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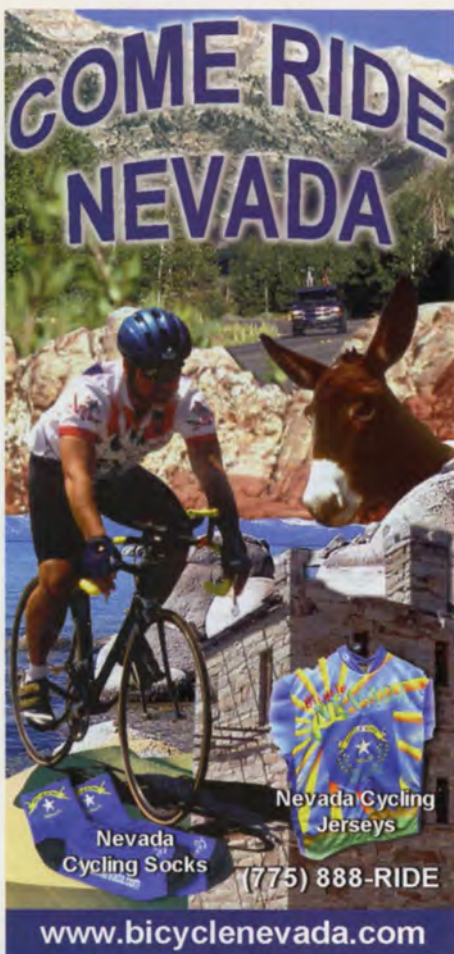


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"Is it a secret ballot, or do you guys just go have a beer?" Lance Burton asked writer Mike Weatherford when the two were discussing the process that led to the selection of the Las Vegas magician as *Nevada Magazine's* first Nevada Entertainer of the Year (see story on page 16).

Maybe next year for the suds. This time computers carried messages between judges Norm Clarke, *Las Vegas Review-Journal* columnist; Jerry Fink, *Las Vegas SUN* entertainment reporter; entertainment critic Robin Leach; Mike Weatherford, *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reporter and columnist; and Ann Henderson, *Nevada Magazine* entertainment editor.

On the first round, voters were asked to name four headliners with long-term contracts and to consider their community involvement, showmanship, and name recognition beyond Las Vegas. The short list of entertainers who received at least two nominations included Burton, Caesars headliner Celine Dion, comedienne Rita Rudner, comedy magicians Penn and Teller, and singer Clint Holmes. A second vote to break the tie put Burton at the top of the list.

Another entertainer nominated was Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy fame. Leach lauded the star's recovery from an onstage tiger attack on October 3, 2003. "For showing strength, dedication, and incredible bravery. For not giving up, and showing us all the magic will be back," Leach says of the performer.

Clarke and Weatherford commended Dion for using her star power to pack the Caesars Palace Colosseum to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims and the Las Vegas community. Clarke also pointed to Penn and Teller's successful United Blood Drive and applauded Rudner. "You see Rita at a multitude of charity events, offering her support and special brand of humor," Clarke says. Rudner recently moved her act from New York-New York to Harrah's Las Vegas.

Weatherford named Sir Elton John and Barry Manilow to his "A" list of Vegas performers. Their charitable activities are on a national level. Sir John is linked to the Ryan White AIDS Foundation and Manilow his Fund for Health and Hope.

Frank Scinta of The Scintas at the Sahara and Wayne Newton drew a vote from Fink. "Frank never stops performing," Fink says. "If he weren't being paid for it, he would do it for free, which is often the case when he shows up for charity events..." Fink calls Newton the ultimate entertainer.

In September, Burton was named by Magic Castle founder Milt Larsen as one of the 10 greatest magicians of all time. Harry Houdini and Dante topped the list, with Siegfried and Roy and Burton placing numbers eight and nine, respectively.

Choosing this year's Entertainer of the Year was not an easy task, says Henderson. "Entertainers need to be recognized for everything positive they do," she says. "But they also need applause when things go wrong, which does happen. Several years ago I was watching Burton perform, and an illusion misfired, revealing the secret. Despite a collective gasp from the audience, finger-pointing, and loud remarks such as, 'Did you see that?', Burton carried on like the pro he is."

When he was informed that he had been selected as Entertainer of the Year, Burton, with his usual down-home charm, kidded, "I'm very excited about it, especially the \$500,000 stipend that came with it!"

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Norm Clarke
Las Vegas Review-Journal



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Las Vegas SUN



Ann Henderson
Nevada Magazine



Robin Leach
Entertainment Critic



Mike Weatherford
Las Vegas Review-Journal



Letters

Photo hunt winners, Amtrak, and results of the Hoover Dam Contest.

Not So Picture Perfect

My favorite issue of my favorite magazine is the issue showing the winners of the "Great Nevada Picture Hunt" (September/October 2006). My great disappointment is that you don't show all the winners' pictures, including honorable mentions. Why can't you add about four pages so that all of the pictures can be shown, instead of only 12? One honorable mention was titled "Genoa Saloon." Having visited that saloon about 50 years ago, I sure would like to see the picture.

Roy Bale

Linden, TX

Thanks, Roy, for your suggestion. We hope to increase the space allotted to the photo contest next year, but meanwhile you can see more photos at www.nevadamagazine.com.—E.d.

Keeping Track of Amtrak

Last issue in "Happy Anniversaries," it was stated, "For years guests could get off



Roy Christian's "Genoa Saloon."

the [Amtrak] train inside the [Plaza] hotel, and today Amtrak still chugs on tracks nearby." Please be advised that the Amtrak train, "Desert Wind," made its last run in May 1997 and no Amtrak trains have served Las Vegas since then.

However, Amtrak California provides express-bus service from the downtown Las Vegas Greyhound station to the Bakersfield, California, Amtrak station twice daily, and travelers to and from the east, e.g., Kansas City and Chicago, can use

the Commuter Carriers service from McCarran International Airport to connect with the Southwest Chief at Kingman, Arizona. The service is quite convenient, reasonably priced, and fairly fast.

Daniel Lovegren

Elk Grove, CA

Hoover Dam Contest

Per your question in the last issue about the purposes of Hoover Dam ("Nevada Almanac" by Alisha Wike). As stated by the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928, they are flood control, allotments of water to six states and Mexico, and generation of electricity. I first crossed the dam in 1952 and still stand in awe at our ability to put something like this together in the 1930s.

Ken Rausch

Saugatuck, MI

Ken, you were the first of more than two dozen readers who responded to the contest. See the complete list at www.nevadamagazine.com.—E.d.

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Ghost Towns and Mining Camps

Martin Shelton's photos document the beauty of Nevada's **haunting ruins.**



GOLD POINT: Shelton used a polarizer over the lens to record this false-fronted store with its out-of-service gas pump. The town began in 1868 as Lime Point, was later called Hornsilver, then in the 1930s was renamed Gold Point. Today the town, 30 miles southwest of Goldfield, survives with a few businesses and a group of friends who live here and work to restore some of the 40 buildings still standing.

RHYOLITE: In 1908, Rhyolite, three miles west of Beatty, was the third-largest city in the state. When Shelton visited the town in 1991, only grand ruins, such as the three-story brick John S. Cook Bank building on Golden Street, remained. The bank's concrete safe once held sacks of high-grade ore from the area's mines.



BELMONT: Founded in 1865, Belmont was the original seat of Nye County. The town's prosperity lasted about 20 years. The Monitor-Belmont Company built the Highbridge Mill in 1915 to rework the old mining dumps, but the mill didn't survive. Shelton photographed its brick-wall remains in November 1991. Belmont, 46 miles northeast of Tonopah, now features new homes, but the old town remains the main attraction.



TEXAS-BASED PHOTOGRAPHER MARTIN SHELTON crisscrossed Nevada from 1987 to 1999 photographing more than 1,400 sites of the state's ghost towns and mining camps. His trips produced 7,000 Kodachrome slides and numerous prints and maps, which he donated to Nevada's State Historic Preservation Office. Nevada's governor, Kenny Guinn, presented Shelton with a letter of thanks for his donation. To view the photos of Shelton's 2004 exhibi-

tion at the Nevada State Library visit www.Nevada-ghosttowns.com.

"I've always had a yen to visit and photograph ol' time and out-of-the-way places," Shelton says. "After my first trip—to Belmont and Manhattan—I was hooked." Shelton's photos document the boom-and-bust pattern of mining towns like Belmont, Rhyolite, and Gold Point. "I return to Nevada at least once a year. I love the place," he says.—WILMA LARocca

OUT & about

Holiday shopping in Reno trails near Las Vegas, and a cabin in Amargosa

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FIELD TRIP



Visitors can climb to the top of the 1942 airfield tower from the museum (above). Below: A World War II-era B-29 bomber.

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More than 100 buildings in various stages of decay still stand in the airfield, and restoration projects are ongoing. One of the squadron buildings has been transformed into the terminal for commercial aviation, and there is a small gift shop at the museum. Call the Tooele County Wendover Airport at 435-665-2308 or visit www.wendoverairbase.com for more information.—*Jaromy Jessop*



QUICK HITS

Siegfried and Roy Honored—Twice

Made famous by their countless acts on the Las Vegas strip, illusionists **Siegfried and Roy** were presented with a star on the Las Vegas Walk of Stars on October 3. Fittingly, the ceremony was held in front of the duo's statue at The Mirage, their entertainment home for more than 13 years.

Their magic acts have made them legendary, but Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn are also well known for their charity and conservation efforts. The two accepted Ellis Island Medals of Honor in New York last spring. The ceremony awards citizens who have immigrated to the United States for their outstanding service.

Fly-by Art Appreciation

Travelers going through the Reno/Tahoe International Airport can now visit the **Connector Collections Gallery** on a second-floor hallway between the A and B concourses.

Second Time's a Charm

The MGM Grand Las Vegas has changed the look and feel of the lounge formerly known as Teatro Eurobar, renaming it **Rouge**. The old, crimson-drenched room has been updated to include red and black contrasting furniture, silver crowning, and a more traditional dancing catwalk bar. The 24-hour lounge, which opened in late summer and overlooks the casino floor, marks the starting point to MGM's restaurant row. Visit www.mgm-mirage.com or call 702-792-7798 for more information.

PEOPLE

Las Vegas Teen Hits the Big Screen

Las Vegas' **Adam Hicks** just became a teenager, but his résumé is already that of an experienced actor. Hicks, 13, plays the lead role in *How to Eat Fried Worms*, which debuted in theaters in August. In the movie—based on Thomas Rockwell's literary classic—Hicks plays Joe Guire, a boy forced to stand up to the class bully.

A resident of Las Vegas' Sunrise area, Hicks' credits include his recurring role in Fox's *Titus*, which ran for three seasons, and appearances in the films *The Shaggy Dog*, *The 12 Dogs of Christmas*, and *Down and Derby*.



River Mountains Loop Trail officials hope to have 27 of the proposed 35-mile section finished by fall 2007

ESCAPE

Happy Trails

The **River Mountains Loop Trail** near Las Vegas has opened 10 of its proposed 35 miles of walking, biking, and horseback riding trails. The loop will eventually surround the River Mountains, connecting Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Hoover Dam, Henderson, and Boulder City. The completed section begins near Calico Ridge on Lake Mead Parkway and Golda Way and ends at a trailhead south of the Railroad Pass Hotel and Casino. Twenty-seven of the trail's 35 miles should be completed by fall 2007. Call 702-365-2191 or visit www.rivermountainstrail.org or www.rivermountainstrail.com for more information.

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Last spring, a new Harley-Davidson store opened on the second floor of Reno's Silver Legacy Resort Casino. The store features MotorClothes Apparel, a durable brand suited for the open road. For more store information call 775-323-2453 or email info@renohd.com.



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CRAVINGS

The Chocolate Nugget's Christmas Candy Craze

Chocolate Santas, candy canes, and gumdrops—these are treats that youngsters dream about during the holiday season. Dan and Caroline Salzwimmer, owners of the **Chocolate Nugget Candy Factory** in Washoe Valley north of Carson City, say that dream is what has kept them in the candy business for more than 20 years.

"Kids get wide-eyed and leave the store with a smile on their faces. There cannot be another business in the world more fun or satisfying than candy making," Dan says.

Dan opened the store in 1983, but he is retiring and passing on the business to his son, Danny, the third generation of family candy makers. Dan says, "There are very few family-owned candy operations left today that are still using the same recipes their fathers used over 50 years ago. We do."

December is one of the Salzwimmers' busiest times of the year, as they make peanut brittle, eight flavors of fudge, and salt water taffy. For the Christmas season, the Chocolate Nugget sells handmade candy



Austin Gilbert of Shreveport, Louisiana, tastes treats at the Chocolate Nugget Candy Factory in Washoe Valley.

canes—peppermint, chocolate, and peanut butter-filled—for \$2.95 each. Cherry cordials, pecan patties, and boxes of chocolates are big sellers at \$15 per pound. Gift wrapping and shipping are available.

The Chocolate Nugget Candy Factory is open Monday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is located at 611 U.S. Highway 395 N. in Washoe Valley, 12 miles north of Carson City. Call 775-849-0841 for more information.

—Elizabeth Hogue

GET AWAY

One-room Cabin Fever

Travelers can visit the restored Amargosa Valley cabin built by a man some call a hero and some call a criminal. In the late 1800s, 58-year-old Jack Longstreet came to Nevada from Arizona and settled at Ash Meadows, an outpost in the Mojave Desert. The area is now **Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge**. Manager Sharon McKelvey says some historians believe the one-eared Longstreet designed a hiding place in his cabin in case he needed to escape from the law.

While working as a hired gunman for the Tonopah Stage, the romantic Old West figure was acquitted of the murder of his brother-in-law. During Prohibition he operated a still at the site of his cabin, yet he also spoke for Native American rights and was embroiled in a dispute with the Bureau of Indian Affairs about the mistreatment of Paiutes. Longstreet died on July 26, 1928, at the age of 90 after he accidentally shot himself. He is buried in the Belmont Cemetery.

The Longstreet cabin was rebuilt in 2004



Jack Longstreet's cabin has been restored.

with a \$90,000 grant from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. Ash Meadows is about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 95 and State Route 373. The refuge office is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 775-372-5435 or visit www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows for details.—Merrie Leinger

SHOPPING

A Pair of Holiday Boutiques

Two downtown Reno shops, La Bussola and Never Ender, offer unique gifts and a welcome diversion from the usual hectic holiday shopping experience.

La Bussola, at 211 West First Street, is owned by Meredith Tanzer and Dawn Lewis. The gift shop and arts and crafts store has huge storefront windows decorated with a rainbow of decals. Inside the store is a blast of color, with racks of chunky jewelry and rooms of pastel-painted dressers and end tables.

Tanzer's enthusiasm for art and artists is reflected in her merchandise that ranges from \$20 stocking-stuffer necklaces to \$700 furniture and \$1,000 paintings. New items for this Christmas season include hand-crafted clocks, decouped and painted jewelry racks, and Italian hand-painted money pots.

Last year, Tanzer hosted 34 private holiday parties in which people celebrate and shop at the same time. There is no charge for a party, but the host must guarantee a minimum of 15 people and provide food. La Bussola takes care of the beverages.



At their store, La Bussola, in Reno, Meredith Tanzer (above) and her partner Dawn Lewis offer gift-wrapping on all purchases.

"We provide all the wine, and we can donate 15 percent of the proceeds to charities," Tanzer says. "Sometimes people don't want to worry about having everyone in their house and cleaning everything."

Tanzer said by the time the holiday shopping season rolls around she will have her crafts center up and running and will offer classes on

card- and wreath-making. Crafters can work at the store without taking the classes. Call 775-348-8858 or visit www.2by2creations.com.

The **Never Ender**, a store and gallery at 518 West Second Street, offers items from local and national artists and craftspeople. The store's layout is open and inviting with large, empty spaces and uncluttered wood floors. Owner Amber Gutry is choosy about the high-end stylish clothes for men and women from labels such as Gentle Fawn and Obey. For Christmas, she is offering items from new designers and winter wear such as feminine hoodie jackets with appliques of plants and animals. She also sells handmade purses and iPod cases and locally knitted hats and scarves.

Gutry holds art shows every month featuring up-and-coming local artists. At the "Cash and Carry" show on December 2-24, buyers can pull their purchases right off the wall and take them home.

"We want to encourage people to buy art for the holidays," Gutry says. "We will have a lot of little pieces from artists like (Reno's) Ron Rash for under \$100." Call 775-322-7278 or visit www.neverenderreno.com.— Merrie Leininger

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From Sushi to Steak

Rampart Casino's Ari Sobel finds adventure in food.

By Matthew B. Brown

Ari Sobel was drawn to the bright lights of Las Vegas seven years ago when he signed on for the management apprenticeship program at Rio. The city has fed his insatiable appetite ever since. "I eat it all," says the 36-year-old chef.

"There's adventure in food," Sobel adds. "I'm excited by it. I love everything from sushi to a good steak. I like going out and checking out new restaurants. I like going to places on the Strip and finding weird places off the Strip."

Now the director of food and beverage for Rampart Casino, the Succasunna, New Jersey, native already has more than 20 years of experience in the food business. Growing up in Tampa, Florida, Sobel got his start when he was just 13. He and a friend stuffed hot dogs in buns at Tampa Stadium, former home of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "We liked having a little money in our



Rampart Casino's food and beverage manager, Ari Sobel, stands in the library at the Carmel Room, a fine-dining steakhouse with a soft ambiance highlighted by sparkling chandeliers.

pocket and being with the guys," Sobel says. "We learned a lot about hard work and respect." As a 17-year-old junior in high school, he started his own catering service. Sobel and his staff served food at weddings, bar mitzvahs, and anniversary parties.

Sobel has earned a degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and a degree in hotel administration with a concentration in properties design at Cornell University School of Hotel Administration in Ithaca, New York.

He has worked with famed Las Vegas chefs Jean Louis Palladin, Michael Demers, and André Rochat, as well as Cannery Resorts' Executive Director of Food and

Beverage Luc Akellino. After working at the Rio, where he managed the Carnival World Buffet, he started as a shift manager at Cannery Casino Resorts, owner of Rampart Casino. For the last two years, Sobel has been responsible for the operation of Rampart's restaurants and bars and manages a staff of 300 managers, chefs, cooks, kitchen workers, bartenders, and servers.

Rampart, an upscale neighborhood casino 15 miles northwest of the Strip, is located in Summerlin. Among the restaurants Sobel manages is the Carmel Room, a fine-dining steakhouse. Menu items include a crab cake appetizer, rack of lamb (see recipe) or porterhouse steak entrées, and

ROASTED RACK OF LAMB

Ari Sobel offers his recipe for roasted rack of lamb. "It's pretty straightforward, and it gives you a great result," Sobel says. "Ideally, you have to get a good quality of lamb. If you have your choice, get domestic lamb like Colorado, versus New Zealand."



INGREDIENTS (per person):

Half a rack of lamb (four ribs)
Kosher salt, fresh ground black pepper
1 tablespoon each of vegetable oil and butter
Fresh herbs: rosemary, thyme, parsley, chives, mint, and tarragon
2 ounces of red wine
2 tablespoons of mustard grain
2 fluid ounces of veal stock
Shallots, assorted baby vegetables

Season lamb with salt and black pepper on all sides. Wrap the exposed bones tightly with aluminum foil. Heat the vegetable oil in a medium-sized sauté pan on high heat until oil almost reaches the smoking point. Sear meat on all sides for approximately two minutes or until browned.

Spread one tablespoon of mustard over the top of the lamb. Roll the top side of the lamb into fresh chopped parsley, chives, mint, and tarragon.

Add one tablespoon of butter to the pan and several sprigs of rosemary and thyme. Place the pan in a 375-degree oven and roast the lamb for 12 minutes or until it

Nevada Magazine Celebrates 70 Years

Writers and photographers welcome the opportunity to showcase the outdoors.

By Merrie Leininger

crème brûlée or Grand Marnier soufflé for dessert. Dinner averages \$50 per person. The Rampart Buffet serves lunch for \$8.99 and dinner for \$11.99, and prices at the Promenade Café average \$9 per person.

Sobel did the conceptual design for Cannery Casino's Vino's Ristorante & Deli, as well as for the restaurants and bars at the Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Cannery Resorts' new property near Pittsburgh. He also is helping to design the restaurants planned for Cannery Resorts' Eastside Cannery, which will replace Nevada Palace Hotel and Casino on Boulder Highway, with construction beginning in January.

Although his heavy workload has nearly taken Sobel out of Rampart's kitchen, he says he cooks several times a week at home. His favorite dishes—seared tilapia with banana rum sauce, tortellini with white truffle oil and fresh herbs, and meat loaf with mashed potatoes—are indicative of his eclectic tastes.

With the birth of his daughter, Zoë Elizabeth, in April, Sobel is focused on his role as a family man. With his wife of five years, Christina Drum, and daughter, Heather Marie Ward, 17 Sobel now stays home more often than he scours the Strip for a new favorite restaurant. But he still sees Vegas as the same exciting city he and Christina moved to in 1999.

"I like the chaos," Sobel says. "I like the fact that it's constantly changing. There's always something to do." ▀

Matthew B. Brown is Nevada Magazine's associate editor. For more information about Rampart Casino's restaurants, call 702-507-5900 or visit www.rampartcasino.com/restaurants.htm.

reaches desired temperature (110 degrees for rare, 120 for medium rare, 130 for medium, and 140 for well done). Remove from the oven, drain the oil and fat, remove the lamb to a warm plate, and let rest uncovered for five minutes.

In the same pan, add the red wine, remaining mustard, and two sprigs of mint, and bring to a boil. Stir with a wooden spoon, scraping the bottom of the pan. Boil the sauce until the volume has been reduced by half. Then add the hot veal stock and reduce again by half. Strain and adjust seasoning to your taste and keep warm.

Slice the rack into chops, remove the foil, coat lightly with the sauce, and serve with sautéed baby vegetables. ▀

The writers, editors, and photographers of *Nevada Magazine* revel in the chance to show readers that Nevada is more than neon and slot machines. In the magazine's 70 years they have featured the natural beauties and outdoor activities that make Nevada unique.

Reno writer and photographer Mark Vollmer has been producing outdoor stories for *Nevada Magazine* since his "Good-Natured Vacations," a March/April 1999 story about the growth of eco-tourism. The editors of *Nevada Magazine* have always been open to outdoor coverage, he says. "It's a great idea for them to include these outdoor and wilderness articles. I think it's an important part of our state. People tend to think of casinos first."

Vollmer has an affinity for Nevada's hidden attractions. "There's a lot of scenic beauty that you don't see from the highways," Vollmer says. "If you take the back roads into remote valleys, you'll see lush riparian zones [wet areas] up in the mountains, where the creeks flow all year, and wildlife such as deer, golden eagles, and antelope."

In 2003, Vollmer published a coffee table book on the Tahoe Rim Trail, *Tahoe Rim Trail: Exploring the Jewel*, with *Reno Gazette-Journal* photographer Scott Sady. He teaches photography workshops at Truckee Meadows Community College and says his favorite things to do are hiking and photography. "I love taking my camera out and capturing

things in nature I didn't expect to discover," he says.

Tahoe Daily Tribune sports reporter Jeremy Evans is the author of "The 10 in 10 Challenge," the cover story for *Nevada Magazine's* September/October 2003 issue. Over 10 days, Evans and three other writers and photographers completed outdoor adventures in 10 areas highlighted by the Nevada Commission on Tourism booklet, *Your Nitty-Gritty, Down and Dirty Guide to Nevada*. They hiked and biked the Tahoe Rim Trail, boarded down Sand Mountain, went rock climbing at Wheeler Peak, and hiked the Ruby Crest Trail. "There was definitely a following for that story," Evans says. "I had people I didn't know talk to me about that story for years."

Evans says he's glad that *Nevada Magazine* is celebrating the Silver State's wide-open places and publishing the work of writers and photographers who love the outdoors.

"Some people think that Nevada is just cowboys and all that," Evans says. "*Nevada Magazine* provides an outlet for journalists who are into the outdoors. I think there is a lot of talent here, and the magazine gives them a venue to write about stuff they wouldn't be able to otherwise." ▀

Merrie Leininger is an assistant editor at the Reno Gazette-Journal. This is the last of a six-part series about Nevada Magazine's 70th anniversary.



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Lance Burton dons a top hat for his Monte Carlo show.

And the Winner Is ...

Las Vegas magician Lance Burton named Nevada's top 2006 performer

By Mike Weatherford

Lance Burton was curious about this whole Nevada Entertainer of the Year thing. When the concept and criteria were explained to him, he said, "Thank God talent wasn't included."

That's Burton, same ol' gosh-darn guy he's been for nearly 25 years in Las Vegas. He "remains humble and true to his Kentucky roots, friendly and courteous, and is frequently seen in the community showing support for a variety of causes," says Jerry Fink, a writer for the *Las Vegas SUN* and one of this year's judges.

Burton was selected as *Nevada Magazine's* first Nevada Entertainer of the Year. Five Las Vegas show business writers and critics were asked to consider a performer's showmanship, community involvement, name recognition beyond the



state, and whether he or she held a long-term contract. The majority of judges felt Burton best fit the criteria.

Over the years, the 46-year-old magician has melded a folksy offstage persona into the classy, traditional image he has always favored onstage. Many of the family and friends who attended his 10th-anniversary performance last June at the Monte Carlo remember him as a young specialty act in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere."

Burton and Harrah's afternoon comedy-magic headliner Mac King grew up together in Louisville, spending their high school summers working at a bygone

amusement park. Burton revved up the "Action Mobile," an old Plymouth Duster with its passenger door secured by a rope, and headed west in 1981 to perform in a variety show, "It's Magic," in Southern California.

A TV appearance on *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson* landed Burton in the

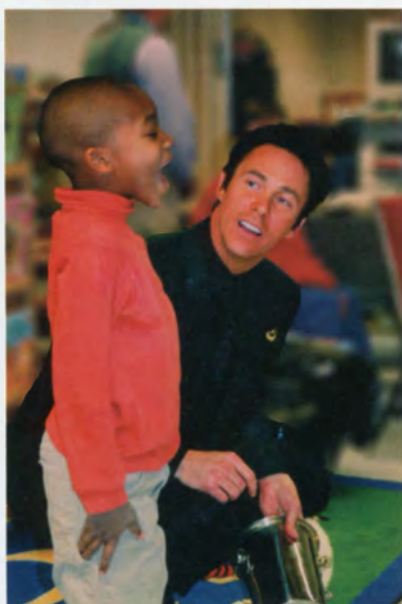
SHOW NOTES

"Lance Burton: Master Magician" headlines at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas. Tickets to the family-friendly show at Lance Burton Theater are \$66.50 and \$72.55, inclusive. Drinks are extra. Show times are 7 p.m. nightly, with 10 p.m. performances on Tuesday and Saturday, dark Sunday and Monday and December 10-25. Call 702-730-7160 or visit www.montecarlo.com for information.

"Folies Bergere" where he performed his 12-minute act for nine years while building illusions for a bigger show, an opportunity that came in 1991. Burton opened his own show at the former Hacienda, a production that presented the magician surrounded by topless dancers.

"They had always had topless revue shows in that room," he recalls. He talked the hotel into a schedule of having the first show of the evening "covered" and the second topless. By his fifth year, modesty won out.

In June 1996, Burton moved into a Victorian-style theater at the Monte Carlo, where he is contracted to appear through June 20, 2009. Last summer he unveiled new segments that had taken nearly two years to incorporate. A Solid Gold Lady appears when \$10-million worth of the precious metal disappears. His new "Magic Zone" is a six-minute, nonstop round of appearing and disappearing cast members, who play out a murder-mystery story line.



Lance Burton performs magic with a student at the Variety Club's Christmas party held in Las Vegas.

Entertainment personality and judge Robin Leach hails Burton for his "tenacity" and for "revamping and redesigning his Monte Carlo show and still proving he's the magic of magic." Television audiences may remember Burton for his appearances on *Eye on America*, *The Academy of Country Music Awards*, and several magic shows, including *The World's Greatest Magic*. He has toured Japan and taped shows for Europe, United

Kingdom, Australia, Canada, and South Africa.

Burton's signature sleight-of-hand act still opens the show as doves appear and vanish in a flash. Getting into the act is his sidekick, a parakeet named Elvis. Burton's red Corvette also flies and disappears, and the magician is stampeded when he calls for children to join him onstage, often with unexpected results.

At his anniversary party, Burton introduced his girlfriend, Gabriella Versace, star of the Rio's "Erocktica" revue. He has dated other performers and had a short-lived marriage to Melinda Saxe, "The First Lady of Magic," in the 1990s.

Burton says his life has toned down. "For me the main change is I don't stay out late like I did a couple of years ago. I'm getting older," he says. "Back in the '80s, you could do two shows and then hang out all night."

What pushed Burton to the top of the list was his charity work. Each year, he pulls in other performers for a Shriners' benefit that goes back to his Hacienda days. "This year we had the Scintas and last year we had Clint Holmes," Burton says. For Jerry Lewis' Labor Day telethon, Burton headed to the South Coast to perform on the national broadcast. The next day he answered phones at the Las Vegas Hilton to boost momentum in the final two hours of the local broadcast.

He's known for giving his time to any Las Vegas cause that needs a boost, including the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Habitat for Humanity, Arthritis Foundation, Sunshine Foundation, Las Vegas Metro Police, North Las Vegas SWAT Team, Las Vegas Marathon, and an airport tourist safety program.

His hard work and generosity have paid off, but Burton remains a man of inexpensive tastes. "I like TV dinners, fast food, sometimes sushi. I've been trying to eat more healthy, more fresh fruits," he says. "I love hamburgers, but I can't eat 'em every meal like I used to." ■

Mike Weatherford is an entertainment reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Judges included Norm Clarke of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Jerry Fink of the Las Vegas SUN, Ann Henderson of Nevada Magazine, entertainment critic Robin Leach, and Weatherford.

Clint Holmes and Rita Rudner top the list of finalists.

The panel of Las Vegas entertainment journalists was so effusive in its praise of cabaret singer Clint Holmes that only the little matter of his Harrah's Las Vegas show closing on September 30 took him out of the running.

The entertainer who was, in the words of Robin Leach, "still blowing the roof off his theater every night," spent more than six years on the Strip. The Harrah's showroom will be shared this winter by Wayne Newton, who was also considered by the judges as a candidate for Nevada Entertainer of the Year, and Rita Rudner, who placed second. Finalists included Celine Dion and Penn and Teller, and nominees included Sir Elton John, Roy Horn, Barry Manilow, and Frank Scinta.

Instead of looking for another Las Vegas showroom to house his act, the 60-year-old Holmes is pursuing another dream, developing an original stage musical, "Breathe," for London or Broadway.

The musical would set Holmes' own life as the product of a mixed-race marriage against the larger tapestry of the nightclub entertainer as an endangered species, one he is doing his best to preserve. Holmes' parents—an American black jazz singer and an English opera diva—met in England during World War II.

"He's just the best," Lance Burton says of his friend. "Clint's kind of the instigator. He's just such an outgoing, gregarious, social animal. He's the one going, 'Let's go out to dinner after the show.'"

—Mike Weatherford



Clint Holmes



Rita Rudner



Sir Elton John



Celine Dion



Wayne Newton



Barry Manilow



Penn & Teller



Roy Horn



Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas is jammed on New Year's Eve (above). Top: Candice Lai models a shimmering cocktail dress. Right: Palms owner George Maloof Jr. parties with his friends Paris (left) and Nicky Hilton. Far right: the Palms.

Dancing With the Stars

Celebrating with celebrities on New Year's Eve in Las Vegas.

By Candice Lai

When media stars like Paris Hilton or hottie actor Dean Cain party at Las Vegas' famous nightclub, the Palms' ghostbar, my husband, Joey, and I are dancing and watching the celebs as they live on the edge.

New Year's Eve is no exception. We party at the Palms almost every weekend (it helps that we're DINKs: double income, no kids), and Friday is our "date night." But there is something special about New Year's Eve—it's romantic, fun, and our favorite together-time.

For the past two years we have spent New Year's Eve at the ghostbar, which is located on the 55th floor and offers a stunning 180-degree view of the Las Vegas Valley. The nightclub has glass walls, and the outdoor deck features a see-through acrylic floor overlooking the Palms' swimming pool that gives you a sensation akin to standing on air.

Celebrities from around the world come to Vegas to ring in the New Year, and we love to check out the arrivals. Among them have been Tara Ried, Britney Spears, Chris Webber, the Hilton family, and Hugh Hefner, accompanied by his voluptuous entourage.

Planning is essential, and we start in October. Four years ago we decided to check out the Strip and found ourselves buried in an overwhelming crowd of elbow-to-elbow street partiers. Normally

officials block off the Strip and its access roads beginning about 5 p.m. and reopen the streets around 1 or 2 a.m. So, we always rent a limo.

Another year we timed our evening poorly and ended up at a Wendy's drive-thru in a stretch limo instead of joining celebrities at the Nine Steakhouse at the Palms, where the food can be astonishing. A burger just doesn't compare to a champagne caviar bar, popcorn shrimp, salad, and a filet mignon.

Evening attire presents a challenge for me—finding a "club chic" dress on a budget. In October I start scouting stores such as Nordstrom and Cache. Celebs will walk into the Palms wearing outfits priced anywhere from \$500 to \$10,000 with labels from designers such as Dolce & Gabbana, Christian Lacroix, Stella McCartney, and Oscar de la Renta. Cleavage counts and gowns are usually tight and short.

Joey only needs a week to get his tux fitted and shoes polished, so his attitude is more casual. But I've found New Year's Eve is mainly about how you feel, and what you wear can change your entire attitude. At one time, I weighed more than 150 pounds, and it seemed nothing ever looked good on me. Now that I've trimmed down to a size five, I look forward to "the search," which this year will be for something short with sequins, no back, and, hopefully, a price tag between \$200 and \$400.

Because we spend so many evenings



Joey and Candice Lai enjoy Las Vegas nightlife.

Playboy Club, Rain, and Moon at the Palms. Members receive VIP treatment, discounts on hotel and spa facilities, priority seating in restaurants, and invitations to special parties, which also allow you to buy New Year's Eve tickets early.

Last year the tickets were \$300 per person, which included an open bar from 8 to 10 p.m. and lavish hors d'oeuvres such as tuna tartar, mini-sirloin burgers, crab cakes, and mini cheesecakes. Since we didn't have to wait in line, we bypassed the three or four no-nonsense bouncers. (Those without tickets started lining up about 8 p.m. and waited until midnight when the ghostbar opened to the public at a cost from \$500 to \$1,000 per person.)

Inside, hats and noisemakers waited for us at our reserved table. Under the soft blue lighting, I sipped my Grey Goose dirty martini, and Joey ordered his Chopin and soda, which were free until 10 p.m. After that we could buy individual drinks at the

bar or purchase a bottle for \$300. When midnight approached, we raced outside to watch the Strip light up with fireworks and to drink a champagne toast. We exchanged wishes for a peaceful year and returned inside for more dancing.

Throughout the evening we chatted with celebrities, most of whom we find are pretty approachable. One night at Rain, Joey was missing. I located him as he grinned and waved at me from Jennifer Love Hewitt's private party room. He had dropped by to chat with her group. We have found that it is a good idea to treat celebrities with respect. Some are protective of their privacy—others can be rude—but most have a great sense of fun.

Speaking of fun, I keep in mind that it can come at a price. There is no magic cure for the morning after New Year's Eve.

Candice Lai is pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

New Year's Eve Around Nevada

Southern Nevada

Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas: New Year's Eve Party with five national acts, \$80. www.vegasexperience.com, 702-678-5600.

Golden Nugget, Las Vegas: Three-night package, \$750, includes deluxe accommodations. 800-634-3454.

Santa Fe Station, Las Vegas: Concert, champagne. 866-767-7771 702-658-4900.

Tuscany, Las Vegas: Free party on casino floor. 702-893-8933, 877-887-2261

Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas: Party from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Firenze Lobby Lounge. Garden festivities, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. 702-567-4600.

Texas Station, North Las Vegas: Frankie Moreno concert in Club Armadillo, \$25. 800-654-8888, 702-631-1000.

Hacienda, Boulder City: Free entertainment, 702-293-5000.

Green Valley Ranch, Henderson: Party favors and champagne toast at midnight, free. 866-782-9487 702-617-7777

Northern Nevada

Atlantis, Reno: Free champagne, balloon drop. 775-824-4700.

Eldorado, Reno: Casino floor, free entertainment; New Year's Bash in BuBinga Lounge, \$40. 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966.

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks: Dinner and Dance Party, 8 p.m., Rose Ballroom; Cracker, Celebrity Showroom. 800-648-1177

Carson (City) Horseshoe Club: Free champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and music. 775-883-2211

Casino Fandango, Carson City: Free entertainment with Fast Forward and Hindsight and champagne. 775-885-7000.

Harveys, South Lake Tahoe: Brazilian Party Night, Cabo Wabo. 800-427-8397

MontBleu, South Lake Tahoe: Blu Ball, free champagne, party favors, decorations, and national DJs (TBA), \$50 advance, \$65 at the door, 21 and older: Special bounce pass: \$75 covers two parties at Blu Ball and Opal Ultra Lounge. 800-648-3353.

Northstar-at-Tahoe Ski Resort, near Truckee: Fire and Ice Party,

fireworks, music, entertainment, food, and drinks. 530-550-2623.

Squaw Valley USA, near Truckee: DJs and live music at Le Chamois Lost Bar, Olympic House, Squaw Village and other venues. 530-583-6985.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort, California: Fireworks, live music with Sunday at Ed's. 209-258-6000.

Rural Nevada

Longstreet Inn, Amargosa Valley: Music, dinner specials. 775-372-1777

Border Inn, near Baker: Celebrate the new year twice, on Utah and Nevada time. 775-234-7300.

Stagecoach, Beatty: New Year's Eve party with live band. 775-553-2419 800-4-BIGWIN.

Commercial Hotel, Elko: Kari and Jerry, rock music. 800-648-2345, ext. 498.

Stockmen's, Elko: Midnight Riders, music from versatile Northern Nevada band. 775-738-5141

Ely Volunteer Fire Department New Year's Eve Party: Music and dancing at Bristlecone Convention Center. 800-496-9350.

Eureka Firemen's New Year's Eve Ball: Music and dancing at Eureka Opera House. 775-237-5263.

Fallon: Fireworks, fun run on New Year's Day. 775-423-7733.

Cactus Petes, Jackpot: Free champagne. 800-821 1103.

Horseshu Casino, Jackpot: Free champagne. 775-755-2321 800-821 1103.

Aquarius Resort, Laughlin: New Year's Eve party with balloon drop, champagne, and music. 702-298-5111 800-435-8469.

Saddle West, Pahrump: Entertainment. 775-727-1111

Wendover Casino: Festivities in town's casinos take place on Mountain Time. 866-299-2489

Model T, Winnemucca: Special room packages, 775-623-2588.

Dini's Lucky Club, Yerington: Live music. 775-463-2868.

Above is a sampling of New Year's Eve celebrations; for more see "Nevada Events and Shows."



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COPPER RIVETS IN THE SILVER STATE



Jacob Davis' shop was located at 31 (now 211) North Virginia Street in the 1870s.

BY LYNN DOWNEY

THE LITTLE-KNOWN STORY OF HOW LEVI'S JEANS WERE BORN IN NEVADA.



Jacob Davis

The Reno tailor devised the first riveted work pants. Top: The Nevada Jeans, made around 1885.

The world's oldest pair of jeans paid a visit to Reno last May. It was a homecoming of sorts because the idea which led to the invention of the blue jean originated in a simple tailor's shop on Reno's Virginia Street more than 130 years ago.

The story starts with Bavarian dry goods merchant Levi Strauss, who arrived in Gold Rush-era San Francisco in 1853. He imported clothing and household goods from New York and Europe, which he then sold to the small stores of the West. One of his customers was Latvian immigrant Jacob Davis, who was working as a tailor in Reno in the early 1870s and had come up with a novel idea to keep men's work pants from falling apart:

HIDDEN AWAY IN A SMALL TRUNK WERE FIVE PAIRS OF LITTLE LEVI'S BIB OVERALLS, DWIGHT'S OVERALLS, PACKED AWAY A CENTURY EARLIER BY A GRIEVING MOTHER.

Davis put metal rivets at strategic "points of strain" such as pocket seams.

Davis' trousers were so popular that he decided to patent his rivet process. He needed a business partner to get manufacturing off the ground, so he contacted Strauss, his fabric supplier. On May 20, 1873, the two received a patent for "a new pocket fastening." They soon began to make men's denim work pants with shiny, copper rivets, and Levi's—a registered trademark of Levi Strauss & Co.—was born.

Among the many customers for the new pants were the miners, carpenters, teamsters, railroaders, and other working men of ever-growing Nevada. The Levi Strauss & Co. Archives has been able to acquire some of these pants, left behind by their original owners, then rediscovered by hikers, explorers, and spelunkers.

One of the historic jeans is a pair that was found in the late 1990s in an unnamed Nevada mining town. Manufactured by Levi Strauss & Co. around 1885, this pair was auctioned on eBay in May 2001. The archives won the auction after a heart-stopping bidding war for \$46,532. The pants are not the famous 501 jeans, but an even more basic pair of riveted denim work pants. The company's historical records were lost in the 1906 earthquake and fire in San Francisco, and no one knew what the pants were called in the 1880s—so they were named the Nevada Jeans after the state where they were found.

The company's archives owns quite a few other old Levi's jeans found within Nevada's borders. One pair from the late 1920s was unearthed in a garbage clump near Gold Hill. An 1890s pair with drippings from a miner's candle came from an unknown mine, and another from an area near Goldfield.

Nevada ranchers and their families also were among these early Levi's customers, and some old denims owned by a Carson Valley family were discovered last year. They are toddler-sized bib overalls, worn by a little boy named Dwight Dangberg at the turn of the 20th century, and they are the oldest known Levi's garments in Nevada.

Dwight was the son of Gertrude and H.F. Dangberg Jr., who is recognized today as the

founder of the town of Minden. Dangberg Jr.'s parents were Heinrich and Margaret Dangberg, who owned a prosperous ranch in Carson Valley in the mid-1800s. Heinrich Sr. and his son both served in the Nevada State Senate and both made considerable but differing contributions to the growing state. The senior Dangberg died in 1904 and, tragically, so did his grandson Dwight, then a child of five.



Many generations of Dangbergs lived at the ranch until the last family member died in 1995. The state took control of the property in 2005, and the Dangberg Ranch is being developed as Nevada's newest state park in cooperation with Douglas County, the Douglas County Historical Society, and the Friends of Dangberg Ranch.

When park staff members explored the many buildings on the ranch last year, they discovered that the family had apparently never thrown anything away. Altogether there were about 19,000 items: clothing, kitchen utensils, furniture, magazines, and newspapers. Hidden away in a small trunk were five pairs of little Levi's bib overalls, Dwight's overalls, packed away a century earlier by a grieving mother.

Levi Strauss & Co. has been making chil-



Wyatt and Morgan Earp (Michael Curcio, left, and Andy Hughes, far right) hold two of the oldest Levi's children's overalls at the ceremony dedicating a plaque to Jacob Davis' Reno shop (below). They flank Davis' great-grandson, Frank Davis (middle left), and Levi's archives director Lynn Downey, with the XX Jeans.

dren's clothing since the late 19th century, and Dwight's garments were described in a catalog as "Boys' Bib Overalls, 8 oz. Blue Denim, with elastic straps." They cost \$3.25 per dozen wholesale. Mrs. Dangberg probably spent about 50 cents for Dwight's overalls at local stores like Russell Bros. in Sheridan, E.G., Carr & Co. in Gardnerville, and N. Harris in Genoa.

Once the new Dangberg Ranch State Park is open, Dwight's overalls will be on display for visitors to see. A few people got a sneak peek at the little pants last spring at a ceremony on Virginia Street.

On May 20, the 133rd anniversary of the day Davis and Strauss received their patent to make the first jeans, the Reno Historic Resources Commission unveiled a plaque at 211 North Virginia Street. The site, which was originally 31 North Virginia, is where Davis made the first pair of riveted pants. To help commemorate the event, the Dangberg bib overalls were placed on display.

Levi's Strauss & Co.'s oldest pair of Levi's 501s, known as the XX Jeans, were taken out of their fireproof safe in the archives in San Francisco and shown to the assembled crowd. These pants, made around 1879, are the closest thing to the original item made by Davis. Their appraised value of \$125,000 would no doubt astonish the old gentleman. ▀

Lynn Downey, a California writer, has been the historian for Levi Strauss & Co. in San Francisco since 1989. Jan Loverin, curator at the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center in Carson City, provided information about the Dangberg Ranch.



VEGAS GOES



BY JEFF WOLF

WESTERN

[THE NFR SPURS THE CITY'S ECONOMY AND ATTRACTS RODEO REVELERS FROM NEAR AND FAR.]

The famed dancing fountains at Bellagio haven't performed the Texas two-step yet, but it would be fitting when Las Vegas goes Western for 10 days beginning in November. That's when the world's richest rodeo—the National Finals Rodeo—makes Justin hats and Wrangler jeans fashionable everywhere in Las Vegas, even at Bellagio, one of the Strip's two five-diamond resorts.

"We might not have the volume of cowboys that some of the other properties have, but we are certainly well represented," says William McBeath, Bellagio's CEO. "It's the only time of the year you'll see black cowboy hats in Bellagio, and you'll see a lot of them."

November and December were slow months in Las Vegas until the rodeo arrived 21 years ago. But the NFR is more than a rodeo—it's a cultural experience where the history and traditions of the American West are celebrated. When the NFR is in town, it isn't just the contestants and livestock workers wearing boots, jeans, and cowboy hats. Thousands of rodeo fans descend on the city, and Las Vegas as well as visitors go Western for the duration.

"To us, it's the greatest sporting event in the world," says former Las Vegas resident Jack Watson, 81, who with his wife, 74-year-old Bertha, has attended every NFR event since the finals began in 1959 in Dallas. The pair always have down-front seats. "Each night they put a camera on us, and an announcer tells our history," Watson says. "It's quite an honor. People all over the country call me and say, 'We seen you at the rodeo on TV.'"

Watson, a former Oklahoma rancher and saddlebronc and bull

rider, worked at the Nevada Test Site while his wife was a costumer at the Tropicana in the 1960s. Today, they make an annual trek from their New Mexico home to Las Vegas, where the finals moved in 1985. "It's the one place where the people with Western heritage and cattlemen get to meet and have a reunion," Watson says. "We've got friends in nine states, and we all go there to enjoy the rodeo."

The \$6-million finals open November 30 at the Thomas and Mack Center, the culmination of nearly a year of intense competition. From January to November, professional rodeo athletes travel across America to nearly 200 competitions. The top 15 contenders in each of seven events—bareback, saddle-bronc and bull riding, calf and team roping, steer wrestling, and for the women, barrel racing—qualify for the NFR.

The NFR officially kicks off on the eve of opening night when

Visitors peruse the merchandise at Cowboy Christmas, a huge gift fair at the Las Vegas Convention Center held during the National Finals Rodeo (top left). The NFR kicks off with a party at the Fremont Street Experience (top right). Bottom: A saddle-bronc rider competes.



the Fremont Street Experience hosts the “Downtown Hoedown,” which this year features Ricochet, Little Texas, Deana Carter, and Trick Pony. Over the next 10 days most of the biggest names in country take over many resort stages—including such stars as Brooks & Dunn, Tracy Lawrence, Randy Travis, Charlie Daniels, and Tanya Tucker. Like other Las Vegas tourists, those visiting for the NFR also enjoy the Strip’s usual roundup of top-rated entertainment, shopping, fine dining, and gambling.

For the competing cowboys and cowgirls, the focus is on winning money and the ultimate prizes: gold buckles for eight world champions and one for the All-Around World Champ, as well as national-television exposure on ESPN. World champions are determined by total money earned throughout the year, and for most competitors the NFR can determine whether or not the year has been profitable.

Last year, All-Around World Champion Ryan Jarrett, a Georgian who will be 23 on December 28, was the only NFR contestant to qualify for two events, calf roping and steer wrestling. He won \$114,718 during the NFR to push his season total to \$263,665 and become the second youngest to win the all-around buckle.

Diehard fans celebrate nightly at the Gold Coast, where after the rodeo the winners of each event are presented with gold belt buckles for being the best in their round of competition—commonly called a “go-round.” Round winners receive \$15,000, and the top performers over the 10 rounds in each event also earn a bonus of \$40,000, both of which count toward the world rankings.

“DECEMBER USED TO BE THE MONTH WHEN WE’D CHANGE THE CARPET AND PAINT THE CEILINGS.”

NEVADANS TO WATCH Five Nevadans have good chances of qualifying for this year’s National Finals Rodeo.

Team roping brothers **Jay** and **Randon Adams** of Logandale consistently have been in the top 10 most of the year. Header Jay, 22, is trying to make his first NFR, while it would be the second for heeler Randon, 24. Jay was the team-roping top rookie in 2003, and Randon was the top rookie the previous year.

Matt Shiozawa, 26, qualified for his first NFR in calf roping last year and finished the season eighth in the final standings with \$125,381. He lives in Pocatello, Idaho, but spends considerable time

WHEN YOU GO

The 48th annual National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas is sold out this year, as it has been for the past 16 years, but that doesn’t mean you can’t attend one of the 10 performances and share in the event atmosphere. The finals run from November 30 through December 9. Each year, event promoter Las Vegas Events offers two options for those without tickets. The NFR Ticket Exchange is located at the Cowboy Christmas Gift Show in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Folks who have tickets but can’t attend leave their tickets at the exchange, where they are sold for face value and a \$2-per-ticket handling fee.

The Mad Dash 30 allows you to buy an admission ticket for \$37.50, and you have until 30 minutes after the rodeo begins to find an empty seat in the balcony, or you can return to the ticket office for a refund. You also can opt to remain in the center and watch the event from the concourse on closed-circuit television.

Call 866-388-3267 or visit www.NFRexperience.com for more information.—Jeff Wolf

The Gold Coast is packed with fans, ranch workers, ranch owners, and rodeo groupies, dubbed “buckle bunnies,” for the awards presentation. It is the high point of a nightly party that’s free to those who arrive early enough to find floor space.

near Logandale, where he was an all-state basketball player at Moapa Valley High School.

Paul Jones of Elko has been ranked consistently among the top-five bareback riders this year and will likely qualify for his first NFR. The 28-year-old won eight major rodeo titles this summer.

Battling for a spot in his second straight NFR is **Cody Hintz**, 24, of Spring Creek. The team-roping heeler is on the cusp of cracking the top 15 after finishing 2005 ranked No. 15. He got a boost on September 30 by placing fifth in the ProRodeo Tour Summer Finale in Omaha, Nebraska.—Jeff Wolf

A barrel racer and saddle-bronc rider in action at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas (left and middle). Lights shine in the Thomas and Mack Center arena (right). Opposite page: Charlie Daniels is one of the many top musicians to appear at Las Vegas hotel-casinos during the NFR (left). Daniels and his band will play December 4 at the House of Blues in Mandalay Bay.



A rider waves the American flag during a Gay Rodeo.

If fans miss the rodeo, they can watch replays of the previous night's action on a big-screen TV at the Cowboy Christmas Gift Show, held at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Deals can be had on Western apparel—for human and horse—and Western-themed arts and crafts from more than 400 vendors. Prices range from \$10 to several thousand dollars for artwork (want to buy a barbed wire sculpture?), jewelry, furniture, and horse trailers.

Although rodeo is a big part of Nevada's heritage, Western-style culture in Las Vegas goes back only to the annual Helldorado Days, a rodeo and cowboy festival contrived in the mid-1930s to attract tourists. The late Southern Nevada historian Frank Wright once said that the image of Las Vegas as a cowboy town is as authentic as the Eiffel Tower at the Paris hotel-casino. Wright noted, "Las Vegas billing itself as an Old West town was deliberate public relations."

In the 1980s casino pioneer and cowboy Benny Binion (who died in 1989) encouraged city officials and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to bring the NFR from Oklahoma City to Las Vegas. Until the move in 1985, the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas had been a time of layoffs and repairs.

"Before the NFR, December in Las Vegas used to be the month when we'd change the carpet and paint the ceilings," says Michael Gaughan, chief executive of Coast Resorts and part-time rancher. "December was a disaster for business. You'd roll up the streets around here. You'd furlough your employees. You'd half close down the joints."

Only a few casinos were prepared for the crowd of 140,000 at the first NFR. Las Vegas Rick Rosen, 53, was a dealer at the Silver Slipper in 1985, but grew up near Pueblo, Colorado, where he was a rodeo fan. He knew what was riding in on the horizon. Rosen, who was the host of a sports talk radio show at the time, says, "Sure enough, when the NFR came to town, we were doing double shifts, and we had pit bosses dealing blackjack. We didn't have enough people."

Las Vegas would never be caught off guard again. The rodeo became a sellout after four years and has sold out every year since, bringing in more than 3.5 million spectators and an estimated \$590 million in revenue.

Today, a bevy of cowboys and cowgirls in their boots, hats, and jeans, along with thousands of others with a passion for one of America's oldest sports, keep the cash registers ringing on casino row and Nevada's cowboy culture riding high. ■

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GAY RODEO RETURNS

IGRA FINALS RIDE INTO RENO AFTER A 21-YEAR BREAK.

By Merrie Leininger

The competitors in the International Gay Rodeo Association Finals take their work seriously, but they also know how to have fun. The 2006 championship event in Reno will offer dancing in Doc's Bar and competitions like the "drag race," where a competitor dressed in drag rides a steer.

Reno activist Phil Ragsdale organized the first gay rodeo in Reno 30 years ago as a fund-raiser for muscular dystrophy research. It ended after nine years due to financial difficulties, but during those years the event became the model for gay rodeos throughout the West.

The IGRA, formed in 1985, now has 20 member organizations representing 25 states and Canadian provinces. This year the High Sierra Gay Rodeo Association will bring the finals to the Reno Livestock Events Center on November 10-12.

Reno's Brian Chew, president of the association, says gay and straight cowboys and cowgirls will compete in bull riding, calf roping, bronc riding, and barrel racing for fun, belt buckles, and a small purse. "The nice thing about gay rodeo is the livestock doesn't know you're gay and doesn't care," Chew says.

The top 20 cowboys and cowgirls from the IGRA season are invited. "These are the best of the best," Chew says. "We have all the traditional events and the camp events, too." By "camp," Chew means off-the-wall competitions such as dressing a goat and the drag race.

The highlight for Chew, however, is the competitors' camaraderie and hard work. "These people have so much heart and so much try," he says. "The ones who stand out to me are the ones who are having difficulties at the beginning of a season, and seven or eight rodeos later, they are smoking."

Casino sponsors will bus out-of-town visitors around Reno, to parties at the Grand Sierra Resort (the event's main sponsor), and on a pub crawl. The skybox overlooking the livestock arena will be transformed into Doc's Bar, with tunes spun by San Francisco DJs, and will be open to everyone.

A \$35 combination package for both Saturday and Sunday performances and the Saturday night dance can be purchased at www.renogayrodeo.com. For more information, call Chew at 775-691-6559.

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HOT SOUP AND SNOWSHOES

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association
offers winter hikes at Lake Tahoe.

By Tim Hauserman

The nearly-full moon poked its shiny face from behind the clouds and lit up the blanket of white around us. The snow crunched softly under our snowshoes, but otherwise we were silent, too stunned by the views to speak. In the distance the dark hulk of Mount Rose disappeared into the night while bright ribbons of white spun below it. We could see the moon's reflection on the still surface of Lake Tahoe, and above the mountains of the west shore, dozens of glittering stars.

Nine of us were on one of six snowshoe treks led by Tahoe Rim Trail Association volunteers last winter. We hiked from the Mount Rose trailhead on the ridge above Tamarack Peak until the sounds of civilization disappeared and we could hear only the plopping of our snowshoes. It was a wonderful night, cool but not too cold, and the terrain—some uphill, some downhill—was suitable for beginners and experts alike.

While everyone did some huffing and puffing, we took frequent breaks to enjoy the view. Three hours and about four miles later, we were back at the trailhead, where Tahoe Rim Trail Association leaders provided us with hot chocolate and a smile.

The moonlight trek is one of several day and evening snowshoe adventures offered by the Tahoe Rim Trail Association. The winter trails program made its debut last January and was such a success that volunteers plan to increase the number of hikes this year.

One of the highlights of last winter's program was the Hot Soup and Snowshoes Hike at Page Meadows on Lake Tahoe's west shore. The group took the four-mile hike on a beautiful, sunny day. The sky was a deep blue, and the snow sparkled. After a short walk through the trees, the snowshoers reached the five wide-open fields that make up Page Meadows, where they clomped through meadow after meadow, enjoying the views of Twin Peaks and Grouse Rock high on the Sierra crest.

Earlier, the leaders had hiked into the area, set up camping stoves, and prepared hot soup for the participants—who, after all that hiking, were ready for the feast. "Snowshoeing works up an appetite," says trip leader Alexis Ollar. "I have never seen such

One of the great things about snowshoeing is just about everybody can do it—and you don't need to take a lesson.

big smiles as we handed the participants their steaming-hot cups of soup. Everyone warmed up and was ready to finish the hike."

One of the great things about snowshoeing is just about everybody can do it—and you don't need to take a lesson. It is basically like walking with big feet. If you don't own a pair of snowshoes you can rent or purchase them from Lake Tahoe and Reno area ski shops and outdoor stores. Many people like to snowshoe with poles, so you can give them a try.

You will also need the type of warm clothing that you might wear cross-country skiing, a backpack or fanny pack, water, and snacks. You will warm up quickly, so dress in layers. You can carry water-resistant layers in your pack. There is one rule of etiquette to remember: If possible, avoid snowshoeing on top of existing cross-

country ski tracks as this wrecks the tracks for skiers.

Snowshoeing enables you to spend time enjoying the snow away from the resort crowds. Night or day, it is a refreshing way to be outside in the winter—but snowshoeing at night holds a special place in my heart. Once you have spent an evening on the moonlit snow, you will never look at the moon quite the same way again. ❧

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Opposite page: A view of Lake Tahoe from the Mount Rose Highway overlook. **Inset:** A happy snowshoer holds his bowl of soup on a snowshoe hike last winter. **Right:** An experienced snowshoer.

TRAIL INFORMATION

The Tahoe Rim Trail Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining and promoting the Tahoe Rim Trail. In addition to the snowshoe hikes, the association sponsors Winter Trails Day in February. The event includes winter sports and games and educational talks on topics such as winter safety, tree identification, and identifying animal tracks in the snow. Call 775-298-0012 or visit www.tahoerimtrail.org for more information about the Tahoe Rim Trail, programs, and events.



The Family Business

Growing lavender is a passion for Mike and Kristen Harris.

By Erin Meehan Breen



"All of a sudden it struck me. We had everything we needed to grow lavender ourselves."

Mike and Kristen Harris gather lavender at Lavender Ridge. The couple grow and process the aromatic herb at an old Reno farmstead on West Fourth Street.

Although in late fall Lavender Ridge's fields of plump purple blossoms have been harvested, you still can take in the herb's intoxicating aroma—a scent Kristen Harris describes as "heaven on earth"—at the gift shop where lavender oil, soap, and dried bouquets are sold.

Kristen and her husband, Mike, own and operate Lavender Ridge, the only working lavender farm in Nevada. Kristen can tell you anything you want to know about the plant, such as which varieties grow best in Nevada's high desert and which types can be used for

potpourri, oil, and cooking.

Lavender Ridge is nestled between the Truckee River and the hills west of downtown Reno, a mile and a half past West McCarran Boulevard on West Fourth Street. The 1920s farmstead sits on one and a quarter acres. Two huge fields are planted in lavender, which in summer burst with color and scent.

The Harrises originally bought the place so



Kristen packages oils, soaps, potpourri, and sachets in her basement workshop.



Rows and rows of lavender plants soak up the summer sun (top). Right: Bundles of lavender sit in a basket during the harvest, which takes place in late fall.



**"We do work hard,
but I wouldn't trade it
for anything."**



Visitors can buy products at the gift shop, located in the former farmhouse at Lavender Ridge.

Mike could store equipment for his landscaping business. "It was a mess back then," Kristen remembers. "We had a lot of cleaning up to do just to use the barns for storage." Now the buildings also serve as drying barns for lavender, and the original farmhouse has been remodeled into a workshop and a gift shop where Kristen sells her products.

The couple discovered working lavender farms while on a vacation to New Zealand in 1999. "All of a sudden it struck me," Kristen says. "We had everything we needed to grow

lavender ourselves." Mike's background as a horticulturist, landscaper, and chemist coupled with Kristen's business experience formed the perfect mix. Mike knew Northern Nevada's climate was suited for growing lavender and began researching the different types. Kristen focused her attention on developing products.

More than 3,000 plants in eight varieties produce enough lavender oil to keep their shelves stocked with lotions, soaps, oils, salves, scrubs, teas, and cooking herbs. Dried lavender blooms are used for potpourri, arrangements, and sachets. Two beehives are housed in an old treehouse near the fields. The bees pollinate the lavender and produce the honey sold in the gift shop.

The family puts in long hours. Mike distills the oil from the lavender buds in an industrial still. In her basement workshop Kristen formulates, bottles, and packages the products. Their two teenage boys, Cameron and Ryan, help at farmer's markets and with harvesting.

"We do work hard, but I wouldn't trade it for anything," Kristen says. "I spend my time tending lavender and thinking of creative ways to package it. We offer group tours a chance to cut their own lavender and even have lavender cooking classes. Can life be any sweeter than that?"

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Earning Their Wings

Dennis and Tami Buehn restore vintage aircraft.

By Elizabeth Hogue



Dennis and Tami Buehn pose in front of an Albatross seaplane at American Warbirds Inc. Top: Dennis works on an airplane engine.

Whether he's building miniature models or restoring old warbirds, Dennis Buehn has been occupied with planes all his life. The walls of his office at the Carson City Airport are covered with memorabilia showcasing his love for aviation. An old wooden propeller hangs in the center of his collection, surrounded by photographs and posters of planes that he has built and flown. "It is such a unique and spectacular thing to be able to fly and be free to navigate as you please," Dennis says.

At their company, American Warbirds

Inc., Buehn and his wife Tami have been restoring warplanes since 1988. Under military contract, they also inspect and fly aircraft for the air force's test pilot school. While Tami takes the planes apart, Dennis performs the inspections.

The two specialize in restoring the Albatross seaplane and the AT6 Texan fighter for private pilots. "The Albatross is the large, luxury yacht-type plane, while the Texan is more like a sports car," Dennis says. He fell in love with the Albatross when he earned his wings in the Navy in the 1970s, but he has found a new kind of excitement in his World

War II-era Texan, the Midnight Miss III, which he enters in the Reno Air Races. This year he took second in the Gold Heat.

It can take one to three years and thousands of dollars to restore an airplane, but Dennis says he can't imagine doing anything else. "I enjoy creating a life out of a pile of parts," he says. "Most people don't like what they do at work, and I work at what I like."

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In 1939, the University of Nevada campus included Artemisia Hall (left, built in 1926 and now gone), and the 1896 Lincoln Hall, today a dormitory for male students.

College on a Shoestring

A 1941 graduate of the **University of Nevada** recalls counting his pennies in **Reno**.

When Ted Rischard entered the University of Nevada in 1939 to earn a mining engineering degree, the Great Depression still lingered. The 20-year-old Balboa Island, California, man and his fellow Mackay School of Mines students would find ways to stretch their meager incomes.

Rischard's daughter, Carolyn Fox, a longtime photographer and *Nevada Magazine* contributor, helped coordinate photos for her 87-year-old father's autobiography. One chapter, "College on a Shoestring," relates his two years at the Reno campus—he had completed his first two years at Santa Ana Junior College in Santa Ana, California. Rischard was able to include many details of this period of his life thanks to the letters he wrote to his parents and his future wife, Maureen McClintock, who was living in Costa Mesa, California, and attending SAJC.

It was a hot August morning when Rischard—at the wheel of his 1929 Franklin nicknamed Betsy—and his childhood friend Bill Kerns arrived in Reno. They found housing scarce and rental rates high, but they finally procured a little place at 926½ West Second Street. Rischard writes: "It had a good-size kitchen with a big wood stove for cooking, heating, and heating the water, a bedroom with a single and double bed, and a small bathroom with toilet and tub. The rent was \$22.50 per month."

The students christened the house "Bachelor's Arms," and although they ad-



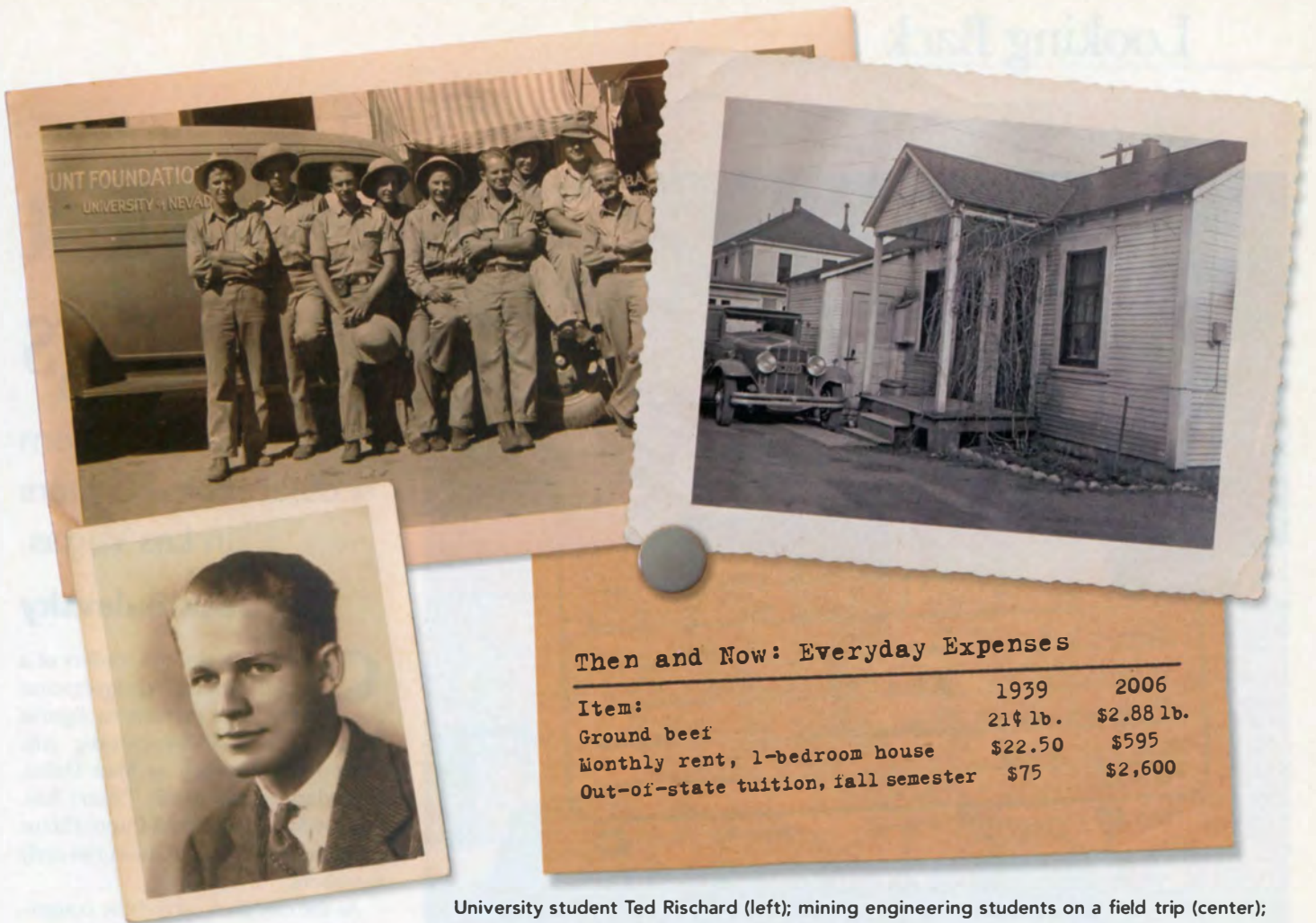
Ted and Maureen Rischard drove the restored Betsy to their 50th-anniversary party in 1992.

hered to a strict budget, Rischard was determined to eat as well as he could. One evening Kerns wanted to make a big pot of oatmeal for supper and have the rest for breakfast. Rischard would not go for that: "I persisted, and we often had beef stew or pot roast with potatoes, carrots, and onions cooked in a cast-iron Dutch oven. One time we made a pot of dry lima beans and could not believe how they swelled up. It took us four nights to eat them all."

Although prices in those days were low—pot roast cost 27 cents a pound, ground beef, 21 cents—Rischard's income

was equally low. His out-of-state tuition for the fall semester was \$75, and his part-time job cleaning the display cabinets at the mineral museum (now the W.M. Keck Museum) paid him 37½ cents an hour, a sum he was happy to earn.

The students were frugal with their mid-day meal: "Much of the time we would have a very inexpensive lunch at school. We would bring a can of soup into the assay lab, light a Bunsen burner and place the soup in a beaker to heat...I am sure the profs knew what we were doing because we could not hide the aroma of the



Then and Now: Everyday Expenses

Item:	1939	2006
Ground beef	21¢ lb.	\$2.88 lb.
Monthly rent, 1-bedroom house	\$22.50	\$595
Out-of-state tuition, fall semester	\$75	\$2,600

University student Ted Rischard (left); mining engineering students on a field trip (center); Betsy is parked in front of "Bachelor's Arms" (right).

soup cooking, but no one objected. Times were tight for everybody!"

The roommates shopped for groceries at Sewell's Market, located just west of Virginia Street on Commercial Row. They liked the store because it had a bakery where they could buy their bread, and: "After we had collected \$10 worth of register receipts, we could get a nice frosted two-layer cake free."

Rischard continued to be careful with his money during the second semester. He was disappointed he couldn't attend a major springtime event at the school, the Military Ball: "I was missing the social affairs and feminine company I had enjoyed with Maureen at Christmas and would like to have gone. However, in one of my letters home I noted three reasons why I could not...Renting a tux, the tickets, and a corsage would come to at least \$10."

Over the summer break Rischard and Kerns joined a two-month field trip paid for by the Hunt Foundation. They toured mines in eastern Nevada, spending time in Panaca, Caliente, Ely, Red House (location of the Getchell Mine), and Winnemucca. During a short stay at home before re-

turning to his final year at the University of Nevada, he claimed \$1,000 left to him by his grandfather.

Rischard continued his part-time jobs and put his \$1,000 in the bank. He worked six hours a week in the lab for Professor Harry E. Wheeler and corrected papers for \$15 a month. He also cleaned Professor Walter S. Palmer's lab: "I took it upon myself to wash all his equipment and tried to keep the lab neat and clean...I kept track of my time and he was happy with the arrangement, so I did this for both of my last semesters. At 37½ cents an hour I did not make a lot, but every little bit helped."

Rischard was awarded a bachelor of science degree in Mining and Metallurgical Engineering on May 12, 1941. He started work at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California, six months before Pearl Harbor, and after McClintock graduated from the University of Southern California, the two were married in July 1942. Three years later Rischard entered the U.S. Navy and served as an engineering officer during the last months of World War II. In 1960, Rischard left Douglas Aircraft to manage the family's

commercial real estate development.

Betsy, which had faithfully transported the two roommates over the Sierra Nevada to Reno and back several times during their tenure at the University of Nevada, was restored in 1992. That July, Maureen and Ted Rischard drove the car to their 50th wedding anniversary party in Santa Ana.—*Joyce Hollister* ▀



Carolyn Fox (right) helped her father Ted Rischard coordinate photos for the "College on a Shoestring" chapter of his 800-page autobiography, which he recently published to present to his family. His wife, Maureen, died in 2001. Betsy sits in the garage at his home in Tustin, California.



Chief Rabbi Felipe Goodman (left) and Canton Daniel Friedman stand in the courtyard of the ultramodern Temple Beth Sholom, the home of the oldest formal Jewish congregation in Las Vegas. Right: The synagogue's first home in 1946.



Modest Beginnings

Temple Beth Sholom celebrates 60 years in Las Vegas.

By Jack Bulavsky

Sixty years ago the leaders of a small Jewish congregation were also prominent figures in a small-but-growing city. Casino moguls such as Moe Dalitz, legendary owner of the Desert Inn, and Jay Sarno, who built Circus Circus and Caesars Palace, are two of its early members.

As the city grew, so did the congregation of Temple Beth Sholom, today one of the most modern Jewish houses of worship in the southwestern United States. The city is Las Vegas, which began as a dusty, desert railroad town and over the past six decades has grown into a glittering entertainment capital.

"Temple Beth Sholom is a symbol of the first Jews who came to Las Vegas," says Rabbi Felipe Goodman, who has been chief rabbi since 1998. "The synagogue gave them a place to call their own. Their impact at the time was enormous. Even today, our members are involved in the daily life of the city and state, including gaming and business executives, judges, and political leaders like Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman and Congresswoman Shelley Berkley."

Several movie stars were married at the temple. Many have been known to *daven* (pray) during Jewish holidays, and their children have had their Bar or Bat Mitzvah there. Sandy Mallin, past president of the temple and 30-year member, says Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher were married at Temple Beth Sholom in 1959, and last

year actor Tony Curtis appeared during Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

"We have had many Hollywood and Strip entertainers attend services over the years who didn't want any recognition," Mallin says. "We've always honored that request. But I can tell you that all the major hotel people back then were members, including Jack Entratter, Mel Exber, Moe Dalitz, Jay Sarno, Jerry Turk, and Steve Wynn. We were a gathering place in the early years for the community. Former U.S. Senator Richard Bryan sent his children to the temple's preschool, as did Michael Gaughan from Coast Resorts."

"We were a gathering place in the early years for the community."

Temple Beth Sholom was established in 1946 as the first formal Jewish congregation in Las Vegas. The Conservative synagogue began as a modest downtown building at the corner of Carson Street and Maryland Parkway, moved to East Oakey Boulevard where it remained for 35 years, and six years ago moved into an ultramodern, seven-acre facility in the Summerlin area of Las Vegas.

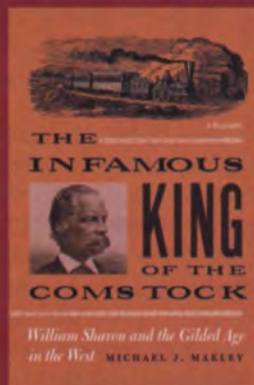
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The complex houses the Sandra and Stanley Mallin Early Childhood Center, Judy and Ron Mack Religious School, the Solomon Schechter Day School, and the Warsaw Ghetto Remembrance Garden, built with hundreds of stones from the streets of the World War II-era Warsaw Ghetto in Poland. The memorial pays tribute to the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust.

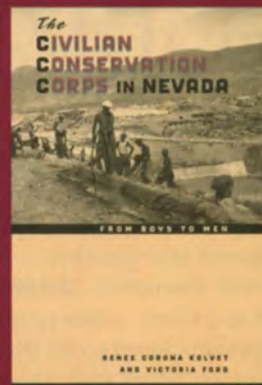
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Jack Bulavsky, a longtime Nevada Magazine contributor, lives in Henderson.

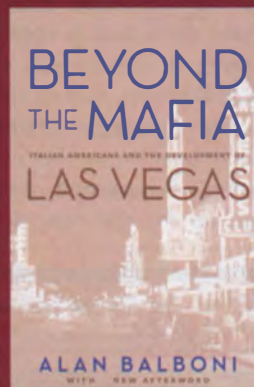
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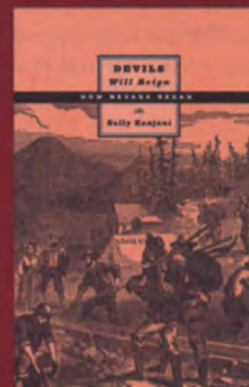
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Crazy for Poker



The poker craze keeps growing—players are everywhere, and casinos are opening additional poker rooms, remodeling old ones, and scheduling one tournament after another.

In Las Vegas, the downtown **Golden Nugget** relocated its 24-hour poker room to a remodeled, semi-enclosed room that features 10 smoke-free tables with plush seating and first-class service. Amateurs and professionals can buy in daily to the Texas hold 'em tournaments at 11 a.m., 7 p.m., and 1 a.m. For beginners, free poker lessons are held daily at 10 a.m.

Also downtown, **Fitzgeralds** opened the Fitz Poker Room on the second floor with daily no-limit Texas hold 'em tournaments.

At the **Silverton** on the south end of the Strip, free poker lessons are offered Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. in the

casino's new nonsmoking, poker room with oversized chairs and plasma screens.

In North Las Vegas, the **Cannery Casino** opened a room with 14 tables that feature low- and medium-limit Texas hold 'em, Omaha, and 7-card stud. Texas hold 'em tournaments are held daily at 10 a.m. Players can walk across the casino floor to Vino's Ristorante and Deli for some great pizza and sandwiches.

The **Atlantis** in Reno has introduced a new poker game. Texas hold 'em bonus is played just like the game everyone watches on television. Each player receives two cards and is able to bet four times: on the first two cards, again on the flop, then the turn, and on the final card. The beauty of this game is that the player only has to beat the dealer's hand to win.

At Reno's **Peppermill**, serious players can sign up for the nine-day, \$750,000

Fall Poker Tournament that begins November 10. The casino offers several poker tournaments including a ladies-only, no-limit Texas hold 'em tournament (\$30 buy-in) every Monday at 7 p.m.

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Now, that's what I would call a good week in Vegas. ♠

Jack Bulavsky's gaming column is a regular Nevada Magazine feature.

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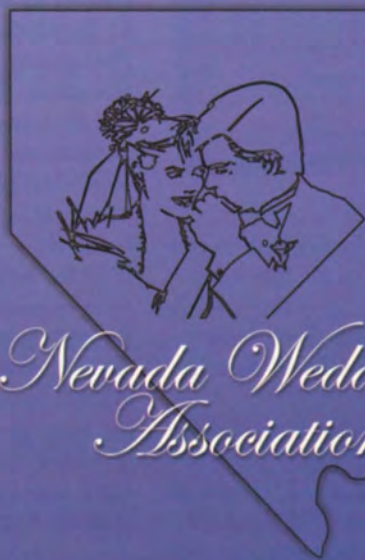
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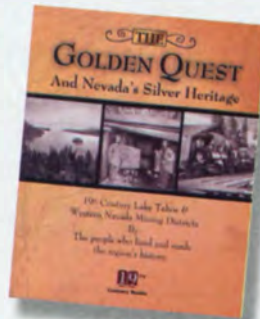
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By Mike White. University of Nevada Press, MS 166, Reno, NV 89557, 775-784-6573, www.unpress.nevada.edu. 213 pages, 20 b&w photos, 36 maps, \$18.95, paper (ISBN 0-87417-629-8). This outdoor hiking guide highlights some of Nevada's most diverse and beautiful trails. Hikes range in skill level from families with children to expert rock climbers. Each route is described in detail, accompanied by maps and direc-

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Edited by Paula Bowden. 19th Century Books, 1001 Art Rd., Pilot Hill, CA 95664, 916-933-4490, www.19thCentury.us. 160 pages, 139 b&w photos, \$21.95, paper (ISBN 0-9766976-4-5). Drawn from the diaries, history books, and letters written by the settlers of the western Nevada mining districts, this book gives true, first-person accounts of life in the mid-19th century. Photos and maps of the era help to give a sense of place as you read about the settling of the Silver State.



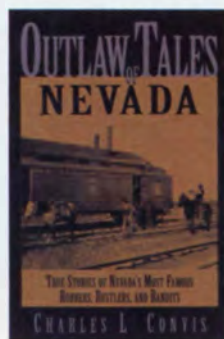
The Infamous King of the Comstock: William Sharon and the Gilded Age in the West

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Fabulous Las Vegas

Photography by Larry Hanna. Text by Jackie Brett. Beautiful America Publishing Co., P.O. Box 244, Woodburn, OR 97071, 800-874-1233, www.beautifulamericapub.com. 80 pages, 55 color photos, \$24.95, hardcover (ISBN 0-89802-815-9). Hanna and Brett, from Las Vegas, collaborate to give readers the "behind-the-scenes" look at Sin City, revealing the many quirks that only an insider could know. The color photos alongside each story help to bring the city's history, gaming, and trends to life.



Desert to Dream: A Decade of Burning Man Photography

Photography by Barbara Traub. Immedium, Inc., P.O. Box 31846, San Francisco, CA 94131, www.immedium.com. 160 pages, 150 color and b&w photos, \$29.95, hardcover (ISBN 1-59702-003-6).

Critically acclaimed photographer Barbara Traub takes readers on a stunning visual journey that brings to life 10 years of Burning Man, an annual weeklong gathering in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. The event, also known as the Black Rock Arts Festival, attracts about 40,000 people from around the world who pay homage to human imagination through unusual costumes—or, in some cases, no costumes at all—and other forms of art. The book also includes a foreword and afterword by Burning Man founder Larry Harvey.



Strike: Beyond Top Gun

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Suzanne Somers stopped traffic with her performance as the beautiful blonde in the T-Bird in the 1973 film classic, American Graffiti. Despite no lines and only a few minutes on screen, her smoldering looks had the movie's characters and fans asking, "Who was that woman?" Since then, the 60-year-old actress's successful entertainment career and business empire has kept her in front of the public eye. Somers can be seen in the syndicated TV show, Three's Company, in which she played the role of Chrissy Snow from 1977 to 1982. The fitness guru of ThighMaster fame, Somers also has a skin care line, has written diet books (Get Skinny on Fabulous Food), and promotes spirituality and a positive mind-set (365 Ways to Change Your Life). Somers resides in Los Angeles with her husband, Alan Hanel. They have three children, Leslie, 44, Stephen, 41, and Bruce, 40.



Suzanne Somers performs at the Orleans in November.

I opened for the first time in Las Vegas at the old MGM Grand (now Bally's) in March 1980. It was a thrilling beginning to a wonderful and important part of my career.

Over the years, I've played Caesars Palace, the Sahara, the Desert Inn, and the Las Vegas Hilton. I built a great ranch house 25 miles northwest of the Strip and loved living in Vegas. During the day, I played with my 200 animals and at night I crazied up my hair, painted on my makeup, and drove into town to perform.

We had several varieties of exotic chickens, ducks, and geese that ran free in a fenced five-acre area with a pond in the middle. Wild turkeys and migrating Canada geese would drop by for a visit. I loved feeding the flocks, all except for a goose named Jake who preferred Alan.

My favorite time was the years at the Las Vegas Hilton when I starred in "Moulin Rouge." Henry Lewin, who was president of the Hilton, had produced the show and was disappointed when most nights there were more people on stage than in the audience.

To save the show, he asked me if I would

open the production, do my cabaret act in the middle, and close the performance riding Tanya the elephant (we wore identical headdresses and became really good friends).

We sold out two shows a night for most of the three years I was there. It was

**"I promise they will
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feeling really good."**

thrilling to see the audience lining up each night in the casino.

In 1990, I decided to go back to television and spent seven years with Patrick Duffy on *Step by Step*. Other shows I've starred in include *Candid Camera*, *The Suzanne Somers Show*, and *She's the Sheriff*. I also have written 16 books, of which the latest, *Ageless*, the follow-up to the best-seller, *The Sexy Years*, was released on October 9.

Until now, I've continued performing in theaters and for corporate events and lecturing. Last summer I went to Broadway with my one-woman musical, "The Blonde in the Thunderbird."

I love Las Vegas, whether I'm on stage or in the audience. I have seen most of the great entertainers over the years and have worked with the exceptional ones, including George Burns and Bob Hope. After all these years, I am returning to Las Vegas with a brand-new show. I expect to see my friends from the '80s and a whole new generation. I promise they will leave the show feeling really good and happy they have spent the evening with me.

I never break a promise. ♠

SHOW NOTES

Suzanne Somers returns to a Las Vegas showroom for the first time in 16 years when she performs her cabaret act November 9-12 at the Orleans in Las Vegas. Show times are 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39.95 plus tax. Call 702-365-7065 or visit www.orleanscasino.com/entertainment for details.

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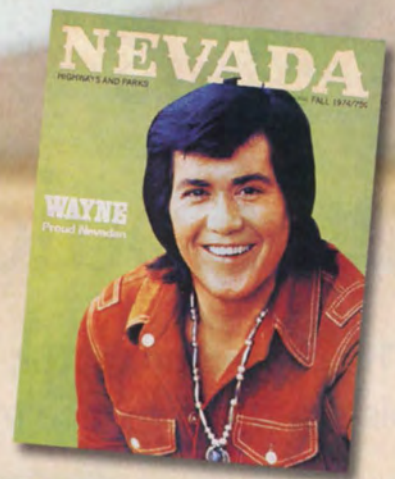
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Q&A

Louie Anderson

The **comedian, actor, and author** discusses Las Vegas, his pre-performance mantra, and **blowing off steam**.



The 10th of 11 children, Louie Anderson harbored plenty of angst growing up in a poor Minnesota family. A career in comedy provided the perfect release. “My way of letting off some steam is to go and perform,” says the 53-year-old stand-up comic, who appears six nights a week at the Excalibur in Las Vegas.

The struggles that confronted Anderson’s family in the Minneapolis projects are the focus of his act, but the 5-foot-11 jokester touches on other topics, such as his battle with his weight. Anderson has written self-help books, including *The F Word: How to Survive Your Family* and *Dear Dad, Letters From an Adult Child*. He also co-founded Homeless Empowerment Relationship Organization (H.E.R.O.), which helps the homeless.

Anderson—former host of the television show *Family Feud*—splits his time between Las Vegas and Los Angeles, owning homes in both cities. Anderson’s parents, Louie and Ora, moved to Carson City in 1973 and retired there. Louie died in 1979 and Ora in 1990. Anderson visited his parents often and dropped dimes in the slots at the Carson Nugget. These days, Anderson is more health-conscious. Having just returned from the gym, Anderson talked to *Nevada Magazine’s* associate editor, Matthew B. Brown, in August.

Q What do you like about Las Vegas?

A Anybody can come here and have a great time. They can go to the best restaurants, see the best entertainment, and once in a while hit a jackpot that changes their life. That’s the exception, but they can stay in a beautiful room, get a chance to be a kid as an adult, and leave their cares and woes behind for a few days. It’s everybody’s chance to blow off some steam.

Q How is life in Las Vegas treating you?

A It’s been a little hot. I’ve had a hard time getting used to that. It’s a dry heat. That’s what people always say (laughs). It’s so hot the devil left three days ago. A hundred’s a hundred. I don’t care how dry it is.

Q Speaking of your book, *The F Word: How to Survive Your Family*, what advice do you have about family dynamics?

A The thing that’s really apparent in families is that they don’t change much, and you should stop trying to think that your family can change. Really look at where your family came from. When dealing with your family, make sure your emotional fuel tank is full.

Q In 1984, you made your television debut on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson. What was that like?

To go on a show like that back then, that was it for a comedian. It kind of made your career overnight. I went from making \$500 a week to \$1,000 a night after *The Tonight Show*.

Q Do you find it difficult to try to be funny every night?

A I know people have taken their time, spent their money, and made the appointment to see me, and I can’t afford to not be funny. Right before I go on, I do a little mantra, and I leave my troubles at the base of the stage. I can always pick them up on the way back down when I’m done performing.

Q What’s your goal as a comedian?

A To make people forget about the problems they might have for that hour that they’re seeing me. I’d like them to forget their troubles and woes for that time. People are under a lot of stress in this world. I want you to go out of there going, “Oh, man, I laughed so hard my side hurts.”

For an extended interview, visit www.nevadamagazine.com.

SHOW NOTES

Louie Anderson’s “Larger Than Life” show appears nightly except Friday at 7 p.m. at the Excalibur in Las Vegas. Tickets are \$45 plus taxes for the 18-and-older show. Call 702-597-7600 or visit www.excalibur.com or www.louieanderson.com. A dinner-and-show package is available with Carluccio’s Tivoli Gardens (\$90, including transportation). Call 877-277-4697.

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Let's Take in a Show!

Steve Wyrick's "Real Magic" and other Vegas shows offer package deals.

By Charlie Johnston

It's big enough to fit Donald Trump's helicopter, yet intimate enough for card tricks. Although Steve Wyrick is known for imagination-defying illusions, this is no illusion. It is the theater in the new Steve Wyrick Theatre and Entertainment Complex that leads off the Miracle Mile shops at Aladdin (soon to be Planet Hollywood) in Las Vegas.

Packages will be available for Wyrick's show, "Real Magic," scheduled to open November 1. Wyrick will perform in a 500-seat theater designed so that all showgoers get a close look at the action. "It will take my show to an entirely new level," Wyrick says. The complex also will include a Triq nightclub with a 6,000-square-foot ultra lounge and the Steve Wyrick Magiq Shop.

Wyrick has been entertaining Las Vegas audiences for 10 years with his illusions, including his Blades of Death Challenge. Locked and chained to a table, Wyrick disappears just as six razor-sharp saw blades spin toward his body. During such a dangerous illusion, even a veteran like Wyrick has to be focused. Blocking out the crowd is essential. "You hear people screaming in the crowd when the blades are falling," Wyrick says. "It can be distracting."

Showtimes are nightly at 7 and 9 p.m., excluding Fridays. Tickets are \$59.95 plus tax and service charge, and \$79.95 for VIP packages. VIP tickets include a laminated backstage pass, premium seating, a copy of Wyrick's book, *102 Magic Tricks*, and a \$10 gift certificate for the magic shop. All tickets include a post-show meet-and-greet with Wyrick outside the theater. Ronn Lucas (3 p.m.), Martin Niviera (5 p.m.), and Rob Becker's "Defending the Caveman" (10:30 p.m.) can also be seen at Wyrick's theater. For tickets call 702-650-5081.

For those who want dinner before seeing Wyrick's show, a package is available in conjunction with Lombardi's European Café. Call ShowTime Marketing at 702-822-6262 for more information.



Steve Wyrick will perform new illusions at his theater and entertainment complex, slated to open November 1.

Wyrick is one of many Las Vegas stars offering package deals, which provide an opportunity to eat a nice dinner, catch your favorite performer's act, and—who knows?—maybe even meet the star. Below are other Las Vegas shows where you might find the perfect package for you. Group packages also can be arranged for most of these shows through ShowTime Marketing.

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twisted sense of humor and impromptu antics.

Show times are nightly at 10 p.m., excluding Thursdays. Tickets are \$49.95 plus tax and services, and \$54.95 for Golden Circle seating. One dinner-and-show package includes a feast at the Sahara Buffet. Call 702-737-2515.

Anthony Cools blends hypnotism and comedy at the Excalibur. Always risqué and on the edge, Cools aims to give his audience something new, or at least to make them think he did.

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10 Winter Treats

Drama, comedy, ballet, and cowboy ballads welcome the holiday season.

By Merrie Leininger

The holidays abound with plays and musicals in Northern Nevada. Offerings range from traditional interpretations of "The Nutcracker" to a spoof of Tchaikovsky's beloved ballet—and entertainment that avoids any mention of the holiday season at all.

"**The Nutcracker**" can be seen on November 24-26 at the Carson City Community Center when Tchaikovsky's Christmas ballet is performed by the Pinkerton Ballet Theatre (775-882-2916). In Reno, the A.V.A. Ballet Theatre, the city's only professional dance company, will stage "The Nutcracker" as it has for more than a decade. The Reno Philharmonic backs the troupe at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts on December 9-10 (775-686-6600). At Lake Tahoe, the show's toy soldiers and ballerinas appear at the MontBleu Resort at Stateline on December 22-23 (800-648-3353).

The 19th annual **Rhymers Rodeer** will be held on November 3-4 at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden. The cowboy poets and singers expected to appear this year include Jim King, Jim Parsons, and Juni Fisher, and the event will be hosted by Mark Twain impersonator McAvoy Layne (to obtain reservation forms call 775-783-6673 or visit www.cvin.com/pdf/Rhymers_Back2006.pdf).

Layne also will host **Mark Twain's 171st Birthday Party** on November 10 at the Gold Hill Hotel in Gold Hill. The event includes dinner. Early reservations are suggested (775-847-0111).

"**Blood Brothers**" is scheduled for the Brewery Arts Center's black box theater in Carson City. The Proscenium Players community theater group will present this musical story of twins in Liverpool, England, who are separated at birth and later forge a friendship despite the adoptive mother's efforts to end their association and keep her dark secret. It will be performed on November 3-4, 10-12, and 17-19 (775-233-3102).



Ballerina Amy Foster rehearses her role as the Sugar Plum Fairy during a dress rehearsal of A.V.A. Ballet Theatre's production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," December 9-10, in Reno.

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will present "**Brigadoon**," a love story that takes place in a Scottish town that appears for a day once every 100 years. It includes the songs "Almost Like Being in Love," "Come to Me," and "The Heather on the Hill." Performances will be held at the Carson City Community Center on November 4-19 (775-445-4249).

"**The Threepenny Opera**," will be staged by the Nevada Repertory Company, the production arm of the University of Nevada, Reno theater department. The classic 1954 musical tells the story of Mack the Knife, Polly Peachum, and their motley crew in a satire of theatrical conventions and politics. The play will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on November 10-11, 15-18, and at 1:30 p.m. on November 19 at the Redfield Studio Theater on the UNR campus (800-225-2277).

Giuseppe Verdi's 19th-century classic, "**La Traviata**" will be performed by the Nevada Opera on November 10 and 12 at the Pioneer Center. In Italian the name means "The Woman Who Strayed"

or "The Lost One." (877-840-6610).

The Brūka Theater, a downtown Reno theater company, offers an original spoof of "The Nutcracker" for its holiday production. Brūka's director Mary Bennett says the company worked together to create the play entitled "**The Buttcracker**." Play dates are November 17-18, 24-25, November 30-December 2, 8-9, 14-17 and 21-23 (775-323-3221).

The Pioneer Center hosts the "**Broadway Comes to Reno**" series, which includes "**Camelot**" on November 24-26 and "**Spelling Bee**" on December 12-17. "Camelot" is the story of the love triangle between King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, and Sir Lancelot and features the songs "If Ever I Would Leave You" and "What Do the Simple Folk Do." "Spelling Bee" is the Tony Award-winning musical about the Putnam County Spelling Bee, where six young people in the throes of puberty learn that winning isn't everything (877-840-0457). ▀

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

All's Wells at the Track

Invitational depicts small town's love for **chariot racing**.

By Matthew B. Brown

Diehard fans like Kat Owen and Kay Schacht refuse to let the sport of chariot racing vanish in Wells. Each year, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, the small town in northeastern Nevada hosts the Charlie Nannini Invitational, two days of racing that attracts competitors—equine and human—from California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, and Wyoming. Owen and Schacht are president and secretary, respectively, of the Wells Chariot Club, which has organized the event for almost 30 years.

Although spectators can't expect the same heated competition that defined the sport in ancient Greece and Rome, there is still an element of danger. "Those little chariots weigh about 60 pounds," says Owen, 57, who has competed since the inaugural race in 1977.

"You can get too close to someone and hook a wheel. I've broken my toe, and I've been trampled. It's fun 90 percent of the time," she says with a laugh.

The invitational is a family event that usu-



Janae Stanton, 14, drives Fritzer, left, and Jerry at the Wells Chariot Track during last November's Charlie Nannini Invitational. The miniature horses are about 30 inches tall.

"You see some fantastic horseflesh, both large and small."

ally draws about 200 spectators. "You see some fantastic horseflesh, both large and small," says the 67-year-old Schacht. An announcer encourages spectators to bet on the outcome while teams are lining up to start their race. The event draws 20 to 30 drivers who race their thoroughbreds, quarter horses, and miniature horses on Saturday and Sunday.

In all classes, races start with two or three chariots in a row. Two horses pull one chariot and one driver, and the driver must be in the cart when crossing the finish line. The driver with the best time wins the race, and the driver with the best two-day total is the overall winner of his or her class.

A main attraction to the race is the mini horses. "That's what most people come to

see," Owen says. Owen and Schacht even started a business, Little Bit Stables, raising minis. "Selling the babies is really tough because they are so darn cute," Schacht says.

The event is centered around the racing, but Friday and Saturday nights are about celebrating. Starting Friday at 7 p.m., people gather for a jam session at Luther's Saloon. On Saturday, townsfolk head to the Fourway Casino to listen to live music or a DJ. A shuttle bus is available.

Owen and Schacht have competed in, organized, and donated to the invitational since its inception. They embody the passion that has kept the event running strong for all these years—just like the late Charlie Nannini, for whom the event was named. "He supported it so much," Owen says. Nannini once owned the Fourway, and his son, Mike—an Elko County commissioner—will participate in the mini races this year. It's that sort of dedication that has

kept Wells' chariot-racing tradition a November mainstay in Nevada. ▀

Matthew B. Brown is Nevada Magazine's associate editor.

WHEN YOU GO

The Charlie Nannini Invitational will be held November 18-19 at the Wells Chariot Track, located southwest of Wells. From I-80 west, take exit 351 turn right on Humboldt Avenue, and turn right on Angel Lake Road. Turn left on Humboldt Avenue from I-80 east. Admission is \$3 per person for a day pass, free for children 10 and younger. Racing starts Saturday at noon and Sunday at 11 a.m., and spectators have access to a food and beverage stand. Call Kat Owen at 775-752-3272 or Kay Schacht at 775-752-3544.

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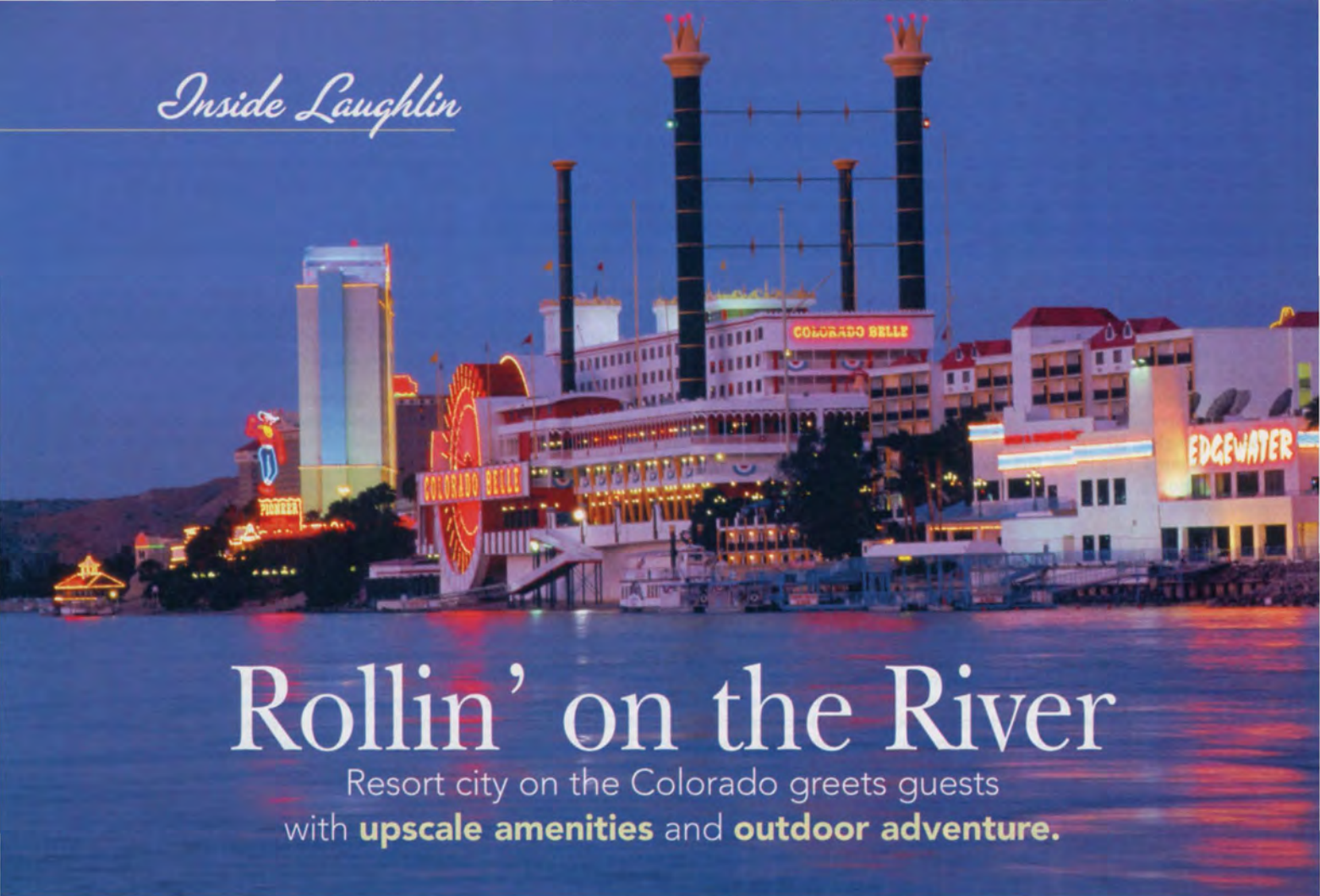


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The city, once a tiny backwater, now boasts more than 10,000 rooms and suites, fine dining, star performers, golf, events, river cruises, and shopping—yet visitors can still find reasonably priced rates for accommodations and amenities.

Here are Laughlin's 12 hotel-casino resorts listed from north to south on the river.

Riverside Resort

Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino has 1,440 rooms within its two towers. The property was originally a boarded-up motel purchased by Don Laughlin in 1966. Today the Riverside boasts five restaurants and a show-room featuring top-name celebrities, a six-screen movie theater, classic car collection with 80 rare automobiles, 34-lane bowling alley, supervised day care center, and convention facilities. Riverside offers Casino West, which has added a 10,000-square-foot casino with more than 180 machines as well as cocktail and snack bars. The Riverside RV Park has 740 spaces with full hookups. Hotel and charter airline flights on Sun Country 737s and helicopter tours can be

booked through the hotel. 800-227-3849, www.riversideresort.com

Aquarius Casino Resort (formerly Flamingo Laughlin)

Aquarius Casino Resort, now owned by American Casino and Entertainment Properties, has a new look and feel. The lobby area has tile flooring and a water display capturing the Aquarius theme. The hotel has 1,907 rooms in two 18-story towers, four restaurants, and a sprawling casino with 1,500 slot machines, 60 table games, keno, and a sports book. The 3,000-seat amphitheater books spring and fall outdoor concerts. The 300-seat showroom is being expanded to include an outdoor area seating 100. Meeting space is 30,000 square feet, including ballroom, recep-

tion-style, and theater-style. The Aquarius has lighted tennis courts, a fitness center, and a pool. 800-298-5111, www.TheAquarius.com.

Ramada Express Hotel & Casino

Ramada Express features a 24-story high-rise West Tower and a 12-story adults-only East Tower equaling 1,500 rooms and suites, many with river or mountain views. The Ramada is home to Laughlin's only working railroad, "Old No. 7" which has carried more than two million guests around the 27-acre property since 1988. There are an outdoor swimming pool and spa with poolside cabanas, four restaurants, the new Eclipse Bar, and lounge entertainment. An \$11-million room renovation is set to begin in November. 800-243-6846, www.ramadaexpress.com.

The Edgewater Hotel and Casino

The Edgewater, operated by MGM Mirage, sits adjacent to the Colorado Belle on a 16-acre site with a 60,000-square-foot casino, 1,400 rooms, and the Hickory Pit steakhouse, Garden Room coffee shop, Black Angus Grand Buffet, deli, and cocktail lounges. The casino has 1,200 slot machines, 26 blackjack tables, craps tables and roulette, a keno lounge, a poker room, and a sports book. Kokopelli's Lounge has been renovated into a 400-seat showroom where top-name headliners perform. Guests can use the wedding chapel, salon, and meeting facilities. 800-677-4837 www.edgewater-casino.com.

Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino

Colorado Belle, an MGM Mirage property, has Colorado River frontage for sunbathing. The hotel-casino is paddle-wheel shaped and is reminiscent of New Orleans and Mississippi steamboats with entertainment by the Riverboat Ramblers. Colorado Belle has a 65,000-square-foot casino, 1,200 rooms and suites, two heated pools, spa, eight dining areas, gift shops, and Laughlin's only microbrewery. 866-352-3553, www.coloradobelle.com

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Golden Nugget Laughlin

The tropically themed Golden Nugget Laughlin resort on the Colorado River recently remodeled its 300 rooms. The casino has progressive-play slots, table and keno games, and a sports book, which links to the Golden Nugget Las Vegas for access to major sporting events around the world. Three new Landry restaurants, Joe's Crab Shack, Harlow's, and Saltgrass Steak House, came with Landry's ac-

quisition of the property. The Sports Bar at Tarzan's transforms into Tarzan's Nightclub with live DJs and bands Thursday through Saturday nights. 800-237-1739, www.gnlaughlin.com.

River Palms Resort Hotel & Casino

River Palms has a 72,000-square-foot casino, 1,200 slot machines on three levels, table games, poker room, bingo bar, and a keno lounge. Guests can reserve one of 1,000 rooms, select from seven restaurants, bask at the outdoor pool-spa, or work out at the indoor health and fitness club. The River Palms has 8,000 square feet of meeting and convention space. The River Sands Theater opened in April with 350 seats and a high-tech stage. "Superstars: Live In Concert" features various tribute artists. 800-835-7904, www.river-palms.com.

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Ring in the New Year Laughlin-Style, December 31 Live entertainment, DJs, hit music, party favors, and balloon drops are planned at several Laughlin hotel-casinos. www.visitlaughlin.com.

Winter Break, January 5-11 Winter Break is a festival for the 50-plus age group with a dance contest, fitness activities, entertainment, a battle of the bands, a talent show, classic cars, Polar Bear Club dip, arts and crafts, and seminars. This year "Speed Dating" allows singles to meet in non-threatening three-minute sessions followed by a senior prom. The theme is "Act Your Age—Give or Take 30 Years!" Visit www.winterbreak.us.



Riverside Resort Gem, Jewelry, and Rock Show, January 12-21 Vendors' displays and sales of rocks, minerals, gems, jewelry, and collectibles. No admission to browse booths. The event is also held at Avi Resort Casino on January 12-21. Visit www.cloudsjamboree.com.

Laughlin Desert Challenge, January 18-21 Off-road drivers will compete in annual race through the rough desert terrain in Laughlin. About 30,000 fans are expected to view the race from two desert locations and a grandstand area. The event is the first race in the SCORE series, which culminates in SCORE International's BAJA 1000. Highlights include the Laughlin Leap and Pit Crew competition for \$26,000 in prize money.

Purse is more than \$300,000. Visit www.score-international.com.

Colorado River Bluegrass Festival, February 9-11 The Bullhead/Laughlin Colorado River Bluegrass Festival at Davis Camp on the Colorado River has dry camping with free shuttle boats to casinos and shopping. Craft booths, food and beverage booths, entertainment. Visit www.coloradoriverbluegrass.com.

Laughlin River Stampede, March 29-April 1 PRCA rodeo will see 700 participants compete for nearly \$250,000 in eight traditional events. Entertainment and vendor booths will be offered at the area resorts. Visit www.honeycuttrodeo.com.

Laughlin River Run, April 25-29 The River Run brings more than 50,000 bikers to Laughlin for top-name entertainment, a poker run, displays, competitions—including awards for the best custom motorcycle—and thousands of vendors in the West's largest ride-in bike rally. Visit www.laughlinriverrun.com.

For a complete list of year-round Laughlin events, visit www.visitlaughlin.com.



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Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area On the shores of the Colorado River five miles south of Laughlin, the park offers picnicking, boating, fishing, and swimming. www.parks.nv.gov/bb.htm.

Colorado River Museum Colorado River Museum, located one-quarter mile north of Laughlin Bridge at Davis Dam, tells area history. Open September to June, Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. www.mcparks.com/dc/museum.html.

Golf Two courses serve golfers: Mojave Resort Golf Club, www.mojaveresortgolfclub.com, and Laughlin Ranch Golf Club, which also offers The Spa at Laughlin Ranch with various treatments and fitness center, www.laughlinranch.com.

Lake Mohave Provides year-round recreational opportunities—fishing, boating, camping, swimming, scuba diving, wildlife-viewing, and water skiing. www.nps.gov/lame/lakemohave.html.

Laughlin River Tours Visitors can take tours on the Colorado River aboard the *Celebration*, *Fiesta Queen*, *Del Rio Yacht*, and *U.S.S. Riverside*, which are available for weddings and parties. Docks are located at Aquarius Resort (formerly Flamingo Laughlin) and the Edgewater. www.laughlinrivertours.com.

Preferred Outlets (formerly Horizon Outlet Center) Ariel Preferred Retail Groups recently purchased Horizon Outlets and renamed the center Laughlin's Preferred Outlets. The enclosed two-story center has indoor parking, food court and market, and Stadium 9 Cinemas. Open daily. www.arielretail.com.

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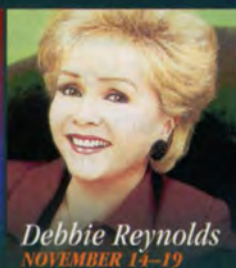
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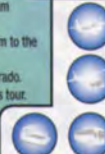
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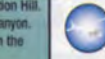
- This air tour allows you an eagle's view of the inspiring Grand Canyon.
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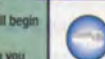
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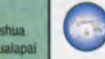
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Nevada Day Celebration • Oct. 27-31 • Third annual party includes a haunted corn maze, barbecue, country band. E. Glendale Blvd., Glendale, 702-864-2277.

Women's Collegiate Showdown • Oct. 29-Nov. 1 • National golf championship tournament. Anthem Country Club, Henderson, 702-242-3000.

NHRA Lucas Oil Series Racing • Nov. 1-5 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

"The Book of Nights" • Nov. 1-5 • Drama revolves around a safe house for abused and battered women. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Professional Bull Riders World Finals • Nov. 2-6 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-3267.

First Friday • Nov. 3 • Cultural block party with more than 60 studios, businesses, galleries. Free trolley service. Main St. and Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, 702-229-2496.

Vegas Valley Book Festival • Nov. 3-4 • Readings, panel discussions, books signings, workshop. Keynote speaker novelist Chuck Palahniuk. Las Vegas Downtown Arts District, Las Vegas, 702-895-1878.

Native American Festival • Nov. 4 • Dance, films, children's activities, fry bread, arts market. Clark County Library, 702-507-3459.

Target Children's Book Festival • Nov. 4 • Celebrity readings, performances, food, book exchanges. Historic 5th Street School and Centennial Plaza, Downtown Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Living History: O.D. Gass • Nov. 4 • Presentation about early Las Vegas. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Strut Your Mutt • Nov. 4 • Contests, costumes, demonstrations, vendors. Dog Fancier's Park, Las Vegas, www.strutyourmutt.com.

The Big Gala • Nov. 4 • Benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Red Rock Sunset Casino, Las Vegas, 702-731-2227.

Food and Wine Festival • Nov. 4-5 • South Coast Casino, Las Vegas, 866-791-7626.

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• Broadway singer performs. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Walt Boenig and the Dynamic Trombones • Nov. 5 • Big-band classics. Black Mountain Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

Mexican Dance by Xyachimal • Nov. 5 • Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Firefighter Combat World Challenge XV • Nov. 7-11 • Culmination of more than 25 competitions between U.S. and Canadian fire departments. Wearing full gear, pairs of firefighters perform five-story-tower, hoisting, and chopping events, drag hoses, and rescue a victim as they race against the clock. Henderson Events Plaza, Henderson, 702-267-2171 for more event information.

Wednesday Night Street Wars • Nov. 8 • Motorcycle Madness test 'n' tune. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Native American Dance and Music • Nov. 8 • Performances by world champion hoop and fancy dancer Derrick Suwaima Davis and drummer Eldred Matt. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3459.

Laughlin International Rally and Motorsports Festival • Nov. 9-11 • Car shows, exhibitions, demonstrations, and competitions such as the Laughlin International Rally and the GPS Adventure Rally tour through Southern Nevada and Northern Arizona. 800-4LAUGHLIN.

Las Vegas Odyssey • Nov. 9-12 • Food, wine, and arts festi-

val. Charity event includes celebrity chefs, cooking demos, and golf tournament. Various locations, Las Vegas, www.odysseylifestyle.com.

Pinnacle Exceptional Driver Championship • Nov. 9-12 • Amateur golfers showcase driving skills. Culmination of 128 qualifying events. Laughlin Golf Course, Bullhead City, AZ, 800-452-8445.

Patriot Party • Nov. 10-11 • Aaron Tippin and Mark Farner perform. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

IFSHA Friesian Grand Nationals • Nov. 10-12 • South Coast Casino, Las Vegas, 866-791-7626.

Mountain Man Rendezvous • Nov. 10-12 • Primitive camps, tomahawk, knife, and lance-throwing, archery, black-powder rifle shoots, blacksmithing, vendors. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge • Nov. 10-14 • Players from the PGA, LPGA, and Champions tours compete for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. SouthShore, Reflection Bay, The Falls golf clubs, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, www.wendys3tour.com.

Veterans Day Parade • Nov. 11 • Fremont Street Experience, Downtown Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

AHDRA World Finals • Nov. 11-12 • Harley drag racing, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4444.

Aviation Nation • Nov. 11-12 • More than 100 historic, vintage, and modern military aircraft including flights by the new CV-22 Osprey. Homecoming show for the U.S. Thunderbirds. Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, 702-506-2065.

Gary Oakes and Lou Garcia • Nov. 12 • Singers perform a salute to veterans. Valley View Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

Las Vegas Brass Band • Nov. 12 • Veterans Day tribute. Sun City MacDonald Ranch, Henderson, 702-216-2905.



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Lance Burton, winner of Nevada Magazine's first Entertainer of the Year award, plays nightly except Sunday and Monday at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas Jazz Society Concert • Nov. 12 • Woody Woods Orchestra performs. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, www.vegasjazz.org.

Nevada Silverman Full Distance Triathlon • Nov. 12 • 2.4-mile swim in Lake Mead, 112-mile bike ride with more than 1,500 feet of elevation gain through the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and 26.2-mile run that ends at The District at Green Valley Ranch, Henderson, 702-267-2171 for information.



Off-roaders compete November 30-December 3 during Henderson's Terrible 400 Race.

The Comedy Festival • Nov. 14-18 • Co-hosts Robin Williams, Whoopie Goldberg, and Billy Crystal introduce tributes, stand-up, and sketch comedy. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, www.thecomedyfestival.com.

Las Vegas Civil War Roundtable • Nov. 15 • Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association World Championships • Nov. 15-19 • South Coast Casino, Las Vegas, 866-791-7626.

Birdies for Safe Nest Golf Tournament • Nov. 16 • Benefit to fight domestic violence. Siena Golf Club, Las Vegas, www.safest.org.

Doug Mishler Portrays P.T. Barnum • Nov. 17 • Downtown cultural series. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Native Heart • Nov. 17 • Regalia-clad Native Americans from the Living Traditions Dance Troupe and America Indigena, an Aztec dance group, perform. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3459.

PSCA Street Car Super Nationals • Nov. 17-19 • Cars range from muscle to former NHRA pro stock and pro mod category racers. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4444.

Soldiers of the Old Fort • Nov. 18 • The ordnance sergeant and his role in the army. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Manny Pacquiao vs. Erik Morales III • Nov. 18 • Final in three-fight boxing series to determine best of the two. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-3267.

Maxxis EnduroCross • Nov. 18 • Motorcycle racing, Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 800-675-3267.

Las Vegas Philharmonic • Nov. 18 • Guest artist cellist Matt Haimovitz. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas Gun Show • Nov. 18-19 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 800-333-4867.

Senegalese Music • Nov. 19 • Performed by King Ebu. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Quintessence • Nov. 19 • Jazz and big-band music. Whitney Ranch Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

Mexican Patriotic Committee Celebration • Nov. 20 • Music and dance celebrates Mexican independence. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Las Vegas Bracket Nationals • Nov. 22-26 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Findlay Toyota Las Vegas Invitational • Nov. 24-25 • Men's basketball, teams include Ball State, Florida, Kansas, Prairie View, Tennessee Chattanooga, Tennessee State, Towson State, and Western Kentucky. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 888-234-2334.

Motor Trend International Auto Show • Nov. 24-26 • More than 350 of the latest cars. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, www.motortrendautoshow.com/lasvegas.

Downtown Hoedown • Nov. 29 • Free concert with Deana Carter, Trick Pony, Little Texas, Ricochet. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

Henderson's Terrible 400 Desert Race • Nov. 30-Dec. 3 • 400-mile off-road race includes a pre-race party in Boulder City, concert at Henderson Events Plaza, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

World Series of Team Roping • Nov. 30-Dec. 3 • South Coast, Las Vegas, 866-791-7626.

NFR Cowboy Christmas Show • Nov. 30-Dec. 9 • Elaborate display of unique gifts, entertainment, vendors. Held in conjunction with the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

Wrangler National Finals Rodeo • Nov. 30-Dec. 9 • The year's top-15 contestants in each event compete in steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, saddlebronc, and bull riding for gold buckles, saddles, and \$6 million in prizes. If events are sold out, hotels provide closed-circuit coverage. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Country Christmas Western Gift Expo • Nov. 30-Dec. 10 • Venetian, Las Vegas, 817-566-8300.

Christmas Tree Lighting • Dec. 1 • Music. Frank Crowe Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Fall Dance Concert • Dec. 1-2 • World premiere of "Xenia Goes West" about ballerina Xenia Chlistowa's escape from Russia. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Christmas Parade and Doodlebug Craft Bazaar • Dec. 2 • Downtown parade, bazaar at Boulder City Recreation Center, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

City Lights Chorus Holiday Show • Dec. 2 • Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

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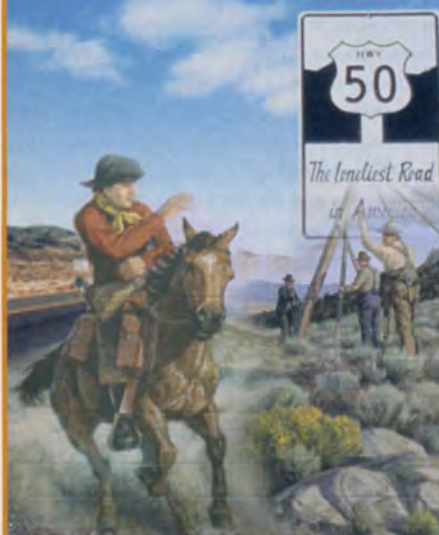


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WinterFest • Dec. 2-16 • Tree lighting, ice skating, Santa Claus, horse-drawn cart rides, craft show, snow play. Features a parade on Dec. 9. Henderson Events Plaza and Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

Moroccan Dance • Dec. 3 • The Hand of Fatima Dance Company performs. Whitney Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Las Vegas Brass Band • Dec. 3 • Holiday concert. Flamingo Library, Las Vegas, 702-216-2905.

Holiday Festival • Dec. 5 • Tree lighting, Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

Thailand Food and Dance Festival • Dec. 5 • Performing artists, craft and cooking demonstrations, Buddhist chanting, Thai food vendors. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Henderson Symphony Orchestra • Dec. 5 • Holiday concert. Valley View Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

Great Santa Run and Kris Kringle Jingle • Dec. 9 • 5 K fun run and one-mile stroll benefits Opportunity Village. Advance entry fee of \$45 includes a live-piece Santa Claus suit; registration is \$75 on race day. Santa suits are limited to the first 5,000 entrants. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, call 702-259-3700 for further event information.

Evening with the Artists • Dec. 9 • Show and sale, music, food. Art Encounter, Las Vegas, 702-227-0220.

Las Vegas Philharmonic Holiday Concert • Dec. 9-10 • Features Children's Chorale and Las Vegas Master Singers. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas Jazz Society Concert • Dec. 10 • Mary Ellen Spann. Whitney Library, Las Vegas, www.vegasjazz.org.

New Las Vegas Marathon • Dec. 10 • Marathon and half-marathon starts and ends at Mandalay Bay. Route travels

down the Strip and downtown Fremont Street Experience. Las Vegas, 702-731-1052.

Second Sunday • Dec. 10 • Tree lighting, carolers, and Santa dressed in Liberace's gold lamé suit. Piano performance by Wes Winters. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595.

USA Table Tennis • Dec. 13-17 • Stratosphere, Las Vegas, 719-866-4583.

Menorah Ceremony • Dec. 15 • Jewish lighting ceremony. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

Tenors 4 • Dec. 15 • Downtown cultural series holiday music. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Tayrona Theater Company • Dec. 15-16 • Spanish language play. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

American Cheer and Dance Championships • Dec. 15-17 • MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 352-336-3575.

"The Nutcracker" • Dec. 15-17 • Performed by Boulder City Ballet Company. Boulder Theatre, Boulder City, 702-293-5001.

Bellagio Five Diamond World Poker Classic • Dec. 15-19 • Las Vegas, www.worldpokertour.com.

Children's Christmas Program • Dec. 16 • Make-and-take Christmas decorations. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Crossroads of the West Gun Show • Dec. 16-17 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 801-544-9125.

Luminaria • Dec. 17 • Music and holiday program at the gazebo. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Fusion Music • Dec. 17 • Performed by Dream Traveler. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Las Vegas Bowl Party • Dec. 19 • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

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Mountain West Conference will play the fourth-place team in Pac-10 Conference. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

Findlay Toyota Las Vegas Classic • Dec. 22-23 • Women's basketball, teams include Charleston Southern, Kansas State, Kennesaw, Longwood, Maryland Eastern Shore, New Mexico, USC, and Wichita State. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 888.934.9334.

New Year's Eve Celebration • Dec. 31 • Casino parties, fireworks, countdowns on the Strip and Fremont Street Experience. Las Vegas. 702-678-5600.

Ritz Carlton New Year's Eve Celebration • Chocolate fountain, hot chocolate, food, heated outdoor dance floor. Florentine Garden, Ritz Carlton, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson. 702-567-4700.

Ongoing Events

Free Concerts • Tues.-Sat. on 1st and 3rd street stages.
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.

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.

Architectural Display by Eric Strain • Thru Nov. 4 • Fine Arts
Center, Mesquite, 702-346-5295.

Bringing Up Baby • Thru Nov. 5 • Exhibit covers family life and products used by children, such as baby buggies and cradleboards. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Neon Boneyard: Las Vegas A-Z • Thru Nov. 12 • Signs from the Neon Museum by photographer Judy Natal. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" • Thru Nov. 12 •
Broadway musical. Starbright Theatre in Summerlin, Las Vegas, 800-595-4849.

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

Sticks, Stones, and Bones: Images from Transient Landscapes •
Thru Nov. 19 • Photographer A.E. Fournet. Charleston
Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Roy Lichtenstein Prints 1956-1997 Exhibition • Thru Nov. 20 •
Comic book images by the American pop artist. Las Vegas
Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Day of the Dead • Thru Nov. 24 • Mexican-themed, juried art show. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Dust and Dreams • Thru Nov. 26 • Sculptures and paintings
by Vincent Mangin. Clark County Library, 702-507-3400.

**Boulder City 1931-2006 • Thru Nov. 30 • Exhibit celebrates
Boulder City's 75th anniversary. Boulder City/Hoover Dam
Museum, Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-294-1983.**

Experience Nature in a Different Light • Thru Dec. 3 • Las Vegas photographer Marcella Brendible. Whitney Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-4010.

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

Drag Racing • Nov. 1, 2-5, 8, 10-12, 17-19, 22-26, Dec. 1. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

"Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" • Nov. 3-19 •

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Las Vegas Wranglers ECHL Professional Hockey Team • Plays Nov. 3-4 and 7 vs. Victoria Salmon, Nov. 24 vs. Bakersfield Condors, Dec. 15 vs. Stockton Thunder, Dec. 16 vs. Fresno Falcons, Dec. 18 vs. Bakersfield Condors, Dec. 22 vs. Victoria Salmon, Dec. 23 vs. Fresno Falcons, Dec. 28-29 vs. Utah Grizzlies. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-471-7825.

UNLV Football • The Rebels play Nov. 4 vs. TCU, Nov. 18 vs. Wyoming, and Nov. 24 vs. Air Force. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Valley of Fire Interpretive Programs • Mouse's Tank hike, Nov. 4. Domes hike, Nov. 5. Astronomy, Nov. 11. Veterans Day hike, Nov. 11. Bighorn sheep, Nov. 12. Petrified log trail hike, Nov. 18. Cowboy poetry, Nov. 19. Slide show, Nov. 25. History of Civilian Conservation Corps, Nov. 26. Coyotes, Dec. 2. Reptiles and wildflowers, Dec. 3. Cold weather camping, Dec. 9. Mouse's Tank hike, Dec. 10. Astronomy, Dec. 16. Valley of Fire State Park, 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via I-15, Overton, 702-397-2088.

UNLV Men's Basketball • The Runnin' Rebels play Nov. 7 vs. Dixie State College, Nov. 10 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 14 vs. Eastern Washington, Nov. 17 vs. UC Santa Barbara, Nov. 21 vs. Washburn, Nov. 24 vs. Air Force, Nov. 25 vs. San Francisco, Dec. 17 vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Dec. 18 vs. Norfolk State, Dec. 19 vs. South Florida, Dec. 22 vs. Minnesota. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

East Coast-West Coast: All About the Towns • Nov. 7-Jan. 7 • Black and white photos by Rochelle Hecker. Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3760.

UNLV Women's Basketball • The Lady Rebels play Nov. 9 vs. Melbourne Roos, Nov. 12 vs. Pepperdine, Nov. 18 vs. Michigan, Nov. 20 vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Dec. 19 vs. UC Irvine, Dec. 28 vs. DePaul, Dec. 30 vs. UNR Reno. Lady Rebel Shootout Tournament, Nov. 24-25, features Kansas State, Wisconsin, Elon, and UNLV. Duel in the Desert Tournament, Dec. 20-21, features Purdue, UT San Antonio, Boise State, and UNLV. Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

Gift of Lights • Nov. 10-Jan. 1 • Seven million lights will be displayed in the drive-thru holiday festival. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-451-1641.

"Click-Boom" • Nov. 10-12, 14-19 • Combat photographer is haunted by his past in the Middle East. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"second summer" • Nov. 10-12, 17-19 • Widower encounters a flock of single older women eager to charm an available man. Valley View Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171.

"Tick, Tick...Boom!" • Nov. 10-26 • Las Vegas premiere of a musical looks at the courage it takes to follow your dreams. By the author of "Rent." Stage Door Productions, Fischer Black Box Theatre, Las Vegas, 702-581-5008.

"The Pillowman" • Nov. 10-11, 17-18 • Tony Award-nominee deals with a fiction writer whose stories are similar to local crimes. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

"The Adventures of Nate the Great" • Nov. 11-25 • Children's production about a kid detective. Stage Door Productions, Fischer Black Box Theatre, Las Vegas, 702-581-5008.

Ancient Petroglyph Tours • Second Sat. of the month from Nov. 11-May • Tour covers more than 100 panels of 800- to 2,000-year-old petroglyphs. Reservations required, Valley of Fire State Park, 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas via I-15, Overton, 702-894-6723.

Chocolate Wonderland Cactus Garden • Nov. 16-Jan. 1 • Holiday lighting of the Botanical Cactus Garden features

more than 500,000 lights. Ethel M Chocolates, Henderson, 800-438-4356.

Dam Short Film Festival • Screenings on Nov. 18, *The Little Things in Life*. Dec. 16, *Doing the Right Thing*. Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-293-4848.

Winter Sandstone Canyon Hike • Nov. 19 and Dec. 9 • Three-hour hike is moderate to strenuous with some bouldering. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Magical Forest • Nov. 23-Dec. 30 • Annual holiday wonderland includes rides on the Forest Express Train, Enchanted Carousel, Alpine Slide. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.

A December to Remember • Nov. 24-Jan. 7 • Multi-cultural winter celebration includes history, holiday decorations. Cultural Corridor, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-DINO.

"A Christmas Carol" • Nov. 25-26, Dec. 3-4, 10-11 • Charles Dickens' classic is performed as dinner theater. Lawry's The Prime Rib, Las Vegas, 702-893-2223.

Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational • Dec. 1-2 • Buffalo Bill's, Primm, 43 miles south of Las Vegas via I-15, 248-348-8200.

International Gem and Jewelry Show • Dec. 1-3 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 301-294-1640.

Snow Jam Ski and Snowboard Show • Dec. 1-3 • Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 951-587-6266.

Cowboy Marketplace Western Lifestyle Expo • Dec. 1-9 • Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 817-566-8800.

"Twelfth Night" • Dec. 1-3, 7-10 • Shakespeare's tale of mischief. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Santa's Workshop and Children's Tea • Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24 • Storytelling, photos, gingerbread-decorating, and tea. Firenze Lobby Lounge, Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-567-4700.

CCSN Concerts • Jazz combos, Dec. 3. Big-band, Dec. 4. Concert band, Dec. 5. Jazz combos, Dec. 6. Choral, Dec. 7. Chamber Music Festival, Dec. 9. Holiday orchestra, Dec. 11. Percussion ensemble, Dec. 12. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

Paint Vegas Horse Show and Invitational Gift Show • Dec. 5-10 • South Coast, 866-791-7626.

"A Year with Frog and Toad" • Dec. 8-10, 14-17 • Musical version featuring the storybook characters. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Randi Chaplin Exhibition • Dec. 13-March 5 • Las Vegas artists. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Frank Gehry Designs Exhibition • Dec. 13-March 25 • Architectural designs. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

"The Nutcracker" • Dec. 14-27 (dark Dec. 18, 25) • Nevada Ballet Theatre production. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Coming Events

Red, White, and Blue Balloon Festival • Jan. 13-14 • Las Vegas, 760-777-8081.

NBA All-Star Game • Feb. 12-19 • Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

"The Runner Stumbles" • Feb. 16-March 4 • Las Vegas, 702-362-7996.

Pacific Street Car Association Winternationals • Feb. 17-18 • Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Vegas Champ Car Grand Prix • April 6-8 • Las Vegas, 702-944-8661, www.vegasrandprix.com.

FEI World Cup Jumping and Dressage • April 18-22 • Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

Bellagio World Poker Tour Championship • April 21-27 • Las Vegas, www.worldpokertour.com.

Maxxis MiniMoto SX 2007 • May 4 • Las Vegas, 702-895-FANS.

Shows

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Hacienda • 702-293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam. Karaoke, Wed., music Thurs.-Sun.

HENDERSON

Green Valley Ranch • 702-617-7777: Lounge entertainment in the Whiskey and Drop bars. The District at Green Valley Ranch Outdoor Events: 702-564-8595: Christmas Tree Lighting, Nov. 24. The District Carolers, Nov. 24-Dec. 23. Menorah Lighting, Dec. 16.

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: Latin Nights held on Fridays in Club M.

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

Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Weekend entertainment.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 702-785-5555 or 877-333-WISH: Barenaked Ladies with Mike Doughty's Band, Dec. 1. V Theatre at Miracle Mile Shops: Fab Four, dark Fri. "V," variety show, nightly. "X Girls: The Show," adult revue, dark Fri. Magician Nathan Burton, 2pm, dark Fri. and Sun. "Popovich Pet Comedy Show," 3:30pm, dark Fri. 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 702-650-5081: "Real Magic" starring Steve Wyrick. Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas, 3pm, singer Martin Niviera, 5pm, "Defending the Caveman," one-man comedy play, 10:30pm. Entertainment in Sinbad's and Curve. The Harmon Theater 702-836-0836: "The Fashionistas," adult musical, dark Wed. Funny Business Comedy Club, nightly. "Sopranos Last Supper," 6pm dinner and spoof show, dark Wed. "Shag with a Twist," retro-musical revue, dark Fri.-Sat. The Aladdin will become Planet Hollywood in spring 2007.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Entertainment in Naughty Ladies Lounge. Karaoke, Mon. Jerry Tiffe plays 4-7pm Fri.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-9000: Bands play.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: "Jubilee!" production show, dark Fri. "Price is Right," game show, 2:30pm Tues.-Sat., 7:30 and 10:30pm Fri.

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., Nov. 19, Dec. 4-19.

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Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Michael Franks, Nov. 3. Paul Malo, Nov. 10. Diamond Rio, Nov. 11. Marshall Tucker Band, Nov. 17. Diane Schuur, Nov. 18. Steve Holy, Dec. 1-2. 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...", (call 877-4CELINE). Elton John in "The Red Piano, 888-4ELTONJ. The Comedy Festival, Nov. 14-18. Jerry Seinfeld, Dec. 26-27. **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, dark Fri. Anthony Cools: "Raw and Uncensored, hypnotist nightly. Fantasy Faire Midway and Magic Motion Rides.

Fitzgeralds • 702-368-2400 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: "Revealed," thru March, dark Sun.-Mon. Second City Theater: "Second City," improvcomedy sketches, dark Wed. Society of Seven with Lani, 3pm, thru Jan. 1.

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.

Christmas show, "Plaid Tidings, opens Nov. 16. Grand Ballroom: Marty Allen and Karon Kate Blackwell, Dec. 31. 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 • 702-336-8100: "Simply Ballroom, celebration of dance, dark Fri. "Cover Girls," variety show with three-dimensional imagery, dark Sun. The Showroom: Randy Travis, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. Tanya Tucker, Dec. 4-6. Clay Walker, Dec. 7-9.

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. Vegas Mob Tour, 702-737-5540: Motorcoach tour explores Vegas' secrets, mysteries.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: James Blunt, Nov. 18. Entertainment in Pink Taco, Simon Kitchen and Bar. and Body English Nightclub.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111 or 800-392-9002: Comedienne Rita Rudner, Nov. 2, 11, 13-15, 17-18. Wayne Newton, Nov. 21-Dec. 31, dark Sun.-Mon. except New Year's Eve. "Bareback, musical revue, dark Thurs. Mac King, comedy magic, 1 and 3pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Improv Theater: Comedy, dark Mon.

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

Hooters Hotel and Casino • 702-739-9000: 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. New Year's Eve, 7:30 and 10pm shows. Casino Floor: Celebrity impersonators deal

blackjack to gamblers. Karaoke, next to sports bar, nightly.

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, Nov. 8-11, 15-18, Dec. 13-16. Donna Summer, Nov. 3-4. Johnny Mathis, Nov. 24-25. Big and Rich: Kenny Alphin and John Rich, Dec. 1-3. Brooks and Dunn, Dec. 4-6. Vince Gill, Dec. 7-9. "Menopause: The Musical, dark Fri., matinees Wed., Sat.-Sun. Bands play in the Shimmer Cabaret. Music in the Tempo Lounge.

Liberace Museum • 702-798-5595, ext. 13: "A Musical Tribute to Liberace: The Showmanship Years, starring Wes Winters, 1pm Tues.-Wed., Sat.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: Nick Lachey, Nov. 10-11. Olivia Newton-John, Nov. 16-18. Styx, Dec. 1-2. Rodney Carrington, Dec. 7-9. The Beach Boys, Dec. 25-31. Carrot Top, comedy, dark Tues. "Fantasy," production show, dark Thurs. Entertainment in Nefertiti's and Ante Room lounges and clubs. LAX and The Roxy nightclubs to open this winter. 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. House of Blues: Say Anything, Nov. 1. The Cramps, Nov. 2. Jars of Clay, Nov. 3. Silverstein with guest Aiden, Nov. 5. Bouncing Souls, Nov. 9. Joan Jeff and the Blackhearts, Nov. 10. Areyu, Nov. 19. She Wants Revenge, Nov. 25. An Evening with Queensryche, Nov. 30. Gary Allen with guest Jack Ingram, Dec. 2. The Charlie Daniels Band, Dec. 4. Dierks Bentley with guest Miranda Lambert, Dec. 8. Jodeci, Jan. 26. House of Blues Music Hall: The Spazmatics, 11pm Fri. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Purple Reign, the Prince



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MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: "KÀ, Cirque du Soleil production, dark Sun.-Mon. and Nov. 7. Chicago, thru Nov. 1. Howie Mandel, Nov. 2-8, 30-Dec. 6. Aerosmith, Nov. 4. David Copperfield, Nov. 9-29, Dec. 21-Jan. 3. The Rolling Stones, Nov. 11. Barbra Streisand, Nov. 18. Tom Jones, Dec. 7-20. "La Femme," topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Entertainment in Studio 54, Teatro Euro Bar, Tabu, Zuri, Vida at Diego, Centrifuge.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: "Love, Cirque du Soleil production set to Beatles music, dark Tues.-Wed. Danny Gans, dark Sun.-Mon. and Thurs., 8pm New Year's Eve. Brad Garrett, Nov. 3-4. Ray Romano, Nov. 11-12. Dana Carvey, Nov. 17-18. Wayne Brady, Nov. 23-24. Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: "Lance Burton, Master Magician, dark Sun.-Mon. and Dec. 10-25.

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 Dec. 6-21. 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, Tues.-Sat.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Vanessa Williams, Nov. 3-5. Suzanne Somers, Nov. 9-12. Craig Ferguson, Nov. 17-19. Ann-Margret and Company, Nov. 23-26. Miss Rodeo

America Rehearsal and Pageant, Dec. 1-2. Donny Osmond Christmas Show, Dec. 14-17. Grand Ballroom: Vincent Falcone Orchestra featuring Laura Taylor, Dec. 31. Tony Orlando, Jan. 11-14. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, Jan. 18-21. Etta James, Jan. 26-28. Orleans Arena: Alison Krauss and Union Station, Nov. 8. Endurocross, Nov. 18. Bile de la Cusillos, Nov. 22. Las Vegas Basketball Invitational with Ball State, Florida, Kansas, Prairie View, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Tennessee State, Towson State, and Western Kentucky, Nov. 24-25. Larry the Cable Guy, Dec. 2. Pacific at the Disco, Dec. 8. Jeff Foxworthy, Dec. 9. Las Vegas Holiday Basketball Tournament with Charleston Southern, Kansas State, Kennesaw, Longwood, Maryland Eastern Shore, New Mexico, USC, and Wichita State, Dec. 22-23. Disney on Ice, Jan. 17-21. Jamz Cheer and Dance, Feb. 8-11. Harlem Globetrotters, Feb. 14. Speedway Ice Racing, March 17. Mini Motor SX, May 4.

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, tickets on sale for Feb. performances. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

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

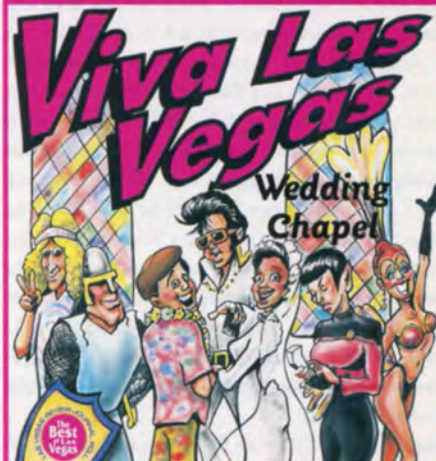
Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Valencia Ballroom: New York's Friar Club Comics, Oct. 19.

Red Rock Station • 702-797-7777: The Family Stone, Nov. 17-18. Entertainment in Rock's Lounge.

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The Show," dark Wed. Club Rio: "Erocktica Live! Sex, Sweat, and Rock 'n' Roll," dark Tues. "Tony n' Tina's Wedding," interactive dinner theater, nightly. White Big Top: "Cavalier, equestrian production with music and acrobatics opens Nov. 16. "Masquerade Show in the Sky": Carnival-themed parade above the casino daily.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Second Deck: Outdoor Country-Western Show, barbecue, Wed., thru Nov. 15. Grand Ballroom: Sha Na Na and The Tokens, Dec. 31. "Riv It Up, free open-air variety show, 12:30, 2, 3:15, and 4:45pm. "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. Afternoon variety show begins at 1pm, free admission, dark Mon. Le Bistro Theatre converts to Syn City, the Nightclub mid-night-4am Wed.-Sun. Bands play 5:45-7pm Fri.-Sat. in Le Bistro Theatre, and daily in the open-air casino stages. Pianist Andrew James plays 5-10pm in the Ristorante Terrace, dark Mon.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: The Scintas, musical revue, indf., dark Sun.-Mon. Amazing Johnathan, bizarre magic, dark Thurs. Platters, Drifters, and Coasters, nightly. Entertainment in the Casbar Lounge. "Redneck Comedy Live, stand-up comedians, 9pm, dark Sundays.

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: Rodney Atkins, Dec. 1-2. Gregg Allman and Friends, Dec. 8. Weekly Free Blues Series Wed. in the Chrome Showroom.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Hootie and the Blowfish, Dec. 31.

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: James Darren, Nov. 3-5. Air Supply, Nov. 10-12. Tom Dane, Nov. 15-16. 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. Christmas Hawaiian Style, Dec. 21-24. Susan Anton, Dec. 29-31. Juice Newton, Jan. 5-7. Grand Ballroom: Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadian, Dec. 31.

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

Treasure Island (TI) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère, dark Mon.-Tues. and Nov. 12. Matinee 4:30pm Sun. "The Sirens of TI" pirate show is performed nightly outside the hotel.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Foreigner, Nov. 4. "Les Folies Bergere," dark Sun. and Dec. 12-25. Dirk Arthur: Xtreme Magic, 2 and 4pm, Sat.-Thurs., thru Jan. 2. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," nightly. Attractions: "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, daily 10a.m.-10pm. thru Dec. "Bodies: The Exhibition, whole-body specimens and organs offers a look at human skeletal, muscular, respiratory, and circulatory systems, 10am-10pm. thru Dec.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: "Blue Man Group," percussion the-

ater, nightly. "Phantom: the Las Vegas Spectacular," Broadway musical, dark Wed. Comedian Gordie Brown, dark Wed.-Thurs. Gondola rides on the canal.

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

Aquarius Resort (formerly Flamingo Laughlin) • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Randy Travis, Nov. 4. Little Anthony and the Imperials, Nov. 25. New Year's Eve: Balloon drop, party favors, champagne, bands.

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

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

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Entertainment TBA.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: DJs play top-40 music Thurs-Sat.

Harrah's Laughlin • 702-298-4600 or 800-447-8700: "Rhythm and Flair," dance styles revue. "Strip!" adult revue, dark Sun.-Mon. thru Nov. 22.

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: Frankie Avalon, Oct. 31-Nov. 5. Smothers Brothers, Nov. 7-12. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 14-19. Air Supply, Nov. 21-26. Hawaiian Christmas, Nov. 28-Dec. 20. Charo, Dec. 27-31. Happy Birthday to the King, Jan. 3-8. Carl Hurley, Jan. 9-13. The Rat Pack, Jan. 16-28. Ozark Jubilee with Duffus Doolittle, Jan. 30-Feb. 4. Smothers Brothers, Feb. 13-18. Oak Ridge Boys, Feb. 20-25. Glen Campbell, Feb. 27-March 4. Roy Clark, March 6-11. Trent Carlini: The Dream King, April 3-8. Boyz II Men, May 26-27. Entertainment in the Lightning Strikes Nightclub.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: Roy Clark, Nov. 10. Blues Brothers Tribute Show, Dec. 31. 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: The Detroit All-Stars, Nov. 3-4. Edgar Winter, Nov. 11. M.O.C.C.A., former members of Next Movement, Nov. 17. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Nov. 18. The Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Nov. 24-25. Entertainment in Pin-Ups Lounge.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Club Tequila: Reggae on Fri., salsa on Sat., Latin on Sun. 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: Oak Ridge Boys, Feb. 16. The Armadillo: Krookies 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: Clint Black, Nov. 18. 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.

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AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

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Rhymers Rodeer Cowboy Poetry and Music • Nov. 3-4 • Artists include Jim King, Jim Parsons, Ron Brinegar, Juni Fisher, and Mark Twain impersonator McAvoy Layne. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

"Brigadoon" • Weekends Nov. 4-19 • Love story about a Scottish town that appears for one day every 100 years. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Art Alive • Nov. 5-19 • Reception on Nov. 5. Juried live flower arrangements show, fine art, sculptures. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

China Steam • Nov. 8 • Illustrated talk about steam locomotives in China. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

USO Veterans Day Celebration • Nov. 8 • Music, dancing, food, memorabilia displays. Senior Center, Gardnerville, 775-783-6455.

Toots Thielemans Quartet • Nov. 9 • Harmonic artist appears with Aito Moreira, Oscar Castro-Neves, Kenny Werner. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-ART.

Mark Twain's 171st Birthday Party • Nov. 10 • McAvoy Lane impersonates the famed writer who spent time in Virginia City. Gold Hill Hotel, Gold Hill, 775-847-0111.

"The Threepenny Opera" • Nov. 10-11, 15-19 • Musical story about Mack the Knife. Redfield Studio Theater, UNR, Reno, 800-225-2277.

International Gay Rodeo Association Finals • Nov. 10-12 • Event returns after 21-year hiatus. Reno Livestock Events Center, Reno, tickets, www.renogayrodeo.com.

"La Traviata" • Nov. 10 and 12 • Nevada Opera Company performs tragedy about the woman who strayed. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 877-840-6610.

Veterans Day Parade • Nov. 11 • Dedicated to Vietnam veterans, "Our Unsung Heroes." Downtown Reno, 775-334-2414.

Virginia City Veterans Day Parade • Nov. 11 • C Street, 775-847-7500.

Big Band Jazz • Nov. 14 • Mile High Jazz Band. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Holiday Art Mart at the Lake Mansion • Nov. 16-18 • Art show and sale. Lake Mansion, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Turkey Bingo • Nov. 17 • Refreshments. CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-265-2205.

Valhalla Holiday Craft Faire • Nov. 17-19 • More than 30 regional artists display and sell Christmas wares. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Reno Philharmonic • Nov. 19 and 21 • Guest cello players Peter and John Lenz. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

Turkey Trot • Nov. 23 • Fun run/walk for families on Thanksgiving. Sparks Marina, Sparks, 775-353-7835.

Squaw Valley Winter Film Festival • Nov. 24 • Screening of adventure films. Squaw Valley, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.



Skiers and boarders hope for an early snowfall and opening of Lake Tahoe ski resorts. Economical room-and-lift packages are found at many hotels in Reno and at Lake Tahoe.

Thanksgiving Weekend Steam-Up • Nov. 24-25 • Rides aboard a train pulled by an 1888 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

North Lake Tahoe Holiday Jazz Festival • Nov. 24-25 • Hyatt Regency, Incline Village, 800-832-1234.

"The Nutcracker" • Nov. 24-26 • Tchaikovsky's traditional holiday ballet performed by the Pinkerton Ballet Theatre. Community Center, Carson City, 775-882-2916.

"Camelot" • Nov. 24-26 • Broadway Comes to Reno series performance about the love triangle between King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, and Sir Lancelot. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 877-840-0457.

East Fork Gallery Christmas Reception • Nov. 26 • Works by 20 regional artists. East Fork Gallery, Gardnerville, 775-782-7629.

High Noon at the Historical Society • Nov. 27 • Video presentation about Sarah Winnemucca. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Carson Valley Christmas Season Kick-Off • Nov. 19 • Music, Santa Claus, hot chocolate, cider, open fire. Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-7134.

Lighting of the Minden Gazebo and Tree • Dec. 1 • Music, refreshments, Santa. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-2444.

The Masterworks Chorale • Dec. 1-2 • Holiday concert. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6610.

Minden's Annual Street Festival • Dec. 1-9 • Booths, decorations, German Christmas market. Old Town Minden, 775-782-2444.

Parties of the Year Celebration • Dec. 2 • Victorian Christmas

and Museum store follows the Parade of Lights. Party includes 30 different events at unique venues and gourmet food. Historic Fourth Ward School and downtown Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Valhalla Holiday Gala • Dec. 2 • Dinner, entertainment. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Sparks Hometowne Christmas • Dec. 2 • Colorful parade, entertainment, photos with Santa Claus, tree-lighting ceremony. Victorian Plaza, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 2 • Floats, bands, Santa Claus. U.S. 395 between Lampe and Minden parks. Gardnerville and Minden, 775-782-8144.



Blues guitarist Robert Cray (front) and his band headline November 17-18 at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

Christmas in Genoa • Dec. 3 • Caroling, tree lighting, refreshments, Santa. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Holiday Open House • Dec. 3 • Community trees, cookie walk, Victorian tea. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Silver and Snowflake Festival of Lights • Dec. 7 • Lighting of the downtown area, capitol Christmas tree, caroling, Santa Claus. Capitol, Carson City, 775-887-1294.

Nevada Christmas Sale and Indian Art Market • Dec. 8-9 • Native American vendors from across the U.S. and Canada sell traditional and modern handmade artworks. Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, 775-425-3439.

Carson Valley Pops Orchestra Holiday Concert • Dec. 9 • CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-267-9363.

"The Nutcracker" • Dec. 9-10 • Performed by A.V.A. Ballet Theatre, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

Santa Train • Dec. 9-10 • Ride aboard a train pulled by an 1888 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Genoa Christmas Faire and Café • Dec. 9-10 • Fine art, food. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Holiday Treat Concert • Dec. 10 • Carson City Symphony with guest soloist violinist Gregory Maytan. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Victorian Homes Christmas Tour • Dec. 10 • Nine restored houses show off holiday decorations. Roberts House Museum, Carson City, 775-882-1805.

A Jazzy Christmas • Dec. 12 • Big band versions of holiday music. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

"Spelling Bee" • Dec. 12-17 • Broadway Comes to Reno series offers Tony Award-winning musical about six young people who learn that winning isn't everything. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 877-840-4457.

Christmas in the Sierras Concert • Dec. 16 • David John and the Comstock Cowboys perform. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade • Dec. 24 • Parade of lights on the ski slope. Squaw Valley, North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Nevada Chamber Music Festival • Dec. 28-31 • Internationally renowned musicians perform. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-348-9413.

New Year's Eve Fire and Ice Party • Dec. 31 • Fireworks, music, entertainment, food, drinks. Northstar-at-Tahoe Ski Resort, Truckee, 530-550-2623.

Ongoing Events

Nevada Railroads in the 20th Century • Rotating exhibits of models, artifacts, photographs. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Nevada State Museum Tours • Behind-the-scenes tours of the anthropology, plant, and animal collections on the last Friday of each month. Registration required. Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Wine Walk on the River Walk • Third Saturday at 2pm. Wine tasting and snacks at participating merchants with the purchase of a map and glass for \$15. Holiday Wine Walk on November 18. River Walk Arts District, Downtown, Reno, 775-348-8862.

Bloom: The Paintings of Mary Warner • Thru Nov. 5 • Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Alexander Calder: The Kite That Never Flew • Thru Nov. 12 • Exhibition. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Locomotive Stories of the V&T • Thru Dec. • Models, photographs, artifacts. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Life and Times of Mimi Jobe • Thru Dec. • Exhibition. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

Still a World Apart: Visual Profiles of Contemporary Railroaders • Thru Dec. • Photo exhibition of American railroad workers. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Art and Architecture of Frederic J. Delongchamps • Thru Dec. 31 • Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

"Blood Brothers" • Weekends Nov. 3-4, 10-12, and 17-19 • Twins separated by birth form a friendship. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-233-3102.

Reno Ice Rink • Nov.-Feb. weather permitting. • Outdoor

rink, downtown Reno, 775-334-6268 for information.

UNR Women's Basketball • The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 5 vs. Humboldt State, Nov. 11 vs. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Nov. 19 vs. Idaho State, Dec. 17 vs. UC Irvine, Dec. 28 vs. Portland State. John Ascuaga's Nugget Classic, Dec. 1-2, teams include Wolf Pack, New Orleans, Auburn, UC Riverside. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-784-6900.

UNR Men's Basketball • The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 7 vs. Chico State, Nov. 18 vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Nov. 21 vs. UC Irvine, Dec. 9 vs. UNLV, Dec. 12 vs. Saint Mary's, Dec. 16 vs. Pacific, Dec. 28 vs. Maine. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-784-6900.

UNR Football • The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 11 vs. Utah State, Nov. 25 vs. Boise State. Mackay Stadium, Reno, 775-784-6900.

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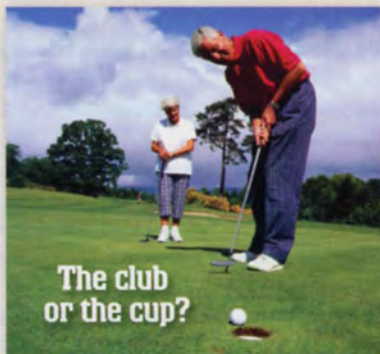
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Rebekah Bogard • Nov. 16-Feb. 16 • Earthenware sculptures of animals. Sheppard Gallery, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6658.

"The Buttrucker" • Nov. 17-18, 24-25, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 8-9, 14-17, 21-23 • Spoof of "The Nutcracker." Brûka Theater, Reno, 775-323-3221.

Demonstration of Coin Press No. 1 • Nov. 17 and Dec. 29 • Historic Mint Building, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Tahoe Rim Trail Snowshoe Hikes • Jan.-April • Guided hikes, varied distances. Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Shows

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Carson Nugget • 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Entertainers in the lounge.

Carson Station • 775-883-0900: Entertainers appear in the lounge.

Casino Fandango • 775-885-7000: Bands play in the lounge.
Pinon Plaza • 775-885-9000: Sports Book Lounge: Bands play Wed.-Sun.

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983:
 Shabang, Nov. 7-12. "Hotel California: A Tribute to the Eagles," Nov. 14-19. Melissa Dru, Nov. 21-26. American Made, Nov. 28-Dec. 3. Street Heart, Dec. 5-10. RETRoACTIVE, Dec. 12-17. Shake, Rattle, and Roll will appear Dec. 26-30 and New Year's Eve. Special Events:

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Rhymers Rodeer Cowboy Poetry and Music, Nov. 3-4.
Comedy Weekend, Nov. 10-11.

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

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

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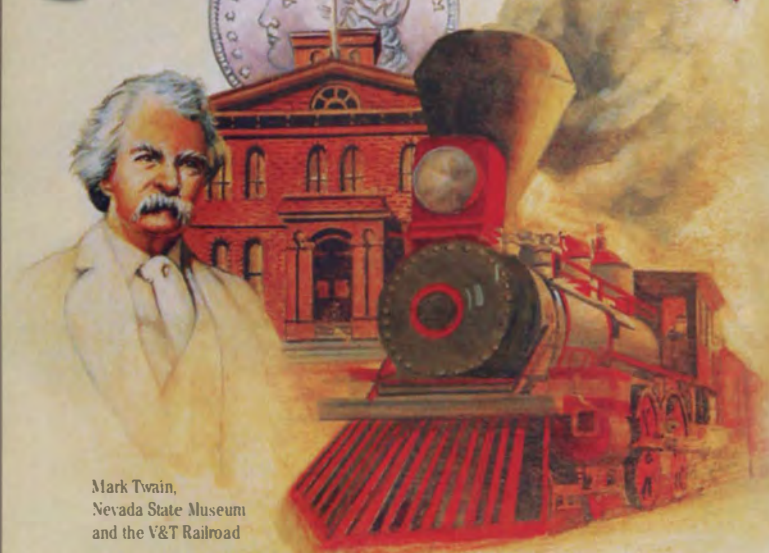
Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Tanya Tucker, Nov. 24-25. Mike Albert and the Big E Band, tribute to Elvis Presley, featuring the Jordanares, Jan. 5. Bands play in the lounge.

Boomtown • 775-345-6000: Lounge entertainment.

Circus Circus • 775-329-0711: Cabaret: Entertainment except Tues.-Wed. Free daily circus acts, 11am-10:30pm.

Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966: Siegfried and Roy present "Darren Romeo, The Voice of Magic," thru Nov. 18, dark Mon. "Spirit of Christmas," Nov. 22-Dec. 29, dark Mon. Lou Gramm of Foreigner, Dec., 30-31. New Year's Bash in

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Fitzgeralds • 775-785-3300 or 800-648-5022: Music Wed.-Sun.
Grand Sierra Resort (formerly Reno Hilton) • 775-789-2285 or 800-648-3568: Nick Lachey, Nov. 3. Bill Maher, Nov. 4. Allison Krauss and Union Station, Nov. 9. Gregg Allman and Friends, Nov. 25. The Temptations, Jan. 12. Art Garfunkel, Jan. 13. Bands play nightly in The Garage.

Harrah's Reno • 775-786-3232 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: "Let the Good Times Roll," family musical revue, thru July 7. Sapphire Lounge entertainment Fri.-Sat. John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks. 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Lisa Marie Presley, Nov. 3-4. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 10-12. Robert Cray, Nov. 17-18. '007 New Year's Eve celebration with Cracker, Dec. 31. Entertainment in the Cabaret, Trader Dick's Restaurant, and Orozko Lounge.

Peppermill • 775-826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Entertainment in the Cabaret Lounge and the Steak House restaurant.

Reno Events Center • 800-687-8733: Blue Man Group, Nov. 2. Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Bands play Wed.-Sun. Just For Laughs Comedy Club, dark Mon.

Siena • 775-337-6260: Jammin' With the Siena Jazz Ensemble Tues.-Thurs.

Silver Legacy • 775-329-4777 or 800-687-8733: k.d. lang, Nov. 10-11. Anne Murray, Nov. 17-18. Music in the Rum Bullions Island Bar. Comedians perform in the Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, dark Mon. Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 775-588-2455: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: Tower of Power, Nov. 24-25. The New Cars: Road Rage Winter Tour, Dec. 9. Dave Mason, Dec. 16. Entertainment in the California Bar, Casino Center Stage, and Altitude Nightclub.
Harveys • 775-588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: "Debbie Loves Dallas: The Musical," adult revue, dark Mon. The Improv, dark Mon. and thru Nov. 21. Entertainment in the Cabo Wabo Cantina.

Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: The Chipper Lowell Experience, variety show, dark Tues. Psychic Dayle Schear, Tues. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge.

Lakeside Inn • 775-588-7777: Karaoke Wed.-Fri.

MontBleu Resort (formerly Caesars Tahoe) • 775-588-3515 or 800-648-3353: "The Nutcracker," Dec. 22-24. Entertainment in the Opal Eurasian Cuisine and Ultra Lounge, Blu Nightclub, HQ Center Bar.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Bands on Sat.

Crystal Bay Club • 775-831-0512: Entertainment TBA.

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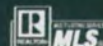
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Santa's checking his list while entertaining Elko children during the countdown to December 25. Santa's Workshop, November 21-December 29 at the Northeastern Nevada Museum, includes a show of antique toys and visits by the Jolly Old Elf on December 16-17 and 19-23.

Events

National Finals Senior Pro Rodeo • Nov. 1-4 • Features over 300 contestants. Events Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Swing That Music • Nov. 3 • Concert featuring Terry Blaine, Mark Shane, Allan Vache. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Wild Chukar Hunt • Nov. 3-4 • \$125 entry fee includes the hunt, dinner. Prizes and drawings. Battle Mountain, 775-635-1112.

Society of Creative Anachronism • Nov. 3-5 • Medieval-style contests. Community Center, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Death Valley 49er Days • Nov. 8-12 • Western art show, music, cowboy poetry, campfires, fiddlers contest. Death Valley, 45 miles west of Beatty, 866-736-3716.

"Fiddler on the Roof" • Nov. 9-11, 16-18 • Broadway musical about a poor Russian dairyman trying to raise five daughters. Churchill County High School Theatre, Fallon, 775-423-7565.

Northeastern Nevada Museum Birthday Ball • Nov. 11 • Period clothing is encouraged for the dance. Cake will be served in celebration of the 50th anniversary. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Quarter Horse Show • Nov. 11 • McCullough Arena, Pahrump, 775-493-9846.

Kris Kringle Race • Nov. 11 • Rattlesnake Raceway, Fallon, 775-221-1676, www.rattlesnakeraceway.org.

Veterans Day Parade and Picnic • Nov. 11 • Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Pahrump Social Powwow • Nov. 17-19 • Native American dance, rodeo, crafts, music. Petrack Park and McCullough Arena, Pahrump, 775-209-3444.

Charlie Nannini Invitational Chariot Races • Nov. 18-19 • Features competitors from Western states. Wells, 775-752-3540.

Pahrump Valley Rough Riders Gymkhana • Nov. 18 • Equestrian event. McCullough Arena, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas • Nov. 23-Dec. 3 • Parade, light displays, festival of trees, concerts, craft bazaar. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 800-496-9350.

Holiday Craft Bazaar • Nov. 24-25 • Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-8164.

Pahrump Gunfighters • Nov. 26 • Skits and reenactments. Dusty Flats, Pahrump, 775-751-1914.

Elko Festival of the Trees • Nov. 27-29 • Auction of decorated trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses. Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091.

Lowry High School-Nevada Prep Boys and Girls Invitational

Basketball Tournament • Nov. 30-Dec. 2 • 12 teams compete in round-robin play. Events Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-8130.

Wendover in Lights • Dec. 1 • Tree-lighting ceremony, hot chocolate, cookies, Santa Claus. Welcome Center, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Christmas Tree Lighting • Dec. 1 • Santa Claus, hot chocolate, cookies. Maine Street, Fallon, 775-423-5105.

Pahrump A-Pum-Pum Festival • Dec. 1-3 • Parade, food, entertainment, music. Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 2 • Entertainment following parade. Downtown Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

Hometown Christmas • Dec. 2 • Craft and food vendors, children's activities, and entertainment. Maine Street, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Perla Battalla • Dec. 2 • Singer performs in the Barkley Theatre, Oats Park Center, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

Nurses Bazaar Craft Sale • Dec. 2-3 • Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-778-0546.

Lovelock Nevada Trophy 4WD Geocaching Challenge • Dec. 8-10 • Open to all 4WD vehicles. Drivers and navigators test their GPS-navigational skills. Lovelock location will not be announced prior to event. www.offroadexperience.com.

Snowflake Festival • Dec. 9 • Parade, music, hayride, hot

chocolate. Downtown Elko, 775-778-9555 for information.
Christmas Festival • Dec. 11-13 • Prizes, entertainment, Santa, and refreshments. Wendover Recreation District, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

From Heaven's Throne • Dec. 17 • White Pine Community Choir. Centennial Fine Arts Center, Ely, 775-289-2116.
Pahrump Gunfighters Children's Christmas Party • Dec. 17 • Dusty Flats, Pahrump, 866-722-5800.

Christmas Dinner • Dec. 25 • Provided by the Ely area's ministerial association. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

The Countdown in Downtown • Dec. 31 • Family-oriented event includes fireworks. Elko, 775-738-1240.

Winnemucca New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Casino festivities. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.



Geologic wonders are explored during ranger-led tours of Lehman Caves at Great Basin National Park near Ely.

Wendover New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Casino festivities take place on Mountain Time. Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Ely Volunteer Fire Department New Year's Party • Dec. 31 • Music and dancing. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 800-496-9350.

Eureka Firemen's New Year's Eve Ball • Dec. 31 • Volunteer fire department hosts music and dancing. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-5263.

Fallon New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Fireworks at the fairgrounds, fun run on New Year's Day. Fallon, 775-423-7733.

Border Inn New Year's • Dec. 31 • Residents and visitors will celebrate the new year twice, on Utah and Nevada time. Border Inn, seven miles north of Baker, 775-234-7300.

Ongoing Events

Lehman Cave Tours • Daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. Hundreds of rare shield formations, more than any other cave, that have been formed over thousands and millions of years. Great Basin National Park, 64 miles southeast of Ely, six miles west of Baker, 775-234-7331.

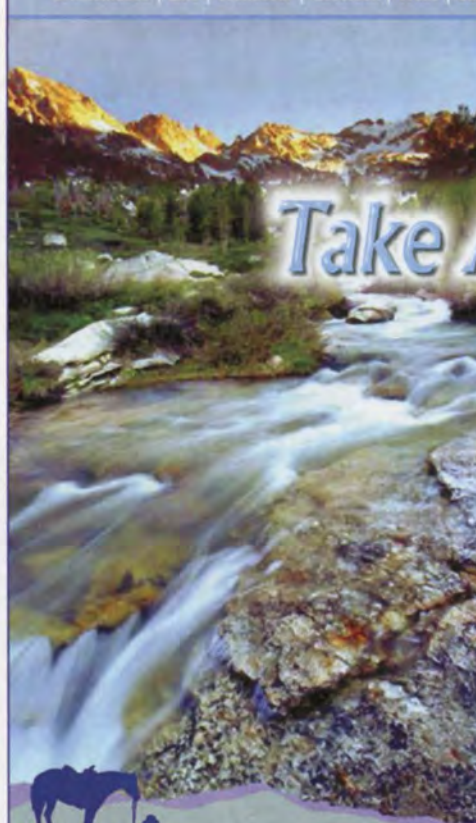
Riva Grant Exhibition • Thru Nov. 1 • Oil paintings. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Elko County Art Club Fall Show • Thru Nov. 21 • Juried show. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

The Portuguese in Mason Valley • Thru Feb. 1 • Changing exhibit includes handcrafts from Portugal, the Azore Islands, and local Portuguese descendants. Lyon County Museum, Yerington, 775-463-6576.

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Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Hidden Cave Tours • Nov. 11, Dec. 9, 23, Jan. 13, 27 • 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.

Santa's Workshop • Nov. 21-Dec. 29 • Show includes antique toys. Santa visits Dec. 16-17, 19-23. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Polar Express • Weekends, Nov. 24-Dec. 14. Daily Dec. 15-23 • Rides aboard a historic steam train to the "North Pole. Meet Santa and have cookies and cocoa enroute. Excursion diesel locomotive rides Dec. 26-30. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Coming Events

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 27-Feb. 3 • Elko, 888-880-5885.

Nevada Boomtown Living-History Event • Feb. 15-19 • Amargosa Valley, 775-751-2250.

Ranch Hand Rodeo • March 3-4 • Winnemucca • 775-623-5071.

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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: Midnight Riders, Nov. 1-5, Nov. 7-12. Raine, 14-19, 21-26. Chute Nine, Nov.

28-Dec. 3. Audio Boxx, Dec. 5-10. Octane, Dec. 12-17, 19-24. Midnight Riders, Dec. 26-3, Jan. 2-7. Super Bowl party, Feb. 4.

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

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Horseshu Casino • 775-755-2321. Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

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

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Entertainment on Nov. 4, 10-11, 17, 24, Dec. 8, 22-23, 29-30. Comstock Cowboys, Nov. 25. New Year's Eve, entertainment, giveaways.

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

WENDOVER

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

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660: Concert Hall: Diamond Rio, Nov. 3. The Smothers Brothers, Nov. 17. Bill Engvall, Dec. 1. Bands play nightly in the lounge.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Heartache Tonight, thru Nov. 5. Rhythm Nation, Nov. 7-19. Atomica, Nov. 21-Dec. 3.

State Line Nugget • 775-664-2221: Karaoke weekends.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 775-623-2511: Karaoke Mon., comedy Thurs., bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Model T • 775-623-2588: Bands during special events, karaoke Wed.

YERINGTON

Casino West • 775-463-2481: Weekend music.

Dini's Lucky Club • 775-463-2868: Music during special events.



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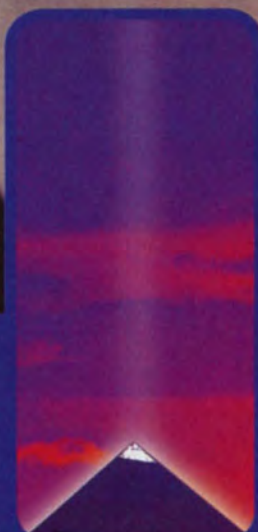
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The Henderson Events Plaza, an outdoor amphitheater at the Henderson Convention Center, opened September 7.

In 2005, more than seven million delegates attended conventions in the Silver State, a 5.3 percent increase over the previous year. Nevada is recognized for its state-of-the-art facilities, customer service, unique settings, nearly 180,000 hotel and motel rooms, and for more than 50 years of experience in hosting meetings and trade shows.

Convention and meeting planners can choose from boutique-style venues for wedding parties and family reunions to mega-

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Las Vegas

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The Reno Convention Center offers 500,000 square feet of meeting space for delegates choosing the area's outdoor adventure, and first-rate amenities, and top entertainment.

Las Vegas and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority were recognized by more than 80,000 travel professionals from 200 countries. The Las Vegas Convention Center was named North America's Leading Conference Center, LVCVA was chosen North America's Leading Tourist and Convention Bureau, and Las Vegas was tapped as the World's Leading Gambling Destination.

The number of delegates hosted by the city increased from 5.1 million in

2001 to 6.2 million in 2005. To keep pace with the growth, and a projected 43 million combined convention and leisure visitors by 2009, the LVCVA has begun a \$737-million enhancement program that is slated to be completed by the end of 2010. The project includes new South Hall meeting rooms, a front lobby connecting the North, Center, and South Halls, constructing a 100,000-square-foot general session space, and renovating the existing facility. Plans also call for an enclosed connector between the convention center and the Las Vegas Monorail station, police and fire department substations, and a customer-service support center.

Included in Las Vegas' growth spurt are seven new hotels that will add 41,000 rooms to its current inventory of more than 130,000. Trump International (1,282 rooms) and Palazzo (3,025) have completion dates in 2007. Steve Wynn's Encore (2,000) and Cosmopolitan (3,000) in 2008, and City Center (6,800) and Fontainebleau (4,000) in 2009. Echelon Place (5,300) opens in 2010. Numerous expansions are planned at such properties as Planet Hollywood and Las Vegas Hilton. There are changes, too, in the landscape with Columbia Sussex taking over the Tropicana and closure of the venerable Stardust to make way for new projects.

The Colorado River community of Laughlin, located 90 miles south of Las Vegas, is courting SMERF organizations—social, military, education, religious, and fraternal. The area's nine

properties offer more than 125,000 square feet of meeting space and 10,000 rooms.

Loews Hotels has plans for a \$1-billion, 400-room resort at Lake Las Vegas in Henderson. It will feature 40,000 square feet of meeting space, a welcome addition to the city's 200,000 square feet. Upscale Green Valley Ranch has added trolley service to its expanded shopping complex, The District at Green Valley Ranch.

Shuttle service is also available for shoppers at Fashion Outlets in Primm, 43 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15. Three hotels, Buffalo Bill's, Whiskey Pete's, and Primm Valley, the Primm Valley Golf Club, and the Desperado Roller Coaster serve visitors.

Of interest, too, is the progress of The Skywalk at Grand Canyon West, a 4,000-foot high glass foot bridge across a narrow section of the Grand Canyon, 120 miles east of Las Vegas. The bridge, which leads to the visitor center, shops, and restaurants, is scheduled to open January 1.

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RECREATION

The city of Elko sits at an elevation of 5,060 feet. This high desert community experiences four mild seasons. Fall is spectacular, heralding in warm days and cool evenings. Winter months bring average high temperatures between 26-43 degrees. Spring months bring warmer temperatures accompanied by cool nights. During the warm

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The Fremont Street Experience in downtown Las Vegas has nightly shows and can host more than 2,000 people.

guests, and concert seating for 4,000.

A \$1.8-billion redevelopment project is underway at Grand Sierra Resort, the former Reno Hilton. Plans include America's largest indoor water park and show, outdoor amphitheatre, and four-level golf driving range.

The Atlantis will add 27,000 square feet of meeting space, doubling its current facility, during a \$50-million expansion project. The project calls for a new sports book, poker room, restaurant, larger spa and fitness center, and a pedestrian skywalk from the Atlantis to the Reno Convention Center.

Aesthetic changes to Reno's downtown landscape are found in the \$282-million ReTRAC Project, which will lower 2.3 miles of railroad track, adding lights to the bridges across the Truckee River, and the Virginia Street Plaza. The plaza offers a seasonal ice rink and a sloped amphitheater.

The Downtown Reno Ballroom, scheduled for completion in summer, will have a 28,000-square-foot ballroom divisible into five sections, a 4,700-square-foot pre-function area, banquet capacity of 1,970 and general assembly of 2,990 guests.

Summit Sierra, a 180-acre live-work-play-shop complex, continues to add dining, retail, and entertainment since its opening in March 2006.

Visitors attracted by first-rate dining and amenities at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks will find a new attraction in spring 2008 when a 1.35-million-square-foot development on the east side of Sparks Marina is completed. The retail and entertainment complex has attracted tenants such as Saddle Ranch Chop House, T Rex: A Prehistoric Family Adventure, and Dave and Buster's.

The Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau has an incentive program for meeting planners based on the number of room nights. For a brochure, contact Group Sales Manager Janet Jones, jjones@visitcarsoncity.com.

At Lake Tahoe, MontBleu Resort has replaced the Roman-themed Caesars Tahoe in Stateline. The property's 440 hotel rooms have been refurbished and entertainment options added. At Championship and Mountain Golf Courses in Incline Village, there is seasonal indoor-outdoor function space at Aspen Grove for up to 200 guests, with year-round facilities at the 5,000-square-foot Chateau.

Rural Nevada

Creative meeting planners looking for memorable settings and unmatched hospitality are discovering Nevada's 15 less populated counties.

In Elko, the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority offers a brochure, "130 Different Adventures," to assist visitors and meeting planners wanting to know about the scenic Ruby Mountain area. To receive a copy call 800-248-3556 or visit www.elkocva.com.

Winnemucca Convention Center and Events Complex fills its space with numerous national competitions such as the Senior Pro Rodeo Finals. The Battle Mountain Civic Center is popular with event sponsors including September's World Human Powered Speed Challenge.

Starting from Ely's Bristlecone Convention Center, delegates can visit Great Basin National Park and Lehman Caves and plan events aboard the rolling stock at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. Military groups can capitalize

on Hawthorne's impressive history as a munitions storage installation when they book the town's Community Convention Center.

Wedding planners need look no further than Lovelock/Pershing County Community Center for an unusual setting. Lovelock is home to America's only round courthouse and altar-bound couples can participate in a special ceremonial pledge, "Lock Your Love."

Astronomy buffs can view the heavens in Tonopah when booking the convention center. The mining town was named the number one place to stargaze by USA Today. Fallon has the Fallon Convention Center and is home of the Fallon Naval Air Station and its Top Gun pilot's school. Wendover's Peppermill Properties have added a 1,000-seat concert hall and 85 rooms to the Peppermill. Construction on a 450-room hotel is expected to begin in 2007.

Meeting planners looking for historic settings can choose from the restored 120-year-old Eureka Opera House in Central Nevada or the former mining community of Austin, which is expected to complete an ambitious town-wide renovation project this summer. Improvements include refurbishing the 17-room Lincoln Motel, adding a Victorian Tea Room and a Women's and Children's Museum to the Leland House, an 1860s boarding house, and opening the adjacent Antique Barn.

Meeting Information: For more information refer to Convention and Conference Centers beginning on page 5.



Pre- and post-convention events are available at Genoa Lakes Golf Course in Carson Valley.

Convention and Conference Centers

Major meeting facilities in Las Vegas, Reno, and around the state.

Nevada offers meeting planners more than two dozen convention centers and community facilities that have an array of choices and amenities. The following listing describes such details as size of the meeting space, breakout rooms, occupancy levels, and catering and other services.

Attractions that have meeting capabilities can be found in "Attractive Meeting Sites" in this issue of *Nevada Travel Update: The 2007 Meeting Planners' Guide to Nevada*, an annual publication. For hotel-casino meeting accommodations see the "2007 Hotel Meeting Guide" in this issue. Please call for further information or to request a site inspection, which all facilities are happy to provide.

Las Vegas

Cashman Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109 (physical location 850 Las Vegas Blvd. N.). Phone 702-386-7100, fax 702-386-7126, www.lvcva.com. Total meeting space 115,600 square feet, 12 breakout rooms, exhibit space 98,100 square feet. Theater seating 1,922, classroom 3,300, dinner 5,660, cocktail party 5,660. Catering and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Cox Pavilion: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 23,780 square feet, seven breakout rooms, trade show 23,780 square feet. Theater style 3,000, classroom 1,400, dinner 1,200, cocktail party 2,000. Wedding space, catering, registration, and events assistance.

Henderson Convention Center: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89015. Phone 877-775-5252, fax 702-267-2177 www.visithenderson.com. The new Henderson Events Plaza is 2.7 acres with 60,000 square feet of programmable outdoor event space. Includes a 4,000-square-foot amphitheatre with seating for up to 400, and the 4,000-square-foot South Courtyard features a shade canopy. The plaza has power distribution centers and is fully lit for evening functions. Inside, the convention center has 13,765 square feet of total meeting space, 10 breakout



An enclosed Las Vegas Monorail station is included in the \$737-million expansion at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

rooms, and 10,000 square feet of exhibit space. Theater seating 10-1,200, classroom 10-800, dinner 10-700, cocktail party 10-900. Wedding space, housing, events, and registration assistance.

Las Vegas Convention Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-892-0711, fax 702-892-2824, www.lvcva.com and www.visitlasvegas.com. Total meeting space 3.2 million square feet, 144 breakout rooms, exhibit space two million square feet. Theater seating 20-14,000, classroom 12-2,400, dinner 12,000, cocktail party 14,000. Catering and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Sam Boyd Stadium: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003 (physical location eight miles east of the Strip at 7000 E. Russell Rd.) Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 92,665 square feet open air, seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 92,665 square feet. Theater seating 36,000, classroom 5,400, dinner 6,000, cocktail party 30,000. Wedding space, catering, registration, and events assistance are available.

Sands Expo/Venetian Congress Center: 201 E. Sands Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89169. Phone 702-733-5556,

fax 702-733-5061, www.sandsexpo.com. Total convention space 1.8 million square feet: one-million square feet of exhibit space, 400,000 square feet of meeting space, and 293 meeting rooms. Theater seating, 60-8,000, classroom, cocktail, and dinner 60-5,000. Catering, registration, and events assistance are available.

Thomas and Mack Center: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 60,000 square feet (25,000 on arena floor, plus 35,000 on the concourse), seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 60,000 square feet. Theater seating 18,000, classroom 1,300, dinner 1,200, cocktail party 7,000. Wedding space, catering, and registration and events assistance.

"V" Theater and Event Center: 3663 Las Vegas Blvd. S., #360, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Located in the Miracle Mile Shops at the Planet Hollywood. Phone 702-260-7200, fax 702-260-6593, www.varietytheater.com. Full stage, four meeting rooms, three bars, and two kitchens. Total meeting space 30,000 square feet. Group size 20-2,000. Theater seating 500. Wedding, catering, and entertainment assistance.

Reno-Tahoe

Brewery Arts Center: 449 W. King St., Carson City, NV 89703. Phone 775-883-1976, fax 775-883-1922, www.breweryarts.org. Total meeting space 5,330 square feet. Theater seating 10-300, classroom 10-75, dinner 10-50, cocktail party 10-100. A full kitchen, wedding space, and catering are available.

Lawlor Events Center: University of Nevada, Reno, MS 230, Reno, NV 89557-0096. Phone 775-784-4659, fax 775-784-4428, www.unr.edu/lawlor. Total meeting space 9,500 square feet, eight breakout rooms, exhibit space 30,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-10,000, classroom 10-500, dinner 10-1,200, cocktail party 10-1,000. Wedding space, catering, and events and registration assistance. On-campus housing assistance is available during the university's break times.

National Bowling Stadium: 300 N. Center St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-335-8800 or 800-304-2695, fax 775-334-2606, www.visitrenotahoe.com. Total meeting space 17,500 square feet, three breakout rooms, trade show 9,000 square feet. Theater seating 800, classroom 450, dinner 360, cocktail party 1,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts: 100 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-686-6610, fax 775-686-6630, www.pioneecenter.com. Proscenium theater with a balcony, 1,500 seats. Exhibit hall is 4,000 square feet and offers 400 classroom seating, 250 dinner. Special events can also be held in the center's 200-seat Magic Underground facility. Catering, set-up, and event assistance available.

Reno Events Center: 400 N. Center St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 800-304-2695, fax 775-335-8835, www.renoeventscen.com. Total meeting space 61,000 square feet. Nine breakout rooms, exhibit space 60,000 square feet. Theater seating 7,500, dinner 2,850. Catering, liquor license, and registration and housing assistance.

Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center: 1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV 89512. Phone 775-688-5751, fax 775-688-5763, www.visitrenotahoe.com. Arena and

exhibition hall offers total meeting space of 83,000 square feet, one 20,000-square-foot breakout room. Weddings, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Reno-Sparks Convention Center: 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 775-827-7620, fax 775-827-7701, www.visitrenotahoe.com. Total meeting space 500,000 square feet, 53 breakout rooms, exhibit space 381,000 square feet. Theater seating 15,000, classroom 10,000, dinner 10,000, cocktail party 15,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and conference registration.

Rural Areas

Battle Mountain Civic Center: 625 S. Broad St., Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Phone 775-635-1112, fax 775-635-1113, www.BattleMountainTourism.com. Total meeting space 6,984 square feet, three breakout rooms. Theater seating 400, classroom 150, dinner 300, cocktail party 400. Wedding space, catering facilities, and events and registration assistance.

Elko Convention Center: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801. Phone 800-248-3556 or 775-738-4091, fax 775-738-2420, www.exploreelko.com. Total meeting space 50,000 square feet, eight breakout rooms, 915-seat theater, exhibit space 50,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-915, classroom 20-440, dinner 500, cock-



A casual dinner at the Elko Convention Center.

tail party 15-1,500. Wedding space, catering, and events and conference registration assistance are available.

Ely/Bristlecone Convention Center: 150 Sixth St., Ely, NV 89301. Phone 800-HY6-9350 or 775-289-3720, fax 775-289-6757 www.elynevada.net. Total meeting and exhibit space 7,000 square feet, five breakout rooms. Theater seating up to 550, classroom 350, dinner 350, cocktail party 550. Wedding space, catering, and events and registration assistance.

Ely/Camp Success: Located 25 miles east of Ely in the forested Success Summit Loop of Duck Creek Basin. Book through the Bristlecone Convention Center. Facility offers a meeting lodge, five canvas tents on platforms, kitchen facility, restrooms, and showers. Maximum group size is 200.

Eureka Opera House: 31 Main St., Box 284, Eureka, NV 89316. Phone 775-237-6006, fax 775-237-6040, www.co.eureka.nv.us. Total meeting space 3,000 square feet, two breakout rooms, exhibit space 3,000 square feet. Theater seating 300, classroom 150, dinner 200, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Fallon Convention Center: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-423-4556 or 800-874-0903, fax 775-423-8926, www.fallon-tourism.com. Total meeting space 6,500 square feet, five breakout

Nevada's Territories



Reno-Tahoe Territory
Cowboy Country
Pony Express Territory
Pioneer Territory
Las Vegas Territory
Indian Territory (the entire state)

Nevada Travel

For more information about travel and tourism in Nevada contact the Nevada Commission on Tourism, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701, 800-NEVADA-8, fax 775-687-6779, or www.travelnevada.com.

rooms, exhibit space 4,000 square feet. Theater seating 400, classroom 300, dinner 350, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Hawthorne Community Convention Center: 932 E. St., Box 2281, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Phone 775-945-5400, fax 775-945-5402. Total meeting space 3,316 square feet in the main hall, exhibit space 2,000 square feet. Theater seating 5-275, classroom 5-275, dinner 5-275, cocktail party 5-275. Wedding space, full kitchen, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Lovelock/Pershing County Community Center: 820 Sixth St., Box 986, Lovelock, NV 89419. Phone 775-273-7144, fax 775-273-0525, www.zplace

2be.com/pccofc. Total meeting space 3,500 square feet, exhibit space 20-30 booths. Groups of 10-500 with dinner seating for 400. Wedding space, catering, and registration and events assistance are available.

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, Tonopah, NV 89049. Phone 775-482-3558, fax 775-482-3932, www.tonopahnevada.com. Total meeting space 3,000 square feet. Main room with a bar and stage, an auxiliary room with a bar that can be combined with the main room, and two small meeting rooms. Theater seating 250, classroom 250, dinner 300, cocktail party 350. Wedding space, warming ovens, and refrigerator are available.

Winnemucca Convention Center and

Events Complex: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Phone 775-623-5071, fax 775-623-5087 www.winnemucca.nv.us. Total meeting space 132,000 square feet, 15 breakout rooms, exhibit space 96,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-3,000, classroom 8-1,000, dinner 8-1,500, cocktail party 10-4,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Yerington/Weed Heights Community Hall: 2 Austin Drive, Yerington, NV 89447. Phone 775-463-3351, fax 775-463-5143. Total meeting space 4,500 square feet. Occupancy 400. Wedding space, catering, and events assistance. Center offers Patio Eatery Lounge, golf, and miniature golf.

Attractive Meeting Sites

Unusual places to hold meetings and special events.

Meeting planners will find numerous Nevada attractions that provide unique settings for meetings, conferences, and social functions. The following sites in Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe, and around the state have responded to a survey about their offerings.

Las Vegas

Boulder Dam Hotel: Historic hotel built during the construction of Hoover Dam. Function space 1,650 square feet. Group size 50-60; theater and classroom 10-75. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City 89005. Phone 702-293-3510, fax 702-293-3093, www.boulderdamhotel.com.

Community College of Southern Nevada Planetarium: Virtual-reality domed theater. Function space 1,000 square feet. Group size 20-75; maximum size theater and classroom 71. Spousal activities, no catering or liquor license. 3200 East Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas 89030. Phone 702-651-4138, fax 702-651-4825, www.ccsn.edu/planetarium/

ESPN Zone: Sports-themed dining and entertainment located inside New York-New York. The HD Studio Grill and Screening Room have large high-definition TVs. Function space 34,000 square feet.



The Fashion Show Mall (above) and Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas in Primm entertain delegates.

Group size 20-1,000; dinner 20-550, cocktail party 20-1,000. Spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3790 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-933-3776, fax 702-933-6509, www.espnzone.com.

Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas: Shopping mall has more than 100 designer outlet stores. Call for information on food functions. Spousal activities, fashion shows, treasure hunts. 32100 Las

Vegas Blvd. S., Primm 89019, 43 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15. Daily shuttle service available from Las Vegas to Primm. Phone 702-874-1400, fax 702-874-1560, www.folv.com.

Fashion Show Mall: Shopping mall has five restaurants and over 200 stores. Total meeting space: Great Hall 1,000 square feet, Plaza 4,000 square feet. Call for details on other facility spaces. Live fash-

ion shows on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 600, Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-369-0704, fax 702-784-7029, www.thefashionshow.com.

Forum Shops at Caesars: Shopping area at Caesars Palace features 160 specialty shops and eateries. Fourteen fine-dining restaurants offer facilities for parties and receptions. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-893-3807 fax 702-893-3009, www.forumshops.com.

Fremont Street Experience: Outside venue features a 1,500-foot-high canopy with nightly light-and-sound shows; can accommodate more than 2,000 people in two blocks, with food and beverage service through member properties. Group size 50-2,000-plus. 425 Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101. Phone 702-678-5600, fax 702-678-5611, www.vegasexperience.com.

GameWorks: High-tech entertainment destination allows guests to eat, drink, party, and play. Function space 47,000 square feet. Group size 10-2,500; theater 10-150, classroom 10-50, dinner 10-125, cocktail party 10-2,500. Spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3785 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 010, Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-895-7626, fax 702-441-0330, www.gameworks.com.

Guggenheim Hermitage Museum: Inside the Venetian, the museum presents exhibits featuring art from the 15th to 20th centuries. Function space 1,500 square feet. Maximum group size in museum and shop 80; in outdoor patio 400. Catering, liquor license, tours. 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-414-2102, fax 702-414-2442, www.guggenheimlasvegas.org.

Harley-Davidson Café: Themed restaurant features Harley-Davidson memorabilia and a variety of menus. Function space 10,000 square feet. Group size 1-1,400; dinner 650, cocktail reception 1,400. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 3725 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-740-4555, fax 702-262-6252, www.harley-davidsoncafe.com.

Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas: A re-creation of Munich's original Hofbräuhaus with Schwemme Plus (main hall) and indoor Biergarten (beer garden). Group size 50-830; main hall 380, beer garden 450. Weddings, full service bar specializing in Hofbräu beers, Bavarian menus, oompah bands. 4510 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-853-BEER, fax 702-407-5519, www.hofbrauhauslasvegas.com.

Hot Rod Grille: Car-themed restaura-



Liberace Museum's added attraction is Mr. Showmanship's priceless musical collection.

rant, gaming, banquet, and special events facility. Function space 7,000 square feet. Group size up to 100; cocktail party 100. Food and liquor service. 1231 American Pacific Dr., Henderson 89074. Phone 702-567-5659, fax 702-567-0260, www.hotrodgrillelv.com.

Lake Mead Cruises: Landing and two *Desert Princess* paddlewheelers operate year-round. Maximum group size 250; theater 150, classroom 150, dinner 150, cocktail party 250. Weddings, catering, beverage service, spousal activities. Box 62465, Boulder City 89006. Phone 702-293-6180, fax 702-293-0343, email ginny@lakemeadcruises.com, visit www.lakemeadcruises.com.

Las Vegas Art Museum: Contemporary art facility offers gallery viewing for morning, afternoon, and evening affairs. Total function space is more than 12,000 square feet. Group size up to 600; film-screening 200, dinner 200, cocktail party 500-600. Weddings, corporate parties, referrals to catering and beverage service. 9600 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89117. Phone 702-360-8000, fax 702-360-8080, www.lasvegasartmuseum.org.

Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix: Four race tracks for adults and families, amuse-

ment rides, restaurant, arcade. Function space 12,000 square feet. Maximum group size 1,000; dinner 550. Weddings, spousal activities, group events, catering. 1401 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas 89108. Phone 702-259-7000, fax 702-259-7001, www.lvmgp.com.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway: A multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility that offers various function and entertainment spaces. Function space up to 1,200 acres. Group size up to 100,000; theater up to 1,000, classroom up to 5,000, dinner up to 3,000, cocktail party up to 10,000. Weddings are held only on NASCAR Weekend in March; catering, liquor license. 7000 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115. Phone 702-644-4444, fax 702-632-8222, www.lvms.com.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum: Exhibit topics include dinosaurs, marine life, and animals of the world, Nevada, and Africa. Function space 27,000 square feet. Group size 500; theater 8-200, classroom 10-35, dinner, 4-200, cocktail party 500. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering and liquor license. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89101. Phone 702-384-3466, fax 702-384-5343, www.lvnhm.org.

Laughlin River Tours: Sightseeing tours, dinner and cocktail cruises, charters, and weddings aboard 150-passenger boats. Group size 2-150; dinner 2-70, cocktail party 50-150. Weddings, special activities, on-site catering, liquor license. Box 29279, Laughlin 89029. Phone 702-298-1047 or 800-228-9825, fax 702-298-8259, www.laughlinrivertours.com.

Liberace Museum: Meetings and social activities surrounded by Mr. Showmanship's elaborate costumes, jewelry, antiques, and one-of-a-kind pianos. Total function space 3,200 square feet. Theater seating 130, dinner 100, cocktail party 150. Spousal activities, off-site catering available, liquor license. 1775 E. Tropicana, Las Vegas 89119. Phone 702-798-5595, ext. 13, fax 702-798-7386, www.liberace.org.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum: Hands-on art, science, and humanities exhibits create a unique place for receptions. Function space 22,000 square feet. Group size 50-2,000; theater 100-150, dinner 100, cocktail party 200. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering, liquor license. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89101. Phone 702-382-3445, fax 702-382-0592, www.ldcm.org.

Madame Tussauds Las Vegas: Located inside the Venetian, the interactive wax museum is available for incentive trips, group tours, and team-building outings. Options for dinners, cocktail receptions, business presentations, new product launches; available for buyouts. 3377 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 2001, Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-862-7814, fax 702-862-7851, www.mtvegas.com.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: Museum lobby, exhibit hall, xeriscape garden, and auditorium on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus are available for meetings and functions. Exhibit Hall 10,000 square feet, group size up to 400. Lobby 1,000 square feet, group size up to 200. Auditorium 142. Weddings, dinners, cocktail receptions, business presentations, catering, liquor license. 4505 Maryland Parkway, Box 454012, Las Vegas 89154-4012. Phone 702-895-3381, fax 702-895-5737 hrcweb.nevada.edu/museum/

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society: Conference and meeting attendees have access to museum exhibits and outdoor plaza and park. Function space 11,700 square feet. Group size 15-500; theater 85, classroom 100, dinner 500, cocktail party 30-500. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering. 700



The National Automobile Museum in Reno hosts functions among its display of 200 cars.

Twin Lakes Dr., Las Vegas 89107. Phone 702-486-5205 ext. 232, fax 702-486-5172, www.nevadaculture.org.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park: Indoor and outdoor space at historic site with landscaping and flowing water. Function space 4,000 square feet. Group size 10-250; classroom 10-25, dinner 10-50, cocktail party 10-250. Weddings, no catering or liquor license. 500 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas 89101. Phone 702-486-3511, fax 702-486-3734, www.parks.nv.gov.

Planet Hollywood: Inside the Forum Shops at Caesars, movie- and television-themed restaurant has semi-private rooms and movie memorabilia. Function space 65,000 square feet. Group size 15-1,200; dinner 560, cocktail party 1,200. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, beverage service. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite C-25, Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-791-7827 fax 702-791-2840, www.planethollywood.com.

Rainforest Café: Inside MGM Grand, the restaurant recreates the sights and sounds of a tropical rain forest. 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109. Phone 702-891-8580 ext. 120, fax 702-891-8487 www.rainforestcafe.com.

Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay: Underwater adventure full of deadly predators such as sharks, golden crocodiles, and piranhas. Total space 95,000 square feet. Group size 2-750; cocktail party 750. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3450 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119. Phone 702-632-4555, fax 702-632-4553, [\[bay.com/sharkreef\]\(http://bay.com/sharkreef\), for more information.](http://www.mandalay</p>
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Star Trek: The Experience: A 24th-century-themed space-station attraction is located inside the Las Vegas Hilton. Group size 20-1,000; theater 100, classroom 75, dinner 300, cocktail party 1,000. Captain's Lounge 225, can be configured for theater, classroom, or parties. Weddings, catering, beverage service. 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109. For operating hours call 702-697-TREK or 888-462-6535, fax 702-697-8787 www.startrekexp.com.

Reno-Tahoe

Bartley Ranch Regional Park: Western heritage park, open year-round, preserves the flavor of 19th-century Nevada. Maximum group size: interpretive center 150, historic one-room schoolhouse 60, old brick house 50, amphitheater 800. Reservable group picnic areas can handle from 50 to 150 people. Outdoor functions, events, weddings, no on-site catering or liquor license. 6000 Bartley Ranch Rd., Reno 89511. Phone 775-828-6612, fax 775-828-6614.

Bliss Mansion: Bed and breakfast is a restored mansion built in 1879. Groups can rent the entire mansion, any of the five suites, and five rooms in the Bliss Bungalow. Special events, dinners, weddings, and corporate meetings can use interconnecting parlors, dining room, verandas, and lawns. Group size up to 250 in warmer months, 65 in the house. Catering available, liquor license. 608 Elizabeth St., Carson City 89703. Phone 775-887-8988, fax 775-887-0540, www.blissmansion.com.

Bliss Mansion Bungalow: A restored 1914 arts-and-crafts home. Five guest rooms, each with private bath, and large dining and living room areas for gatherings and meetings. Catering available, liquor license. 408 West Robinson St., Carson City 89703. Phone 775-883-6129, www.blissbungalow.com.

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center: Restored 1915 brick high school has elevator, exhibits, video screen and equipment, sink, restrooms, and parking. Function space 672 square feet. 1477 Hwy. 395 N., Gardnerville 89410. Phone 775-782-2555, fax 775-783-8802.

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada: Hands-on, interactive children's museum with original stage housed in 1939 Carson City Civic Center. Function space 8,000 square feet. Maximum group size 250; conference 35, theater 200, classroom 40, dinner 40, cocktail party 250. Weddings, spousal activities, no catering or liquor license. 813 N. Carson St., Carson City 89701. Phone 775-884-2226, fax 775-884-2179, www.cmnn.org.

Corley Ranch: Carson Valley working ranch arranges special events, entertainers, and gourmet meals in an Old West atmosphere. Total function space: five acres on a 300-acre ranch. Group size 25-1,000; theater, classroom, dinner, and cocktail party 80-300-plus. Weddings, spousal activities, on- and off-site catering, liquor license. Ranch location: 859 Hwy. U.S. 395, Gardnerville 89410. Mail: 1047 Kerry Ln., Gardnerville 89460. Phone 775-265-3045, fax 775-265-1270,

visit www.corleyranch.com for information.

Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center: Full-dome large-format films and star shows daily. Theater seating 60, conference room 20. Custom birthday party packages, on-site caterer. University of Nevada, Reno, Mail Stop 272, Reno 89557. Phone 775-784-4812, fax 775-784-4822, www.planetarium.unr.edu.

Historic Fourth Ward School Museum: Victorian four-story building is retrofitted with elevator, restrooms, and catering kitchen. Function space 5,600 square feet. Group size 10-300; theater 10-120, classroom (six rooms) each 10-50, dinner 10-120, cocktail party (three rooms) each 10-100. Weddings, catering, spousal activities, liquor license. 537 C St., Box 4, Virginia City 89440. Phone 775-847-0975, fax 775-847-1011, visit www.fourthward.school.org.

Lake Tahoe Cruises and Zephyr Cove Resort: Full-service boat charters and shoreline pavilion on Lake Tahoe. Function space: flexible indoor, outdoor, on and off water. Group size 20-1,200; theater 150, classroom 150, dinner 300, cocktail party 500. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 900 Ski Run Blvd., Box 830, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 and 760 U.S. 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Phone 800-238-2463, fax 530-541-8685, www.laketahoe cruises.com, and www.zephyrcove.com.

Mormon Station State Historic Park: Outdoor pavilion with barbecue grills and sink, nine picnic tables, and lawn inside and outside 1850s stockade repli-



The renovated Historic Fourth Ward School in Virginia City offers a Victorian setting.

ca. Maximum group size 250. Weddings, no catering; alcohol is allowed but cannot be sold. Open May 1-Oct. 15. Location: 2295 Main St., Genoa. Mail: Nevada Division of State Parks, Richard Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City 89701. Phone 775-782-2590, www.parks.nv.gov.

National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection): More than 200 classic and antique cars, many one-of-a-kind, with replicas of period streets featuring historic photos and vintage clothing. Function space: More than 100,000 square feet of museum space. Group size 50-1,200; theater 157 classroom 200, sit-down dinner 300, buffet dinner 300, cocktail party 1,200. Weddings, banquets, corporate meetings and retreats, spousal activities, exclusive caterer, liquor license. 10 S. Lake St., Reno 89501-1558. Phone 775-333-9300, fax 775-333-9309, www.automuseum.org.

Nevada Museum of Art: Fine-art museum in downtown Reno features exhibitions showcasing local, national, and international artists. Grand hall, board room, indoor-outdoor café, theater, and rooftop sculpture garden. Group size 30-500; theater 180, boardroom 20-75, dinner 200, cocktail party 500. Weddings, meetings, receptions, exclusive caterer, liquor license. 160 W. Liberty St., Reno 89501. Phone 775-329-3333 ext. 225, fax 775-329-1541, www.nevadaart.org.

Nevada State Railroad Museum: Museum complex has a picnic area and train rides with reservations. Total function space 13 acres. Maximum



The Brewery Arts Center, Carson City's popular meeting site, is a major cultural venue.



Groups can charter historic steam and diesel trains at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum in Ely.

group size 300; dinner 75-100, cocktail party 300. Spousal activities, can arrange for catering and liquor license. 2180 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701. Phone 775-687-6953, fax 775-687-8294, visit www.dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/museums.

Piper's Opera House: Historic opera house featuring entertainment since 1867. Function space 7,000 square feet. Maximum group size 360; theater and classroom 360, dinner 200. Weddings, catering arrangements, liquor license. 12 N. B St., Virginia City 89440. Phone 775-847-0433, www.pipersoperahouse.org.

Virginia and Truckee Railroad: Steam-engine train offers 35-minute narrated scenic round trip from Virginia City to historic Gold Hill. Group size 20-50 in open-sided train cars, 20-100 cocktail party. Weddings, liquor license and catering available nearby. Box 467 Virginia City 89440. Phone 775-847-0380.

Rural Nevada

Churchill County Museum: Offers special group tours of exhibits of Churchill County's pioneer and Native American cultures. Function space 14,000 square feet. Group size 50 maximum for classroom, dinner, or cocktail

party. 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon 89406. Phone 775-423-3677 fax 775-423-3662, www.ccmuseum.org.

East Ely Railroad Depot Museum: The historic Nevada Northern Railroad depot and freight building provide a rustic experience and train ride. Function space 4,000 square feet, additional 480 square feet for smaller groups. Group size 4-300; theater 300, classroom 300, dinner 250, cocktail party 300. Weddings, can arrange for catering, no liquor license. 1100 Ave. A, Ely 89301. Phone 775-289-1663, fax 775-289-1664, email esm@mwpower.net.

Humboldt Museum: Located next to a modern museum building, historic former church is used as meeting, conference, seminar, and event space. Function space 960 square feet, 100 open seating, 160 square feet with elevated platform for stage area. Group size 10-60; theater 40-60, classroom 40, cocktail party 10-40. Weddings, spousal activities, lectures, drama productions, can arrange for catering, liquor license. Junco Rd. and Maple Ave., Box 819, Winnemucca 89446. Phone 775-623-2912, fax 775-623-5640, www.humboldtmuseum.com.

Lattin Farms: Year-round Fallon

attraction is known for its autumn corn maze. Function space includes 800 square feet inside and three acres for outdoor events. Group size 10-1,000. Classroom and dinner 40 inside, 1,000 outside. Weddings, catering. 1955 McLean Rd., Fallon 89406. Phone 775-867-3750, fax 775-867-4580, www.lattin farms.com.

Mineral County Museum: Converted grocery store contains 14,000 square feet displaying local memorabilia and artifacts spanning the 1800s to 1940. Maximum group size: theater 40, dinner and cocktails 50. Historical presentations available. No on-site catering or liquor license. 400 10th St., Box 1584, Hawthorne 89415. Phone 775-945-5142.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Historic steam and diesel trains operate within a national historic district. Available for charters and meetings. Group size 200. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 1100 Ave. A, Box 150040, Ely 89315. Phone 866-40-STEAM, fax 775-289-6284, www.nnry.com.

Northeastern Nevada Museum: Facility has art galleries, theater, gift shop, and function space among animal exhibits. Total function space 20,000 square feet. Maximum group size 400; theater 90, dinner 125, cocktail party 400. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering, liquor license. 1515 Idaho St., Elko 89801. Phone 775-738-3418, fax 775-738-9318, www.museum-elko.us.

Pahrump Valley Winery: Desert winery 60 miles west of Las Vegas offers tours, wine tasting, and lunch packages. Group size 20-55. Catering, beverage service. 3810 Winery Rd., Pahrump 89048. Phone 775-751-7800 or 800-368-9463, fax 775-751-7818, www.pahrumpwinery.com.

Western Folklife Center: Historic building in downtown Elko is home to the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering each January. Museum has changing exhibits on the American West and flexible space for meetings, receptions, and parties. Function space 2,800 square feet, bar-fireplace nook 1,700. Group size 300 maximum for concert; theater 300, dinner 150, cocktail party in the bar 110 (liquor and bartenders supplied). Liquor license, no on-site catering. 501 Railroad St., Elko 89801. Phone 775-738-7508, fax 775-738-2900, email wfc@westernfolklife.org, visit www.westernfolklife.org



The Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas.

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Facilities and services offered by Nevada properties.

The following hotels, casinos, and inns responded to a survey asking for information on their conference space, amenities, event assistance, and wedding services. Most hotels offer group rates, but it is best to inquire about commissions or limiting factors such as availability.

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AMARGOSA VALLEY • Pioneer Territory Longstreet Inn, Casino, RV Park, State Rt. 373, HCR 70, Box 559, Amargosa Valley 89020, 775-372-1777, fax 775-372-1260, www.longstreetcasino.com	58	3,600	N	1	Y	Y	234	234	200	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BATTLE MOUNTAIN • Cowboy Country Owl Club, 72 E. Front St., Battle Mountain 89820, 775-635-2444, fax 775-635-0184	18	4,400	N	1	N	N	50-70	50-100	200	220	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
BEATTY • Pioneer Territory Stagecoach Hotel/Casino, U.S. Hwy. 95, Box 836, Beatty 89003, 775-553-2419, 800-424-4946, fax 775-553-9054, www.stagecoachhotelcasino.com	80		Y	1	Y	N	75	75	75	75	N	N	Y	Y	N
BLUE DIAMOND • Las Vegas Territory Bonnie Springs Motel, 1 Gunfighter Ln., Old Nevada 89004, 702-875-4191, fax 702-875-4424, www.bonniesprings.com	50		Y	1	Y	N	300	200	600	500-600	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BOULDER CITY • Las Vegas Territory Best Western - Lighthouse Inn & Resort, 110 Ville Dr., Boulder City 89005, 702-293-6444, 800-528-1234, fax 702-293-6547, www.bestwestern.com	70	4,000	Y	0	Y	N	10-200	10-200	10-200	10-200	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boulder Inn and Suites, 704 Nevada Way, Boulder City 89005, 702-369-1000, fax 702-293-4344, www.boulderinnandsuites.com	114	1,800	Y	1	Y	N	180	150	100	120	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Hacienda Hotel & Casino, U.S. Hwy. 93, Boulder City 89005, 702-293-5000, 800-245-6380, fax 702-293-5608, www.haciendaonline.com	280	5,164	N	3	Y	N	100	15	160	160	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Lake Mead Resort & Marina, 322 Lakeshore Rd., Boulder City 89005-1214, 702-293-2074, 800-752-9669, fax 702-293-7017, www.sevendcrown.com	42	8,500	Y	0	Y	N	85	85	85	85	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

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CARSON CITY • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Best Western - Carson Station Hotel/Casino , 900 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-883-0900, 800-501-2929, fax 775-882-7569, www.carsonstation.com	92	300	Y	2	N	Y	16	16	180	180	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carson Nugget , 507 N. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-882-1626, 800-426-5239, fax 775-883-1106, www.carnugget.com	80	8,000	Y	4	N	N	30-500	25-500	20-500	30-500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express , 4055 N. Carson St., Carson City 89706, 775-283-4055, fax 775-841-4055, www.holidayinnexpress.com	85	598	Y	B	Y	Y	45	35	30	45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Piñon Plaza Resort , 2171 U.S. Hwy. 50 E., Carson City 89701, 775-885-9000, 877-519-5567, fax 775-888-8003, www.pinonplaza.com	148	4,000	Y	3	Y	Y	200	150	180	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Plaza Hotel and Conference Center , 801 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-883-9500, 888-227-1499, fax 775-883-3838, www.carsoncityplaza.com	168	3,500	Y	B	Y	Y	10-365	10-180	10-240	10-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ELKO • Cowboy Country															
Comfort Inn of Elko , 2970 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-777-8762, fax 775-753-9439	51	336	Y	0	Y	Y	20	15	20	35	N	N	N	N	N
High Desert Inn , 3015 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-738-8425, 888-394-8303, fax 775-753-7906, www.westernescapes.com	171	2,150	Y	0	Y	Y	250	80	160	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hilton Garden Inn , 3650 E. Idaho St., Elko 89801, 877-777-7307, fax 775-777-1203, www.elko.gardeninn.com	84	1,350	Y	1	Y	Y	100	80	80	100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Lion Inn & Casino , 2065 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-753-0503, 775-753-0550, fax 775-753-0744, www.westernescapes.com	223	3,000	Y	2	Y	Y	10-400	10-175	10-230	10-400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shilo Inn Suites Elko , 2401 Mountain City Hwy., Elko 89801, 775-738-5522, 800-222-2244, fax 775-738-6247, www.shiloinns.com	70	962	Y	0	Y	Y	5-80	5-50	5-80	5-80	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stockmen's Hotel Casino/Commercial Casino , 340 Commercial St., Elko 89801, 775-777-0773, 800-648-2345, fax 775-777-0777, www.stockmenscasino.com	141	8,734	Y	3	Y	Y	500	250	420	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ELY • Pony Express Territory															
Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall , 501 Aultman St., Ely 89301, 775-289-6665, 888-106-3055, fax 775-289-4715, www.hotelnev.com	105	2,000	Y	1	N	N	75	75	60	75	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Prospector Hotel & Casino , 1501 E. Aultman, Ely 89301, 775-289-8900, 800-750-0557, fax 775-289-4607, www.prospectorthotelandcasino.com	61	5,500	Y	1	Y	Y	150	150	120	120	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FALLON • Pony Express Territory															
Comfort Inn & Suites , 1830 W. Williams Ave., Fallon 89406, 775-423-5554, 888-691-6388, fax 775-423-0663, www.comfortinnfallon.com	82	225	Y	0	Y	Y	10	20-25	8-10	20	N	Y	N	N	Y
GENOA • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
David Walley's Resort, Hot Springs & Spa , 2001 Foothill Rd., Box 158, Genoa 89411, 775-782-8155, 800-628-7831, fax 775-782-2103, www.davidwalleyresort.com	220	4,000	N	2	Y	Y	100	200	300	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Legend Country Inn , 2292 Main St., Genoa 89411, 775-783-0906, fax 775-783-1008, www.legendcountryinn.com	11	800	N	0	N	N	0	0	0	50	Y	N	Y	Y	Y



Longstreet Inn in Amargosa Valley (left) has 3,600 square feet of meeting space. Groups at the Carson City Nugget qualify for the Carson City Convention Bureau's incentive program.

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GERLACH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Bruno's Country Club , 300 Main St., Box 70, Gerlach 89412, 775-557-2220	42	1,679	Y	1	N	N	120	80	100	80	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HENDERSON • Las Vegas Territory															
Courtyard By Marriott Las Vegas Green Valley , 2800 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson 89014, 702-434-1700, fax 702-434-3888, www.marriott.com/lasgv	155	1,456	Y	1	Y	Y	50	32	48	60	N	N	N	N	Y
Fiesta Henderson , 777 W. Lake Mead Dr., Henderson 89015, 702-558-7000, 888-319-4661, fax 702-567-7409, www.fiestacasino.com	224	4,574	Y	4	Y	N	300	250	250	300	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa , 2300 Paseo Verde Dr., Henderson 89052, 702-617-7717, 866-782-9487, fax 702-617-7719, www.greenvalleyranchresort.com	490	50,000	Y	8	Y	Y	40-2,226	18-1,166	50-1,100	35-1,600	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hampton Inn & Suites , 421 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014, 702-992-9292, fax 702-992-9293, www.hendersonhampton.com	99	1,200	Y	0	Y	Y	88	60			N	N	N	N	Y
Hawthorn Inn and Suites , 910 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson 89015, 702-446-1133, 800-527-1133, fax 702-568-8430, hawthorn_henderson@hotmail.com	69	1,580	Y	0	Y	Y	40	35	40	45	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites , 441 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014, 702-990-2323, 800-HOLIDAY, fax 702-990-2324, www.hendersonexpress.com	101	250	Y	0	Y	Y	20	20			N	N	N	N	Y
Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas , 101 MonteLago Blvd., Henderson 89011, 702-567-1234, 800-55-HYATT, fax 702-567-6067, www.lakelasvegas.hyatt.com	496	40,000	Y	3	Y	Y	2,300	1,300	1,550	7,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
MonteLago Village Resort , 30 Strada di Villaggio, Henderson 89011, 702-352-9051, fax 702-564-4780, www.monteLagoVillage.com	347	5,600	Y	3	Y	Y	10-200	10-131	10-140	10-210	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Residence Inn By Marriott , 2190 Olympic Ave., Henderson 89104, 702-434-2700, 800-331-3131, fax 702-434-3999, www.marriott.com/lasgv	126	1,400	Y	0	Y	Y	60	30	40	40	N	N	N	N	Y
Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas , 1610 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy., Henderson 89011, 702-567-4700, 800-241-3333, fax 702-567-4777, www.ritzcarlton.com	349	32,000	Y	1	Y	Y	56-1,000	24-540	30-840	56-1,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Sunset Station , 1301 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson 89014, 702-547-7777, 866-725-7253, fax 702-547-7879, www.sunsetstation.com	460	13,000	Y	15	Y	Y	25-300	12-150	16-200	15-250	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
JACKPOT • Cowboy Country															
Barton's Club 93 , U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 523, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2341, 800-258-2937, fax 775-755-239	100	1,700	Y	1	N	N	120	10-120	10-100	10-120	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Cactus Petes Resort/Casino , 1385 U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 508, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2321, 800-801-8258, fax 775-755-2725, www.ameristars.com	300	3,000	N	4	Y	N	300	160	220	400	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
LAKE TAHOE • NORTH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Cal Neva Resort, Spa & Casino , 2 Stateline Rd., Crystal Bay 89402, 775-832-4000, 800-CAL-NEVA, fax 775-832-4050, www.calnevaresort.com	200	16,000	Y	1	Y	Y	400	350	325	325	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Tahoe Biltmore Lodge & Casino , 5 State Rt. 28, Box 115, Crystal Bay 89402, 775-831-0660, 800-245-8667, fax 775-833-6715, www.tahoebiltmore.com	92	7,500	Y	2	Y	N	600	300	350	500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
LAKE TAHOE • SOUTH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Harrah's & Harveys Lake Tahoe Hotel Casinos , 15 U.S. Hwy. 50, Box 128, Stateline 89449, 775-588-2411, 800-235-6358, fax 775-588-4732, www.harrah.com	1,250	42,000	Y	14	Y	Y	10-2,000	10-500	10-900	1,200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Horizon Casino Resort , 50 Hwy 50, Box C, Lake Tahoe 89449, 775-588-6211, 866-478-8463, fax 775-588-7761, www.horizoncasino.com	539	13,100	Y	3	Y	Y	60-525	40-250	75-575	130-800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MontBleu Resort , 55 U.S. Hwy. 50, Box 5800, Stateline 89449, 775-588-3515, 800-367-4554, fax 775-586-2102, www.montbleuresort.com	440	16,000	Y	4	Y	Y	1,000	10-640	900	1,200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
The Ridge Tahoe , 400 Ridge Club Dr., Box 5790, Stateline 89449, 775-588-3553, 800-334-1600, fax 775-588-5242, www.ridgetahoeresort.com	300	5,500	Y	2	Y	Y	150	100	175	175	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
LAS VEGAS/NORTH LAS VEGAS • Las Vegas Territory															
Aladdin (Planet Hollywood) , 3667 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-785-5066, fax 702-785-5049, www.aladdincasino.com	2,567	75,000	Y	5	Y	Y	4,000	2,200	2,500	4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alexis Park , 375 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-796-3385, fax 702-796-0766, www.alexispark.com	496	40,000	Y	1	Y	Y	1,600	1,000	1,100	1,800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amerisuites Hotel , 4520 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89169, 702-369-3366, fax 702-369-1689, www.amerisuites.com	202	3,600	Y	0	Y	Y	100	75	60	100	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Arizona Charlie's East , 4575 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121, 702-951-5840, 877-951-0002, fax 702-951-9201, www.arizonacharlies.com	300	1,400	Y	4	Y	Y	80	50	60	80	N	N	N	N	Y
Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino , 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas 89107, 702-258-5128, 800-342-2695, fax 702-258-5210, www.arizonacharlies.com	258	4,500	Y	5	Y	N	400	300	225	225	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Atrium Suites Hotel , 4255 S. Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-697-5654, 800-330-9802, fax 702-369-4330, www.atriumsuiteshotel.com	201	8,000	Y	2	Y	Y	10-500	10-250	10-240	10-350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Bally's Las Vegas , 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 800-634-3434, fax 702-946-4925, www.ballyslv.com	2,814	139,000	Y	8	Y	Y	8-4,000	8-1,998	8-2,600	8-4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Baymont Inn and Suites , 4035 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-644-5700, 877-BAYMONT, fax 702-644-5701, www.baymontinns.com	87	850	Y	B	Y	Y	50	40	40	40-50	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Bellagio , 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-7171, 888-744-7687, fax 702-693-8559, www.bellagio.com	3,933	200,000	Y	19	Y	Y	40-4,400	30-2,450	30-3,240	30-2,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Best Western - Mardi Gras , 3500 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-2020, 800-634-6501, fax 702-731-4005, www.mardigrasinm.com	314	4,000	Y	1	Y	N	300	250	220	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel , 128 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-382-1600, fax 702-384-1574, www.binions.com	365	8,000	Y	2	Y	N	400	300	400	400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Blair House Suites , 344 E. Desert Inn, Las Vegas 89109, 702-792-2222, fax 702-792-9042, www.theblairhousesuites.com	220	2,000	N	0	Y	N	10-100	10-50	10-50	10-100	N	Y	N	N	Y
Boulder Station Hotel & Casino , 4111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121, 702-432-7929, 800-683-7777, fax 702-432-7767, www.stationcasinos.com	300	10,000	Y	5	Y	N	200-657	100-200	120-300	125-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caesars Palace , 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-7110, 800-933-7110, fax 702-731-7694, www.caesarspalace.com	3,350	240,000	Y	25	Y	Y	7,200	3,300	3,300	5,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
California Hotel & Casino , 12 Ogden Ave., Box 630, Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-1222, 800-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.thecal.com	781	4,935	N	4	Y	N	450	100-240	25-350	350	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Cannery Casino Hotel , 2121 E. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas 89030, 702-507-5347, 866-999-1899, fax 702-507-5778, www.cannerycasinos.com	201	7,000	N	5	Y	N	500	125	300	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Circus Circus Hotel & Casino , 2880 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-3983, 800-444-2472, fax 702-691-5894, www.circuscircus.com	3,373	21,400	Y	8	Y	Y	10-250	10-200	25-500	500-4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clarion Hotel & Suites/Emerald Springs , 325 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-9100, fax 702-731-9784, www.clarionlasvegas.com	149	6,000	Y	1	Y	Y	185	125	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Courtyard By Marriott - Convention Center , 3275 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-791-3600, 800-583-0079, fax 702-796-7981, www.marriott.com/lasch	149	1,250	Y	1	Y	Y	45	26	30	30	N	Y	N	N	Y
Courtyard By Marriott - Summerlin , 1901 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas 89108, 702-646-4400, fax 702-646-0337, www.marriott.com/lasnw	154	1,268	Y	1	Y	Y	45	32	45	45	N	N	N	N	Y
Doubletree Club Hotel , 7250 Pollock Dr., Las Vegas 89119, 702-932-1061, 800-222-TREE, fax 702-948-4100, www.doubletreelasvegas.com	190	2,652	Y	0	Y	N	80	54	80	80	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Embassy Suites , 4315 Swenson St., Las Vegas 89119, 702-765-6750, fax 702-765-6899, www.lasvegasairport.embassy@suites.com	220	6,000	Y	1	Y	Y	150	100	100	200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Embassy Suites Convention Center , 3600 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-893-8000, fax 702-893-0378, www.eslvcc.com	286	11,700	Y	1	Y	Y	10-250	10-180	10-200	10-250	Y	Y	N	Y	Y



Guests register at Lake Tahoe's new MontBleu, formerly Caesars Tahoe (left). The trendy PURE nightclub at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas (right) is ready for the clubbing crowd.

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Emerald Suites on the Strip , 9145 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-948-9999, 866-847-2002, fax 702-507-0130, www.emeraldsuites.com	391	2,500	Y	0	Y	Y	265	140	190	300	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Emerald Suites Nellis , 4555 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115, 702-946-9999, 866-847-2002, fax 702-507-0130, www.emeraldsuites.com	166	580	Y	1	Y	Y	60	50	40	80	N	Y	N	N	Y
Fairfield Inn By Marriott - Airport , 3850 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-791-0899, fax 702-791-2705, www.marriott.com/lasfi	129	590	Y	1		Y	30	20	30	40	N	Y	N	N	Y
Fitzgeralds Casino/Holiday Inn - Las Vegas , 301 Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-388-2400, 800-274-5825, fax 702-388-2230, www.fitzgeralds.com/lasvegas	638	8,000	Y	4	Y	N	40-150	20-150	30-300	30-600	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Fiesta Rancho Casino/Hotel , 2400 N. Rancho Dr., North Las Vegas 89130, 702-638-3758, 800-731-7333, fax 702-638-3749, www.fiestacasino.com	100	12,100	N	4	Y	N	700	250	300	400	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Fitzgeralds Casino/Holiday Inn Las Vegas , 301 Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-388-2400, 800-274-5825, fax 702-388-2230, www.fitzgeralds.com/lasvegas	638	8,000	Y	4	Y	N	40-150	20-150	30-300	30-600	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Flamingo Las Vegas , 3555 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-733-3205, fax 702-733-3499, www.flamingolasvegas.com	3,565	72,000	Y	9	Y	Y	10-2,400	10-1,620	10-1,620	10-2,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Four Queens Hotel & Casino , 202 Fremont St., Box 370, Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-4011, 800-634-6045, fax 702-387-5185, www.fourqueens.com	690	8,500	N	3	N	N	500	400	400	400	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Four Seasons Hotel , 3960 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119, 702-632-5200, 877-632-5200, fax 702-632-5222, www.fourseasons.com/lasvegas	424	28,300	Y	2	Y	Y	750	600	650	900	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fremont Hotel & Casino , 200 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125-0940, 702-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.fremontcasino.com	447	7,300	N	5	N	N	600	350	200-360	25-360	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Gold Coast Hotel & Casino , 4000 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89103, 702-251-3560, 800-331-5334, fax 702-367-8419, www.goldcoastcasino.com	711	29,029	Y	6	Y	Y	1,000	450	700	850	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino , 129 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125, 702-385-7111, 888-404-6441, fax 702-386-8327, www.goldennugget.com	1,907	20,585	Y	5	Y	Y	550	340	400	500	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Hampton Inn Las Vegas - Summerlin , 7100 Cascade Valley Ct., Las Vegas 89128, 702-360-5700, 800-HAMPTON, fax 702-360-5757, www.hampton-inn.com/hi/lasvegas.com	127	600	Y	0	Y	Y	30	20	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y
Hampton Inn Tropicana , 4975 S. Industrial Rd., Las Vegas 89118, 702-948-8110, 877-584-6835, fax 702-948-8101, www.hamptoninnmropicana.com	325	8,500	Y	0	Y	Y	500	300	300	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino , 4455 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-5000, 800-HRD-ROCK, fax 702-693-5021, www.hardrockhotel.com	647	35,000	N	5	Y	Y	1,000	600	460	1,800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harrah's Las Vegas Casino Hotel , 3475 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5000, 888-537-8379, fax 702-369-5206, www.harrah.com	2,600	25,000	Y	7	Y	Y	1,333	828	1,000	1,263	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Hawthorn Suites at Desert Rose Resort , 5051 Duke Ellington Wy., Las Vegas 89118, 702-739-7000, 800-811-2450, fax 702-739-5873, www.desertrosesort.com	278	2,600	Y	0	Y	Y	150	30-84	40-96	40-96	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



The Fremont (left) has downtown meeting space and light-and-sound-show entertainment at the Fremont Street Experience. Harrah's Las Vegas (right) serves the Strip.

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Hooters Casino Hotel , 115 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-9000, 800-522-7366, fax 702-739-7783, www.hooterscasinohotel.com	696	2,800	Y	6	Y	Y	200	118	160	190	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino , 3535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-3286, 800-351-7400, fax 702-794-3368, www.imperialpalace.com	2,640	40,000	Y	9	Y	Y	960	700	650	720	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa , 221 N. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas 89145, 702-869-7031, 877-869-8777, fax 702-869-7058, www.jwmarriottlv.com	548	75,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,250	800	800	1,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
La Quinta Inn , 4288 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-446-1133, fax 702-568-8430, www.lq.com	59	1,375	Y	0	Y	Y	40	30	30	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Las Vegas Hilton , 3000 Paradise Rd., Box 93147, Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-5631, 800-367-7917, fax 702-732-5834, www.lvhilton.com	2,980	200,000	Y	13	Y	Y	10,000	7,000	6,500	9,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Luxor Hotel Casino , 3900 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119-1000, 702-262-1800, 800-288-1000, fax 702-262-4825, www.luxor.com	4,408	20,000	Y	9	Y	Y	1,500	800	1,000	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Main Street Station Casino, Brewery & Hotel , 200 N. Main St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-737-1896, 800-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.mainstreetcasino.com	406	2,500	N	3	N	N	225	125	150	150	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino , 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119, 702-732-7900, 877-632-7000, fax 702-732-7919, www.mandalayconventions.com	4,758	1.5 mil.	Y	21	Y	Y	60-8,500	434,668	36-5,883	62-8,500	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Marriott Suites , 325 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-650-2000, 800-228-9290, fax 702-650-9466, www.marriott.com/lassv	278	4,208	Y	2	Y	Y	80	48	50	75	Y	Y	N	N	Y
MGM Grand Hotel/Casino , 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-891-1200, 800-929-1112, fax 702-891-1003, www.mgmgrand.com	5,034	501,000	Y	16	Y	Y	5,248	3,900	4,100	4,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Mirage , 3400 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Box 7777, Las Vegas 89177-0777, 702-791-7171, 800-627-6667, fax 702-792-7669, www.mirage.com	3,044	170,000	Y	15	Y	Y	8,650	5,800	5,900	6,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Monte Carlo Resort and Casino , 3770 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-730-7777, 800-311-5999, fax 702-730-7275, www.montecarlo.com	3,002	24,000	Y	7	Y	Y	900	600	800	900	Y	N	N	Y	Y
The New Frontier , 3120 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-8400, 800-634-6966, fax 702-794-8401, www.frontierlv.com	983	10,000	Y	5	Y	N	300	200	200	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
New York-New York Hotel Casino , 3970 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-740-6800, 800-NYFORME, fax 702-740-6810, www.nynyhoteacasino.com	2,023	17,804	Y	16	Y	Y	420	300	400	500	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
The Orleans Hotel/Casino , 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89103, 702-365-7050, 888-365-7111, fax 702-365-7535, www.coastcasinos.com	1,886	40,000	Y	12	Y	Y	100-1,700	40-800	50-900	100-3,200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Palace Station Hotel/Casino , 2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89102, 702-367-2444, 888-319-4661, opt. 3, fax 702-367-6138, www.palacestation.com	1,008	20,000	Y	8	Y	Y	90-1,300	12-600	50-900	30-2,000	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
The Palms Casino Resort , 4321 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89103, 702-942-7056, 866-725-6768, fax 702-942-7024, www.palms.com	703	60,000	Y	12	Y	Y	1,000	700	750	1,000	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Paris Las Vegas , 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 888-777-7791, fax 702-669-3840, www.parislasvegas.com	2,916	130,000	Y	9	Y	Y	8,520	4,260	5,680	8,520	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



The dolphins and white lions at Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden at the Mirage (left) entertain visitors. The ghostbar, atop the Palms Casino Resort, offers panoramic city views.

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The Platinum Hotel and Spa , 211 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89169, 702-365-5000, fax 702-365-5001, www.lvplatinum.com	255	7,000	Y	1	Y	Y	162	60	120	325	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Plaza Hotel & Casino , 1 Main St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-386-3219, 800-634-6575, fax 702-386-2436, www.plazahotelcasino.com	1,036	23,000	Y	3	Y	Y	10-1,400	10-850	10-1,000	10-1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Rock Resort Casino & Spa , 10973 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas 89126-3300, 702-797-7777, fax 702-240-9752, www.redrocklasvegas.com	414	70,000	Y	8	Y	Y	10-2,000	10-2,000	10-1,500	10-2,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
The Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel , 3400 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89169, 866-352-3434, fax 702-784-5782, www.renaissancelasvegas.com	548	20,000	Y	2	Y	Y	1,090	680	820	980	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Residence Inn Las Vegas Convention Center , 3225 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9049, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	192	580	N	1	Y	Y	40	24	24	40	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Residence Inn Las Vegas Hughes Center , 370 Hughes Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9050, fax 702-352-9035, www.marriott.com	256	1,881	N	1	Y	Y	40-56	21-35	24-40	40-56	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino , 3700 W. Flamingo Rd., Box 14160, Las Vegas 89114, 702-777-7777, 800-777-1400, fax 702-777-7791, www.riomeetnap.com	2,551	160,000	Y	14	Y	Y	6,110	3,792	4,560	5,790	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riviera Hotel & Casino , 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-9561, 800-634-3414, fax 702-794-9410, www.rivierahotel.com	2,100	150,000	Y	5	Y	Y	5,100	2,900	2,580	4,125	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sahara Hotel and Casino , 2535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89193, 702-737-2735, 800-634-6078, fax 702-735-5921, www.saharalvegas.com	1,720	10,000	Y	5	Y	Y	450	350	450	450	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
St. Tropez Suite Hotel , 455 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5400, 800-666-5400, fax 702-369-8901, www.sttropezlasvegas.com	149	600	Y	0	Y	Y	50	30	30	45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall , 5111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122, 702-454-8020, 800-634-6371, fax 702-454-8049, www.samtownlv.com	646	33,000	N	10	Y	N	1,200	550	760	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Santa Fe Station Hotel Casino , 4949 N. Rancho, Las Vegas 89130, 702-515-4984, fax 702-515-4357, www.stationcasinos.com	200	8,000		3	Y	N	204-375	84-100	100-250	150-300	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Somerset House , 294 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-735-4411, 888-336-4280, fax 702-735-0817	104	888	N	3	Y	N	100	75	75	75	N	Y	N	N	Y
Stratosphere Hotel & Casino , 2000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89104, 702-383-4744, 800-789-9436, fax 702-383-4755, www.stratospherehotel.com	2,444	9,364	Y	7	Y	Y	130-150	83	100-120	150	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Suncoast Hotel & Casino , 9090 Alta Dr., Las Vegas 89145, 702-636-7050, 877-636-7111, fax 702-636-7282, www.suncoastcasino.com	427	25,000	Y	7	Y	Y	10-1,080	10-720	10-840	10-1,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel , 2101 Texas Star Ln., North Las Vegas 89032, 702-631-1051, 800-654-8888, fax 702-631-8385, www.texasstation.com	200	40,000	Y	5	Y	N	10-2,000	15-900	10-1,100	25-2,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Treasure Island (TI) , 3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-894-7711, 800-944-7711, fax 702-894-7788, www.treasureisland.com	2,885	18,000	Y	9	Y	Y	5-1,000	5-670	5-650	5-1,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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Tropicana Resort & Casino , 3801 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-2581, 888-810-8767, fax 702-739-2448, www.tropicalsales.com	1,877	45,000	Y	7	Y	Y	10-3,200	10-2,200	10-1,700	20-3,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tuscany Suites and Hotel-Casino , 255 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-947-5953, 877-TUSCAN-1, fax 702-732-2564, www.tuscanylasvegas.com	714	40,000	Y	4	Y	Y	10-1,500	10-1,500	10-1,000	10-1,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Vegas Club Hotel & Casino , 18 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-1664, 800-634-6575, fax 702-386-2436, www.vegasclubcasino.net	410	3,600	Y	2	N	N	10-400	10-200	10-200	10-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino , 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-414-4020, 888-2VENICE, fax 702-414-4806, www.venetian.com	4,039	1.9 mil	Y	19	Y	Y	10-10,000	10-5,500	10-10,000	10-17,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westin Cosuarino , 160 E. Flamingo, Las Vegas 89169, 702-836-5900, 866-237-4215, fax 702-836-5990, www.westin.com/lasvegas	826	25,000	Y	1	Y	Y	650	375	460	550	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wynn Las Vegas , 3131 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-770-7000, 888-320-7123, www.wynnlasvegas.com	2,716	200,000	Y	14	Y	Y	15-5,705	70-3,140	40-3,300	55-4,180	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
LAUGHLIN • Las Vegas Territory															
Aquarius Casino Resort , 1900 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-5088, 800-292-3711, fax 702-298-5129, www.acepllc.com	1,907	30,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,900	1,300	1,300	2,100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Avi Resort/Casino , 10000 Aha Macay Pkwy., Box 77011, Laughlin 89028, 702-535-5528, 800-671-1167, fax 702-535-5516, www.avicasino.com	455	11,000	Y	3	Y	Y	1,600	723	800	1,100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino , 2100 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89028, 702-298-4000, 800-228-7144, fax 702-298-5822, www.coloradobelle.com	1,172	3,990	Y	6	Y	Y	300	200	300	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edgewater Hotel & Casino , 2020 S. Casino Dr., Box 30707, Laughlin 89028, 702-298-2453, 800-283-1117, fax 702-298-4356, www.edgewater-casino.com	1,355	15,122	Y	7	Y	Y	40-550	30-220	40-350	45-350	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Harrah's Laughlin Casino Hotel , 2900 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-6822, 800-221-1306, fax 702-298-6855, www.harrah.com	1,544	6,800	Y	5	Y	Y	600	300	550	600	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ramada Express Hotel & Casino , 2121 S. Casino Dr., Box 77771, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-4200, 800-782-9946, fax 702-298-6325, www.ramadaexpress.com	1,498	11,250	Y	7	Y	N	800	240	370	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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River Palms Resort Casino , 2700 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-2242, 800-835-7904, fax 702-298-2137, www.river-palms.com	1,003	12,000	N	5	Y	Y	850	400	800	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino , 1650 Casino Dr., PMB 500, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-2535, 800-227-3849, fax 702-298-2612, www.riversideresort.com	1,400	15,800	Y	12	Y	N	500	300	550	550	Y	N	N	Y	Y
LOVELOCK • Cowboy Country Sturgeon's Inn/Casino & Restaurant , 1420 Cornell Ave., Box 56, Lovelock 89419, 775-273-2971, 888-234-6835, fax 775-273-2278, www.sturgeonscasino.com	74	5,000	Y	1	Y	Y	400	300	300	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MESQUITE • Las Vegas Territory CasaBlanca Resort, Hotel, Casino, Golf & Spa , 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 888-711-4653, fax 702-346-4634, www.casablancaresort.com	500	10,000	Y	4	Y	N	700	400	475	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eureka Casino Hotel , 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-4600, 800-346-4611, fax 702-346-1680, www.eurekamesquite.com	212	4,000	Y	2	Y	Y	300	150	250	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falcon Ridge Hotel , 1030 Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-2200, fax 702-346-2201, www.falconridgehotel.com	130	4,000	Y	N	Y	Y	90-160	70-120	80-145	115	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oasis Resort Casino Spa , 897 W. Mesquite Blvd., Box 360, Mesquite 89024, 888-711-4653, fax 702-346-4634, www.oasisresort.com	1,000	4,958	Y	4	Y	Y	700	300	480	480	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
MINDEN • Reno-Tahoe Territory Carson Valley Inn Hotel/Casino/RV Resort , 1627 U.S. Hwy. 395 N., Minden 89423, 775-783-6679, 866-284-7766, fax 775-782-4318, www.cvim.com	228	6,000	Y	3	Y	Y	350	200	250	275	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
OVERTON • Las Vegas Territory Best Western North Shore Inn , 520 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton 89010, 702-397-6000, fax 702-397-6008, www.bestwesternsi.com	43	575	Y	0	Y	N	10-50	10-50	10-50	10-50	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
PAHRUMP • Pioneer Territory Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Gambling Hall , 681 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048, 775-751-4500, 800-751-4500, fax 775-751-4535, www.pahrumpnugget.com	70	7,000	Y	3	N	N	500	240	300	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Saddle West Hotel, Casino & RV Resort , 1220 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048, 775-727-1111, 800-433-3987, fax 775-727-5315, www.saddlewest.com	156	4,292	Y	1	Y	N	300	221	221	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PRIMM/JEAN • Las Vegas Territory Buffalo Bill's , 31700 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-382-1111, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	1,242	31,280	Y	3	Y	N	6,500	1,500	1,500	2,000	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall , 1 Main St., Jean 89019, 702-671-1622, 800-634-1359, fax 702-671-1623, www.stopatjean.com	811	3,168	Y	4	Y	N	200	100	184	184	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Nevada Landing Hotel & Casino , 2 Goodsprings Rd., Box 19278, Jean 89019, 702-387-5000, 800-628-6682, fax 702-671-1623, www.stopatjean.com	302	4,186	Y	4	Y	N	250	150	240	184	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Primm Valley Resort & Casino , 31900 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-386-7867, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	624	20,901	Y	3	Y	N	1,700	1,030	1,100	1,900	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Whiskey Pete's Hotel/Casino , 100 W. Primm Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-382-4388, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	777	8,000	Y	4	Y	N	700	350	350	450	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
RENO/SPARKS • Reno-Tahoe Territory Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa , 3800 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-825-4700, 800-994-5900, fax 775-825-1170, www.atlanticasino.com	1,000	24,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,200	625	900	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel , 1981 Terminal Wy., Reno 89502-3255, 775-348-6370, 800-648-3525, fax 775-348-7596	270	10,000	Y	1	Y	Y	320	200	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boomtown Hotel/Casino , 1480 at Boomtown/Carson Rd., Box 399, Verdi 89439-0399, 775-345-8551, 877-526-6686, fax 775-345-8525, www.boomtownreno.com	318	10,500	Y	3	Y	Y	480	360	480	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Celebrity Resorts , 140 Court St., Reno 89501, 775-329-4251, fax 775-348-0938, www.celebrityresorts.com	93	750	Y	0	Y	Y	50	20-24	25	25-30	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Circus Circus Hotel Casino , 500 N. Sierra St., Reno 89523, 775-329-0711, 800-894-3588, fax 775-328-9258, www.circusreno.com	1,572	23,000	Y	6	N	Y	900	600	800	1,050	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Club Cal Neva Hotel Casino , 140 N. Virginia St., Box 2071, Reno 89505, 775-323-1046, 877-777-7303, fax 775-785-3295, www.clubcalneva.com	181	2,000	N	5	N	N	250	250	150	250	Y	N	N	N	Y
Courtyard by Marriott , 6855 S. Virginia St., Reno 89511, 775-851-8300, 800-321-2211, fax 775-851-8311, www.courtyard.com	117	1,215	Y	8	Y	Y	60	26	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N

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Days Inn , 701 E. Seventh St., Reno 89512, 775-786-4070, 800-448-4555, fax 775-329-4338, www.daysinnreno.com	138	1,250	Y	0	Y	N	70	70	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y
Eldorado Hotel Casino , 345 N. Virginia St., Box 3399, Reno 89501, 775-786-5700, 888-808-7720, fax 775-785-9042, www.eldoradoreno.com	817	10,000	Y	9	Y	N	1,200	700	860	1,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grand Sierra Resort & Casino , 2500 E. Second St., Reno 89595, 775-789-2000, 866-473-6672, fax 775-789-2131, www.grandsierratresort.com	1,995	200,000	Y	10	Y	Y	4,000	1,700	2,200	4,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Harrah's Reno Casino/Hotel , 219 N. Center St., Box 10, Reno 89504, 775-786-3232, 866-736-6427, fax 775-788-3703, www.harrahs.com	928	13,765	Y	7	Y	Y	1,148	438	880	1,300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn - Downtown/Diamond's Casino , 1000 E. Sixth St., Reno 89512, 775-786-5151, 800-648-4877, fax 775-322-4350, www.jqh.com	281	8,700	Y	2	Y	N	10-650	320	80-450	650	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel Casino , P. O. Box 30030, Reno 89520, 775-356-3300, 800-843-2427, fax 775-356-3434, www.janugget.com	1,600	110,000	Y	9	Y	Y	2,500	2,000	2,000	3,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Meadowood Courtyard, Featuring Super 8 , 5851 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-829-4600, 800-797-RENO, fax 775-826-3835, www.meadowoodcourtyard.com	154	2,500	Y	1	Y	N	150	100	100	150	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peppermill Hotel Casino , 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-689-7161, 800-648-6992, fax 775-689-7013, www.peppermillreno.com	1,100	40,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,250	850	900	980	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Residence Inn by Marriott , 9845 Gateway Dr., Reno 89521, 775-853-8800, 800-331-3131, fax 775-853-8805, www.residenceinn.com	120	750	Y	0	Y	Y	50	30	24	27	N	N	N	Y	Y
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino , 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno 89501, 775-348-2200, 800-233-4939, fax 775-322-2647, www.sandsregency.com	832	14,000	Y	6	Y	Y	500	288	352	700	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Siena Hotel Spa Casino , 1 S. Lake St., Reno 89501, 775-321-5855, 877-743-6233, fax 775-321-5325, www.sienareno.com	214	11,000	Y	2	Y	Y	700	400	500	700	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Silver Legacy Resort Casino , 407 N. Virginia St., Box 3920, Reno 89505, 775-329-4777, 800-687-8733, fax 775-325-7340, www.silverlegacy.com	1,711	90,000	Y	6	Y	Y	3,000	2,000	1,400	3,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
University Inn , 1001 N. Virginia St., Reno 89503, 775-323-0321, 877-864-8466, fax 775-323-2929, www.unr.edu/uinn	170	3,500	Y	1	N	N	70	40	125	200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
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Walker River Resort , 1 Hudson Wy., Box 90, Smith 89430, 775-465-2573, 800-446-2573, fax 775-465-2484, www.wtrresort.com	5	1,800	Y	0	Y	N	0	40	40	150	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TONOPAH • Pioneer Territory															
Tonopah Station • Ramada Inn , 1137 S. Erie Main, Box 2120, Tonopah 89049, 775-482-9777, 866-611-9777, fax 775-482-5030	75	5,500	Y	1	N	Y	400	400	200	300	Y	N	N	N	Y



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Gold Hill Hotel , 1540 Main St., Box 740, Gold Hill 89440, 775-847-0111, fax 775-847-0604, www.goldhillhotel.net	20	2,500	Y	1	N	N	100	60-100	60-130	130	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Montego Bay Casino & Resort , 100 Wendover Blvd., Box 3669, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.montegobaywendover.com	437	1,600	N	2	Y	Y	150	70	130	130	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peppermill Hotel Casino , 680 Wendover Blvd., Box 3700, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.peppermillwendover.com	300	1,600	N	2	Y	Y	150	70	150	100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rainbow Hotel Casino , 1045 W. Wendover Blvd., Box 2000, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.rainbowwendover.com	429	6,000	N	3	Y	N	400	220	250	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Holiday Inn Express , 1987 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-625-3100, 800-1101.IDAY, fax 775-625-1238, www.hiexpress.com	72	800	Y	1	Y	N	14-25	14-25	14-25	14-25	Y	N	N	N	Y
Red Lion Inn & Casino , 741 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-623-2565, 800-633-6435, fax 775-623-5702, www.westernescapes.com	105	1,200	Y	1	Y	N	80-100	60	80-100	80-100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Winners Hotel/Casino & Winners Villa , 185 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-623-2511, 800-648-4770, fax 775-623-1207, www.winnerscasino.com	120	2,120	Y	2	N	N	10-75	10-40	10-75	10-75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Casino West , 11 N. Main St., Yerington 89447, 775-463-2481, 800-227-4661, fax 775-463-5733, www.casino-west.net	80	4,400	Y	1	N	N	130	250	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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