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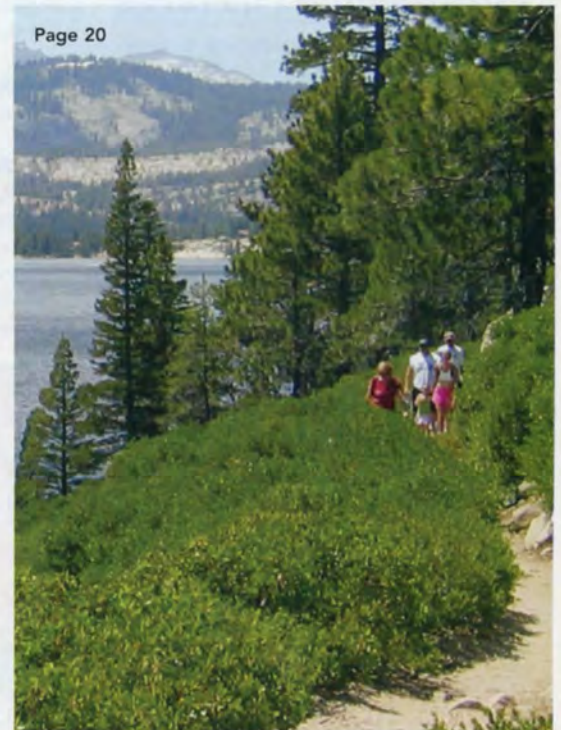
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I'll let you in on a secret. Nine years ago, when we decided to ask readers what they thought were the best attractions, restaurants, and things to do in Nevada, we hoped it not only would provide a chance for readers to vote for their favorites but would tip us off to what's new in the state.

The annual "Best of Nevada" reader survey has done both. Every year, as we sort through the hundreds of ballots, we learn about a new eatery or hiking trail or lounge act. For instance, this year the Burger Bar at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas was honored for best hamburger. While I'm probably not going to order

the \$60 Kobe beef burger, I'm persuaded by the readers' opinions to want to give one of its other burgers a try. In fact, that's the joy of the "Best of Nevada" survey—learning about new places to go or things to do in the Silver State.

So whether it's checking out the Double Down Saloon in Las Vegas (winner of best saloon in Southern Nevada) or taking a jaunt around Lake Tahoe (named best scenic drive in the North) there are plenty of new "best" places and things to experience.

Anyone want to join me for a lamb burger?

Richard Moreno
Publisher



Contributors

After living in areas as large as Los Angeles and as small as Tuscarora, **Kris Vagner** landed in Reno, where she writes for the *Reno News & Review* and is part owner of the Fireplace Gallery. While standing at a gas station in Sparks one day last August, Vagner noticed the snow-capped Mount Rose. The sight inspired her to write "Summer on the Slopes." She says, "Nico, my two-year-old son, and I plan to spend as much time as possible adventuring in Nevada's deserts and mountains this summer."



Las Vegas writer, artist, and editor, **Patrick M. Kennedy** found inspiration in the glowing neon of Glitter City for his science-fiction novel, *Toy Shadows*. The former owner of a Seattle advertising agency is working on two books, *How to Have Fun With Retirement* and the fictional *Horse Races and Paint Stores*. Kennedy, author of this issue's "Artisans of Las Vegas," says, "I enjoy working with Las Vegas artists because of their perseverance in the face of its ever-changing artistic environment."

Paula Riley remembers when Reno's Rancho San Rafael Regional Park was established in 1985. Ever since, the backyard gardener has watched with pleasure the development of the park's Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, which she profiles in this issue's "Summer Oasis." "The park staff has done a beautiful job," she says. "It's a nice reminder that if we attend to the earth, it will reward us." Riley and her husband, Jim, live in Reno and are avid hunters, golfers, and hikers.



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Letters

Rural golf courses, baby back ribs, and spas.

Best in the Rurals

I'm a longtime subscriber to your excellent *Nevada Magazine*, but I must point out an error in the May/June issue. Under the heading "Courses Outside Las Vegas" you note the Oasis Golf Club in Mesquite was "named best rural course by *Nevada Magazine* readers in 2005."

Then, in the listing for Primm Valley Golf Club, the second sentence reads, "Named best rural course by *Nevada Magazine* readers in 2005." Can both golf courses be best rural ones in the same year?

William H. Painter
Las Vegas

William, thanks for your letter. The Primm and Oasis links tied for top rural golf course in the



magazine's readers' poll in 2005, so we noted that they both were voted "best." You can see the 2006 "Best of Nevada" results in this issue.—Ed.

Hot Times in Nevada

Please send the recipe for Toby Keith's BBQ Baby Back Ribs, which Ann Henderson discussed in last issue's "Hot Topics." I just received my May/June issue of *Nevada Magazine*, and I loved Henderson's column in "Nevada Events and Shows." I make several trips a year to Las Vegas, as my sister has lived there for 20 years. This year I plan to spend some time around Elko, where the cowboys write poetry.

Patricia Peek
Forest Lake, MN

Pamper Palaces

Having never been to a luxurious spa as described by Irene Woodbury in last issue's "Spa Delights," I was intrigued by the de-

scription of her visits to Las Vegas "pamper palaces." I think the next time we visit Nevada—my husband and I visit Reno and Las Vegas a couple of times a year—I will make an all-day appointment at one of the spas she noted.

Jennifer H. Goldsmith
San Jose, CA

A Collector's Calendar

I noted that April 29 is missing from the 2006 Nevada Historical Calendar. Instead, the month ends on April 31. Is it a Nevada holiday? In looking back upon Nevada's history, I'm not familiar with this important date. How is it celebrated?

Gordon Harper
Portola Valley, CA

Gordon, thanks for your letter on the typos. We provided stickers to correct the last two dates in April, but few readers took advantage of them. In fact, a dealer in Las Vegas is selling the calendar as a collector's item.—Ed.

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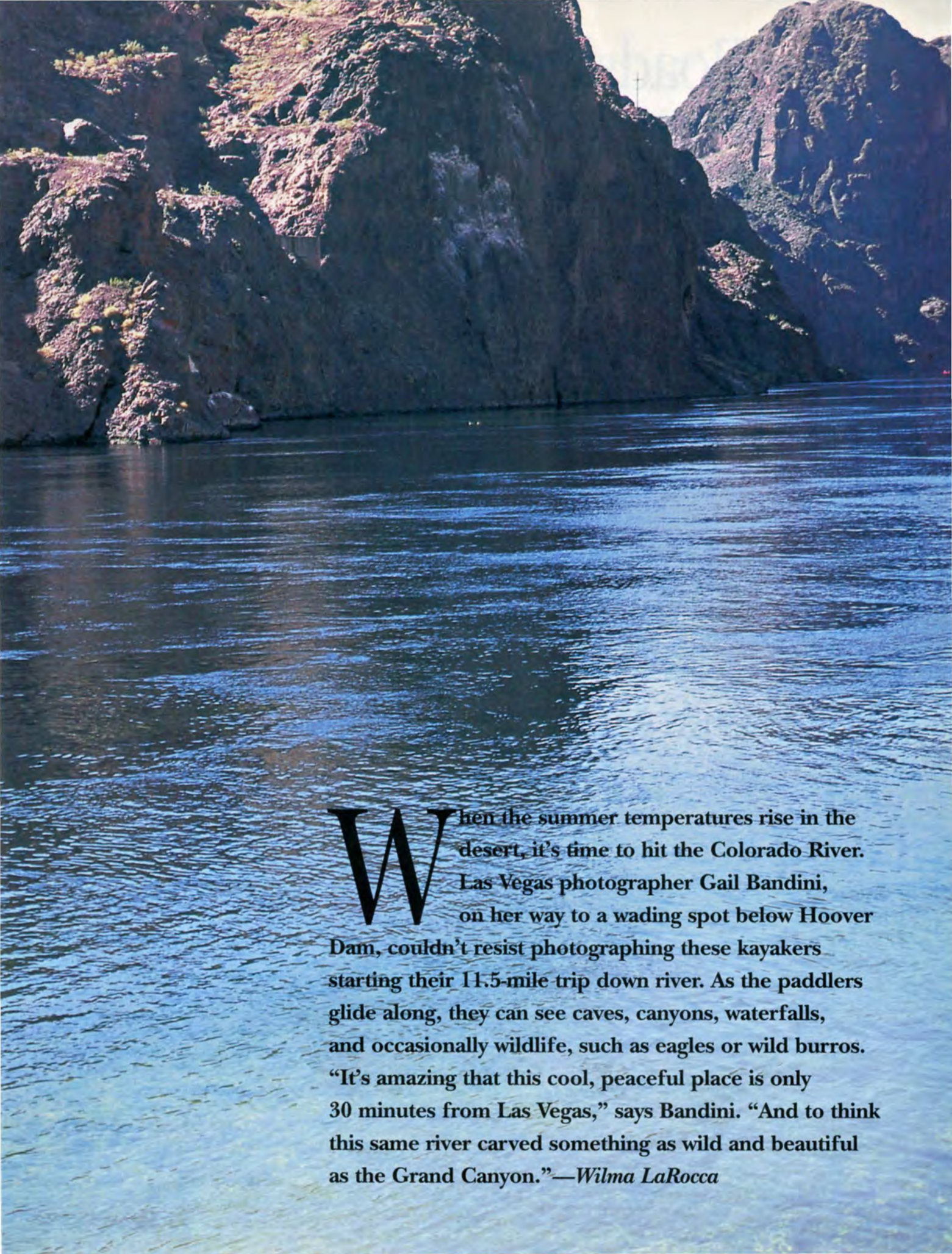
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A Day on the River

Photographer **Gail Bandini** focuses on kayakers paddling the Colorado.





When the summer temperatures rise in the desert, it's time to hit the Colorado River. Las Vegas photographer Gail Bandini, on her way to a wading spot below Hoover Dam, couldn't resist photographing these kayakers starting their 11.5-mile trip down river. As the paddlers glide along, they can see caves, canyons, waterfalls, and occasionally wildlife, such as eagles or wild burros. "It's amazing that this cool, peaceful place is only 30 minutes from Las Vegas," says Bandini. "And to think this same river carved something as wild and beautiful as the Grand Canyon."—*Wilma LaRocca*

Roadside Attractions

One hundred chairs, a Verdi park, and other diversions.



Your Cheetah Hearts

Two year-old cheetah cubs have found a permanent home at the **Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary and Nature Center** north of Reno. The cats, who came to Reno courtesy of a South African wildlife program, will be part of a research study on keeping captive cheetahs healthy. The center has also taken in two grey foxes, a bear cub, and two bobcats. Animal Ark, a nonprofit sanctuary for animals that cannot survive in the wild, is open daily except Monday through October. For more information, call 775-322-9702 or visit www.animalark.org.

Take a Seat

The **Nevada Museum of Art** is hosting "100 Years/100 Chairs" through October 1. Examples of chairs from the 1890s to today include creations of wood, plastic, and molded cardboard. The museum is open daily except Monday at 160 West Liberty Street in Reno. Call 775-329-3333 or visit www.nevadaart.org for more information about museum exhibits.



The 1956 "Marshmallow" chair was designed by George Nelson & Associates.

Exhibits and Museums

Rare photographs of life in 1920s Reno are on display in "**Everyday Mysteries**" at the Nevada Historical Society museum through August. Roy Curtis, who took the images, has been called "the best unknown photographer in Nevada history" for his ability to turn an ordinary scene into a still life. The museum, at 1650 North Virginia Street



A Native American woman and her newborn posed for photographer Roy Curtis at a Reno hospital in 1921

in Reno, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday. Call 775-688-1190 for details.

The **Atomic Testing Museum** in Las Vegas has interactive exhibits chronicling the history of the U.S. nuclear-weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site. Visitors can watch a film of a test in the Ground Zero Theater, which also gives viewers the feel of a simulated blast that flashes and rumbles. The museum is located at 755 East Flamingo Road on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus. Call 702-749-5151 or visit www.ntshf.org.

Audiences viewing *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3-D* in the **Luxor IMAX Theater** in Las Vegas "explore" the moon with narrator Tom Hanks. The show screens daily. Call 702-262-4629 for movie times and more information.

You can fish, hike, or raft at Crystal Peak Park

Forested Sierra peaks surround the serene **Crystal Peak Park** in Verdi, 10 miles west of Reno. The Truckee River flows through the park, so visitors can hike along the riverbanks, go rafting, or fish for trout. To find the trophy-fish section, anglers can follow the trail about half a mile upriver.

"I come here all the time because it's more wooded and mountainous than the other good fishing spots in the area," says Roger Gravelle, a Reno resident and avid sportsman.

In summer, lush grass grows beneath large shade trees, and you can picnic at one of five sites near the water. The 56-acre park is also accessible to bikers.



Families fish in the Truckee River at Crystal Peak Park.

Crystal Peak Park is located just west of downtown Verdi off Old U.S. 40. Travelers can reach Verdi via I-80. For more information call Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, 775-785-4512, or visit www.washoecountyarks.com.

For fishing information contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife at 775-688-1500 or www.ndow.org.—*Jenny Hyne*

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Caesars Tahoe, offers several nightlife options to Lake Tahoe visitors.

Opal is an ultra lounge featuring Eurasian cuisine, tapas, and sushi from 6 to 10 p.m. daily. The two-story lounge hosts VIP guests on a balcony that looks down on a copper bar. The bar's chef prepares dessert cocktails such as pomegranate cosmopolitans and Key lime pie martini tableside.

Other bars include the HQ Center Bar with a "fire and ice" pit. The del Soul Mexican Grill has a long tequila list. If you'd like to dance the night away, Blu Nightclub is located in the redesigned Club Nero. The dance floor is surrounded by reserved "cabanas," where guests can sit on mattresses and pillows.

New restaurants include the Ciera Steak and Chophouse, which features beef, poultry, and vegetarian dinner entrées; 20-Four Continuous Cuisine, styled like a 1950s diner; and the Unbuffet, which offers international foods. Call 800-648-3353 or visit www.montbleuresort.com for details.

Back to School

The **Elgin Schoolhouse Museum** has been turned over to the Nevada State Park system and now has a second life as part of Kershaw-Ryan State Park.

The schoolhouse was built by rancher Rueben Bradshaw in 1922 for the railroad and ranch families near Elgin in shady Rainbow Canyon. The school operated until the late 1960s and sat vacant for more than 30 years. The Bradshaw family restored the school and the teacher's quarters in 2000.

The Bradshaws gave the schoolhouse and some of the original furnishings to the state. Kershaw-Ryan State Park is two miles south of Caliente and U.S. 93 on State Route 317. Call 775-726-3564 or visit www.parks.nv.gov.

Where the Bears Are

Fifty life-sized fiberglass bear sculptures, each painted or decorated by a different artist, can be seen in public spaces around Lake Tahoe's South Shore through Labor Day weekend. Maps showing the bears' locations can be obtained at the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, 1156 Ski Run Boulevard. The bears will be auctioned off in September. The minimum bid for each bear has been set at \$2,000, with 20 percent of the bid going to the artist. The rest will be donated to Tahoe youth charities and wildlife preservation organizations. Call 530-544-5050 or visit www.bluelaketahoe.com for details.



Piper's Place Preserved

Today's visitors to Virginia City's Piper's Opera House might think they have stepped into an earlier century. Thanks to recent restoration efforts, the opera house now more closely resembles the popular theater built by John Piper in 1885. This is the third Piper's Opera House, as Piper's first two theaters burned in Comstock conflagrations.

Passing through the newly painted 10-



foot double front doors, visitors will learn the history of the opera house in exhibits displayed in the renovated lobby. Colorful posters (above) mimic period advertisements. The lobby's bar was rebuilt with 100-year-old wood planks.

A new stairway leads to the second-floor theater, where fresh white cloth panels have been tacked to the high ceiling. To recreate the original "floating" dance floor, workers installed thick metal springs under the floorboards. The wood trim on the doors and windows was restored to its original look with a faux finish.

Visitors can sit in the elaborate box once reserved for mining mogul John Mackay. The box is decorated with red flower print curtains, velvet backdrops, and gold chandeliers.

Opera house tours are available daily through October with a \$5 admission fee. For details call 775-847-0433 or visit www.pipersoperahouse.org.—Alisha Wike

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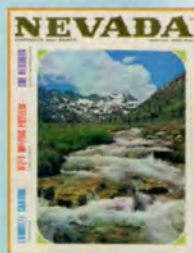
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Cake Talk

Chef Isaac Tamada

whips up new desserts for Reno's Peppermill

By Merrie Leininger

Peppermill pastry chef Isaac Tamada fell into the pastry business while a high school student in Hawaii. He was working part time as an office gofer for a wholesale bakery in Honolulu when he was smitten by cake making.

"The bakers at night would need help, so they would drag me in the back. I thought it was really cool—especially the cake decorating—so within a couple of months, I was working as a baker."

Next came baking school at the University of Hawaii. Since then he has worked for 30 years at resorts such as the Grand Wailea in Maui and Walt Disney World in Orlando. A year ago, he came to Reno.

During 12-hour days at the Peppermill, Tamada oversees the quality of all the desserts at the eight Peppermill restaurants. He orders every chocolate chip and every vanilla bean. He has reworked the entire dessert menu and introduced new, exotic flavors. However, some of Tamada's



Chef Tamada poses with sugar sculptures in his Peppermill kitchen.

"I have a banana cream pie that has a white chocolate pastry cream with a crunch around the side."

first ideas weren't so successful. His jalapeño mascarpone ice cream caught diners by surprise, and he learned he had to approach the job in a different way.

His solution was to give customers what they want—traditional desserts—but with fresh and interesting twists. He says, "I have a banana cream pie that has a white chocolate pastry cream with a crunch around the side, and the sauce is more

tropical. It's still on the menu, so I guess I'm doing something right."

Other successes include Key Lime Soufflé Glace with Five Spice Mango Sauce and Warm Molten Chocolate Torte with Bonny Doon Muscat Ice Cream.

Making the dish look pretty is part of the job, too, he says. "I put a spin on the presentation. I work with a lot of sugar garnishes. Everything is made by hand, and nothing is bought."

Those sugar garnishes are Tamada's claim to fame. He earned second place in Memphis in the "Rock and Roll Pastry" sugar centerpiece competition earlier this year. That contest was a nightmare of humidity and humility. "The sugar wouldn't set. Pieces were crashing all around us," he says, chuckling at the memory.

Tamada is excited about the expansion plans at the Peppermill, which include two new restaurants, an espresso café, and a poolside bistro opening in 2007. The next challenge he has set for himself is to bring even more new dessert trends to Reno.

"At the coffee bar, I want to have higher-grade, really nice, rich, buttery breads filled with caramel and things like that," Tamada says. "Is it going to work here? I don't know. We'll see." ❧

Merrie Leininger, a Reno writer, will never be a pastry chef, but she believes that homemade icing is always worth the time and energy.



Chef Tamada's Fallen Chocolate Cake

3/4 cup baking chocolate
1 tablespoon butter
8 egg yolks
4 egg whites
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup sugar
1/8 cup almond flour (grind blanched almonds in a blender or food processor)
1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 tablespoon cocoa powder

Melt the baking chocolate and butter in a double boiler. Whisk together the egg yolks and water over a double boiler until the ribbon stage (lift a little of the mixture with the beater; it should fall back into the bowl and form a slowly dissolving ribbon on the surface) and add to chocolate. Whip the egg whites and sugar into a meringue. Sift dry ingredients together and fold into wet ingredients. Pipe into individual-serving-size tart pans, filling to the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Turn over to cool. The cakes will fall when cooling. Dust each with powdered sugar and serve with vanilla ice cream and raspberry sauce. For Chef Tamada's Macadamia Chocolate Crunch Bars recipe, visit www.nevadamagazine.com.

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People

Happy Trails

My horse gets a massage.

By Susie Salem



Renee Calkins massages Watson, whose ears drop with pleasure. The author holds the rope.

My horse's first massage takes place on a bright spring afternoon. The sun warms the air as I wait for the therapist to arrive, and the horses lounge in the pasture, soaking in the sunshine.

Standing near the barn, I recall asking my horse friends about equine massage. They told me the idea was ridiculous. My trainer, Jamie, complained over the phone. "You consider yourself a cowgirl, don't you?" she asked. "Send me your Wranglers, belt buckle, and spurs. You are not going to pay for a horse massage."

Despite the naysayers, therapeutic massage is catching on in the horse world. Many people are learning that horses can benefit from massage the same way humans can. A massage can increase circulation, release toxins from the body, help old injuries heal, and improve flexibility. Besides, I'm intrigued by the thought of a 1,000-pound animal getting a massage.

Soon, Renee Calkins, a certified equine sports massage therapist, arrives. I can tell she is a horse person right away. Her long hair is pulled back in a single braid, and

her boots look dirty. She introduces herself, and we walk into the barn.

"Tell me about Watson," she says. "I want to get to know him first."

Watson is a 13-year-old quarter horse gelding who spends most of his time eating alfalfa. He gets frequent exercise, but nothing too strenuous. I'm looking forward to the massage, but I don't want him to feel uncomfortable.

"Don't worry," Renee says. "It can only do good. You may not always see visible results, but I guarantee your horse will feel better."

The massage begins. Renee applies pressure behind Watson's ears. He immediately drops his head to the ground. "That's a good reaction," she says. "Most horses are hesitant at first."

She looks for tight spots on my horse's neck and explains how she became an equine masseuse. A facility in Virginia, called Equisage, offers an equine massage certification program. Renee thought massage could benefit her own horses. Five years ago she flew to Virginia and completed the weeklong program.

PHOTO: Joyce Hollister

Nevada Magazine Celebrates 70 Years

A Paiute-Shoshone tribal member revisits his 1976 cover 30 years later

By Merrie Leininger

"One time I massaged a horse that kept trying to slam me into the wall."

session, most people aren't willing to pay the price. "I never have a problem with the horses," she says, patting Watson on the neck. "My problem is dealing with skeptical people who don't believe in what I do."

Despite this, Renee keeps a smile on her face. She wants Watson to be receptive to what she is doing. He lowers his head, letting his ears droop. He closes his eyes halfway and sighs. I know he is happy. When Renee reaches a sensitive spot, Watson shakes his head and turns around to bite her jacket. I am horrified, but she says it's part of the job.

"This is nothing," she says. "One time I massaged a horse that kept trying to slam me into the wall."

Nearly two hours go by. Renee works her way all around my horse, commenting on sore spots and offering advice on ways to make him more comfortable. She jots down a few notes for me before she goes so I can massage Watson on my own.

Renee ends the session by giving Watson a carrot. We leave him relaxing in the pasture with a content expression on his face. He is already dozing as we walk away. ▀

Susie Salem earned a degree in broadcast journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno in 2005. She is a producer for KRN News 4, the Reno NBC affiliate, and likes to spend time with her animals, family, and friends.

Russell Brigham doesn't remember having his picture taken for *Nevada Magazine* when he was four years old. But the photographer, C.J. Hadley, then the magazine's editor, remembers clearly.

"He was perfect. It just seemed like he was the epitome of what we see in Native Americans—light and soul and spirit," says Hadley, now the editor of *Range Magazine*. "All the things going on all around, the fancy dance and the traditional dance, and he just hit the moment. He made it all make sense."

The image of the young member of Fallon's Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, dressed in full dance regalia, adorned the cover of the U.S. Bicentennial issue of *Nevada Magazine* in 1976. It is one of Hadley's favorite covers.

Brigham says the framed cover hung in his grandmother's store in Fallon for years, but the pages are now faded. Every now and then he will see himself or his sister, Elizabeth, also photographed in traditional garb, staring out of tourist brochures or even from billboards promoting the state.

"It's always funny to see myself someplace," Brigham says. "The photo was on a Nevada map when I was a kid. I don't know who got hold

of the map in junior high, but they showed it to everybody, and everyone thought it was really funny."

Although Brigham says he wasn't dedicated enough to continue with Indian dance, his mother, Mildred, still has the beading and some of the feathers she and his grandmother, Iola, used to create the outfit he wore in the photo. Brigham says he does some beadwork, and he pointed out that the flower detail in the photo is a traditional Shoshone pattern.

Today, Brigham, 34, lives in Sparks. He has a geophysics degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and as the environmental coordinator for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, he monitors air and water quality and runs recycling programs. He is continuing his studies while applying to the master's program in hydrology at UNR.

After posing in May for a new photo for *Nevada Magazine*, Brigham received three new copies of the 1976 issue to replace his family's faded ones. He notes that another meeting seems appropriate.

"Let's do this again in another 30 years," he says. ▀

Merrie Leininger is the assistant editor for the Reno Gazette-Journal's weekly Calendar section.

Russell Brigham posed for this 1976 cover.



Brigham holds a fresh copy of the Bicentennial issue.

Story by Patrick M. Kennedy
Photos by Steve Spatafore

Artisans of Las Vegas



Artisans Dar Freeland (left), Jennifer Gilbert, Larry Domsy, Barbara Domsy, Bob Donaghy, and Toni Craft pose at the L Maynard Galleries in Las Vegas.

These artists have found an inspiring home in Nevada.

As Las Vegas has grown in recent years, so has its arts community. Today hundreds of artisans, many of them newcomers, produce one-of-a-kind pieces using glass, clay, metal, and sand. Their work is displayed in increasingly upscale galleries throughout the city, including on the Strip and especially in the emerging downtown arts district.

The city offers artists many avenues of visual stimulation—the desert light, the neon panoramas—not to mention the encouragement of a growing population that can afford fine art.

“Las Vegas provides the space and freedom for me to explore many artistic interests,” says Dar Freeland, an animator and sand artist. Here, Freeland and a handful of

other Las Vegas artists discuss their work and influences. Their artwork, ranging in price from \$70 to \$50,000, is available through commission and at area galleries.

Art's Power DAR FREELAND

Los Angeles native Dar Freeland, who moved her company, Cricket Studio, to Las Vegas in 1994, works in film, animation, and illustration. But as a student of Buddhism, Freeland has a special interest in creating Tibetan-style mandala sand paintings, traditionally used as a meditation or prayer for healing.



Dar Freeland demonstrates the chakpur she uses to create Tibetan mandalas. Behind is one of her illustrations. Below: Jennifer Gilbert with a metal table, footed bowl, and urn.

Freeland sweeps away her sand mandalas, releasing them into the Pacific Ocean or the Virgin River to share their healing properties.

Building a mandala is a long and exacting process. Using a metal funnel called a chakpur, Freeland meditates as she places the colored sand one grain at a time on a 48-inch-square flat board. Creating traditional and nontraditional geometric designs and ancient spiritual symbols, Freeland takes 500 to 800 hours to complete each sand painting.

Of course, when it's completed, the painting can't be hung. Instead, Freeland sweeps her mandala into a container and, following the Tibetan belief that we are all connected by water, releases it into the Pacific Ocean or the Virgin River at Zion National Park to share the mandala's healing properties. She notes, "The final joy of the work is the acknowledgement of the impermanence of all things, from our beliefs to our bodies, to money and stuff."

Freeland's artwork can be seen at the Cricket Studio and Face Up Gallery in the Arts Factory and at www.faceupstudio.com.

Metallic Art

JENNIFER GILBERT

Like other artists, metal sculptor Jennifer Gilbert says Las Vegas and the Southern Nevada landscape foster creativity. "I have been inspired by the clean aesthetics of the Nevada desert," says the former New Yorker.

Gilbert, who started working with wood and plastic before switching to metal, learned the craft from designers in New York. Later she started urbanIron, which she moved to Las Vegas in 1998.

Gilbert makes small tables with tile tops, straight-back chairs, bed frames, and rugged cabinet hardware. She usually works in steel and sometimes in bronze or stainless steel. Her durable pieces reflect her expertise in welding and forging.

With studio scraps Gilbert makes urns, boxes, and sculpture. "Not One of Us" is an example of her latest sculptural pieces. "A friend of mine refers to it as a head on a stick," she says with a laugh. "Isn't feedback great?"

Another work, titled "Visionaerie," is a clustered ring of knotted and tangled metal bars supporting a small blackened-metal dome and golden spire. "With my current pieces I am pushing to see how far I can go with this idea," she says.

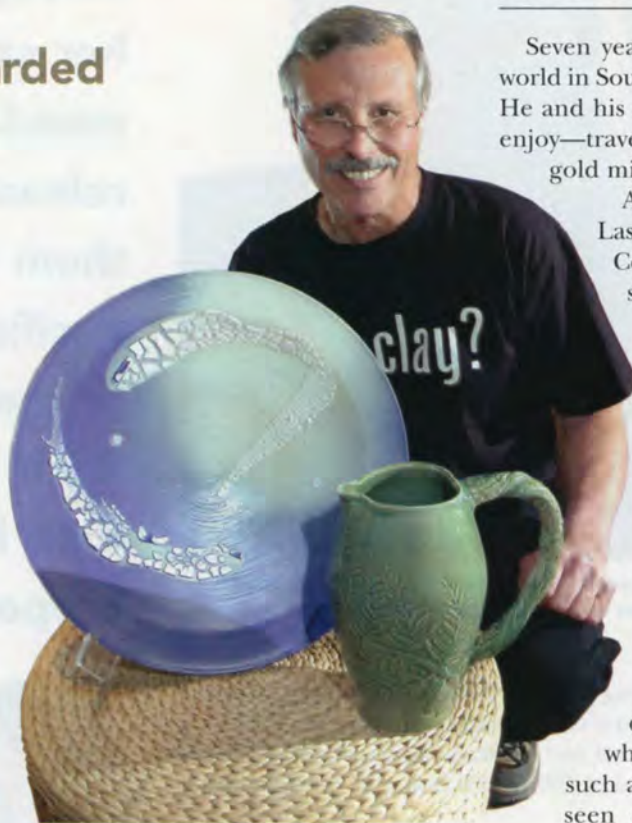
Gilbert's work can be seen at L. Maynard Galleries in Las Vegas and on her Web site, www.urbaniron.com.



"In Las Vegas we are bombarded with so many wonderful ideas. One only has to walk down the Strip to see what I mean."

Man of Clay

BOB DONAGHY



Potter Bob Donaghy poses with a platter, "Beginning Life," and a pitcher with an out-sized handle he calls "Just Hanging Around."

Seven years ago Bob Donaghy left the corporate world in Southern California and moved to Las Vegas. He and his wife, Dot, decided to do the things they enjoy—traveling in their motor home, riding ATVs, gold mining, and looking for petrified wood.

A part-time potter, Donaghy worked with Las Vegas ceramics artists Tom and Elaine Coleman. Soon he developed his own style, which incorporates animal and plant themes and his quirky sense of humor.

"I like to have fun with art," Donaghy explains. "I enjoy taking a lump of clay and changing it into a shape that people enjoy." He makes wheel-thrown sculptural pieces and hand-built floral wall sconces. Donaghy also creates tile murals and tables.

The potter finds inspiration in his new hometown. "In Las Vegas we are bombarded with so many wonderful ideas," he says. "One only has to walk down the Strip and through town to see what I mean." Examples of Donaghy's work such as tiles, wall pockets, and pottery can be seen at the Aardvark Clay Gallery and at www.help4homes.com.

Arts & Craft

TONI CRAFT

Even after 27 years of working with stained glass, Toni Craft says she can't wait to get into her studio each morning. "Since I moved to Las Vegas in 1991, new glass techniques have found their way into my work," the former Tarzana, California, resident says. "The Las Vegas art community is growing, and the artist interaction is exciting."

An art major at the College of the Redwoods, Craft managed two stained-glass studios. In 1997 she opened Vetro Studio in Las Vegas.

When clients commission her work, Craft visits their home, draws a design, and presents it for approval. Clients make the final decisions on glass and color. Then she cuts and fuses the glass at high temperature. Before completing the piece, she lays it out for the client to see.

Besides stained-glass doors and windows, Craft makes wall art, wall dividers, and mosaic water-fall sculptures. She is a featured artist in the Barbara Lee Woollen presents Art de Vignettes gallery in the Fashion Show Mall. To see examples of her work, visit www.artdevignettes.com.



Toni Craft makes custom-designed art glass, such as this wall hanging named "Mandala." Her glass panels also are used in windows and doors.

Glass Act

BARBARA AND LARRY DOMSKY

Married to each other and their work, glass artisans Barbara and Larry Domsky have created art together since 1990 while taking advantage of their Southern Nevada surroundings.

"We have an international audience here, hotels to promote our work, shops to employ artistic talents, and a community of locals that are finally embracing and promoting the huge art scene that is happening downtown," Barbara Domsky says.

Barbara's glass paintings, with their vivid colors and patterns, reflect her travels in South Africa and South America. She arrived in Las Vegas in 1989. While earning a graphics degree from the Community College of Southern Nevada she did gold leafing for Giorgio Armani at Bellagio, painted scenery for the Bellagio's opening, and was part of the team that placed graphics for Star Trek: The Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Her husband is an old-timer in Las Vegas terms. Larry Domsky moved here from Philadelphia in

1978, became an apprentice welder, and fabricated scenery and worked as a stage hand for "Jubilee!" at MGM (now Bally's). He oversaw the installation of the Emerald City at the current MGM Grand and built the fall cornucopia in the Bellagio's atrium for the hotel's opening.

Traditionally, glass artists work either in "hot glass" (or "blown glass") or create glass through "glass fusion." The Domsks combine the two techniques in a process they call "hot fusion." The resulting artworks include paintings, sculptures, tables, and lighted sculptures. Recently, the couple began creating chandeliers, each of which is made from hundreds of blown-glass pieces.

The Domsks' work is shown at L Maynard Galleries, the Lynn Peri Collection, the Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay, at the Wynn LVNV home store in Wynn Las Vegas, and in the window of Tesorini at the Bellagio as well as at www.domskyglass.com.

Patrick M. Kennedy of Las Vegas is a writer and graphic artist.



Barbara and Larry Domsky create free-standing glass sculptures in a process they call hot fusion. This piece is titled "Zen."

Galleries

Aardvark Clay Gallery: 6230 Greyhound Lane, No. E, Las Vegas, NV 89122, 702-451-9898, www.aardvarkclay.com.

The Arts Factory: 101-109 East Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89104, 702-676-1111 www.theartsfactory.com.

Barbara Lee Woollen presents Art de Vignettes: No. 2570 in the Fashion Show Mall on the Strip, Las Vegas, NV 89109 702-734-3202, www.artdevignettes.com.

L Maynard Galleries: Inside the Holsum Bread Building, 241 West Charleston, No. 140, Las Vegas, NV 89102, 702-855-0081, www.lmaynardgalleries.com.

Lynn Peri Collection: Inside the Holsum Bread Building, 241 West Charleston, No. 160, Las Vegas, NV 89102, 702-366-9171 www.lynnpericollection.com.



TAHOE RIM TRAIL 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Rim Trails

Presenting five favorite day hikes
on the **Tahoe Rim Trail**, which celebrates
its **25th anniversary** this year

By Merrie Leininger



A family follows the Tahoe Rim Trail above Echo Lake.
Right: Monique Schoenfeld makes breakfast on
the trail in Desolation Wilderness.



Every summer, my husband and I spend many weekends at Lake Tahoe, exploring its beaches, trails, and nearby lakes. To find our favorite spots, Andy and I usually end up on the Tahoe Rim Trail, the 165-mile loop around the lake that is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Created by volunteers, the trail visits some of the Tahoe Basin's hidden attractions, and it's a great place to discover your own Tahoe favorites.

From north to south, here are the five rim-trail day hikes we like most. Keep in mind that although these hikes are just a few miles long, each trek can be extended up to 165 miles if you wish.

Tahoe Meadows Interpretive Loop Trail

In the summer, Tahoe Meadows, located near Mount Rose Summit northeast of Lake Tahoe, is one of the area's most popular hiking spots because of its scenery and accessibility—the trail was designed to accommodate wheelchairs. One summer day we started on the loop heading south, frequently passing families with dogs and small children in strollers. The interpretive signs told us about the gray squirrels, Stellar's jays, and mule deer that make the area home. The signs also noted that the Washoe Indians consider the area sacred. The trail is flat and an easy 1.2-mile loop, perfect for a summer afternoon stroll.

Tahoe Meadows is a major draw in the winter, with hundreds of people snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and sledding every day through the large, flat landscape. While snowshoeing last winter, we fed birds scraps of our lunch right out of our hands.

Trailhead: You'll find the trailhead a half mile west





The moon sets over the granite peaks of Desolation Wilderness in this view from the trail to Aloha Lake.

of Mount Rose Summit on the Mount Rose Highway (State Route 431). From Incline Village, drive 11 miles up the mountain toward Reno and turn in at the parking lot on the right side.

Spoooner Summit North

Last summer we took this challenging East Shore trail that heads north from Spoooner Summit on U.S. 50. After we climbed a little more than two miles, we took a short vista trail offering views of

Snow Valley Peak, we were finally rewarded with a spectacular sight of Lake Tahoe to the west and Marlette Lake to the east.

Trailhead: From Stateline, drive north on U.S. 50 for 12 miles. The Spoooner Summit trailhead is on the north side of the highway, half a mile east of the junction with State Route 28.

North Kingsbury Grade

The Kingsbury Grade trail heading north is a relatively flat and shady trail cov-

ered by Jeffrey pines and red firs, but the track also provides amazingly open views of Lake Tahoe. A vista trail breaks off to the left about a half mile in. It's a bonus because although the rim trail circles the lake, dense trees often veil it from hikers.

Big Meadow

On a hot July day, we like to take the north trail at Big Meadow, a scenic area near the lake's south shore off California Highway 89. On a recent trip, Andy and I hiked up a steep hill for a half mile among Jeffrey pine, Western white pine, fir, and tobacco brush until the path flattened out and joined the Pacific Crest Trail.

Big Meadow suddenly opened before us, a lush green field dotted with purple, yellow, and white wildflowers. Big Meadow Creek skirted the west side, and aspens lined the north edge of the meadow. If you want to keep going past Big Meadow, follow the trail into the lodgepole pines for another two miles until you reach a fork in the trail. The left fork takes you past a wall of volcanic rock to cool Round Lake, which is home to cutthroat trout.

Although the water beckoned, we chose to spend a long time enjoying the scenery in Big Meadow, where we were careful not to venture off the trail and trample the meadow's delicate ecosystem. When we returned in September, the golden aspens were as colorful as the meadow was when the wildflowers were in bloom.

Trailhead: Drive five miles south on California Highway 89 from U.S. 50 in Meyers. You can hike in three directions

Big Meadow suddenly opened before us, a lush green field dotted with wildflowers.

the lake, but otherwise we walked mostly through trees. This wasn't a bad thing—the Jeffrey pine forest was a welcome respite from the Reno heat. As the trail continued, it became more difficult, climbing in elevation but providing a great view of Carson Valley and the Pine Nut Mountains to the east.

To a Clark's nutcracker, we were the more interesting sight. For about half a mile it flitted ahead of us, taunting our terrier, Max, then pausing to let us catch up before it breezed to the next tree. Max was obsessed with wildlife on his level, chasing little brown lizards and chipmunks that dashed up trees and chattered at him. After hiking about six miles to the base of

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We have taken this short diversion to sit on a huge, flat rock and enjoy the view. From this vantage point the lake shines like reflective blue glass, with tiny boats scoring its surface like ice skaters.

Trailhead: From the junction of U.S. 50 and Kingsbury Grade (State Route 207) just north of the Stateline casinos, turn east on 207 toward Minden-Gardnerville. Drive up the mountain three and a half miles and turn left on North Benjamin



You can swim or fish for cutthroat trout at Round Lake.

from the Big Meadow trailhead. To reach Big Meadow, cross 89 to the trail sign.

Echo Lake to Aloha Lake

A favorite of many Tahoe Rim Trail hikers is the Echo Lake to Aloha Lake trail in Desolation Wilderness, hidden high above the southwest side of the lake near Echo Summit. On our first trip, we found the trailhead only after twisting on the tight turns of Echo Lake Road. Although we could see Lake Tahoe minutes earlier

while driving from Meyers, it was hidden as we entered a landscape of grey granite.

A small store and shed perch on the edge of Lower Echo Lake. The shed is where we plopped down \$7 each for the motorboat ride to the trailhead. Of course, you can just walk across the footbridge, but the boat ride makes it seem more like an event—plus, the ride can save you up to five miles of round-trip hiking.

The trail was alternately rocky and soft with pine needle-covered dirt as we moved

in and out of tree cover. After a six-mile hike, we reached Lake Aloha, the biggest lake in Desolation Wilderness. It is surrounded by granite shores and sprinkled with rock islands. We ate our lunch and waded in the clear water to cool off. A large bird that had been circling dipped down over the water. Andy said it was a golden eagle, and I said it was an osprey, but we were unable to settle the matter before it grabbed its own lunch and flew into the treetops.

The spot is popular for swimming, fishing, and camping, but be cautious: The water can be bone-chilling cold, and, because of the rocky terrain, there are underwater obstacles. Campers need to get a \$5 per-person permit in advance.

Trailhead: Drive west two miles from Meyers on U.S. 50. Look closely for a small sign that says Echo Lake and turn north on Echo Lake Road. Drive for a mile and turn off at Echo Chalet and the Lower Echo Lake Dam. ▀

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Celebrating the Tahoe Rim Trail's 25th Anniversary

Those of us who hike the Tahoe Rim Trail owe thanks to the volunteers who began working on the trail 25 years ago this summer. The 165-mile trail around the lake now crosses through six counties, three national forests, and two states.

To commemorate the trail's silver anniversary, the Tahoe Rim Trail Association has planned six months of group hikes, barbecues, maintenance work, and classes. Day hikes led by experts are scheduled every weekend, and a class on how to join the 165-Mile Club will be held July 8. Anyone who has completed the entire trail can join the club, which has

more than 450 members. Also, for \$5,000, you can help fund trail maintenance through the Adopt-A-Vista program and have your name posted at the trailhead nearest your favorite viewpoint.

You can contact the Tahoe Rim Trail Association at **775-298-0012** or **www.tahoerimtrail.org** for more information. The Web site has directions to trailheads and information about elevations, distances, and difficulties of each hike. Call 530-543-2600 for information about Desolation Wilderness fees and permits.—*Merrie Leininger*



Tahoe Rim Trail

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- Interpretive Trail

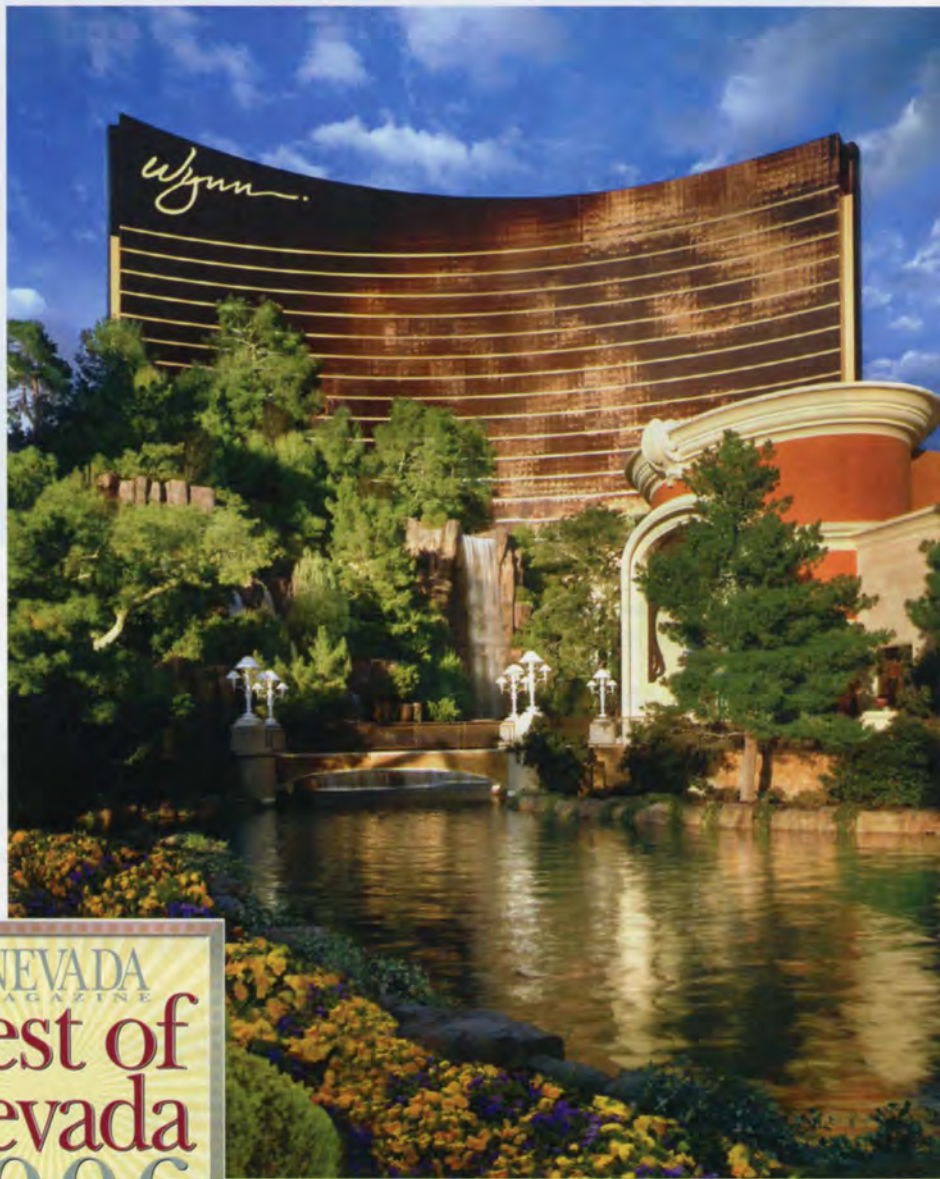
Best of Nevada

Readers name their favorite stars, restaurants, and attractions in our ninth annual poll.

By **Richard Moreno**

The annual *Nevada Magazine* “Best of Nevada” reader survey always results in a few surprises. This year readers embraced both the familiar and the new, selecting not only many repeat winners from previous years but also a few newcomers to the “Best of Nevada” roster. Readers voted for the “Best of Nevada” selections on a ballot inserted into the March/April 2006 issue of *Nevada Magazine*.

We congratulate this year’s winners and wish them all—what else?—the best.



Wynn Las Vegas won the nod as the South's best hotel/resort.

Best Hotel/Resort

The year-old **Wynn Las Vegas** made a big impression on *Nevada Magazine*'s readers, who voted it best hotel/resort in Las Vegas. Built at a cost of more than \$2.7 billion, the 50-story Wynn Las Vegas has 2,716 rooms and more than 111,000 square feet of gaming space.

In other parts of the state, readers selected a few repeat winners for best hotel/resort, including the **Peppermill** as tops in Reno-Sparks, **Harveys** as Lake Tahoe's premier property, **Piñon Plaza** as Carson City's choice, **Carson Valley Inn** as the Carson Valley's finest, **CasaBlanca** as Mesquite's pick, and **Harrah's Laughlin** as the river city winner.

Best Entertainer

The combination of great pipes and an inventive “A New Day” production at Caesars Palace catapulted singer **Celine Dion** to the top of the heap in the voting for Southern Nevada's best entertainer. Dion has repeatedly packed the 4,000-seat Colosseum at Caesars.

In the North, singer-comedian **Danny Marona** was honored as best entertainer. Marona, who has appeared on Nevada stages for nearly five decades, recently announced that he is retiring from live performances after 2007. His Farewell Tour stops at Cactus Petes in Jackpot on August 18-19 and concludes February 18 at the Eldorado Hotel in Reno.



Reno's Peppermill earned three honors, including best hotel/resort.



Celine Dion was applauded as the South's best entertainer.

Best Production Show

Donn Arden's "**Jubilee!**," one of the few remaining true Las Vegas showgirl extravaganzas, was voted the South's best production show. "Jubilee!" is celebrating its 25th year at Bally's Las Vegas. In the North, the winner was "**Balagan**," a Russian-flavored, Cirque-style production with music, stylized dancing, athleticism, and humor that just concluded an extended run at the Eldorado in Reno.

Best Musical Show

Readers liked veteran producer Greg Thompson's ultra-sexy cowboy fantasy, "**Bareback**," as Northern Nevada's top musical show. The country-music-themed show appeared at Harrah's Reno before recently moving to Harrah's Las Vegas. Best musical show in the South was "**The Platters, The Coasters, and The Drifters**," a nightly gathering of members of the three legendary groups in the Sahara's Congo Room.

Best Place to Gamble

Harrah's knows how to take care of gamblers. Readers chose three Harrah's properties as best places to gamble. In Las Vegas, the **Rio All-Suite Hotel** was voted top place to play games of chance. At Lake Tahoe, the leading vote getter was **Harrah's Lake Tahoe**, and in Laughlin, it was **Harrah's Laughlin**. Other winners were the **Peppermill** in Reno, **Carson Nugget** in Carson City, **Carson Valley Inn** in Carson Valley, **Oasis** in Mesquite, and **Cactus Petes** in Jackpot for the rurals.



Comedian Louie Anderson's "**Larger Than Life**" was the state's best new show.

Best New Show/New Entertainer

The winner for best new show or new entertainer isn't exactly a new face. Comedian **Louie Anderson**, who recently began an open-ended run at the Excalibur, has been a Las Vegas Strip fixture since 1987. But his show, "**Louie Anderson—Larger Than Life**," is new. And quite funny.

Best Tribute Show

When thinking about classic Las Vegas entertainers, few have ever matched the star power of the Rat Pack, which included Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, and Joey Bishop. A show devoted to the Rat Pack, "**The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean**," at the Greek Isles Hotel in Las Vegas, earned the honors as the state's best tribute show.

Best Afternoon Show

It's been said that **Ronn Lucas** could make a bowl of soup talk. The talented ventriloquist, who wrangles a large stable of talking Muppet-like creatures, such as Scorch the dragon and Bronco Billy, has been charming Rio audiences since 2001. The voice-tossing humorist was voted best afternoon show.

Best Comedy Club

A trio of comedy emporiums shared honors. In the North, readers selected the **Improv** at Harveys Lake Tahoe as best comedy spot while the choice in the South was the **Comedy Stop at the Trop** at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. Top place to catch a comedian in rural Nevada was the **Comedy Stop** at the Flamingo Laughlin.



Reno was the friendliest town in the North (above). Top: *Insanity the Ride* combined with *Big Shot* and *X-Scream* at the *Stratosphere* for Southern thrills. Middle: The *Carson Valley Inn* was named best hotel/resort, friendliest casino, and top gaming place in Carson Valley.

Best Hypnotist

Showgoers should be careful about volunteering to participate in **Anthony Cools'** shows at the *Excalibur* in Las Vegas. The Canadian-born comedian-hypnotist—named Nevada's best hypnotist—is notorious for persuading people to do embarrassing things on stage. He once told a male participant to give birth to a 200-pound baby. The result wasn't pretty—but it was humorous.

Best Comedian

When it comes to comic props, **Carrot Top**, who appears at the *MGM Grand* in Las Vegas, is the king. The crimson-haired funnyman, known for his trunks of bizarre visual gags, was selected the state's best comedian. What does a redneck wear to his graduation? Carrot Top pulls out a John Deere hat with a tassel. What do you feed a redneck baby? A baby bottle with an attached ashtray. You get the picture.

Best Magic Show

Illusionist **David Copperfield**, who performs regularly at the *MGM Grand* in Las Vegas, has been box office magic for years, so it's no surprise that readers voted his "Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion" as best magic show.

Best Thrill Ride

What could be more of a thrill than getting strapped to a giant bungee cord and dropped 185 feet over a concrete parking lot? That must be what readers imagined when they voted the *Reno Hilton's Ultimate Rush* as best thrill ride in the North. Obviously, high places are synonymous with fun because readers also selected the trio of rides—**Big Shot**, **X-Scream**, and **Insanity**—atop the 1,149-foot *Stratosphere Tower* in Las Vegas as the most thrilling thing to do in the South.

Friendliest Town

Maybe it's time for **Reno** to change its slogan from "Biggest Little City in the World" to "Friendliest Little City in the World." Readers liked Reno's welcoming attitude toward visitors and named it Northern Nevada's friendliest town. **Las Vegas** was the winner in the South.

Friendliest Casino

Readers recognized the following casinos as the state's friendliest: the **Carson Nugget** in Carson City, **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden-Gardnerville, **Sam's Town** in Las Vegas,

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Good Eating

For those who love to eat, the Silver State has plenty of good dining options. The following are the eateries that *Nevada Magazine* readers named the state's very best in the 2006 "Best of Nevada" poll.

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

This category should be retitled "if-money-is-no-object-where-you-could-dine." Each of the three winners offers elegant surroundings, impeccable service, and epicure-pleasing food. In the South, **Alex** at the Wynn Resort has earned awards with specialties like roasted monkfish and sea scallops with white asparagus. In Northern Nevada, readers chose the **White Orchid** at the Reno Peppermill, noted for its sautéed prawns with goat-cheese cream and medallions of elk with Maine lobster. The top rural spot was the **Lone Eagle Grille** at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, which serves steaks, seafood, and lake views.

Best Buffet

When it comes to eating to your heart's desire, the winners in the vote for best buffet give you plenty of choices. In Las Vegas, the readers chose the **Carnival World Buffet** at the Rio, where more than 300 dishes are prepared daily. The other Southern Nevada selections were the **Fresh Market Buffet** at Harrah's Laughlin and the **Paradise Buffet** at the Oasis in Mesquite. In the North, the winners included the **Island Buffet** at the Reno Peppermill, the **Forest Buffet** at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, and the **Canyon Cove Buffet** at Cactus Petes in Jackpot.

Best Gourmet Restaurant

The explosion of celebrity-chef restaurants in Nevada in recent years means we have a lot more world-class dining places. According to readers, the crème de la crème of gourmet restaurants included **Emeril's** at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, the **Summit** at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, **Katherine's** at the CasaBlanca in Mesquite, the **White Orchid** at the Reno Peppermill, and Cactus Petes' **Plateau Room** in Jackpot.

Best Basque Restaurant

Serving traditional, Basque family-style meals, **Louis' Basque Corner** in Reno was the easy winner. While all the entrées are first rate, you might try the roast pork loin topped with mushroom gravy or the lamb chops. When you're done, just say, "Primeran zegoen!"

Best Italian Restaurant

Was it the beef tenderloin carpaccio? Or perhaps the tagliatelle with scampi or the gnocchi genovese? With so many fine Italian dishes on its menu to choose from it's no wonder that the **Romanza Ristorante Italiano** at the Reno Peppermill was tapped best Italian place.

Best Asian Restaurant

Readers selected Reno's **Palais de Jade** as Nevada's best Asian restaurant. A repeat winner, Palais de Jade combines an elegant atmosphere with great service. Signature dishes include kung-pao chicken, crispy scallops, and Szechuan shredded pork.

Best Mexican Restaurant

Featuring guacamole made at your table as well as Mexican fusion dishes like lobster tacos, crab empanadas, and wood-oven roasted chicken in a red mole sauce, **Diego** at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas was named the state's best Mexican restaurant.

Best Hamburger

Where else but in Las Vegas would you find a \$60 hamburger? This year's winner for best hamburger joint was the **Burger Bar** at Mandalay Bay, where the exotic burger menu includes a \$60 Kobe beef burger with sautéed foie gras, shaved truffles, and a Madeira sauce on an onion bun.

Best Saloon

Two of the best saloon winners couldn't be more different. In the South, readers selected the **Double Down Saloon**, a dark, noisy, smoke-filled Las Vegas watering hole with a cult-like following. In the North, it was the **Fireside Lounge** at the Reno Peppermill, a quiet, romantic bar built around a flaming pool of water. Virginia City's **Bucket of Blood Saloon**, which falls somewhere in between, was voted best rural tavern.

Best Brewpub

The handcrafted beers and ales are tasty. The food is mouthwatering. The live music gets your feet tapping. So it's no wonder that the best brewpub in the North was **Brew Brothers**



Readers prized the pricey patties of the Burger Bar at Mandalay Bay. Top: Cactus Petes' Canyon Cove Buffet was top of the line in rural Nevada.

at the Eldorado Hotel in Reno. In the South, readers selected the superb suds at the **Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery** in Las Vegas.

Best Place to Go Dancing

Clubbing is an increasingly popular pastime in the Silver State, with nearly every hotel offering some kind of ultra-lounge or nightclub for dancing. The best place to cut a rug in the North was the **BuBinga Lounge** at the Eldorado in Reno. The **Rain** nightclub at the Palms in Las Vegas was voted tops in the South.

Best Coffee Shop

When it comes to grabbing a cup of joe, piece of pie, or an entire meal, all three best coffee shop winners easily fit the bill. In the South and North, readers picked the **Peppermill Coffee Shops** of Las Vegas and Reno. In the rurals, the Red Lion's **Coffee Garden Restaurant** in Elko was the top shop.

—Richard Moreno



The Resort at Red Hawk won links honors in Reno-Sparks. Right: Carrot Top with his trunkful of gags was named the state's best comedian.

Harrah's Laughlin, **Eureka Hotel-Casino** in Mesquite, **Peppermill** in Reno-Sparks, and Jackpot's **Cactus Petes** in rural Nevada.

Best Slot Club

Slot clubs are growing in popularity because members can receive meals, rooms, and prizes for their play. In Southern and rural Nevada, the best slot club was **Harrah's Total Rewards**. In

the North, the Reno **Peppermill's Passport Club** was tops.

Best Golf Course

With more than 100 golf courses, Nevada has become one of the nation's most popular golfing destinations. Links-minded readers selected the following as the state's best golf courses: **Empire Ranch** in Carson City, **Genoa Lakes** in

Carson Valley, **Edgewood** at Lake Tahoe, **Red Hawk** in Reno-Sparks, **Bali Hai** in Las Vegas, **Mojave Resort** in Laughlin, **Oasis** in Mesquite, and **Dayton Valley** in rural Nevada.

Best Park or Nature Area

The three winners for best park or nature area certainly deserved the honor. In Northern Nevada, **Lake Tahoe** got the nod because of its

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Readers selected Virginia City—with its boardwalks and Comstock-era architecture—as Nevada’s best historic community and the rurals’ best place to take kids. Circus Circus Reno (right) and Circus Circus Las Vegas also excelled at letting kids be kids.



alpine scenery and recreational opportunities, such as water skiing, boating, fishing, hiking, biking, and swimming. **Great Basin National Park** in Eastern Nevada, home of Lehman Caves, ancient bristlecone pine groves, and 13,063-foot Wheeler Peak, was voted the best in the rurals. **Valley of Fire State Park**, a wonderland of fiery red sandstone formations,

was the runaway parklands winner in the South.

Best Scenic Drive

The 72-mile ride around **Lake Tahoe** has been described as the most beautiful drive in America, so it’s no surprise that readers selected it as the best scenic drive in Northern Nevada. The Southern Nevada winner was the journey

through **Valley of Fire State Park** on State Route 169. This eight-mile scenic drive passes many of the park’s best-known features, including the Seven Sisters and Elephant Rock.

Best Place to Ski

As the closest ski resort to Reno—it’s only 22 miles southwest—**Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe** is popular with both locals and visitors. The resort, which includes most of the north and east slopes of Slide Mountain, encompasses more than 1,200 acres and has an average annual snowfall of 34 feet. Readers appreciated Mt. Rose’s convenient location and named it the best place to ski in the state.

Best Historic Community

Its past residents have included writers Mark Twain and Walter Van Tilburg Clark. In the mid-19th century, it was Nevada’s largest community and most productive mining town. Today, visitors still can find some of the state’s richest history on display in **Virginia City**, which readers selected as Nevada’s best historic community.

Best Place to Take Kids

Circus Circus has a simple formula for making kids feel at home—let them play. **Circus Circus Reno** and **Circus Circus Las Vegas**, which both boast giant arcades and live circus acts, were voted the best places to take kids in the North and South, respectively. Top kid-friendliest place in rural Nevada was **Virginia City**.

Best Special Event or Festival

Festivals of cars and cowboys were the choices for Nevada’s best special events. In the

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North, the winner was **Hot August Nights**, a celebration of the cars and music of the 1950s and '60s. In the South, the **NASCAR** races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway took the honors. The **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering** in Elko was tops in the rest of the state.

Best Place to Shop

Offering more than 100 designer-outlet stores, including Burberry, Banana Republic, and Versace, the **Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas** in Primm, 43 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15, was the readers' pick for best place to shop in the South. The new **Sierra Summit** in South Reno, which includes Dillard's, Pottery Barn, Abercrombie & Fitch, and Aeropostale stores, was the choice in the North. The best shopping in rural Nevada can be found at the **Carson Valley Plaza**, near the boundary of Carson Valley and Carson City, which is home to Old Navy, Borders Books, and In-N-Out Burger.

Best Museum

Housing more than 200 immaculately restored vintage automobiles, the **National Automobile Museum** in Reno was voted best museum in the North. The **Tonopah Historic Mining Park**, which offers guided tours of early 20th century mining buildings and mines, was named best in the rurals. In the South, readers liked the **Liberace Museum**, which displays the late performer's stage costumes, rare pianos, jewelry, and other mementos.

Best Wedding Chapel

At **Viva Las Vegas**, voted best wedding chapel in the South, couples can get married as gangsters, spies, NASCAR drivers, vampires, rock stars, or Victorian-era royalty. Services can be performed by Elvis, King Tut, Dracula, or Merlin the Magician. Or you can play it straight. In the North, the winner was the **Arch of Reno Wedding Chapel**, which handles the arrangements so that all the betrothed have to do is show up.

Best Sightseeing Tour Company

Since 1982, **Grand Canyon Tours** of Las Vegas has offered guided trips to the canyon by air and ground. Over the years, it has added trips to Hoover Dam and Lake Mead, rafting on the Colorado River, night flights over Las Vegas, and dozens of other options. Readers voted Grand Canyon Tours as Nevada's best sightseeing tour company.

Best Helicopter Tour Company

Readers think the best aerial views of the state's attractions can be seen from aircraft operated by **Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters** of Las Vegas. Papillon is the only helicopter tour company that can fly to both the south and west rims of the Grand Canyon.

Best ATV Tour and Best Horseback Tour Company

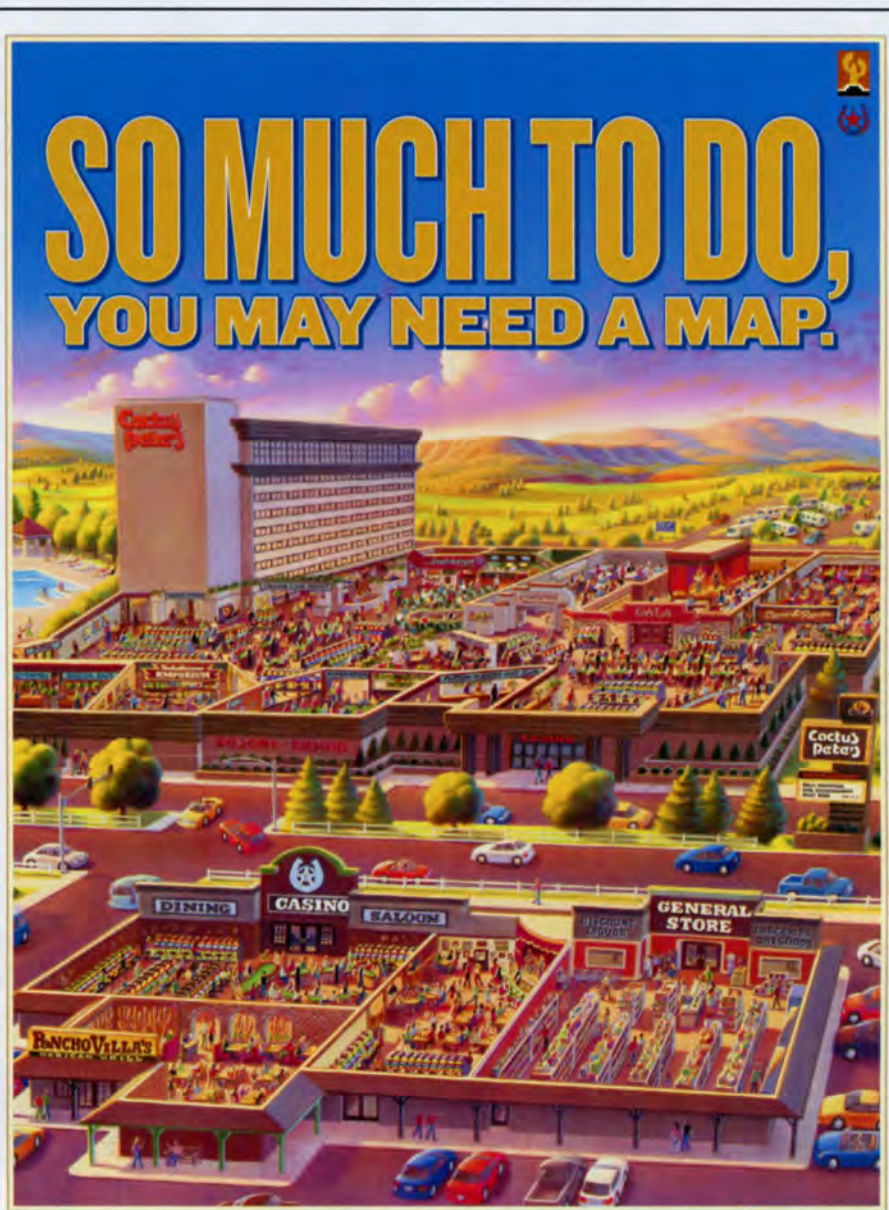
Can you say "Awesome"? The winner for best ATV tour and best horseback tour was **Awesome Adventures** of Las Vegas. Awesome

offers horseback riding in Red Rock Canyon, Hummer and ATV (all terrain vehicle) tours of Eldorado Canyon, mountain biking at Valley of Fire, and watercraft tours of Lake Mead.

Best Reservation Company

Readers liked the ease of use and variety of travel choices offered by Las Vegas' **Look Tours**, this year's best reservation company. ▣

Richard Moreno is Nevada's publisher and a fan of all things that are the best, including the Nevada Magazine staff.



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Railroad Ties

Minden and Ely's Nevada Northern Railway observe their **100th birthdays.**

This year two Nevada communities, both with ties to the railroad, celebrate centennials. In July, Minden commemorates the date when the Douglas County commissioners approved the town plat presented by H.F. Dangberg Jr., whose new community would become the terminus of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad. In September, Ely residents observe the 100th anniversary of the Nevada Northern Railway, the line that carried copper ore from the mines at Ruth to the smelter at McGill for seven decades. For more on these and other celebrations see "Nevada Events and Shows" in this issue.



Passengers get ready to ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely. The Nevada Northern Railway celebrates its centennial this year.



A purple robe locust frames Minden Park (above), centerpiece of the town founded by H.F. Dangberg Jr. Left: Visitors can see 100-year-old houses on the walking tour of Minden.



H.F. Dangberg Jr.

Dangberg's Dream

By Kurt Hildebrand

Visitors strolling the tree-lined sidewalks of Minden will see a sedate town laid out on a grid, a grassy park where families gather for summer concerts, and a main street faced with century-old buildings.

The town was the vision of H.F. Dangberg Jr., who founded Minden 100 years ago as the terminus of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad and named it after

a city near his father's birthplace in Prussia. Dangberg was the son of a pioneering Carson Valley rancher and state senator, H.F. Dangberg Sr., who had immigrated to the United States to find a better life.

Dangberg and his father were very different people. The old man, thrifty and determined, established an agricultural empire that once covered 20,000 acres, stretching south from Carson City to the Nevada-California border.

The younger Dangberg was a promoter who grew up in the shadow of the Comstock. His generation learned that fortune was built on a willingness to take chances. "He was a wheeler-dealer," says Minden historian Wynne Maule, whose father worked with Dangberg in an upstairs office at the Farmers Bank of Carson Valley.

In 1898 Dangberg married Gertrude Hironymous, and they had a son named Dwight the next year. Following in his father's footsteps, Dangberg was elected

to the Nevada Senate in 1902 as a Silver Democrat at the age of 35.

In the summer of 1904, double tragedy struck. Dwight died of scarlet fever a month before H.F. Sr. died. The Dangberg empire had been incorporated, so the stock was divided between Dangberg's mother, Margaret, who received half, and her five children, who shared the rest. As the oldest son, Dangberg was named president of the corporation.

For many years, officials of the V&T, which hauled ore from Virginia City to the mills along the Carson River, had wanted to extend the line to Carson Valley. Now in control of his family's vast holdings, Dangberg could negotiate for the right of way, which he stopped at his Minden town site, two miles short of the community of Gardnerville. Regularly scheduled trains began arriving at the new town in the summer of 1906.

Dangberg's promotional skills served him well in establishing Minden but failed

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him when he tried to populate it with Gardnerville merchants, who refused to move. Dangberg tried other schemes to attract business. In 1910 he began Carson Valley Day, now a two-day celebration that is in its 89th year. In 1912 he established the Carson Valley Improvement Club to build the CVIC Hall, which has served as a community meeting place ever since.

In 1915 the Nevada Legislature passed a bill that moved the county seat from Genoa to Minden. Not surprisingly, it was Dangberg's company that donated land for the new county courthouse.

The Minden centennial celebration, Sunday in the Park!, begins with a Stroll-Around-the-Park Parade in Minden Park at 11 a.m. on July 2. The parade is followed by opening ceremonies, lunch, an ice cream social, games, music, and a living-history presentation with Michael Fischer, a Gardnerville dentist, portraying H.F. Dangberg Jr.

Other activities include oral history videos and historical photo exhibits at the CVIC Hall and a tour of Minden's historical homes and businesses. For more information or to obtain the *Discover Minden* brochure, which includes a walking-tour map, call the town at 775-782-5976.

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Steaming in Ely

By Mark Bassett

When you visit the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, you can experience what America was like after the turn of the last century—and take a train ride besides.

During the Nevada Northern's heyday, 32 passenger trains departed each day from the East Ely depot. They shared the rails with 60 ore trains and a couple of freight trains. That's more than 90 trains a day. It was what we now call a 24/7 operation. The railroad never stopped.

Today, steam-powered passenger trains still leave the classic East Ely depot. The excitement begins when the conductor yells, "All aboard." The engineer nods, releases the brakes, and pulls open the throttle. Slowly, the locomotive's wheels begin to turn. You hear "Chuff!" and a puff of smoke shoots out from the smokestack.

"Chuff! Chuff! Chuff!" Now the train is rolling, and you see the fireman in the cab shoveling coal into the fire.

The train's passengers are tourists ready to see the mining country that gave the railroad its start in 1906. The Nevada Northern Railway was built for one reason: copper. Copper was the wonder metal of the last century. In the early 1900s, America was just starting to get wired. Every building needed to be wired twice, once for electricity and then for the telephone. The demand for copper was insatiable.

After copper deposits were discovered west of Ely, Mark Requa, a far-sighted mining engineer who grew up in Virginia City, sought financing for a railroad. Backed by the Guggenheims, the Nevada Northern was completed on September 29, 1906.

For 77 years the East Ely depot hummed. Immigrants arrived on the daily passenger trains. Ore trains from the Ruth mines passed through Ely on their way to the smelter in McGill. Everything residents needed came by rail. But after seven decades copper prices no longer could sustain the operation, and the mine closed. So did the railroad, which ran its last train on June 21, 1983.

Incredibly, the complex survived. Kennecott Copper Corp. donated the depot and Steam Engine No. 40, and state and local efforts led to the revival of the Nevada Northern Railway as a visitor attraction.

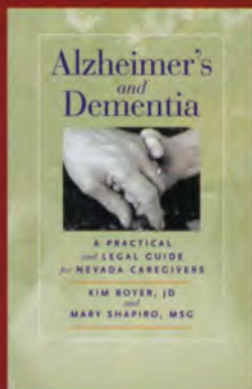
In 1987 tourist trains began running on the former copper line, nicknamed the Ghost Train of Old Ely. The museum encompasses a 56-acre National Register historic district with 63 original structures and 30 miles of track. The line's steam locomotives, electric locomotives, diesel locomotives, historic passenger cars, and freight cars still reside in the yard and shop.

The Nevada Northern Railway Centennial Celebration will be held September 29-October 1. Festivities will include train rides, food, music, and a reenactment of the 1906 Copper Spike ceremony.

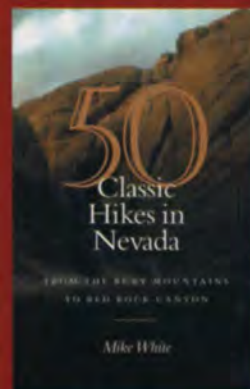
The grounds at the Nevada Northern depot in Ely are open for walking tours year-round. Excursion trains operate from April 15 through December 30, with daily service from mid-May through September. For further details call the museum at 775-289-2085 or 866-407-8326 or visit www.nnry.com. For information on other attractions in the Ely area call 800-HY6-9350 or visit www.elynevada.net.

Mark Bassett, executive director of the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, has been in love with trains since he was a young boy.

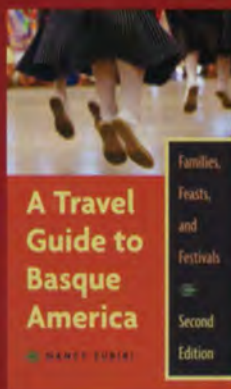
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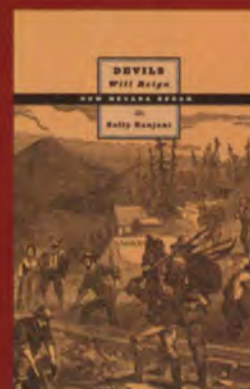
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Yellow coreopsis and purple penstemon grow in Reno's Wilbur D. May Arboretum.

Cooling off at the **Wilbur D. May Arboretum** in Reno

By **Paula Riley**

Evans Creek meanders through rolling foothills north of Reno before descending to Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. There the stream puddles into a pond and then into a marsh. The water nourishes an oasis of gardens and groves known as the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden, which is a great place to escape the city's midsummer heat.

Opened in 1982, the 11-acre arboretum is named for Wilbur D. May, the late Reno philanthropist and world traveler. At its helm is horticulturist Bill Carlos, who with his staff of nine cultivates 15 gardens and 11 groves of trees. Admission is free.

"We don't have a front gate," Carlos explains. "If you go to any other arboretum, you can pay \$10 to \$15 just to walk in. To get away from the doldrums of summer and find some peace and quiet, this is the place to come."

Ask Carlos to name his favorite cool garden spots at the May, and he'll choose three. First is Honey's Garden, a nook of yellow and white hybrid tea roses punctuated by potentilla and day lilies. Cascading water suggests a Sierra mountain brook.

Second is Kleiner Oak Grove, which showcases a sample of the May's more than 6,000 trees. The grove has more than a dozen non-native species, such as swamp white oak and bur oak. The latter is also known as mossy cup oak for its unique acorn pods. Shady in summer, the grove blazes with deep-red pin oaks and red oaks in fall.

Carlos' third favorite spot is the native collection, which presents Great Basin plant communities—mixed conifers, desert shrubs, piñon pines, and junipers.

If you have time, stroll through the May's other cool garden spots. You can rest on a shaded bench to admire the English

country-style Burke Garden lush with nodding poppies, fragrant roses, and cushiony lamb's ears. At the wisteria-covered gazebo in Kristen's Garden you'll be dazzled by opulent stands of Michaelmas daisies nodding in the afternoon breeze they'll bloom through fall.

The Labyrinth Garden, with wooden benches capped by shade structures, promises a quiet setting for contemplation. Its quarter-mile, winding path of seven concentric circles forms a pattern known as a Santa Rosa labyrinth.

The May arboretum harbors many birds. Birders can obtain bird-list information at the arboretum office. Park rangers have confirmed such rare sightings as a flammulated owl, a hermit thrush, and a Townsend's solitaire. Almost 200 species from cuckoos to cormorants have been identified. Kelly Latham, who has worked for eight years at the May, recommends watching wildlife on the Evans Creek Bridge. Latham says, "A lot of people don't realize we've got a little oasis here."

As Bill Carlos notes, "You have all the different gardens you can sit in, depending on how you feel."

In summer, that's a particularly cool idea.

When You Go

Visitors to the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden in Reno should bring sturdy walking shoes, hats, and water. Sunblock is recommended, and binoculars are a bonus. The arboretum in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is open sunrise to sundown, with free admission and brochures. You can enter the park at the north end of Washington Street or the 1500 block of North Sierra Street. Signs point to public parking areas, the arboretum, and offices. For information call 775-785-4153 or visit www.maycenter.com. ▣

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A path leads to the May arboretum's rose garden (top).
A great horned owl and her youngster (in tree's lower fork) sit in a black willow tree along Evans Creek (middle).
Bottom: Honey's Garden.



Summer on the Slopes

These six **Lake Tahoe** ski resorts offer **hiking, biking, tennis,** and **fishing** during the no-snow season

By Kris Vagner

Come summertime, ski bums might get bummed watching their gear collect dust until the next snowfall, but Lake Tahoe ski areas offer plenty of opportunities for outdoor adventuring in July and August.

As the slopes turn from white to green, Tahoe's winter resorts become summer playgrounds. Some resorts have spas, tennis, or golf while others leave the gates open for visitors who like to hike the peaks, bike the trails, or photograph the wildflowers. Following is a sampling of summer pursuits at six of Tahoe's biggest ski and snowboard resorts.

Alpine Meadows: "There's never not snow here," says Rachael Woods, public relations manager at Alpine Meadows (530-583-4232, www.skialpine.com). She notes that die-hard winter fans can discover a mid-summer slush-pack while hiking or biking on the north-facing Kangaroo Run.

Alpine's chairlifts and services shut down for the summer, but visitors can hike free on ski runs and on the Pacific Crest Trail, which passes through the resort on its way from Canada to Mexico (www.pcta.org). Mountain bikers who don't mind pedaling up mountains can bring their own bikes or rent from The Back Country (530-581-5861, www.thebackcountry.net) in Tahoe City.

Alpine Meadows Stables (530-583-3905), also in Tahoe City, offers pony rides for children under five. Adults and older chil-



Riders on the Heavenly gondola can see a marvelous panorama of Lake Tahoe (top). At Kirkwood, mountain bikers can transport their gear aboard chairlifts to access the area's bike trails (left).

so it's more a feeling of being in a building than being suspended."

The gondola shuttles summer guests from the shopping area at Heavenly's base to the observation deck. "It's the best view of Lake Tahoe you can get without having to climb," says Mike White, the author of *Top Trails Lake Tahoe*.

For hikers and mountain bikers, Heavenly (775-586-7000, www.skiheavenly.com) offers access to the 165-mile Tahoe Rim Trail (www.tahoerimtrail.org). Cyclists will find several paved trails in the area, including the beach-front Pope-Baldwin Bike Path and the South Lake Tahoe Bike Path, part of which runs along Trout Creek and the Upper Truckee River (www.tahoestbest.com/Biking).

Kirkwood Mountain Resort: At Kirkwood (209-258-6000, www.kirkwood.com), mountain bikers can ride a chairlift all summer. Daredevils can speed down the steep, single-track trails. Sunday bikers can cruise down gently winding roads.

Patty McCready, part owner of the Kirkwood Corral, takes beginning horseback riders on an hour-and-a-half loop through meadows and wooded U.S. Forest Service land. "We cross the creek four times and drop down into a really pretty valley,"

dren can take guided horseback tours of lower Alpine Meadows.

Heavenly Mountain Resort: The gondola ride at Heavenly (\$24 adults) provides some of the best views of the mountains above South Lake Tahoe, says Reno skier Joe Elardy.

"It's beautiful—not too fast, not too slow," he says. Even though the gondola lifts riders hundreds of feet off the ground in some spots, Elardy says, "the scare factor is limited. You're looking out of a window,

she says. Horseback rides are \$46 per person. Call for reservations at 775-265-2664.

Kirkwood's lodging, ice-skating rink, and 30-foot climbing wall are open year-round. Beginners or experts might benefit from a post-activity massage at Body Slopes (209-258-AHHH).

Mount Rose: Although Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe (800-SKI-ROSE, www.mtrose.com) closes its lifts in summer, the ski runs and surrounding wilderness offer some of the Reno area's best hiking trails. Often snow-covered until July, the peaks that beckon from the city are as close as they look—just 22 miles south.

The climb to Mount Rose's summit is perhaps the most popular hike in Northern Nevada. Start the eight-mile, round-trip trek from the new trailhead at the crest of the Mount Rose Highway (State Route 431) near the highway maintenance station. The trail meanders through pine forests, passes a waterfall, and switchbacks up Rose's rocky western slope to the top. On a clear day you can see Mount Shasta, 170 miles to the north.

For those who like to hike and socialize, the Nevada Land Conservancy (775-851-5180, www.nvlc.org) will team with Reno's Silver Peak Brewery for an annual group trek up Mount Rose on September 30. Hikers who reach the summit get a free pint of microbrew.

Northstar-at-Tahoe: The 100-plus miles of bike trails at Northstar (800-GO-NORTH, www.northstarattahoe.com) will be closed this summer as construction begins on a Ritz-Carlton hotel, but Northstar's guest rooms and house rentals will be open, as will its swimming pools and tennis



courts. Sawmill Lake is stocked with rainbow trout for fishing. The 10-acre reservoir is surrounded by pine forest, and, in keeping with the sport's tranquil reputation, Northstar allows only four rods at a time (reservations required). If you can't get a

Northstar's Sawmill Lake is stocked with rainbow trout for fishing.

casting spot. Stay and Play packages include kayak rentals on Lake Tahoe, six miles away, and tennis and golf lessons.

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One of Squaw's biggest summer activities is the Art, Wine, and Music Festival. The July 22-23 event features crafts and a tasting of Northern California wines to benefit area charities.

Summer attractions at Squaw Valley USA (800-403-0206, www.squaw.com) include a flying trapeze and bungee-assisted trampoline jumping. A cable car (\$20 adults) will shuttle you 2,000 vertical feet up to High Camp, where you can work out at the ropes course, a multi-use swimming lagoon, and the High Camp Bath and Tennis Club.

Another High Camp highlight is the Olympic Museum, which showcases memorabilia from the 1960 Winter Olympics. Held at Squaw, then a fledgling ski area, the Olympics were rescued by a last-minute snowstorm and sunny weather. This summer, visitors will likely experience the latter at Squaw and other Tahoe resorts. ▀

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Mount Rose is a haven for hikers in the summer (left). For fly fishers, Northstar allows four rods at a time on Sawmill Lake (right).

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Great Basin Wildflowers: A Guide to Common Wildflowers of the High Deserts of Nevada, Utah, and Oregon

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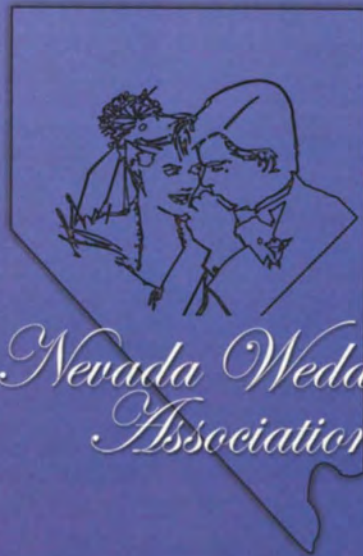


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“Love” and the new MontBleu

ALL YOU NEED IS: “Love” is the title of the brand-new Beatles-themed Cirque du Soleil show scheduled to open June 30 at the Mirage. The fifth Cirque show in Las Vegas, “Love” is a marriage of classic Beatles tunes with Cirque-style acrobatics. The show is presented as theater-in-the-round with performers dropping from the ceiling and ascending from floor lifts. Three speakers are built into each of the theater’s 2,013 seats. “Love” is the first theatrical production sanctioned by the Beatles’ Apple Corp., and the musical director is Sir George Martin, legendary producer of the Fab Four.

SPRINGTIME FOR HITLER

IN VEGAS: Paris Las Vegas is the new home of “The Producers.” The Tony Award-winning musical will open in late summer as a joint venture between Harrah’s Entertainment and the show’s New York producers. “The Producers” is adapted from Mel Brooks’ 1967 film about two producers who hatch a scheme to oversell “Springtime for Hitler,” a musical so awful that it’s sure to close on opening night. No word yet on whether the Las Vegas show will include original stars Nathan Lane or Matthew Broderick. Meanwhile, after months of anticipation, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s “Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular” opened in June at the Venetian. The 90-minute adaptation of Broadway’s longest-running musical, “The Phantom of the Opera,” appears in a new \$40 million theater.

GUESS WHO’S COMING TO VEGAS?:

The summer concert season is heating up with dozens of touring groups, including Pearl Jam at the MGM Grand Garden on July 6. At Lake Las Vegas, Christopher Cross and America appear on July 3,

Michael Feinstein and Linda Eder on September 8, Chris Botti on September 16, and Seal on September 30. The Mandalay Bay’s Concerts on the Beach feature Ringo Starr and the All Starr Band on July 1, the Beach Boys on July 2, Miranda

trendy nightclub owned by Rande Gerber, husband of supermodel Cindy Crawford. Red Rock Resort is located at 10973 West Charleston Boulevard on the way to Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

NORTHLAND NEWS:

The Reno-Lake Tahoe area will be hopping this summer. Singer Boz Scaggs hits the Reno Hilton stage on August 6 while the Charlie Daniels Band appears at the Hilton on August 12. At Lake Tahoe’s MontBleu (formerly Caesars Tahoe), rapper Ice Cube performs on July 29.

Harveys Lake Tahoe presents Rascal Flatts on July 16 and Ben Harper and The Innocent Criminals with Damien “Jr. Gong” Marley on August 20. At John Ascuaga’s Nugget, Three Dog Night plays July 21-22, Dianne Reeves appears as part of Artown festivities on July 28-29, and the Neville Brothers take the stage August 18-19.

THAT’S SIR TOM TO YOU:

Las Vegas icon Tom Jones has a new title—Sir Tom Jones. The 65-year-old singer, known for hits such as “She’s a Lady” and “It’s Not Unusual,” was knighted in March by Queen Elizabeth II.

AU REVOIR:

Park rangers leading groups on the same trails can get tired of answering the same questions. Recently, a tourist was giving a ranger an especially

hard time. They were walking up a trail leading to Wheeler Peak that was strewn with rocks, and the visitor asked, “How did these rocks get here?”

“Sir,” said the ranger, “they were brought down by a glacier.”

The tourist peered up the mountain and said, “But I don’t see any glacier.”

“Oh, really?” said the ranger. “I guess it’s gone back for more rocks.”



MONTBLEU: A server takes drinks to customers at MontBleu’s new HC Center Bar. Nightclubbers can visit the Blu Nightclub and Opal Ultra Lounge at the former Caesars Tahoe.

Lambert on July 7. Pat Benatar on July 22, and the Doobie Brothers on September 1. The Mandalay Bay Events Center hosts Rascal Flatts on July 15 and Def Leppard and Journey on August 18.

RED HOT RED ROCK: The new Southland place to check out is the Red Rock Resort, which opened in April. Described as the first billion-dollar hotel-casino built off the Strip, the Red Rock boasts 414 rooms, a three-acre pool and beach, nine restaurants, and Cherry, a

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A Tribute to Tributes

Elvis, Liberace,
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reappear in Nevada
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By Ann Henderson



Wes Winters captures Liberace's energetic piano-playing style in his tribute at the Liberace Museum (above). Top: Matt Lewis recreates the King at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. Lewis is the pivotal act in "Legends in Concert," the look- and sound-alike show.

A couple recently responded to the romantic Neil Diamond lyrics, "You are the sun, I am the moon," by dancing cheek-to-cheek in a corner of the Le Bistro showroom at the Riviera in Las Vegas. Tribute player Jay White performed "Play Me" and an hour-filled concert of other Diamond hits for happy fans.

Like showgoers at the Riviera, audiences who are eager to relive their favorite musical moments can do so at Las Vegas celebrity tribute shows like "Legends in Concert" at the Imperial Palace, "The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean" at the Greek Isles, and "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: The Showmanship Years" starring Wes Winters at the Liberace Museum.

The popularity of tribute revues continues to grow as audiences recall their favorite



The Rat Pack's antics are revisited at the Greek Isles in Las Vegas, where tribute performers portray Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Marilyn Monroe, Joey Bishop, and Dean Martin.

Surprise guest **Marilyn Monroe** (Stacey NiCole), performs a funny cameo as she seduces an embarrassed showgoer.

music and celebrities. The granddaddy of the genre, "Legends in Concert," has entertained five million showgoers during its 24 years on the Strip. Fans say the shows bring back happy memories, while offering reasonable ticket prices, live music, and talent.

At the Greek Isles, showgoers can laugh again at the Rat Pack's most publicized an-

tics, which took place in 1960 when Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop were filming the original film *Ocean's Eleven* in Las Vegas during the day and partying all night at the Sands.

It's a pleasure to watch Kyle Diamond—his voice and graceful movements capture

Sammy Davis Jr.'s essence—in the "The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean." The players come together for the Pack's well-known "boozy" nonsense. Tom Wallek (Joey Bishop) throws out off-color jokes typical of the era. Brian DuPrey delivers a satirizing Frank Sinatra, and surprise guest Marilyn Monroe (Stacey NiCole) performs

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a funny cameo as she seduces an embarrassed showgoer.

Comedy turns to the classics and pop at the Liberace Museum. When Wes Winters plays "Piano Roll Blues" at warp speed on Liberace's seven-foot crystal-covered Baldwin grand piano, it is hard to believe Winters can't read music. As a child, he began playing by ear, mimicking the chords he heard on a Liberace record. Although Winters bears no resemblance to Liberace, he won the museum's annual Play-a-Like competition in 2003 and has been entertaining devotees for more than two years in his afternoon show, "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: The Showmanship Years."

"I don't try to be Liberace," says Winters. "There is only one. I just want to carry on his sense of fun and joy."

For "Legends in Concert," performers have to look and sound like the stars they portray. "The interesting part of the business is watching people's reactions," says Jillian



Showgoers sing along when Jay White performs his tribute to Neil Diamond at the Riviera (above). Below: Steve Connolly appears as Elvis at Fitzgeralds.



"There is only one King. I'm trying to capture his spirit."

Hrushowy, the show's production manager.

In "Legends in Concert," performers portraying such icons as Celine Dion, Prince, the Blues Brothers, and Whitney Houston rotate frequently. For example, a Tina Turner tribute comes into the lineup during July and August. But the key character in "Legends" is Elvis. Matt Lewis has played the featured Elvis for more than three years.

"Elvis closes the show and is the act everyone asks to see," says Hrushowy. "We've never been without an Elvis, except in an emergency, and even then we try to have a backup. Without Elvis, someone will want their money back."

Other King-inspired performers such as Pete Vallee ("Pete Vallee as Big Elvis") at the Barbary Coast and Steve Connolly ("Steve Connolly: Spirit of the King") at Fitzgeralds have longterm gigs in their own showrooms.

Connolly, like several fellow entertainers,

Channeling the Stars

Here is a sampling of tribute shows and performers appearing in Nevada showrooms.

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Boulder Station: "Ricky Nelson Remembered," starring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson and the Stone Canyon Band, Aug. 11, 702-432-7777

Fitzgeralds: Steve Connolly: "Spirit of the King," 702-388-2400.

Greek Isles: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean," 702-737-5540.

Imperial Palace: "Legends in Concert," 702-794-3261.

Liberace Museum: "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: The Showmanship Years," Tues.-Wed. and Sat., 702-798-5595, ext. 13.

House of Blues, Mandalay Bay: The Spazmatics, Fridays, '80s new wave tribute band, 702-632-7600.

Riviera: "Neil Diamond Tribute" starring Jay White. "Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was," 702-794-9301.

Stratosphere: "American Superstars," 702-381-4446.



Rusty Evans performs Johnny Cash

Suncoast: Trent Carlini: "The Dream King," July 21-23. "Stayin' Alive: The Australian Bee Gees Show," Aug. 18-20, 702-636-7111.

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Riverside: "Stayin' Alive: The Australian Bee Gees Show," Aug. 1-13. "Highwaymen Tribute," Aug. 15-20. Trent Carlini, "The Dream King," Aug. 22-27 702-298-2535.

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Carson Valley Inn, Minden: "Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles," Nov. 14-19, 775-782-9711.

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Hotel California as the Eagles.

had another career in mind before becoming a tribute performer. He has a graphic arts degree and had opened an art studio in Boston. Connolly also performed in a top-40s band. Because he resembled Elvis, a promoter suggested that he portray the King. "Once the idea [of Elvis] was brought up, it didn't go away." Connolly says he moved to Las Vegas and worked on trading one accent for another—Boston for a Southern drawl.

Connolly has performed more than 200 shows a year for the past three years at the Fitz in downtown Las Vegas and also tours with his show. As far as Connolly is concerned, Elvis has not left the building.

"No matter how you look at it, Elvis already did it," says Connolly. "There is only one King, but I'm trying to capture his spirit."

At a recent show at the Riviera in Las

Vegas, showgoers jumped to their feet, clapped hands, and waved their arms to "Neil Diamond Tribute" starring Jay White and sang along to "Forever in Blue Jeans" and "Sweet Caroline." White invites the audience to "experience the presence that is Neil Diamond" as he sings more than a dozen of Diamond's hits, including "Kentucky Woman," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," and "Song Sung Blue."

"What I am doing is specific," White says. "But I'm also a professional singer and entertainer."

Whether it is Neil Diamond or the Rat Pack, the memories are what count for showgoers. "The really good groups sound incredibly like the original acts," says Bill Henderson, director of sales and marketing for the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, which has a long history of booking tribute performers. "They are dedicated to recreating the experience, not just the music."

Audiences are seeing living history, echoes Dick Feeny, managing partner of TRP Entertainment, which produces the "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean."

Feeny notes, "Not only was each member of the Rat Pack a mega-international star with numerous hit records, they represent the good old days when a dinner show was \$5.95." Prices may have risen, but tribute shows remain one of the best entertainment-for-the-money values.

Showgoers can pay big money to see top stars, so ticket prices can be a deciding factor, agrees George C. Dickinson III, a promoter for "Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles." Dickinson says, "You can see tribute shows for a fraction of the cost, particularly if a group is really good." There is no cover charge or a drink minimum to see Hotel California on November 14-19 at the Carson Valley Inn.

For about the cost of a movie and snacks, Johnny Cash fans can listen to the country star's music July 7 at the Peppermill in Reno ("Rusty Evans and Ring of Fire: A Tribute to Johnny Cash") and August 25-26 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks ("Man in Black: Tribute to Johnny Cash" starring Shawn Baker). Tickets are \$17 and \$25 respectively.

Whether the performers have become tribute players by design or accident, they find satisfaction adopting a celebrity persona on stage. "It is all about the music, the entertainment," says Dickinson.

And, of course, the memories. ▀

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

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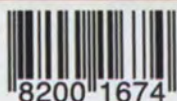
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The tribute artists (top and bottom right, in these Las Vegas News Bureau photos) put a 2006 spin on a 1956 meeting of the two stars. It was 50 years ago that Elvis made his first appearance in the Las Vegas. He and Liberace, who was the highest paid entertainer in Las Vegas at the time, posed in a publicity photo where they exchanged instruments (bottom left).



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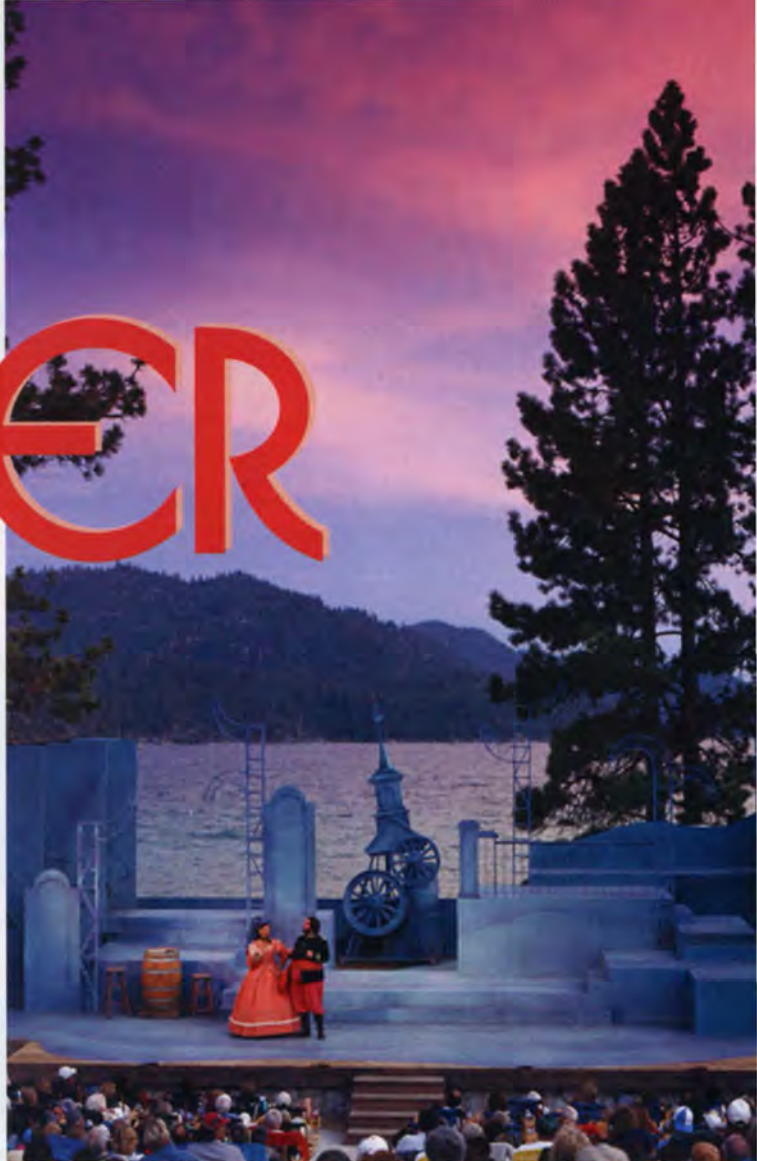
These eight events offer music, cars, and camels during Reno-Tahoe's high season **By Merrie Leininger**

This summer, there is a street festival or special event happening every weekend in the Reno-Tahoe area. The events include stunning hot-air balloon races, classic-car competitions that fill the streets with shining, restored autos, and air races where you can see low-flying planes roar around pylons. Following are eight of the season's highlights.

Artown, July 1-31: Reno's 11th annual arts festival features more than 300 events, including music, drama, dance, and movies in the park. Singers Dianne Reeves, who won a Grammy for the soundtrack for *Good Night and Good Luck*, and Vusi Mahlasela, a South African who was on the soundtrack for the Oscar-winning *Tsotsi*, will perform during Artown. On July 6-7 the Diavolo Dance Company will use everyday items such as doors, chairs, and stairways to leap, fly, and twirl. On July 24, the Brazilian Guitar Quartet, called the "Dream Team" in Brazil, will perform at Bartley Ranch Amphitheater. 775-322-1538, www.renoisartown.com.

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival, July 8: The Eldorado Hotel-Casino hosts this rambunctious street party featuring barbecue and beer from Brew Brothers and international microbreweries. There will be live

Reno's 11th annual arts festival, Artown has more than 300 events, including music, drama, dance, and movies in the park.



Shakespearean drama and comedy will entertain showgoers at Lake Tahoe (above). Below: Reno's Artown, a month-long arts party, presents the Sierra Nevada Ballet on July 4.



music wherever you turn on Virginia Street in downtown Reno. Bands include Delta Blues Dawgs, Canned Heat, and Harmonica Blow Out. 800-648-5966, www.eldoradoreno.com.

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, July 13-August 20: The Foothill Theatre Company takes audiences on a romp through all of Shakespeare's 37 plays in "The Compleat Wrks of Wilm Shkspz (abridged)" at the annual festival at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. After the success of its first drama, "Macbeth," last year, the festival again presents one of the Bard's serious plays, "Othello," as well as the comedy "Twelfth Night." 800-74-SHOWS, www.laketahoeshakespeare.com.

Hot August Nights, July 29-August 6: One of the biggest celebrations of '50s and '60s cars and music in the country, Hot August Nights expects to welcome 700,000 people and 5,500 classic autos (built in 1972 or earlier) from 36 states. Between poker runs and swap meets, car owners—some wearing poodle skirts or Elvis wigs—compete in show 'n' shines on the streets of Reno and Sparks while thousands of admirers gawk at the spiffed-up chrome as the cars cruise



Car fans view classic cruisers during Hot August Nights in Reno and Sparks. Right: Spectators and pilots rise for the Great Reno Balloon Race.

by. Classic-rock and R&B bands perform at several free concerts. In past years the poodle skirts have twirled to the Rascals, Herman's Hermits, and Stevie Nicks. 775-356-1956, www.hotaugustnights.net.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off, August 30-September 4: Tents and the smell of smoky ribs take over Victorian Square in Sparks. This year's event has been extended by a day to give everyone a chance to sample the specialties of more than 20 rib chefs. Between bites, you can visit the arts and crafts booths or watch the kids play in the bounce house. Each night, except September 4, a headliner performs on the main stage. On tap are the New Orleans-styled Mumbo Gumbo on August 30, '70s funk group War on August 31, country singer Aaron Tippin on September 1, and blues singer Susan Tedeschi on September 3. www.janugget.com.

The Great Reno Balloon Race, September 8-10: Top balloonists compete in events like the Hare and Hound and Target Drop and provide a reason to get up early—during the Dawn Patrol pilots make their balloons glow just as the sun rises. Big draws every year are the specially shaped balloons. A bald eagle, a barn complete with horses and cows, and the Energizer Bunny have appeared in the past. Residents and visitors can watch as balloons float over homes and businesses every morning. Balloon pilots and spectators gather at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park. 775-826-1181, www.renoballoon.com.

Virginia City International Camel Races, September 8-10: In 1959 the *Territorial Enterprise* editor Bob Richards made up a

story about an 1866 camel race in Virginia City. The story was picked up and printed as fact by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The next year the *Chronicle* sponsored the first real camel races in Virginia City. Although camels were used during the Comstock Lode's bonanza days to transport salt and

other supplies to miners, they were never ridden into the winner's circle before modern times. Today's steeds include ostriches and emus—and half the fun is watching riders trying to stay on. 775-847-7008, www.virginiacity-nv.org.

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Merrie Leininger is the assistant editor for the Reno Gazette-Journal's Calendar section.

MORE EVENTS

You'll find more exciting summer events listed in this issue's "Reno-Tahoe Area Events and Shows." Other popular events include:

Fourth of July • 800-FOR-RENO.

Star Spangled Sparks • July 4,
775-356-3300.

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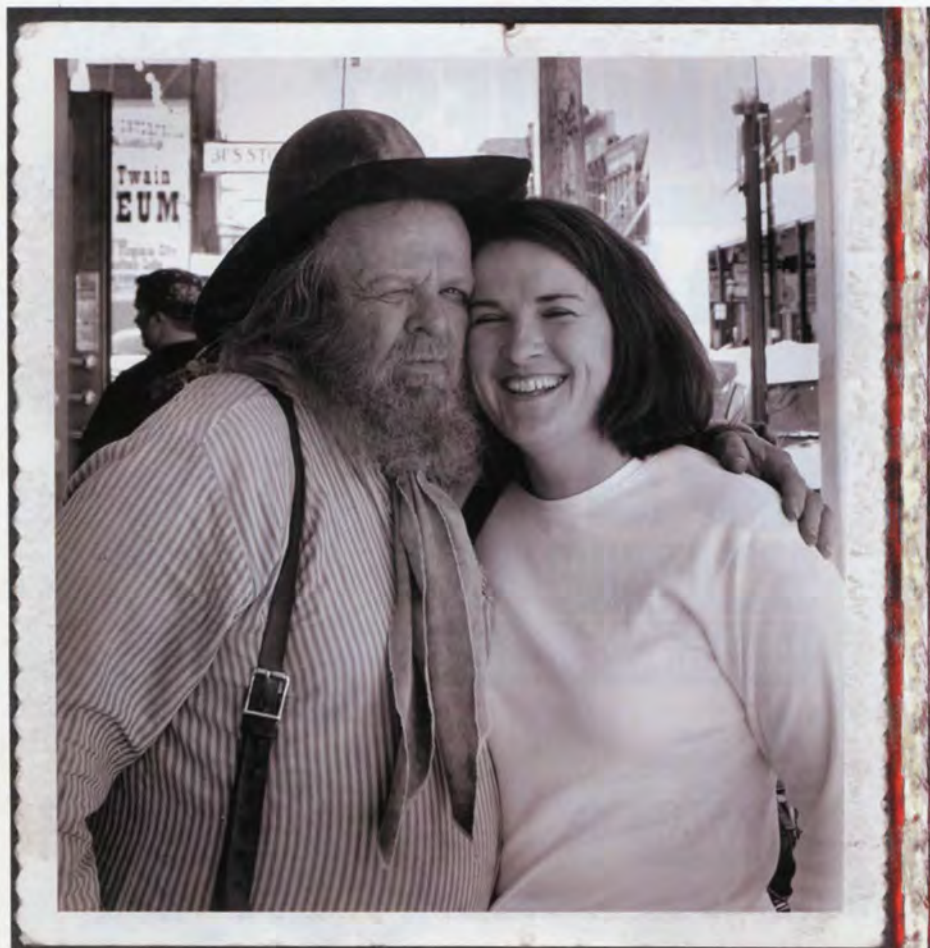
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"Show Boat" on a Showboat

A light-opera troupe presents the musical during a Tahoe paddlewheeler cruise

By Joyce Hollister



"Show Boat" plays in concert on the *M.S. Dixie II* at Lake Tahoe Fridays until September 15.

The *Cotton Blossom* steams upriver again when the Nevada Civic Light Opera and Lake Tahoe Cruises present "Show Boat in Concert" aboard the *M.S. Dixie II* every Friday evening through the summer.

"'Show Boat' is the musical that started musicals in 1927" says Susane Tagayev, the opera's artistic director. "It's the granddaddy of musicals. What's awesome is that 'Show Boat' was supposed to take place on a showboat on the Mississippi, and the first *M.S. Dixie* came from the banks of the Mississippi in 1946 to Lake Tahoe."

Six dancers and five singers, costumed in frock coats, top hats, boas, and bustles, will perform the musical's opening number on the dock and main deck as passengers board the paddlewheeler at Zephyr Cove. "Show Boat" is the story of a family traveling on the riverboat *Cotton Blossom*, which is also the name of the opening song. The words "Cotton

Blossom" were changed to "M.S. Dixie" for this version, Tagayev says.

During a Cajun-style dinner—entrées may include garlic-crusted trout with sweet red pepper coulis or blackened New York strip steak with shitake cabernet glaze—the singers will perform all the show's songs in a narrated concert. The Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II musical offers such favorites as "Ol' Man River" and "Can't Help Lovin' That Man." After the concert, cast members will mingle with passengers as they disembark.

The *M.S. Dixie II*, which came to Tahoe in 1994, makes the two-hour round trip from Zephyr Cove Resort to Emerald Bay beginning at 5 p.m. Cost of the cruise, dinner, and show is \$59. For tickets and more information call 800-23-TAHOE or visit www.laketahoe.com. The last concert will be offered September 15. ♣

Joyce Hollister is Nevada Magazine's editor.

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How to Gamble for Free

Casinos hold free gaming tournaments—slot, poker, and keno—every day of every week somewhere throughout this fine gambling state. So, are the tournaments really free?

Yes, in essence, a free weekly or daily slot tournament is just that, gambling that requires no money to enter or play. Still, you should understand that no two tournaments are alike, and tournament rules and regulations may vary at each casino.

Dave Halabuk, director of promotions at the Peppermill in Reno, says the Free Dazzling Diamonds Slot Tournament is the casino's most popular. It is held every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. You sign up, then take your place at a slot machine and punch the buttons.

"We register anywhere from 500 to 700 players," Halabuk says. "Scores are posted hourly, so players can track their position. We pay the winner \$250 and other winners down to \$25 for number 40." Players need to have a Passport Player's card, which costs nothing to obtain.

Halabuk says free tournaments are a

way to say thanks to loyal customers. "We do know that for many, these tournaments are regular weekly social events."

Information on free gaming tournaments can be obtained at the player's club booths in most casinos.

Upcoming Events

Boomtown, Reno: The Player's Club at Boomtown, nine miles west of Reno, is offering members a free chance to win \$1,000,000. It is part of Boomtown's \$1 Million Swipe 'n Win giveaway that includes monthly prizes. (800-648-3790)

Eldorado, Reno: The downtown hotel offers daily Texas hold 'em tournaments and Omaha high/low split. A \$65,000 Raider Slot Tournament and Prospector Party is scheduled for August 11-13. (775-786-5700)

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks: The Northern Nevada casino is planning a keno tournament on July 14-16, a bingo blowout on July 29, and a slot tournament on August 7-10. (775-356-3300)

Lakeside Inn, Lake Tahoe: On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 6 p.m., the

Special chips are issued by the Flamingo and O'Sheas.



Lakeside Inn offers Texas hold 'em. Sign-up is 5:30 p.m., and the buy-in is \$35. (775-386-7788 after 6 p.m.)

Flamingo and O'Sheas, Las Vegas: The two casinos have introduced a series of gaming chips in honor of the Flamingo's 60th anniversary. This spring's issues included a \$5 St. Patrick's Day commemorative disk and a \$5 chip featuring an image of the hotel in 1946. Comedian George Wallace, who performs nightly in the Flamingo Showroom, released his "I be thinkin'" \$25 round. Other chips will be released throughout the year, including one depicting the original Flamingo pool and the hotel's infamous gangster owner, Bugsy Siegel.

Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas: Poker tournaments are no longer just tournaments. The \$10,000 buy-in, no-limit, World Series of Poker, which is expected to draw more than 7,000 players to the Rio in Las Vegas, now includes an expo. The Gaming Life Expo will feature more than 235 booths offering gaming products, clothing, jewelry, books, magazines, art, and casino cruises. The expo, open to the public, will be held July 27-31. The World Series of Poker is scheduled for June 25-August 10 (www.worldseriesofpoker.com).

Flamingo Laughlin: There is a \$49 buy-in for the roulette tournament July 7-9 and the craps competition August 5-6 at Flamingo Laughlin. The purse for each event is \$7,500. (702-435-8469)

Elko Tournaments: The Commercial stages slot tournaments at 2 p.m. weekdays. The Stockmen's has video poker at 10 a.m. weekdays and blackjack at 7 p.m. Thursdays. (800-648-2345) ♣



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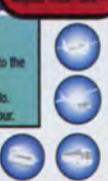
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Winnemucca rocks with hot cars and music during **Fifties Fever**.

By Nicole Maher



Hot cars burn rubber during the Good Time Street Drags in Winnemucca's Fifties Fever, the annual music and cars festival July 28-30.

“Rock around the clock” takes on new meaning during Fifties Fever, Winnemucca’s festival of ’50s and ’60s cars and music. The July event gives everyone a chance to downshift a little, rent the movie *Grease* for a wardrobe check, and decide which fuzzy dice to hang from the rear-view mirror.

Fifties Fever is about one thing and one thing only—getting back to a time when life was as good as the car you were driving and the girl—or boy—in the seat next to you. Participants line up for the Good Time Street Drags down Traders Way, casino parties, car shows, craft fairs, poker runs, and doo-wop entertainment. There are lots of great-looking cars, tooting horns, and be-scarved women waving from the front seats of convertibles.

Winnemucca resident Steve Urrutia has been a ’50s buff since he bought his first car, a 1956 Ford Fairlane. When the engine blew, he took the old beauty to the dump and left it there with the keys in it.

“I wonder what happened to that car,” he laughs. “I wish I still had it.” He also wishes he could restore it. For Urrutia, there isn’t a car over age 25 that doesn’t

deserve a new paint job, chrome under the hood, and a set of mag wheels.

That’s why he couldn’t pass up his current classic: a white 1963 Pontiac Catalina convertible that has cost him both money and time. Urrutia saw it parked, for sale, on Lovelock’s main street. “I just knew the first out-of-towner who came through there was going to snap that up,” he says. “So I bought it. I had to.”

The Pontiac is Urrutia’s showpiece on Fifties Fever weekend, but even he admits the celebration is more about the camaraderie than the cars. “We all have such a good time. It’s a big car show, but really—straight, simple, and easy—it’s the people of Winnemucca who make it neat.”

Friday night’s mixer at the Winners Hotel-Casino includes a “just for fun” show that allows attendees to pick their favorite hot cars. On Saturday, about 250 participants compete in show ’n’ shines at the Red Lion and Model T casinos and a driving poker run.

At Nixon Park on Sunday, everyone revs up. Classic cars line the street while kids wear high ponytails and low socks. Papa Clutch and the Shifters will deliver the

rock ’n’ roll for the outdoor party this year.

Later Sunday afternoon, all those hot wheels ooze onto Winnemucca Boulevard for the weekend’s finale—the annual Main Street Cruise. You could see a jet-black ’56 Ford Thunderbird with fender skirts or a 1958 Edsel—two toned and more fabulous than it could ever hope to be 50 years ago. Because the parade route is only a mile or so long, you’ll see the same ’57s on the cruise over and over.

“But that’s what these folks love,” says Urrutia. “They love running into each other and sharing the experience over the weekend.”

When You Go

Fifties Fever, held in Winnemucca July 28-30, is a celebration of the music and cars of the ’50s and ’60s. There will be a parade, street dances, poker runs, concerts, show ’n’ shine, and the Good Times Street Drags. Call 800-962-2638 or visit www.winnemucca.nv.us for details. ▣

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Las Vegas

AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

Events

Mt. Charleston Jazz Festival • June 30-July 2 • Wine tasting, food, art exhibition, concerts by Kool and the Gang, Fattburger, Drumjungle, and Larry White. Mt. Charleston Hotel, 20 miles northwest of Las Vegas, 702-367-7771.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" • July 1 • Outdoors Super Summer Theatre musical. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

World Vibration: Music from Paraguay • July 1 • Concert. Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

Rockets Over the River • July 1, 4 • Fireworks display choreographed to patriotic music. Laughlin hotel celebrations. Laughlin, 800-452-8445.

Celebration at MonteLago Village • July 1-4 • Entertainment, music. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Christopher Cross/America Concert • July 3 • MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-795-SHOW.

Red, White, and Boom • July 3-4 • Music, carnival, crafts, food. Desert Breeze Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

Star-Spangled Spectacular • July 4 • Fireworks and Las Vegas Philharmonic concert. Hills Park in Summerlin, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Music, games, food, entertainment, fireworks. Anthem Hills Park and Morrell Park, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Gregg Karukass • July 4 • Concert. Anthem Hills Park, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Damboree • July 4 • Parade, games, patriotic program, food, fireworks. Central Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Vegas Summer League • July 6-14 • Best college players eligible for the draft play with participating NBA teams. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

First Friday in the Arts District • July 7 • More than 60 studios, businesses, and galleries participate in the monthly downtown cultural block party. Free trolley service. Main St. and Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org.

Summer Cool Off • July 8 • Free ice cream and lemonade,



Pitcher D.J. Houlton aims for the strike zone during Las Vegas 51's Pacific Coast League baseball action at Cashman Field.

desert survival program. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Nevada Jazz Orchestra • July 9 • Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

James Bowen • July 12 • Storyteller. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Tayrona Theatre Company • July 12-15 • Spanish language. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum Anniversary Celebration • July 14 • Exhibits, games. Las Vegas, 702-384-2008.

Shapiro Project • July 14 • Jazz quartet. Events Plaza, Henderson, 702-267-5814.



Mark Beckwith and Obediah Thomas play "200 Years of American Music" July 12 and 14.

Sheena Easton in Concert • July 15 • Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Las Vegas Brass Quintet • July 21 • Bring a lunch for the Downtown Cultural Series concert. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Dance in the Desert Festival • July 21 • Annual gathering of choreographers and dance companies. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-LIVE.

Island Tyme • July 22 • Concert. Whitney Ranch Center, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Old Time Barn Dance • July 22 • Square, mixers, contras, waltzes, and polkas. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Home Town Jazz Guitar V with the Calvin Brooks Quartet • July 23 • Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

World Series of Poker • July 27-31 • Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, www.worldseriesofpoker.com.

SCORE Las Vegas Terrible's Cup • July 28-29 • Unlimited trucks compete. Dirt Track, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

National Night Out • Aug. 1 • Entertainment, food, music. Sponsored by the Henderson Police Department. Galleria at Sunset Mall, Henderson, 702-267-4572.

USA Basketball vs. Puerto Rico • Aug. 3 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

K.C. Hillites Midnite Special • Aug. 4-5 • Off-road race for trucks, buggies. Eldorado Valley, Boulder City, 702-452-4522.

The Joe Ferraro Band • Aug. 5 • Guitar-based classic rock band. Black Mountain Center, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Full Moon Sandstone Canyon Hike • Aug. 9 • Moderate to strenuous. Bring water, snacks, hiking shoes. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

African Arts Productions • Aug. 9 • Drums, dance, drama. Whitney Ranch Center, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

T Minus 5 • Aug. 11 • Classic rock a cappella group. Events Plaza, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Morris Day and the Time • Aug. 12 • Party band. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Wine Walk • Aug. 12 • Sample 20 wines, music. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Champions on Ice • Aug. 16 • Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-284-7777.

Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies • Aug. 18 • Zydeco band. Mission Hills Park, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • Aug. 24-26 • Off-road race. Registration at Suncoast in Las Vegas on Aug. 24, induction ceremony at Harrah's Automobile Collection in Reno on Aug. 26. Race takes place Aug. 25 from Alamo to Dayton. For information call 702-457-5775.

Kattman Revue • Aug. 25 • Blues concert. Events Plaza, Henderson, 702-267-5814.

Ongoing Events

Free Concerts • Tues.-Sat. • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

The 24-Hour Show: Working 'Round the Clock in Las Vegas • Interactive permanent exhibit profiles the lives of casino workers—from cooks to wig stylists. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Africa: The Source • Permanent collection of contemporary and traditional African masks, textiles, and sculpture. Left of Center Art Gallery, Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

Las Vegas Farmer's Market • Tues. at Gardens Park at Summerlin, Wed. at Bruce Trent Park, Thurs. at Centennial Hills Park, Las Vegas, 702-562-2676.

North Las Vegas Farmer's Market • Thursdays • City Hall Courtyard, North Las Vegas, 702-208-1074.

Historic Nevada Southern Railway Train Rides • Weekends • Seven-mile round trip lasts 45 minutes aboard 1911-era Pullman coaches. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, 702-486-5933.

Jason Amanico Photography Exhibition • Thru July 9 • Spring Valley Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3820.

Trisha Yearwood headlines July 2 at the Cannery in North Las Vegas. Brian Wilson also performs that weekend.

Killing Time: New Work in Steel • Thru July 14 • Exhibition by Gregory Allred. Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

Digital Explorations • Thru July 16 • Photography exhibition by Kenneth Van Horn. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3400.

Deborah Mays Exhibition • Thru July 18 • Paintings, photos. Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Honest Horses • Thru Aug. 27 • Paul Morin photos. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Spring Mountain Ranch Art Show • Wed.-Sat., thru Aug. 31 • Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Across the Divide • Thru Sept. 3 • Exhibition by Chinese artists. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Movies al Fresco • Thursdays, thru Sept. 7 • Free outdoor movies. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson 702-564-4766.

Savage Ancient Seas • Thru Sept. 24 • Exhibition features the Cretaceous Period and its carnivorous marine and flying reptiles with three-foot skulls. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-3466.

Lakeside Concert Series • Saturdays, thru Oct. 28 • Barbecue and concerts. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

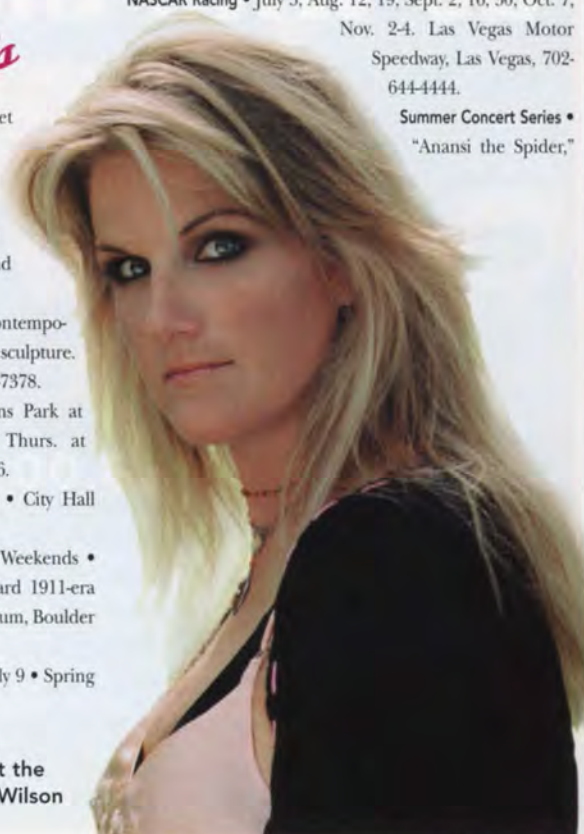
Jazz on the Lake • Fridays, thru Nov. 17 • Outdoor concerts. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Ansel Adams: America • Thru May 2007 • Exhibition of 50 works by the American photographer. Bellagio, Las Vegas, 888-987-6667.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball • The Pacific Coast League team plays June 30-July 3 and 13-16 vs. Tucson Sidewinders, July 21-24 vs. Portland Beavers, July 25-28 vs. Omaha Royals, July 29-Aug. 1 vs. Iowa Cubs, Aug. 15-18 vs. Portland Beavers, and Sept. 1-4 vs. Fresno Grizzlies. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 702-386-7200.

NASCAR Racing • July 3, Aug. 12, 19, Sept. 2, 16, 30, Oct. 7, Nov. 2-4. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Summer Concert Series • "Anansi the Spider,"



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Story of a West African trickster spider, Charleston Heights Center on July 5, Reed Whipple Center on July 7. "Razzle Bam Boom: 200 Years of American Music," concert by Mark Beckwith and Obediah Thomas, Charleston Heights Center on July 12, Reed Whipple Center on July 14. "Stomp Your Feet," Charleston Heights Center on July 19, Reed Whipple Center, July 21. "The Tale of Jemimi Puddle-Duck," puppet show, Charleston Heights Center on July 26, Reed Whipple Center, July 28. Las Vegas, 702-229-6383 and 702-229-6211.

Summer Latin Film Series • Thursdays, July 6-20 • Spanish-language films and discussions. East Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Summer Film Series • *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, July 6. *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, July 13. *Finding Nemo*, July 20. East Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Family Film Series • *Dreamer*, inspired by a True Story, July 6. *Nanny McPhee*, July 13. *Zathura*, July 20. *Yours, Mine, and Ours*, July 27. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic. Jaycee Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-2614.

Drag Racing • July 7, 14-15, Aug. 11, 16, 18-19, 25, Sept. 2-4, 15-16, 27, 29-30, Oct. 1, 13-15, 18, 26-29, Nov. 2-5, 8, 10-12, 17-19, 22-26, Dec. 1. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

"Return to the Forbidden Planet" • July 12-15, 19-22, 26-29 • Shakespeare's "The Tempest" set to rock music. Outdoor theater, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-895-2727.

Saturday Afternoon Cruise • July 29, Aug. 12 • All years, makes, models. Integrity Chrysler, Las Vegas, 702-643-0000.

"Bells Are Ringing" • Aug. 9-12, 16-19, 22-26 • Super Summer Theatre outdoor musical. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-895-2727.

Wine Walks • Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 • Taste a different wine at 10 shops. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Coming Events

- Boulder City Chautauqua • Sept. 15-16 • 702-293-2034.
- Super Run 2006 Car Show • Sept. 21-24 • Henderson, 702-643-0000.
- NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series • Sept. 23 • Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.
- Second Annual Paranormal Conference • Oct. 1-2 • Las Vegas, www.TLVPC.com.
- Las Vegas Invitational PGA Golf Tournament • Oct. 9-15 • Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.
- LA Lakers vs. Phoenix Suns and Sacramento Kings • Oct. 15 and 17 • Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.
- Hawaiian Isle Festival and Outrigger Canoe Regatta • Oct. 20-21 • Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Shows

- BOULDER CITY**
- Hacienda • 702-293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam. Karaoke, Wed., music Thurs.-Sun.
- HENDERSON**
- Casino MonteLago at Lake Las Vegas • 702-564-4766.
 - Green Valley Ranch • 702-617-7777: Bill Engvall, Oct. 21. Lounge entertainment Fri.-Sat. The District at Green Valley Ranch Outdoor Events: Ricardo Griego/Jump, Jive, and Wail, July 1. Frankie Moreno/Rob Garret, July 7. Rob



Creepy carnivorous marine and flying reptiles with three-foot skulls from the Cretaceous Period are in residence through September 24 at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum.

Garret/Yacht Club, July 8. Island Tyme/Wayne Gray, July 14. Wayne Gray/Boy Katindig, July 15. Cat Daddy/Frank Joseph, July 21. Frank Joseph/Rick Arroyo and the Latin Percussion, July 22. Gypsy Nights/ Ricardo Griego, July 28. Ricardo Griego/Drew Baker Band, July 29.
Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-6181: Piano music and hors d'oeuvres, Fri.-Sun.
Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Free entertainment is offered Fri.-Sat.
Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-4700: Florentine Tea daily from 2:30-5pm.

Sunset Station • 702-547-7777: LL Cool J, July 15. Lonestar, Aug. 12.
JEAN
Gold Strike Hotel • 702-477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands daily.
Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Weekend entertainment.
LAS VEGAS
Aladdin • 702-785-5555 or 877-333-WISH: "Cats," Broadway musical, July 27-30. Desert Passage at the Aladdin: V Theatre at Desert Passage: Fab Four, dark Fri. "V," variety show, nightly. "X Girls: The Show," adult revue. Call 702-932-1818.

Commander's Palace Las Vegas is home of the Museum of the American Cocktail. Piano music, Sat.-Sun. Indoor Rainstorm at Merchants' Harbor, daily. Steve Wyrick Entertainment Complex: Steve Wyrick Magic Show and Triq Lounge opens late summer. Entertainment in Sinbad's and Curve. Krave Nightclub: 702-836-0833: "The Fashionistas," adult musical, dark Wed. and July 4-14. Funny Business Comedy Club, nightly. Sopranos Spoof, 6pm dinner show. The Aladdin will become Planet Hollywood in late 2006.
Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Bands play daily. Karaoke, Mon. Jerry Tiffe plays 4-7pm Fri.
Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-9000: Martin Kohl, thru July 2. Skip Eaton, July 7-16. Vic Saldino, Aug. 4-13. Martin Kohl, Aug. 18-20. Skip Eaton, Aug. 31-Sept. 9.
Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: "Jubilee!," production show, dark Fri. "Price is Right," game show, 2:30pm Tues., Thurs., Sat.-Sun, 8pm Fri. Entertainment in the Indigo Lounge and Tequila Bar.
Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Pete Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3 and 6pm Mon.-Thurs. Bands perform Tues.-Sat.
Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf., dark Mon.-Tues., Aug. 21-29, Oct. 22, Nov. 19, Dec. 4-19. Entertainment in Light, Caramel, Petrossian, Baccarat, and Fontana lounges and bars.
Binion's • 702-382-1600: Bands Fri.-Sat.
Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Mark Wills, July 7. The Whispers, July 8. Chad and Jeremy, July 14. Third Force, July 21. Grand Funk Railroad, July 22. Raul Malo, July 28. Darryl Worley, July 29. Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 4. Rendezvous Allstars with Wayman Tisdale, Kirk Whalum, Jonathan Butler, and Brian Simpson, Aug. 5. "Ricky Nelson Remembered" starring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson and

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the Stone Canyon Band, Aug. 11. John Kay and Steppenwolf, Aug. 12. "Summer Storm" with Norman Brown, Pattie Austin, Alex Bugnon, and Paul Taylor, Aug. 18. Dennis Wise, Aug. 19. Toto, Sept. 1. Ray Scott, Sept. 8. Maynard Ferguson, Sept. 9. Kansas, Sept. 23. Don Williams, Sept. 29-30. The Yellowjackets, Oct. 7. Peabo Bryson, Oct. 13. Dave Mason, Oct. 14. Sammy Kershaw, Oct. 20. Diamond Rio, Nov. 11. Marshall Tucker Band, Nov. 17. Diane Schuur, Nov. 18. Tracy Lawrence, Dec. 8-9. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Thurs. Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Celine Dion stars in "A New Day...", July 1-2, 5-9, Aug. 10-13, 16-20, 23-27 (call 877-4-CELINE). "The Red Piano" starring Elton John, July 11-12, 14-16, 18-19, 21-23, 25-26, 28-30, Oct. 10-11, 13-15, 17-18, 20-22 (888-4-ELTON). Jerry Seinfeld, Dec. 26-27. Entertainment in the Shadow Bar, Café Lago, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, Viale on the Strip, Pure, and Galleria Bar.

California • 702-385-1222: Entertainment TBA.

Circus Circus • 702-734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts daily. Adventuredome Theme Park, noon-6pm.

Excalibur Hotel • 702-597-7600: "Tournament of Kings," jousting-dinner show, dark Tues. "Thunder From Down Under," all-male revue, nightly. Louie Anderson: "Larger Than Life," Sat.-Thurs. Anthony Cools: "Raw and Uncensored," hypnotist, Thurs.-Tues. Entertainment in the Casino Floor Lounge, Camelot Steakhouse, Regales Restaurant,

and Fantasy Faire Midway and Magic Motion Rides.

Fitzgeralds • 702-388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): "Spirit of the King," starring Steve Connolly, Thurs.-Tues. Larry G. Jones: "The Man of 1,002 Voices," impersonator-comedian, dark Tues.-Wed. Michael Colyar's

Comedy Extravaganza, Wed. Bands play in the lounge.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: George Wallace, comedian, indf., dark Sun.-Mon. Toni Braxton, indf. Wayne Newton, June 29-July 1. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, dark Wed. Bands play in Dublin Up Lounge, the Main Stage, Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville.

Four Seasons • 702-632-5000: Piano daily during Traditional Afternoon High Tea in the Verandah Restaurant.

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278: "Forever Plaid, comedy musical, Tues.-Sun., matinee 3pm Sun., dark Mon. Bands play nightly in the lounge except Mon. Gold Coast Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor 7-10pm Mon. Dance lessons 6-7pm.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Piano 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-386-8100: Entertainment TBA.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke party at 8:30pm.

Greek Isles • 702-737-5540: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean," Sat.-Thurs. "The World's Greatest Magic Show," Sat.-Thurs. Karaoke, Thurs.-Tues.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: Scorpions, July 1. Poison, July 4. 311, July 25. KC's Boogie Blast, Aug. 4. Entertainment in Pink Taco, Simon Kitchen and Bar, and Body English Nightclub.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111 or 800-392-9002: Clint Holmes, dark Sun., thru Aug. 12. Comedienne Rita Rudner opens Oct. 2. "Skintight, adult revue, dark Thurs. "Bareback, musical revue, Fri.-Wed. Mac King, comedy magic, 1 and 3pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Improv Theater: Comedy, dark Mon. Entertainment in The Piano Bar, Range Steakhouse Lounge, Toby Keith Bar and Grill, Penazzi's Restaurant, and Carnival Court.

Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas • 702-853-BEER. Bavarian bands.

Hooters Hotel and Casino • 702-739-9000: Backyard Bash, weekend pool parties thru mid-Oct. Entertainment in 13 Club, Martini Bar, Porch Dogs, Casino Center Stage, and Nippers Pool Bar.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: "Legends in Concert, celebrity tribute revue, dark Sun. Casino Floor: Celebrity im-

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JW Marriott Las Vegas • 702-869-2335: Music and dancing.
Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Barry Manilow stars in "Manilow: Music and Passion," June 28-July 1, July 5-8, 12-15, Aug. 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Reba McEntire, July 19-30, Aug. 24-26. Johnny Mathis, Nov. 24-25. "Menopause: The Musical," dark Fri., matinees Wed., Sat.-Sun. Frankie Moreno Band, Wed.-Sun. Bands play nightly except Mon.-Tues. Poolside Party, July 4.
Liberace Museum • 702-798-5595, ext. 13: "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: The Showmanship Years," starring Wes Winters, 1pm Tues.-Wed., Sat.



Reba McEntire had a 1982 hit, "Can't Even Get the Blues," but she's singing happy at the Las Vegas Hilton, indefinitely.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: "Hairspray," Broadway musical, dark Wed. Carrot Top, comedy, dark Tues. "Fantasy," production show, dark Thurs. Entertainment in Nefertiti's, Ante Room, and Ra lounges and clubs. Movies featured in the IMAX theater, tours available at the King Tut's Museum.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: "Mamma Mia!" the Broadway musical based on the music of Abba, dark Fri. Ringo Starr and the All Star Band, July 1. The Beach Boys, July 2. Miranda Lambert, July 7. Rascal Flatts, July 15. Pat Benatar, July 22. Def Leppard and Journey, Aug. 18. The Doobie Brothers, Sept. 1. House of Blues: An Evening with Boz Scaggs, Aug. 11. An Evening with Queensryche, Oct. 6. Celtic Frost, Oct. 9. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Entertainment in Ivan Kane's Forty Deuce, the Mix, Red Square, Island, Rumjungle, Oba, and Coral Reef lounges and clubs. Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay open daily. Socrates Caf : Book discussions, 7pm.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: "K ," Cirque du Soleil production, dark Wed.-Thurs. and July 11, Sept. 5-9, Nov. 7. David Copperfield, thru July 5. Pearl Jam, July 6. Howie Mandel, July 6-19. Rodney Carrington, July 22. "La Femme, topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. and July 14-18. Entertainment in

Studio 54, Teatro Euro Bar, Tabu, Zuri, Diego, Centrifuge.
The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Danny Gans, dark Sun.-Mon. and Thurs. Wayne Brady, June 30-July 1, 14-15, Aug. 18-19, Nov. 23-24. Jay Leno, July 7-8, 21-22, Aug. 11-12, Sept. 22-23, Oct. 6-7. Kevin James, Aug. 4-5, Oct. 20-21. Brad Garrett, Aug. 25-26, Oct. 27-28. David Spade, Sept. 1-2, Nov. 3-4. Ray Romano, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Oct. 13-15, Nov. 10-12. Entertainment in the Jet and Onda lounges.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: "Lance Burton, Master Magician," dark Sun.-Mon. Entertainment in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery and Houdini Lounge.

New Frontier • 702-794-8200: Mud wrestling, Tues.-Wed. Dance lessons, Thurs.-Sun. Bikini bull riding, Thurs.-Sat. Line dancing 9pm.

New York-New York • 702-740-6969 or 800-693-6763: "Zumanity," adult Cirque du Soleil production, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Mon.-Tues. and Aug. 11-15, Oct. 17, Dec. 6-21. Comedienne Rita Rudner, nightly thru Aug. 26. Entertainment in The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen, Coyote Ugly, the Bar at Times Square, and Big Apple Bar lounges and clubs. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster, open daily.

O'Sheas • 702-733-3333: "Buckle Up," Vinnie Favorito comedy show, thru Dec., dark Sun.-Mon.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Craig Ferguson, June 30-July 2. Boyz II Men, July 6-9. Jerry Lewis: The Original King of Comedy, July 13-16. Engelbert Humperdinck, July 20-23. Ms. USA Contest, July 24-27. Jon Lovitz, July 28-30. Bill Engvall, Aug. 3-6. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, Aug. 10-12. Neil Sedaka, Aug. 16-20. Saxophonist David Sanborn with jazz and pop artist Jacqui Naylor, Aug. 24-27. Air Supply, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Righteous Brother Bill Medley, Sept. 7-10. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Sept. 14-17. Mr. Olympia, Sept. 27-28. Neil Sedaka, Oct. 4-8. Dionne Warwick, Oct. 12-15. The

Smothers Brothers, Oct. 26-29. Suzanne Somers, Nov. 9-12. Ann-Margret and Company, Nov. 23-26. Donny Osmond Christmas Show, Dec. 14-17. Orleans Arena: Thunder and Fire Extravaganza, July 21-23. "Champions on Ice," Aug. 16. Freestyle Moto X, Aug. 25-26. Down Home Blues Festival, Sept. 1. Lipizzaner Stallions, Sept. 8-10. Double Down Throwdown, concert, Sept. 16. Freestyle Explosion, Sept. 23. Joe Weider's Olympia Weekend, Sept. 28-Oct. 1. Entertainment in the Bourbon Street Cabaret, Brendan's Irish Pub.
Palace Station • 702-367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Earl Turner, cabaret performer, Thurs.-Sun.

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Entertainment in Rain, ghostbar, and the Lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: "The Producers," Broadway musical comedy opens in fall. Entertainment in Le Cabaret, Napoleon's, and Risqu  lounges and clubs, and the Ah Sin Restaurant. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Bands perform in the Omaha Lounge Tues.-Sun.

Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Entertainment in Addison's Lounge and the Round Bar.

Red Rock Station • 702-797-7777: Joe Cocker, Sept. 2. Zowie Bowie performs in Rock's Lounge.

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Riviera • 702-794-9301: Hawaiian Luau Nights, Dinner and Hot Lava Polynesian revue, poolside Wed. and Sat. "Splash," production show, dark Fri., covered show 7pm Sat. "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue,

dark Tues. "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Tues. Riviera Comedy Club, nightly. "Neil Diamond Tribute Starring Jay White," Sun.-Thurs. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, Mon. "Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was," tribute show, Wed.-Sun. "American Storm, male revue, dark Mon. "Super Shock," afternoon variety show begins at 1pm, free admission, dark Mon. Le Bistro Theatre converts to Syn City, the nightclub midnight-1am Wed.-Sun. Bands play 5:45-7pm Fri.-Sat. in Le Bistro Theatre, and daily in the open-air casino stages.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: "Buck Wild," country variety show, dark Sun. Amazing Johnathan, bizarre magic, dark Thurs. The Scintas, musical variety, dark Sun.-Mon. Coasters, Platters, and Drifters, nightly. Entertainment in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-456-7777 or 800-897-8696: Music in Roxy's Saloon. Radio Show with Dennis Bono, 2pm Thursdays, thru Dec. 31. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, and 10pm.

Santa Fe Station • 702-658-4900: The Tubes, July 15. Larry Coryell, Victor Bailey, and Lenny White Trio, Sept. 22. Marion Meadows, Sept. 23. Nashville Star with Chris Young, Matt Mason, Casey Rivers, and Nicole Jamrose, Sept. 30. Ray Price, Oct. 14. Michel Lington, Oct. 21. Arturo Andoval, Oct. 27.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Kool and the Gang, June 30-July 1. Little River Band, July 8. Eddie Money, July 15. Asleep at the Wheel, Aug. 11. Hootie and the Blowfish, Aug. 26. Bellamy Brothers, Sept. 30. Little River Band, Nov. 11.

Stardust • 702-732-6325: Don Rickles/Peggy March, Sept. 14-16. The Temptations/The Four Tops, Sept. 21-23. Tim Conway/Harvey Korman, Oct. 4-7. Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Oct. 26-28. Rick Thomas Show, magic production, 2 and 4pm. "Headlights and Tailpipes," adult revue, Tues.-Sun. Hypnotic Lounge: "Hypnosis Gone Wild," adult show nightly. "Hypnolarious" starring Michelle Van Ree, Wed.-Sun. Starlight Lounge: Karaoke Mon. and Fri.

Stratosphere • 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: "American Superstars," tribute revue, dark Thurs. "Viva Las Vegas," musical revue, 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Entertainment in Images, Romance at Top of the World, and Crazy Armadillos lounges and clubs. Stratosphere thrill rides.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Chuck Mangione, June 30-July 2. Pool party with Lisa Loeb, July 3. Carol Lawrence, July 7-9. The Smothers Brothers, July 14-16. The Dream King, Trent Carlini, July 21-23. Dance pop diva Taylor Dayne, July 28-30. Jazz bassist Kyle Eastwood, Aug. 4-6. En Vogue, Aug. 11-13. "Stayin' Alive: The Australian Bee Gees Show," Aug. 18-20. Tower of Power, Aug. 25-27. Al Martino, Sept. 8-10. Rich Little, Sept. 16-17. Jazz guitarist John Pizzarelli, Sept. 22-24. Dr. John, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Bill Acosta, Oct. 13-15. Roy Clark, Oct. 20-21. Ramsey Lewis Trio, Oct. 27-29. Vanessa Williams, Nov. 3-5. Air Supply, Nov. 10-12. Spyro Gyra, Nov. 17-19. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 24-26. Acoustic guitarist Earl Klugh, Dec. 1-3. Glen Campbell featuring Debby Campbell, Dec. 7-10. Paul Revere and the Raiders, Dec. 15-17. Entertainment in the Suncoast Lounge.

Terrible's • 702-733-7000: Bands play nightly.

Treasure Island (TI) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère," dark Mon.-Tues. and July 16, Sept. 13-17, Nov. 12. Matinee 4:30pm Sun. Entertainment in Tangerine, Mist, and Breeze lounges and clubs. "The Sirens of TI" pirate show is performed nightly outside the hotel.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: "Les Folies Bergere," dark Sun. Dirk Arthur: Xtreme Magic, 2 and 4pm, Sat.-Thurs., thru Jan. 2. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," nightly. Entertainment in the Celebration and Tropics lounges.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: "Blue Man Group," percussion theater, nightly. "Phantom: the Las Vegas Spectacular," Broadway musical, dark Tues. Comedian Gordie Brown opens in Aug. Gondola rides on the canal.

Wynn Las Vegas • 702-770-7000: "Le Réve," dark Tues.-Wed.

LAUGHLIN

Avi Hotel • 702-535-5555: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

Colorado Belle • 702-298-4000: The Riverboat Ramblers Dixieland Band, Fri.-Sat.

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Entertainment TBA.

Fleming Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: The Temptations, July 22. Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 5. Willie Nelson, Sept. 7. Kenny Rogers, Sept. 23-24. Bill Engvall, Oct. 20.

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Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Oct. 4. Randy Travis, Nov. 4. Little Anthony and the Imperials, Nov. 25. The Comedy Stop, thru Sept. 3.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Dinner and dancing to the music of the '40s and '50s on Tues. Bands play nightly.

Harrah's Laughlin • 702-298-4600 or 800-447-8700: "Rhythm and Flair," dance styles revue. "Strip!" adult revue, dark Sun. and Wed. thru Aug.

Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: Entertainment TBA. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke Madness on Mon.

River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Bands Wed.-Sun.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849, ext. 616: Lisa Loeb, July 1-2. Wild Girls of Comedy, July 5-9. Doug Kershaw, July 25-30. "Stayin' Alive: The Australian Bee Gees Tribute, Aug. 1-13. Highwaymen Tribute, Aug. 15-20. Trent Carlini: The Dream King, Aug. 22-27. Christopher Cross, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. The Bellamy Brothers, Sept. 5-10. Seals and Seals, Sept. 12-17. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Sept. 19-24. Restless Heart, Sept. 26-Oct. 1. La Mafia, Oct. 4-8. The Kingston Trio, Oct. 17-22. Mark Chesnutt, Oct. 24-29. Frankie Avalon, Oct. 31-Nov. 5. Entertainment in the Lightning Strikes Nightclub.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: Comedy Club, weekends when no performers are scheduled. Entertainment in the Skydome Lounge.

Eureka Casino Hotel • 702-346-4646: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Oasis • 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Karaoke Tues. Dance music Wed., Fri.-Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Entertainers play in the casino lounge, dark Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Cannery • 702-507-5700: Star Spangled Weekend: Brian Wilson, July 1, Trisha Yearwood, July 2. The Fab, July 7. Little Anthony and the Imperials, July 8. British Invasion Concert: The Yardbirds, The Searchers, Billy J. Kramer and The Dakotas, July 22. "Sixtiesmania," July 28. Class of the 1970s: Ambrosia, John Ford Coley, Stephen Bishop, and Gary Wright, Aug. 5. Celebration of the King's Life with Johnny Fortuno, the Stamps Quartet, Ed Bonja, Cynthia Pepper, Darlene Tompkins, and Jimmy Velvet, Aug. 11-12. Cannerystock, Aug. 19. Cornel Gunter's Coasters, Aug. 25. Al Jarreau, George Benson, Raul Midon, Aug. 26. End of Summer Bash, Sept. 2. The Guess Who, Sept. 16. Ronnie Milsap, Sept. 23. Rocktoberfest: "Heartbreaker Tribute to Led Zeppelin," and "Bella Donna: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac," Sept. 30. Entertainment in Pin-Ups Bar. New Galaxy 14-screen movie complex opened in April.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Entertainment in Club Tequila and Cabo Lounge. Skating in the Fiesta Ice Arena.

Jerry's Nugget • 702-399-3000: Motown Fridays, Latin Explosion on Sat., dance music.

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Johnny Rivers, Aug. 4. The Armadillo: Kroakies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack plays '80s music on Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm.

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Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Bill Medley/Rita Coolidge, July 14. Bands play weekends in Buffalo Bill's Stagebar. Funniez Comedy Club: Comedians Fri.-Sat.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment on weekends.

Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP: Entertainment in Whiskey Pete's Show Bar Lounge.

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Restored classic beauties cruise Reno and Sparks July 29-August 6 during Hot August Nights, a celebration of '50s and '60s car culture.

Events

Carson City Fourth of July • June 30-July 4 • Carnival, midway games, arts, crafts, vendors, fireworks. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680, ext. 4.

MasterWorks Chorale Concert • July 1 • Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Reno, 775-328-6400.

Sean Cunan Dance Company • July 1 • Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-322-1538.

Great International Chicken Wing Society Cook-Off • July 1-3 • Visitors can purchase samples from participating bars and restaurants. Reno, 775-358-8376.

Independence Day Celebration and Steam-Up • July 1-4 • Historic Virginia & Truckee rail equipment pulled by an 1882 steam engine operates every 40 minutes. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Nevada Icons • July 1-29 • Two- and three-dimensional art-work for exhibit and sale. Held in conjunction with Artown. Lake Mansion, Reno, 775-826-6100.

All-Media Petroglyph Art Show • July 1-31 • Visitors can meet the artists at the opening reception July 2. Artists Co-Op Gallery, Reno, 775-322-8896.

Artown • July 1-31 • More than 300 events, most of them free, celebrate the arts. Activities include performances by Diavolo, Dianne Reeves, Pink Martini, Daniel Bernard Roumain and the Mission, Chautauqua, and movies in the park. Events are held in various locations in Reno, Sparks, www.renoisartown.com.

Minden Centennial Celebration • July 2 • Pops Orchestra concert, lunch, proclamations, music, games, ice cream social, historic display in the CIVIC Hall, "Whistle Stop" melodrama, historic walk, time capsule. Minden Park and Esmeralda Ave., Minden, 775-782-5976.

Fireworks Show and Celebration • July 3 • Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6984.

Reno-Tahoe Area Fireworks • July 3-4 • Shows at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno, Victorian Square in Sparks, Mills Park in Carson City, and Kings Beach, Squaw Valley, Tahoe City, Incline Village and South Lake Tahoe. For event information call 800-FOR-RENO.

Dancing in the Park • July 4 • Part of Artown events. Wingfield Park, Reno, www.renoisartown.com.

Independence Day Parade and Fireworks • July 4 • David John and the Comstock Cowboys perform. Virginia City, 775-847-7500.

Star Spangled Sparks • July 4 • Family activities, such as hot-air balloon rides, pancake breakfast, fun run, milk carton boat regatta at the Sparks Marina, followed by fireworks and entertainment at Victorian Square. Sparks, 775-358-1976, 775-356-3300.

Pops in the Park • July 4 • Reno Philharmonic Orchestra concert, face painting, petting zoo, silent auction, strolling musicians, entertainment. Orchard House, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

The Great Race • July 6 • A \$3-million collection of vintage cars participating in the 4,200-mile National Guard Great Race stops for lunch from 11am-2pm. Esmeralda Ave.,

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Minden, 775-782-5976 for further Great Race information.
First Thursday with Blue Stone • July 6 • Music, refreshments.
 Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Movies in the Park • July 7 • Bring a picnic, lawn chair for old-time movies. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-7134.
The Art of Carson Valley • July 7 • Exhibit. CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-782-2444.

Reno-Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run Adventure • July 7-8 • Relay covers 195 miles and is divided into 36 legs. Each runner completes three legs over two days. Call for location, Lake Tahoe, 775-336-8528.

Big Blues Festival • July 8 • Joe Louis Walker and the Basstalkers and Jason Ricci and New Blood perform. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, and Blues Festival • July 8 • Downtown Reno, 800-648-5966.

Death Ride • July 8 • 129-mile endurance-cycling event. Markleeville, California, 530-694-2475.

Tahoe Arts Festival • July 8-9 • Street painting, artists' market, entertainment. Cal-Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, 530-583-5605.

Concert on the Green • July 9 • Quake City performs. Bring a blanket, folding chair, and picnic. Genoa Park, Genoa, 775-782-8696.



Artists and other participants gather for Burning Man August 28-September 4 on the Black Rock Desert. Above, "The Man" stands tall prior to the fiery finale.

Broadway on the Beach • July 10 • Reno Philharmonic Orchestra outdoor concert. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

American Century Celebrity Golf Championship • July 11-16
 • More than 75 athletes and celebrities compete. Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, Stateline, 775-588-4591.

"Tarnished Legacy: The Story of the Comstock Lode"
 • July 12 • Outdoor program by Ellen Hopkins. Bring a lawn chair. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Summer Family Concert Series • July 14 • Deja Blues performs. Bring a blanket, folding chair, and picnic. Minden Park Gazebo, Minden, 775-782-9828.

"The Curse of the Hanging Tree" • July 14-15 • Living-history play. Advance tickets required. Genoa Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-2555.

Comstock Bluegrass Festival • July 14-16 • Event includes Pickin' and Grinnin' V&T train rides. City Park and V&T Railroad, Virginia City, 775-847-7500.

Family Fun Day • July 15 • Ice cream social, entertainment, free admission. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Reno Basque Festival • July 15 • Dance performances, crafts, sports competitions and exhibition, *irintzi* (yelling) contest, food, bota bag contest, dance at Louis' Basque Corner restaurant. Wingfield Park, Reno, 1-800-FOR-RENO.

Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show • July 15-16 • National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 775-246-4769.

Tahoe Rim Trail 50K/50-Mile and 100-Mile Endurance Runs • July 15-16 • Course elevations range from 7,000 to 9,000 feet. Road Runners Club of America 50K National Championship is July 15. Spooner Lake State Park, Lake

Sammy Hagar creates the Wabo experience August 5 at Harveys at Lake Tahoe.



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Ron Smith, who restores antique tractors, plans to take his mid-1950s Cockshutt to the Carson Valley Antique Tractor, Engine, and Farm Show August 19-20 in Minden. Smith and his family operate Smith and Smith Farms in Dayton, where they grow flowers and vegetables for farmer's markets. He notes that only about 1,000 of this Cockshutt model, made in Canada between 1956 and 1958, exist today. Smith uses the tractor in the garden. "I've got eight restored tractors, with brands from John Deere to Oliver," he says. "I use them all."



Tahoe, for information www.tahoemtnmilers.org/trt50/
John Ascuaga's Nugget Amateur Challenge • July 16-20 • More than 600 participants compete on Reno-area golf courses. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-803-6918.
Great Basin Chautauqua Festival • July 16-20 • Scholars portray literary and historical figures in an outdoor setting. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno, 800-382-5023.
String Quartet • July 22 • Reno Chamber Orchestra quartet

offers free concert. Meadowood Mall, Reno, 775-348-9413.
Coeur d'Alene Art Auction • July 22 • World's largest auction of fine Western, sporting, and wildlife art. Reno Hilton, Reno, 208-772-9009.
Squaw Valley USA Art, Wine, and Music Festival • July 22-23 • Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-7111.
East Fork Gallery Anniversary Reception • July 23 • East Fork Gallery, Gardnerville, 775-450-2089.

16th Annual Reno Celtic Celebration • July 23-24 • Bagpipe bands, Irish and highland dancing, crafts, athletic competition. Downtown Reno, 775-332-3336.
Silver Dollar Classic • July 27-29 • Hot cars, fireworks, treasure hunt, drive-in movie, Champion Speedway parade laps. Various locations, Carson City, 800-NEVADA-4.
Summer Family Concert Series • July 28 • Stork Raven Mad Band. Bring a blanket, folding chair, picnic. Minden Park Gazebo, Minden, 775-782-9828.
ProCraft Wakeboard Tour • July 28-30 • Season finale for men's, women's, and junior men's wakeboarding and wakeskate. Sparks Marina, Sparks, 800-367-7366.
mARTini Mambo • July 29 • Food, drink, silent auction supports VSA arts of Nevada. Held in conjunction with the Pink Martini concert at Robert Z. Hawkins Theater. Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-826-6100.
Ninth Annual Genoa Renaissance Fair • July 29-30 • Jousting, jugglers, crafts, belly dancers, puppet shows, music, food. Main Street,

Genoa, 775-782-4951.
Hot August Nights • July 29-Aug. 6 • Festival celebrates the music and cars of the '50s and '60s with classic cars, concerts, dances, car auctions, poker runs, drag races, parades. Various locations in Reno and Sparks, 775-356-1956.
Hot August Nights Poker Run • Aug. 3 • More than 800 classic cars go cruising in conjunction with Reno's Hot August Nights. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-8144.
First Thursday with Sol Jibe • Aug. 3 • Concert, refreshments. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.
Playa on the Plaza: Controlled Burn Fire Spinners • Aug. 3 • Performance art. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.
Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance • Aug. 4-5 • More than 110 classic wooden boats are on display, vendors, food, music. Sierra Boat Company, Carnelian Bay, North Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.
Taste of Gardnerville • Aug. 6 • Food, music. Carson Valley Museum, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.
Western Week and Truckee Championship Rodeo • Aug. 6-13 • Golf tournament, cowboy poetry and music, team penning, barrel race, PRCA rodeo. McIver Memorial Arena, Truckee, 530-587-5555.
Monthly Wednesday Evening Railroad Program • Aug. 9 • Outdoor presentation. Topic TBA. Bring a chair. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.
Movies in the Park • Aug. 11 • Bring a picnic, lawn chair. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-7134.
A Taste for Art 2006 • Aug. 11 • Annual wine tasting and case sale. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.
Reno Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering • Aug. 11-12 • Performances by local and nationally known poets, food, vendors, open-mike session. Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, www.RenoCowboyPoetry.org.
Reno-Tahoe Blues Festival • Aug. 12-13 • Music, food, entertainment. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno, 775-857-FEST.
Railfest • Aug. 12-13 • Activities and train rides in Virginia City on Aug. 12. Festival moves to Carson City on Aug. 13. Virginia City, 775-847-7500.
Main Street Event • Aug. 18-20 • Show 'n' shine, street dance, barbecue, and car corral. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-267-1511.

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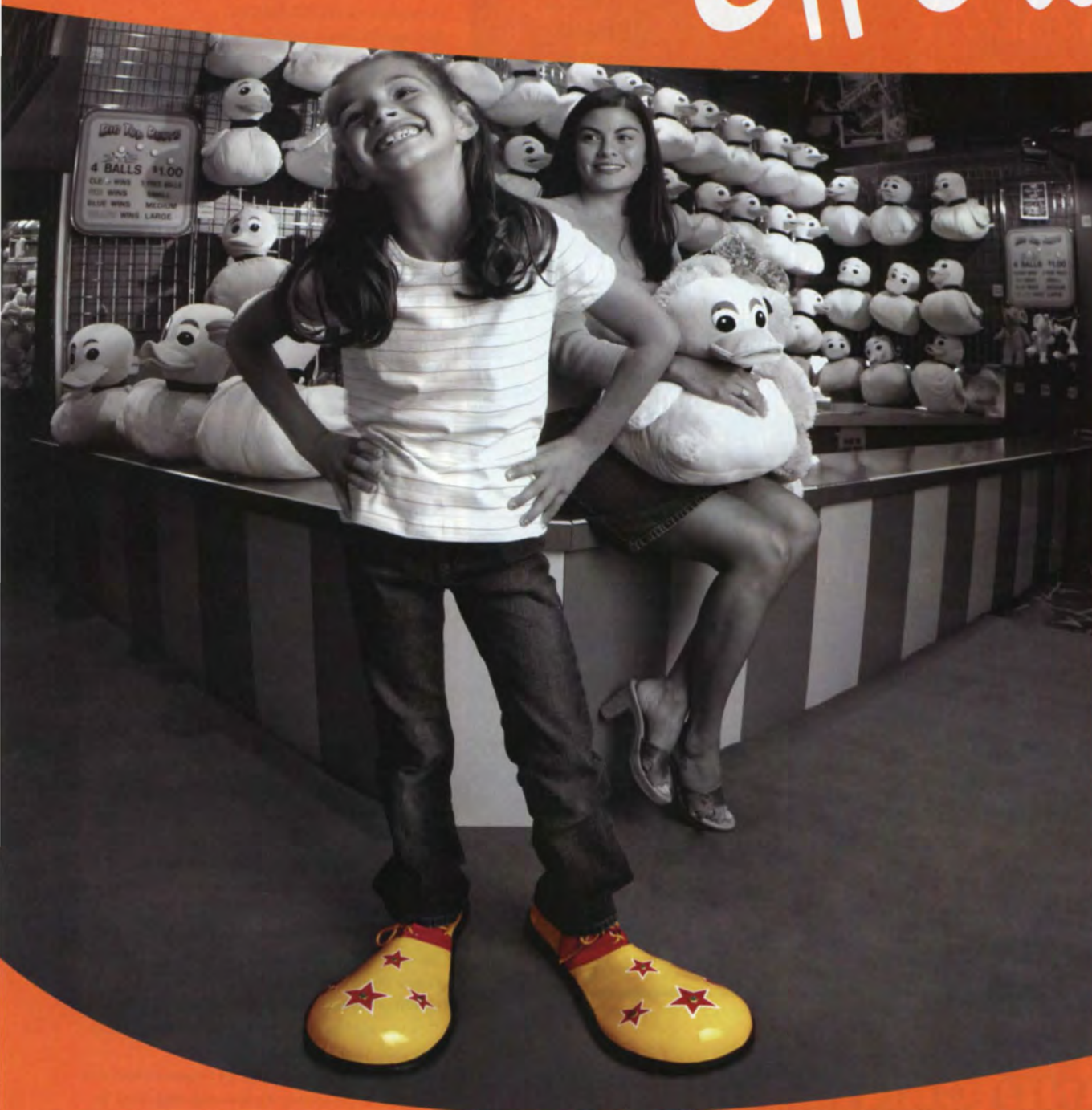
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Fireman's Dinner Dance • Aug. 19 • Music, auction. Sheridan Firehouse, Gardnerville, 775-265-2841.

Carson Valley Antique Tractor, Engine, and Farm Show • Aug. 19-20 • Museum of antique tractors, one-cylinder engines, farm and mining equipment from the late 1800s to 1940s. South of Carson City, 775-267-4816.

Concert on the Green • Aug. 20 • Outdoor performance. Genoa Park, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Silver State Marathon • Aug. 20 • Event includes a marathon, half-marathon, 10K run and walk, and post-race picnic sponsored by the Silver State Striders. Must register in advance. Bowers Mansion Park, Washoe Valley, for information visit www.silverstatestriders.com.

Reno-Tahoe Open • Aug. 21-27 • PGA pros compete for a \$3-million purse. Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, 775-322-3900.

John Lennon 25th Anniversary Memorial Concert • Aug. 22-23 • Outdoor concert by local orchestra and choral groups. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

Tahoe-Reno International Film Festival • Aug. 23-27 • Independent film makers, workshops, tributes, parties. Various Lake Tahoe and Reno locations, 775-298-0018.

Nevada State Fair • Aug. 23-27 • Livestock events, tours, exhibits, carnival, entertainment. Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-688-5767.

Eames on Film • Aug. 24 • See films such as *Powers of Ten*, *House: after five years of living*, and *Goods* by celluloid designers Charles and Ray Eames. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

"Cosi fan tutte" • Aug. 24 and 26 • Outdoor performance by Nevada Opera of Mozart's love story. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • Aug. 24-26 • Off-road race. Registration at Suncoast in Las Vegas on Aug. 24, induction ceremony at Harrah's Automobile Collection in Reno on Aug. 26. Race takes place Aug. 25 from Alamo to Dayton. For information call 702-457-5775.

Summer Family Concert Series • Aug. 25 • Jeff Jones Band. Bring a blanket, folding chair, and picnic. Minden Park Gazebo, Minden, 775-782-9828.

Stars Under the Stars: A Celebration of Dance and Music from Mozart to Lennon • Aug. 25 and 27 • Sierra Nevada Ballet. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

Carson City Mint Coin Show • Aug. 26-27 • More than 35 dealers, free appraisals, food, entertainment, gold panning. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Carson Valley Charity Pro Am Golf Tournament • Aug. 27-28 • Play at Genoa Lakes Golf Club and Resort. Hosted by Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-784-4653.

Lake Tahoe Chautauqua • Aug. 28 • Outdoor performance of "The Life and Times of Leonardo da Vinci," Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 800-74-SHOWS.

Burning Man 2006 • Aug. 28-Sept. 4 • Counterculture event culminates in the burning of a 40-foot-tall effigy. Black Rock Desert, northeast of Gerlach, www.burningman.com.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Aug. 30-Sept. 3 • Annual barbecue competition that includes tastings, crafts, entertainment, concerts. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Victorian Square, Sparks, 800-648-1177.

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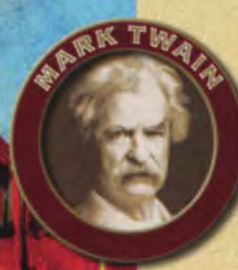
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902 Tonopah Historic Mining Foundation—Tonopah Historic Mining Park is on site of Belle and Jim Butler's 1900 claim. Self-guided tours. 775-482-9274, www.tonopahnevada.org.

905 Nevada Department of Transportation Bicycle Safety—Department has information on safety and statewide events and sells state bicycle jerseys. For additional information 775-888-RIDE, www.bicyclenevada.com.

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Great Humboldt Rubber Duck Race • July 1 • Food, music, cash prize. Elko, 775-738-3418.

Beat the Heat Summer Survival Tips • July 1 • Safely explore and camp in the desert. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Freedom Festival • July 1-2 • Softball game, barbecue, music, fireworks. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Jarbridge Fourth of July Weekend • July 1-2. Bingo, barbecue, music, and Sun. parade. Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

National Basque Festival • July 1-4 • During the Running From the Bulls, animals will be released on the street behind a group of runners. Also, parade, feats of strength and skill, traditional dancing, hollering contest, food, wine. Various locations, Elko, 775-738-7135.

Early Birds Geology Walk • July 2 • Ranger-led walk. Bring a canteen and camera. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

McDermitt Ranch Hand Rodeo • July 2-4 • Regional competitors. Fairgrounds, McDermitt, 775-272-3241.

Hawthorne July Fourth Patriotic Celebration • July 2-9 • Bell ceremony on July 4. Liar's Race at Walker Lake. Barbecue, fireworks, rib cook-off, vendors, golf tournament, box derby, mud volleyball, street dance. Hawthorne, 775-945-5400.

Silver State International Rodeo • July 3-8 • High school contestants from the U.S. and Canada compete. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

Fernley Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Show 'n' shine car show, parade, kids games, fireworks. Out-of-Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-2404.

Caliente Independence Day • July 4 • Parade, games, fireworks, horseshoe tournament. Downtown and City Park, Caliente, 775-726-3679.

Austin Fourth of July • July 4 • Parade, street games, entertainment. Austin, 775-974-2200.

Carlin Fourth of July • July 4 • Poker walk, parade, bingo, cakewalk, barbecue, games, street dance, horseshoe tournament, fireworks. City Park, Carlin, 775-754-6354.

July Fourth Train Ride and Barbecue • July 4 • Fireworks viewing. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Wendover July Fourth • July 4 • Parade, annual Karl Sweat Run and Ride, games, crafts, food booths, fireworks. City Park, Wendover, 775-664-3138.

Winnemucca Family Fourth of July Celebration • July 4 • Games, food, petting farm, face painting, dunk tank. City Park, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Eureka Old-Fashioned Fourth of July • July 4 • Sunrise dynamite salute, parade, street fair, and fireworks. Eureka, 775-237-5544.

Lake of Fire • July 4 • Food, games, fireworks. Spring Creek



Billy Ray Cyrus, the man with the "Achy Breaky Heart," headlines August 11-12 at Cactus Petes in Jackpot. The singer also plays August 4 at Boulder Station in Las Vegas and August 5 at Flamingo Laughlin.

Marina, Spring Creek, 775-753-6295 for more information.

Elko Fireworks Spectacular • July 4 • Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-6284.

Battle Mountain Community July Fourth Celebration • July 4 • Food, games, parade, and fireworks. Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Yerington Fourth of July • July 4 • Barbecue, crafts, fireworks. Mountain View Park, Yerington, 775-463-1914.

White Pine 4 Wheelers Rally • July 7-9 • Rally includes a barbecue picnic and awards. Steptoe Park, Ely, 775-289-3371.

Moonlight Hike • July 8 • Ranger-led walk. Bring flashlight and wear closed-toe shoes. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Art in the Park • July 8-9 • More than 80 regional artists. City Park, Elko, 775-777-7955.

Carolyn Schneider Book Signing • July 8-9 • The niece of Bing Crosby, singer and former Elko resident, will autograph her new book, *Me and Uncle Bing*. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Winnemucca Junior Rodeo • July 8-9 • Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-2220.

Silver State Stampede • July 13-15 • PRCA rodeo, dances, art contest. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-5245.

Pioche Heritage Days • July 13-15 • One play based on local history and the other a "hiss and boo" melodrama. Town Hall, Pioche, 775-962-5308.

NQHA Silver State Circuit • July 13-16 • Working cow horse events. Events complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-9292.

Winged Jewels • July 14 • Slide program on common species of butterflies. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles north-



Small Nevada communities celebrate July Fourth with old-fashioned events. Eureka rolls out its firetrucks for the parade and stages a dynamite salute, street fair, and fireworks.

west of Panaca, 775-728-4460 for more event information.

Poetic Justice • July 14-15 • Poet Red Shuttleworth, July 14, Sawmill Campground. Poetry reading and workshop, July 15, Community Hall, Jarbidge, 775-448-2369.

Bonneville 100 • July 14-16 • Open road race on Alternate U.S. 93. Wendover, 775-664-3138.

Taylor Canyon Run and Rodeo • July 14-16 • Games, auction, music, dance, fundraiser. Event is a campout at Taylor Canyon, Elko, 775-738-3414.

Fernley Junior Rodeo • July 14-16 • Out-of-Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-6024.

44-Hour Softball Tournament • July 14-16 • More than 90 teams compete around the clock. Sports Complex, Winnemucca, 888-44HOURS.

Nevada Indian Days Powwow • July 14-16 • Indian dancing, hand games, food, entertainment. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-217-3096.

Sherman Dinner and Auction • July 15 • Event celebrates the historic site. Sherman Station Visitor Center, Elko, 775-738-7135.

Gamblers Run • July 19-23 • Open road race. Headquarters at the Convention Center, Elko, 702-614-6108.

Relay for Life • July 21-22 • American Cancer Society fundraiser. Fernley High School, Fernley, 775-828-2203 for further event information.

Ely Shoshone Western Days • July 21-23 • Softball tournament, pro rodeo, powwow, food, dance, Indian hand games. Marich Field and Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-4767.

Pioneer Days • July 22 • Park program on pioneer life. Held in conjunction with the Pioneer Day celebration in Panaca. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles west of Panaca, 775-628-4460.

Onion Festival • July 28-29 • Concerts, antique car show, games, vendors. Fairgrounds and downtown locations, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

Good Times Street Drags • July 28-29 • Hot cars race down Traders Way. Held in conjunction with Fifties Fever. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Fifties Fever • July 28-30 • Celebration of the music and cars of the '50s and '60s with a parade, street dances, poker runs, concerts, show 'n' shine. Downtown, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Lovelock Frontier Days • July 28-30 • Parade, games, talent show, arm wrestling, team roping, boxing, food, crafts. Courthouse Park, Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

Wells Fun Run Car Show • July 28-30 • Burnouts, drag racing, show 'n' shine, poker run, street dance. City Park, Wells, 775-752-3540.

Creepy, Crawly Critters • July 29 • Slide program on spiders, lizards, and bugs. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles

northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460 for more information.

Superior Livestock Auction • July 31-Aug. 4 • National event includes satellite coverage, and, for attendees, golf tournaments, entertainment, and food. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 208-343-9885.

Homemade Bikini Contest • Aug. 4 • 10th annual sew for \$10,000 first prize. Matties Bar, Elko, 775-753-3877.

Chamber of Commerce Carnival • Aug. 4-6 • Traveling show. Out-of-Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-4459.

Nevada All-Around Working Cow Horse Championship • Aug. 4-6 • Competition for cash and awards. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-329-4200.

Miss Pahrump Pageant • Aug. 5 • Pahrump, 866-722-5800.

Arts in the Park • Aug. 5-6 • Vendors, food, drink. County Park, Ely, 775-289-4767.

Junior Jammers Fiddlers Concert • Aug. 11 • Pioneer Park, Jarbidge, 775-488-2352.

Rodding Car Show • Aug. 11-12 • Parade, car display, music, food. County Park, Ely, 775-289-4767.

Nevada Motocross Championships • Aug. 11-12 • Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-240-2851.

Eureka County Fair • Aug. 11-13 • Games, rides, crafts, music. Fairgrounds, Eureka, 775-237-5263.

Jarbidge Days • Aug. 11-13 • Arts, crafts, music, cowboy church. Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

Arts and Crafts for Kids • Aug. 12 • Community Hall, Jarbidge, 775-488-2357.

Rail Days • Aug. 12-13 • Historical exhibits, antique rolling railroad stock and motor cars. The Depot, Fernley, 775-575-2515.

Bonneville Speed Week • Aug. 12-18 • Land speed-record attempts by hot rods, roadsters, belly tankers, motorcycles.

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Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 866-299-2489 for details.

Lyon County Fair and Rodeo • Aug. 17-20 • Parade, kids day, carnival, tractor pull, dance, demolition derby, Yerington, 775-463-2245.

Overland Hotel's Chili Cook-Off • Aug. 19 • 10th annual event. Center Street, Fallon, 775-423-2719.

Where the Buffalo Roamed • Aug. 19 • Slide program about bison that once roamed Eastern Nevada. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Goldfield Land Auction • Aug. 19 • Annual bidding for property in the historic mining community. Goldfield, 775-485-6309.

White Pine Horse Races • Aug. 19-20 • 10 races each day featuring thoroughbreds and quarter horses, and paramutual betting. Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-8373.

White Pine County Fair • Aug. 19-20 • Home arts, crafts, livestock sale. Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-3074.

Carlin Show and Shine/Art in the Park • Aug. 19-20 • Classic cars, poker run, burnouts, slow drags, crafts show, food vendors. City Park, Carlin, 775-754-6354.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • Aug. 24-26 • Off-road race. Registration at Suncoast in Las Vegas on Aug. 24, induction ceremony at Harrah's Automobile Collection in Reno on Aug. 26. Race takes place Aug. 25 from Alamo to Dayton. For information call 702-457-5775.

USTRC Northwest Regional Team Roping Finals • Aug. 24-27 • More than 2,000 teams compete. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow • Aug. 25-27 • Celebration of the dance and vision of Wovoka, the Paiute Messiah. Native American dance, food, arts, crafts. Softball field, Yerington, 775-463-2245.



Young dancers catch the spirit during the National Basque Festival, July 1-4, in Elko.

Wendover Airfield Fly-in and Air Show • Aug. 26 • Aerobic routines, jet demonstrations, parachute jumpers. South Airport Apron, Wendover, 866-299-2489 for information.

Elko County Fair • Aug. 26-Sept. 4 • Arts, crafts, livestock exhibits, horse racing and showmanship, snaffle bit, flower show, parade, dance. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

Third Annual Business Association Golf Tournament • Aug. 27 •

Fundraiser. Ruby View Golf Course, Elko, 775-778-9555.

The First Campers • Aug. 27 • Slide program on the early native American inhabitants. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Ongoing Events

Nevada Artists • Permanent exhibit has works by Cliff Segerblom, Sharon Rhodes, Don Farmer, Mildred Byers. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Daniel W. Cheek Nevada Photograph Exhibition • Thru Aug. 1 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Pahrump Farmer's Market • Thru Aug. 26 • Saturdays, Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Linda Dufurrena Basque Photo Exhibition • Thru Aug. 29 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Fallon Farmer's Market • Thru Sept. 12 • Tuesdays, Maine St., Fallon, 775-423-4802.

Tonopah Stock Car Racing • July 1, 8, 22, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 9, 23-24. Tonopah Speedway, 775-482-7738.

Battle Mountain Stock Car Racing • July 1-2, 15, 29-30, Aug. 12, 26, Sept. 9, 16-17 • Battle Mountain Raceway, 775-635-2784.

Rattlesnake Raceway Schedule • Fireworks show and Figure Eight Race, July 4. Bomber Challenge Pit Stop, July 22. Figure Eight Race, Aug. 5. Points Race, Aug. 19. Demo Derby Points Race, Sept. 2. Figure Eight Race, Sept. 16. Mud Bogs, Sept. 30. Nevada Dirt Track Championship, Oct. 14-15. Kris Kringle Race, Nov. 11. Rattlesnake Raceway, Fallon, 775-221-1676, www.rattlesnakeraceway.tripod.com.

Riva Grant Exhibition • July 6-Oct. 1 • Oil paintings. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Northeastern Nevada Classic Film Festival • *Rebel Without a Cause* starring James Dean, July 8. *River of No Return* starring Marilyn Monroe, July 15. *The Searchers* starring John Wayne, July 22. *High Society* starring Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly, July 28. Bring a picnic and lawn chair. City Park, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Hidden Cave Tours • July 8, 22 • Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour of Grimes Point petroglyph site. Meet at Churchill County Museum, Fallon. To confirm tour dates, call the Bureau of Land Management, 775-885-6000.

Sunset at Steptoe Wine Trains • July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9 • Wine and hors d'oeuvres. Ales on Rails, July 22, Aug. 26, beer and dinner during train ride. Also, daily steam train rides July 4-Sept. 1. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Elko Stock Car Racing • July 8, 22, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 1-2, 22-23 • Summit Raceway, Elko, 775-753-5936.

Top Gun Drag Racing • July 8, 22, Aug. 19, Sept. 1-3, 7-10, 23, Oct. 12-15, 21 • Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 775-423-0223.

History in the Park Lecture Series • Outlaws and Lawmen in Wells, July 11. Women on the California Trail, July 18. Railroad Relocation, July 25. Orrin Porter Rockwell, Aug. 1. Interrupted Journeys: Ghosts on the Trail, Aug. 15 • Bring blanket or chair. City Park, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Winnemucca Clay Track Racing • July 14, 21, Aug. 11, 25 • Raceway. www.nevadaracing.com/winnemucca.

The Story of the Elko County Fair • Aug. 2-Sept. 12 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Nevada Maze at Lattin Farms • Weekends beginning Aug. 25. Daily except Sunday in Oct. • Visitors can explore a cornfield maze. Fallon, 866-638-6293.

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 Hawthorne 250 Off-Road Race • Sept. 2-3 • 530-417-5333.
 Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 23-24 • 775-423-4556.
 Northeastern Nevada Museum Birthday Ball • Nov. 4 • Elko, 775-738-3418.
 Parade of Lights • Dec. 9 • Elko, 775-778-9555.

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Commercial Hotel • 800-648-2345, ext. 498: Hildiees, June 27-July 2. Kip and Bo, July 4-16. Hildiees, Aug. 15-27. Dark Mon.

High Desert Inn • 775-738-8425: Karaoke, Thurs.

Red Lion • 775-738-2111 or 800-545-0044: Entertainment in the lounge.

Stockmen's Hotel • 800-648-2345, ext. 498: Octane, June 27-July 2. Young Guns, July 4-9. Dark Mon.

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El Capitan • 775-945-3322: Bands Wed.-Sun.

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Horseshu Casino • 775-753-2321. Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

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Sturgeons • 775-273-2971 and 888-234-6835: Center Club Showroom: Bands and karaoke are featured at Sturgeons on weekends.

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Pahrump Nugget • 775-751-6500: Bands Thurs.-Sun.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Entertainment in the Club West Nightclub.

TONOPAH

Tonopah Station Ramada Inn • 775-482-9777: Bands play during special event weekends.

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Montego Bay • 775-664-9100: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660: Entertainers appear Tues.-Sun.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

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George Wallace is a comedian's comedian who welcomes fellow comics on stage during his show at the Flamingo Las Vegas. One-liners are tossed around, reminiscent of the Rat Pack's 1960s heyday. Early in his career, Wallace worked as a writer for Red Foxx, the comedian and star of Sanford and Son. After Wallace left jobs in advertising and writing, he won an American Comedy Award for "Best Stand Up Comedian" and appeared in numerous TV shows and movies, including Ladykillers, 3 Strikes, and The Wash. Wallace is best known for his "Yo Mama" and "I be thinkin'" comic spins on everyday life. After shows he meets and greets showgoers and signs autographs. His syndicated radio interview show debuted this summer. On air, Wallace discusses two of his favorite subjects: comedy and Las Vegas.



Comedian George Wallace dishes comedy and prizes at the Flamingo Las Vegas, which issued a gaming chip in his honor.

Las Vegas—if you can't have fun here, you should go ahead and die. With food, fun, nightclubs, entertainment, and, yes, sex, what more could you ask for? To start with, if you want to laugh, go see George Wallace's show (that's me) at the Flamingo Las Vegas. You never know what's gonna happen.

My best friend, Jerry Seinfeld, could walk up and take the mike. Chris Tucker made appearances for 10 straight days recently. Cedric the Entertainer was on stage during a sketch, which freaked the audience. Me, too—I didn't know he was there. I was also surprised one night when backstage noise was distracting everyone. I discovered the clatter was my lovable friend Gladys Knight and a full orchestra setting up to do a number. The Queen of Gospel, Yolanda Adams, walked through the audience singing her hit "The Battle Is Not Yours."

As the Flamingo's resident comic, I get to watch the reactions of people who receive gifts during my show. You can win

money, diamonds, and even a car. Or, you can win some AAA batteries. One time I presented a lady a cruise, and she almost fainted. When you come to the "George Wallace I Be Thinkin' Show," I want you to laugh and feel good.

The first time I played Las Vegas was 1981, opening for Diana Ross at Caesars Palace. In the '80s it was an accomplishment for any young entertainer to play Vegas. I was a 26-year-old boy. That was 25 years ago, and I'm still a 26-year-old boy. Performing for sold-out crowds is always a rush, and I've been blessed to work with some of the best, such as Donna Summer, Paul Anka, and George Burns.

I remember opening for Tom Jones. Women were throwing panties and room keys at me! Jones was a prankster, and he got me by sending me to Toronto. I arrived to find there was no limo, no job, nothing. It was great.

While I'm living in Las Vegas, my goal is to eat at every great restaurant in the city. My favorites are Mon Ami Gabi at Paris, where you can eat outside with a

view of Bellagio's dancing waters. Try the Atlantic cod with lemon capers and brown butter at Mix at THEhotel at Mandalay Bay. Oh, and make sure you visit the restrooms. The views are incredible. Bring lots and lots of money to the Eiffel Tower Restaurant at Paris. As for SW Steakhouse at Wynn Las Vegas, just go! Eat the bacon bread and shut up! Michael's at the Barbary Coast is an old-time restaurant that is very intimate. The salad dressings are made fresh to order. Ah, the best. Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que at The District at Green Valley Ranch has the world's best bread pudding. It's barbecue's top 10 in my book.

Show Notes

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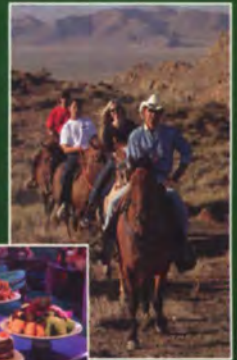


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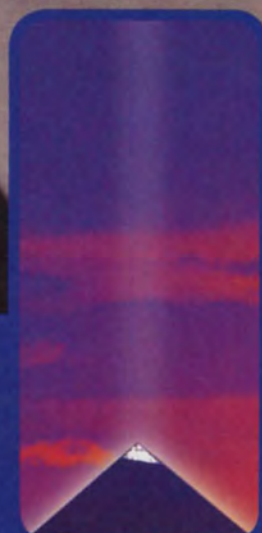
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