Club at Red Rock—The public Arroyo links, which opened in Oct. 2003, and the private Mountain Course at Red Rock Country Club are Arnold Palmer signature golf courses. Course developers work with wildlife conservation area to help preserve habitats for endangered species, particularly desert tortoises and

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Highland Falls Golf Club/Sun City Summerlin—Highland Falls is the highest-elevation course in Southern Nevada, at just over 3,000 feet, with good views from the back nine. Highland Falls is affiliated with Palm Valley and Eagle Crest. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1993. Del Webb Corp., Director of Golf Joe Kelly, Head Pro Jim Neighbors. 10201 Sun City Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-254-7010, suncity-summerlin.com. Back tees: 6,512 yards, par 72. Green fees: Nonresidents \$90 daily, \$70 twilight. Nevada residents \$55 daily, \$40 twilight. Club rentals \$30. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Las Vegas Country Club—Private course is host of the Takefujii Classic LPGA Tour event and a former cohort of the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational. Gently rolling, large greens, well bunkered. Architect: Edmund Ault with Ron Carl redesign. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1967. Manager Dale Telford, Director of Golf John Creaney. 3000 Joe W. Brown Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Back tees: 7,164 yards, par 72. Members and guests only. AE, Visa. Soft spikes.

Las Vegas Golf Club—Municipal course west of downtown is very mature with lots of trees and little water. Architect: Tom Bell. City course, 18 holes, estab. 1949. GM Jon Anderson, 4300 W. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89107. Call 702-646-3003, fax 702-646-4899. Back tees: 6,631 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart; Nonresidents \$69 M-Th, \$89 F-S. Las Vegas residents \$26 to walk, \$36 to ride. Reduced summer rates. Club rentals \$35. Major credit cards. Spikes OK.

Las Vegas National Golf Club—Championship layout, well bunkered, has been the site of many PGA and LPGA Tour events and Tiger Woods' first pro win. Architect: Bert Stamps. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1961. American Golf, GM and Head Pro Jeff Levin, Teaching Pro Mike Buss. 1911 E. Desert Inn Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Call 702-382-GOLF, fax 702-796-0015, www.americangolf.com. Back tees: 6,815 yards, par 71. Green fees include carts. Sept.-May: \$99-\$125 M-Th, \$125-\$175 F-S, twilight \$80 and \$90. June-Aug.: \$55 M-Th, \$75 F-S, twilight \$45 and \$55. Club rentals \$40 and \$55. AE, Disc, MC, Visa. Ken Venturi Golf Academy. Soft spikes preferred.

Las Vegas Paiute Resort—Three Pete Dye courses are located on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation 20 miles north of downtown Las Vegas. Named the No. 1

public course in Las Vegas by *Golf Digest*. Member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. LPGA stars Annika Sorenstam and Karrie Webb opened the Wolf course in 2001 on *Shell's Wonderful World of Golf*. They shot 65 and 64 respectively—both records for the Shell series. Resort courses, 54 holes. GM Dick Huff, Director of Golf Byron Cone. Snow Mountain exit on U.S. 95 north of Mount Charleston turnoff, 10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89124. Call 800-711-2833, 866-286-2833, or 702-658-1400, fax 702-658-5996, www.lvpaiutegolf.com.

Snow Mountain (Nu-Wav Kaiv): Built on 220 acres, the course has elevated tees, water on seven holes, and no parallel fairways, plus Dye's trademark railroad-tie bunkers and pot bunkers. 18 holes, estab. 1995. Back tees: 7,158 yards, par 72. **Sun Mountain (Tav-ai Kaiv)**: Generous layout with strategically placed pot bunkers and railroad-tie bunkers. 18 holes, estab. 1996. Back tees: 7,112 yards, par 72. **Wolf (Kweeto-unuv)**: Wolf is extremely long from the back tees and one of the state's top-rated courses. The 15th hole has an island green. 18 holes, estab. 2001. Back tees: 7,604 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS, plus range balls: Rates vary by season; call for rates. No walking. Club rentals \$40-\$50. AE, DC, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Los Prados Country Club—This short, tight course has five par 3s and three par 5s, small greens, some sand, and water on four holes. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1985. Homeowners Assn., Golf Shop Manager Harry Keller. 5150 Los Prados Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89130. Call 702-645-5696, fax 702-645-9107. Back tees: 6,000 yards, par 70. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$40 M-Th, \$65 F-S. Residents \$25 M, \$35 Tu-F, \$50 S-S. Twilight rates F-S after noon. Summer rates. Club rentals \$30. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Painted Desert Golf Course—Desert target design by Jay Morrish features lush fairway landing areas amid natural desert landscape. Named a *Golf Magazine* Places to Play and an NGCOA women-friendly course. Touring pro Robert Gamez holds the course record of 62. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1987. American Golf, GM and Head Pro John Scappatura. 5555 Painted Mirage Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89149. Call 800-GOTRY18 or 702-645-2570, fax 702-645-4807. Back tees: 6,840 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts and vary from \$60-\$79 M-Th, \$80-\$129 F-S; call for details. Twilight rates after 1:30 p.m. Club rentals \$40-\$50. AE, DC, Disc., MC, Visa. Jim Gronnebek's Golf Learning Center. Soft spikes preferred.

Palm Valley Golf Club/Sun City Summerlin—New greens

were installed in 2003 at Palm Valley, which has rolling terrain and fast bent-grass greens. Palm Valley is affiliated with Highland Falls and Eagle Crest. Architects: Billy Casper and Greg Nash. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Del Webb Corp., Director of Golf Joe Kelly, Head Pro Paul Brown. 9201 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-363-4373, fax 702-363-2830, suncity-summerlin.com. Back tees: 6,849 yards, par 72. Green fees: Nonresidents \$90 daily, \$70 twilight. Nevada residents \$55 daily, \$40 twilight. Club rentals \$30. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Red Rock Country Club/Mountain Course—An Arnold Palmer signature course, the Mountain Course is the private 18 at Red Rock Country Club; the Arroyo course is public. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Sunrise Colony Co., Head Pro Rob Blackburn. 2250 Red Springs Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 702-304-5666 pro shop, 702-360-2223 membership. Back tees: 7,187 yards, par 72. Members and guests only. AE, MC, Visa.

Rhodes Ranch Golf Club—Course designer Ted Robinson says Rhodes Ranch has some of the best par 3s he's ever designed. GM Ken Kaifas notes, "Course is challenging, but not punishing. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1997. GM Ken Kaifas, Head Pro Matthew Grobe. 20 Rhodes Ranch Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89148. Call 888-311-TEES or 702-740-4114, fax 702-740-8008, www.rhodesranch.com. Back tees: 6,909 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Seasonal rates range from \$25 to \$160. Nonresidents \$130 M-Th, \$160 F-S. Clark County residents \$55 S-Th, \$85 F-S. Summer rates after June 1. Club rentals \$40. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Royal Links Golf Club—Royal Links was named one of Top 10 You Can Play by *Golf Magazine* in 1999. Conceived by owner Bill Walters, the course "reflects the spirit of play in the British Isles. Each hole was inspired by a famous hole on a course where the British Open has been played. Named in Top 100 Golf Shops by *Golf World Business* in 2004. Architect: Perry Dye. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Walters Golf, Director of Golf Mike Severn. 5995 Vegas Valley Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 702-450-8000 or 888-397-2499, 702-450-8123 pro shop, fax 702-450-8136, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 7,029 yards, par 72. Green fees range above \$200 and vary by season. Twilight rates. Club rentals \$50. Caddies are available. AE, Disc., JCB, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Siena Golf Club—Siena, part of the Tuscan-themed Siena in Summerlin community, plays along the Las Vegas Valley's western rim with views of the Strip and mountains. Course has 97 white-sand bunkers, six water features, and bentgrass greens. The Siena Bistro has patio dining overlooking Lake Siena and the golf course. Course was voted 2003 Best Value Award by readers of *Vegas Golfer*. Architects: Lee Schmidt and Brian Curley. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Sunrise Colony Co., Director of Golf Clay Meininger, Head Pro Thom Blinksop. 10575 Siena Monte Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89135. Call 702-341-9200, fax 702-562-0883, www.sienagolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,843 yards, par 72. Green fees: Call for rates. AE, MC, and Visa. Soft spikes.

Silverstone Golf Club—Course designed by Robert Cupp has 27 holes. Lengthy drives help on the Mountain nine, while the Desert and Valley nines require a more cautious approach. Silverstone has water, palm trees, and a 28th hole where players can play off a tied match. (It's a short par 3—closest to the pin wins.) Located near Floyd Lamb State Park. Named Best Clubhouse, Best 19th Hole, and Best Par 5 by *Vegas Golfer*. Winner of NGF customer satisfaction award for high-end daily-fee courses. Home of the Meatloaf Classic. Daily fee, 27 holes, estab. 2001. Meadowbrook Golf Group, GM Tom Judson, Director of Golf Gregg Minshall. 8600 Cupp Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89131. Call 877-888-2127 or 702-562-3770, fax 702-562-3771, www.silverstonegolfclub.com. Back tees: Longest combination is 7,159 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS: Spring and fall peak season: \$119 M-Th, \$149 F-S. Summer and winter off season: \$79

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The Pros' Picks 2004

When *Nevada Magazine* recently asked the state's golf pros to rate their favorite Nevada and Tahoe-area courses, a new top pick, Reflection Bay, unseated Edgewood Tahoe, the poll's reigning links for 10 years. The record 50 club pros and managers responding included 30 from the Las Vegas area, 16 from the Reno area, three from Tahoe, and one from rural Nevada. In all, 82 courses were mentioned. Here are the pros' picks in 2004, including the courses' total votes and first-place votes (from other courses' pros).

Reflection Bay, Lake Las Vegas: 30
Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline: 27 (6)
Wolf/Las Vegas Paiute Resort: 24 (1)
Montreux, Reno (private): 20 (4)
Genoa Lakes, Genoa: 19 (1)
TPC Summerlin, Las Vegas (private): 18
Bear's Best, Las Vegas: 16 (1)
Shadow Creek, North Las Vegas: 16 (1)
SouthShore, Lake Las Vegas (private): 15 (1)
Las Vegas Country Club (private): 14
Rio Secco, Henderson: 13
Wolf Creek, Mesquite: 13
The Falls, Lake Las Vegas: 11
Southern Highlands, Las Vegas (private): 11
Cascata, Boulder City (private): 10
Red Hawk, Sparks: 10
Dayton Valley: 9

Incline Championship, Lake Tahoe: 9
Lakes Course/Primm Valley: 9
TPC Canyons, Las Vegas: 9
Royal Links, Las Vegas: 7
Whitehawk, Gracagle: 7 (1)
Coyote Moon, Truckee: 6
D'Andrea, Sparks: 6

Hidden Valley, Reno (private): 6
LakeRidge, Reno: 6
Thunder Canyon, Washoe Valley (private): 6
Anthem, Henderson (private): 5
Bali Hai, Las Vegas: 5
Sierra Nevada, Genoa: 5
Spanish Trail, Las Vegas (private): 5



Reflection Bay at Lake Las Vegas Resort.

M-Th, \$99 F-S. Club rentals (Callaways) \$35. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Golf Digest School of Instruction. Soft spikes.
Southern Highlands Golf Club—A cohort of the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational in October. When the private course opened in 2000, one of the first guests to play it was President Bill Clinton. Architects: Robert Trent Jones and Robert Trent Jones Jr. Private, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Head Pro Jay Beckman. 3140 S. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146. Call 702-263-1000. Back tees: 7,440 yards, par 72. Members and guests only. Soft spikes.
Spanish Trail Country Club—Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., this private course has fast greens, undulating fairways, and lakes. Play on the club's three nine-hole sections rotates daily. Private course, 27 holes, estab. 1984. Manager Jesse Thorpe, Head Pro Warren Webster. 5050 Spanish Trail Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89113. Call 702-364-0357. Back tees: Longest 18-hole combination (Canyon-Lakes) is 7,107 yards, par 72. Private membership; guests of members pay \$100. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.
Stallion Mountain Country Club/Secretariat—The private course may be played by Las Vegas hotel guests and through Walters Golf. Secretariat is the survivor of the three original Stallion Mountain courses; the other two, Citation and Man O' War, were closed for development in spring 2004. Long, narrow design puts water on 10

holes. Architects: Jim Colbert and Jeff Brauer. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf Bill Metcalfe. 5500 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89122. Call 888-397-2499 or 702-450-8000, fax 702-450-8168, www.waltersgolf.com. Back tees: 7,223 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Call for current rates, which vary approx. \$125-\$175 in spring and fall, \$85-\$105 in summer. Winter rates. Club rentals \$50. Soft spikes.
Sunrise Vista Golf Course—Located on Nellis Air Force Base, the long, flat, 36-hole course has four artificial lakes. For use by active-duty and retired military personnel and Dept. of Defense civilian employees. Other civilians must be escorted. Margaritaville Mexican restaurant. Architect: Halsey Design Group. Military course, 36 holes, estab. 1972 (first nine in 1967). Head Pro Pete Pidlypchak. 2841 Kinley Dr., Nellis AFB, NV 89191. Call 702-652-2602, ext. 10, fax 702-652-8572. Back tees: Longest combination is 7,051 yards, par 72. Green fees: Guests \$40 to walk. Military, depending on grade, \$12-\$20 to walk. Juniors \$10. Carts \$10 per person. Club rentals \$5-\$15. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.
Tournament Players Club at Summerlin—Owned by the PGA Tour and built to accommodate spectators, the private TPC stadium course hosts the PGA's Las Vegas Invitational in October. Home of Tiger Woods' first PGA

victory. Named one of America's 100 Best Modern Courses by *Golf Week* and one of top 10 courses in Nevada by *Golf Digest*. Named one of America's 100 Best Golf Shops by *Golf World Business*. Architect: Bobby Weed with player consultant Fuzzy Zoeller. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. PGA Tour, GM Chuck Bombard, Head Pro Jason Edmiston. 1700 Village Center Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Call 702-256-0111, www.tpc.com. Back tees: 7,243 yards, par 72. Members and guests only. Club rentals. Soft spikes.

Tournament Players Club at The Canyons—Cohost of the PGA Tour's Las Vegas Invitational, this high-end daily-fee course was built using desert canyons. Named one of 100 Best Golf Shops for 2003 by *Golf World Business*. Home to local PGA Tour players such as Bob May, Jeff Gallagher, John Riegger, Chris Riley, and Dean Wilson. Course record is shared by Steve Jones, John Daly, Lee Janzen, Joel Edwards, Craig Barlow, and Dan Forsman—they shot 62. Course received *Golf Digest* four-star rating in 1997-2003. TPC Canyons' Dan Hammell and Mike Messner were named Top 10 Instructors in Nevada by *Golf Digest*. Recertified as an Audubon course. Architect: Bobby Weed with player consultant Raymond Floyd. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. PGA Tour, GM Dan Hammell, Head Pro Brian Esposito. 9851 Canyon Run Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89144. For details call 702-256-2000, www.tpc.com. Back tees: 7,063 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$195 M-Th, \$250 F-S. Rates vary in June-Aug. Summer twilight rates. AE, DC, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

LAUGHLIN

Emerald River Country Club—Challenging target course has five holes on the Colorado River south of Laughlin's hotel-casinos. Narrow fairways—once you get out of play, you're in the desert or in the river. Architects: Ault and Clark. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1990. American Golf, GM and Head Pro John Duckett. 1155 W. Casino Dr., Box 32220, Laughlin, NV 89029. Call 702-298-0061. Back tees: 6,572 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$76 M-Th, \$85 F-S, seniors \$66 M-Th, \$71 F-S. Club rentals \$20. Hotel packages with Laughlin casinos. AE, MC, Visa. Spikes permitted.

Mojave Resort Golf Club—Links-style course near the Avi Casino on the Mojave Indian Reservation, 15 miles south of Laughlin casinos, was named a four-star course by *Golf Digest*. Mojave haswater on nine holes, wide fairways, and big, undulating greens. The course has one of the few women head pros in Nevada. Architects: PGA West/Brian Curley and Grant Hesperot. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1997. GM Chris Stewart, Head Pro Keri Stewart. 9905 Alia Macav Pkwy., Laughlin, NV 89029. Call 702-535-4653, fax 702-535-4650, www.mojaveresortgolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,939 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS and practice range: Rates vary by season. Discounts for guests of Laughlin hotels. Twilight and senior rates. Winter rates. Club rentals \$25. Major credit cards. Soft spikes.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca Golf Club—Course includes both desert and wetland environments. Designer Cal Olson is a disciple of Dr. Allister MacKensie, who designed Cypress Point and Augusta National. Member of the Audubon Society Environmental Sanctuary Program. Hosts the Nevada Open. Also a host of the Mesquite Amateur on May 23-27, 2004; see www.mesquiteamateur.com. Course will be closed for overseeding Aug. 30 to Sept. 17, 2004. Golf packages with Mesquite hotel-casinos. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Director of Golf Bob Ault, Head Pro Chris Orchard. 1100 W. Hafen Ln., Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 800-459-7529 or 888-711-GOLF, fax 702-346-6945, www.golffmesquitenevada.com. Back tees: 7,036 yards,

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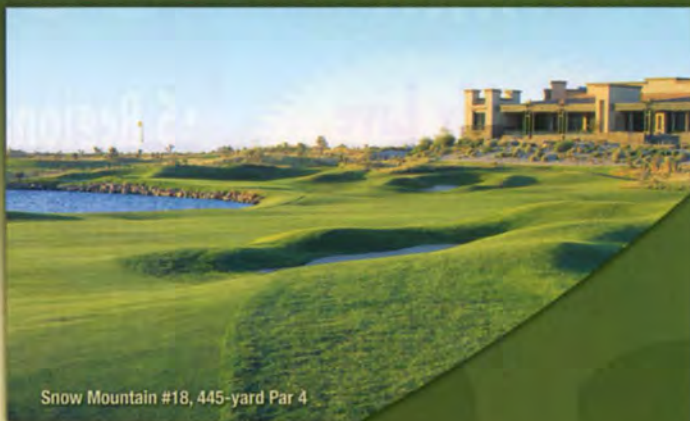
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Falcon Ridge Golf Course—Falcon Ridge's front nine opened in Feb. 2004, with the back nine and clubhouse scheduled to open in Oct. 2004. The scenic course is built with elevated tee boxes in the canyons of north Mesquite. Designer: Kelby Hughes. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 2004. Director of Golf Brian Wursten. 345 Calais Dr., Mesquite, NV 89024. Call 877-270-4653 or 702-346-6363. Back tees: 3,011 yards, par 36 on front nine. Eventually par 71. Green fees include cart: \$45 for 9 holes. Club rentals \$7.50. Summer rates. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Oasis Golf Club—Oasis was named one of Top 10 You Can Play by *Golf Magazine* in 1996 and earned *Golf Digest's* four stars in 2002. Located in a small canyon in the foothills of the Virgin Mountains, this desert course has moderate water and lots of elevated tees. Home of the Nevada Open. Golf packages with Mesquite hotel-casinos. Architects: Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1995. Director of Golf Randy Tickner, Head Pro Scott Ballif. 100 Palmer Ln., Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 888-367-3386 or 702-346-7820. www.golmesquitenevada.com. Back tees: 6,982 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$130 M-Th, \$140 F-S. Ask about summer rates. Club rentals \$35. **Vistas Course:** 9 holes, estab. 1995. Tees: 3,524 yards, par 37. Green fees: \$45. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Palms Golf Club—Each fall some of the game's biggest hitters grip it and rip it when the Palms hosts the Re/Max World Long Drive Championship. The 2004 event takes place Oct. 19-23. Front nine has desert land-



Wolf Run Golf Club in Southwest Reno is the University of Nevada's championship layout.

scaping and 27 acres of water. The back nine is hilly. Golf packages with Mesquite hotel-casinos. Architect: William Hull. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1989. Director of Golf Bob Ault, Head Pro Ken Turner. 711 Palms Blvd., Box 969, Mesquite, NV 89024. Call 888-711-4653, 702-346-5232, fax 928-347-5356, www.golmesquitenevada.com. Back tees: 6,814 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Call for rates and packages. Affiliated with Oasis Resort. Hotel packages are available. AE, Disc., MC, Visa.

Wolf Creek Golf Club—Desert course was named one of America's best golf courses in 2001 and 2002 by *Golf Digest* and ranked No. 48 in *Golf Magazine's* Top 100 You Can Play in 2002. Set amid dramatic sandstone canyon cliffs. Dress code is enforced: shirts with collars, no denim. Irons-only driving range. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Owners Cory Clemetson and Chad Clemetson, GM Joel L. Villanos. 401 Paradise Pkwy., Mesquite, NV 89027. Call 702-346-1670, fax 702-34-9094, www.golf

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wolfcreek.com. Back tees: 7,018 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range: \$75-\$175 depending on season. Club rentals \$40. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Aliante Golf Club—Aliante, part of a Del Webb community, opened in Dec. 2003. With rolling terrain next to the Sheep Range in the north corner of the valley, the course has views of the city and the mountains. Architect: Gary Panks. Public tournament course, 18 holes, estab. 2003. Del Webb Corp., OB Sports Golf Management, Director of Operations Andy Deiro, Head Pro Gary Ault, 3100 E. Elkhorn, North Las Vegas, NV 89084. Call 702-399-4888, www.aliantegolf.com. Back tees: 7,022 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$100 M-Th, \$110 F-S, twilight \$60 and \$65. Summer rates June 1-Sept. 14: \$55 M-Th, \$65 F-S, twilight \$50 and \$55. Club rentals (Callaway X-16s) \$50. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Craig Ranch Golf Course—Craig Ranch is one of the most-played courses in Nevada, with 90,000 to 100,000 rounds a year, and doesn't charge a nonresident fee. (Golfers showing an out-of-state ID get a free lunch.) Short, narrow course has 7,000 trees, two lakes, small sloping greens, and no sand bunkers. Lots of wildlife—owls, coyotes, roadrunners, hawks. Architect: J.C. Stimson, the original owner. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1963. Managers Eddie Schmitz and Tim Schmidt, Head Pro Tom Carlson, 628 W. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas, NV 89032. Call 702-642-9700, fax 702-642-8437. Back tees: 6,032 yards, par 70. Green fees: \$19 to walk, \$30 to ride. Club rentals \$12. MC, Visa. Tom Carlson Junior Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

North Las Vegas Golf Course—This 14-acre, par-3 course was the first course in the state lighted for night play. Good city views. Host course for Nevada Senior Olympics' par-3 event. A new clubhouse is planned for 2004. City course, 9 holes, estab. 1971. Manager Mike Buttell, Head Pro Henry Sandler, 324 E. Brooks, North

Golf Groups

Nevada's golf associations are active in organizing amateur events and junior programs as well as course ratings. For more information contact the **Northern Nevada Golf Association**, Box 5630, Sparks, NV 89432 (775-673-4653 or www.nnga.org) or the **Southern Nevada Golf Association**, 3590 E. Patrick Lane, Suite C, Las Vegas, NV 89120 (702-458-4653 or www.snga.org).

Las Vegas, NV 89036-4086. Call 702-633-1833, fax 702-633-1902. Tees: 1,128 yards, par 27. Green fees: \$7.50 weekdays (seniors \$6.50, students \$5), \$9 weekends. Night golf: \$9 weekdays, \$10 weekends. Club rentals \$10 with pull cart. No credit cards. Soft spikes.

Shadow Creek—Owned by MGM-Mirage, this lush course has what amounts to the highest green fee in the state. To play one must be an overnight guest of the Mirage, Bellagio, Treasure Island, MGM Grand, or New York-New York—and must arrive by limo from the hotel. Built by resort magnate Steve Wynn, the course has more than 20,000 trees and wildlife such as ringneck pheasants, swans, and other waterfowl. Caddies carry range finders; there are no tee signs or yardage books. Hosts annual charity tournament for cancer research. Architects: Tom Fazio and Steve Wynn. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1989. GM Mark Brennehan, Director of Golf Monte Montgomery, 3 Shadow Creek Dr., North Las Vegas, NV 89031. Call 702-791-7111, 888-778-3387 for tee times, fax 702-692-8193. Back tees: 7,239 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$500 for overnight guests of the Mirage, Bellagio, Treasure Island, MGM Grand, and

New York-New York. Besides lodging at Mirage properties, fees include limo to and from the course, cart, and caddie service. Guests must be staying at the hotel to play Shadow Creek. Soft spikes.

PAHRUMP

Desert Greens—Informal nine-acre, par-3 course is part of a manufactured-home community in Pahrump. Holes are 70 to 105 yards, and course has sand bunkers and water. Public, 9 holes, estab. 2001. Manager Jon Beesley, 350 W. Wilson Rd., Pahrump, NV 89048. Call 775-751-1999, fax 775-751-1901. Tees: 776 yards, par 27. Each tee has two boxes. Green fees: \$15. Pull carts \$1. Players can bring their own electric or gas carts. No credit cards. Soft spikes.

Mountain Falls Golf Club—New course designed by Cal Olson has lush, rolling fairways, many bunkers, and undulating greens. Special features include double greens on each side. First nine opened in 2002, the second nine a year later. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 2002. Head Pro Neil Pierce, 5001 Fox Ave., Pahrump, NV 89061. Call 775-537-6553, fax 775-537-6566. Back tees: 7,236 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$45 M-F and \$55 S-S.



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Willow Creek Golf Course—This championship course, 65 miles west of Las Vegas, is a long layout built on a former alfalfa field and has large greens, 17 bunkers, and water on 13 holes. Architect: William Bell. Semi-private, privately owned, 18 holes, estab. 1980. GM Frank Cox. 1500 Red Butte Dr., Pahrump, NV 89048. Call 877-779-4653 or 775-727-4653, fax 775-727-7759. Back tees: 7,025 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: \$30 M-Th, \$40 F-S. Twilight \$20 and \$25. Club rentals \$20. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

PRIMM

Primm Valley Golf Club—The I-15 border town of Primm has two resort courses designed by Tom Fazio. In a 1998 article on the Primm Valley courses, *Golf Magazine* noted, "It's difficult to imagine that nearly \$45 million worth of golf has been built on what was once a dry lake bed in the middle of nowhere." *Golf Digest* gave Primm Valley four and a half stars. *Golf's Top 100 You Can Play* ranked the Lakes 51st and the Desert 93rd in 2000. MGM-Mirage, Primm Valley Resorts Corp., Director of Golf Mark Yelenich, Head Pro Howard Robbins, Teaching Pro Scott Miller. 31900 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Primm, NV 89019. Call 800-386-7867 or 702-679-5510. www.primmvalleyresorts.com. **Lakes Course:** Layout has lakes and streams, wide fairways, and mature pine trees. 18 holes, estab. 1997. Back tees: 6,945 yards, par 71. **Desert Course:** Landscaped to blend with the surrounding cacti, desert shrubs, and grasses. 18 holes, estab. 1998. Back tees: 7,131 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range balls: Call for details. May 3-June 6: \$125 M-Th, \$150 F-S. Summer rates June 15-late Sept. Club rentals \$50. Shoe rentals \$10. Special rates for guests of MGM-Mirage and Primm's Buffalo Bills, Whiskey Petes, and Primm Valley casinos. Major credit cards are accepted. Primm Valley Golf Academy. Home of ESPN Golf Schools. Soft spikes.

Reno/Tahoe Area

CARSON CITY

Eagle Valley Golf Course—Two public courses offer different challenges—one wide-open, the other links style. Eagle Valley was a *Nevada Appeal* readers' choice in 2003. Carson City Municipal Golf Corp., GM Thomas Evert, Head Pro Josh Fitzgerald. 3999 Centennial Park Dr., Carson City, NV 89706. For information call 775-887-2380, www.eaglevalleygolf.com. **East Course:** The East was a national trendsetter in 1976 when it opened using reclaimed effluent for irrigation. The East is fairly wide-open, good for the beginner-to-intermediate golfer. *Golf Digest* three stars. Architect: Arthur Jack Snyder. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1976. Back tees: 6,658 yards, par 72. Green fees: Summer rates, A.M.: Walking \$20, riding \$30. P.M.: Walking \$15, riding \$25. Juniors \$5 after noon. Winter rates: Walking \$15, riding \$25. Club rentals \$15. **West Course:** The West is a links-style course with water hazards and elevation changes that often require forced carries—not for the faint of heart or high handicapper. *Golf Digest* three and a half stars. A pair of golden eagles nest on the mountain nearby. Architect: Homer Flynt. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1987. Back tees: 6,885 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Summer rates: \$35 morning, \$30 noon-3 p.m., \$20 twilight. Winter \$25. Club rentals \$15. MC, Visa. Learning Center at Eagle Valley Golf. Soft spikes.

Empire Ranch Golf Course—The 27-hole layout weaves through 220 acres next to the Carson River and features more than 50 acres of ponds and wetlands. *Golf Digest* three-star rating. Golfers play combinations of the three nines. Architect: Cary Bickler. Public, 27 holes, estab. 1997. GM and Head Pro Jeff Sparks. 1875 Fair Way, Carson City, NV 89701. Call 888-227-1335 or 775-885-2100, fax 775-885-2199, www.empireranchgolf.com. Back

tees: Longest combination (Comstock-River) is 6,840 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$40 M-F, \$45 S-S. Senior specials. Seasonal rates. Club rentals \$20. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Silver Oak Golf Club—Course at north end of Carson City in Silver Oak development has elevated tees, approaches over water, and a dramatically hilly front nine. Named No. 1 course in the state for juniors by *The Straight Ball Guide for Nevada*. Clubhouse scheduled to be finished in summer 2004. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1998. GM Bob Mejias, Head Pro Robert C. Mason. 1251 Country Club Dr., Carson City NV 89703. Call 775-841-7000, fax 775-841-7049. Back tees: 6,504 yards, par 71 for men, par 72 for women. Green fees include cart: Summer \$50, after 3 p.m. \$25. Winter \$40. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Golf Course—The scenic course on Gardnerville's south end winds through tall cottonwood trees planted over a century ago near the Carson River. A Basque restaurant is nearby. Architect: Red Swift. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1963. Owners Tom Brooks and Manya Brooks, Head Pro Alan Hoover. 1027 Riverview Dr., Gardnerville, NV 89460. Call 775-265-3181, fax 775-265-3190, www.carsonvalleygolf.com. Back tees: 6,020 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$25 M-Th, \$31 F-S. Carts (optional) \$11 per person. Club rentals \$15. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Genoa Lakes Golf Club—Designed by John Harbottle III and PGA player Peter Jacobsen, this long, undulating layout at the base of the Sierra is an annual site of local U.S. Open qualifying. Three holes have been re-designed for 2004. *Golf Digest* named Genoa Lakes the fourth Best New Public Course in the U.S. in 1994. Dress code: no denim. Course has the fine-dining Italian restaurant Antoci's. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1993. Owners Mario and Diane Antoci, Director of Golf Lou

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Eiguren, Head Pro Chris Holmes, Jacks Valley Rd., Box 350, Genoa, NV 89411. Call 775-782-4653 or 775-588-GOLF, fax 775-783-8053, www.genoalakes.com. Back tees: 7,357 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS: May 1-28: \$75 M-Th, \$95 F-S. Twilight \$55 and \$70. Summer rates May 29-Oct. 3: \$95 M-Th, \$110 F-S. Twilight \$65 and \$75. Oct. 4-spring: \$60-\$70 and under. Winter rates are available. Club rentals \$40. AE, Disc., MC, Visa are accepted. Soft spikes.

Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch—Sierra Nevada, built on a former cattle ranch north of Genoa, winds along the Sierra foothills with views of Carson Valley and forested mountains. The scenic course with large greens and undulating fairways was designed by John Harbottle III and U.S. Open winner Johnny Miller. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Troon Golf, GM Bob Hickam, Head Pro Matt Ochs. 2901 Jacks Valley Rd., Box 316, Genoa, NV 89411. Call 775-782-7700, 888-452-4653, fax 775-782-

0252, www.sierranevadagolf.com. Back tees: 7,358 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and range: \$50-\$95 peak-season rate. Twilight and off-season rates. Club rentals. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Sunridge Golf Club—Championship course at the north end of Carson Valley has multiple sets of tees and incorporates hilly topography and natural wetlands. Five to nine sets of tees on each hole. Architect: Bill Wellman. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1998. Owner Bill Wellman, Head Pro Keith Stoll. 1000 Long Drive, Carson City, NV 89705. Located two miles south of downtown Carson City. Call 775-267-4448, fax 775-267-5173, www.sunridgegolfclub.com. Back tees: 6,904 yards, par 72. Green fees include carts: \$55 M-Th, \$75 F-S and holidays. Twilight and off-season rates. Club rentals \$40. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

DAYTON

Dayton Valley Golf Club—Designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay, Dayton Valley received a four-star rating from *Golf Digest* and was named Best Course in Rural Nevada in 2003 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll. Ten miles east of Carson City, Dayton has been a Stage I PGA Tour qualifying site since 1995—longest such run in nation. The 2004 qualifier is Oct. 17-22. A new clubhouse is planned in 2004. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1991. Director of Golf Jim Kepler, Head Pro Rick Vaughan. 51 Palmer Dr., Dayton, NV 89403. Call 775-246-7888, fax 775-246-7894, www.daytonvalley.com. Back tees: 7,218 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Summer \$75 M-Th, \$95 F-S. Twilight rates. Off-season rates. Club rentals \$25. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

FERNLEY

The Golf Club at Fernley—Course has more than 20 lakes, rolling topography, and bent-grass greens 30 miles east of Reno via Interstate 80. Memorable holes include No. 9 (Smokin' Gun), a 617-yard par 5. Architect: Don Mackey, Bob Bingham Construction. Public, 18 holes,

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WASHOE VALLEY

Thunder Canyon—Private championship course has 11 lakes, two streams, pines, deciduous trees, and wildlife. The front nine is in the meadows, and the back nine is in the pines and Sierra, offering a scenic progression. Restaurant is open to the public. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1994. Owners Roger and Gayle Block, GM Mike Roby, Director of Golf Greg Raleigh, Head Pro E.J. Pfister. 19 Lightning W Ranch Rd., Washoe Valley, NV 89704. Call 775-882-0882, 775-884-4597 golf shop, fax 775-882-2388, www.thundercanyoncc.com. Back tees: 7,166 yards, par 72. Reciprocal play for members and guests of other private clubs outside a 50-mile radius. Memberships available. Thunder Canyon Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

RENO/SPARKS

ArrowCreek Country Club—ArrowCreek has two private courses, one of which (The Legend) is available for group bookings, at 5,300 feet in Southwest Reno. Both of the courses have mountain views, mild undulations, and intricate bunkering. Hosted Nevada Mid-Am Championship. Strict dress code: shirts with collars, no denim. GM Shawn Ygnatowicz, Director of Golf Martin Chuck. 2905 ArrowCreek Pkwy., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-850-4471, 775-850-4453 membership, fax 775-850-4628, www.arrowcreek.com. **The Legend:** Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay designed this traditional layout, which is available for outside tournaments of 12 players or more on Mon.-Thurs. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Back tees: 7,115 yards, par 72. For information call tournament coordinator Jeremy Budge, 775-850-4653. **The Challenge:** A private course that resembles Scottish links, the Challenge was designed by Fuzzy Zoeller and John Harbottle III. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1999. Back tees: 7,425 yards, par 72. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Brookside Golf Course—A flat, open course with water and sand bunkers on several holes. Originally designed and owned by a group of Reno doctors, Brookside was an 18-holer but lost nine holes and a driving range to Reno airport expansion. Course record is 27. City course, 9 holes, estab. 1956. City of Reno, Manager Perry Hayden. 700 S. Rock Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-856-6009. Tees: 3,018 yards, par 35. Green fees vary by season: Nine holes \$10, seniors \$9, juniors \$8. Add \$7 for 18. Club rentals \$8. No credit cards.

D'Andrea Golf Club—D'Andrea meanders through foothills and desert canyons east of Reno. Past host of the Nevada State Amateur, this is one of Reno/Sparks' better-rated newer courses. Scenic back nine has good views of the Reno skyline. Architect: Keith Foster. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Troon Golf, GM Ryan Wilson, Head Pro Michael Jory. 2351 N. D'Andrea Pkwy., Sparks, NV 89434. Call 775-331-6363, 775-626-8890 membership, fax 775-331-6739, www.dandreaclub.com. Back tees: 6,849 yards, par 71. Green fees vary seasonally: \$35-\$100. Club rentals \$50. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Hidden Valley Country Club—Recently remodeled private course has a long, open layout with lots of bunkers and fast sloping greens. Honorary members include LPGA Hall of Famer Patty Sheehan and PGA Tour player Scott McCarron. Architect: Billy Bell Jr.; redesign by Dick Bailey. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1958. GM and Director of Golf Mike Mazzaferri, Head Pro Tom Dawson. 3575 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-857-4742, fax 775-857-1198. Back tees: 7,302 yards, par 72. Guests and members of other private courses outside 100-mile radius may play if prior arrangements have been made; green fee \$100. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

LakeRidge Golf Course—This Southwest Reno course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, has large greens with numerous bunkers. On LakeRidge's famous 15th hole, an island green is reached from a hillside tee 140 feet above the lake. Jan Usher was named one of Top 50 Instructors by *Golf for Women*. Pro shop was named one of the top 100 in U.S. by *Pro Shop Magazine*. Celebrity golfers include George Bush (the elder), Hall and Oates, Brooks and Dunn, and Bo Jackson. The 19th Hole Restaurant overlooks the course. Daily fee, 18 holes, estab. 1969. Owner Stan Jaksick, Head Pro Gary Brafford, Director of Instruction Jan Usher. 1218 Golf Club Dr., Reno, NV 89509. Call 800-815-6966 or 775-825-2200, fax 775-825-6792, www.lakeridgegolf.com. Back tees: 6,715 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: Summer rates \$80 M-Th, \$95 F-S, rates lower after 2 p.m. Winter rates about \$35 less. Club rentals \$30. AE, MC, Visa accepted.

Montreux Golf and Country Club—Private course with 16 holes in the pines was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is host of the Reno-Tahoe Open each August. Ranked No. 2 in the state by *Golf Digest* and No. 1 by *The Straight Ball Guide to Nevada*. Hosting State Amateur Match Play for third time in 2004. Montreux members include PGA touring pro Scott McCarron and LPGA touring pro Annika Sorenstam. Private, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Owner Stan Jaksick, Director of Golf Gus Jones. 18077 Bordeaux Dr., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-849-9496, fax 775-849-7711, www.montreuxgolf.com. Back tees: 7,472 yards, par 72. Private course; membership is \$100,000. Major credit cards. Soft spikes.

Northgate Golf Club—Scottish links-style desert course has generous, undulating fairways and greens surrounded by sand and grass bunkers. First course in Nevada to host U.S. Open qualifying. Operated by the Reno/Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. Architects: Benz and Poellot. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1988. GM Joe Kelley, Head Pro Eric Huzarski. 1111 Clubhouse Dr., Reno, NV 89523. Call 775-747-7577, fax 775-747-8510. Back tees: 6,966 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Summer rates Mon.-Thurs.: \$40 before 11 a.m., \$30 twilight 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and \$20 super-twilight 2:30 p.m.-on. Fri.-Sun.: Rates are \$6 higher. Winter rates. Club rentals. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes are preferred.

The Resort at Red Hawk—The Red Hawk golf complex in Wingfield Springs, seven miles north of I-80 in Sparks, has two courses—the daily-fee Lakes Course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and the private Hills Course designed by Hale Irwin. Red Hawk was the 19th facility in the world to be an Audubon Signature Cooperative Sanctuary. Named Best Course in Northern Nevada in 2003 *Nevada Magazine* readers' poll and Best of Reno/Sparks/Tahoe by the *Reno Gazette-Journal* in 2003. Home of PGA Tour player Rich Barcelo. Host of Tom Flores Reno Celebrity Classic on June 27-28, 2004. Recently opened golf villas. Food and drink at David's at Red Hawk and the Steakhouse at Red Hawk. Director of Golf Michael J. Sizemore, Head Pro Greg Enholm. 6600 N. Wingfield Parkway, Sparks, NV 89436. For details call 888-874-3777 or 775-626-6000, fax 775-626-4747, www.theresortatredhawk.com. **Lakes Course:** The daily-fee layout capitalizes on views of the Sierra as it meanders through lakes and wetlands, 18 holes, estab. 1997. Back tees: 7,127 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS: May-Oct.: \$85 M-Th, \$95 F-S and holidays; Nov.-April: \$50 M-Th, \$60 F-S and holidays. **Hills Course:** Private, 18 holes, estab. 2001. Back tees: 7,106 yards, par 71. Members' guests and resort guests only. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Rosewood Lakes Golf Course—Links-style course has 60 acres of federally protected wetlands. The peaceful setting includes many birds—cranes, geese, mallards, sandpipers, barn owls, and red-tailed hawks. Rosewood Lakes hosts the annual Reno/Sparks City Championship. Architect: Brad Benz. City course, 18 holes, estab. 1991.

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Golf Manager Al Rogers, Head Pro Bob Forse. 6800 Pembroke Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Call 775-857-2892, fax 775-857-4488, www.rosewoodlakes.com. Back tees: 6,693 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$30, seniors \$25, juniors \$20, twilight \$20. Off-season rates. Carts \$20. Club rentals \$16. MC, Visa.

Sierra Sage Golf Course—The front nine of the course in Stead, 10 miles north of downtown Reno, was built by the U.S. Air Force. More trees have been added in recent years to the links-style course, where sagebrush lines generous rolling fairways. John Daly played here. Special Olympics on Sat. during summer. County course, 18 holes, estab. 1958. Washoe County, Director of Golf Mike Mitchell, Head Pro Dennis Oliver. 6355 Silver Lake Blvd., Stead, NV 89506. Call 775-972-1564, fax 775-972-3200. Back tees: 6,605 yards, par 71. Green fees: Summer (April 1-Oct. 1): Nonresidents \$33, Washoe County residents \$27 M-Th. Resident seniors and juniors \$22.50. There's a \$3 surcharge S-S and holidays. Twilight after 2 p.m. \$20. Winter rates. Club rentals \$12. Cart rentals \$24. \$2 per person advance reservation fee. No credit cards. Soft spikes.

Washoe County Golf Course—Ben Hogan won the Reno

Open here a half a century ago. The front nine is flat and the back nine is hilly on Reno's oldest course, where trees line the fairways and sand bunkers crowd small greens. *Golf Digest* three stars in 1999-2000. Built by W.P.A. County course, 18 holes, estab. 1936. Washoe County, Director of Golf Barney Bell, Head Pro Darin Menante. 2601 S. Arlington Ave., Reno, NV 89509. Call 775-828-6640, fax 775-825-8625. Back tees: 6,695 yards, par 72. Green fees: Summer (April 1 to Oct. 31): Nonresidents \$33, Washoe County residents \$27 M-F. Seniors and juniors \$22.50. There's a \$3 surcharge S-S and holidays. Twilight rate \$22. Nine-hole sunset rate: \$20 before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Winter rates. Club rentals \$15. Carts: \$12 per rider. \$2 per person starting-time fee April-Oct. MC, Visa. Washoe County Junior Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

Wildcreek Golf Course—Wildcreek has both a championship course and an executive layout. Hilly with lots of water, bunkers, and trees, the Championship Course hosted the Gatlin Brothers Senior PGA Tour event in 1982-84. Wildcreek also hosted U.S. Public Links qualifying several times and the 2002 Northern Nevada Amateur. Operated by the Reno-Sparks Convention and

Visitors Authority. Architects: Benz and Phelps. GM Joe Kelley, Head Pro Eric Huzarski. 3500 Sullivan Ln., Sparks, NV 89431. Call 775-673-3100, 775-673-1181. **Championship Course:** Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1978. Back tees: 6,993 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: Summer rates Mon.-Thurs.: \$50 before 11 a.m., \$40 twilight 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and \$30 supertwilight 2:30 p.m.-on. Fri.-Sun.: Rates are \$9 higher. Winter rates. Tournament fee: \$55 M-Th, \$69 F-S. Club rentals \$20-\$35. **Executive Course:** Challenging par-3 course has rolling hills and lots of water. Resort course, 9-hole executive, estab. 1978. Back tees: 2,840 yards, par 27. Green fees: Adults \$15, juniors \$12, replay \$5. Senior rates. Carts \$6 per person per 9 holes. Club rentals \$12. AE, MC, Visa. Metal spikes OK.

Wolf Run Golf Club—Home of the Wolf Pack men's and women's golf teams, the University of Nevada course in Southwest Reno has views of the Sierra, downtown, and surrounding foothills. The "Wolfpaw" 19th hole is designed to settle any match. Architects: John Fleming and Lou Eiguren. Semi-private, 18 holes, estab. 1998. GM Tom Duncan, Head Pro Nate Kelley. 1400 Wolf Run Rd., Reno, NV 89511. Call 775-851-3301, fax 775-851-4403, www.wolfrungolfclub.com. Back tees: 7,016 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: May 14-Oct. 18: \$60 M-Th, \$70 F-S. Twilight after 2 p.m. Winter rates. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Wolf Run Golf Academy. Soft spikes.

LAKE TAHOE, NORTH

The Golf Courses at Incline Village—The Incline Championship Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones, will reopen in spring 2005 following an \$11-million refurbishing. The Chateau clubhouse also is being rebuilt. Resort courses. Superintendent of Golf Operations John Nosek, Head Pro Brian Eilders. **Championship Course:** Reopens in spring 2005. 18 holes, estab. 1964. 955 Fairway Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451. Call 866-925-GOLF, fax 775-832-1141, www.golfonline.com. **Mountain Course:** Executive course, laid out among the tall pines by Robert Trent Jones Jr., has 14 par 3s (100 to 220 yards), four par 4s, and streams on 12 holes. 18-hole executive, open May-Oct., estab. 1969. 690 Wilson Way, Incline Village, NV 89451. Call 866-925-GOLF or 775-832-1150, www.golfonline.com. Tees: 3,513 yards, par 58. Green fees include cart: Nonresidents \$60. Club rentals \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes preferred.

Northstar-at-Tahoe Golf Course—Northstar's front nine has narrow, tree-lined fairways and contoured greens while the back nine is open with heavily contoured greens. Course is a Cooperative Audubon Sanctuary. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1973. Head Pro Jeff Richter. Basque Dr. at Northstar, Box 129, Truckee, CA 96160. Call 530-562-2490 or 800-GO-NORTH, www.northstaratahое.com. Back tees: 6,897 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart and vary seasonally: Summer \$55-\$105, spring and fall \$55-\$85; call for current rates. Club rentals \$42. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Old Brockway Golf Course—Located across the street from Lake Tahoe, Old Brockway has rolling hills, tall pines, and a creek. As part of the course's 80th anniversary, the Dunn Cup Golf Tourney will be held here this fall. Celebrity golfers include Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joe Kennedy, and Dwight Eisenhower. Architect: John Duncan Dunn. Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1924. Owner Lane Lewis, Head Pro Garrett Good. 7900 N. Lake Blvd., Kings Beach, CA 95719. Call 530-546-9909. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 6,900 yards, par 72. Green fees: Spring and fall \$50, summer \$65. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Spikes allowed.

Resort at Squaw Creek—Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed this traditional course set in Squaw Valley. Front nine is mountainous, back nine links-style. Recognized by the National Audubon Society. Dress code requires collared shirts. Hotel golf packages available. Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-May-Oct., estab. 1991. Head Pro Eric

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Tahoe City Golf Course—Nine-hole course has four par 4s, four par 3s, and one par 5. Challenging greens overlook the lake. Architect: May Webb Dunn; since modified. Public, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1917. GM Bob Bonino, Head Pro Mark Landry. 251 N. Lake Blvd., Box 226, Tahoe City, CA 96145. Call 530-583-1516. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 5,261 yards, par 66. Green fees in the \$50 range in summer, \$40 in off season. Soft spikes preferred.

LAKE TAHOE, SOUTH

Bijou Golf Course—South Shore's oldest course has an alpine meadow setting framed by Heavenly Ski Area and Freel Peak. Designed by Johnson family and friends; re-designed by Virgil Gilcrease. City course, 9 holes, open April-Oct., estab. 1920. Superintendent Stan Bobman. 3464 Fairway and Johnson Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA. Call 530-542-6097, fax 530-542-2981, www.recreationintahoe.com. Tees: 2,002 yards, par 32. Green fees: Nonresidents \$18 for 9 holes, residents \$15. Twilight after 3 p.m. \$15 and \$12. Seniors discount Wed. morning. Hand carts only, \$3. Club rentals \$8.50. MC, Visa. Metal spikes allowed.

Edgewood Tahoe—One of *Golf Digest's* top 25 public golf courses in the U.S., Edgewood Tahoe is located near the Stateline hotel-casinos on Lake Tahoe's south shore. Edgewood has hosted national tournaments, including the U.S. Public Links in 1980 and the U.S. Seniors Open in 1985, and is the annual host of the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship (July 13-18, 2004). Also hosts the Joe Montana Celebrity Tournament (Sept. 13, 2004). Famous players include Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods, and Phil Mickelson. Architects: George Fazio/Tom Fazio. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1968. Owner Park Cattle Co., Head Pro Randy Fox. Box 5400, Stateline, NV 89449. For details call 888-881-8659 or 775-588-3566, fax 775-588-8049, www.edgewood-tahoe.com. Back tees: 7,491 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$150 May 5-31, \$200 June 1-Oct. 9. Walking OK (same fee). Club rentals \$40. Caddies available. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Glenbrook Club—A wooded older layout, Nevada's first golf course went private in 1998. When Ben Hogan played an exhibition here in 1948, a ticket cost \$1.50. Private, 9 holes, estab. c. 1926. GM and Director of Golf Lane Christiansen. 2070 Pray Meadow Rd., Glenbrook, NV 89413. Call 775-749-5201, fax 775-882-5428. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 5,610 yards, par 71. Private membership in gated community. Soft spikes.

Lake Tahoe Golf Course—Scenic course off U.S. 50, located in an alpine meadow surrounded by tall Sierra peaks, has been certified as an Audubon sanctuary. Upper Truckee River and man-made lakes come into play on all but two holes. Course terrain is flat to rolling. Architect: William Bell. Resort course, 18 holes, open April-Oct., estab. c. 1962. American Golf, GM David Hershey, Nike Teaching Pro John Dorney. U.S. 50 West (1 mile west of airport), 2500 Emerald Bay Rd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Call 530-577-0788, fax 530-577-4469. Back tees: 6,745 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$71 to ride, \$49 to walk. Carts mandatory F-S. Early-bird and twilight rates. Club rentals \$31. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Nike Golf Learning Center.

Tahoe Paradise Golf Course—Challenging executive course, narrow with tree-lined fairways, has six par 3s—the rest are par 4s. Public, 18-hole executive, open May-Oct., estab. 1960. Manager and Head Pro Dave Beeman. 3021 U.S. Hwy. 50, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Call 530-577-2121, fax 530-577-1813. Back tees: 4,021 yards, par 66. Green fees are subject to change: \$37, seniors



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\$30, twilight \$22 after 3 p.m. Carts (optional) \$17 per person. Club rentals \$15. MC, Visa.

TRUCKEE/GRAEAGLE

Coyote Moon Golf Course—Sierra course sits among rolling hills, tall pines, and Trout Creek. Clubhouse will open this summer. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Architect: Brad Bell. Public, 18 holes, estab. 2000. Head Pro Dirk Skillicorn. 10685 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee, CA 96160. For details call 530-587-0886, fax 530-550-2211, www.coyotemoongolf.com. Back tees: 7,177 yards,

par 72. Green fees include cart with GPS: Vary seasonally \$95-\$150. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Dragon at Gold Mountain—Set on the side of a mountain, Dragon sweeps and turns with views of the Sierra and Feather River. Clubhouse is one of three designed by Frank Lloyd Wright but never built by the famous architect. One of Top New Challenges in *Golf Magazine* in 2001 and a top-four All Star Course in *Golf for Women*. Home of Nakoma Resort and Spa. Architect: Robin Nelson. Resort course, 18 holes, open mid-April to mid-

Nov., estab. 2000. Owner/GM Peggy Garner, Head Pro Matthew Magnotta. Box 880, Graeagle, CA 96103. Call 800-368-7786 or 530-832-4887, www.dragongolf.com. Back tees: 7,077 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$130 with cart, \$100 walking, twilight \$79 after 3 p.m. Club rentals \$30. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Graeagle Meadows Golf Course—Situated on the Feather River one hour north of Reno, Graeagle is a scenic meadow course with two lakes, the river, and two creeks. Represented on the LPGA Tour by Emilee Klein. Architect: Ellis Van Gorder. Public, 18 holes, open April-Nov., estab. c. 1968. Manager Dan West, Head Pro Bob Klein Jr. Route 89 north of Truckee, Box 310, Graeagle, CA 96103. Call 530-836-2323, fax 530-836-1077. Back tees: 6,725 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$45 M-Th, \$55 F-S. Twilight rates. Carts (optional) \$15 person. Club rentals \$25. Disc., MC, Visa.

Plumas Pines Golf Resort—Mountain course is bordered by the middle fork of the Feather River and Plumas-Eureka National Forest. Lots of water and trees, newly expanded tees. One of *Golf Digest's* Places to Play in 1998-2003. Longboards Pro-Am on June 6, 2004. Live music Sat. night. Architect: Homer Flynt. Resort course, 18 holes, open May-Nov., estab. 1980. Director of Golf Tom Godman, Head Pro Brandon Bowling. 402 Poplar Valley Rd., Blairsden, CA 96103. Call 530-836-1420, fax 530-836-0801, www.plumaspinestee.com. Back tees: 6,504 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$70 M-F, \$85 S-S, \$25 for replay, \$40-\$50 for 9 holes. Twilight rate \$40-\$50 after 3 p.m. Club rentals \$10. Major credit cards. Soft spikes.

Ponderosa Golf Course—Mostly flat, heavily wooded course is well bunkered with no water hazards. Architect: Bob Baldock. Public, 9 holes, open May-Oct, estab. 1961. Hwy. 267 and Reynolds Way, Truckee, CA 96160. Call 530-587-3501. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 6,044 yards, par 72. Call for current rates.

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Tahoe Donner Golf Course—Hilly course has many steep drops from tees to fairways and greens. Creek comes into play on eight holes. During 2004 Tahoe Donner is building a new clubhouse. Architects: Roy Williams (1-9), Bill Bell Jr. (10-18). Semi-private, 18 holes, open May-Oct., estab. 1973. Tahoe Donner Assn., Head Pro Bill Winfield. 11509 Northwoods Blvd., Truckee, CA 96161. Call 530-587-9440, fax 530-587-9496. Back tees: 6,899 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$110. Reduced

rates after 2:30 p.m. and during shoulder season. Carts optional after 3:30 p.m. Club rentals \$35. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes preferred.

The Golf Club at Whitehawk Ranch—Mountain course 38 miles north of Truckee winds through pines and meadows. Four-and-a-half-star rating from *Golf Digest* in 2000. Hosts Brooks Park Cup matches (pros vs. amateurs). Architect: Dick Bailey. Resort course, 18 holes, estab. 1996. Head Pro Doug Flynn. 768 Whitehawk Dr., Clio,

CA 96106. Call 800-332-4295 or 530-836-0394, fax 530-836-4504, www.golfwhitehawk.com. Back tees: 6,951 yards, par 71. Green fees include cart: Summer \$85-\$140, spring and fall \$75-\$110. Same rates for walkers. Club rentals \$30. AE, MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Rural Nevada

BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Mountain View Golf Course—Battle Mountain's course has a rolling layout with tight doglegs, narrow fairways, sagebrush, and three water hazards. It's target golf with a premium on accuracy. Architects: John and Maria Heller. County course, 9 holes, open March-Oct. estab. 1991. Lander County, Golf Manager Jim Falzone. 205 Fairway Dr., Box 201-14, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Call 775-635-2380, fax 775-635-2509. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 6,332 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$12. Senior and junior rates. Carts \$20. Club rentals \$8. Disc., MC, Visa accepted.

ELKO/SPRING CREEK

Ruby View Golf Course—With long, rolling fairways lined with trees and large, well-bunkered greens, Ruby View was named one of America's best and affordable public courses by *Golf Digest* in 1996. Golf legend Tony Lema was head pro in 1957 at the old Ruby View course. City course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1968. City of Elko, Head Pro Rick Longhurst. 2100 Ruby View Dr., Elko, NV 89801. Call 775-777-7277 golf shop, 775-777-7279 Mulligan's Bar and Grill. Back tees: 6,919 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$21 M-Th, \$26 F-S. Carts (optional) \$12 per player. Club rentals \$14. AE, Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

Spring Creek Golf Course—Target course has narrow fairways, sagebrush rough, and domed greens, so players must be accurate off the tees. Public course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1972. Spring Creek Assn., Superintendent Ron Morley, Head Pro Jason Jerman. 401 Fairway Blvd., Spring Creek, NV 89815 (15 miles southeast of Elko). Call 775-753-6331. Back tees: 6,638 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$25. Carts (optional) \$5 per person per 9 holes. Club rentals \$20. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

ELY

White Pine Golf Course—The 18-hole White Pine course is set in Steptoe Valley between Ward Mountain, Squaw Peak, and the Schell Creek Range. At 6,500 feet golfers will get added yardage on their shots. A variety of bunkers, trees, water, and open "go for it" holes. The course expanded from nine to 18 holes in 1998. PGA Tour player Jay Don Blake holds the original nine-hole course's record of 62. Architect: Bob Baldock. County course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1957. White Pine County, Head Pro Randy Long. 151 N. Golf Course Dr., Ely, NV 89301. For information call 775-289-4095, fax 775-289-1573, elygolfing.com. Back tees: 6,843 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$24. Carts (optional) \$12 per player. Club rentals \$12. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

EMPIRE/GERLACH

Burning Sands Golf Course—Course was built over the years by U.S. Gypsum mine employees in the company town of Empire (pop: 350), 100 miles north of Reno near Gerlach. The course runs through town, crosses some streets, and features a 420-yard par 5 that has a 320-yard dogleg. Open to public, 9 holes, estab. early 1960s. Town Manager Dave Carter, Supervisor Bill Couk. Empire, NV 89405. Call 775-557-2341. Tees: 2,007 yards, par 32. Green fees: Donations accepted; \$10 suggested for nonresidents. Carts are not allowed.

FALLON

The Golf Course @ Fallon—Construction of another nine is planned in Sept. 2004 for the nine-hole course on the Carson River. Course has tall cottonwoods and willows, rolling terrain, and doglegs. Check out Twelve-Buck Tuesdays. Architect: So-Par-O-Van Corp. Public, 9 holes, established in 1958. Owners Matthew and Kenia

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Red Hawk's Lakes Course, north of Sparks in Wingfield Springs, was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr.

Biddinger, Superintendent Jeff Lockwood, Head Pro Jim "Izzy" Visbister. 2655 Country Club Dr., Fallon, NV 89406. Call 775-423-4616, fax 775-423-8341. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 6,426 yards, par 71. Green fees: \$20. Twilight after 2 p.m. \$12. Tuesdays: \$12 all day. Active military and juniors: \$15 all day. Carts (optional) \$15. Club rentals \$10. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

GABBS

Sandy Bottom Golf Course—Nevada's classic clay course, located on a dry lake bed just west of Gabbs (pop: 400), recently has been overgrown with tumbleweeds and other unwanted shrubs. Local volunteers have been unable to keep up with the weeding, so play is difficult. Anyone interested in helping to revive the course can call Ray Dummar at the R&H Café, 775-285-4019, in Gabbs. Public, 9 holes, estab. c. 1958. Tees: 3,010 yards, par 35.

HAWTHORNE

Walker Lake Golf Club @ the Depot—First holes were built by military and local duffers in 1952. Towering elms flank oldest holes and shade the stately homes that were

built for the big brass. Overall, a moderately difficult flat course with sand traps and narrow fairways. Public, 9 holes, estab. 1952. Head Pro Pete Summerbell. Army Ammunitions Plant, 2 S. Main Ave., Hawthorne, NV 89415-9404. Call 775-945-1111, fax 775-945-7111. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 5,514 yards, par 68. Green fees: \$14 M-F, \$16 S-S. Carts (optional) \$16. Club rentals \$5. Casino packages available. No credit cards.

JACKPOT

Jackpot Golf Club—Jackpot's lengthy, undulating layout includes doglegs and large, sloping, fast greens. Course is known for coyotes, deer, hawks, and pesky ball-stealing ravens, particularly in the spring and fall. Architect: Robert Muir Graves. County course, 18 holes, open March-Oct., estab. c. 1970. Elko County, Manager and Head Pro Dave Albrecht, Pros Doug Russell and Andy Hollister. 415 Ace Dr., Jackpot, NV 89825. Call 775-755-2260, fax 775-755-2123. Back tees: 6,436 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$15 M-F, \$18 S-S. (Elko County residents \$9 M-F.) Carts \$24, mandatory on weekends. No private carts. Club rentals \$25. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

PIOCHE

Lincoln County Golf Course—Citizens of the historic mining town of Pioche created a nine-hole course on the flat below town in 2003. The Lincoln Links Assn. has fashioned seven par 3s and two par 4s with dirt fairways and artificial-turf greens (three in, three more this year) and holds a tournament during Pioche's Labor Day Celebration. Visiting golfers are advised to bring pieces of indoor-outdoor carpeting, as local players do, to hit from the fairways. The association has 100 members. A year's membership costs \$25. Tees: 1,656 yards, par 29. Contact Dick and Peggy Decker, Box 321, Pioche, NV 89043. 775-962-5206, for information. Soft spikes.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Round Mountain Golf Course—Round Mountain, the longest nine-hole layout in Nevada, is a mining-company course in Hadley in Big Smoky Valley, 50 miles north of Tonopah. Three lakes come into play on six holes. Elevation is 5,726 feet, so sea-level golfers will notice extra distance. Restaurant and bar. Architect: William Howard Neff. Public, 9 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1991. Round Mountain Gold Corp., Head Pro Apprentice Leo Vath. Box 480, Round Mountain, NV 89045. For details call 775-377-2880, fax 775-377-1208, www.bigsmokyvalley.com. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 7,138 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$16. Golf cars \$9 per person. Senior and junior discounts. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

WELLS

Chimney Rock Golf Course—The Wells course has three lakes and the fastest greens in five states. Golfers enjoy views of the East Humboldt Range, including a distinctive rock formation called Chimney Rock, from which the course takes its name. City course, 9 holes, open April-Nov., estab. 1976. City of Wells, Head Pro Ron Springsteel. 750 Ventosa Ave., Box 430, Wells, NV 89835. Call 775-752-3928. Back tees (based on 18 holes): 6,130 yards, par 70. Green fees: \$16. Carts (optional) \$20. Club rentals \$6. Disc., MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

WENDOVER

Toana Vista Golf Course—A long, narrow target-oriented design, Toana Vista has hybrid bent-grass greens with bluegrass fairways, forming an oasis in the desert community on the Nevada-Utah border. Architect: Homer Flynt. Resort course, 18 holes, open March-Nov., estab. 1987. West Wendover Recreation Dept., Director of Golf Reid Goodliffe. 2319 Pueblo Blvd., Box 2290, West Wendover, NV 89883. Call 800-852-4330 or 775-664-4300, fax 775-664-3557. Back tees: 6,820 yards, par 72. Green fees include cart: \$43. Carts mandatory until 1 p.m. weekdays and 4 p.m. weekends. Club rental \$13. MC, Visa accepted.

WINNEMUCCA

Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course—Lined with large trees, the flat, well-bunkered course has small greens, regulation yardages, and no water. Good course, located in town. Architect: Bob Baldock. City course, 9 holes, open March-Oct., estab. c. 1952. City of Winnemucca, Head Pro Bill Phillips. 1395 Mizpah St., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Call 775-623-9920. Tees: 3,250, par 36. Green fees: \$14 weekdays, \$16 weekends. One dollar off if you start before 7:30 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Carts (optional) \$20. No credit cards. Soft spikes.

YERINGTON

Mason Valley Country Club—Long, flat, open course, originally designed by local golfers, was expanded from nine to 18 holes a few years ago. Public, 18 holes, estab. 1964. Owners Tom Carpenter and Ernie Carpenter, Manager Vici Jodsaas. 111 Hwy. 208, Yerington, NV 89447. Call 775-463-3300, fax 775-463-1014. Back tees: 6,616 yards, par 72. Green fees: \$31 nonmembers, \$24 members. Carts (optional) \$15 nonmembers, \$10 members. Twilight \$20. Juniors \$7, students over 18 \$12. Club rental \$5. MC, Visa. Soft spikes.

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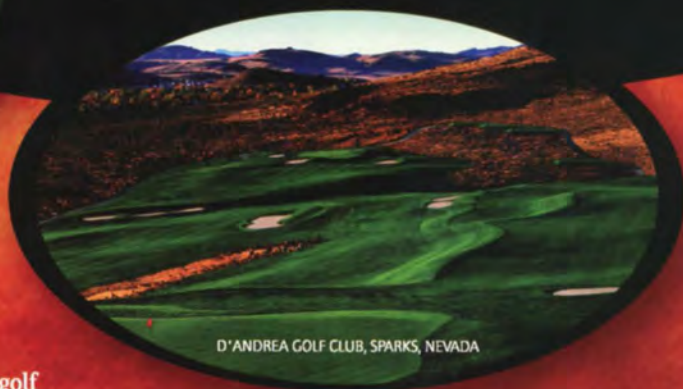
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Viva (Chile) Verde

For the past six years Linda Allbright has created a friendly refuge for Mexican-food lovers in Old Town Dayton. Her restaurant, **Compadres**, resides comfortably in a former house on a quiet block between the Dayton Historic Society Museum and the community center. In summer you can dine outdoors on the front and back porches. On warm days misters cool the outdoor diners, a good thing for those digging into one of Allbright's spicy enchiladas or rellenos.

"I like spicy food," the proprietor explains. Allbright carefully prepares the chiles she uses to make her sauces—jalapeño and Ortega chiles for the *verde* sauce, pasilla chiles for the *colorado*, and chipotle chiles for the *ranchero*.

A popular dish on the spicy side is the chile verde (\$9.95), in which chunks of roast pork simmer in verde (green) sauce with rice and beans. Fajitas come vegetarian (\$8.25) or with top sirloin or chicken breast (\$10.25). Enchiladas, rellenos, and tacos appear in all manner of combos. On Tuesday tamales, enchiladas, tacos, and beer are \$2. Tacos are a buck apiece on Wednesday. And Allbright's salsa is always on the table.

Compadres, 165 Pike Street, Dayton, 12 miles east of Carson City, 775-246-TACO. Open for lunch and dinner daily except Monday. No credit cards.—David Moore

Grandma's Little House

In 1992 sisters Maria Guerrero and Alicia Dyer, longtime cooks at a Lovelock casino, decided to open their own restaurant. Twelve years later Lovelock residents and visitors still head to **La Casita** for Mexican and American food. La Casita, Spanish for "small house," was so named

because, Maria says, the restaurant building "looks like a little grandma's house."

Maria's daughter, Liza Mitchell, says her mother and aunt make almost everything from scratch. "Every morning they do the beans, the rice, the chicken, the beef, the whole nine yards. The only thing they



Linda Allbright serves lunch at Compadres in Old Town Dayton.

don't make is the tortillas," Mitchell says.

Along with the chips and an excellent fresh salsa, most menu items are familiar—chimichangas, enchiladas, tostadas, and tamales, which range in price from \$5.25 for huevos rancheros to \$18.95 for the New York steak and shrimp dinner. But there are twists. Alicia's Special Taco Salad (\$4.75) comes with chili beans, not refried beans, and the American-style sourdough sandwich (\$6.55) consists of roast beef, Ortega peppers, and Swiss cheese.

Maria and Alicia won't reveal the ingredients of their dishes, so if you want to try their feather-light chiles rellenos, you'll have to dine at their little house.

La Casita, 410 Cornell Avenue, Lovelock, 775-273-7773. Open daily except Sunday for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Accepts MasterCard and Visa.—Joyce Hollister

Spice E. Coyote

Coyote's Mexican Café and Cantina has been serving Mexican food for gringos since 1988. But just because owner Dave Haskell tailors the dishes to fit his Las Vegas-area clientele doesn't mean they aren't authentic.

"We don't buy frozen or canned anything," Haskell says. "We make everything, the tortillas, the chiles rellenos, from scratch... I just have to rein in some of the guys in the kitchen. They want to make everything spicy. I tell them, 'You might have a cast-iron stomach, but not all of the customers do.'"

Coyote's sits in the middle of a strip mall at the corner of Sunset Road and Athenian Drive in Henderson. Inside, the décor falls somewhere between Southwestern and South American.

The menu offers a number of pleasant surprises. The albondigas soup (\$2.99) is loaded with potatoes, onions, and carrots, and the meatballs are savory, if underrepresented. Botanitas (\$11.99), an ap-

petizer sampler, includes taquitos, flautas, quesadillas, and nachos with sour cream and guacamole.

The main dishes are of the "wet" school of Mexican cuisine. The cheese enchilada, for instance, is awash in melted cheese. The chile verde burrito (\$10.99) is not as spicy as the menu warns, but it's nonetheless a flavorful stew of pork and potatoes wrapped in a tortilla with an abundance of tasty green sauce drizzled over the whole works. Most dishes come with refried beans and rice made with chicken stock. "Not that tomato-based Rice-a-roni stuff," Haskell emphasizes.

Coyote's Mexican Café and Cantina, 4350 East Sunset Road, Henderson, 702-458-3739. Open daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday. Accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa.—Matt Farley



Shirley Jeane

A former computer programmer warms to the desert's brilliant colors.

With the flame-colored formations of Valley of Fire and Red Rock Canyon to give her inspiration, painter Shirley Jeane couldn't live in a better place than Las Vegas. "I love the desert," Jeane says. "I'm attracted to the sun and to warm colors, the colors biased toward the red. Especially right after a rain when the dust is washed off, Red Rock and Valley of Fire are very, very brilliant."

Jeane's pieces replay the shimmering magentas, purples, and golds of the desert, which she often captures with her digital camera on early-morning hikes or sees out her front windows at sunset.

Retired after a 25-year career in computer programming and management, Jeane says computer science and art are interlinked. "Computer programmers are creative people," the 57-year-old artist says. "People who indulge in some kind of creative endeavor make the best programmers. They aren't afraid to think differently."

Jeane uses programs like Illustrator to create drawings for her watercolors. "I design something in Illustrator and print it out very lightly on watercolor paper, just as if I penciled it in," she explains. "Then I paint it." Jeane stores digital photos on her computer and, in Photoshop, uses them as the basis for images that she prints with special inks on archival paper.

Jeane and her husband, Harvey, were among the first members of the L.A. Computer Club. "We knew most of the pioneers in the desktop publishing industry," she says. "We ate pizza with the guys who invented the spread sheet."

Retirement gave Jeane the time to do what she had always wanted to do: learn to paint. Now she teaches technology in art at the Las Vegas Art Museum and watercolor painting at Old Town Gallery in Henderson and Sun City in Summerlin.



Valley of Fire Arch: "This and other computer-generated artworks reflect my love of shapes, color, and nature. They also show a freedom of form that is encouraged by the computer."

Jeane often works from mental images she acquires on desert hikes. "Sometimes, rather than go back to my photos, I go into my head to create something," she says. Other times she dribbles paint on paper until an image—like a swirling Native American dancer—appears.

It's the light in the Southern Nevada desert that lifts Jeane's spirits. "There's a tendency for people in the creative fields, like artists and computer programmers, to be depressed," she says. "Sunlight is one of those things that keeps me out of that dark side."—Joyce Hollister



Desert Lace: "Spring flowers in Valley of Fire grow out of cracks in the rocks."



Life's Lessons: Making It to the Top: "One day I observed a group of children at a park climbing a large play structure. While a majority of the children opted for an easy ascent by climbing the stairs, a few determined youngsters took unconventional routes to the top."

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Red Rock and Valley of Fire
are very, very brilliant."**

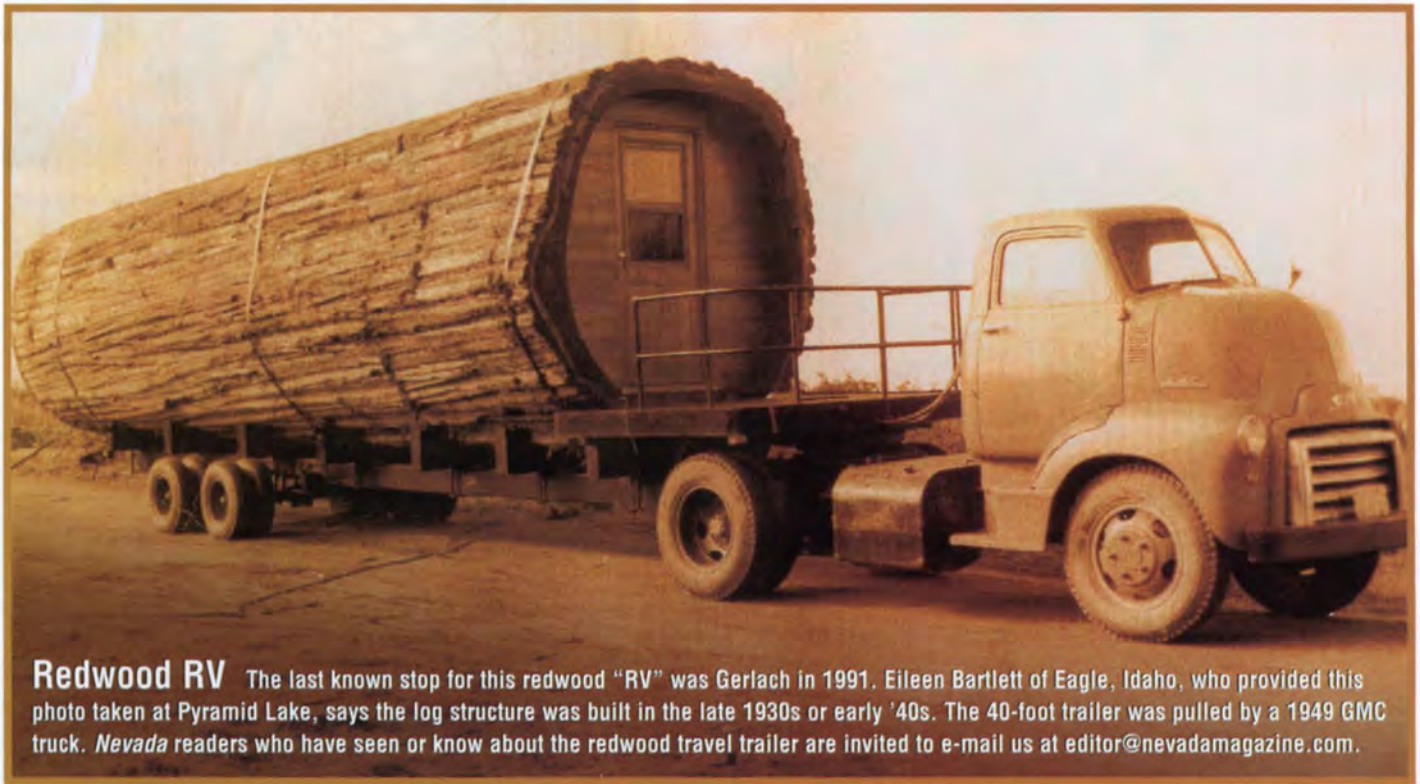


Red Rock: "I was on a hiking trip with a friend from California and took a bunch of pictures. When I got back, I painted this. My friend bought the painting."



Nevada Almanac

An early-day RV, Nevada Trivia, and the Nevada TV Shows Contest.



Redwood RV The last known stop for this redwood "RV" was Gerlach in 1991. Eileen Bartlett of Eagle, Idaho, who provided this photo taken at Pyramid Lake, says the log structure was built in the late 1930s or early '40s. The 40-foot trailer was pulled by a 1949 GMC truck. *Nevada* readers who have seen or know about the redwood travel trailer are invited to e-mail us at editor@nevadamagazine.com.

Nevada Trivia

Q What is the only city in Nevada named after a Native American?

A French Ford was renamed Winnemucca in 1866 by Central Pacific Railroad officials in honor of the Paiute chief.

Q What is the name of the giant neon cowboy that has been delighting passersby in downtown Las Vegas since 1947?

A "Vegas Vic" is the moniker of the friendly neon cowpoke who stands underneath the canopy of the Fremont Street Experience.

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

Reader Recommended

Rye Patch Fan: My husband, two children, and I travel Interstate 80 from Utah to visit family in Reno at least once each year. When driving in the heat of summer, we find that Rye Patch State Recreation Area is a cool place to stop along the way. There are shade trees and picnic tables and places for the kids to run. The \$4 entrance fee is little to pay for some quiet R&R. We've met some nice local people and fellow travelers enjoying Rye Patch.—*Mary E. Peterson, Salt Lake City, UT*

Nevada TV Shows Contest

Who remembers Rod Cameron playing a Nevada highway patrolman in *State Trooper*? Filmed in Las Vegas and elsewhere in the Silver State, the 1956-59 television series followed the adventures of state trooper chief Rod Blake, played by the Canadian-born actor.

State Trooper is one of many Nevada-made TV shows that Sheila Lincicome of Philo, Illinois, entered in the **Nevada TV Shows Contest**, which was announced in the last issue and had a deadline of April 2. Contestants were asked to name as many Nevada-related shows as they could. Winners will be published in the July/August 2004 issue.

Randy Cornelius of Tampa, Florida, recalled *Accidental Family*. The 1967-68 sitcom, starring Jerry Van Dyke as a single father living in Las Vegas, bombed and was replaced by *Hollywood Squares*.—*Joyce Hollister*

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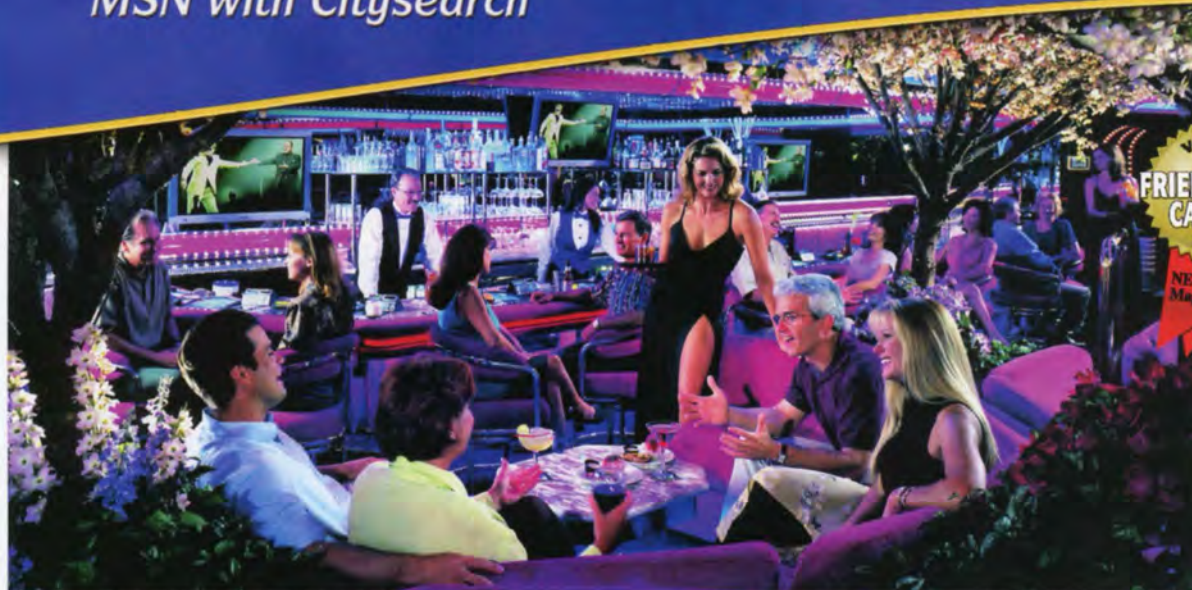
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Elliott Mann of Reno (left) and Chris Vasey of Genoa play-boat at the Truckee River Whitewater Park. Photo by Matt Smith

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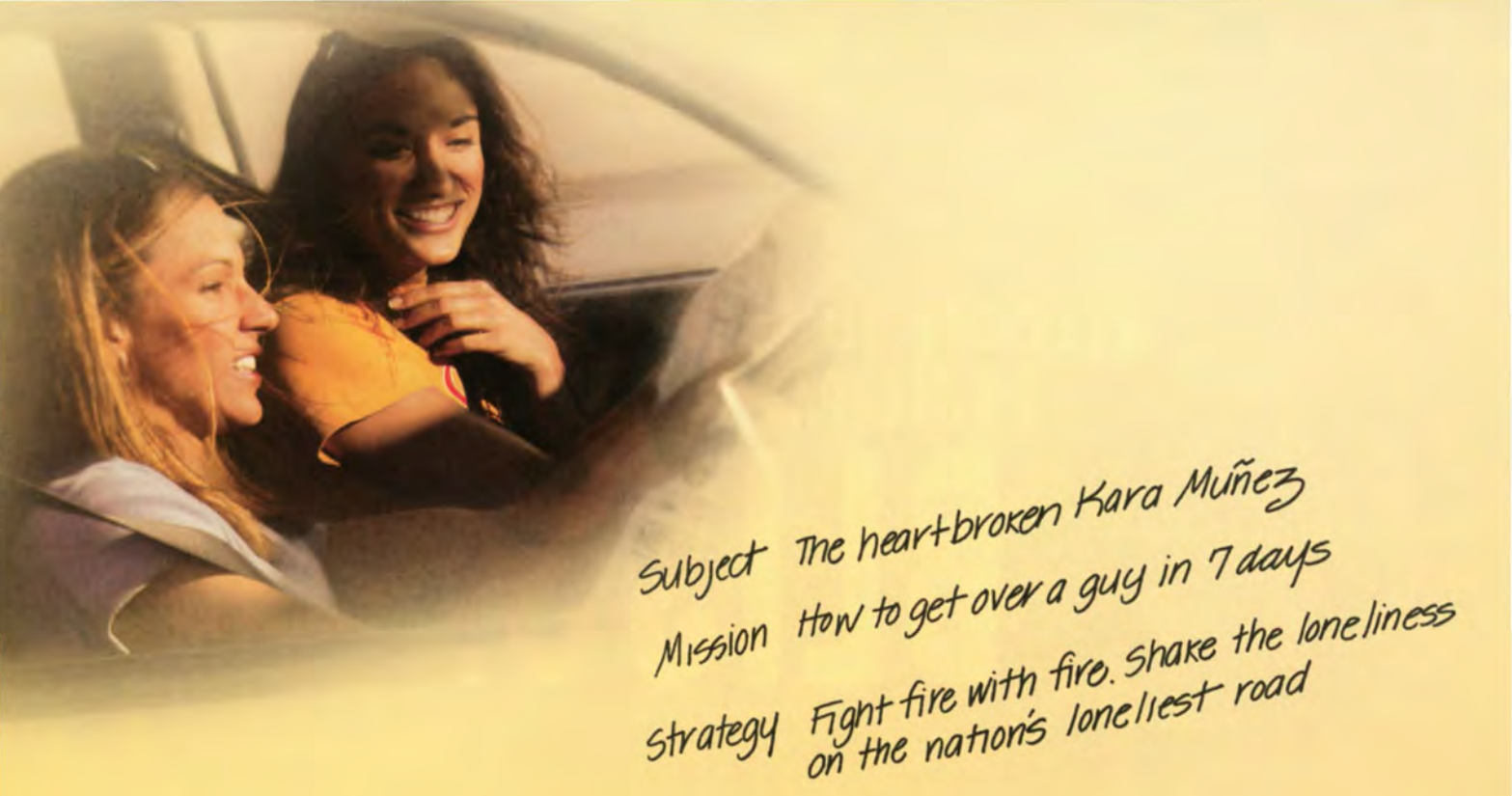
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Subject The heartbroken Kara Muñoz
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 Strategy Fight fire with fire. Shake the loneliness on the nation's loneliest road

Shoe Tree: Kara happily hung up the "gym shoes" that Jeff gave her for Christmas. Good riddance.

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Good Ol' Summertime

Basque festivals, concerts, and airplanes. **By Ann Henderson**

As spring turns to summer, hundreds of events and shows beckon in Nevada. You can have a picnic under the stars and see a Broadway musical at **Spring Mountain Ranch State Park** near Las Vegas. In Reno, pro kayakers will perform freestyle stunts during the **Reno River Festival**, the inaugural event at the Truckee River Whitewater Park (see page 64). **Cinco de Mayo** is celebrated in casinos with Mexican-themed food and decorations, and Reno's ambitious Hispanic heritage party takes place over three weekends.

Summer is the time for the Silver State's many **Basque festivals**. These celebrations offer dancing, wine, food, and strongman competitions in Winnemucca, Elko, Battle Mountain, Reno, and Las Vegas. In fact, Elko's **National Basque Festival**, on July 2-4, was recently named one of the top 100 events for the month of July in the American Bus Association's *Destinations Magazine*. Also, **Hot August Nights**, July 31-August 8 in Reno and Sparks, was selected as the fa-



World War II aircraft, such as the B-25 *Tootsie* (above), will participate in *Wings of Change*, a fly-in at the Minden-Tahoe Airport. Also, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to appear at the Fallon Air Show.

You can hear bands or go on a treasure hunt during Funfest in downtown Las Vegas.

vorite car-related event by 73 percent of *Drive! Magazine* readers.

Red, white, and blue fervor accompanies Hawthorne's 54th **Armed Forces Day**, an annual salute to the military, on May 14-15. The parade will be led by the community's mascot, Cecil the Serpent. Hawthorne, 140 miles south of Reno, is home of the world's largest ammunition depot. At nearby Walker Lake, fishermen seek elusive lunkers, and birdwatchers scan the sky.

Airplane aficionados can watch the arrival of military and vintage aircraft at **Wings of Change**, a fly-in at the Minden-Tahoe Airport June 25-27. At Lake Tahoe, organizers are seeking 77,000 people to join hands at noon on June 20 to form the human chain **Hands Around the Lake**, whose purpose is to promote peace and healing. Participants will meet on beaches and shorelines.

During May an arts celebration takes over downtown Las Vegas. Festivities begin on May 7 with **Funfest**, which will feature concerts, food booths, and guided tours. Other events include a Mother's

Day concert on May 9, poetry and jazz, beer gardens, and an aerial art exhibit. The Rainbow Company presents the play "Sacagawea: The Bird Woman's Return" on May 15, when a **Day of Adventure** also will feature a game of human checkers, a treasure hunt, music, children's games, live animals, and a shark feeding at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum. You'll find mountain man activities at the Mormon Fort, tours of the neon boneyard, Chinese lion dance, magician Tony Blanco, and a swing dance performance. During the festival refreshments will

be served at most sites and admission is free, except for a few activities such as a Mother's Day brunch and the wine and beer gardens.

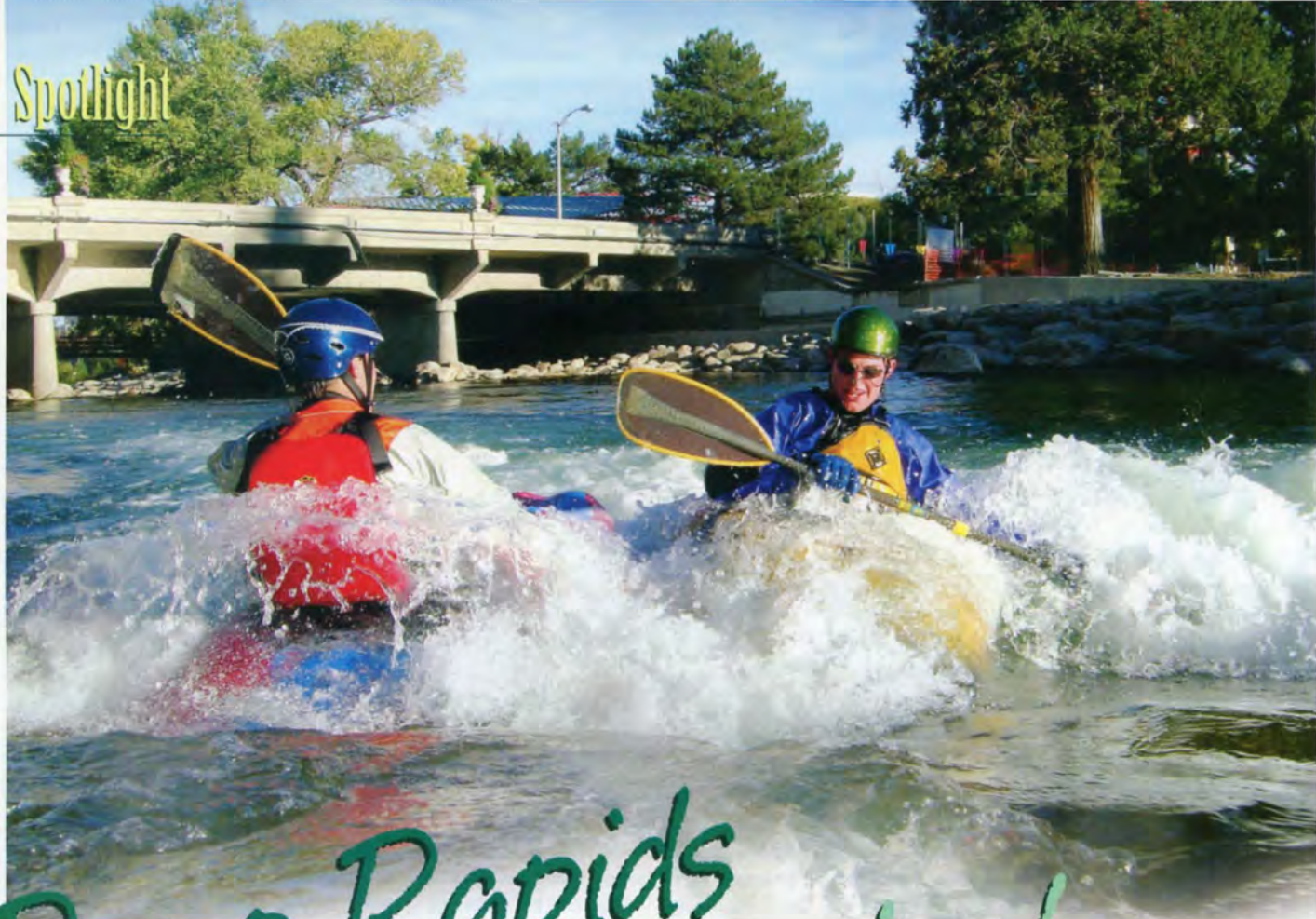
For those interested in art and architecture, the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas has extended the exhibit **Neon Unplugged** until June

27. The display of signs from the city's past and the story of neon technology combine to make one of the museum's most popular exhibits. Look for other special events across the Las Vegas Valley beginning New Year's Eve. That's when a yearlong celebration will begin commemorating Las Vegas' centennial.

Also on the 100th birthday list is **Beatty**, located 115 miles north of Las Vegas. The historic railroad community and the nearby ghost town of **Rhyolite** form a gateway to **Death Valley National Park**. Beatty plans to celebrate in October.

In entertainment news, the Greg Thompson-Mistinguet collaboration, "**Erocktica: Sex, Sweat, and Rock 'n Roll**," a late-night adult production, is set to open this fall at the Rio in Las Vegas. Also, the musical "**We Will Rock You**," based on the music of Queen, comes to Paris Las Vegas in September. ▀

Ann Henderson is Nevada's entertainment and events editor.



Reno Rapids Make a Splash

Kayakers perform moves in the Truckee River Whitewater Park, site of the Reno River Festival May 14-16.

The Reno River Festival celebrates the Truckee as kayakers test its new whitewater park. **By Matt Farley**

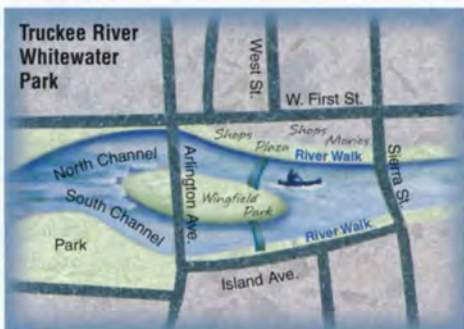
In January of 1844, five days after John C. Fremont became the first white man to lay eyes on Pyramid Lake, a Paiute guide led Fremont's party to a nearby river. In his report on the expedition, Fremont marveled at the size of the 40-pound fish that filled "Salmon Trout River" and noted the stark beauty of the area. Later that year, other explorers enlisted the help of the same Paiute guide, whom Fremont had called Captain Truckee, and were so impressed with his skills that they renamed the river in his honor.

The Truckee River runs more than 100 miles from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake, passing a few blocks from Reno's downtown casinos. From its role as an Indian fishing ground to tales of gleeful divorcees arcing their wedding rings into its cool waters flowing beneath the Virginia Street

Bridge, the river has played an integral part in Nevada history.

The Reno River Festival will celebrate that history on May 14-16 while inaugurating the first full season of the recently sculpted Truckee River Whitewater Park. The celebration will feature kayak competitions, lessons, a wine walk, art shows, and an outdoor concert by the indy-roots-rock group Cracker.

Eighteen crackerjack kayakers—12 men and six women—have been invited to the weekend's whitewater rodeo. The paddlers will use the park's pools and rapids to perform moves such as side surfing, cartwheels, and front flips, receiving scores based on difficulty and variety. The \$7,500 purse includes a first-place prize of \$1,500. Between rounds pros and local enthusiasts will teach free public clinics. The classes will range from "never ever" for first-timers



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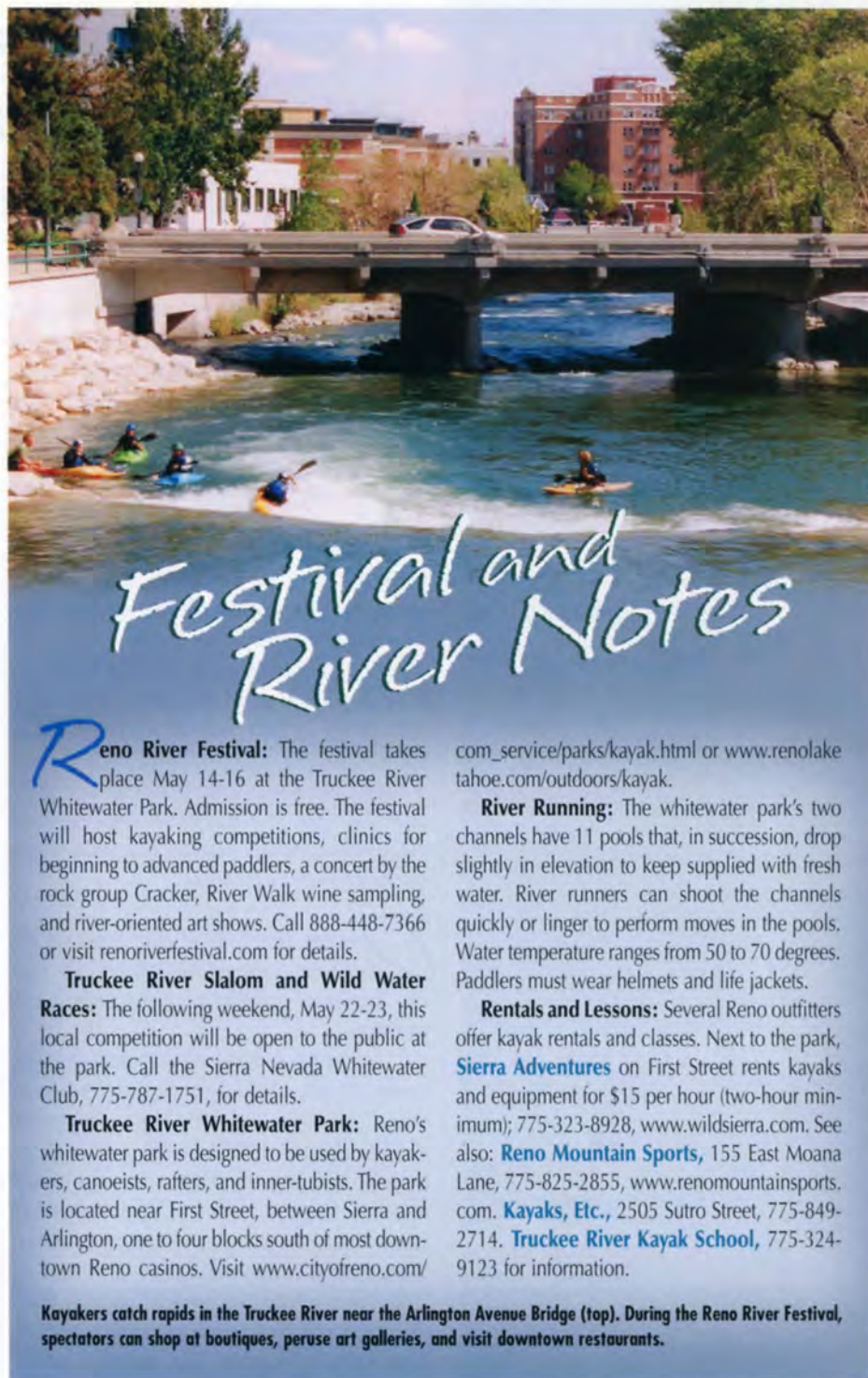
to workshops designed to help advanced paddlers hone specific skills.

Located just south of Reno's casino center, the park offers drop pools, rodeo holes, and the state's first permanent kayak slalom racing course. The park has begun to attract kayakers from across the country.

"I wouldn't be surprised if people started making Reno their home because of this park," says Eric Jackson, a former world champion kayaker, of Rock Island, Tennessee. "There aren't many places where you can paddle on your lunch break. This new park will put Reno on the map for outdoor enthusiasts."

The \$1.5-million, city-owned park opened in November after four months of construction. Planners say it eventually will be the centerpiece of a 24-mile-long white-water course.

"The downtown section of the river essentially had concrete walls around it," says Jim Litchfield, the Reno hydrologist who supervised the park's construction. "There was just no access. Also, there was a dam that was no longer necessary. We pulled it all out and installed structures that create rapids instead."



Reno River Festival: The festival takes place May 14-16 at the Truckee River Whitewater Park. Admission is free. The festival will host kayaking competitions, clinics for beginning to advanced paddlers, a concert by the rock group Cracker, River Walk wine sampling, and river-oriented art shows. Call 888-448-7366 or visit renoriverfestival.com for details.

Truckee River Slalom and Wild Water Races: The following weekend, May 22-23, this local competition will be open to the public at the park. Call the Sierra Nevada Whitewater Club, 775-787-1751, for details.

Truckee River Whitewater Park: Reno's whitewater park is designed to be used by kayakers, canoeists, rafters, and inner-tubists. The park is located near First Street, between Sierra and Arlington, one to four blocks south of most downtown Reno casinos. Visit www.cityofreno.com/

com_service/parks/kayak.html or www.renolake-tahoe.com/outdoors/kayak.

River Running: The whitewater park's two channels have 11 pools that, in succession, drop slightly in elevation to keep supplied with fresh water. River runners can shoot the channels quickly or linger to perform moves in the pools. Water temperature ranges from 50 to 70 degrees. Paddlers must wear helmets and life jackets.

Rentals and Lessons: Several Reno outfitters offer kayak rentals and classes. Next to the park, **Sierra Adventures** on First Street rents kayaks and equipment for \$15 per hour (two-hour minimum); 775-323-8928, www.wildsierra.com. See also: **Reno Mountain Sports**, 155 East Moana Lane, 775-825-2855, www.renomountainsports.com. **Kayaks, Etc.**, 2505 Sutro Street, 775-849-2714. **Truckee River Kayak School**, 775-324-9123 for information.

Kayakers catch rapids in the Truckee River near the Arlington Avenue Bridge (top). During the Reno River Festival, spectators can shop at boutiques, peruse art galleries, and visit downtown restaurants.

The resulting Truckee River Whitewater Park uses two channels, one on each side of Wingfield Park, an island in the river. Seven thousand tons of granite blocks were positioned to create spectator seating and put-in areas for kayaks, canoes, rafts, and inner tubes. Litchfield notes that the 1,400-foot-long northern channel produces large, even waves for surfing and body boarding while the 1,200-foot-long southern channel, which is much faster and rougher, is reserved for whitewater

competitions and experienced paddlers.

"We want to balance the groups we're attracting," Litchfield says. "We want the course to offer something to the pros, but we want it to be safe for a 10-year-old, too."

The course, which has 11 pools where kayakers can practice rolls and other moves, is rated a class two on kayaking's six-point scale of difficulty. According to the guidelines, a class-two run involves quick water with regular waves and defined passages. Class six is "extraordinarily

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The extreme-sports movie "Burning Time" will feature kayakers skydiving, wave surfing, and setting each other on fire.

difficult... paddlers face constant danger."

"There are lots of factors in classing rapids," says Charlie Albright, president of the Reno-based Sierra Nevada Whitewater Club. "There are certainly class-three holes [with high, irregular waves] in the park. But it's significantly easier if you skirt them."

Litchfield notes, "If you try to come through here in an inner tube, you're going to get tipped. Some of my non-paddling friends have tried it out [in kayaks], and no one has made it yet. As long as people go in with a life vest, a helmet, and a good attitude, though, they should be fine."

Once the water level drops in late summer, he says, the southern channel will calm substantially, making it a good place for beginners to practice.

During the festival the channel on the south side of the island will host the kayakers' professional freestyle competition.

"I'm looking forward to watching the world's best paddlers play-boat in our backyard," Albright says. "We'll be seeing Jay Kincaid, the 2003 world champion, Brooke Winger, the 2003 women's rodeo kayak champion, and Eric Jackson, who's probably been on the podium in everything he ever entered."

Besides competitions and clinics, festival-goers will find vendors demonstrating their latest hardware. Also present will be American Whitewater, a national organization dedicated to protecting rivers and the rights of those who float down them. Other events at the Reno River Festival will appeal to both water lovers and the aquatically disinclined:

■ Harrah's Reno has scheduled a free outdoor concert by the alternative-rock band Cracker on the evening of May 14. The group, originally known for '90s songs like "Teen Angst" and "Low," leans toward country and honky-tonk. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at Harrah's Plaza.

■ On May 15, festival organizers will pre-

miere *Burning Time*, an extreme-sports movie featuring Kincaid and other kayakers skydiving, wave surfing, and setting each other on fire.

■ Multiple food booths will be open throughout the festival, and a riverfront beer garden is planned.

■ The VSA arts of Nevada Gallery (135-D North Sierra Street) will hold an exhibition, "Water Runs Through It," in which more than 20 artists will show and sell water-themed pieces, including photographs of the Truckee River from as early as 1900. Call 775-826-6100 for more information.

■ The annual River Walk, from 2 to 5 p.m. on May 15, allows visitors to purchase a \$5 wine glass and then sample wine and snacks from 10 riverfront shops, galleries, and restaurants near First and Sierra streets.

The action continues the next weekend. Albright says his club will host a local competition, the Truckee River Slalom and Wild Water Races, at the site on May 22-23. The series of moderate-level races will be open to the public.

The whitewater park is the latest of a growing number of downtown attractions on the Truckee. River strollers will find shops, eateries, and art galleries. Sierra Adventures rents kayaks and equipment at the park (see "Festival and River Notes" on page 65). A walkway provides easy access during events. Wingfield Park has an amphitheater and ample room for concerts and picnics.

As kayakers and other river lovers learn about the park, the remodeled river should continue to attract people all summer, Litchfield says.

"What we want is something people can get enjoyment from 365 days a year," he says. "The river is becoming a new Reno icon, and I think we're really starting to change the social fabric of the area." ■

Matt Farley, Nevada Magazine's editorial assistant, is preparing for his Truckee dunking.

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Downtown Renaissance

Thanks to a rich history and recent renovations, downtown Las Vegas is gaining a cool, old-new vibe. **By Richard Moreno**

Long overshadowed by the Strip, downtown Las Vegas is finally getting its props. In the past couple of years, downtown—once best known as Glitter Gulch—has experienced a genuine renaissance. The rebirth can be traced to the construction of the **Fremont Street Experience**, a four-block-long, 90-foot-high canopy of lights and sound, in 1995. The light show is one of the best free things to see in Las Vegas.

Downtown has morphed into a kinder, friendlier, and much busier place. These days, downtown is where you can go shopping—at a high-end discount outlet mall, no less—catch a movie, bowl a few frames, enjoy an outdoor concert (recent acts have included **Eddie Money**, the **Fabulous Thunderbirds**, and the **Georgia Satel-**



lites), sip a hearty local ale in a brewpub, or just wander around, watching people having fun.

Downtown has a different vibe than it once did. There is something comfortable about being able to walk from casino to

casino, knowing that you're really outdoors but, because of the canopy, feeling as if you're indoors.

And when the electronic canopy of the Fremont Street Experience comes alive, so does the street. People pour out of every casino and stand, heads tilted upward, to watch. The entire street, including Fremont's famous neon signs, plunges into darkness. Loud music fills the air, and the giant canopy's electronic canvas glows with animated shapes, objects, and characters.

The light shows, which usually last about five minutes, vary in content. Some feature patriotic images and songs while others are seasonal, such as the Christmas show with dancing snowmen and holiday songs.

Even when there is no light show, the

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Sightseers and gamblers can stroll from casino to casino beneath the giant canopy (above). The Experience frequently hosts bands and festivals (left and below right) as well as nightly light-and-sounds shows (below left). Other downtown attractions include theaters, shops, restaurants, the neon Vegas Vic, and the Las Vegas Premium Outlets mall, which has Armani Exchange, Lacoste, Polo Ralph Lauren, and more than 100 other stores (far right).



street is the picture of activity. Music is broadcast from the canopy’s sound system, and street vendors sell everything from personalized embroidered T-shirts to throw-away cameras. Regardless of the time, there always seem to be people strolling on Fremont Street.

Unlike the Strip’s megaresorts, which cover so much acreage that walking from one to another can be a trek, downtown’s hotel-casinos are right next to each other. You can meander from the Plaza to the Las Vegas Club to the Golden Gate, and on to the Golden Nugget, Four Queens, and Fitzgeralds, without breaking much of a sweat.

“There’s an intimacy here because of the canopy,” says Joe Schillaci, president and CEO of the Fremont Street Experience. “For lack of a better term I call it ‘walk-ability’ because [day or night] you can walk from property to property.”

Although the canopy is only nine years old, it’s getting a major facelift. This year, \$17 million has been invested in replacing the grid of more than 2 million light bulbs with a high-tech, light-emitting diode (LED) system.

“It is the largest LED screen in the world. The picture resolution improves by about 1,000 percent,” Schillaci says. The new screen works much like a giant TV set. Instead of having to program the sound-and-light shows into a computer, operators will be able to broadcast images on the canopy. “We’re hoping that we’re going to be the spark plug for keeping things going downtown,” Schillaci says.

But elaborate light shows aren’t the only changes in downtown Las Vegas, an area roughly bordered by U.S. 95, Interstate 15, Seventh Street, and Charleston Boulevard. Downtown is where Las Vegas became Las Vegas. Forget all that stuff about Bugsy



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Siegel and the Strip—downtown is where the city got its start as a railroad town in 1905.

That was the year the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad acquired the sleepy Las Vegas Ranch, a quiet rest stop for travelers, and auctioned lots that became the city of Las Vegas. The initial lure wasn't gaming—wide-open gambling wasn't legal until 1931. Early Las Vegas was a railroad town, reflected in the fact that Main Street runs parallel to the railroad tracks.

As a result of its rich history, downtown Las Vegas has a cool, old-new vibe. Downtown boasts the city's oldest hotel, the venerable **Golden Gate**, which opened in 1906. With only 106 rooms, the Golden Gate is the smallest hotel on Fremont Street and home of the famous 99-cent shrimp cocktail (six ounces of shrimp in an old-fashioned tulip-shaped glass) that casino staff has been spooning since 1959.

Fremont Street just might be the best place in the world to people-watch. On a recent evening a bride in full wedding regalia sat at a table at **Starbucks** while her tuxedo-clad husband ordered lattés. A couple in cowboy hats and jeans tapped their boots to the sounds of Celtic music coming from the Fremont Street Experience speakers. Two women raced each other down the center of Fremont Street in motorized wheelchairs. Nearby a cou-



ple decked in elegant evening wear strolled down the street while sharing a shrimp cocktail.

Some of the hotels offer free or inexpensive entertainment. For example, at Fitzgeralds customers have been able to catch four different shows, which include a magic act, an Elvis impersonator, and a comedian, with no charge of admission and a one-drink per person per show minimum.

Downtown has a bit of an old-time carnival-like atmosphere. Barkers stand outside several casinos shouting don't-want-to-miss offers—a 99-cent deep-fried Twinkie, a 99-cent margarita, a 99-cent jumbo hot dog (there's obviously something special about 99 cents), and free Mardi-Gras-style plastic bead necklaces.

If you need souvenirs, like a "My-folks-went-to-Las-Vegas-but-all-I-got-was-this-crummy-T-shirt" T-shirt, you can find several places that sell them, including **Souvenir**

What's Ahead for Downtown?

In the not-too-distant future downtown Las Vegas could be the site of a 7.5-million-square-foot international furniture mart, a 61-acre urban village and medical research complex, a monorail station, and a six-square-block entertainment district.

The spark for this activity has been Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, who had made downtown revitalization a priority. His vision, he says, is "to take downtown and make it something special."

Doug Lein, manager of Las Vegas' downtown redevelopment efforts, says the city and developers are working to "re-urbanize" the down-

town. He describes that process as including the introduction of high density, mixed-use projects, such as apartments or condominiums built atop shops or offices.

Downtown projects include:

World Market Center, a 7.5-million-square-foot convention and display facility showcasing international furniture manufacturers. Ground has broken on the first phase (1.3 million square feet) of the center, which is scheduled to open in July 2005.

100 Grand Central Parkway, the city's 61-acre mixed-use urban village. The master plan calls for a performing arts center, an academic

medical campus, commercial and office space, and high-rise residential development.

Downtown Las Vegas Monorail Station, to be built at the intersection of Fremont Street and Las Vegas Boulevard. The Las Vegas Monorail, which opens this year, would be extended 2.3 miles from the Sahara station to downtown, with completion in 2007.

Downtown Entertainment District, a six-block area located on the east side of Las Vegas Boulevard. Within this zone the city has relaxed requirements that liquor-serving establishments must be 1,500 feet apart and encourages development of small clubs and bars with live music.

Fine Dining

Gourmet and notable eateries are plentiful in the downtown and its outskirts, including:

Hugo's Cellar at the Four Queens is a multiple winner of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal's* reader poll, 702-385-4011.

Stefano's at the Golden Nugget features fine Italian dining, 702-385-7111.

Center Stage at the Plaza has fine dining and great views of downtown, 702-386-2512.

The **Burgundy Room** at the Park Plaza Lady Luck has a deserved reputation as a superb steakhouse, 702-477-3000.

The **Pullman Grille** at Main Street Station serves affordable steaks and seafood in a Victorian setting, 702-387-1896.

Andre's French Restaurant, 401 S. Sixth St., offers gourmet cuisine, 702-385-5016.

Chicago Joe's, 820 S. Fourth St., has been dishing reasonably priced Italian food for more than two decades, 702-382-5637.

El Sombrero Café, 807 S. Main St., is Las Vegas' oldest Mexican restaurant (opened in 1950), 702-382-6424.

Supermarket on Fremont Street, a virtual department store of knickknacks.

Fremont Street is also the site of the outdoor **Neon Museum**, a collection of about a half-dozen restored, vintage Las Vegas neon signs, including the original Aladdin's lamp from the Aladdin Hotel.

Only a few blocks away are unusual shops such as the **Attic** (1018 South Main), a funky used-clothing store specializing in fashions of the '60s and '70s; **Adams Western Store** (1415 Western), a traditional old-style Western shop that's been around since 1951; and **Ray's Beaver Bag** (727 Las Vegas Boulevard), a supplier for mountain man re-enactors that offers muzzle-loading rifles, furs, and buffalo jerky.

Three downtown blocks have been turned into the **Lewis Avenue Corridor**. The tree-shaded plaza features a pond, waterfall, and Poet's Bridge, a site for arts events and pleasant strolls.

The southern edge of downtown, around Main Street and Charleston Boulevard, is blossoming into the **Las Vegas Arts District**, filled with trendy galleries, antique shops, restaurants, and artist lofts and studios. In recent years, the **S2 Art Building**, a 22,000-square-foot gallery, opened at 1 East Charleston, while adjacent is the **Arts Factory**, which showcases Las Vegas artists. A few blocks away is the new **Ice House Lounge** (650 South Main), a two-story restaurant and lounge with a retro art-deco atmosphere that drips with hipness.

"It's our time right now. Downtown Las Vegas is the place the Strip could never duplicate."

Doug Lein, manager of the city of Las Vegas' downtown development efforts, notes that nearly 70 percent of the downtown's hotel-casinos have changed ownership during the past two years, which, he says, has brought new energy to those properties.

In recent months, the **Golden Nugget** was sold to Tim Poster and Thomas Breitling, two 34-year-old entrepreneurs who earned millions from the sale of a travel reservation Web service they created. Barrick Gaming Corporation purchased four downtown casinos (the **Plaza**, **Western**, **Gold Strike**, and **Las Vegas Club**). The **Four Queens** was sold to Terry Caudill, a former Circus Circus executive and owner of a Las Vegas sports bar chain. **Binion's Horseshoe** was acquired by the MTR Gaming Group and is managed by Harrah's, and **Fitzgeralds** was purchased by Don Barden, a Detroit cable TV magnate and the nation's only black casino owner. Boyd Gaming, which recently merged with

Coast Casinos, also operates three downtown hotels—**Main Street Station**, the **California**, and the **Fremont**.

"It's exciting," Lein says. "The perception of downtown is changing as people are becoming more accepting of an urban environment.

"It's our time right now," he adds. "Downtown Las Vegas is the place the Strip could never duplicate."

In 2002, **Neonopolis**, a three-story shopping-dining-movie theater complex, opened at Fremont Street and Las Vegas Boulevard. While still lining up occupants, Neonopolis offers downtown's only movie theaters (14 screens) as well as **Jillian's**, a family-oriented restaurant with a 12-lane bowling alley, **La Salsa Cantina**, the **Saloon**, and several souvenir shops.

Last August, **Las Vegas Premium Outlets** opened on a 30-acre site in the southwest corner of the downtown area. The 435,000-square-foot mall, jointly owned by the Chelsea and Simon property groups, has 120 upscale retailers, including **Armani Exchange**, **Coach**, **Perry Ellis**, and **Nike**.

"Chelsea chose this property because of the vision that [Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman] has for the downtown," says Dottie Montana, general manager of the high-end outlet mall. "We wanted to be part of the redevelopment [of the downtown] It's exciting to be part of what's happening."

With its airy architecture and brand-name shops, the mall is impressive. Shortly after it opened, Matt O'Brien, a writer for *Las Vegas City Life*, described it as "surprisingly hip" and noted "as weird as it may seem, downtown Las Vegas is suddenly gaining momentum."

It seems Glitter Gulch is shining more brightly than ever.

When You Go

For more information on attractions and events in downtown Las Vegas, call the **Fremont Street Experience**, 702-678-5777; contact the **City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services**, www.lasvegasnevada.gov or www.artslasvegas.org. Another good source is the **Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority**; call 702-892-0711 or visit www.vegasfreedom.com. ♣

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's publisher and a big fan of shrimp cocktails.

Bargains Galore

The downtown Las Vegas casino core is a bargain. A half-dozen places offer all-you-can eat buffets with prices ranging from \$5.29 (breakfast at the **Main Street Station**) to \$15.95 (Saturday seafood dinner at the **Lady Luck**).

The buffets are worth checking out, if only because they've been recognized in various newspaper and magazine polls (including *Nevada Magazine's* own "Best of Nevada" reader survey). For instance, Main Street Station's **Garden Court** and the **Golden Nugget Buffet** are frequent reader favorites.

Other downtown specials worth noting include:

The **California Hotel's** \$5.99 prime rib dinner, available from 4 to 11 p.m. daily. In addition to an eight-ounce cut of meat, vegetables, and potatoes, the meal includes an all-you-can eat salad bar and cherries jubilee dessert, 702-385-1222.

The **El Cortez's** \$1.75 bacon- or sausage-and-eggs special with coffee, offered 24 hours a day in the Coffee Shop, 702-385-5200.

Main Street Station's **Triple 7 Brewpub** is the only microbrewery in downtown. Along with award-winning, handcrafted lagers and ales, you'll find pub food, such as ribs, pizza, and sandwiches, as well as the downtown's only sushi bar, 702-387-1896.

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The Zing of Comedy

David Brenner unleashes his newsworthy humor at the Westin Casuarina Las Vegas.

By Ann Henderson

In Las Vegas, David Brenner is the top banana at the Westin Casuarina, where he performs six nights a week. But peel back the layers of the comedian's past, and you'll find a teenage gang member who excelled at school. The son of a former vaudevillian, Brenner graduated from the poor streets of Philadelphia. He is an army veteran, author, political pundit, Emmy-winning documentarian, and an advocate for children. He is someone who fought the battle for social change and lost.

Brenner also is a very funny man who regales showgoers at the off-Strip property with a 90-minute civics lesson. He usually sprinkles in a few jabs at Las Vegas, too.

"I loved it when the mob ran Las Vegas," he tells his audience in the 235-seat show-

"I don't have an act," Brenner says. "My show is based on current events."

room built for him. "I played at the Sahara in 1971 on a handshake."

"They would leave us a stack of \$100 chips," he says of the casino operators in Southern Nevada, where he headlined through the 1970s. "They wanted celebrities to be seen gambling. They let us deal. It was relaxed. Everyone was in evening

clothes, no jeans." During his show Brenner offers observations about casino players, such as those who talk to the slot machines and the guy who's still going at 2 a.m.

"He's wearing stains from three or four buffets and obviously losing money," says Brenner. "He tells his impatient wife to stop nagging: 'I came to Las Vegas to have a good time.'"

The comedian uses only one prop, a podium that holds a stack of five-by-seven cards that he occasionally shuffles. "I don't have an act," Brenner explains. "My show is based on current events." He gathers material by watching hours of TV news and reading four to six newspapers each day.

"Did you know that 40 percent of the people don't believe what they read in the newspaper?" he asks. "I read that in a newspaper."

"Isn't the Venetian a fabulous place? [Owner] Sheldon Adelson and his wife made a trip to Venice and fell in love with it. Thank God it wasn't Newark."

"They're looking for intelligent life on Mars. Why not begin here?"

Brenner did not start out to become a comedian, but he says it was in his genes. "My father was the funniest human being I have ever met in my life. He was a vaudeville comedian and song-and-dance man who could juggle and sing. No matter how bad things were, how poor we were, we laughed all the time." Brenner's father, Lou, also was a numbers runner who was never arrested. "He could memorize all the bets and recite them verbatim."

Humor was a survival skill on the mean streets of Philly as Brenner led what he calls



David Brenner, comical and topical.

a neighborhood wolf pack. "We looked out for children and the elderly, but there were major fights," he says. "The reason I was the leader was not because I was the best fighter, but I was the best negotiator. I used humor to pacify anger."

Nevertheless, Brenner was class president through high school and graduated with honors from Temple University, where he majored in communications. He worked in documentaries and eventually wrote, produced, or directed 115 films, earning an Emmy for *On Call: Dr. Amato*.

"In my youthful naivete, I was going to change the world," Brenner recalls in a post-show interview at the Westin Casuarina. His films dealt with social issues such as the death penalty, rape, and the welfare system. "If you were to dust them off today and ignore the hair and clothing styles, you'd think they were just made. And that's the sad part—nothing was changed by anything I did."

"So, out of frustration, I said I'm done beating my head against a wall and started messing around with comedy." His first paying job was \$30 for eight performances at Pips, a Brooklyn club. Eighteen months later he made his debut on *The Tonight Show*, where he was seen by Buddy Hackett. The comic used his influence to get Brenner booked into the Sahara.

After that first Las Vegas appearance in

1971, Brenner appeared often in Nevada showrooms, on television, and on tour. For three years he opened for Sonny and Cher. He appeared on *Hollywood Squares*. He was a frequent guest on *The Tonight Show* and a substitute host for Johnny Carson. During the 1986-87 season Brenner presented his own late-night show, *Nightlife*. In 1989 he starred in a one-man Broadway show, "The Life and Times of David Brenner."

As a political pundit, he has added his skewed view on current events to CNN and Fox news programs and MSNBC with Chris Matthews. He also has written five books, including the autobiographical *Soft Pretzels With Mustard*. The entertainer said *Soft Pretzels* and his latest book, *I Think There's a Terrorist in My Soup: How to Survive World Problems With Laughter*, are his favorites.

When Brenner is not performing at the Westin, the single father gets out to see area attractions such as Red Rock Canyon with sons Slade, eight, and Wyatt, five. His 21-year-old son, Cole, a graphics designer, lives on the East Coast. The comedian describes all three as having the "Brenner funny gene."

There is humor and pride when he speaks of his offspring, but his voice takes on an edgy, almost angry tone when he talks about children who aren't so lucky.

"I'm passionate about the children. What's going to happen to the children? We're already losers. Look at the Middle East. Once they get to age eight, both Israeli and Palestinian, it's over. Kids in the streets throwing rocks at tanks. I don't understand telling your children to go change the world for you. You should be changing the world for the children."

While Brenner is exasperated with the human toll, he is familiar with military conflict. He spent one year and 350 days serving with the 101st Airborne—the Screaming Eagles. "I was lucky. They divided my army class according to the alphabet. A through N went to Europe, N to Z went to Vietnam."

Switching to a classic Brennerism, the comedian adds, "Isn't that a way to pick the right troops for the right job?"

Show Notes

David Brenner plays the Westin Casuarina Las Vegas at 8 nightly except Wednesday. Tickets cost \$50 plus tax; drinks are extra. Call 702-836-9775 or visit www.westin.com/lasvegas for information.

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Showgirls Backstage

Las Vegas showgirls conduct revealing tours of "Jubilee!" at Bally's.

By Jack Bulavsky

The only backstage tour of its kind in Las Vegas is conducted by the type of tour guide you would expect to find in Nevada: a beautiful, statuesque showgirl.

The **All-Access Backstage Walking Tour** is a behind-the-scenes look at Donn Arden's "Jubilee!" at Bally's Las Vegas. The tour started less than a year ago, and hotel officials say its popularity has surprised them.

"Guests are fascinated by what goes on behind the curtains of a show as spectacular as this one," says Stacy Solovey, public relations manager at Bally's. "What's surprising is that many of our customers return and go on the tour again with their friends. They are simply intrigued by the props, the dressing rooms, costumes, and especially by the showgirls."

No wonder. "Jubilee!" at Bally's and "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana are the last two big-budget musical productions left on the Las Vegas Strip. Almost 10 million people have seen "Jubilee!" since its debut 23 years ago at a cost of \$10 million. With production numbers built around huge sets, the show offers a tribute to the "Ziegfeld Follies" and also stars the Long Twins (contortionists), Fuzion (acrobats), and Stoyan and Dmitri (aerialists).

So if you're ready for the tour, let's go. I've been waiting all day to meet this showgirl.

Paula Allen is a five-foot-nine blonde. Already I'm impressed. She is wearing



The All-Access Backstage Walking Tour at Bally's Las Vegas offers an insider's look at the lives of "Jubilee!" showgirls.

fishnet stockings and sequins and has been a "Jubilee!" showgirl since 1997. She is a principal dancer and also appears topless. She can be seen in the opening number as well as in the *Titanic*, *Samson and Delilah*, *Tiller*, and *Celestial* scenes. The tour group, about 25 people, immediately begins asking her questions about performing topless, her salary, where she lives, and how much those colorful headpieces actually weigh.

Paula shares facts and figures as she leads the group backstage. "There are 85 singers and dancers," she says. "If all the

sequins from all the outfits were laid in a straight line, it would reach 8,000 miles. There are 10,000 pounds of jewelry worn by the performers, and it takes 46 stagehands to produce the show nightly."

The stage itself is 50 yards long and has three main elevators. When the lifts rise from the depths of the understage, everything from the sinking of the *Titanic* to a night out watching *Samson* bring down the temple is brought to life.

Paula rattles off statistics. "We're walking two stories below the stage where 26 wardrobe people sew and mend over

1,000 gowns and costumes designed by Bob Mackie and Pete Menefee. They're well-known Hollywood designers, and Mackie has done all of Cher's outrageous outfits. Anyway, these gowns cost between \$7,000 and \$20,000 each."

Downstairs we walk through a labyrinth of rooms where welders build sets, dancers relax, and costumers repair dresses. The women on the tour roll their eyes, imagining how they could wear a heavily sequined, 12-pound strapless dress. The men keep their eyes on Paula.

The most popular room we visit is the Feather Room, where stunning rainbow-

The tour group begins asking Paula questions about performing topless, her salary, where she lives, and how much those headpieces weigh.

colored headpieces, some weighing as much as 35 pounds, are on display. Paula says it's OK to touch and feel the orange, red, white, black, pink, turquoise, and yellow hats made with rooster, turkey, ostrich, and pheasant feathers.

At tour's end, everyone takes turns having a picture taken with Paula. "This has been wonderful," says a lady from Long Island. "I have a much better appreciation of what's going on."

Tour Notes: The one-hour All-Access Backstage Walking Tour begins at 2 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at Bally's Las Vegas. The minimum age is 13. The tour costs \$15 without the purchase of a "Jubilee!" show ticket and \$10 with purchase. Show tickets cost \$53.50 to \$70 and are available at the Bally's Box Office or by calling 702-946-4567 or visiting www.ballyslv.com. "Jubilee!" show times are 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. ♣

Jack Bulavsky, a Las Vegas writer, examined the lure of "Reel Celebrities" in March/April '03.

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Nevada communities and casinos offer a variety of events this summer, including Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day celebrations. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events and celebrations for May and June. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and details.

Las Vegas Territory

Ho-Waiian Luau \$150,000 Slot Tournament • April 28-May 1 • Westward Ho, Las Vegas, 800-223-1709.

Mesquite Days • April 29-May 1 • 20th-anniversary celebration includes a street dance, art show, barbecue, talent show, free breakfast, parade, and fireworks. Citywide, Mesquite, 702-346-2902.

Tastes and Tunes • April 30-May 1 • Celebrating diversity with entertainment, a car show, boxing exhibition, food vendors, arts and crafts, and games for children. North Las Vegas City Hall, North Las Vegas, 702-633-1612.

Nitro National Nostalgia Drags • April 30-May 1 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-643-0000.

"A View From the Bridge" • April 30-May 1 and May 5-8 • Nevada Conservatory Theatre presents Arthur Miller's play about betrayal. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas Home Improvement and Decorating Show • April 30-May 2 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 760-720-7181.

THQ World Supercross GP Finals • May 1 • Dirt bike championship. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Leave No Trace • May 1 • Learn how to use, enjoy, and protect parks and outdoor resources. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Maifest • May 1 • Music, dancing, and food. German-American Social Club, North Las Vegas, 702-649-8503.

Spring Jamboree • May 1-2 • More than 125 craft booths, food, music, entertainment, and a car show. Wilbur and Bicentennial parks, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Jazz Picnic • May 2 • Featured performers are Joe Torres, Marciel and Therapy, and Deacon Blues. Location TBA, Las Vegas, 702-313-6778.

Cinco de Mayo • May 2 • Exhibits, displays, food, and music. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-284-6400.

In the Name of the Father • May 4 • Movie starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Emma Thompson. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Taste of the Nation • May 6 • More than 50 food booths featuring Las Vegas restaurants, a silent auction, and music. Benefits anti-hunger charities. Tickets \$50 advance. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, 702-943-6868.

First Friday May Funfest • May 7 • Street festival celebrates the arts downtown with bands, a tour of the Arts Factory, Funkhouse, Red Rooster, and the Ice House. Third and Main Street, Las Vegas, 702-229-1237.

Laughlin Mile Dragon Boat Challenge • May 8 • A regatta on the Colorado River of more than 35 crews in 44-foot



Ready to Board

Bob Freedman (left), Chris Cheely, George Cheri, and other volunteers welcome passengers aboard the Nevada Southern Railway in Boulder City. The Nevada State Railroad Museum's new tourist train follows the Hoover Dam-era route to Railroad Pass.

Chinese war canoes. Laughlin, 702-298-3321 for details.

Jurassic Park III • May 8 • More creatures and adventures of the prehistoric kind. Free film. East Las Vegas Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Arthritis Walk • May 8 • 5K walk to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-367-1626.

ArtFest of Henderson • May 8 • More than 200 artists show their works, music, food, silent auction, and kids gallery. Water Street, Downtown Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Woody Owl Arts and Crafts Day • May 8 • Display and sale. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of

Las Vegas, 702-875-4141 for further event information.

Jazz in the Park • May 8 • Picnics welcome for the free outdoor concert at 8pm. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Russian Romantics • May 8 • The Las Vegas Philharmonic's program features works by Kabalewsky, Rachmaninoff, and Tchaikovsky. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-885-2787.

Archeological Dig • May 8 • Learn how archeologists do their work and join a pretend dig at 9:30am. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Las Vegas Pride 2004 Winds of Change • May 8-16 • Gay pride festival. All-American Sport Park, Las Vegas, 702-434-3667 for information.

Mother's Day Big Band Concert • May 9 • Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Cinco de Mayo • May 9 • Food vendors, booths, and entertainment from 10am-8pm. Freedom Park, Las Vegas, 702-383-8295.

To Live • May 11 • Documentary film covers political upheaval in China from 1940s to 1960s. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

\$99 Slot Tournament • May 12-13 • Includes two nights at Bally's and a \$10,000 purse. Bally's Las Vegas, 702-739-4111.

\$139 Slot Tournament • May 12-13 • Includes two nights at Paris and a \$10,000 purse. Paris Las Vegas, 702-739-4111.

Written in Stone: Lewis Avenue Poets Café Under the Stars • May 13 and 27 • Local poets and jazz. Lewis Avenue Corridor, Las Vegas, 702-229-1237.

"Giselle" • May 14-16 • Ballet from the romantic era recounts the story of a love that transcends death. Pre-performance dinner May 14 at Lawry's Prime Rib. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787.

Back to Mesquite Virgin River Classic Car Show • May 14-16 • Open to all makes, models, and motorcycles. \$20 entry includes barbecue, drinks, and slot tournament. Virgin River, Mesquite, 800-346-7721.

A Day of Adventure • May 15 • Treasure hunt, living-history programs, games, and prizes at Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park. Rainbow Company Youth Theatre "Sacagawea: The Bird Woman," Las Vegas All Star High School Jazz Band, Reed Whipple Cultural Center. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, shark feedings, games, live animal encounters, and entertainment, and human checkers game at Cashman Field. Las Vegas, 702-486-3511, 702-229-6211, or 702-384-DINO.

African-American Fathers: Factors That Motivate Their Commitment to Their Children • May 15 • Lecture by Dr. John Carter. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Henderson Civic Symphony Season Finale • May 16 • Guest performance by Las Vegas Master Singers. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Las Vegas Cruise Nights • May 21 • Open to all makes and models. Henderson Chevrolet, Henderson, 702-643-0000.

Mexico Vivo Dance Company • May 21 • Traditional Mexican and Latin American folk dances. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-2087.

Poets' Corner • May 21 • Readings. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Spring Gift and Craft Festival • May 21-23 • Booths, music, and entertainment. Galleria at Sunset, Henderson, 702-568-7109.

Old Time Barn Dance • May 22 • Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Jazz in the Park • May 22 • Picnics welcome for the free outdoor concert at 8pm. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Nevada Territory Map

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

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

"Tuskegee Love Letters" • May 22 • WWII-era one-act play based on letters written by Tuskegee Airman James B. Knights. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • May 22 • Guided moderate-to-strenuous three-hour hike with some bouldering. Long pants and hiking shoes advised. Bring water, lunch, and snacks. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight" • May 22 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Living History Program: Chet Lauck • May 23 • First-person impression of Chet Lauck, the Lum of the radio program *Lum and Abner*. Lauck built the park's ranch house in 1948. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Nevada Jazz Orchestra • May 23 • 17-piece orchestra performs contemporary standards and original material. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-313-6778.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" • May 28-30, June 3-6 • World War II drama about the hopes and dreams of a young girl

hiding from the Nazis. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Memorial Day Rollin' on the River • May 28-31 • Giant dice game. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 702-298-4000.

Tiger Jam VII • May 29 • Singer Prince joins Tiger Woods for annual benefit for the Tiger Woods Learning Center. Events Center, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 702-474-4000.

Tito Puente Jr. Orchestra • May 29 • Pop, Latin jazz, and dance music. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-1087.

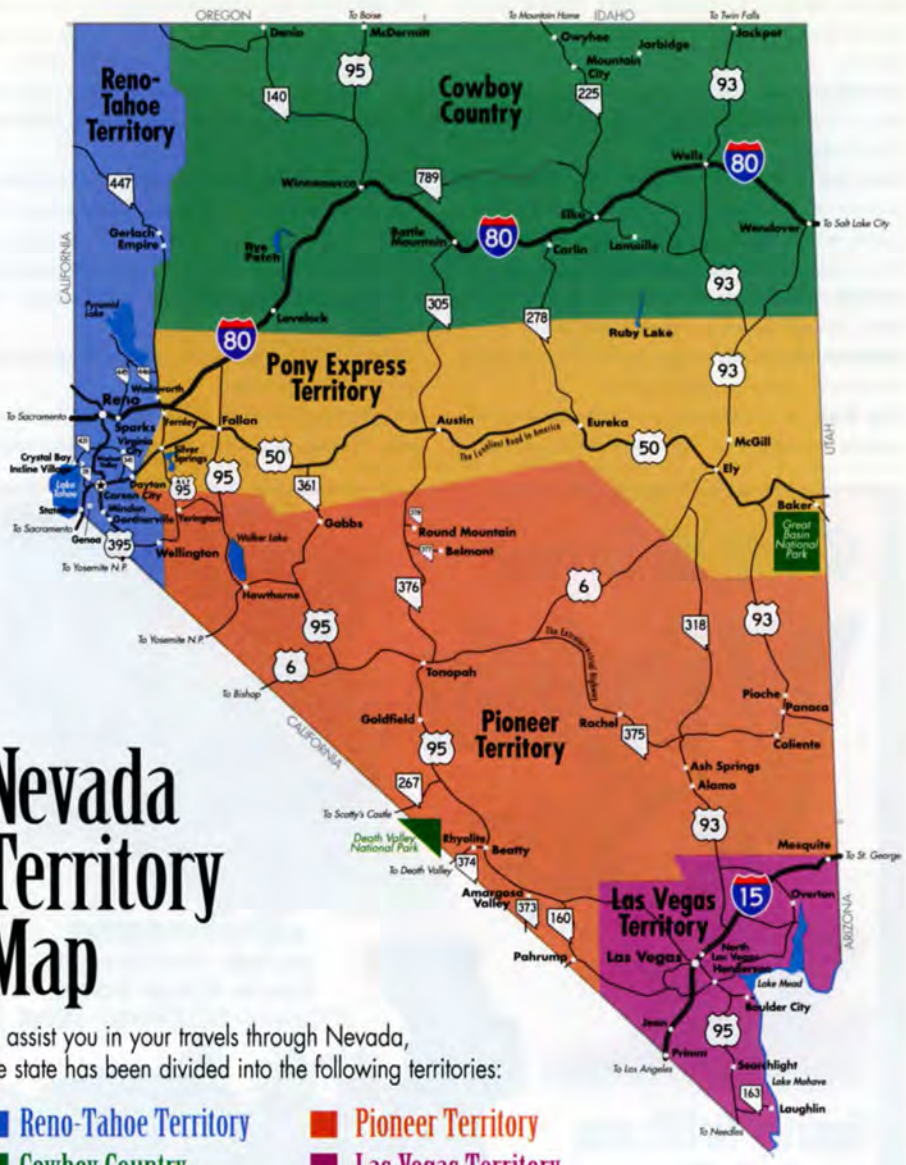
"Hamlet" • June 3-5 • Nevada Theatre Company. Summerlin Centre Community Park, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

Prizefight: Oscar De La Hoya vs. Felix Sturm • June 5 • De La Hoya challenges middleweight champ Sturm. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 800-929-1111.

Jazz in the Park • June 5 • Picnics welcome for the free outdoor concert at 8pm. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Smokin' Crawdads • June 5 • Cajun and Zydeco music played on an electric washboard. Henderson Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Laughlin River Days • June 5-6 • Pro boat racers maneuver



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a narrow course on the Colorado River. Activities include bikini contests, vendors, and entertainment. Laughlin, 800-227-5245.

Colorado Belle Golf Tournaments • June 6-8 • Play at Mojave Resort Golf Course. Prize money is \$18,000. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

"Annie Get Your Gun" • June 9-12, 16-19, 23-26 • Super Summer Theater musical performed under the stars. Early ticket purchase suggested. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-7529.

\$100,000 Pai Gow Poker Tournament • June 10-12 • Buy-in \$499. Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, 702-732-5111.

Henderson Civic Symphony • June 11 • Free concert. Justice Court Park, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Food, Wine, and Jazz Classic • June 11-13 • Events include cooking demonstrations, three-course lunch, golf special

and spa specials, wine and cheese symposiums, jazz concert under the stars, beach party, bourbon tasting, and cigar sampling. Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-871-5145.

Free Fishing Day • June 12 • Events for children age three to 15 include instruction in the basics. Floyd Lamb State Park, Las Vegas, 775-486-5127

\$99 Slot Tournament • June 16-17 • Includes two nights at Bally's Las Vegas and a \$10,000 purse. Bally's Las Vegas, 702-739-4111.

\$139 Slot Tournament • June 16-17 • Includes two nights at Paris Las Vegas and a \$10,000 purse. Paris Las Vegas, 702-739-4111.

The Fab • June 18 • Free concert. River Mountain Park, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Jazz in the Park • June 19 • Picnics welcome for the free outdoor concert beginning at 8pm. Clark County Amphitheater, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200 for more information.

American Junior Golf Championship • June 21-24 • Open to all AJGA members, ages 13-18. Angel Park Golf Course, Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.

Killian's Angels • June 23 • Concert. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • June 24-26 • "The Longest Off-Road Race in the United States" covers 500 miles from Las Vegas to Reno. Race starts at the Suncoast in Las Vegas and ends at the Reno Hilton. 702-457-5775.

Nevada Chamber Symphony • June 25 • Free concert. Justice Court Park, Henderson, 702-267-4055.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • June 26 • Guided moderate-to-strenuous three-hour hike with some bouldering. Long pants and hiking shoes advised. Bring water, lunch, and snacks. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

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Reno-Tahoe Territory

Cinco de Mayo Reno • April 24, May 2, 7-9 • April 24, Ballet Folklorico Quetzalli de Veracruz, Golden Phoenix (775-785-7100). May 2, Mexican rodeo (call for location 775-560-3270). May 7, Malo Suavecito in concert at the Golden Phoenix (775-785-7100). Paul Rodriguez at City Center Pavilion ((800-MUSTSEE). May 8-9, parade, piñata-making, flamenco guitarist Michael Olsen, and Latin rock band Larnonyk. High-low car show, food, and crafts. Downtown Reno and Shoppers Square, Reno, 775-825-1727.

Stag Golf Outing • April 29-May 1 • 15th annual tournament plays at Genoa Lakes Golf Club and Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6625.

"Saturday Night Fever" • April 30-May 1 • Broadway Comes to Reno presentation of the disco musical. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 800-714-5331.

"Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" • April 30-May 1, 6-8, 13-15, 20-21, 27-28 • Play reviews Brel's music. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221.

Reno-Tahoe Wine and Food Festival • April 30-May 2 • Wine and food tasting, marketplace, seminars, and a winemaker's dinner. Reno Hilton, Reno, 800-443-3105.

Be an Engineer Training Program • April 30-May 2 • Learn to operate a 1926 diesel-powered railcar. The \$120 fee includes a barbecue. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Derby Day • May 1 • Benefit for the Reno Chamber Orchestra features lunch, mint juleps, live and silent auctions, and the Kentucky Derby. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-348-9413.

Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off • May 1 • 21st annual International Chili Society-sanctioned event. Cooks will try to qualify for the October world championship in Reno. Bucket of Blood parking lot, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Oodles of Noodles Cook-Off • May 1 • Craft fair, wine tasting, and silent auction. Historic Old Town Dayton, Dayton, 775-246-7909.

Rock Point Mill Site Tour • May 1 • Walking tour of the 1860s ore-crushing site. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Gates and Wakes Pro Ski Challenge • May 1-2 • Skiers and snowboarders race from the slopes of Alpine Meadows to the waters of Lake Tahoe, where competitors will switch to water skiing or wakeboarding. Alpine Meadows Ski Area, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-8225.

Meet the Winemaker Dinner • May 3 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711.

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Galumph • May 6 • New York acrobatic ensemble combines movement, humor, and strength. Cal Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, 530-546-4602.

RSVP Spring Fun Fair • May 6-9 • Carnival, arts and crafts vendors, food, and drink. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

UNR Spring Dance Concert • May 6-9 • Featured artist Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago Company. Redfield Theater, UNR, Reno, 775-784-7015.

Bella Voce Presents "Transitions" • May 7 • Women's chorus features a work by Nevada's Eric Whiteacre and a new commission by Valerie Shields. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-323-6090.

Big Mama's Show and Shine Classic Car Show • May 8 • Douglas County Senior Center, Gardnerville, 775-783-6455.

Mother's Day Breakfast • May 8 • Benefit for the Douglas County Historical Society. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-9173.

Jackpot of Gems • May 8-9 • Rock, gem, and mineral show. Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-356-8820.

"Camelot" • May 8-9, 14-16, 21-23 • Lerner and Loewe's Broadway musical tells the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Arts in Bloom • May 9 • Art sale, music, food. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-7816.

Urban Animal Tracks • May 9 • Program identifies birds and small animals. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Splash of Cash Slot Tournament • May 9-10 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

May Jazz • May 11 • Mile High Jazz Band with vocalist Sheryl Adams. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-2662.

Railroad Lecture • May 12 • Program on railroad history. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Booksale Bonanza • May 13-23 • Friends of Washoe County Library present more than 100,000 items including nearly new and collectibles. Location TBA, Reno, 775-327-8360.

Reno River Festival • May 14-16 • Professional kayakers perform moves during an invitational rodeo at the new Truckee River Whitewater Park. Other activities include clinics, a beer garden, and a Cracker concert at Harrah's Reno. Downtown Reno, 800-FOR-RENO.

Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend • May 14-16 • From rags to riches to rags: Seeking wealth and losing it on the mining frontier will be the topic of exhibits, lectures, workshops, and a cemetery tour. Activities include a dinner and musical revue, costume fashion show, music by the Comstock Children's Chorus, and a brown-bag lunch and an Andrew Carnegie Chautauqua performance at the Fourth Ward School. Also, a ball at Piper's Opera House. Historic Fourth Ward School Museum, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

"Fizz" • May 14-16, 21-23 • Original children's play. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • May 15 • Selections by Bach, Dvorak, Respighi, and Mendelssohn. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-348-9413.

Swing for a Cure • May 15 • Second annual Sharkey Begovich Memorial Golf Tournament. Event includes a barbecue and games. Carson Valley Golf Course, Gardnerville, 775-790-1544.

Multi Cultural Festival • May 15 • Ethnic foods, displays, dancing, music, and art. Sarah Winnemucca Hall, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 775-445-4453.

BCRA Vintage Midgets • May 15 • Car race. Thunder Bowl

Speedway, Mound House, 775-246-3396 for information.

Tour the Lear • May 15 • Renovation update in conjunction with Historic Preservation Week. The Lear Theater, Reno, 775-786-2278.

Reno River Walk • May 15 • Purchase a map and a Reno River Festival souvenir wine glass for \$5 to participate in a winetasting at 10 merchants along the Truckee River. Downtown, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Children's Theme Weekend • May 15-16 • Children's weekend in conjunction with Gardnerville's 125th birthday celebration offers breakfast, clowns, face-painting, music, band concert, and barbecue. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-7134.

Symphony Showcase • May 16 • Performance by soloists and chamber ensembles from the Carson City Symphony. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

The James King Band • May 18 • Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association event. Hacienda Restaurant, Reno, 775-348-4692.

Free Cooking Seminar for Older Adults • May 20 • Cooking demonstrations, recipes, healthy cooking tips, and samples. Classic Residence by Hyatt, Reno, 775-825-1105.

Centennial Celebration, Hollywood Style! • May 21 • Dinner, silent auction, and book signing celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Washoe County Library System. Atlantis, Reno, 775-327-8360.

Lake Tahoe Jazz Festival • May 21-23 • Bands scheduled to perform include Coronet Chop Suey, the Hungarian Hot Jazz Band, Street Jazz Band, Gator Band, the Hucklebucks, Juggernaut Jug Band, Dick Johnson's Mardi Gras Band, Stompy Jones, Mick Martin and the Blues Rockers, and Stan Mark and the Rogue Valley Stompers. Five venues,



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Incline Village and Crystal Bay, North Lake Tahoe, 800-GO-TAHOE for further event information.

Washoe Wildflowers • May 22 • Spring wildflower walk. Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Windows on History • May 22-23 • Guided bus tours of his-

torical sites, Wild West performances, guided walking tours, music, and entertainment. Downtown Truckee, 866-245-4347.

Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Record-Courier 100th Anniversary 5/10K Runs and 5K Fun Walk • May 22-23 • Gardnerville's

125th birthday celebration features a poker run, show and shine, concert, barbecue, bikers blessing. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-7134.

Centennial Garden Party • May 23 • Celebrates the 100th anniversary of the state's oldest museum. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

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

Biennial Conference on Nevada History • May 25-26 • "Out of the Past, Into the Future." Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

The Unauthorized Rolling Stones • May 28 • Free summer family concert in the park. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-9828.

Escarabajo Off-Road Rally • May 28-31 • 40-mile course around Virginia City. Start-finish at the train depot, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Wild West Tour • May 29 • Meet character actors during the guided home tour through the Kit Carson Trail historic district. Telegraph Square, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Old Guns and Black Powder Smoke • May 29 • History and evolution of guns in the West. Washoe Lake State Park Equestrian Area, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Memorial Weekend Motorcycle Jamboree • May 29-30 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-265-9483.

Kayak Demo Day • May 30 • Demonstrations. Timber Cove Marina, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-2011.

Tahoe Maritime Museum Family Day • May 30 • Classic boat and marine engine display. Activities include a scavenger hunt, free refreshments, and games. Tahoe Maritime Museum, Homewood, 530-525-9253.

National Pony Express Association • June 2-5 • The re-ride

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May 7-9	Spring Wings Bird Festival
June-August	Fallon Farmers Market Season
Jun. 29-Jul. 4	Silver State Int'l Rodeo
July 16-18	Nevada Indian Days Pow Wow & Rodeo
Aug. 13-14	Nevada Motocross Championships
Aug. TBD	Overland Hotel Chili Cook-off
Sept. 3-6	Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival
Sept. 24-26	Senior Pro Rodeo
Oct. 9	Waterfowl Hunting Season, Opening Day (Date subject to change)
Dec. 3-4	Hometown Christmas
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begins June 1 in Sacramento and ends June 11 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Nevada's re-ride has legs ranging from 26 to 59 miles. For updates call 775-265-1808.

Moonlight Kayak Tour • June 3 • Guided sunset tour. Timber Cove Marina, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-2011.

Carson Valley Inn Rafting Outing • June 4 • 20-mile trip on the Carson River. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

Meet the Winemaker Dinner • June 4 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Mutt Strut • June 5 • Annual dog walk to benefit the Nevada Humane Society. Sparks Marina Park, Sparks, 775-331-5770.



The Joy of Spring

Members of the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago Company are featured guest artists on May 6-9 during the annual UNR Spring Dance Concert in Reno.

Kids' Fishing Derby • June 5-6 • Participants age three to 12 years must register. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828 for more event information.

Minden Arts and Crafts Fair • June 5-6 • Crafts and entertainment sponsored by local businesses. Minden, 775-782-2444 for details.

Pro Wakeboard Tour • June 5-6 • ESPN X-Games qualifier. Sparks Marina Park, Sparks, 775-827-7600.

Genoa Home and Garden Tour • June 6 • Benefit for the Carson Valley Pops Orchestra. Genoa, 775-782-4951.

Snowshoe Thompson/Pony Express • June 6 • Program covers the history of mail delivery in Genoa and Nevada at Genoa Courthouse Museum. Music, games, and activities of the early West at Mormon Station State Historic Park. Genoa, 775-782-2555 or 775-782-2590.

America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride • June 6 • Fully-supported bicycle tour around Lake Tahoe with 40-, 72-, and 100-mile ride options. Start-finish at Horizon Casino, Stateline, 775-588-9658.

Big Band Jazz Under the Stars • June 8 • Mile High Jazz Band performs. Comma Coffee Courtyard, Carson City, 775-883-2662.

Carson Valley Inn Fishing Derby • June 10-11 • Participants fish for mackinaw aboard private charter boats on Lake Tahoe. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679 for more event information.

Carson City Rendezvous • June 11-13 • Living-history weekend with mountain men, Civil War re-enactments, Pony Express riders, gunfighters, Native American and Hispanic villages, Scottish clans, camel rides, Dutch oven cook-off, entertainment, crafts, and food. Mills Park, Carson City, 800-NEVADA-1.

"The Wizard of Oz" • June 11-13, 18-20 • Broadway musical based on L. Frank Baum's story. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Free Fishing Day • June 12 • Events for children age three to 15 include instruction in the basics. San Rafael Regional Park in Reno and Sparks Marina Park in Sparks, 775-688-1500.

Stampede Car Show • June 12 • Music, food, and a show and shine open to all years, makes, and models of cars and trucks. Holiday Inn, Reno, 775-324-3445.

Car Camping for Beginners • June 12 and 19 • Overnight campout features tips, techniques, and a campfire program for families. June 12 is a planning session for the June 19 family campout. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Car Show and Steam-Up • June 12-13 • Restored automobiles will be displayed during the museum's weekend steam-up. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Carson Valley Days • June 12-13 • Food, music, parade, games, and arts and crafts. The annual celebration's theme this year is "Gardnerville's 125th Birthday Bash." Event also includes the Carson Valley Days BuckarooFest Ranch Rodeo, June 12 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-783-1143.

Solo • June 12-13 • Sports Car Club of America trial against course and clock.

Competition is open to all licensed drivers. Reno-Stead Airport, Reno, 775-267-4845.

"Some Things You Need to Know Before the World Ends" • June 12-13, 18-20, 25-27 • Morality play. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221.

BCRA Vintage Midgets • June 13 • Car race. Thunder Bowl Speedway, Mound House, 775-246-3396.

Wacky Waddler Wiver Wace • June 13 • Rubber duck race to benefit anti-hunger organization. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-3711.

Pops Party Concert • June 13 • Free outdoor concert featuring the Carson City Symphony, Carson Chamber Singers, and guest vocalist Jakki Ford. Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

\$35,000 Anniversary Slot Tournament • June 13-14 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

Bonanza Western Film Festival • June 17-20 • Benefit for the American Cancer Society features invited film stars Peter Brown, Donna Martell, Robert Horton, Robert

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Art Shows and Exhibits

Whales: Permanent exhibit features live sharks in a 3,000-gallon tank, shark-egg hatchery, and scale models. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-DINO.

The Record-Courier's 100th Anniversary: Permanent exhibit celebrates the newspaper's coverage of the Carson Valley. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

From Renoir to Rothko: Thru May 2. Works from the late 19th century through the 1960s. Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, Venetian, Las Vegas, 702-414-2107.

Robin Stark: Thru May 2. Ceramic tiles exhibition. Enterprise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

James Ransome: Thru May 4. African American illustrator. West Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

Jorge Catoni and Dayo Adelja: Thru May 6. Abstract paintings. Left of Center Art Gallery, North Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

K Stevenson: Thru May 16. Sculptures and prints. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Think Tank: Thru May 30. Perplexing puzzles, optical oddities, and mirror magic challenge minds with brain games. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Nevada Portraits: Photographs by Reed Bingham: Thru June 13. 43 portraits of Northern Nevadans by Reno-based photographer and writer. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Asian Art Now 2004: Thru June 19. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

100 Years of Nevada History: Frontiers Revisited: Thru June 20. Nevada Historical Society's 100th anniversary exhibit. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Celebration of Basketweaving: Thru June 20. Forty baskets and 20 photographs represent the role of the art among Arizona's Native Americans. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Neon Unplugged: Thru June 27. The story of historic Las Vegas' signs. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Occupied Space: Connecting Artists With Public Spaces: Thru June. Collection of paintings, drawings, ceramics, photography, and sculpture. East Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Lorenzo Latimer and the Latimer Art Club: Thru July 18. Known for his watercolors of Lake Tahoe

and the Sierra Nevada. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

An Impressionist Eye: Painting and Sculpture from the Philip and Janice Levin Foundation:

Thru July 18. Works by Edgar Degas, Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Pierre-Auguste Renoir. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Michelle Currie: Thru Aug. 11. Paintings in pastels. Green Valley Library, Henderson, 702-507-3659.

Year of the Basket: Thru Sept. 1. Focus on Indian basket makers. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Spirit: Thru Sept. 11. Works by Frederick Hart. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Town of Gardnerville's 125th Birthday: Thru Sept. 22. The history of the Carson Valley community. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

The 1950s: Cold War, Hot Cars: Thru Sept. 27. Display of the political and social aspects with photos of the Nevada Test Site by Peter Goin and a fallout shelter. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Cool Stuff: Thru Oct. 3. A hot pink gown, a sanitation kit from the Sands Hotel's bomb shelter, and a watch from Al Capone are among the items that tell the story of Las Vegas. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Locomotive Stories of the V&T: Thru Dec. Exhibit features models of Virginia and Truckee Railroad locomotives, photographs, and artifacts. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

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

A River Runs Through It Art Exhibit and Sale: May 1-29. Truckee River-themed watercolors, acrylics, oils, prints, cards, and photography. VSA arts of Nevada Gallery, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Eiichi Nagatsuka: May 1-31. Paintings are part of Asian-Pacific-American Heritage Month. Sahara West Grotto Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

Tribute to the Kiwanis Club: May 1-31. Exhibit marks the 89th anniversary of the civic organization in Northern Nevada. Sparks Heritage Museum, Sparks, 775-355-1144.

Viva Downtown: Celebrating the Art of the Aerial Gallery: May 7-July 29. Las Vegas artists exhibition. City Hall, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Honest Horses: A Portrait of the Mustang in the Great Basin: May 13-June 30. Traveling exhibition by photographer Paula Morin. Great Basin Gallery, Carson City, 775-882-8505.

Beetle Mania: May 19-Sept. 27. Volkswagens, from buses to dune buggies. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Henderson Art Association Exhibit: May 24-July 5. Paseo Verde Library, Henderson, 702-568-5655.



Photographer Reed Bingham presents 43 portraits of Nevadans such as Georgie Sicking (above) through June 13 at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno.

John Mihopoulos: May 27-Aug. 17. Wildlife paintings. Sunrise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

The Color of Hay: Ancient Peasant Ways in Transylvania: May 28-July 11. Black and white photographs. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Farmer's Market: June 1-Aug. 31. Exhibit coincides with the popular market on Victorian Square. Sparks Heritage Museum, Sparks, 775-355-1144.

The Amazing Castle: June 1-Aug. 31. Children can don costumes and engage in role-play by becoming lords and ladies. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Art Beyond the Garden Gate: June 2-29. More than 20 artists exhibit and sell two- and three-dimensional works of interior and exterior garden art. VSA arts of Nevada Gallery, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Cats! Wild to Mild: June 14-July 31. Traveling exhibit traces felines from the sabertooth to domestic cats. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-DINO.

Joe Chernicoff: June 24-Aug. 24. Tour of the photographer's rodeo pictures. Enterprise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3659.

Music, Lectures, Tours

Goldfield Historical Firehouse and Museum: Antique equipment on display weekends from 10am-4pm. Firehouse was built in 1908. Goldfield, 775-485-6303.

Mormon Station State Historic Park Tours: Sundays beginning June 27. Tour of historic Genoa. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

Spring Mountain Ranch Walking Tours: Daily guided 45-minute tour of the historic site's blacksmith shop, the reservoir, Wilson Graveside, and Sandstone Cabins, the second oldest buildings in the Las Vegas Valley. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

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

Frank Wright Concert Series: Fridays, April 30-June 4. Bring a sack lunch. Frank Wright Plaza, Fourth and Stewart, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Hidden Cave Tours: May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26. 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

Basket Making Programs: May 8, Basket Making Stories. May 13, Hale Stone: Through the Eyes of a Basket Weaver. May 22, Tule Basket Demonstration. May 27 From the Roots: First Gathering. June 5, Longaberger Company Baskets. June 12, Washoe Basket Making. June 26, Mini-Burden Basket Workshop. Lectures showcase the Year of the Basket exhibit. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Railroading

Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Steam or diesel excursions weekends in May, daily June-Sept., weekends in Oct. Wine Train, May 30. Veterans ride free, May 29-31 on 9:30am trip. Fireworks train and barbecue, July 4. Haunted ghost train, Oct. 9, 16, 23, and 30. Nevada Northern Railroad Spectacular, Oct. 2-3. Polar Express, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Winter Photo Freight, Dec. 4. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Nevada Southern Railway Train Rides: May 1-2, June 12, July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 Oct. 2-3, Nov. 13, and Dec. 4-5. Seven-mile round-trip train rides from Boulder City to Railroad Pass aboard historic Pullman coaches. Tours depart at 9 and 10:30am, noon, and 1:30pm. Nevada State Railway Museum, Boulder City, 702-486-5933.

Historic Train Rides: May 8-9 15-16, 22-23, 29-31 June 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27 July 3-5, 10-11 17-18, 24-25, 31-Aug. 1 Ride the museum's 1926 diesel-powered railcar or a steam train. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

The Virginia and Truckee Railroad: Narrated 35-minute train rides from Virginia City to Gold Hill, May to October. Virginia and Truckee Railroad, 775-847-0380.

Railroad Monthly Wednesday Lecture: May 12 and June 9. Railroad history. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Sporting Events

Stock Car Racing: May 1 15, 27 June 11-12, 26, July 10, 24, Aug. 7 21 Sept. 3-4, 24-25. Summit Raceway, Elko, 775-753-5936.

Drive a Race Car: May 1 8, 13-16, 22, June 3-6. Indystyle driving experience up to 180 mph. Driving 101 Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-651-6300.

Tonopah Speedway: Thru Aug. Bombers, street stock, pro stock, and dwarfs. Tonopah Speedway, Tonopah, 775-482-9506.

Racing at the Bullring: Thru Sept. 18, except July 10-24. Weekly competitions feature race cars such as Super Late Models and Legend Cars. Las Vegas

Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Drag Racing at the Strip: Thru Oct. 9. Weekly events include Midnight Mayhem alternative to street racing. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Lahontan Auto Racing Association Season: Thru Oct. Oval dirt track racing. Rattlesnake Raceway, Fallon, 775-423-7483.

Motorcycle Madness: Saturdays except July thru Oct. 16. Racing 11pm-1:30am. The Strip, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing Season: Thru Nov. NHRA, pro, amateur, and circuit competitions. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 775-423-0223.

Las Vegas Gladiators: The Arena Football League Western Division team plays May 2 vs. Indiana Firebirds, May 16 vs. San Jose Saber Cats, May 30 vs. Columbus Destroyers. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball: The Los Angeles Dodgers AAA team plays May 3-6 vs. Tucson Sidewinders, May 11-14 vs. New Orleans Zephyrs, May 15-18 vs. Oklahoma City Red Hawks, May 28-31 vs. Tacoma Rainiers, June 1-4 vs. Edmonton Trappers, June 14-17 vs. Portland Beavers, June 18-21 vs. Edmonton Trappers, July 1-3 vs. Fresno Grizzlies, July 8-11 vs. Salt Lake City Stingers, July 19-22 vs. Tucson Sidewinders, July 23-26 vs. Sacramento Wild Cats, Aug. 5-8 vs. Memphis Red Birds, Aug. 9-11 vs. Nashville Sounds, Aug. 25-29 vs. Fresno Grizzlies, Sept. 3-6 vs. Salt Lake City Stingers. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 702-798-7825.

Super Outlaw Karts of Nevada: May 8, 22, June 5, 19, July 3, 17 31 Night racing. Thunder Bowl Speedway, Mound House, 775-246-3396.

Farmer's Markets

Boulder City Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Bicentennial Park, 702-293-2034.

Carson City Spring Farmer's Market: Saturdays, May 8-June 5. Telegraph Square, 775-746-5024.

Carson City Farmer's Market: Wednesdays, June 9-Aug. 25. Mills Park, 775-687-7410.

Fallon Farmer's Market: Tuesdays, June 15-Aug. 24. Maine Street, 775-423-4556.

Lattin Farms Old-Fashioned Roadside Produce Stand: Monday-Saturday, May-Oct., 1955 Mclean Rd., Fallon, 866-638-6293.

Fernley Farmer's Market: Wednesdays, June 2-Aug. 25. Out of Town Park, 775-287-2811

Gardnerville Farmer's Market: Wednesdays thru Oct. 6. Lampe Park, 775-782-9828.

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

Las Vegas Farmer's Market North: Tuesdays at Gardens Park in Summerlin and Wednesdays at Bruce Trent Park in Las Vegas, 702-562-CORN.

Las Vegas Farmer's Market South: Wednesday and Saturdays, Colonnade Square Shopping Plaza, Las Vegas. Fridays, Galleria Mall, Henderson. 702-300-4492.

Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market: Thursdays, June 10-Aug. 26, except Aug. 7 Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

Fuller, William Smith, and Alex Cord to celebrate 100 years of Western films. Activities include a Riders of the Purple Sage concert and barbecue at Corley Ranch in Gardnerville, the Reno Rodeo parade, and celebrity night at the rodeo. *Bonanza* television show episodes featuring the attending celebrities will be shown Sat.-Sun. at the Ponderosa Village, and a celebrity poker tournament is planned at the Crystal Bay Club, Lake Tahoe. Events take place at various Reno-Lake Tahoe area venues, 775-825-1727 or visit www.bonanzafilm.com.

Far West Regional Wheelchair Tennis Championship • June 17-20 • More than 100 athletes compete in 14 divisions. Plumas, Washoe County, and Reno Hilton tennis courts, Reno, 775-852-7077.

Riders of the Purple Sage • June 18 • Concert and barbecue. Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, 775-825-1727.

Town and Country Garden and Pond Tour • June 18-20 • More than 20 gardens can be viewed. Proceeds benefit VSA arts of Nevada. VSA arts Gallery, Reno, 775-826-6100.

\$15,000 Anniversary Blackjack Tournament • June 18-20 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-351-7007.

Reno Rodeo • June 18-26 • 85th annual "Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West" features a cattle drive from California that goes through downtown Reno. Activities include a parade, mounted drill team competition, women's barrel racing, team roping, horse sale, cutting competition, and team penning. Celebrities attending the Bonanza Western Film Festival, which celebrates 100 years of Western films, will participate in rodeo activities (775-825-1727). Livestock Events Center and downtown casinos, Reno, 775-329-3877.

Jazz and Goodies • June 19 • Mile High Jazz Band combo plays at a garage sale fundraiser. Summerfield Drive, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Summer Wine Walk • June 19 • Purchase a map and a souvenir wine glass for \$5 to participate in a wine tasting at 10 merchants along the Truckee River. Downtown, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Dutch Oven Cooking • June 19 • Prepare a meal in a Dutch oven. Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, 775-687-4319.

Silver Sage Race • June 19 • Adventure racing, which can include kayaking, mountain biking, trail running, and orienteering. Finish times range from six to 12 hours. Staging area at Wingfield Park, Reno, www.bigblueadventure.com.

Michael Martin Murphey • June 19 • Community Concert Series. Corley Ranch, Gardnerville, 775-782-8144.

Heritage Weekend • June 19-20 • Civil War volunteers, North and South, pioneer demonstrations, black-powder shoot, open air market, and barbecues. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Kayak Demo Day • June 20 • Demonstrations. Timber Cove Marina, South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-2011.

Hands Around Lake Tahoe • June 20 • Peace-oriented gathering will attempt to form a human chain around the lake. Noon meeting time on the beaches and shorelines. Lake Tahoe, 530-448-1199.

Concert on the Green • June 20 • Genoa Town Park on

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The Way It Was

Costumed historians meet June 11-13 for the Carson City Rendezvous, a living-history weekend featuring mountain men and Civil War re-enactments. Activities at Mills Park in Carson City include Pony Express riders, gunfighters, Native American and Hispanic villages, and camel rides.

Nixon Street, Genoa, 775-782-5697 for further information.

Father's Day Chili and Salsa Cook-Off and Beer Tasting • June 20 • Benefit local charities. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-383-6985.

Far West Choice • June 21-27 • Adaptive family vacation week includes water skiing, kayaking, fishing, boating, mountain biking, baseball, and barbecues. Donner Lake Village, Truckee, 775-852-7077.



Big Bird

Birders of all ages explore the wetlands areas at the Stillwater Refuge near Fallon during the Spring Wings Bird Festival, May 7-9.

Wildflower Walk • June 23 and 26 • Identify spring flowers. Spooner Lake State Park, S.R. 28, Lake Tahoe, 775-749-5980.

Young Chautauqua in the Park • June 23-24 • Bring a picnic lunch to hear historical character reenactments. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2555.

Old Guns and Black Powder Smoke • June 24 • History and evolution of guns in the West. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • June 24-26 • "The Longest Off-Road Race in the United States" covers 500 miles from Las Vegas to Reno. Race starts at the Suncoast in Las Vegas and ends at the Reno Hilton. 702-457-5775.

John Stewart Trio • June 25 • Free summer family concert in the park. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-9828.

Anniversary Dice Challenge • June 25-26 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

Wings of Change • June 25-27 • Fly-in includes military and vintage planes, a teen dance, displays, aerial demonstrations, USO hangar dance, barbecue, and pancake breakfast. Minden-Tahoe Airport, Minden, 702-782-9871.

Run What Cha Brung • June 25-27 • Car show has 75 classes for all makes and years. Entry fee includes food, dance, show and shine, and car parade. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-883-0927.

Comstock Silver Bicycle Tour • June 26 • Ride climbs 9,000 vertical feet from Mormon Station State Historic Park in Genoa to Virginia City and Lake Tahoe. Bike the West event, 800-565-2704.

Mighty Tour de Nez Classic Criterium • June 26 • Bicycle street race around a 1.1-mile loop that has eight right-hand turns, four left-hand, and a short, steep hill. Wingfield Park, Reno, www.deuxgrosnez.com/race/

Ham Radio Operators Weekend • June 26-27 • Group practice using the amateur radio for emergency preparedness. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival • June 26-27 • Free outdoor party presents music on two stages.

Eldorado Hotel, Reno, 888-288-1833 for further blues festival information.

High Altitude Kite and Music Festival • June 26-27 • Kite flying for pros and amateurs. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Volleyball Festival • June 26-July 2 • Competition for ages 12-18. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno Hilton, and City Center Pavilion, Reno, 800-FOR-RENO.

\$15,000 Keno Tournament • June 27-28 • Atlantis, Reno, 888-551-7007.

\$1,500 Blackjack Tournament • June 29 • \$25 entry fee. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-7711.

Rural Nevada

Potluck and Auction • May 1 • Admission is one dinner entrée and an auction item. Donald L. Simpson Center, Round Mountain, 775-377-3112.

Bloody Shins Poker Run • May 1 • Hike, jog, or mountain bike on the Bloody Shins Trail. Bloody Shins Trailhead, Klunzy Canyon Road, Winnemucca, 775-623-1515.

Folklore of Flowers • May 1 • Slide program and folklore tidbits on the common wildflowers in Eastern Nevada. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

The X Ride: The Road Is Out There! • May 1-2 • Event offers a 40-mile night bicycle ride and a 27-mile mountain bike tour on and off Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway. Start-finish at Little A'Le'Inn, Rachel, 775-588-9658.

Peppermill Properties Senior Classic Golf Tournament • May 3-4 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Tingstad and Rumbel "Music of Nature and Grace" • May 7 • Guitar and woodwind concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" • May 7-8 • Broadway musical. Barkley Theatre, Fallon, 775-423-7565.

Spring Wings Bird Festival • May 7-9 • Birders from around the country are attracted to the Pacific Flyway, which is home to hundreds of species. Event includes workshops, field trips, tours, and a banquet. Fallon Convention Center, Lahontan Valley Wetlands, Stillwater Wildlife Refuge, Fallon, 775-428-6452.

Calrocs King of the Rocks 2004 Series • May 7-9 • Extreme rock crawling for 4x4 vehicles. Yerington, 530-417-5333.

Spring Fling Slot Tournament • May 7-9 • El Capitan, Hawthorne, 800-922-2311.

Wildflower Walk • May 8 • Guided easy walk to learn common blooming wildflowers and shrubs. Walk is less than a mile, but wear comfortable shoes and carry water. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Bella Voce Presents "Transitions" • May 8 • Women's chorus features a work by Nevadan Eric Whiteacre and a new commission by Valerie Shields. Jeanne Dini Cultural Center's second-floor Ginny Baker Theater, Yerington, 775-463-1783.

Beauty and the Beast: Bull Riding and Barrel Race • May 8 • Event includes a dance for adults. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

Home Show and Business Expo • May 8-9 • Convention Center, Elko, 800-428-1743.

Peppermill Properties Four-Man Golf Scramble • May 13-14 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Armed Forces Day • May 14-15 • 54th annual patriotic celebration features a parade dedicated to women's contri-

butions to the armed forces. The town's mascot, Cecil the Serpent, will be on hand. Activities include a queen contest, music, and children's events. Hawthorne, 775-945-2507.

Bloody Shins/Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trails • May 14-16 • Ride and trail building. May 14 at Bloody Shins in Winnemucca. May 15-16 at Copper Basin Mountain Bike Trail in Battle Mountain. 775-623-1500.

Take a Kid Fishing Day • May 15 • Spring Creek Marina, Spring Creek, 775-753-6295.

Hot Club of San Francisco • May 15 • Ensemble's style is reminiscent of the Parisian jazz clubs of the 1930s. Barkley Theater, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

"70 Years Ago This Month" • May 15 • Program on the arrival of the Civilian Conservation Corps to build park structures. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Solo • May 15-16 • Sports Car Club of America trial against course and clock. Open to all licensed drivers. Winnemucca Airport, Winnemucca, 775-267-4845.

Lyon County Fly-In and AirFest • May 15-16 • Static display, antique military display, smoke jumpers, Navy Seals, rocket displays, model planes, fly-bys, Ultralites, vendors, and food. Silver Springs-Lyon County Regional Airport,



New Age in Eureka

Grammy Award winners Eric Tingstad and Nancy Rumbel appear in concert May 7 at the historic Eureka Opera House in Eureka. The duo, who received the 2003 Grammy for Best New Age Album, perform "Music of Nature and Grace."

Silver Springs, 775-575-4459 for more event information.

Big 4 and Big 5 Team Roping Classic • May 15-16 • Team roping. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-7093.

Central Nevada Historical Society • May 18 • Meeting. Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah, 775-482-9676.

Peppermill Senior Rodeo • May 19-21 • Equestrian Park,

Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460 for further event information.

Silver State Regional Chili Cook-Off Championship • May 22 • Saddle West, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Caliente 250 • May 22-23 • Truck and buggy off-road race. Caliente, 702-452-4522.

N.E.N.H.A. and Nevada Quarter Horse Association Clinic •

Wendover, 866-299-2489 for details.

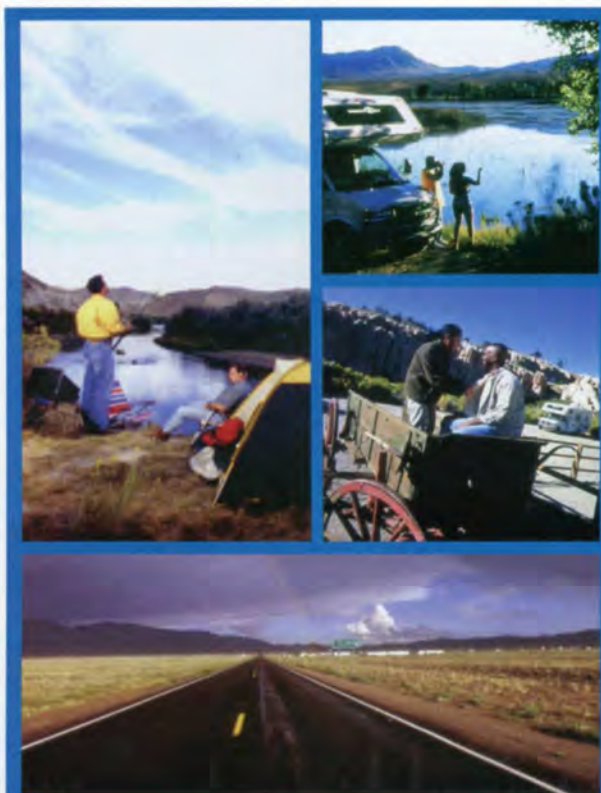
Peppermill Properties Two-Man Mixed Ball Golf Tournament • May 20-21 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Barrel Racing Bonanza • May 21-23 • Equestrian Park, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Spring Fling • May 21-23 • Classic car show, street dance, chili cook-off, and sack race. Celebration also marks the 25th anniversary of the Lyon County Museum. Downtown and Lyon County Museum, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

Lyon County Museum Remembers Dr. Mary Fulstone • May 22 • The museum celebrates its 25th anniversary and the local doctor who during her 49 years of practice delivered more than 4,000 babies. "Dr. Mary Babies" are asked to register with the museum. Yerington, 775-463-6576.

Stars Above! • May 22 • Stargazing program. Bring a jacket. Cathedral



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Jim Butler Days

It's a dirty job, but competitors dig deep for the mucking contest during Jim Butler Days in Tonopah. The Memorial Day weekend event celebrates Tonopah's mining heritage with a parade, dance, games, parties in the local saloons, and toasts to town founder Jim Butler.

May 22-23 • Clinic on May 22 and Hairy Horse Show on May 23. Call for location, Elko, 775-752-3930.

Make the Drive Spring Show • May 22-24 • Art show. Planet X Pottery, eight miles west of Gerlach, 775-557-2500.

Senior Rodeo • May 24-26 • Equestrian Park, Wendover, 866-299-2489 for more information.

Elko High School Jazz Festival • May 26 • Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-7281.

Lamoille Country Fair • May 27 • Arts, crafts, food, entertainment. Lamoille Grove, Lamoille, 775-738-4488.

Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally • May 28-30 • Free outdoor concerts, celebrity ride with Mickey Jones, bike games and show, poker run and stagger, vendors, fire dancers, and the "Burning Bike." Downtown, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Wells Senior Pro Rodeo • May 28-31 • Competitors over 40 qualify for the national finals. Rodeo Grounds, Wells, 775-752-3540.

Jim Butler Days • May 27-30 • Annual town party is named for the man who founded the silver camp in 1900. Includes the Nevada State Mining Championships in rock drilling and mucking, a parade, street dance, children's events, barbecue, and craft vendors. Main Street and Tonopah Historic Mining Park, Tonopah, 775-482-3859.

Yerington 300 • May 28-31 • 300-mile off-road race features cars, trucks, and quads. Yerington, 530-417-5333.

Lincoln County Homecoming Weekend • May 28-31 • Art show, entertainment, softball and horseshoe tournaments, free swimming, mud volleyball, Dutch oven dinner, barbecue, and demolition derby. Caliente, 775-726-3109.

Volunteer Fire Department Chili Cook-Off • May 28-31 • Fundraiser offers food, country and bluegrass bands, games, contests, and Old West shoot-outs. Gold Point Ghost Town, Gold Point, 775-482-4653.

Picture Perfect • May 29 • Tips and techniques for improving vacation photos. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Jim Butler Days Race • May 29 • Features bombers, stock, pro stock, and dwarfs. Tonopah Speedway, Tonopah, 775-482-9506.

Solo • May 29-30 • Sports Car Club of America trial against

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Jarbridge Memorial Weekend • May 29-30 • Bingo, music, and barbecue. Community Hall and Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

Memorial Day Service • May 30 • Northern Nevada Veterans' Cemetery, Fernley, 775-575-4441.

Rock Walk • May 30 • Guided easy geology walk to learn how the cliffs and canyons were formed. Wear comfortable shoes and carry water. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Culpepper and Merriweather Circus • June 4 • Fernley, 775-575-4459.

Mule Races, Show, and Draft Horse Challenge • June 4-6 • Event includes a 25-mile endurance ride. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Aviation in Winnemucca • June 4-6 • Weekend features modern and vintage military aircraft, fly-in's and fly-by's, static displays, and a pancake breakfast. There is also a military vehicle rally with tanks, jeeps, trucks, and rides. Airport, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Creepy, Crawly Critters • June 5 • Slide program introduces desert dwellers. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-628-4460.

Lincoln County National Trails Day • June 5 • Choose from a seven-mile strenuous adult hike or a three-mile "kids" hike at Beaver Dam State Park. Also, there are 40- and 80-mile guided ATV adventure rides and a 25-mile mountain bike excursion that will depart from Caliente. A 12-mile equestrian ride is planned from Kershaw-Ryan State Park, three miles south of Caliente. Participants must furnish their own ATV's, mountain bikes, horses, and feed. Late



Runna Who?

Riders gather in Winnemucca for the annual Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally on May 28-30. The holiday weekend features free outdoor concerts, a celebrity ride with Mickey Jones, bike games and show, poker run and stagger, vendors, fire dancers, and the "Burning Bike."

storms are possible, so watch the weather and bring appropriate gear. Camping is available at Beaver Dam and Cathedral Gorge state parks. Caliente, 775-738-4460.

Portuguese Festa • June 5-6 • Portuguese heritage festival

includes a dance, sopa, feast, and auction. Holy Family Catholic Church, Yerington, 775-463-2763.

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Rock and Mineral Show • June 10-11 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 800-248-3556.

Peppermill Properties Four-Man Golf Scramble • June 10-11 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Free Fishing Day • June 12 • Events for children age three to 15 includes instruction in the basics. Echo Canyon State Park, Pioche (775-962-5103), Sportsman's Park, Tonopah (775-688-1500), Cave Lake State Park, Ely (775-777-2300), Carlin Ponds, Carlin (775-777-2300).

Coyote Chase • June 12 • 5K and 10K runs and two-mile fun walk with music, crafts, and vendors. Smith Valley High School, Smith Valley, 775-465-2147.

Geo-caching Compass Walk • June 12 • Ranger-led program to learn to use a compass or GPS to locate hidden objects. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a compass or GPS if you have one. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-628-4460.

Fallon Air Show • June 12-13 • Free military air show featuring static displays, food, drinks, and an appearance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Fallon Naval Air Station, Fallon, 775-423-4556.

Winnemucca Basque Festival • June 12-13 • Ethnic festival has a parade, games of strength and endurance, Basque music, Mass, and traditional food. Events Complex and Convention Center, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Relay for Life • June 12-13 • Fundraiser. Elko High School Track Field, Elko, 775-778-0650.

Slot Tournament • June 13-14 • Rainbow Properties, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals • June 16-20 • Battle Mountain Livestock Events Center, Battle Mountain, 775-931-0110.

Nevada Cattleman's Assn. • June 17-18 • Mid-year meeting. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-738-9214.

Western States Cowboy Shooting Championships • June 17-20 • Fernley-Reno Raceway, Fernley, 775-463-2245.

Gridley Days • June 18-20 • Barbecue, breakfast, parade, Gridley sack auction and race to commemorate Reuel Gridley's efforts to raise money for the Sanitary Commission, the forerunner of the American Red Cross. Austin, 775-964-2200.

Motorcycle Jamboree • June 18-20 • Downtown, Elko, 866-577-0968.

Cruise Night • June 18-20 • Rainbow Properties, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Sizzlin' Summer Slot Tournament • June 18-20 • No entry fee. Model T Casino, Winnemucca, 775-623-2588.

Culpepper and Merriweather Circus • June 19 • Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Koyote Cruiser's Car Show • June 19 • Open to all cars and trucks. City Park, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Nevada State Fiddlers Contest • June 19 • Competitors vie for prizes and a chance to represent Nevada. Event includes a spaghetti feed. Also, there is a jam session at El Rancho Hotel. Wells High School, Wells, 775-752-3540.

Summer Solstice Stargazing • June 19 • Program on the summer constellations, planets, and stars. Bring a chair or blanket and a flashlight. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Paradise Valley Father's Day Barbecue and Craft Show • June 20 • Town Park, Paradise Valley, 40 miles north of Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Peppermill Properties Two-Lady Golf Tournament • June 21-

22 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

USA Regional Wrestling Tournament • June 21-27 • More than 2,000 wrestlers ages nine to 16 go head to head as they attempt to qualify for the national wrestling finals in Oklahoma City. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Toana Vista/Casino Pro-Am and Four Ball Open • June 23-25 • Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Pony Express Open Road Car Race • June 25-27 • Race on State Route 305 from Battle Mountain to Austin. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-634-8245.

Lamoille Luau • June 26 • Lamoille, 775-753-6363.

Arrowhead-Making Demonstration • June 26 • Flintknapper demonstrates how he makes arrowheads and blades from obsidian and flint rock. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Great American Race • June 30 • 4,000-mile auto rally of cars from the years 1914 to 1959, traveling from Jacksonville, Florida, to Monterey, California. Wendover and Elko, 866-299-2489.

Silver State International Rodeo • June 30-July 4 • Nine performances, trade show, vendors, parade, mud volleyball, and teen dance. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

Coming Events

Artown • July 1-31 • Reno, 775-322-1538.

Elko Basque Festival • July 24 • Elko, 775-738-1240.

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"Kiss Me Kate" • July 7-24 • Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, near Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

American Century Celebrity Golf Championship • July 13-18 • Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 530-544-5050.

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Big Easy Cajun Festival • July 16-18 • Sparks, 775-358-4771.

Genoa Renaissance Fair • July 24-25 • Genoa, 775-782-4951.

Wells Fun Run Car Show • July 30-Aug. 1 • Wells, 775-752-3540.

Hot August Nights • July 31-Aug. 8 • Reno and Sparks, 775-353-2291 or 775-356-1956.

Bonneville Speed Week • Aug. 14-20 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Reno-Tahoe Open • Aug. 16-22 • PGA golf, Reno, 775-322-3900.

Elko County Fair • Aug. 28-Sept. 6 • Elko, 775-738-3616.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Sept. 24 • Sparks, 775-356-3300.

Great Reno Balloon Race • Sept. 8-10 • 775-826-1181.

Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race • Sept. 11 • Lake Tahoe, www.bigblueadventure.com.

Las Vegas Invitational • Oct. 6-10 • PGA golf, Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.

Las Vegas 200 Off-Road Race • Oct. 15-17 • 702-457-5775.

Henderson's Terrible 300 Off-Road Race • Dec. 3-5 • Henderson, 702-457-5775.

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Nevada Showguide

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

Nevada's casinos and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. In Las Vegas, the Broadway musical "42nd Street" and comedians Dennis Miller and Jerry Seinfeld headline. Chaka Kahn and Rod Stewart play Reno. Johnny Winter appears at Lake Tahoe and the Oak Ridge Boys in Elko. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following guide to featured performances. Schedules may change, so call ahead for show times and reservations.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

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

HENDERSON

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: TBA.

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: Psychic Marlene Lombardi, May 23, 11am. Strunz and Farah, Nov. 20. Eric Burdon and the New Animals, Dec. 3. Amphitheater: Grand Funk Railroad, July 3. Keith Urban, Aug. 20. An Evening with STYX, Sept. 25.

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: Ovation Theatre at Desert Passage: "Ovation," family musical revue, 7 and 9pm. "All U Can Dance," musical revue, 2 and 4pm. Call 702-932-1818 for tickets. Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: "42nd Street," May 5-9. Christina Aguilera, May 21. Super '60s Reunion, starring Tommy James and the Shondells, Herman's Hermits, the Grass Roots, the Buckingham, and Chad and Jeremy, May 22. Peter Frampton, June 5. "Cats," June 23-27. For tickets call 702-798-5090. Steve Wyrick Theater: Magician Steve Wyrick, dark Tues. Sinbad's Lounge: Bands play until 3am. Music in the Curve nightclub 10:30pm-5am Fri.-Sat. A live DJ spins tunes in the



It's All an Illusion

Magician Steve Wyrick revs up the illusions at the Aladdin on the Strip. He appears in the 400-seat Steve Wyrick Theater, which was designed for an intimate style of magic. Wyrick performed in the Sahara's 830-seat theater for three years before recently moving to the Aladdin.

Living Room inside Curve, which opens nightly at 6pm.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Groups such as Randy Anderson, Class One, The Checkmates, and The Coasters appear in the lounge. Karaoke 8:30pm-1:30am Mon. Bands play Tues.-Thurs. Jerry Tiffe's Band plays 4-7pm Fri.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-9000: Palace Grand Lounge: Randy Anderson, The Checkmates, John Encinio, Greg Peterson, and other entertainers appear. Bands play 4-7pm Fri.-Sun.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!," dark Fri. Backstage Walking Tour, 2pm Mon., Wed., and Sat. Entertainment in the Indigo Lounge.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Barbary Coast Lounge: Pete Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3-6pm Tues.-Fri. Bands play in the lounge. Karaoke, Mon.-Tues.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf., dark Mon.-Tues. Light Nightclub, 10:30pm-4am Thurs.-Sun. Caramel Bar, 5pm-4am Mon.-Sun. Musicians play in the Petrossian Lounge and Baccarat Bar. Fontana Room: Jimmy Hopper, 9:30pm-1am Tues.-Thurs., 6:30-10pm Fri.-Sat. Bands play nightly.

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

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The



Sarah Sings

Sarah McLachlan, the pride of Vancouver, performs "Fallen" and other songs from her album "Afterglow" on July 17 at Mandalay Bay.

Railhead: B.J. Thomas, June 11. Omar Liebert, June 19. Sammy Kershaw, June 26. Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Aug. 13. Bill Engvall, Aug. 21. Alan Parsons Live Project, Aug. 27. The Four Aces and The Four Lads, Oct. 1. Hal Ketchum, Oct. 22. Don Williams, Nov. 6. 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. "Hypnotariious," 9pm., dark Mon.-Tues. "Applause," starring magician Will Roy and comedian Michael Johns opens May 29, dark Fri.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: The Colosseum Showroom: Celine Dion stars in "A New Day...", dark Mon.-Tues. (call 877-4-CELINE). Jerry Seinfeld, June 11-12. Shadow Bar: Dancers and flair bartenders perform nightly. DJ 9pm-2am Wed.-Sun. Entertainment in the Café Lago Restaurant, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, and Galleria Bar.

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. "Money and Madness Show," starring Jeff Hobson, comedy-variety show, 10pm Sat.-Thurs. and 7:30pm Thurs., dark Fri. 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: "Two Girls and a Guy," music and magic, 5pm Thurs.-Mon. "Spirit of the King"

starring Steve Connolly, 7:15pm Thurs.-Mon. Wild Billy Tucker, comedian, 9:15pm Thurs.-Mon. (Shows have a one-drink minimum per person; must be 21 for Wild Billy Tucker.) Paul Casas, musical comedy, 5pm Tues.-Wed. Bobby Ruffin's Tribute to the Drifters, 7:15 and 9:15pm, Tues.-Wed. Bands play on the First Floor Stage.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: Gladys Knight, 7:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. and May 4-8 and June 22-26. "Bottoms Up," comedy revue, 2 and 4pm, dark Sun. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, 8pm Thurs.-Tues., 10:30pm Mon., Thurs.-Sat. Flamingo Late-Night Lounge: DJ and dance music, midnight-4am Thurs.-Sun. Bands like Synergy, Real Surreal, Radio Rage, and Panama play Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville.

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.

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: "Honky Tonk Angels," country music tribute, dark Tues. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat., indf. Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor 7-10pm Tues. Dance lessons 6-7pm. Sunday Tea Dance Party with Larry Taylor from 1-4pm. Dance lessons noon-1pm. Free drama workshop, 2-4pm Tues.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Live piano 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-385-7111: Theatre Ballroom: "Spirit of the Dance," thru June. Bands play in the Show Bar Lounge.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke, 10pm-4am nightly.

Greek Isles • 702-737-5540: Magic Theater: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean," dark Fri. Sixties Mania, dark Mon.-Tues. Sandy Hackett Comedy Club, dark Fri. Divas of Comedy, Fri.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: The Joint: Dido, May 30. Dance to DJs in Baby's Night Club.

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: Bands appear Fri.-Sat. Dueling pianos nightly in La Playa Lounge, karaoke party 6-9pm nightly except Tues.-Wed., and jazz in the Range Steakhouse Lounge.

Howard Johnson Hotel • 702-798-1111.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert, impersonator revue, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Sun. Casino Floor: Celebrity impersonators deal blackjack to gamblers. Entertainment nightly in the Kabuki Lounge and Fri.-Sun. in the Nomiya Lounge. Tequila Joe's:

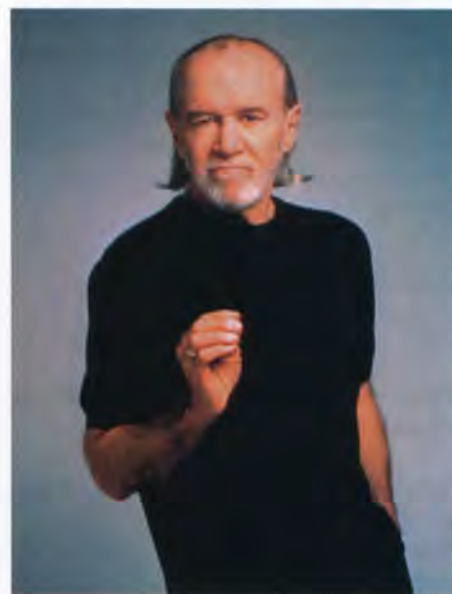
Karaoke, nightly. "Be a Legend" Amateur Celebrity Impersonator Karaoke Contest is held monthly. Shangri-La Pool: Imperial Hawaiian Luau, 6pm Tues. and Thurs., Polynesian revue and buffet.

J.W. Marriott: 702-869-2335. Plush Ultra Lounge and Supper Club: Opens 5pm weeknights, noon weekends. Music and dancing. Summerlin, Las Vegas.

Key Largo • 702-733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: One plays nightly 8pm-2am.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Elvis impersonator Trent Carlini, "The Dream



Curious George

Expect ribald humor when George Carlin headlines May 20-June 2 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The comedian will slice and dice everything from censorship to apple pie.

King," May 11-June 27, dark Mon. Dennis Miller, May 21-22. NightClub: Dance music Wed.-Sun. in the nightspot.

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. Matinee Sun. at 5pm. Mandalay Events Center: Tiger Jam VII featuring Prince, May 29-30. Gipsy Kings, July 3. Sarah McLachlan, July 17. House of Blues: Queensryche, May 1. Morbid Angel, May 4. Taj Mahal and the Hula Blues Band, May 7. Slipknot, May 8. Dark Lotus, May 16. Trapt w/Smile Empty Soul, May 19. James Brown, May 21. Dave Chappelle, May 21. Lewis Black, May 28. Slipknot, May 29. Kansas, June 10. Bo Diddley, July 1. Reverend Horton Head, July 2. Al Green, July 24. Dance music, Fri.-Sun. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Live music Thurs.-Sun. in the Courtyard. Bands play in the Orchid, Island, and Coral Reef lounges. The Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay open daily.

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MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Hollywood Theatre: Tom Jones, thru May 5, Howie Mandel, May 6-19. George Carlin, May 20-June 2. David Copperfield, June 3-16. Paul Anka, June 17-23 (dark June 18). Howie Mandel, June 24-30. MGM Grand Garden Arena: Eagles Farewell Tour, May 22. Oscar De La Hoya vs. Felix Sturm, middleweight fight, June 5. MAXXIS U.S. Open, motocross and supercross races, Oct. 8-10. La Femme Theatre: "La Femme," topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Studio 54: Dancing Tues.-Sat. Entertainment in the Tabu, Zuri, and Show Bar Lounge. Fashion show 10pm Wed. in Tabu. EFX Theatre: Cirque du Soleil show TBA.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Danny Gans Theatre: Dana Carvey, April 30-May 1. Kevin James, May 14-15. Jay Leno, May 28-30. Wayne Brady, June 11-12. Jay Leno, June 25-26. Impressionist Danny Gans, nightly except Fri. and Mon. Entertainment in the Onda and Ava lounges and Baccarat Bar.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician," dark Sun.-Mon. and May 31-June 14. 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: Free bull rides 4-9pm Mon.-Tues. and all night Wed. Mud wrestling 10pm Wed. Free line dance lessons 7:30pm Thurs.-Sat. Bikini bull riding midnight Fri.-Sat. Karaoke 9pm Sun.

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. The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen: Food and entertainment.



Love on a Greek Island

An altar-bound couple has a problem: The identity of the bride's father is a mystery. The music of Abba helps tell their story in the comedy "Mamma Mia!" at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

Coyote Ugly: Dance nightclub opens at 6pm. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play from 8pm nightly in the Bar at Times Square. Las Vegas Wired radio

show taping 5-6pm Sat. Bands play in the Big Apple Bar. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster opens daily at 10am. **The Orleans** • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Arena: Picante Pro

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Rodeo Chute-Out, May 13-15. Orleans Showroom: Lou Raws, April 29-May 2. Bill Medley Celebrates the Music of the Righteous Brothers, May 5-9 and 12-16. Grant Griffin in Concert, May 18. Tower of Power, May 21-23. Air Supply, May 27-30. Neil Sedaka, June 4-6. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, June 10-13. Bill Medley Celebrates the Music of the Righteous Brothers, June 16-20 and 23-27. Dion, July 15-18. Bill Medley Celebrates the Music of the Righteous Brothers, July 21-25 and July 28-Aug. 1. Mrs. United States Pageant, Aug. 2-5. Engelbert Humperdinck, Aug. 6-8 and 12-15. Neil Sedaka, Aug. 17-22. Louie Anderson, Aug. 26-29. Air Supply, Sept. 2-5. Bill Medley celebrates the music of the Righteous Brothers, Sept. 8-12. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Performers appear nightly except Mon. Brendan's Irish Pub: Bands such as Section 8, Killian's Angels, Bar Room Logic play nightly except Mon. Jazz on Tues., Blues Zydeco on Wed., Blues on Thurs., Jazz on Fri.-Sat., Irish acoustic sing-a-long on Sun. "Rock This Town Live," tribute to Elvis, Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis, 7-8pm, Mon.-Thurs.

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

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Rain: Bryan Adams, May 9. Entertainment in the Skin Pool and Palapa lounges. Ghostbar on the 55th floor has an indoor-outdoor lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Theatre des Arts: "We Will Rock You," a production based on the music of Queen, opens in September. Bands play in Le Cabaret Lounge, Napoleon's Lounge, and Ah Sin Restaurant, entertainment nightly. Dancing 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun. in the Risqué nightclub. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Theatre: Dirk Arthur: "The New Art of Magic," 7pm Wed.-Sat., 3 and 7pm Sun. "Stars of the Strip," impersonator show, 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Omaha Lounge: Dusty Barron/The Sun Spots Tues.-Sun.

Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Addison's Lounge: Rock, oldies, and R&B bands such as Touch of Silk, Don Rose Review, and Forward Motion perform 8pm-midnight Fri.-Sat. Round Bar: Entertainment night except Tues.

Rio All-Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO: 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. 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, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30pm. 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 revue, 7:30pm, dark Tues. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Thurs. "Riviera Comedy Club," nightly. Le Bistro Theatre: Singer Marlene Ricci, 8:30pm Tues. and 7pm Fri.-Sat. "Neil Diamond Tribute Starring Jay White," 7pm Sun.-Thurs. "Hail, Hail, Rock and Roll," tribute show 8:30pm Tues.-Sun. The Exotic Hypnotics,

featuring Genie and Richard, 11:30pm Tues.-Sun. "A Tribute to Sinatra" starring Kevin Cavanaugh, 8:30pm Mon. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 10pm Mon. "The Hypnosis Zone," 10pm Tues.-Sun.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: "World's Greatest Magic Show," dark Tues., indf. Entertainment in the Congo Room and Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-454-8048: Roxy's Saloon: Wolfcreek, thru May 2. Tweed, thru Dec. 28. The Fab, thru Dec. 31. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, and 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: The Green Room Comedy Corner is closed for renovation. Memphis Championship Barbecue: John Earl and the BoogieMan Band perform Fri.-Sat.

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

Stardust • 702-617-5577 or 888-217-9565: Wayne Newton Theatre: Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, April 29-May 1. Wayne Newton, May 3-June 13. The Temptations and The Four Tops, June 16-19. Stardust Lounge: Bands play nightly.

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: Bands play nightly. Entertainment in the Top of the World Lounge, Crazy Armadillos: Latin/Disco Night, Mon. Karaoke on Tues.-Wed. DJ on



Funny Girl

Rita Rudner appears at New York-New York in Las Vegas. The comedienne jokes that she is one of the few female headliners to have achieved success while keeping her clothes on.

Thurs. Bands play Fri.-Sat. Band showcase, Sun.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Showroom: Ray Price, April 30-May 2. Al Martino, May 7-9. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, May 14-16. The Osmond Brothers, May 21-23. Paul Williams, June 4-6. David Benoit, June 11-12. Bill Acosta, imperson-

ator, June 18-20. Air Supply, July 16-18. Roger Williams, July 23-25. Debbie Reynolds, Aug. 6-8. Rich Little, Aug. 13-15. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Aug. 20-22. Jack Jones, Aug. 28-29. Larry Carlton, Sept. 10-11. Suncoast Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

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

Treasure Island (TI) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère," dark Wed.-Thurs. Entertainment in the Mist and Breeze lounges. "The Sirens of TI," the hotel's pirate-battle attraction, plays at 6, 8, and 10pm outside on the Strip.

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," 11:30am, 1:30 and 2:30pm except Thurs. "T. Fox and the Fox City Show," dark Sun.-Tues. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly. Celebration Lounge: Entertainment nightly. "Air Play," aerialists perform above the Tropicana casino at 11am, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9pm.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: Entertainment TBA.

Westward Ho • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: "Ho-Waiian Luau," dinner and show Wed. and Sat. thru June 12. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the lounge.

Wild West Gambling Hall • 702-740-0000.

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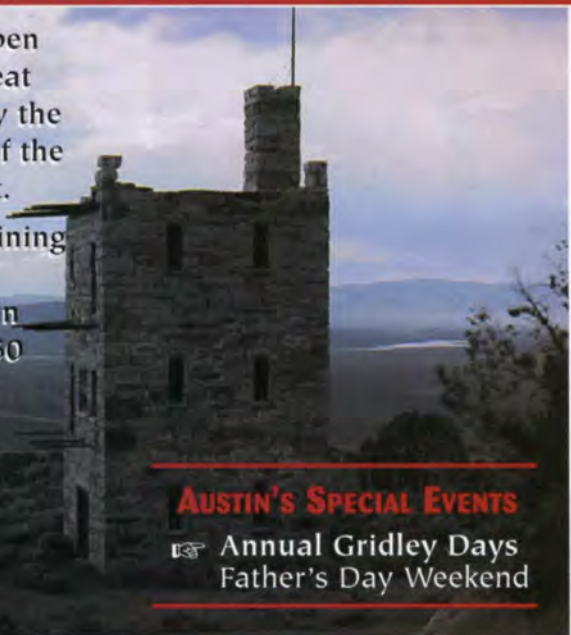
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River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Crystal Sands Room: "Celebrities on Stage," starring impersonators the Edwards Twins, thru June. Bands or DJ music nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke 10pm-4am nightly.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Freddy Fender, April 28-May 2. Mel Tillis, May 4-9. Pinup Girls, USA, May 12. Hollywood Men, May 13. "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah," Beatles Tribute by Rain, May 18-23. Gallagher, May 27-30. Neil Diamond Tribute, June 1-6. Papa Doo Run Run, June 8-13. A Tribute to the Righteous Brothers, June 16-July 18. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Nov. 3-7. Lightning Strikes Nightclub: "Rollin' on the River," variety show.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: Eric Burdon and the Animals, May 1. "A Tribute to the Blues Brothers," May 14. Australia's "Thunder From Down Under," June 10. Paul Revere and the Raiders, July 3. Bellamy Brothers, Aug. 6. Australia's "Thunder From Down Under," Sept. 9. "Revolution: A Tribute to the Beatles," Dec. 31. Comedy Club: Weekends when no performers are scheduled. Entertainers like Touch of Silk and Perfect Choice play in the Skydome Lounge nightly except Mon.

Eureka Casino Hotel • 702-346-4646: Wild Cactus Lounge: Fun Fool's Karaoke, Tues. Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Oasis • 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Club Xtreme: Dance music Wed., dance contest Fri. Cabaret Lounge: Bands like Exposure and Drifters' Review play nightly except Mon.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Susan Rey, John Encinio, Tony Marques, and others play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Cannery • 702-507-5700: The Club: Alter Ego, May 1. Cars, Stars, and Guitars Motorhead Fest/John Earl and the Boogie Man Band/Road Rockets, May 7-8. One Love Reggae Fest, May 15-16. Jerry Butler and the Impressions, May 22. Summer of Fun Kick-Off Party starring Bobby Vee, Johnny Tillitson, Tommy Roe, and Chris Montez, May 29. "Great Gig in the Sky: A Tribute to Pink Floyd," June 4-5.

Nathan Owens and the Motown Soul Review, June 11-12. Blues, Brews, and Barbecue Festival, June 18-20. Blackhawk, June 25. Pin-Ups Bar: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Club Tequila: Average White Band, July 23. Cabo Lounge: Doo-Wopp.com, '50s and '60s music, 7-11pm.

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

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Keith Sweat, May 8. Ray Charles, Aug. 28. The Armadillo: Kroakies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack plays music from the '80s, Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Entertainment TBA. Bands play weekends in the Stagebar Lounge.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment Fri.-Sun.



Nitty Gritty Guy

John McEuen, a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, appears June 3 at Boomtown near Reno. McEuen plays guitar, banjo, fiddle, and mandolin.

Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP: Whiskey Pete's Comedy Club: Comedians perform 10pm Fri.-Sat. Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment Fri.-Sun.

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Carson Nugget • 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Lounge: Entertainers such as The Motifs, Sidewinder, Joey Carmon, White Wing, Madison Avenue, and David Proud appear Tues.-Sun. Special Event: Run Whatcha Brung Car Show Street Dance, June 26.

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

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

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Cabaret Lounge: Don Rose, May 4. Comedy Night with Kat Simmons, May 7. Shake, Rattle n' Roll, May 11. Amy Clawson, June 8. Sidro's Armada, June 22. Bands play nightly except Mon.

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

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

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Danny Marona, May 28-31. "Thunder From Down Under," June 1-5. Danny Marona, Sept. 3-5. Bands play in the Center Stage Cabaret. Dancing is offered in the Atlantis Nightclub.

Boomtown • 775-345-6000: Convention Center: John McEuen, June 3. Hot Club of Cowtown, Aug. 12. Norton Buffalo and Friends, Oct. 21. Can-Can Theater and Dancehall: Bands like Louie Fontaine, Next Level, and the Coates Twins appear Tues.-Sun.

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

Circus Circus • 775-329-0711: Circus Cabaret: Entertainment daily except Tues.-Wed. Free daily circus acts, 11am-10:30pm.

City Center Pavilion • 888-288-1833: Paul Rodriguez and Yo Quiero Comedy Jam, May 8. Michael Bolton, May 22. Jewel, June 12. LeAnn Rimes, July 17. Kinsey Sicks (Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet), Aug. 20-21.

Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Eldorado Showroom: "Broadway! The Star-Spangled Celebration" and "Spirit of the Dance." Musical revues rotate show times, thru June. Both are dark Mon. Bands play nightly at the Brew Brothers microbrewery. Piano music in the Roxy Lounge. BuBing Lounge: Dance to DJs and bands Tues.-Sat. Bands play in the Casino Cabaret Thurs.-Sat.

Fitzgeralds • 775-785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands perform nightly in the Fitz Showbar.

Golden Phoenix • 775-785-7100: Showroom: Malo Suavecito, May 7. "Hypnotariious with Terry Stokes," thru Dec. "The Magic of Eli Kerr," Wed. thru July.

Harrah's Reno • 775-788-2900 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: "Sunny: Hollywood Blondes, musical revue, thru June 14, dark Tues.-Wed. "Showgirls," adult revue, indf., dark Tues. Bands play Thurs.-Mon. in the Sapphire Lounge. Xtreme Park: has thrill rides.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Rose Ballroom: Chaka Khan, May 8. Celebrity Showroom: Roy Rogers and Norton Buffalo, April 30-May 1. Loverboy, May 14-15. The Gin Blossoms, May 21-22. The Mavericks, May 28-29. Don Rickles, June 25-26. Bands play in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's. Flamenco guitarist plays Thurs. and jazz Fri.-Sat. in Restaurante Orozko.

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

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Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Tequila Bar: Music nightly except Mon.-Tues. Comedians perform in the Just For Laughs Comedy Club, dark Mon.-Tues. Comedian Herb McQuay performs June 30-July 4, Aug. 4-8, Sept. 1-5, and Nov. 10-14. The Happy Hypnotist, Mon.-Tues.

Siena • 775-337-6260: Lexie's Lounge: Jammin' With the Siena Jazz Ensemble Fri.-Sat. Corky Bennett performs Wed.-Sun. in Lexie's Lounge.

Silver Club • Sparks, 775-358-4771 or 800-905-7774 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment in the lounge Wed.-Sun.

Silver Legacy • 775-329-4777 or 800-687-8733 (U.S., Canada, and Mexico): Grande Exposition Hall: Julio Iglesias, April 30-May 1. Larry the Cable Guy, June 26. Engelbert Humperdinck, July 30-31. The Beach Boys, Aug. 6-7. Music in the Rum Bullions Island Bar. Comedians perform at the Catch a Rising Star comedy club, dark Mon. Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

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: Entertainment TBA. The Club Nero nightclub has music for dancing.



Yo Quiero Comedy

Paul Rodriguez, who starred in *The Original Latin Kings of Comedy*, plays the Flamingo Laughlin's outdoor amphitheater on May 4 and Reno's City Center Pavilion on May 8.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: Johnny Winter, May 22. California Bar: Arthur Hervey, Tues.-Sat. 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. *X:

An Erotic Adventure, adult musical revue, dark Mon. Tahoe Live Casino Stage: Dane Rinehart Band, May 7-8.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: Entertainment TBA. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge Thurs.-Sun.

Lakeside Inn • 775-588-7777: In the Tavern: Karaoke with Psycho Attitude Productions, 11pm-3am Fri.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382. Showroom: Lake Tahoe/Incline Village Jazz Festival, May 21-23. Special Event: Big Blue Harley-Davidson Kick-Off Party, June 11.

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

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

Tahoe Billmore • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0660: Music nightly 8pm-1am Tues.-Sun.

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Joe's Tavern • 775-945-2302.

JACKPOT

Barton's Club 93 • 775-755-2341.
Cactus Petes • 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom: Danny Marona, May 21-22.
Horseshu Casino • 775-755-2321. Cabaret: TBA.

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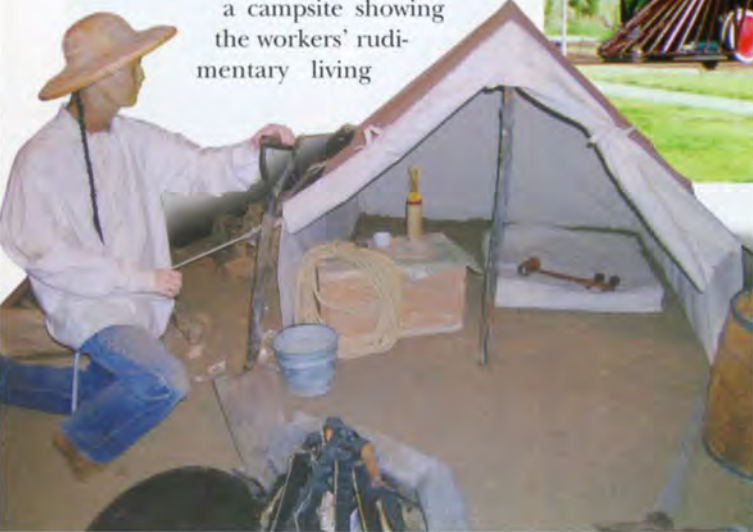
Railroad Days

Nevada State Railroad Museum honors Chinese rail workers. **By Rebecca Loesch**

Connecting the Eastern and Western U.S. by rail in the 1860s was made possible by Chinese immigrants' work on the Central Pacific Railroad. As many as 5,000 Chinese laborers laid track through Nevada in 1868 and 1869 before the Central Pacific finally met the Union Pacific at Promontory Point, Utah, on May 10, 1869.

The work and culture of these immigrants is recounted in "Tireless and Unremitting: The Chinese and Nevada's Railroads" at the **Nevada State Railroad Museum** in Carson City. The exhibit features a recreated joss house—a cultural meeting place—with a gong, incense, and traditional musical instruments.

There's also a life-sized replica of a campsite showing the workers' rudimentary living



Engineers steam up restored Virginia and Truckee locomotives such as the Dayton (above) on certain weekends at the Carson City museum. Left: A recreated campsite appears in the museum's exhibit on the Chinese who built Nevada's railroads.

conditions. Bamboo hats, work jackets, pottery, photos, and other artifacts give visitors a glimpse into the immigrants' lives.

Recruited by the Central Pacific, young Chinese men sought a better life building the transcontinental railroad for less than a penny an hour. The Chinese built their own neighborhoods in Nevada towns, and after the railroad's completion many became miners, grocers, loggers, and merchants. The immigrants frequently encountered racial discrimination. The display includes an 1880 public notice from the *Daily Stage*, a Virginia City newspaper, encouraging European-American citizens to

run Chinese settlers out of town. In addition, a 20-minute video offers historical perspectives, pictures, and letters from immigrants to their families in China. The museum's gift shop carries books on Chinese immigration and railroad workers as well as other rail topics. New items will be added periodically to the exhibit, which will be on display through December 2006.

Also at the railroad museum is "Locomotive Stories of the V&T." The exhibit features 16 models designed and constructed by the late V&T enthusiast George Richardson, a Southern California resident who donated the models to the Nevada State Museum two decades ago. The models, text, and vintage photographs tell the histories of such famous V&T locomotives as the *Inyo*, *Dayton*, and *Reno*.

Train Rides: The museum owns five restored steam locomotives and several coaches and freight cars. Visitors can ride in cars pulled by a steam locomotive and in a diesel motor car on certain weekends mid-May through September. Special steam-ups are held on the weekends of Armed Forces Day, May 15-16;

More Attractions on the Web

Visitors can take train rides at three other tourist lines in Nevada. Seven-mile round-trip excursions on the **Nevada Southern Railway** are being offered at the Nevada State Railroad Museum/Boulder City in Pullman coaches and an open-air coach. The museum is located at Boulder Highway and Yucca Street in Boulder City, 25 miles southeast of Las Vegas. Call 775-486-5933 for a schedule. The **Virginia and Truckee Railroad** offers narrated 35-minute train rides in Virginia City and Gold Hill from May to October. Call 775-847-0380 for a schedule and ticket information. The **Nevada Northern Railway** in Ely operates on weekends in May and runs two trains daily, Wednesday to Monday, Memorial Day through Labor Day, and one train daily, Wednesday to Monday, until October 1. Call 866-40-STEAM or visit www.nnry.com for details. To learn more about Silver State attractions, visit *Nevada Magazine's* Web site, www.nevadamagazine.com, go to "Nevada Events and Shows," and click on "Attractions, Tours, and Museums."



The Nevada Southern Railway is offering train rides between Boulder City and Railroad Pass.

Memorial Day, May 29-31; Father's Day, June 19-20; Fourth of July, July 3-4; and Labor Day, September 4-6. Everyone rides free on the Santa Train, December 11-12.

Information: The Nevada State Railroad Museum, 2180 South Carson Street in Carson City, is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$4 adults and \$3 seniors. Ages 18 and under enter free. Call 775-687-6953 or visit nevadaculture.org for more information, fares, and a 2004 operating schedule. ♣

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The King of Candelabra

The Liberace Museum in Las Vegas celebrates 25 years of honoring Mr. Showmanship.

By Ann Henderson

Liberace's stage presence and prodigious talent as a concert pianist earned him the title "Mr. Showmanship." The entertainer could rock a showroom with wild boogie-woogie and then switch to the haunting strains of Chopin—all the while decked out in diamonds and a wardrobe that would out-Cher Cher. Liberace was a fashion plate for the outrageous, and he loved every moment that he spent on stage.

A collector of historic pianos and one-of-a-kind automobiles, Liberace lived in an opulent home near the Las Vegas Strip. For years he played in many of the biggest showrooms in Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe.

In 1979, eight years before his death, Liberace opened the **Liberace Museum** on East Tropicana Avenue in Las Vegas. The museum, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, pays tribute to the entertainer's extravagance. The façade bears an oversized pink neon piano and his signature in giant letters. Inside, five galleries display his cars, pianos, costumes, and awards. The Grand Gallery shows special exhibits. The nonprofit museum funds the Liberace Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts, which since 1978 has awarded more than \$4.5 million in grants to 31 schools and organizations.

On May 15 the museum will host the 12th annual Play-A-Like Competition. During the play-off pianists of all ages, backgrounds, and styles will show their



skills and costumes from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. as they vie for the Crystal Piano trophy.

A former winner, Wes Winters, performs a one-hour tribute show at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday in the museum's 125-seat theater. Reservations are suggested. Winters also plays Wednesday evenings at Carluccio's Italian Restaurant, next door to the museum.

Visitors to the museum will see 18 of Liberace's rare pianos, including a hand-painted French Pleyel and a rhinestone-studded Baldwin baby grand. His cars include a 1934 Mercedes Excalibur covered in Austrian rhinestones and a pink Volkswagen customized to look like a Rolls-Royce. The entertainer's jewelry col-



Liberace's collections are displayed at the Las Vegas museum that bears the piano virtuoso's signature.

lection sparkles: A piano-shaped ring boasts 260 diamonds, and a piano-shaped watch glistens with diamonds, rubies, sapphires, and emeralds.

One of the most amazing artifacts is Liberace's King Neptune costume, a 200-pound garment covered in sea shells and pearls and valued at \$225,000. His favorite antique, a Louis XV desk, once belonged to Czar Nicholas II of Russia. There is a collection of Moser crystal from Czechoslovakia. The service for 12 has 14 glasses for each setting and is one of two such services ever made. The other is owned by Queen Elizabeth.

When You Go: The Liberace Museum is located at 1775 East Tropicana Avenue in Las Vegas. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$12 adults and \$8 students and seniors over age 60. Children five and under enter free when accompanied by an adult. For information on group rates for 25 or more people call 702-798-5595, ext. 16. A free shuttle operates from the Strip. Call 702-335-3530 or visit www.liberace.org for a schedule. ▀

Ann Henderson says the antique pianos are her favorite Liberace Museum pieces.

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