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A view from the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour, courtesy of Stars and Stripes Air Tours. Lake Mead National Recreation Area lies in the background.



## Our 13th Annual Best of Nevada

If *Nevada Magazine* were to choose the Silver State's "bests," it would be mission impossible. There are just too many outstanding candidates. That's why we leave the tough decisions to our readers. For the third consecutive year, voting in our Best of Nevada survey was conducted online. Thank you to everyone who participated. From Brewery to Tour Company and the 14 categories in between, the winners are...

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## Nevada's Lakes

Water. So simple, yet so vital to life. We tend to sometimes take its accessibility for granted, but every summer we head for our favorite lakes to boat, fish, kayak, swim—even watch the fireworks on Fourth of July in the case of Lake Tahoe. Meanwhile, there are major conservation challenges facing each of Nevada's four major lakes—Mead, Pyramid (pictured), Tahoe, and Walker. If we want to continue to enjoy them, we have to address the problems now and start working together to correct them—before it's too late.

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- ▶ Four **Reno restaurants** have been featured recently on national television shows—with just a few clicks, you can find out which ones. By Cynthia S. Kennedy
- ▶ Can you imagine driving down the road, only to have a plane demolish the top half of your car? **Nevada native Dorthella Silva** doesn't have to imagine her brush with death in 1943. By Carson Costa
- ▶ Every year, the **Tahoe Rim Trail Association** leads two groups around the 165 miles of trail that circumambulate Lake Tahoe (see photo above). Read a personal account of the 15-day journey. By Jim Mrazek
- ▶ Find out what's going into the design of the future **Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement**—aka The Mob Museum.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

**CoastStarlight11:** I totally dig Nevada Magazine! One of the issues had a [story] on Lovelock... one of my hangouts for railway video shoots.—[YouTube](#)

**LetsGetItOnBox:** Great story in Nevada Magazine on Celebrating [boxer] Jack Johnson!—[Twitter](#)

**RenoTahoeStan:** Great Wildflower Photos in Nevada Magazine.—[Twitter](#)

**Debbie Seracini:** February 1992 with "Wendover Will" in neon. But I'm also partial to the feature story on page 16 about the Friends of Rhyolite by Chuck Hillinger! —[Facebook](#) (commenting on her favorite cover)

## WORTH A CLICK

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The Nevada Commission on Tourism pays homage to railroad attractions around the Silver State.

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## FEATURED PHOTO GALLERY

**St. Thomas:** Visit our Flickr profile to view images from the ghost town of St. Thomas, vacated in 1938 due to the formation of Lake Mead. Because of the receding lake, remnants of the town are visible today via a 2.5-mile loop trail.

## FEATURED VIDEO

**Extraterrestrial Highway:** Spend a few minutes traveling east on State Route 375 after a late-April snowstorm. Look at it this way—you have a better chance of avoiding abduction while driving vicariously through our YouTube video.

## FEATURED BLOGGER

**Shelley Stepanek:** Check out our Events & Shows blog for a number of first-person accounts from different Las Vegas attractions. Stepanek, who writes about Lance Burton in this issue, spotlights CSI: The Experience, among others.

# conservation is key

*“Water is life’s mater and matrix, mother and medium.”*

—Albert Szent-Györgyi, 1937 Nobel Prize (Physiology)

On a May morning, I’m standing on the bottom floor of the Club Cal Neva parking lot in Reno with 15 or so others who are fortunate enough to spend a working day out of the office. We’re about to be escorted a couple of miles east of Reno on Interstate 80 to the Lockwood exit, where we will embark on a day of rafting the Truckee River courtesy of The Nature Conservancy in Nevada.

Naturally, we partake in the what’s-your-name-and-what-do-you-do icebreaker conversations. I’m explaining our upcoming issue’s contents to a fellow rafter, and



it goes something like this: “We’re also featuring Nevada’s lakes. Not only some of the current conservation efforts, but also to show tourists that we have these awesome lakes in Nevada...so use them.”

“Use them wisely,” adds Mickey Hazelwood, Truckee River Project Director for The Nature Conservancy.

Mickey took the words right out of my mouth, and he could just as well have been summing up the moral of

this July/August issue: respect our public lands. Starting with Charlie Johnston’s piece focusing on Nevada’s four major lakes and the conservation challenges that face each, we also look at Nevada’s nine National Wildlife Refuges and the influential work of groups such as The Nature Conservancy.

While rafting the Truckee—and even before we put in—we saw the work of the Conservancy firsthand. From Lockwood, where a park and boat launch have been established, we floated downriver past the new ecosystem restoration project, which enriches habitat in and out of the water. Right on cue, four wild horses galloped across the open land south of the river. Further downriver we saw the site of an older ecosystem restoration project, highlighted by healthy cottonwood trees and other greenery that had benefited from a wet early spring (see our Up Front section to learn more about The Nature Conservancy).

My day on the river was in stark contrast to one three weeks earlier, when I hiked the Historical St. Thomas Loop Trail, a few miles south of Overton in Southern Nevada. When you drive up to the interpretive sign, you’re looking out at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, but due to drought and water use the northern section of the lake’s Overton Arm is no more. Once submerged, after Hoover Dam was constructed, the structures of the former town of St. Thomas are now visible to the public via the trail (read more on page 36).

As I walked the trails, the millions of shells (see photo above) were a constant reminder that tourists used to boat, fish, and swim here—and those days are likely over. This is an important lesson. Should future editors want to spend time out of the office plying Nevada’s lakes and rivers, conservation has to be priority number one. And we have to use our resources wisely.

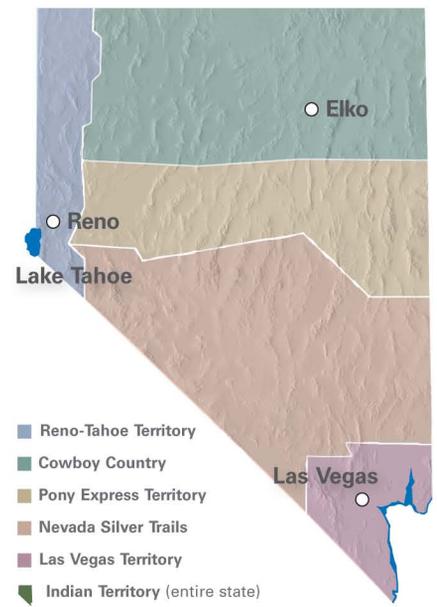
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**SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT**

My wife, brother, sister-in-law, and I just returned from a nine-day stay in Las Vegas. As usual, *Nevada Magazine* was one of the resources used to plan our trip. Thanks to the March/April [2010] issue, we spent a full day at Valley of Fire State Park. What a wonderful experience. The scenery was awesome! We hiked just two of the trails, but hope to return to see more. It takes at least a full day to take it all in.

Also went to see Terry Fator (thank you *Nevada Magazine* for the review). What a talented performer! The tickets were worth every penny! He donates sales of merchandise to veterans. Not just a great celebrity, but a great person as well!

We cannot wait to go back to Nevada. The [May/June 2010] issue with wildflowers was waiting for me when I returned. What timeliness! The magazine has improved significantly in the past two years. It is a terrific resource for the traveler. I even enjoy reading the ads! Keep up the great work!  
**John Wilda**, Swanton, Vermont

Read the rest of John's letter—which also references the Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the ghost town of Rhyolite—at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).

**EDITOR**



**Correction:** The above image, which appeared on page 46 of the May/June 2010 issue, should have been credited to photographer William Lane. It was taken at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in Southern Nevada.

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL...**

Just a note to say that I think the State of Nevada is publishing one of the finest magazines on the market. As a journalism grad

student at the University of Nevada, Reno—and a newspaper owner in Missouri—I'm not easily impressed by today's print products. However, the writing, photography, advertising, and layout of *Nevada Magazine* is superb in every category. I haven't subscribed to a non-news magazine in years, but now I have. Thank you!

**Will Sites**, Reno

**ON TARGET**

[Fallon and Elko recently hosted] what will most likely be two of the largest shooting events in Nevada this year. These events are very attractive to people both inside and outside the state, and there are many similar events throughout the year around the state. The Clark County Shooting Park just opened in Las Vegas. I don't understand why this isn't covered in your magazine.

**John Ingle**, Hawthorne

Great timing, John. See this issue's Up Front section. You'll be pleasantly surprised.

**EDITOR**

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Kathleen Stebbins moved to Nevada in 1985 and immediately fell in love with its outdoor recreational opportunities. An avid adventurer, she has climbed Nevada's Arc Dome and Wheeler Peak and revels in the surreal "sandscapes" of the Black Rock and Smith Creek playas. "The playa is unlike anywhere you've been," Stebbins says. "On a windless day you can stand in the middle and experience absolute silence." Stebbins, former *Reno Gazette-Journal* features editor, writes about and photographs rocketry clubs that frequent the Black Rock Desert.

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**MARK PETTERSON**

Henderson resident Mark Petterson, originally from Chicago, moved to the Las Vegas area in January 2006. Since that time, he and his family and friends have taken more than 170 scenic trips—hiking, rock climbing, sightseeing, and backcountry travel. He purchased a Jeep in October 2007, and it was a life-changing event. "I love the freedom of Nevada's open lands, and I'm always looking for new areas to explore," Petterson says. For this issue, he writes about the roads less traveled in Desert National Wildlife Refuge, just north of Las Vegas.

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**REBECCA PONTON**

Rebecca Ponton ([rebeccaponton.com](http://rebeccaponton.com)) is a freelance writer specializing in profiles and interviews. "I am fascinated by the women behind powerful men," she says. "Madeleine Pickens is a powerhouse in her own right. I was impressed by her passion for America and its heritage, and her commitment to saving our nation's wild mustangs." Ponton lived abroad for 14 years, including 12 years in the United Arab Emirates, before returning to Texas in 2006. Her work has appeared in *CNN Traveller*, *Country Lifestyle*, *More, Ms.*, and *National Geographic Traveler*.

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CLUBS

### Black Rock Blast-Off

On a hot, windless day in the Black Rock Desert, far from the nearest pavement, several dozen amateur rocketeers huddle over tables laden with motors, wires, and tubes. A bullhorn crackles, and all eyes move to the launch pad, 50 yards away.

“Five...four...three...two...”

There’s a flash and a metallic roar, and in an instant a 10-foot projectile is racing heavenward faster than the speed of sound. Spectators’ gasps give way to applause. Peter Clay of the Association of Experimental Rocketry of the Pacific (AeroPAC) considers the desolate playa the world’s premier launch site: “It’s 800 square miles of flat. There’s no vegetation, no houses, no trees, no telephone poles.”

And AeroPAC members’ high-powered rockets require plenty of space. “The rocket itself could be 20 to 25 feet tall, and we’re hitting altitudes of 60,000 to 70,000 feet,” Clay says. “We actually have a waiver from the [Federal Aviation Administration] that allows us to fly to 100,000 feet. One time they shut us down because George W. Bush was flying into Reno, and I don’t think he wanted to see any rockets coming at [Air Force One].”

The nonprofit group AeroPAC holds three launches (Aeronaut, ARLISS, and XPRS) each year, open to spectators for a \$10 fee. Richard Hagen, from Oakland, participates with his 10- and 14-year-old grandchildren, Tyler and Shannon. “We fly everything from very small model rockets up to 50-pound monsters like Waterworks that carried three gallons of water up three miles and created a cloud,” Hagen says.

Known as a place where land-speed barriers fall, the Black Rock Desert has also seen some record-setting rocketry. In May 2004, the Civilian Space eXploration Team launched the first amateur rocket ever to break the boundary with space, 62 miles up. It exceeded Mach 5 to reach an FAA-verified height of 72 miles.

But it’s not just rocket power that brings enthusiasts to the playa’s dusty expanse. They enjoy the chance to camp, socialize, and explore. “I would say that at least 90 percent of us in the club are in love with the playa,” Clay says. “It’s just such a magical place.”



**UPCOMING  
BLACK ROCK  
LAUNCHES**  
Aug. 6-8 (Aeronaut)  
Sept. 13-17 (ARLISS)  
Sept. 17-19 (XPRS)  
Sept. 24-26 (BALLS 19)

[aeropac.org](http://aeropac.org), [blackrockdesert.org](http://blackrockdesert.org)

— STORY & PHOTOS  
BY KATHLEEN STEBBINS

### ARLISS: A Rocket Launch for International Student Satellites

The ARLISS Project is a collaborative effort between students and faculty at Stanford University Space Systems Development Program and other educational institutions and high-power rocketry enthusiasts in Northern California. Its purpose is to build, launch, test, and recover prototype satellites. [arlist.org](http://arlist.org)

## MUSEUM

### Mob Museum Coming to Las Vegas

The ties between Las Vegas and organized crime run deep—it is plausible that the city we know today would not exist if not for “La Cosa Nostra.” It then comes as no surprise that Sin City will be the home of a museum dedicated to the

#### THE MOB MUSEUM

Las Vegas Museum of  
Organized Crime  
and Law Enforcement.

and its unique imprint on America and the world,” with considerable focus on how law enforcement has battled and continues to battle organized crime.

The museum will be housed inside the historic former federal courthouse and post office in downtown Las Vegas. In 1950-51, some of the Kefauver Committee hearings on organized crime were held in a courtroom in the same building. [themobmuseum.org](http://themobmuseum.org), 702-528-6016

very sinners that put it on the map.

The Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, slated to open in spring 2011, will “present a bold and authentic view of organized crime’s impact on Las Vegas history

## ICE AGE PARK

### Foundation Works to Preserve Las Vegas’ Frigid Past

Tens of thousands of years before humans inhabited Nevada it was a very different place. Vast inland seas covered much of the state, and Pleistocene mammals, such as mammoths, ground sloths, camels, and American jaguars, ruled the land. Fossil evidence of this past can be found in the Upper Las Vegas Wash, and thanks to the efforts of the Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation, the area may become a national monument. Since the first archaeological exploration of the region in 1932, conservationists have made enormous progress preserving the area, which includes the Tule Springs Paleontological Site. The foundation, working closely with national, state, and other agencies, has set aside a 315-acre state-owned site on which to build a proposed Ice Age Park. The park would include a visitors center, fossil displays, and walking trails. [iceagepark.org](http://iceagepark.org), 702-281-1252



To read more, visit “Web Extras” at [nevadamagazine.com](http://nevadamagazine.com).

## OTHER LAS VEGAS NEWS

◆ The planned **Museum of Gaming History** in Las Vegas recently received an online pictorial database of thousands of images of gaming chips and tokens. The gift was donated by Carol Susong, wife of the late Greg Susong, a Hall-of-Fame member of the Casino Chip and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club and major contributor to the museum’s efforts to preserve gaming history. [museumofgaminghistory.org](http://museumofgaminghistory.org)

◆ The **Neon Museum** in Las Vegas is undergoing construction this summer that is aimed at providing

greater public access to the attraction, which collects and exhibits old casino signs. Included in the expansion is the renovation of the former lobby of the La Concha Motel into a visitors center and an additional boneyard to house more signs. [neonmuseum.org](http://neonmuseum.org), 702-387-6366

◆ The **Smith Center** is on track to open in Las Vegas in 2012 as a world-class performing arts center and cultural complex. The center will include a 2,050-seat main theater—Reynolds Hall, named for the Donald W. Reynolds foundation,

which provided \$150 million for the project—and two smaller, intimate theaters. The bell tower of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building will reach 170 feet. [thesmithcenter.com](http://thesmithcenter.com)

◆ **Madame Tussauds Las Vegas** introduced “Neighbor Appreciation Summer” in May. The promotion provides \$10 adult tickets for Nevada residents. Madame Tussauds is home to more than 100 strikingly lifelike wax sculptures of local-, national-, and world-famous figures

from Barack Obama to Elvis Presley, Snoop Dogg, and local icons such as Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. [mtvegas.com](http://mtvegas.com), 702-862-7800

◆ **Las Vegas Safaris’ Exotic Animal Encounter** opened at the Cloud 9 Balloon Park across from Mandalay Bay this spring. The attraction houses baby zebras and giraffes, a young rhinoceros, and more. Some of the animals may even be pet from time to time under the supervision of the park’s expert animal handlers. [cloud9vegas.com](http://cloud9vegas.com), 702-932-5775



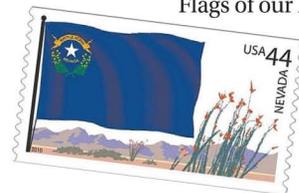
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## STAMP

### Proud Postage

Nevada’s flag made its appearance on a U.S. Postage Stamp in April as part of the Postal Service’s

Flags of our Nation series. The stamp can be purchased in rolls with the eight other states (Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and North Dakota) released at the same time at any U.S. Post Office. [usps.com](http://usps.com)



## PRESERVATION

## Nevada Wilderness Project Ensures Survival of Nevada's Public Lands

Since 1999, the Nevada Wilderness Project has been instrumental in setting aside more than 3 million acres of public land in Nevada as permanent wilderness. The organization's ongoing effort to preserve Nevada's wilderness is multipronged and includes educating Nevadans and visitors about the importance of wilderness areas in the state, encouraging politicians to help in the preservation effort, and working with energy companies to ensure renewable energy development in the state is done responsibly. The Smart from the Start program aims to make protection of wildlife habitat a main focus during the development of renewable energy in Nevada. [wildnevada.org](http://wildnevada.org), 775-746-7850

## STATE PARKS

## Nevada State Parks Celebrate 75 Years

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of State Parks in Nevada, the state agency is offering a litany of programs, contests, and events all year. Visit [parks.nv.gov](http://parks.nv.gov) for more information. Here are a few to ponder:

- Hike, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, or ride a horse on 75 miles of designated trails in Nevada State Parks to become a 75 Mile Club member. After your excursion, complete and submit the tracking form to receive a certificate and prize package.
- Three ongoing geocaching events give contestants the chance to hone their GPS skills while competing for prizes. The events include northern, southern, and statewide challenges.
- Shutterbugs can take advantage of two photo contests. The Park Photo Categories contest selects a winner for outstanding images of park scenery, park wildlife, and family fun in the park.

The second contest invites participants to photograph the entrance signs at 12 different Nevada State Parks. The deadline for the Parks Photo Categories contest is September 1. Photos for the Park Entrance Sign contest must be submitted by October 15.



## CONSERVATION

## The Nature Conservancy Protects and Preserves Nevada's Wild Places

The world's leading conservation organization has made strides in the protection of ecologically important lands and waters for more than 50 years and has played a major role in protecting Nevada's "Last Great Places" since 1967. The conservancy is involved in myriad projects around the Silver State, which include:

- Revitalization of the Truckee River east of Sparks to restore an 8 1/2-mile section to its pre-industrial state (see photo). When completed, the nine-year project will restore habitat for wildlife, make the river more scenic for tourists, and provide flood relief for the upstream cities of Reno and Sparks.
- Protection and restoration of the Carson River and its watershed, including implementing sustainable agriculture in Carson Valley. The Conservancy recently completed construction of nearly four miles of trail at Bently-Kirman Ranch to improve public access to the river and oversees 853 acres of Clear Creek on the eastern slope of the Carson Range.
- Protection and restoration of the Amargosa River in southwestern Nevada. The Amargosa is the world's longest underground river and supports rich biodiversity in the oases its waters create. Some species found here exist nowhere else on earth.
- Working with the Bureau of Land Management and landowners as part of the Eastern Nevada Project, a program set to find ways to balance biological preservation with land uses such as grazing, agriculture, wildlife management, and recreation.

Visit the website to learn more about current Nature Conservancy efforts in Nevada and past successes such as Jarbidge Canyon, Red Rock Canyon, and Soldier Meadows. [nature.org/nevada](http://nature.org/nevada), 775-322-4990

**OUTDOOR MOVIES**

## Open-Air Cinemas Provide Evenings of Family Fun

With tickets regularly exceeding \$10 and popcorn, candy, and soda prizes more expensive by the day, a night at the movies can be an expensive undertaking. Outdoor theaters from Las Vegas to Reno allow guests to bring their own food, claim a spot on a lawn, and enjoy a movie with their families—for free.

■ Movies on the Lake at Henderson's Lake Las Vegas offers free Thursday night movies through August. [montelagovillage.com](http://montelagovillage.com), 702-564-4700



■ The District at Green Valley Ranch, also in Henderson, offers a free Outdoor Picture Show on Fridays and Saturdays. [thedistrictatvr.com](http://thedistrictatvr.com), 702-564-8595

■ The City of Las Vegas hosts free outdoor family movies on select Thursdays and Fridays. [lasvegasnevada.gov](http://lasvegasnevada.gov), 702-229-3516

■ Reno's annual celebration of the arts, Artown, features free family and classic movies during Movies in the Park Fridays through July. [renoartown.com](http://renoartown.com), 775-322-1538

■ The City of Gardnerville hosts free Movies in the Park on July 9, July 30, and August 20 at dusk. [gardnerville-nv.gov](http://gardnerville-nv.gov), 775-782-7134



**OUTDOOR THEATER**

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[laketahoeshakespeare.com](http://laketahoeshakespeare.com), 800-747-4697

For "the best seats under the stars" in Southern Nevada, visit Spring Mountain Ranch State Park's Super Summer Theatre (see top photo). Plays include "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Damn Yankees," and "The Foreigner." [supersummertheatre.com](http://supersummertheatre.com), 702-594-7529

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[accessclarkcounty.com](http://accessclarkcounty.com), 702-455-2000

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**American Shooters Supply & Gun Club**  
americanshooters.com, 702-362-1223

**Discount Firearms, Inc.**  
discountfirearmsinc.com, 702-567-1158

**The Gun Store, Inc.**  
thegunstorelasvegas.com, 702-454-1110

**Las Vegas Gun Range & Firearm Center**  
lasvegasgunrange.net, 702-386-4867

**Caliente Shooting Range, Caliente**  
775-786-9986

**Center Mass Firearms, Henderson**  
centermassfirearms.com, 702-558-7890

**Oasis Gun Club, Mesquite**  
oasisgunclub.com, 702-346-4025

**Nellis Gun Club, Nellis AFB**  
nellisservices.com, 702-652-1937

**Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah**  
tonopahnevada.com, 775-482-9676

### NORTHERN NEVADA

**Capitol City Trap & Sporting, Carson City**  
capcityclays.com, 775-882-9904

**Carson City Rifle & Pistol Range, Carson City**  
775-887-2262

**Elko Shooting Range, Elko**  
775-753-8825

**White Pine Shooting Range, Ely**  
775-289-4345

**Fallon Trap Club, Fallon**  
fallontrapclub.com, 775-867-2298

**Flying Saucer Trap Club, Lovelock**  
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**Douglas County Shooting Range, Minden**  
775-782-9901

**Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility, Pyramid Lake**  
775-475-2991

**Safe Shot Indoor Range, Reno**  
safeshotindoorange.com, 775-284-8984

**Sage Hill Clay Sports, Reno**  
sagehillclays.com, 775-851-1123

**Walker River Resort, Smith Valley**  
wrrsot.com, 800-446-2573

**Sierra Firearms Academy, Sparks**  
sierrafirearms.com, 775-425-1678

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The team holds open tryouts every year, and the veteran skaters help newcomers learn the roller ropes. The Derby Demons bout roughly 10 times a year. Expenses for travel, facility rentals, equipment, and insurance are paid by the players and local sponsors. [battlebornderbydemons.com](http://battlebornderbydemons.com)

The Derby Demons aren't the only show in Reno. The **Reno Roller Girls** compete in the city's only banked track league. The Roller Girls are made up of three teams: The Stiff Broads, Mafia Mollies, and Bang-Bang Betties. [renorollergirls.com](http://renorollergirls.com)

Nevada's lone WFTDA member is **Las Vegas' Sin City Roller Girls**. These Roller Girls are made up of a traveling all-star team (The All-Stars) and two home teams (The Notorious VIP and Tommy Gun Terrors). [sincityrollergirls.com](http://sincityrollergirls.com)

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## THE RESULTS ARE IN...

If *Nevada Magazine* were to choose the Silver State's "bests," it would be mission impossible. There are just too many outstanding candidates. That's why we leave the tough decisions to our readers. From February 15 to April 15, voting in our Best of Nevada survey was conducted online.

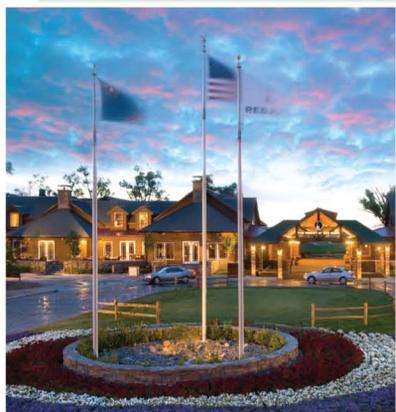
New to this year's survey was the chance for voters to win stays at participating resorts in Las Vegas and Reno. Valerie Lagerstrom, from Carson City, won a two-night stay at The Venetian or The Palazzo in Las Vegas and dinner for two at any of the resorts' fine-dining restaurants. Abigail Brown of Las Vegas won a two-night stay at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno, dinner for two at La Strada, and show tickets. Thank you to the resorts for their generosity and to everyone who voted.

Now, without further ado, here are the results from our 13th annual poll. "Special Recognition" was given to those who received an ample number of votes in their respective categories.

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### BREWERY

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[greatbasinbrewingco.com](http://greatbasinbrewingco.com)

**South:** **Gordon Biersch, Las Vegas**  
[gordonbiersch.com](http://gordonbiersch.com)

**Rural:** **Ruby Mountain Brewing Company, Clover Valley**  
[rubymountainbrewing.com](http://rubymountainbrewing.com)

### BUFFET

**North:** **Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grille, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno**  
[atlantiscasino.com](http://atlantiscasino.com)

**South:** **Carnival World Buffet, Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas**  
[riolasvegas.com](http://riolasvegas.com)

**Rural:** **Rum Jungle Buffet, Casino Fandango, Carson City**  
[casinofandango.com](http://casinofandango.com)

### CASINO

**North:** **Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno**  
[peppermillreno.com](http://peppermillreno.com)

**South:** **Red Rock Casino Resort Spa, Las Vegas**  
[redrocklasvegas.com](http://redrocklasvegas.com)

**Rural:** **Casino Fandango, Carson City**  
[casinofandango.com](http://casinofandango.com)

# Nevada

## ENTERTAINER

**Wayne Newton**  
waynenewton.com

## EVENT

**North: Hot August Nights, July 30-Aug. 1 in South Lake Tahoe, Aug. 1-8 in Reno & Sparks**  
hotaugustnights.net

**South: National Finals Rodeo, Dec. 2-11 in Las Vegas**  
nfrexperience.com

**Rural: White Pine Fire & Ice Show, Jan. 2011 at Cave Lake State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/cl.htm

**Special Recognition: National Championship Air Races, Sept. 15-19 in Reno**  
airrace.org

## GOLF COURSE

**North: The Resort at Red Hawk, Sparks**  
resortatredhawk.com

**South: Angel Park Golf Club, Las Vegas**  
angelpark.com

**Rural: Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline**  
edgewoodtahoe.com

**Special Recognition: Genoa Lakes Golf Club & Resort, Genoa**  
genoalakes.com

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harrahslaughlin.com



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## HOTEL

**North: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno**  
peppermillreno.com

**South: (tie) Bellagio & The Venetian, Las Vegas**  
bellagio.com; venetian.com

**Rural: Harrah's Laughlin**  
harrahslaughlin.com

## MUSEUM

**North: (tie) Nevada Museum of Art, Reno & Nevada State Museum, Carson City**  
nevadaart.org; nevadaculture.org

**South: Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas**  
ldcm.org

**Rural: Central Nevada Museum & Historical Society, Tonopah**  
tonopahnevada.com

**Special Recognition: Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely**  
nnry.com

## NIGHTCLUB

**North: Edge, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno**  
peppermillreno.com

**South: Tao, The Venetian, Las Vegas**  
venetian.com

**Rural: Tarzan's, Golden Nugget, Laughlin**  
goldennugget.com

## PLACE TO SHOP

**North: (tie) Legends at Sparks Marina & The Summit Reno**  
experiencelegends.com;  
thesummitonline.com

**South: (tie) Fashion Show Mall & The Forum Shops at Caesars, Las Vegas**  
thefashionshow.com; caesarspalace.com

**Rural: Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas, Primm**  
fashionoutletlasvegas.com

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## NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

**Ely**  
nnry.com

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**North: Wild Island Family Adventure Park, Sparks**  
wildisland.com

**South: Springs Preserve, Las Vegas**  
springspreserve.org

**Rural: (tie) Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely; & Virginia City**  
nnry.com; virginiacity-nv.org

## RESTAURANT

**North: Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse, Reno**  
bonanzacasino.com

**South: Mon Ami Gabi, Paris Las Vegas**  
parislasvegas.com

**Rural: Adele's Restaurant & Lounge, Carson City**  
adelesrestaurantandlounge.com

## SHOW

**North: Eldorado Showroom (venue)**  
eldoradoreno.com

**South: Cirque du Soleil (various Las Vegas shows)**  
cirquedusoleil.com

**Rural: National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Elko**  
westernfolklife.org

## SKI RESORT

**Heavenly Mountain Resort, South Lake Tahoe**  
skiheavenly.com

## STATE PARK

**North: Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/lt.htm

**South: Valley of Fire State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/vf.htm

**Rural: Cave Lake State Park**  
parks.nv.gov/cl.htm

## TOUR COMPANY

**North: Western Discovery, LLC**  
westerndiscovery.com

**South: Pink Jeep Tours**  
pinkjeep.com

**Rural: London Bridge Jet Boat Tours, Laughlin**  
jetboattour.com

**Special Recognition: Looktours.com**  
looktours.com

## WEDDING VENUE

**North: Lake Tahoe (region)**  
visitinglaketahoe.com

**South: Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas**  
vivalasvegasweddings.com

**Rural: David Walley's Resort, Genoa**  
davidwalleys.com

## LOOKTOURS.COM

**Southern Nevada**  
looktours.com

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## CENTRAL NEVADA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

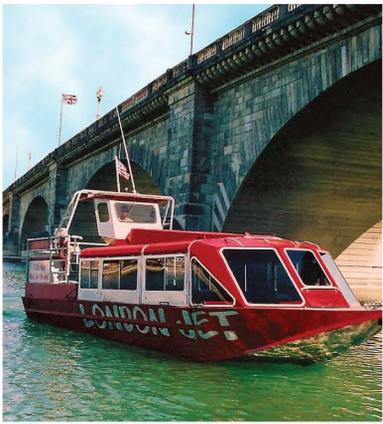
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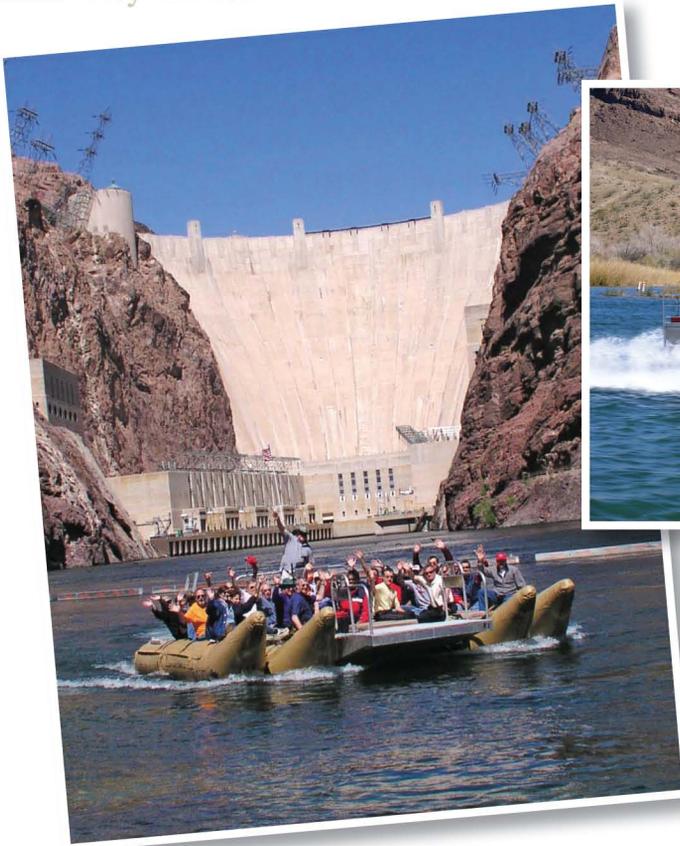
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## touring nevada

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BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

I've never flown in a helicopter. I've never seen Hoover Dam. And I've never gazed upon Lake Mead.

It was the perfect recipe for a tour, and one that tour companies cherish—a chance to give a wide-eyed tourist a new experience and, at the same time, educate him about the surrounding area.

Associate Editor Charlie Johnston and I arrived in Boulder City on this February day with the same giddy excitement of kids standing outside a candy store. In this instance, our morsel was Hoover Dam, and the store consisted of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Colorado River, and Black Canyon.

In our not-so-distant future was the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour,

courtesy of Looktours.com and Stars and Stripes Air Tours. We arrived at the Stars and Stripes heliport before 1 p.m. After a short delay, due to some feisty winds, we were soon up in the air and in the capable hands of pilot Curtis Cornelius.

Beyond the amazement of seeing Hoover Dam for the first time—all the more impressive from a bird's-eye view—I found the construction of the new Hoover Dam Bypass bridge (see page 20) equally astonishing. The bypass, meant to relieve traffic and pressure on the dam's existing road deck, is scheduled to open to traffic in November. From the sky, the Colorado River is strikingly green due to the lime in the surrounding rocks, according to Cornelius, a commercial helicopter pilot for 43 years. Passengers are allowed to

ask Cornelius questions throughout the flight, meaning you don't get the recorded narrative that some tours offer.

Hoover Dam is impressive, but Cornelius says many Stars and Stripes customers get the biggest rise from Arizona's main attraction. "The Grand Canyon is spectacular," he says. "It's awe-inspiring. The grandeur is always the big thing because you can't get a feel for the size of the Grand Canyon unless you see it. Photos do not do it justice. They present it to you, but don't give you the feeling of 'Holy mackerel, am I insignificant in this world.'"

In addition, Stars and Stripes offers a night tour over the Las Vegas Strip, a champagne picnic lunch next to the Colorado River, pontoon rides, a Grand Canyon Skywalk tour, and many others.

Laughlin's London Bridge Jet Boat Tours (opposite page and bottom) offers round-trip rides to Arizona's Lake Havasu City. Pink Jeep Tours' Colorado River float tour gets up close to Hoover Dam (opposite). The company's trademark pink Tour Trekkers (opposite) welcome dirt roads.

American pride doesn't hurt business, either. "The coloring of our aircraft is a big draw on the Strip. People like the patriotic theme that we have," Cornelius says. The outfit also employs a full range of fixed-wing Cessna 208 B airplane (designed specifically for "flightseeing") tours to the Grand Canyon's West Rim.

If Stars and Stripes is booked, no worries. Right next door is Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters, which offers airplane, bus, helicopter, and rafting tours all over Southern Nevada and Arizona.

## LONDON BRIDGE JET BOAT TOURS

Not all Southern Nevada tour companies operate out of Las Vegas, as evidenced by this Laughlin company. Guests interested in sightseeing expeditions down the Colorado River are treated to a 58-mile (one way) journey through Topock Gorge. "Only accessible by river, Topock Gorge features breathtaking views of volcanic rock faces, enchanting emerald waters, [American] Indian petroglyphs, and a variety of desert wildlife," reads the website.

The excursion ends at Arizona's famous London Bridge at Lake Havasu City. Guests can dine, sightsee, and shop during a two-hour layover. Conveniently, unlike some similar tours, the boats are enclosed during those rare days when the Laughlin weather is below 90 degrees (there are no tours in December and January). The round trip lasts about six hours and costs from \$46 to \$66, depending on your age.

## LOOKTOURS.COM

You'd spend less time listing the tours this Las Vegas-based tour broker doesn't offer, rather than those it does. Tourists can see such attractions as Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Valley of Fire State Park via plane, helicopter, bus, raft, kayak, 4x4, ATV, horse, glider, sailplane, on foot—or a combination thereof.

Take the third-ranked tour on the Looktours.com website, the Grand Canyon Hoover Dam Airplane Tour. The 7.5-hour adventure includes two 45-minute airplane sightseeing flights, two eight-minute

helicopter flights, a 20-minute pontoon ride, and a short excursion to the Grand Canyon Rim with stops at scenic lookouts such as Guano and Eagle points. While taking in the incredible views, you're treated to an American Indian barbecue-style meal. Not bad for \$325.

Other popular tours are the Grand Canyon Skywalk and Grand Canyon White Water Rafting Adventure. Looktours' parent company is viator.com, and it also hosts the sites alllasvegastours.com and allgrandcanyontours.com.

## PINK JEEP TOURS

For 50 years, Pink Jeep Tours has provided off-road family adventures in the Las Vegas and Sedona, Arizona areas. "It is amazing how many international visitors are familiar with our brand," says Alix Reed, general manager. "Celebrating this milestone gives great comfort for more years of success to come."

I can attest that Pink Jeep has rural Southern Nevada covered—on a number of outings I've spotted the company's trademark pink Tour Trekkers (seat 10) and SUVs (seat six). There's hardly a road in the Southwest that hasn't felt Pink Jeep tread. Among the company's tour stops are Death Valley National Park, Eldorado Canyon, Hoover Dam, Mount Charleston Wilderness, Red Rock Canyon National

## TESTIMONIALS

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The view from the plane on the way to the Grand Canyon left me awestruck, as did the ascent from the canyon in the helicopter.

—*Looktours.com*

Anyone up for a river adventure will definitely enjoy this trip down the beautiful Colorado River to Lake Havasu. Great time, great weather, and great company!

—*London Bridge Jet Boat Tours*

The two tours I spent with your company represented the highlights of a weeklong stay in Las Vegas.

—*Pink Jeep Tours*

Thanks again for a beautiful afternoon. We absolutely love telling people we got married in a helicopter and over Lake Tahoe was even more special.

—*HeliTahoe*

Note: Testimonials taken from respective websites





A view from the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour, courtesy of Stars and Stripes Air Tours in Boulder City.

Conservation Area, and Valley of Fire State Park—and that’s just Nevada. Also navigated are Grand Canyon and Utah’s Zion National Park.

Pink Jeep isn’t limited to automobiles. Available in 2010, the Hoover Dam Top to Bottom Tour “Pink Tag Sale” features a guided Colorado River float tour by raft with close-up views of Hoover Dam, larger-than-life power plants, and Black Canyon. The five-hour trip costs just \$129.

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Sightseeing Tours does have a competitive advantage in terms of experience. According to its website, the company owner ran the first round-trip one-day bus tour to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in the 1970s. He was also responsible for taking the first Las Vegas-launched vans through Hualapai Indian Reservation land to what is now commonly referred to as the Grand Canyon’s West Rim.

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HeliTahoe's Jet Ranger III helicopter (above) sends passengers skyward over Lake Tahoe. The Grand Canyon Skywalk (below), which opened in 2007, has become a popular tourist destination and is accessible through many Southern Nevada tour companies.

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# wild nevada



The Desert and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuges are worlds apart in the state, but each offers glorious solitude.

BY MARK PETTERSON  
& MATTHEW B. BROWN

Wild Nevada. It rolls off the tongue with such aptness and regularity we tend to forget that some parts of our state are protected in a manner that ensures the conservation and preservation of these lands and the animals that call them home. The National Wildlife Refuge System is one entity that works to keep these sanctuaries serene and gives humans guidelines to camp, fish, hunt, and tread responsibly.

Of the nine NWR-maintained areas in Nevada, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Nevada and the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge in extreme northwestern Nevada are the largest. Visits to either offer a wealth of land to explore, but be sure to respect the delicate balance of nature within.

## DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Established in May 1936 to preserve wildlife—primarily desert bighorn sheep—and their habitats, the 2,300-square-mile Desert Refuge is more than twice the size of Rhode Island and

comprises the largest wildlife refuge outside of Alaska. The main access is via the Corn Creek Field Station, about 23 miles northwest of downtown Las Vegas. From there, dirt roads lead to remarkable wildlife and wilderness, scenery and solitude, birds and beauty, forests and freedom, and the feeling of being a million miles from civilization.

From U.S. 95, about six miles north of the Snow Mountain exit, turn east on Corn Creek Road. Drive four miles on this well-graded gravel road to the Corn Creek Field Station and information kiosk. Corn Creek has springs that provide essential water to the desert and attract a great diversity of wildlife. More than 260 species of birds have been identified in the Desert Refuge, and Corn Creek draws a majority of them. This is a good place to see hawks, falcons, orioles, robins, tanagers, grosbeaks, and buntings. Many types of butterflies and dragonflies are also found in the area.

In the spring and summer, you may see warblers, sparrows, thrashers, flycatchers, and hummingbirds. In the fall, watch for migratory birds flying south. Winter is relatively quiet, but creatures are always flitting about. A trail around

the ponds is popular among families, and a picnic area is nearby.

Many visitors to the Desert Refuge don't venture beyond Corn Creek. That is a shame, because the backcountry is filled with soaring mountains (six ranges), deep canyons, diverse vegetation (more than 500 species), incredible wildlife (desert bighorns, mule deer, coyotes, badgers, foxes, and many rodents and reptiles), and historical sites such as agave roasting pits and a corral built by early ranchers or settlers.

The easiest thing to find, however, is glorious, peaceful solitude. Chances are good that during the week, you may not see another vehicle, which rewards you with tranquility, but it also means that you need to be well prepared for your outing.

The backcountry roads are rough in places and should be traveled in a high-clearance vehicle. The two main dirt roads that serve the backcountry are Mormon Well Road and Alamo Road, which start at the T-intersection just east of Corn Creek. These roads were built in the early 1900s by travelers and settlers. Mormon Well Road is a 47-mile-long expedition through breathtaking wilder-

ness, eventually connecting with U.S. 93 about 43 miles north of Las Vegas. The road runs east through Yucca Gap, which feels like a portal into another world.

West of the gap are signs of civilization, but to the east is pure, absolute wilderness—a huge basin known as Yucca Forest is surrounded by mountains and filled with thousands of acres of yucca, Joshua trees, and creosote bush. The road winds its way across the basin to Peek-A-Boo Canyon, which gets its name from a hole in the south canyon wall. This is an impressive gorge of towering black and gray limestone cliffs, and desert bighorn sheep are often sighted here.

Beyond Peek-A-Boo Canyon, the road enters a high-desert landscape that looks like something from an old western movie. The vegetation transitions to junipers and pines, which dominate the view west toward the Sheep Range. A bit beyond the halfway point of the drive is the Desert Pass campground and picnic area. Located in a grove of tall ponderosa pines, this is a nice spot to take a rest, and vault toilets are provided.

Continuing north, from the road you can take a short walk to historic Mormon Well. “There is no designated hike, signage, or parking to the well,” says Angelina Yost, visitor services manager. “You just have to explore to find it.” At Sawmill Canyon, the road climbs a small hill and provides beautiful vistas with the banded ramparts of the Arrow Canyon Range in the distance. A few miles later, the road enters an area where a lightning-ignited fire burned 20,000 acres in 2006. Most of the yuccas

and Joshua trees are either gone or burned into ghostly skeletons, and the quiet and desolation are absolute. A bit further east, incredible geologic forces folded the strata of the Elbow Range on

the Sheep Range, and Hidden Forest Road, which leads to a trailhead with access to a historic backcountry cabin. Alamo Road is currently closed at Desert Lake (44 miles from Corn Creek)

due to poor road conditions. For Desert Refuge road descriptions, visit the outdoors website, [birdandhike.com](http://birdandhike.com).

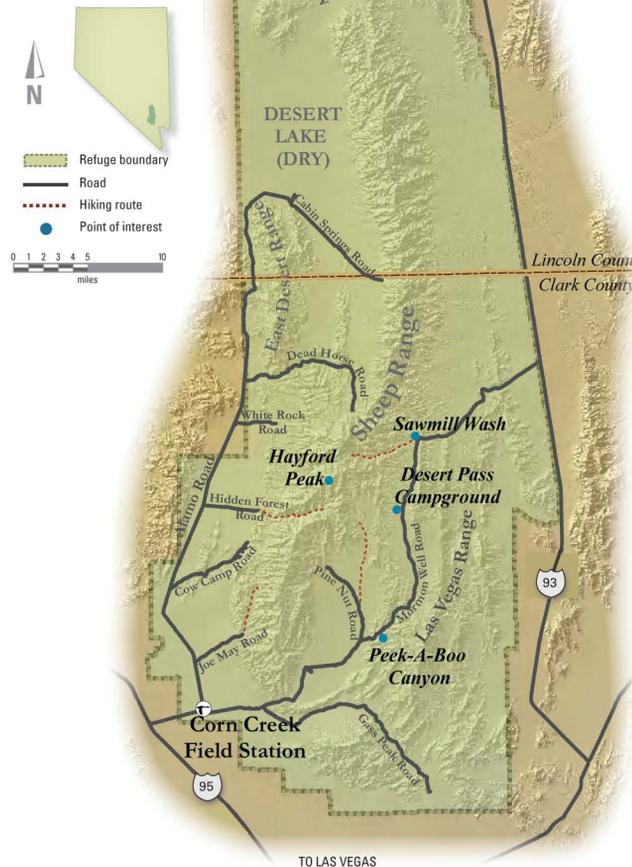
Activities and recreation at the Desert Refuge include hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, bird watching, sightseeing, interpretive and educational programs, photography, and camping. Camping is free and permitted at Desert Pass campground and anywhere within 50 feet of a road and more than a quarter-mile from water sources. Use one of the many established roadside campsites. Limited bighorn sheep hunting opportunities are based on current population levels and regulated by the Nevada Department of Wildlife, in conjunction with Desert Refuge staff.

Before you visit, make sure you have plenty of fuel and water, a good spare tire, and notify someone of your travel plans. There are no services within the refuge, and don't count on cell-phone service. Call ahead or visit the refuge website for current road conditions.

When you get there, sign the visitor register at Corn Creek to establish your destination. The visitor contact station is open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Labor Day through Memorial Day weekend. If it is closed, check out the information kiosk.

—MARK PETTERSON

## Desert National Wildlife Refuge



The Desert National Wildlife Refuge is the largest refuge in the lower 48 states. Page 22: Mormon Well Road within Peek-A-Boo Canyon.

top of itself horizontally, while just a few feet away, the layers are vertical.

Alamo Road heads north from Corn Creek and accesses a number of branch roads that lead to the western base of the Sheep Range and some interesting scenery and good campsites. The most notable branch roads are Cow Camp Road, which winds through narrow gaps in the Black Hills before it reaches



## SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

We're lost. It's one of the most painful truths for grown men to accept, but that was the reality for colleague Charlie Johnston and I during our visit to Sheldon Refuge last October. We're still not sure how we got off course, but the moral of the story is that remote Nevada should never be underestimated—even with a detailed map in your possession.

After spending the night in an unknown location in the southern end of the Refuge, we eventually got on track and explored Virgin Valley Ranch, Virgin Valley Campground, and Thousand Creek Gorge over the next few days. Even though the hundreds of pictures we took would make you think otherwise, we barely scratched the surface of this half-a-million-acre playground. "The landscape is vast, rugged, and punctuated with waterfalls, narrow gorges, and lush springs among rolling hills and expansive tablelands of sagebrush and mountain mahogany," reads the official website.

Sheldon Refuge was established mainly to protect high-desert habitat for large fawning and wintering herds of pronghorn antelope, but also for sage grouse and other wildlife dependent on sagebrush habitat. Pronghorn are commonly seen in large numbers in late summer and fall around Swan Lake and Reservoir (on our way out of Sheldon Refuge, traveling south on State Route 140 from Denio, we saw hundreds of antelope on either side of the highway). The antelope frequent Big Spring Table in the winter; during spring and early summer, they disperse in small bands. You may spot bighorn sheep along the rocky, steep walls above Thousand Creek, Hell Creek, and IXL Ranch or near the west approach to the former headquarters at Little Sheldon.

On our way to Sheldon, proceeding north from the Black Rock Desert, we ran across numerous wild-horse herds on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Although less common within the Refuge, wild horses were a central theme of the roadtrip. Horse

## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM?

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to manage a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitat.

The Refuge System maintains the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of these natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. In addition, the Refuge System manages six wildlife-dependent recreational uses:

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Wildlife Observation
- Photography
- Environmental Education
- Interpretation

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and burro populations are managed in Sheldon Refuge (for more information, and wildlife-viewing tips, visit [fws.gov](http://fws.gov)). Burros are often seen in the flats east of Thousand Creek and in Virgin Valley.

Even in a wildlife refuge one can find the eerie ghost-town feeling so prevalent in rural Nevada. At Virgin Valley Ranch, for instance, we spent a few hours photographing abandoned homes, sheds, corrals—even an old trailer. The lure of fire opals draws miners and rock collectors to the Virgin Valley mining district, which includes operations such as the Opal Queen Mining Company.

The highlight of our trip was hiking through Thousand Creek Gorge, a nearly five-mile-long massive gash in the earth located in the northeastern section of the refuge. While vehicle access to the gorge is easy, hiking within is anything but. There is no formal trail, and it's slow going through the gorge. The payoff, however, is the scenery—around every bend is an out-of-this-world scenic mix of creek, brush, and rock magnified by the towering gorge. I've never been made to feel so insignificant by nature; once you're in the heart

of the gorge, there are only two ways out depending on which end you're closest to. These are sensitive areas, so tread lightly.

If it isn't dry (which was the case in early May), Big Spring Reservoir provides excellent trout fishing and ice fishing, while Catnip Reservoir has a one-fish limit (single barbless hook or artificial lures) with an open season from the second Saturday in June to November 15. Dufurrena Ponds claim bass, crappie, and other warm-water species. At Virgin Valley Campground, there is a designated fishing hole for children and seniors.

Hunting is permitted at Sheldon Refuge in accordance with state and federal regulations. A very limited number of tags are offered for deer, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep in late summer and fall. Tag drawings are administered through the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and application instructions are available in the agency's annual hunting synopsis for big game or at its website, [ndow.org](http://ndow.org).

Several species of upland birds may also be hunted. Hunting for sage grouse also requires a permit issued by NDOW. Waterfowl may be hunted except at Catnip

Reservoir, Big Spring Reservoir, and the no-hunting areas (Dufurrena Ponds area and west of Swan Lake). Hunting and fishing licenses are not available at Sheldon Refuge, so plan ahead.

Camping is permitted only at designated camping areas, of which there are plenty to choose from. There is no fee for camping, and sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. Virgin Valley Campground is open year-round. There you will find pit toilets, picnic tables, drinking water, a warm springs pool, and a rustic shower house. All other camps are primitive; none have potable water, and some have pit toilets.

Other popular recreation activities at Sheldon Refuge include backpacking (permit required), horseback riding, and rock hounding. One Nevada stop for gasoline and groceries is Denio (14 miles from the east boundary). ▾

—MATTHEW B. BROWN & [fws.gov](http://fws.gov)

Rincon Creek (bottom) at the northeastern tip of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge flows north of Bog Hot Valley.



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## NEVADA'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

### Northern Nevada

#### ANAHO ISLAND NWR

This rocky island refuge at Pyramid Lake was established for the benefit and protection of colonial nesting species and other migratory birds, including American white pelicans. It is closed to the public.

#### FALLON NWR

Established as a refuge and breeding ground for birds and wild animals, Fallon NWR is located in the Lahontan Valley at the terminus of the Carson River and comprises more than 15,000 acres of playa and wetland habitat in the Carson Sink.

#### STILLWATER NWR

Nestled in the Lahontan Valley, the Stillwater wetlands are well known to birders, as the area has been designated a site of international importance by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network because of its hundreds of thousands of shorebirds.

#### RUBY LAKE NWR

At the southern end of the Ruby Valley and flanked on the west by the rugged and scenic Ruby Mountains, Ruby Lake NWR is one of the most remote refuges in the lower 48 states. The refuge encompasses 39,928 acres and consists of a marsh bordered by meadows, grasslands, and brush-covered uplands.

The Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge, at Pyramid Lake, was established to protect migratory birds such as American white pelicans. "This is taken at the fishway to the spawning channel at the Sutcliffe hatchery," says Fallon photographer Mike Sevon. "I set up a photo blind and got these images as the pelicans came back in to feed on the spawning cutthroat."

### Southern Nevada

#### ASH MEADOWS NWR

Located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas and encompassing more than 23,000 acres of spring-fed wetlands, Ash Meadows NWR is a desert wetland ecosystem that provides habitat for at least 25 species found nowhere else in the world.

#### MOAPA VALLEY NWR

This refuge secures habitat for the endangered Moapa dace. This small fish, the sole member of the genus *Moapa*, is endemic to the Muddy River system. The modest refuge—117 acres—is located in Clark County, 60 miles north of Las Vegas. Currently, it is open Friday through Sunday, Labor Day through Memorial Day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Days and hours could expand with increased staffing levels in the coming year. Call 702-515-5450 for updates.

#### PAHRANAGAT NWR

Located in Lincoln County about 90 miles north of Las Vegas, this refuge sets aside 5,380 acres of habitat for migratory birds, especially waterfowl. Primary public use at the refuge consists of wildlife observation, hunting in the fall, camping, and picnicking.

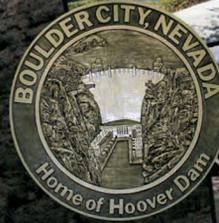
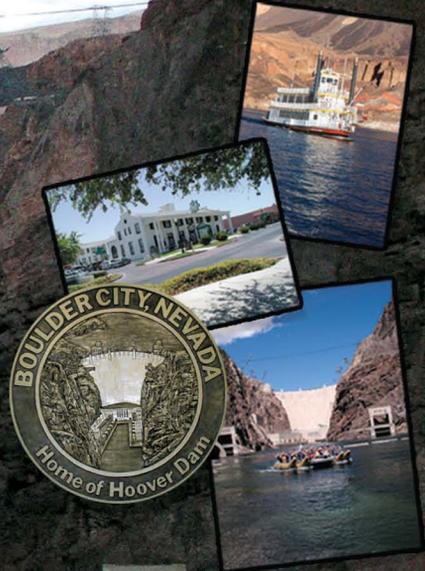
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# ELY

Deluge of responses is a testament to this eastern Nevada town's strong community ties.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN



Much of the excitement surrounding our Tour Around Nevada campaign, which began with our January/February 2009 issue, is anticipating each community's reaction when we announce that it will be featured in our magazine.

The first pleasant surprise with respect to Ely came when we went to tally the votes in April to declare this issue's featured town. The eastern Nevada town, our top overall vote getter so far, was a runaway winner. But that was just the beginning of the community's overwhelming support.

After the *Ely Times* published my letter inquiring about our visit to Ely and which residents to interview, the suggestions flooded my inbox and phone. I thought readers might enjoy a sampling of the recommendations:

The Nevada Northern Railway is one of our greatest treasures. [Executive director] Mark Bassett has done so much to preserve the railroad. He and his wife, Joan, would not know what a 40-hour week looked like!  
—Donna Frederick

Virginia Terry and Robin Bartlett—board member and general manager of the Garnet Mercantile, Ely's community-owned department store. The Garnet was the result of a project in which the community came

together and raised \$500,000 to replace JCPenney, which left Ely after 90 years, saving a downtown landmark.

Jack Smith—86-year-old native and driver of the annual Horse Races, an event that has occurred in Ely for more than 50 years. He's a long-time Elk with a wealth of local history knowledge.—Phil Leibold

I would suggest you contact my father, John Polish, who turns 93 in September. He has resided [in the Ely area about] 70 years. He worked in the mines of Kimberly during the summer to earn money to attend college at the University of Nevada, Reno. He was known as "Ironman Polish" and was inducted into the UNR Hall of Fame in 1974 for his outstanding football and track careers. He was a teammate of [NFL Hall of Famer] Marion Motley. He met and married my mother, Jerry Black of Ely, and finished his schooling. They moved to Ely, where he had a wonderful career in teaching and coaching in the White Pine School District for 35 years. He also represented White Pine County as a State Assemblyman for three terms.

—Betty Milobar

Elaine Smith—I believe she is 86 years old, but she's as healthy and vibrant as a 40-year-old. She is active with the Ghost Train and other train events—her husband was a railmaster here for 20-30 years, I believe. She is always at the town corrals helping with animals and is traveling around the town day and night, driving her pickup all the time.

—Gary Nelson

A gentleman by the name of Dave Tilford is working on a living history project, in which he is interviewing a lot of our older citizens.

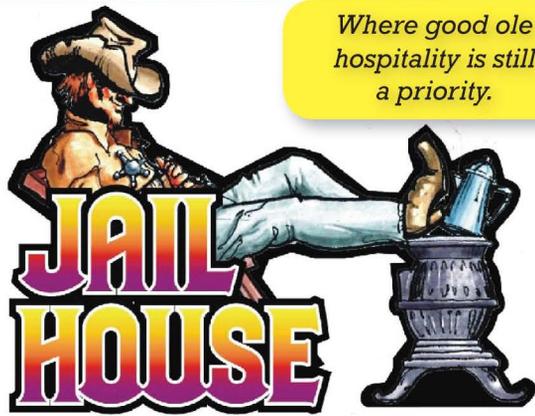
—Meg Rhoades

There is one person in our community that definitely qualifies as interesting, but she lives in McGill (just north of Ely), and she's new to town. Her name is Kristen Kocurek. She came to McGill about eight years ago and has been working on restoring the old Kennecott Clubhouse building [more info at [mcgillclubhouse.com](http://mcgillclubhouse.com)], usually working by herself. It's a project most people could never imagine...but she does it with a smile.

—Chris Robinson

One of Nevada's oldest towns, Ely was established in 1870. It was designated the White Pine County seat in 1887 and served surrounding mining camps such as Cherry Creek and Osceola. In the early 1900s, copper deposits led to a population boom in Ely as workers vacated the floundering gold mines of the region. This led to the construction of the Nevada Northern Railway, which connected Ely's copper mines to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

More than a century later, the "Ghost Train," as it's now known, is still an essential part of the community—only today it serves tourists. In addition



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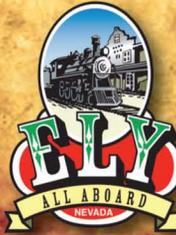
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to scheduled rides (daily this July and August, with the exception of August 24 and 31) and tours of the railroad grounds, NNRY offers specialty rides such as the July 4th BBQ & Fireworks Train and holiday-themed Polar Express. Through the Engine Rental program, tourists can experience what it's like behind the throttle of a steam or diesel locomotive. On July 17, the railway, home to the East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, will celebrate the centennial of Engine No. 40, resurrected in 2005.

A town rich in history has to have somewhere to house and display it, and that would be the White Pine Public Museum, featuring American Indian and other regional artifacts, including a cell from the former Ely City Jail. Hours are seasonal, but the museum should be operational most days during the summer.

In nearby McGill, a short drive north, visitors can witness a drugstore frozen in time. Products on the shelves date to the 1950s, and visitors can sit at a 1930s-era terra-cotta soda fountain bar. Plan ahead as tours are by appointment only (call 775-235-7082).

The Ely Renaissance Village, open June through September, is another intriguing step back in time. On select Saturdays, the Village—a collection of historic buildings that pay homage to various cultures (e.g., the Italian House)—offers living-history demonstrations. You can count on a Farmers' Market there every Saturday from August 28 to September 25. The Village includes a general store, amphitheatre, and studio and is the site of the Christkindlesmarkt holiday celebration.

The early-1900s architecture of downtown lures history buffs as well, starting with the historic Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall. When the six-story building opened in 1929, it was the tallest in the

state. The hotel pays homage to Western culture with an abundance of murals and taxidermy exhibits. Downtown in general could be summed up by the motto of Jailhouse Casino (across the street from Hotel Nevada): "Good ole hospitality is still a priority," the official website reads. The family-owned Ramada Inn & Copper Queen Casino, featuring Evah's Restaurant and the Copper Flat Pub, prides itself on a down-home atmosphere.

Through mid-fall, golfers can get away from some of the more crowded Nevada greens to play Ely's White Pine Golf Course. The high elevation equates to long drives, and the incredible views of the surrounding mountain peaks only add to the course's luster. The sports-minded can also enjoy seasonal dirt track oval racing at Great Basin Raceway.

A short drive south of town is Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, featuring six cone-shaped structures once used in mining to reduce wood to charcoal. Nearby Cave Lake State Park is the site of January's annual White Pine Fire and Ice Show, including an ice-sculpting contest and fireworks show.

About an hour's drive east of Ely is Great Basin National Park, one of the country's least-crowded national parks. Be sure to schedule a tour, available year round, of Lehman Caves, a beautiful display of stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, flowstone, popcorn, and more than 300 other rare rock formations.

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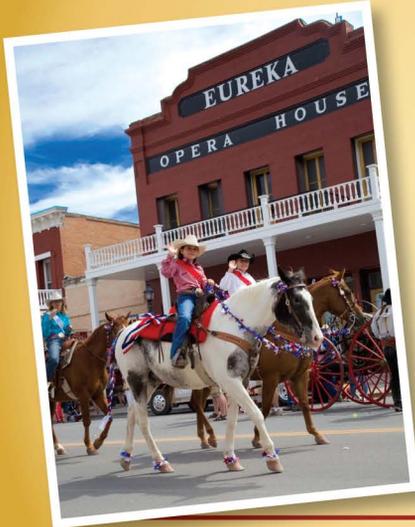
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# decidedly DIXIE

From catfish to collard greens,  
the South lives on in Nevada.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON & VERONICA HENRY

It's easy to imagine that whomever first said "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" was speaking of soul food. Collard greens, crawfish, fried catfish and chicken, peach cobbler, and smoky slow-cooked meats epitomize this distinctly American cuisine that has won the stomachs and hearts of men—and women—around the country.

Nevada may be thousands of miles away from the humid summers and casual draws of Dixie, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy some of the best southern food this side of the Mississippi right here in the Silver State. So y'all come on in for a spell and make yourselves at home. Supper's almost ready.

## B.B. KING'S BLUES CLUB, LAS VEGAS

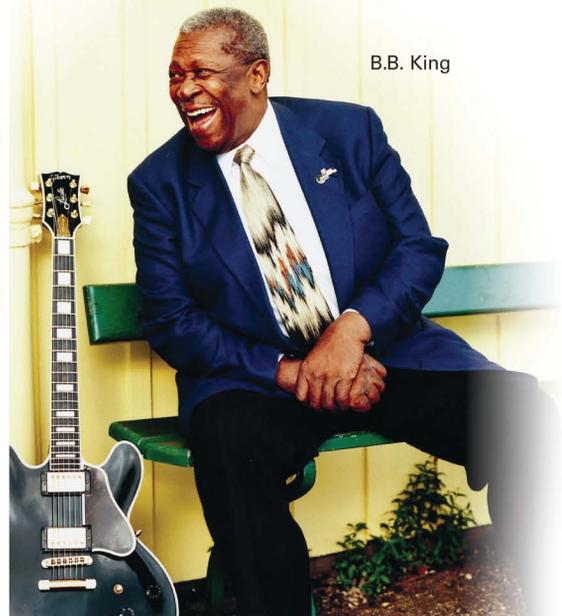
The folks at B.B. King's Blues Club inside The Mirage had better be careful, because even the bluest blues could be cured by the down-home comfort food served up at the restaurant. The house-specialty fried dill pickles come with homemade horseradish sauce and can easily whet the appetites of a table of four. From lightly breaded, flakey catfish filets to fall-off-the-bone barbecue-rubbed hickory-smoked ribs, B.B. King's menu is full of blues-busting southern favorites. Other menu items include fried green tomatoes, barbecued pulled pork, chicken

and waffles, collard greens, and sweet onion hush puppies.

What would a restaurant named for a blues legend be without a little music? B.B. King's delivers on entertainment as superbly as it does on food. While enjoying the soul-lifting eats, guests can groove on some heel-tapping beats with live music from the likes of the B.B. King All-Star Band and guitarist P.J. Barth. Seven days a week, patrons can count on live music beginning at 8 p.m. or later.

On August 5-6, B.B. King himself will perform at his namesake club and restaurant. Tickets are available by calling B.B. King's Blues Club at 702-242-5464.

Middle and bottom right: Fried catfish with sweet onion hush puppies and barbecue-rubbed hickory-smoked ribs with baked beans and coleslaw are B.B. King's Blues Club specialties.



B.B. King





Texas-based chain specializes in cuisine that is quintessentially Big Easy.

The enormous menu offers something for everyone, with blackened, grilled, sautéed, and Cajun options. Gumbo with shrimp, catfish, and Andouille sausage is savory and filling with a spicy kick. The tilapia filet is blackened at more than 500 degrees, sealing in a rich, buttery flavor, before being drenched in creamy Czarina sauce: a Parmesan cheese sauce with lemon juice, cayenne pepper, shrimp, and julienne carrots, squash, and zucchini. Blackened Tilapia with Shrimp Czarina sauce is a house specialty. Boiled crawfish are a customer favorite and come piled high with corn on the cob and warm drawn butter.

On weekends the eclectic, New Orleans-inspired dining room and bar are filled with the sounds for which the restaurant is named when local jazz bands take the stage.

CAROLINA KITCHEN & BARBEQUE CO., SPARKS

While many restaurants use upscale décor, fancy art, and ostentatious food presentation to win the hearts of customers, some rely solely on great food and good ol' southern hospitality. One visit to Carolina Kitchen in Sparks will reveal precisely which category the Reno area's oldest southern-style eatery falls into.

The simple dining room is adorned with numerous trophies, an ever-growing wall of accolades from local and regional newspapers and magazines, and a clutch of gingham-clothed tables. A lunch visit to the eatery will present a line that often extends dozens of customers deep all the way to the door.

The line is courtesy of the slow-cooked pork, beef brisket and ribs, and fried specialties such as catfish and pork steaks, which have put Carolina Kitchen on the map. "The pork is definitely our most popular," says owner Clayton Cobb. The pork is basted in Cobb's own North Carolina-style, vinegar-based sauce before being slow cooked for hours and served dry. The tender, smoky meat is pure pork paradise and needs no accoutrement—but a litany of sauces is provided, just in case.

Sides run the gamut of comfort foods from savory creamed corn to collard greens with chunks of bacon. Desserts

such as peach cobbler and sweet potato pie could break even the most devoted dieter. Southern fish fries every Friday night rival lunch at Carolina Kitchen for the dish's ability to draw a crowd.



JAZZ: A LOUISIANA KITCHEN, SPARKS

While air travel has made the world a much smaller place over the past century, there's no denying that Nevada is still a long way from New Orleans' French Quarter. Until January 2009, this meant any Renoite looking for an authentic bayou banquet was out of luck.

Enter Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen. "When you come into Jazz you get all the sights, sounds, and tastes of New Orleans," says owner Matt England. The small Lubbock,

Top left: Slow-cooked pork, ribs, hot wings, collard greens, and creamed corn at Carolina Kitchen. If the gumbo (bottom) at Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen doesn't have enough kick, step things up with Jazz's own Voodoo Juice.



**KATHY'S SOUTHERN COOKING, HENDERSON**

Kathy's owner, Kathy Cook, was born in Vidalia, Louisiana—a state that seemingly turns out as many chefs as musicians. After operating a Southern-style restaurant in Palo Alto, California for seven years, Cook and her family relocated to Las Vegas in 1991. "Failure wasn't even in our minds," Cook recalls. "We knew we had a good product."

The menu at Kathy's features a blend of traditional southern favorites such as fried chicken, smothered pork chops—their most requested items—and shrimp etoufee, served over rice. An extensive list of side dishes includes savory black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, and yams. No southern restaurant would be complete without a bounty of desserts. Kathy's delivers with some of Southern Nevada's best cakes and cobblers.

Tucked away on a shady Henderson street, Kathy's is easy to miss. But visitors will be welcomed into a cozy dining room with an open kitchen. A mural of a Louisiana dock scene fills the back wall.

When asked what sets Kathy's apart, Mary Prince, Cook's daughter and restaurant manager, says, "We're a small family-owned business, with big southern hospitality."

Restaurateur Craig Hofman created the southern-themed barbecue eatery Lucille's in 1999. Finding early success in his native California, Hofman next set his sights on Las Vegas.

The Henderson location opened its doors in The District at Green Valley Ranch in 2004. Typical fare includes three kinds of ribs, chicken, brisket, and pulled pork, all slow cooked. But according to general manager David Hayes, the ribs reign supreme. Side dishes are reminiscent of southern home cooking: sweet potatoes, greens, and cheesy grits. And everything is made fresh daily.

Fridays and Saturdays Lucille's features live bands in the restaurant's lounge. Lucille's has also partnered with the Silverton Casino, where it caters Bikinis & BBQ, every Sunday through Labor Day weekend.



**RHYTHM KITCHEN SEAFOOD & STEAKS, LAS VEGAS**

In a town where dining options are as dizzying and varied as the deluge of themed casinos, distinguishing yourself from the crowd can be an exercise in futility. But nestled inconspicuously in the southwest corner of the city, Louisiana-French-Creole-themed gem Rhythm Kitchen does just that.

Owner and head chef Scott Ghormley is a Las Vegas native with deep Louisiana roots. His parents are Louisiana natives and longtime Las Vegas and Louisiana restaurateurs. The influence of the family business and history led Ghormley down the path to his own venture—his goal: southern cuisine in a refined, upscale



**LUCILLE'S SMOKEHOUSE BAR•B•QUE, HENDERSON**

Decades-old debates about who makes the best barbecue have become a part of American culture. Usually, these conversations include top contenders like Kansas City, Memphis, North Carolina, and Texas—unless you know of Lucille's in the West.

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environment. "I love the food and culture in the southern part of the country," he says. "And that's what I wanted to bring to Las Vegas."

The menu features recognizable favorites such as jambalaya, gumbo, and etoufee, but the New Orleans Seafood Delight has emerged as Rhythm Kitchen's signature dish. This frequently requested favorite features blackened catfish served over rice pilaf in a creamy Cajun Parmesan sauce with shrimp and is paired with fresh vegetables. "I wanted to make it as authentic as possible," Ghormley says. "And translate that right to the plate."

*Kathy's, Lucille's, and Rhythm Kitchen were written by Veronica Henry.*



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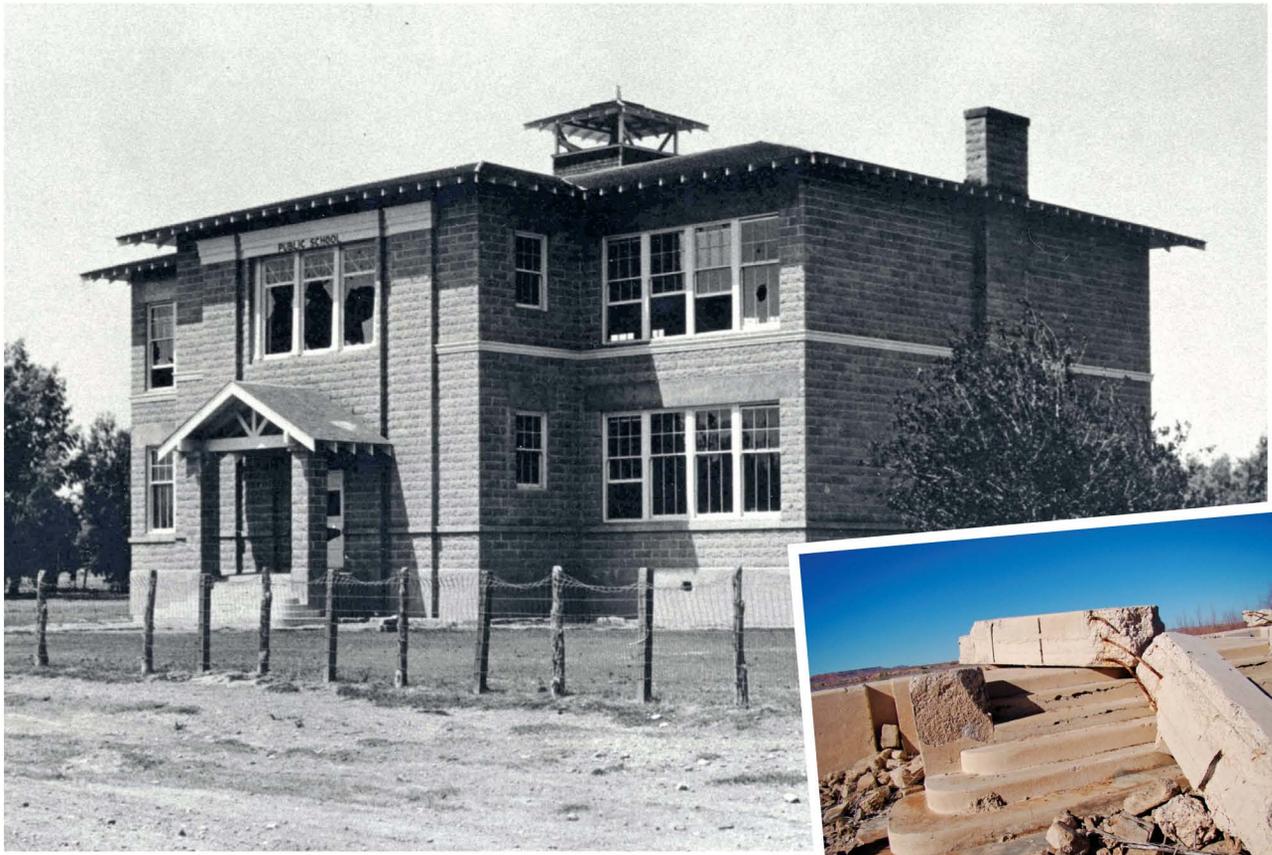
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## st. thomas

Water-starved Lake Mead has given tourists new insight into a town that vanished underwater in 1938.

BY ROY THEISS

A prolonged drought in the Southwest has communities contemplating a dry future and the potential consequences. But for one Nevada town it wasn't the lack of water, but the opposite, which caused it to disappear more than 70 years ago. Today, Lake Mead has receded to the point that visitors now have an opportunity to see a town that was once submerged.

Walking amid the remnants of a community that had been underwater for so long is a fascinating historical journey. Established as a Mormon settlement in 1865, St. Thomas was officially vacated in 1938 when the rising waters created from Hoover Dam, completed two years prior, flooded the town.

From the onset, the folks in St. Thomas endured a legacy of misfortune. Sent by Brigham Young, settlers established an outpost there to transport goods from California to Utah during the Civil War. However, the advent of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869 changed that. With the Civil War over and a more comfortable and efficient method to transport people and goods in place, the outpost became expendable.

Compounding the town's demise was a logistical oversight by its settlers. When the newly established State of Nevada finished its land survey in 1870, it was discovered that St. Thomas was actually in the Silver State, not Utah. The Nevada government demanded five years worth of back taxes, due in gold coins. "The problem was the

Mormons were a communal society and did not have a cash currency," says Eva Jensen, a former archaeologist and curator at the Lost City Museum in Overton, about 15 miles north of the Historical St. Thomas Site. Young gave townsfolk permission to leave the town upon a vote, and all but one voted to leave, Jensen adds.

By the 1880s, some Mormons had returned to St. Thomas. Cotton farming was the primary source of income for the town of about 500. The burgeoning town gained attention in the 1910s when Arrowhead Trail, the first automobile road between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, traversed through the Valley of Fire (now a Nevada State Park) and stopped in St. Thomas. Tourists would stay in the Gentry Hotel and support the five other busi-



ST. THOMAS

Founded in 1865, the Southern Nevada town of St. Thomas and its residents endured many hardships, yet persevered

until 1938, when newly formed Lake Mead submerged the town. Today, a 2.5-mile loop trail (bottom right) gives tourists access to structures that have emerged in recent years (left) as Lake Mead continues to recede. One of the prominent structures in town was the school (opposite page), of which the staircase still remains mostly intact.

nesses, including a café and grocery store. However, the economic boon St. Thomas enjoyed from tourism was short-lived. In the early 1920s, the bridge across Virgin River burned, and the road was moved to a more northern route across Mormon Mesa near the current Interstate 15 alignment.

St. Thomas' woes did not end there. After World War I, the price of copper plummeted, causing a ripple effect on St. Thomas. The salt mines in town were no longer needed to process ore. Soon after, the community would see its fortunes turn for the worst one final time.

In 1928, Congress passed the Boulder Canyon Project Act to build a dam on the Colorado River. The children of St. Thomas cried out, "That damn dam bill passed," for they knew the town they loved would disappear. The government purchased the land that surrounded St. Thomas, and the school's class of 1932-33 would have the distinction of being the last in town.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (later renamed Hoover) was completed, and Lake Mead began to form. There was a sense of loss in the town, but citizens recognized they were doing something for the greater good. They were making a tremendous sacrifice for their country. Another burden they endured was taking care of their loved ones who had passed. The town cemetery was relocated to Overton in 1935 and can be visited today.

As the new lake approached St. Thomas, water poured into a cistern. "One woman said, 'It sounded like a deep sigh, like [our] town was breathing its last breath,'" Jensen says. But not everyone believed their beloved town would be flooded. According to folklore, the last resident, Hugh Lord, paddled away from his home as the rising waters reached his front porch in 1938.

Fast-forward 72 years, and the drought has provided an opportunity to explore a ghost town. A 2.5-mile loop trail leads to the ruins from a gravel parking lot (the dirt road is accessible from State Route 169 and Northshore Road). Foundations, walls, and grated cisterns dot the site, along with numerous alkali-crusted trails branching in all directions. A very large foundation has many visitors incorrectly guessing its background. "The biggest foundation is the school [see opposite page]. People assume it's the Gentry Hotel because it looks too big for a house," Jensen says.

A trip to St. Thomas would be incomplete without visiting the aforementioned Lost City Museum. In addition to offering more information about St. Thomas, the museum is also an archaeological treasure of the Anasazi and other tribes who once occupied the area. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 for the state to house archaeological collections, the museum building was constructed of sun-dried adobe brick in a pueblo style.

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# the horse whisperer

Champion thoroughbred owner Madeleine Pickens is in the race to save America's wild mustangs.

BY REBECCA PONTON

It all began with a John Wayne movie. While she herself has an exotic background—born in Kirkuk, Iraq to a British father and a Lebanese mother, Madeleine Pickens grew up in various locales around the world—it was America's Wild West heritage that captured her imagination. After going to the then-British Bahamas in 1966, she arrived in the United States in 1969 on a green card, later becoming an American citizen and eventually a resident of Dallas.

When asked what attracted her to America, she is effusive. "Oh, gosh! Watching all the American movies—John Wayne and cowboys—oh, it was so exciting! I mean, what a sexy history you guys have—and I'm part of it now!" she says gleefully.

"Remember the show *Bonanza* [and] the *Ponderosa*?" she continues, caught up in the nostalgia. "I used to watch that show, and I hated it when it came to an end, and then you had to wait until the next week. I absolutely loved it. I used to envy [actress] Linda Evans, having all those brothers, living that life on the range. It was so, so beautiful. I was certainly going to run off with John Wayne; there was no question. All that was so dreamy," she says, laughing at the memory.

## WILD, WILD HORSES

It's that romanticism, coupled with a sense of moral responsibility, which has led Pickens where she is today. Along with her husband, T. Boone Pickens, the legendary oilman who has embraced alternative energy, she is co-founder of the nonprofit Saving America's Mustangs ([savingamericasmustangs.org](http://savingamericasmustangs.org)), the goal



of which is to establish a permanent home for wild horses and burros.

Pickens' love affair with animals began early. "We had Labradors growing up. My father loved dogs. He used to go hunting, much to my [dismay]. Every Friday night, the guns would come out, and the dogs would get so excited, and I couldn't understand why they weren't excited to play with me anymore. They

knew their big weekend was here."

Pickens went on to become a successful racehorse owner and breeder, but it is America's wild mustangs that have become her focus. "I came here, and I never saw the wild animals, and I didn't know much about [the situation]," she says, referring to the more than 30,000 wild horses and burros that are being kept in short- and long-term holding

areas, many of them for years and in less-than-ideal conditions.

"I was devastated when I found out, but also delighted that I had the opportunity to jump in and fix it and then find a way to bring pleasure to the American public," says Pickens, who envisions the creation of a horse eco-sanctuary as an opportunity to recapture the Wild West on a grand scale—"like a Yellowstone."

"People can come [and] bring their families...to a living museum where they can see these horses roam, have documentaries, have campgrounds where the kids can come. [School children] all go to Washington at some point in their lives [to see] the monuments. They can go to Nevada [where half of the country's wild horses are found] and visit Mustang Monument and see all of this and be educated—classes and campfires and teachers. I'm very, very excited about it all. I've had a lot of interest from all different [sectors] of the United States, which shows that people love this [idea]."

## GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN

To see her dream become reality, Pickens has had to deal with government bureaucracy and has learned the wheels of change turn very slowly, which she attributes to something she jokingly refers to as the "NIH theory"—Not Invented Here.

"When you bring something new to the table—and for 40 years they've been doing it one way—it's difficult for people to switch gears. I think sometimes you can be too close to an issue, and it's tougher to see how you can fix things," she says, referring to the Bureau of Land Management, which is currently responsible for overseeing the welfare of wild horses and burros.

To help create awareness of her plan, which involves persuading legislators to pass a law converting the 1 million acres of land necessary to accommodate the animals from cattle-grazing to horse-grazing, Pickens' Saving America's Mustangs foundation has staged several

pregame and halftime tributes held at college football games. The foundation also has created a 25-member advisory board, which includes a number of well-known Texans. Among them are T. Boone Pickens, Chairman June Jones, Jerry Jones, Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman, Mark Cuban, and others.

The key difference in her plan, Pickens stresses, is the stipend paid by the government will not go into private hands (as it does now); it will stay with the foundation. She emphasizes the foundation cannot use the money for anything other than taking care of the land, so that the horses are provided for.

During the course of her campaign, she has discovered the power of the grassroots movement. At the time of this writing (late 2009), supporters of Pickens' vision had submitted nearly 12,000 signatures to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and the BLM. She urges those who are interested to go to her website ([madeleinepickens.com](http://madeleinepickens.com)), where they can sign up for alerts. "The wonderful thing about the Internet is that you [can] educate and inform the public about issues they didn't know existed," she says. "Let's face it, I didn't know about these issues [before]."

## 'OUTRAGEOUS HISTORY'

Pickens recalls the first time, from the view of a helicopter, that she saw horses running wild. "It was just one of those life-changing days where you say, 'This is what I want to do. This is what I want to bring back and share with people.' We can't let these animals be gathered and thrown into a world of sadness and horror and slaughter. That's got to end. It's too beautiful a part of life."

Not only does Pickens want to provide a sanctuary for the mustangs, but she would like to see them accorded the same respect as the bald eagle. Curious about the bald eagle's status, she recently had the opportunity to see hundreds of them on Stuart Island in Canada and only then did she realize their beauty and majesty. "It was great,"

she says, "but it certainly didn't impress me as much as if I saw thousands of wild mustangs thundering by, their manes flowing in the wind. How can you not think of them [as a national symbol]?"

"I think it's a very sexy heritage," Pickens continues. "In [this] great country, that's how the West was formed—people came out on wagon trains. When I'm flying across the country and traveling and looking at some of the land those people had to cross, you say, 'How on earth did they do it?' There were Indians, there were cowboys; I find the whole thing beautiful. What an outrageous history this country has! It's beautiful, so I think it's a shame we've forgotten our history."

When asked if she would like saving the wild horses to be her legacy, Pickens replies, "It's part of my life. Some people care very much about a legacy. I only care that I took care of my footprint. I'm sure that I'll launch some other projects because I actually enjoy fixing things."

Pickens says she found her John Wayne in husband Boone. Just don't expect them to ride off into the sunset anytime soon. "We have a moral responsibility in life. Everybody has a footprint. Not just a carbon footprint, but the footprint of life," Pickens says with conviction. "I feel I've got so much more to do." ▾

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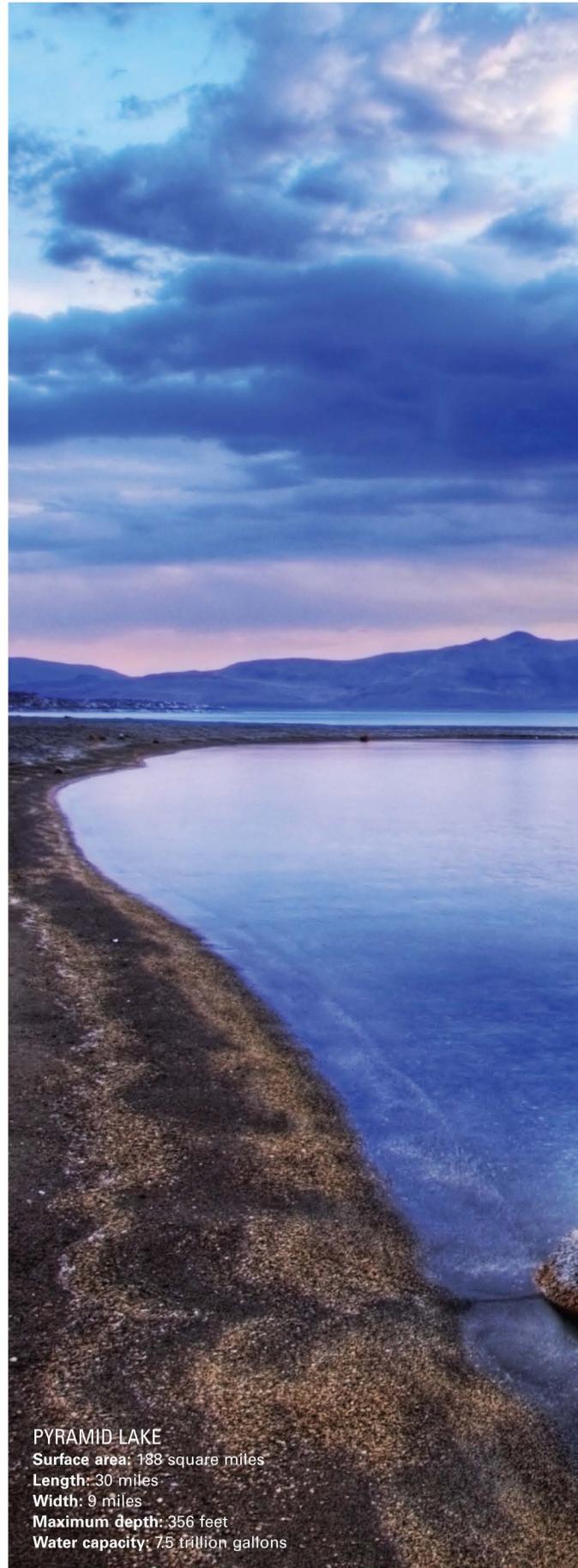
# saving our lakes

Conserving Nevada's four major waterways will take great environmental, individual, and political strides.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Growing up in the shadow of Northern Nevada's Carson Range, some of my fondest memories include outings to Lake Tahoe, practically in our backyard. I don't recall exactly what my initial impression of the lake was—cut me some slack, I was only two or three—but, as I grew older, my observation of the famous body of water echoed the sentiment expressed by Mark Twain upon first seeing it in 1861. "I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole world affords," he said.

Though few lakes can compare with the sheer beauty of Tahoe, Nevada's vast desert expanses contribute to similar admiration for all of its lakes and the precious, life-supporting water they hold. Sadly, the beauty of these oases does not ensure their survival, and Nevada's four major lakes—Mead, Pyramid, Tahoe, and Walker—face serious challenges. If future generations are to relate to Twain's assessment and appreciate these lakes as so many before them have, we must address these challenges and come to acceptable solutions—before it's too late.



**PYRAMID LAKE**  
Surface area: 188 square miles  
Length: 30 miles  
Width: 9 miles  
Maximum depth: 356 feet  
Water capacity: 7.5 trillion gallons

PHOTOS: RACHID DAHNOUN (ABOVE), CARRIE ROUSSEL (TOP LEFT)



Pyramid Lake, named for the 400-foot-tall monolith pictured, is the centerpiece of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Reservation and a popular fishing and boating destination. About Lake Tahoe (opposite page), Mark Twain once said, "I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole world affords."

## LAKE MEAD

Standing at Saint Thomas Point and Historical Site in Southern Nevada, editor Matthew B. Brown and I are awash with disbelief at the scene before us. A sea of green stretches for miles across the shallow basin to the east and south until it is lost beneath the craggy desert ridges of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Our shock stems not from the presence of the lush field of vegetation in this, one of the driest places in North America, but from the lack of something even more unlikely in such an environment: water.

Ten years ago, the waters of Lake Mead's Overton Arm would have been lapping at our feet. Today, no water can be seen from this vantage. It is the nature of any desert lake—especially a reservoir such as Mead—to vary in depth from year to year, tied to snowmelt from upstream mountains. Mead's "bathtub ring" is evidence of its manically shifting shoreline.



Lake Mead's cool blue waters provide respite from the Southern Nevada desert heat for visitors. The white "bathtub ring" of previously submerged land is a stark reminder that these waters—created by the construction of Hoover Dam in 1936—must be used wisely.

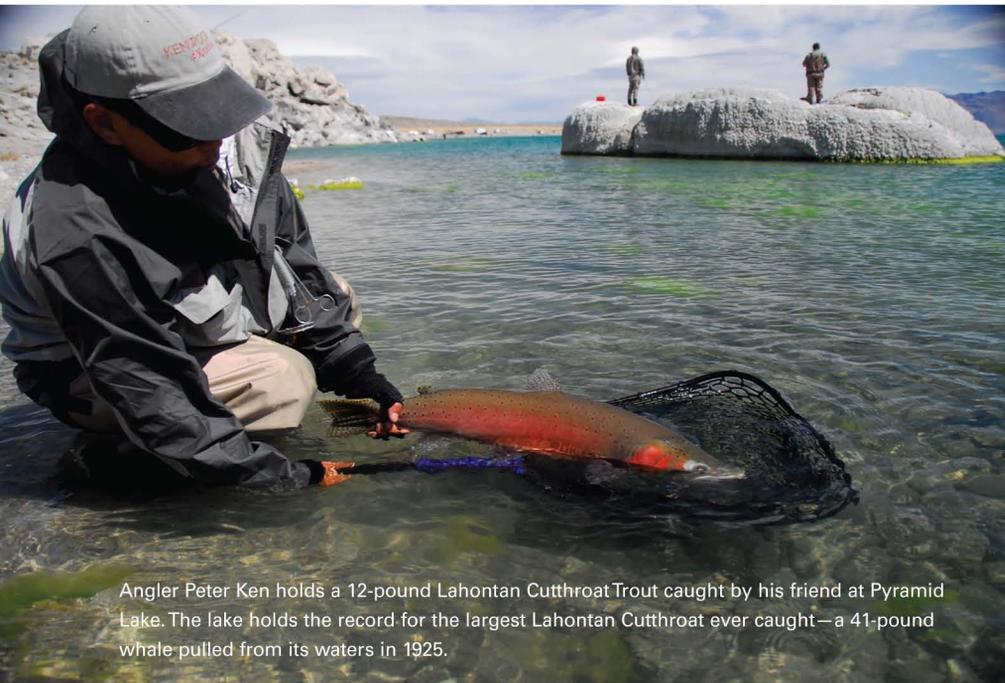
More than 120 feet of previously submerged land above the shore is painted white by mineral deposits—a sharp contrast to the original hues of brown and red.

The ring, towering above the shoreline, tells an ominous tale. While the lake's 70-year-plus history is punctuated by

periods of drought, the latest has many concerned. As the result of this decade-long drought, Mead is at its lowest point since 1965, when the Colorado River was diverted to fill the newly constructed Lake Powell, upstream in Arizona.

To put this into better perspective, consider that in 1983 Lake Mead's surface elevation reached 1,225 feet above sea level. Its average elevation is 1,173 feet. Anything below 1,125 feet is considered a drought. As of June 7, 2010, Lake Mead was at 1,093 feet, already tied with 2009's low-water mark months before the lake's traditional low season. If the lake's level dips to 1,050 feet, Hoover Dam's hydroelectric power plant will shut off. Although it is hard to predict when the water will reach this impasse, many scientists agree that the region is growing drier, an indication that such a day is on the horizon. To compound the climatic issues contributing to the lake's dwindling level, the number of people who depend on water from the Colorado River has increased exponentially since the 1936 construction of Hoover Dam and corresponding creation of Lake Mead. Las Vegas, a short drive west of Lake Mead, has exploded from fewer than 9,000





Angler Peter Ken holds a 12-pound Lahontan Cutthroat Trout caught by his friend at Pyramid Lake. The lake holds the record for the largest Lahontan Cutthroat ever caught—a 41-pound whale pulled from its waters in 1925.

tale grows taller—another big fish story. But, if I were referencing a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout caught at Pyramid Lake in the early 1900s, the account would doubtfully be a fable. The largest Lahontan Cutthroat ever caught—and recorded—was at Pyramid Lake in 1925. The monster tipped the scales at 41 pounds. Photos and more stories suggest that as recently as the late 1800s, the lake produced fish of 60 pounds and larger.

It is unlikely that Pyramid will ever know a fish of these proportions again. Severe overfishing in the 1800s removed many such fish, and the lake's receding shoreline has played a substantial role in the continued drought of record-setting catches. Being a terminal lake—having no outlet—the survival of Pyramid and its unique inhabitants depends on a crucial

residents to a metropolitan area of nearly 2 million people.

In Las Vegas—a city that relies on Lake Mead for power and water and receives just 4.5 inches of rain a year—the Southern Nevada Water Authority is taking steps to conserve the dwindling water supply. A rebate program offers SNWA customers money to replace grass with desert landscaping, and strictly enforced restrictions prohibit landscape watering during the hottest hours of the day in the summer. Some of SNWA's more aggressive solutions include the construction of an intake pipe that would allow the utility to access Mead's water to elevations lower than 1,000 feet and a controversial proposed pipeline to transport groundwater from eastern Nevada.

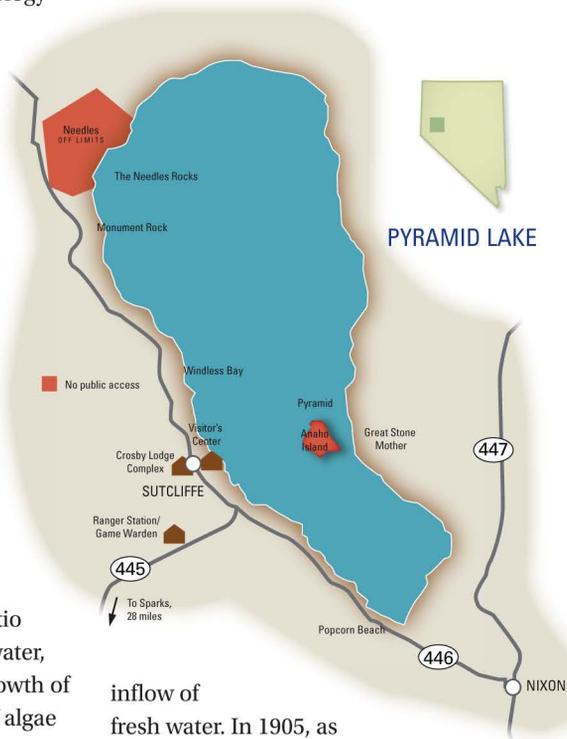
Though drought and seemingly insatiable demand for water combine to deal Lake Mead a hard hand, the lake is also being attacked from within by invasive species. While the issue doesn't receive as much attention as drought and water use, it is also cause for concern. Dr. Sudeep Chandra is a limnologist (limnology is the study of biological, chemical, physical, geological, and other attributes of inland waters, especially lakes) at the University of Nevada, Reno and an expert on the impact of nonnative species. He says that introduced species, such as Lake Mead's

quagga mussel, have numerous negative effects on the water quality and ecology of lakes.

The mussels in Lake Mead are of particular concern because of the correlation between rising quagga populations and increases in dangerous toxins. They absorb toxins and heavy metals such as mercury and excrete them in concentrated pellets that sink to the lake floor, where many are eaten by bottom-feeding fish. Eventually the toxins concentrate in the fishes' tissues. This process works its way up the food chain all the way to birds and fishermen. Additionally, the presence of the mussels and their affect on the food chain results in a lower ratio of nitrogen-to-phosphorus in the water, creating ideal conditions for the growth of cyanobacteria, a dangerous type of algae associated with creating dead zones in lakes. Researchers at UNR and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas are working diligently to solve these problems.

## PYRAMID LAKE

"I once caught a fish *this* big!" Anyone reading this can practically see my hands spreading further and further apart as the



inflow of fresh water. In 1905, as part of the Newlands Project, the Derby Dam was constructed on the Truckee River to divert water for irrigation use in Churchill County. The water diverted by the dam supports 57,000 acres of farmland—among the region's most important and productive agricultural assets—and 6,000 acres of wetlands, making the debate over water diversion and use all



**LAKE TAHOE**  
**Surface area:** 191 square miles  
**Length:** 22 miles  
**Width:** 12 miles  
**Maximum depth:** 1,645 feet  
(second deepest lake in U.S.)  
**Water capacity:** 39 trillion gallons

The Lake Tahoe area, known for its world-class ski resorts, is also a popular summer destination with myriad activities from boating and fishing to hiking and sightseeing. To ply its waters, boaters are required to pass an annual inspection that prevents introduction of invasive species.

the more complex and heated.

In the following 60 years, Pyramid's water level dropped more than 80 feet, pushing the Lake's salinity, alkalinity, and overall level of total dissolved solids, or TDS (the combined content of all inorganic and organic substances found in freshwater), to levels that put many of the fish in danger of dwindling to unsustainable numbers. Among those fish are the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, a species found in certain rivers and lakes in the Great Basin, and the Cui-ui, a suckerfish found only in Pyramid Lake. To preserve these species and the lake, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, to which the lake belongs, fought to have the fish protected under the 1973 Endangered Species Act, effectively making Pyramid the top priority for water rights on the Truckee River and ensuring a future for the Cutthroat and Cui-ui in the lake. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Chairman, Mervin Wright Jr., says fishermen who use the lake often practice catch and release, also helping ensure survival of Cutthroat.

Even with these steps, Pyramid still faces an uncertain future. Runoff from Reno and Sparks is a constant challenge to the lake's water quality—treated water from those upstream cities entering the lake causes further eutrophication (the “greening” of lakes through excessive nutrient loading), and in severe droughts the Truckee River can be diminished to a trickle. While stopping the inflow of treated water would curb eutrophication and aid water quality, Wright says the lack of that extra water in severe drought years would be devastating for the lake.

## LAKE TAHOE

A few years ago, my friends and I lost our portable CD player to the icy blue waters of Lake Tahoe. A passing boat's wake and resulting stumble of one of our passengers sent it overboard, and by the time we clamored to the edge it was too late. Leaning over the side of the boat, we watched the shimmering object slip further and further into the cerulean abyss. We guessed that it reached nearly 100 feet before falling out of view forever.

A few decades ago, our approximation would have easily been correct, but not so today. From the time researchers at the University of California, Davis started recording the clarity of Lake Tahoe in the early 1960s, a concerning trend has emerged. The clear crystalline waters were growing less and less pristine with each passing year. The first annual average clarity measurement taken by UC Davis in 1968 was measured at more than 102 feet. By 2000, that number had plummeted to about 67 feet and has remained in the range of 70 feet since.

Dr. Charles Goldman, a limnologist at UC Davis, has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to studying and protecting Lake Tahoe. “The value of Lake Tahoe is almost incalculable,” he says. Goldman's primary area of focus is eutrophication, one of the major contributors to Lake Tahoe's declining clarity over the last four decades. Nutrient loading, especially the ratio of nitrogen to phosphorous, feeds and encourages growth of algae, which in turn worsens water clarity.

The progressive greening of Lake Tahoe is the result of a number of factors, one of the most prevalent being population growth in the Tahoe Basin. Since clarity measurements began, the number of people living on the lake's shores has increased from 10,000 to 60,000. Goldman says such environmentally irresponsible building as the construction of the Tahoe Keys—which dug out Pope Marsh, formerly the largest wetland in the Sierra Nevada and a vital filter for the lake's water—sped eutrophication drastically. Runoff from Tahoe communities further speeds the

lake's declining clarity. More environmentally responsible building, diverting treated sewage water out of the Tahoe Basin, and what Goldman calls some of the strictest building codes in the world have helped in the struggle to slow loss of clarity.

Millions of people visit Lake Tahoe each year to admire its unsurpassed beauty and partake in myriad activities from skiing and boating to hiking and sightseeing. Without its legendary clear waters, Goldman says, the lake would fail to draw such attention, a potentially devastating scenario for the region's

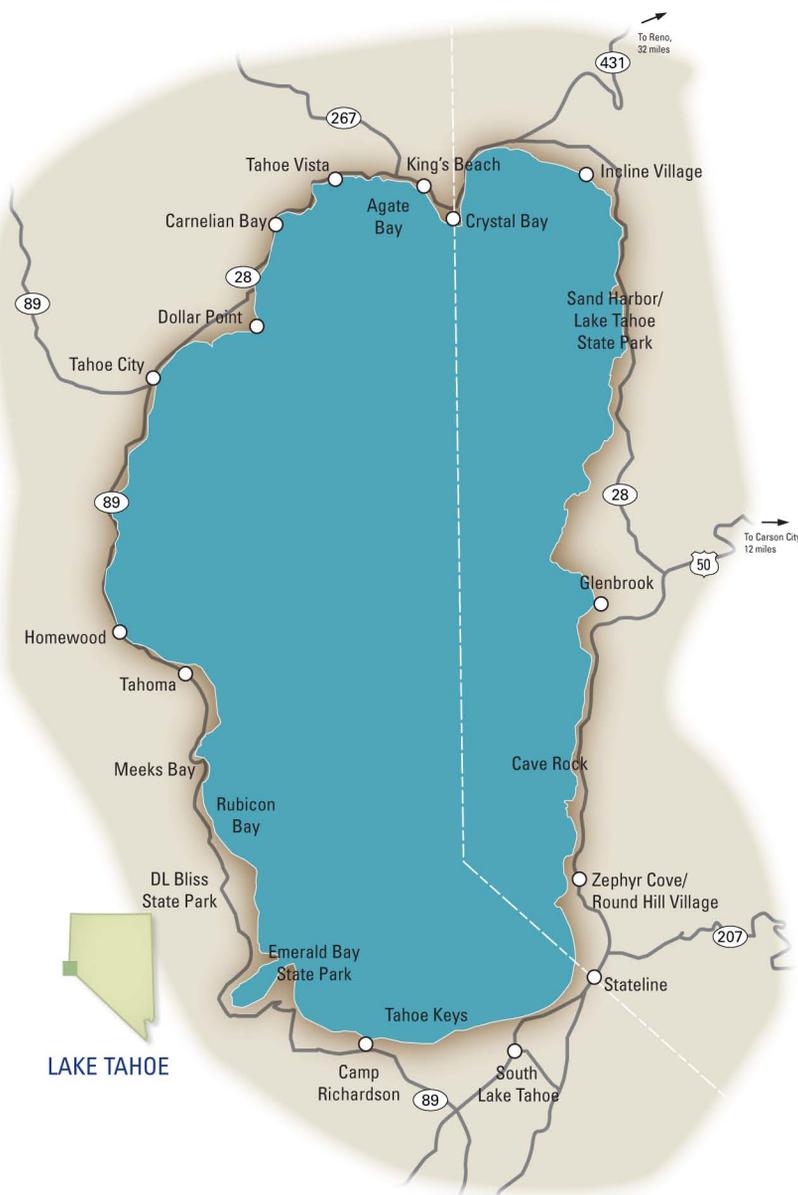
tourism-based economy.

Introduced species in Lake Tahoe not only contribute substantially to eutrophication of the lake, but also disrupt the food chain and compete with native species for limited resources. According to Chandra, the introduction of such fish as Rainbow, Brook, Brown, and Lake trout, crayfish, Kokanee salmon, and Mysis shrimp during the late-19th through mid-20th century directly caused a decline in such native species as Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan redbreast shiners, and speckled dace. The detriment caused by such invasive species is extensive, and some of the harm is only just beginning.

Dr. Marion Wittmann of UC Davis specializes in one of Tahoe's most threatening invasive species, the Asian clam. The clams were first observed in the lake in 2002 and since have grown to densities as high as 3,000 per square meter in the southeast part of the lake. According to Wittmann, Asian clams are known for their ability to aggressively outcompete native invertebrate species thanks to their high rates of filtration, metabolism, reproduction, and tolerance to a wide range of habitats. The heightened filtration and shift in natural cycles of food availability and waste production brought by the clams also encourages growth of algae.

Wittmann says experiments aimed at reducing Asian clam populations in Tahoe have mixed results. Bottom barriers—rubber mats similar to pond liners—can be laid on top of clam beds to reduce oxygen and kill up to 100 percent of the clams. Unfortunately, the barriers also kill native species. Diver-assisted suction, in which the clams are removed with underwater vacuums, is effective but labor intensive and very costly.

Ambitious efforts to preserve water quality and keep more invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels from entering the lake are gaining momentum and appear to be working. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Blue



Boating program requires that all boats entering the lake be inspected to ensure they aren't carrying invasive species and that they meet clean boating standards. Annual Blue Boating certification costs from \$20-\$60 for boats that use only Lake Tahoe and from \$70-\$125 for boats that use other waters.

## WALKER LAKE

As I descend the road to the boat ramp at Walker Lake's Sportsman's Beach, a series of small brown signs catches my eye. "Lake Level 1882"...1908...1927...1933...1935...and so on at intervals ranging from two to 10 years. When I reach the final sign—"Lake Level 1969"—just above the boat dock, I am still more than 20 vertical feet from the shore and to the best of my estimation, no less than 100 vertical feet from where the signs started. The end



The boat ramp at Walker Lake's Sportsman's Beach tells the woeful tale of a receding shoreline—the bottom of the ramp has not reached the water's edge in years. Although it's officially a State Recreation Area, the lake's grounds are not currently maintained by the Nevada Division of State Parks.

of the boat ramp trails off into the rocky shore a fair distance from the water's edge, rendering it useless.

A large yellow caution sign makes the hollow promise that the ramp is scheduled for repair and tells visitors to use it at their own risk. Not long after the water fell below the ramp, the catalyst for the

ramp's existence—Lahontan Cutthroat Trout—started disappearing from Walker Lake. And without the fish, the droves of anglers who once plied the lake's waters and frequented the ramp have vacated as well.

Glenn Bunch is the chairman of the Walker Lake Working Group, an organization dedicated to saving Walker Lake. Since the 1990s, Bunch, the Working Group, and a number of Nevada politicians—namely U.S. Senator Harry Reid—have been entrenched in the battle to save Walker Lake. It hasn't been going so well. Quoting a scientific survey conducted on levels of total dissolved solids in the lake, Bunch says Lahontan Cutthroat cannot survive at levels above about 16,000. Walker Lake is at 17,000 and climbing. When the boat ramp at Sportsman's Beach was built in the late 1980s, the TDS level was

12,000. The bottom of the now dry ramp indicates the lake level at 16,000 TDS, the point at which the lake ceased to be a viable fishery. While a few hardy fish remain, it is likely they are among the lake's last Lahontan Cutthroat unless drastic steps are taken to get more water into the lake and thereby improve its water quality.

According to Bunch, studies conducted by UNR and UC Davis have concluded that without diversions of the Walker River such as irrigation, the lake would still be as full as it was more than 100 years ago. Stopping upstream diversions would cripple agriculture in the Mason Valley and is not a feasible option, but the Working Group hopes to collaborate with upstream farmers to lease unused water rights and encourage the cultivation of crops that require less water. Bunch says some farmers have made their unused water rights available to help feed the lake, and organizations such as The Nature Conservancy purchase upstream irrigation rights to free up more water.

According to Bunch, the lake would need an influx of roughly 100,000 acre-feet (almost 33 billion gallons) of water to bring it to desired levels—an unimaginably large and unrealistic amount of water to acquire over the short term. Longer-term goals to bring the lake to what the Working Group and other conservationists consider an acceptable level, Bunch says, are more attainable: "We are looking for 25,000 to 50,000 acre feet [annually] to bring the lake back and maintain it."



## THE FUTURE OF OUR LAKES

While the picture painted by the issues facing Nevada's major lakes may look like a bleak one, it doesn't have to be. Through learning from the mistakes of previous generations we are in a unique position to make steps toward correcting many of them. Fifty years ago, treated sewage from communities surrounding Lake Tahoe was put back into the lake. Through the efforts of Goldman and other conservation-minded individuals, that practice was brought to a halt decades ago, a major step in preserving the water quality and clarity of Lake Tahoe.

Some of the steps necessary to preserve our lakes are substantial state, national, and global issues and require continued action on the part of our leaders in Carson City and Washington D.C. But there are simple steps we can all take to reduce our impact on the natural gems we cherish and enjoy so much. As desert dwellers, Nevadans must be constantly mindful

of our water use and in so doing, can preserve our lakes in the process. Watering lawns only on assigned days and using professional car washes instead of washing our own vehicles reduces water waste and runoff. Replacing old faucets, showers, and toilets with more water-efficient models can save water and money. Opting for a xeriscaped yard instead of a lawn can save 10,000 gallons of water annually at a typical suburban home.

While enjoying the lakes, simple steps such as properly disposing of waste water and opting for watercraft with newer, more environmentally friendly four-stroke engines, instead of two-strokes, can directly help in the struggle to protect the water clarity and quality of the lakes. Utilizing human-powered watercraft whenever possible reduces pollution even further.

Ensuring the survival of Mead, Pyramid, Tahoe, and Walker will not be an easy task. It will require many years of hard work, cooperation, and sacrifice. But as I reminisce on my first impressions of

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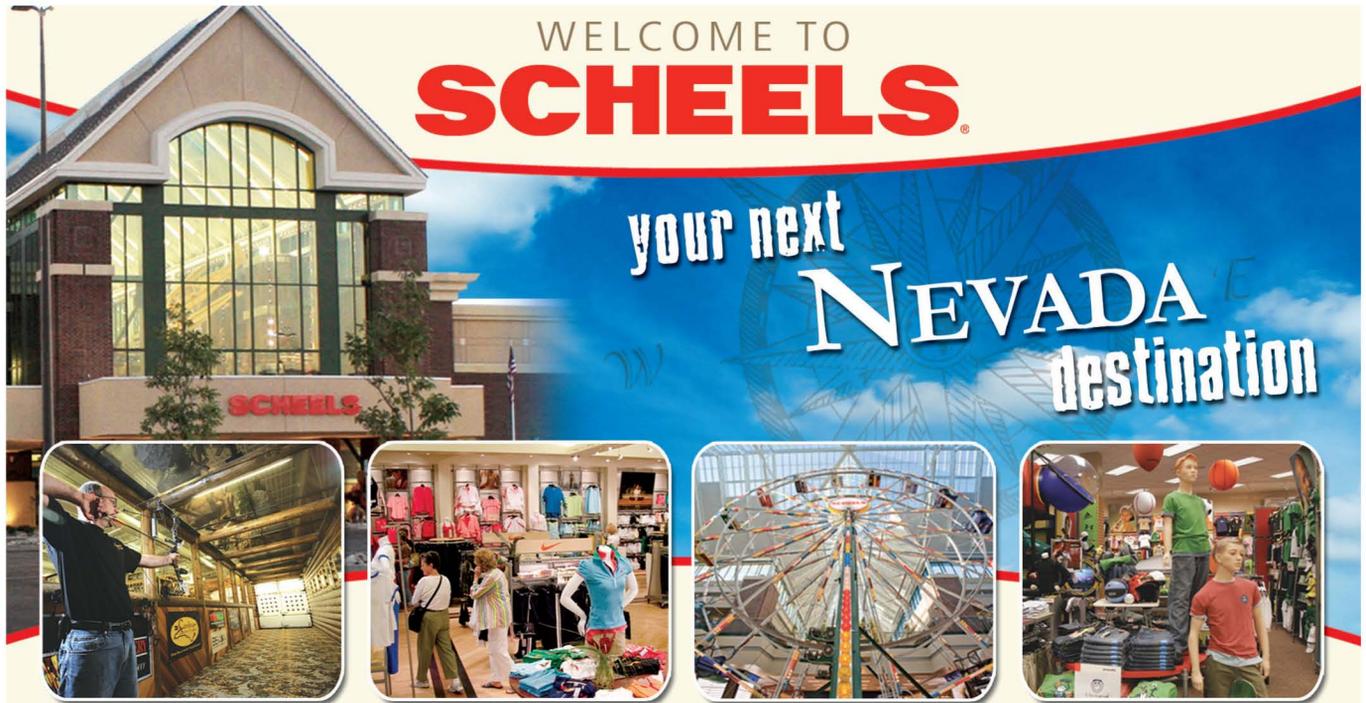
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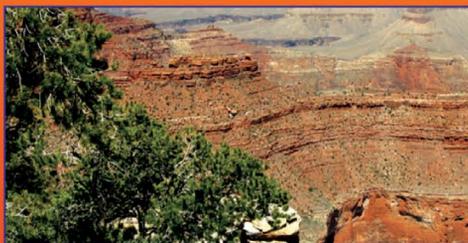
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## disappearing act

Lance Burton's magical 14-year run at Monte Carlo concludes in September.

BY SHELLEY STEPANEK

As I sit in the Lance Burton Theatre inside the Monte Carlo, watching what will be one of the Las Vegas entertainer's final 75 performances, I fondly remember 20 years ago when I first watched this promising magician.

Starting at "Folies Bergère" for an eight-week engagement in 1980, he stayed on for nine years—a testament to his natural ability to captivate a showroom. That success carried over to the since-imploded Hacienda for a five-year run. His current show, "Lance Burton: Master Magician," fills the house nightly. Over the last three decades, the master of illusions has performed upwards of 15,000 times for more than 5 million show goers.

Starting his show on a big screen, Burton demonstrates how he narrowly escapes death while chained to the track of a roller coaster. Later, Burton strolls into the audience and gets personal with viewers in the front rows—while pulling coins from behind ears and mouths and

extracting white birds from scarves and ribbons—eventually drawing a few of the lucky people onstage. From the children he brings up to help move objects around to the adults who appear to levitate, all leave the stage with a smile on their faces.

With his seven female assistants, Burton disappears into a giant box hooded, chained, and covered, with seemingly no way to escape, only to emerge in a matter of seconds at the back of the showroom, while one of his assistants has taken his place in the box. He steps into a convertible and "drives" in the air across the stage and through a huge hoop. "Performing at the Monte Carlo and introducing over 5 million people to the world of magic has been a fantastic experience for me," Burton says in entertainment writer Wayne Bernath's May column. "I have loved every minute of this historic run."

Performing in the same showroom for 14 years has given Burton the opportunity to perfect his craft. He has tried many new illusions, one of the most famous being "The Solid Gold Lady," in which he makes

\$10 million in gold bricks and coins disappear. Five years of practice went into this single illusion.

Burton, who will perform for the final time at Monte Carlo on September 4, has been with the Strip property since its opening day on June 21, 1996. ♣

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## BURTON IN LAS VEGAS

Year	Show	Venue
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1991-1996	Lance Burton	Hacienda
1996-2010	"Master Magician"	Monte Carlo

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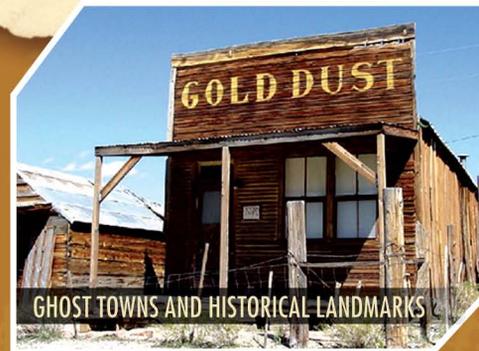
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# burn baby burn

Annual Black Rock Desert gathering is the ultimate display of free expression.

STORY & PHOTOS BY "SPEEDRACER"  
(A.K.A. CHARLIE JOHNSTON)

When I think about Burning Man the first memory that comes to mind is surprisingly short and not even my own. Last year one of my friends went a little overboard and wound up passing out in the middle of the playa one night. He awoke the following morning to find that someone had covered him with a blanket.

Take a moment to let the last sentence sink in. For one week out of the year the large camp in the Black Rock

Desert—affectionately known as Black Rock City—is one of the state’s 10 largest communities with nearly 50,000 residents. In no other city on earth could a person pass out in plain sight and wake up with all of their possessions, let alone something extra. And that’s what Burning Man is about. It’s unexpected, it’s free expression, it’s kindness for the sake of kindness, and, on occasion, it’s going a little overboard.

Born as a celebration of the Bohe-

mian lifestyle on a San Francisco beach in 1986, Burning Man has grown into a worldwide cultural movement. Events modeled after and in tribute to Burning Man have sprung up in the U.S., United Kingdom, Europe, and Australia. To define it as a festival or event is an extreme understatement. While breathtaking art, radical self-expression and self-reliance, and unflinching acceptance are central themes, Burning Man is so much more.

Some participants—referred to col-

lectively as “burners”—have attended the event almost since its inception, a testament to the strong ties many have to Burning Man. I am a relative newcomer; this summer will mark only my third year as a resident of Black Rock City, but I can say in all seriousness that, much like veteran burners, I feel more at home during my week on the playa than I do the rest of the year.

The eight-day event, August 29–September 6, is art show meets camping trip meets rock concert meets utopian society. Participants bring everything they need to survive and entertain themselves and literally build a city. While there are countless activities at every hour of every day, there is no official schedule except for the burning of the Man and temple on the final two nights, respectively. Much like the schedule is left to play out naturally, the burning of the Man himself is left to open interpretation, his blank face and generic form representing whatever individual onlookers project.

Black Rock City itself is a massive five-square-mile semi-circle. At the center stands the Man himself. Roughly a half-mile from the center, the Esplanade represents the start of the residential section of the city. Beyond the Esplanade, lettered streets form concentric circles. Perpendicular to the lettered streets are numbered streets based on a clock starting at 2:00 and ending at 10:00 with a street every 30 minutes. All across the playa between the Man and Esplanade and into the “deep playa” beyond the residential limits, massive pieces of art stand out against the stark desert backdrop like ungainly, otherworldly creatures. Within the city, clusters of tents and RVs comprise individual camps and themed camps, each with its own unique interpretation of what Burning Man means.

Burning Man has won its way into so many hearts as much for what it isn’t as for what it is. First of all, Black Rock City isn’t a city like any you have ever known. It is a leave-no-trace, negative-carbon-footprint city—one week it is there, the

next it is completely gone, taking with it literally every piece of waste produced.

While most cities are along a river or near a natural harbor, Black Rock City is smack in the middle of one of the most hostile environments on earth. Burning Man’s founder, Larry Harvey, describes the Black Rock playa as “a space so vast and blank that only your initiative can make of it a place...swept by fearsome winds and scorching temperatures, and only by your effort can you make of it a home.” Surviving in this environment while preserving its natural beauty is not easy. It takes vision, passion, and cooperation.

Another aspect of Black Rock City that makes it so unlike any place else on earth is that, with the exception of ice, there is nothing for sale. It is a gift-giving community. People share meals, supplies, and everything else imaginable. Last year our camp had a bar. Patrons paid for their drinks with handmade jewelry, dances, hugs, stories, jokes—whatever.

By removing money from day-to-day interactions, Burning Man makes its participants equals and encourages free exchange and interaction. Some of my most cherished possessions are trinkets traded at Burning Man, not because they hold any monetary value, but because they contain a part of the people who gave them to me and capture the days I shared with those people. The lack of money means that there are no titles or social classes in Black Rock City. In fact, many people even use playa names while at Burning Man (as shocking as it might be, “Speedracer” appears nowhere on my birth certificate).

What this all comes down to is that Burning Man is an experience, something that, much to my chagrin as a writer and photographer, transcends words and even photographs. Perhaps Harvey put it best in a lecture he gave to a group in Minneapolis in 2000: “I have been to the Black Rock Desert. I’ve seen a new heaven and earth, and I invite you all to come out and experience what is possible.”

Opposite page: The centerpiece of Burning Man is the Man himself, burned in celebration on the second to last night of the event. Below: Practically everything at Burning Man is art. Art cars provide an impromptu form of mass transit.

*Every year, Burning Man provides participants with a survival guide. Below are some key necessities. Visit the website for more information and a downloadable survival guide.*

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# state fair renaissance

Organizers have a new vision for one of Nevada's most tenured celebrations.

BY RICH CROMBIE

In the interest of recognizing the importance of teaching future generations about Nevada's roots, and the need to embody the entire state in an annual celebration, the Nevada State Fair Board of Directors has adopted the idea of transforming the fair into a statewide heritage event meant to honor and recognize the rich histories and lasting legacies of the Silver State's founders.

Under the guise of the Nevada State Fair, the "Nevada Territory Wild West Fair," August 25-29 at the Reno Livestock Events Center, will continue to focus on traditional livestock shows, auctions, agricultural events, exhibits, carnivals, rides, and live entertainment—all vital components of any state fair. It will also add new and exciting educational and interactive elements in 2010.

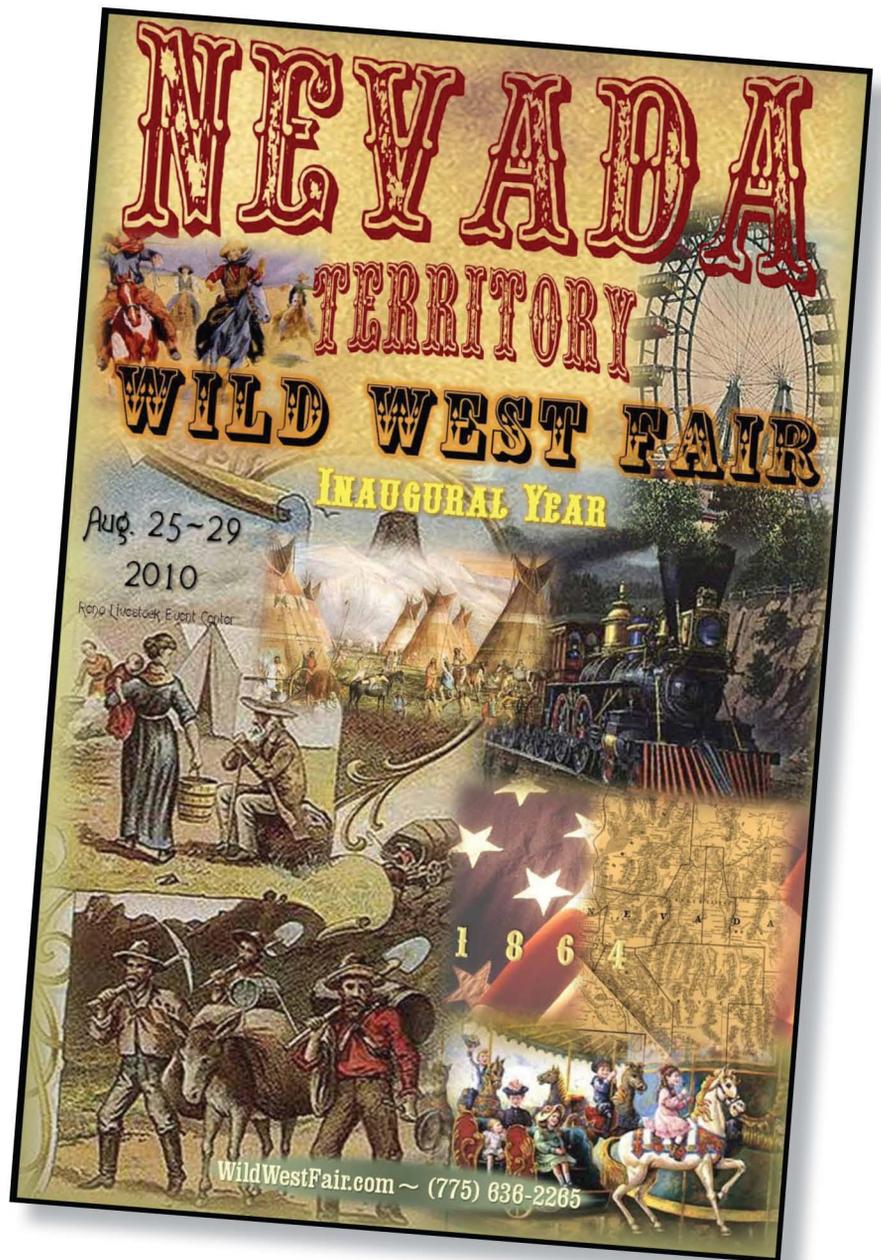
New attractions planned for the fair include a mining camp, western frontier town, Civil War camp and town, Chinatown, American Indian village, railroad yard, and stagecoach rides.

As the mystique of America's Old West continues to draw the attention of tourists from across the globe, it is our hope that this new direction will make the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair a regularly visited tourist destination that

will be the pride of our state and a boost to Nevada's economy.

This endeavor is undoubtedly going to be a long and arduous one, but one that we can all embrace and support. The public will be invited to "stake their claim" in the new fair by purchasing honorary shares for as little as \$5 that will go directly to the building and development of a continuing tradition that has been a Nevada legacy for more than 130 years. ▽

*Rich Crombie is the executive director of the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair. To purchase a share, call the phone number provided at right.*



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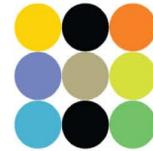


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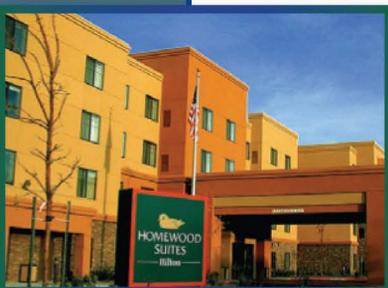


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[lasvegasfarmersmarket.com](http://lasvegasfarmersmarket.com)  
 702-562-2676

Bruce Trent Park  
 Wed.  
[lasvegasfarmersmarket.com](http://lasvegasfarmersmarket.com)  
 702-562-2676

Floyd Lamb Park  
 Sat., July 17 & Aug. 21  
[lasvegasfarmersmarket.com](http://lasvegasfarmersmarket.com)  
 702-562-2676

**Pahrump**  
 Petrack Park  
 Sat., July 10-Sept. 18  
[pahrumphchamber.com](http://pahrumphchamber.com)  
 775-727-5532

**Tonopah**  
 Pocket Park  
 Mon., July 5-Oct. 4  
[localharvest.org](http://localharvest.org)  
 775-482-3118

**Mike Epps**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**Old-Fashioned 4th of July in the Park**

Beatty  
beattynevada.org  
886-736-3716

**Rockets Over The River**

Laughlin  
visitlaughlin.com  
800-452-8445

**4th of July Celebration**

Caliente  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

**40 Oz. To Freedom**

Rio  
thecrownvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**(6-15)****Superstars of Country Music**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**7****(7-10, 14-17, 21-24) "Ain't Misbehavin'"**

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
Super Summer Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**8****Bobby Long**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**Lamb of God**

House of Blues  
houseofblues.com  
877-632-7000

**Nintendo Wii Home Run Derby**

Cora Coleman  
Senior Center  
accessclarkcounty.com  
702-455-0000

**9****Ottmar Liebert**

Boulder Station

boulderstation.com  
866-264-1818

**Lon Bronson All-Star Band**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**(9-11)****The Four Freshmen**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(9-18)****NBA Summer League**

Thomas & Mack Center  
unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

**(9-25)****"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"**

Las Vegas Little Theatre  
lvlt.org  
702-362-7996

**10****SATURDAY****Carp Rodeo**

Pahrnagat National  
Wildlife Refuge  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

**Children's Hands On Learning: Native American History**

Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Park  
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm  
702-486-3511

**Dastardly Deeds in the Desert**

Winchester Cultural  
Center  
accessclarkcounty.com  
702-455-0000

**Jackrabbit Night Race**

Goodsprings  
mranracing.com

**Kathy Griffin**

Caesars Palace  
ticketmaster.com  
800-745-3000

**Patty Smyth & Scandal**

Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**Rich Little**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**Starship Starring Mickey Thomas**

Eastside Cannery  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**Temptations & The Four Tops**

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
888-FUN-STOP

**The Wailers**

Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**(10-11)****Boyz II Men**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

**(10-11)****Patio Projects: Solar-Powered Fun**

Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**11****SUNDAY****International Folk Festival**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
702-678-5600

**New Moon Hike**

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
702-875-4141

**Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**14****(14-18)****The Heart of the King Elvis Fan's Festival**

Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
888-732-7117

**16****The Fab**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**★ ONGOING****"A Surprise"**

Laura Henkel Fine Art  
July 1-Aug. 21  
laurahenkel.com  
702-952-9656

**AFRICA: The Source**

Left of Center  
Art Gallery  
Permanent exhibit  
leftofcenterart.org  
702-647-7378

**Ali Spuck: Here I Am**

Liberace Museum  
Sun.  
liberace.org  
702-798-5595

**The Amazing Johnathan**

Harmon Theater  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harmontheater.com  
702-836-0836

**"American Storm"**

Male revue  
Variety Theater  
Fri. & Sat.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"American Superstars"**

Stratosphere  
Dark Thurs.  
stratospherehotel.com  
800-99-TOWER

**The Anderson's American Indian Shows**

Henderson  
Convention Center  
Fri.-Sun, thru July 25  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**Andrew Dice Clay**

Hilton  
July 28-Aug. 2, 16,  
23-30  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**Anthony Cools**

Paris  
Dark Mon. & Wed.  
parislasvegas.com  
877-374-7469

**"Art of Lists"—**

**John Nieman**  
Charleston Heights  
Arts Center  
Tues.-Fri., thru Sept. 11  
artslasvegas.org  
702-229-6383

**"Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was"**

Riviera  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**Barry Manilow**

Paris  
July 2-4, 9-11, 16-18  
Aug. 20-22, 27-29  
manilowparis.com  
800-745-300

**"The Beatles LOVE," by Cirque du Soleil**

The Mirage  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art**

Docent Tours  
Wed.-Sun.  
bellagio.com  
877-957-9777

**Big Elvis**

Bill's Gambler'  
Hall & Saloon  
Dark Sat. & Sun.  
billslasvegas.com  
866-245-5745

**Bikinis & BBQ**

Silverton  
Sun.  
silvertoncasino.com  
866-722-4608

**"Bite"**

Stratosphere  
Dark Thurs.  
stratospherehotel.com  
800-99-TOWER

**Blue Man Group**

The Venetian  
Nightly  
venetian.com  
800-BLUE-MAN

**Building on the Past**

Overton  
Lost City Museum  
Thurs.-Sun.  
nevadaculture.org  
702-397-2193

**Carrot Top**

Luxor  
Dark Tues.  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

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**Cars & Coffee**

Henderson  
Sansone Park Plaza  
Sat.  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**Celine Dion**

Caesars Palace  
Opens Mar. 15, 2011  
caesarspalace.com  
800-745-3000

**Cher**

Caesars Palace  
July 3-4  
Sept. 4-5, 7-8, 10-11,  
21-22, 25-26, 28-29  
cher.aeglive.com  
866-510-2437

**Chippendales**

Male revue  
Rio  
Nightly  
riolasvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**The Comedy Stop**

Sahara  
Nightly  
saharavegas.com  
888-696-2121

**"Cosine"—  
Stacey Neff**

Reed Whipple Cultural  
Center  
Mon.-Fri., thru Sept. 4  
702-229-6211  
artslasvegas.org

**"Crazy Girls"**

Topless revue  
Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**"Crazy Horse Paris"**

Topless revue  
MGM Grand  
Dark Tues.  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**"CRISS ANGEL  
Believe" by Cirque  
du Soleil**

Luxor  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**Daniel Tosh**

The Mirage  
July 23-24  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**David Copperfield**

MGM Grand  
June 24-Aug. 4  
Aug. 26-Sept. 15  
mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

**David Spade**

The Venetian  
Aug. 13-14, 20-21  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**"Defending the  
Caveman"**

Excalibur  
Daily  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**The Dennis Bono  
Show**

Sam's Town  
Thurs.  
samstownlv.com  
702-450-8300

**The Dirty Joke  
Show**

Hooters  
Mon.-Thurs.  
hooterslv.com  
702-739-9000

**"Disney's  
The Lion King"**

Mandalay Bay  
Dark Fri.  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7000

**"DOA—The Asian  
Celebration"**

Riviera  
Dark Tues.  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**Donn Arden's  
"Jubilee!"**

Topless revue  
Bally's  
Dark Fri.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
800-237-SHOW

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Osmond**

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Dark Sun. & Mon.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
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mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

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**Silversun Pickups**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
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**(16-17)**

**James Darren**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(16-18)**

**Brandon Bennett's  
"Elvis My Way"**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

**17  
SATURDAY**

**Craft & Gift Fair**

Henderson  
Club Sport Green Valley  
hendersonlive.com  
702-220-3229

**Bobby Rydell**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**Carole King &  
James Taylor**

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

**Cuisine in the  
Country**

Alamo  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

**Espinoza Paz**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**GEICO Endurocross**

The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
702-284-7777

**Modern English**

Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**Rihanna**

Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Soldiers of the Fort:  
War Games**

Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Park  
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm  
702-486-3511

**Zane Lamprey**

House of Blues  
houseofblues.com  
877-632-7000

**Ziggy Marley**

Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**(17-18)**

**Bill Maher**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

**18  
SUNDAY**

**Deaf Nation Opening  
Ceremonies**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegaseperience.com  
702-678-5600

**(18-23)**

**On the Edge Camp:  
Ages 13-15**

Camp Lee Canyon  
accessclarkcounty.com  
702-455-0000

**19**

**(19-23)**

**Jazz Combo Camp**

College of Southern  
Nevada  
csn.edu/finearts/jazzcamp  
702-651-4110

**(19-30)**

**Red Flag 10-4  
Air Exercises**

Rachel  
rachel-nevada.com  
775-729-2515

**20**

**Jackson Browne**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**(20-21, 23-24, 27-28,  
30-31)**

**"Sgt. Pepper Live"  
featuring Cheap Trick**  
Paris

parislasvegas.com  
888-727-4758

**(20-25)**

**Purple Reign—  
A Tribute to Prince**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**21**

**Lincoln County Trails  
Coalition Meeting**

Caliente  
BLM office  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

**Sustainable Pantry:  
Gluten-Free Cooking**

Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**(21-25)**

**Mark Curry**

Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**22**

**Las Vegas Women's  
Leadership Conference**

Rio  
lvwconference.com  
702-642-3500

**23**

**Keane**

House of Blues  
houseofblues.com  
877-632-7000

**REO Speedwagon  
& Pat Benatar**

Thomas & Mack Center  
unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

**(23-24)**

**Face to Face**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**(23-24)**

**Jerry Seinfeld**

Caesars Palace  
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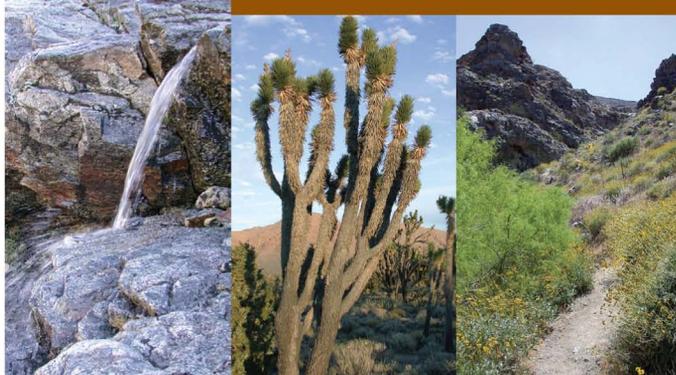
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Aug. 21...United Way Hawaiian Luau

**golf...** Lakeview Executive Golf Course  
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**lodging...** Best Western Pahrump Station  
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**rv parks... & resorts** Charleston Peak RV Resort  
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hendersonlive.com  
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**"Fab Four Live"**  
Beatles Tribute  
Variety Theater  
Fri.-Wed.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Fantasy"**  
Topless revue  
Luxor  
Nightly  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**"Fear & Laughing in Las Vegas"**  
Hooters  
Dark Tues.  
hooterslv.com  
866-584-6687

**Figuratively Speaking: A Survey of the Human Form**  
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Daily, thru Jan. 9, 2011  
bellagio.com  
877-957-9777

**First Friday Art Celebration**  
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702-384-0092

**"Fitz of Laughter"**  
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Nightly  
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702-752-7000

**Frank Caliendo**  
Monte Carlo  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
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877-386-8224

**Frank Marino's "Divas Las Vegas"**  
Imperial Palace  
Dark Fri.  
imperialpalace.com  
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**Frankie Moreno Band**  
Golden Nugget  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
goldennugget.com  
800-634-3454

**"Freaks"**  
O'Sheas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harrahs.com  
800-221-7299

**Friday Night Live Music Series**  
Henderson  
MonteLago  
Village Resort  
montelagovillage.com  
866-383-1592

**Garth Brooks**  
Wynn  
July 16-18  
Aug. 6-8  
wynnlasvegas.com  
702-770-1000

**George Wallace**  
Flamingo  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**Gordie Brown**  
Golden Nugget  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
goldennugget.com  
866-946-5336

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Nightly  
hauntedvegastours.com  
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**"Hitzville—The Show"**  
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Variety Theater  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**(23-24) Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest**  
Fremont Street Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
702-678-5600

**(23-24, 30-31) "Curse of an Aching Heart"**  
Mesquite  
Community Theatre  
mesquitenv.com  
702-443-4878

**(23-25) John Caparulo**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(23-25) The Las Vegas Cup Casino 7's Rugby Tournament & Polynesian Festival**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
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24 SATURDAY

**Ana Barbara**  
Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
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**BoDeans**  
Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**Bushwackers Night Race**  
Jean  
mranracing.com

**Dave Koz & Jonathan Butler**  
Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Diversity Fest Youth Gospel Festival**  
Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
702-499-4509

**Jimmy Cliff**  
Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Justin Bieber**  
Planet Hollywood

planethollywoodresort.com  
877-333-9474

**Lyle Lovett & His Large Band**  
Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
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**Nevada History: The Birth of Las Vegas**  
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park  
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm  
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**Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series**  
Skatecity Indoor Skatepark  
vegasamjam.com  
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**Queensryche Cabaret**  
Rio  
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**USA Basketball Showcase**  
Thomas & Mack Center  
unlvtickets.com  
866-388-3267

**(24-25) Deana Martin—Tribute to Dean Martin**  
Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
877-677-7111

**(24-25) Legendary Ladies of Rock & Roll**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

25 SUNDAY

**(25-30) Omni Camp: Ages 8-12**  
Camp Lee Canyon  
accessclarkcounty.com  
702-455-0000

**27 Squeeze w/ English Beat**  
Rio  
thecrownvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**(27-31) Lights—A Tribute to Journey**  
Laughlin  
Riverside

riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**29 (29-31) Summer Cutting Event**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**30 Bodybuilding.com 2010 NPC USA Men's Bodybuilding**  
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

**Great White**  
Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Sublime w/ Rome**  
Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**(30-31) Dance in the Desert Festival**  
College of Southern Nevada  
csn.edu/pac  
702-651-5483

**(30-31) Direct From Motown**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

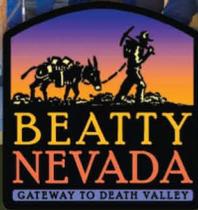
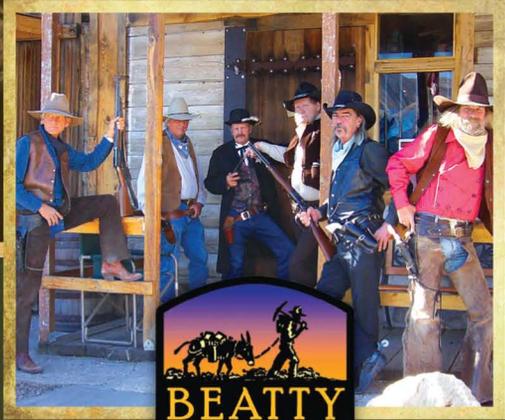
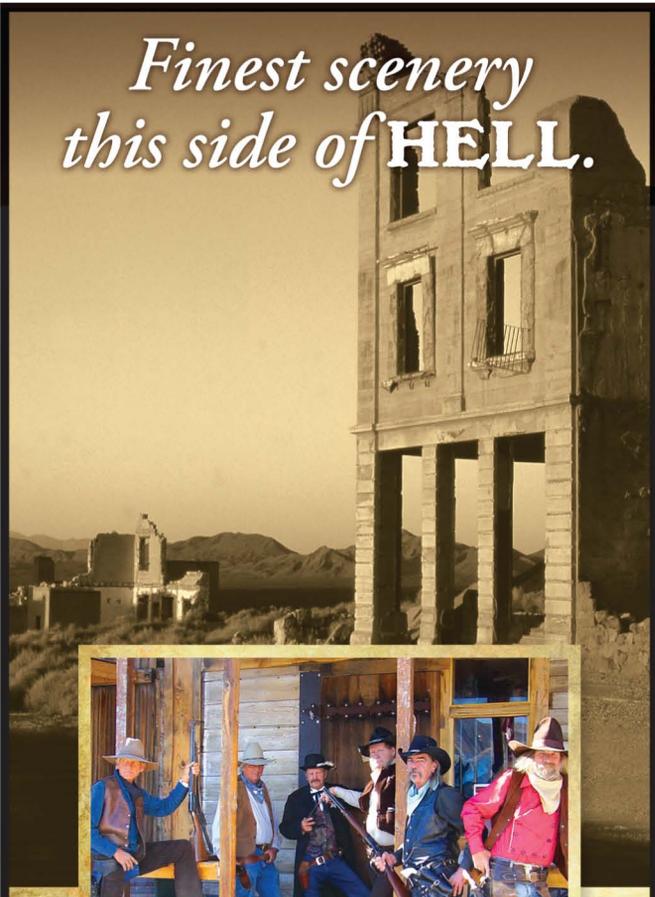
**(30-31) Jack Jones**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**(30-31) Mountain Man Rendezvous**  
Beaver Dam State Park  
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31 SATURDAY

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Tropicana  
Nightly  
tropicanalv.com  
800-826-8767

**The Improv Comedy Club**

Harrah's  
Dark Mon.  
harrahaslasvegas.com  
702-369-5223

**Jackpot Bird Show**

Royal Resort  
Sat. & Sun.  
jackpotbirdshow.com  
702-966-9770

**Jay Leno**

The Mirage  
July 16-17, 30-31  
Aug. 6-7, 27-28  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**Jazz on the Lake**

Henderson  
MonteLago  
Village Resort  
Sat., thru Oct.  
montelagovillage.com  
866-383-1592

**Jerry Greenberg Presents Bring Back the Music**

Hilton  
Wed.  
lvhilton.com  
888-732-7117

**Jerry Tiffe**

Palace Station  
Tues.  
stationcasinos.com  
702-547-5300

**Joan Rivers Live**

The Venetian  
Sept. 23-25, 30  
Oct. 1-2  
venetian.com  
866-641-7469

**John Edward**

Flamingo  
Dec. 4  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**"Jersey Boys"**

The Palazzo  
Dark Wed.  
palazzolasvegas.com  
866-641-7469

**"KÀ"**

by Cirque du Soleil  
MGM Grand  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
mgmgrand.com  
866-774-7117

**"The King Lives!"**

Hooters  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
hooterscasinohotel.com  
866-584-6687

**Lance Burton**

Monte Carlo  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
Final show: Sept. 4  
montecarlo.com  
702-730-7160

**Larry G Jones**

Planet Hollywood  
Dark Sun. & Thurs.  
larrygjones.com  
702-836-0830

**Las Vegas 51s**

Triple-A baseball  
Cashman Field  
(home dates only)  
July 1-3, 8-10, 19-26  
Aug. 4-11, 21-29  
lv51.com  
702-798-7825

**"Le Rêve"**

Wynn  
Dark Tues. & Wed.  
wynnlasvegas.com  
888-320-7110

**"Legends in Concert"**

Harrah's  
Dark Thurs.  
harrahaslasvegas.com  
702-369-5111

**Leslie Rowland's "Versus"**

Government Center  
Rotunda  
Thru July 23  
accessclarkcounty.com  
702-455-0000

**Lewis Black**

The Mirage  
Oct. 22-23  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**Big Head Todd & The Monsters**

Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**Collin Raye**

Laughlin  
Harrah's  
harrahaslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**History Tour**

Old Las Vegas Mormon  
Fort State Park  
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm  
702-486-3511

**Jay White**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7075

**Kenny Loggins**

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

**Marquez vs. Diaz II**

Boxing  
Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Solar Cooking**

Springs Preserve  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**Summer Comedy Series**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

**Toby Keith**

Palms  
ticketmaster.com  
800-745-3000

AUGUST

1 SUNDAY

**Collin Raye**

Laughlin  
Harrah's  
harrahaslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**Jack Jones**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**Jay White**

Suncoast  
suncoastcasino.com  
702-636-7075

**Level 42**

Rio  
thecrownvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**Lights—A Tribute to Journey**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

**Mountain Man**

**Rendezvous**  
Beaver Dam State Park  
parks.nv.gov/bd.htm  
775-728-4460

**Summer Comedy Series**

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

**Summer**

**Cutting Event**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

**World Hip Hop Dance Championship**

The Orleans  
orleansarena.com  
702-284-7777

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**National Night Out**

Police education  
Boulder City & Henderson  
nationalnightout.org

(3-8)

**Good Vibrations—A Tribute to The Beach Boys**

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

5

(5-6)

**B.B. King**

The Mirage  
B.B. King's Blues Club  
bbkingclubs.com  
702-242-5464

(5-7)

**Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo**

Panaca  
lincolncountynevada.com  
775-728-4292

(5-18)

**Tom Jones**

MGM Grand

mgmgrand.com  
800-929-1111

6

**Dropkick Murphys**

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

**Lon Bronson**

**All-Star Band**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**Morning Hike**

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
702-875-4141

**Who's Bad**

Rio  
thecrownvegas.com  
888-746-7784

(6-8)

**Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo**

Sahara  
shows.bickinternational.com  
818-997-6496

(6-8)

**Dante**

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

7

**Blondie & B-52's**

Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Blood, Sweat, & Tears**

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**Camila**

Eastside Cannery  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**Carmen in Concert w/ Richie McDonald**

Henderson  
Henderson Pavilion  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**Darkside Night Race**

Valley of Fire State Park  
mranracing.com

## The O'Jays

Primm  
Star of the Desert Arena  
primmvalleyresorts.com  
888-FUN-STOP

## Pat Green

Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

(7-9)

## Crossroads of the West Gun Show

Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
801-544-9125

## 10

(10-15)

## Hot August Nights—Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

## 11

### New Moon Hike

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
702-875-4141

(11-14, 18-21, 25-28)

### "Damn Yankees"

Spring Mountain  
Ranch State Park  
Super Summer Theatre  
pac.unlv.edu  
702-895-2787

(11-15)

### Mark Curry

Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

## 13

### Brian Culbertson

Santa Fe Station  
santafestationlasvegas.com  
866-264-1818

### Lady Gaga

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

### Los Lonely Boys

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

(13-14)

### Al Green

Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

(13-14)

### Charo

South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

(13-14)

### Colorado River Regatta

Inner-tube festival  
Laughlin  
visitlaughlin.com  
800-452-8445

(13-14)

### Peace Frog

Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

## 14

SATURDAY

### Blake Shelton & Uncle Kracker

The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

### Blue Oyster Cult

Fremont Street  
Experience  
vegasexperience.com  
702-678-5600

### Dennis Wise

Boulder Station  
boulderstation.com  
866-264-1818

### Lost '80s Live

Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

### NASCAR MetroPCS Super Late Models

Las Vegas Motor  
Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

### Primus

Hard Rock  
hardrockhotel.com  
800-745-3000

### Rob Thomas

Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

### Rush

MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

(14-15)

### Concert Fantasy & Fantasy Petit

Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
702-458-7575

## 16

### The Swell Season

Rio  
thecrownvegas.com  
888-746-7784

(16-23)

### Long Drivers of America

Mesquite  
mesquitenv.com  
682-549-2105

## 17

(17-22)

### Kevin Johnson

Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

## 18

### Lincoln County Trails Coalition Meeting

Caliente  
BLM office  
lincolncountynevada.com  
877-870-3003

## 19

(19-21)

### TSCO Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race

bitd.com  
702-457-5775

## 20

### Doug Stanhope

Henderson  
Sunset Station  
sunsetstation.com  
702-367-2470

(20-21)

### Bridal Spectacular Expo

Cashman Center  
visitlasvegas.com  
702-368-0088

## ★ ONGOING continued

### "Liberace and Me"

Starring Philip  
Fortenberry  
Liberace Museum  
Tues., Wed., & Sat.  
liberace.org  
702-798-5595

### "Louie Anderson: Larger Than Life"

Excalibur  
Dark Fri. & Sat.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

### The Mac King Comedy Magic Show

Harrah's  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
harrahslasvegas.com  
702-369-5222

### "The Magic & Tigers of Rick Thomas"

Sahara  
Dark Mon.  
saharavegas.com  
888-696-2121

### Marc Savard—Comedy Hypnosis

Variety Theater  
Dark Fri.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

### "Marriage Can Be Murder"

Fitzgeralds  
Nightly  
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com  
702-388-2400

### Martini Time with Chef Tina Martini

Live cooking show  
Henderson  
M Resort  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
themresort.com  
877-673-7678

### "Matsuri"

Imperial Palace  
Dark Tues.  
imperialpalace.com  
888-777-7664

### Matt Goss

Caesars Palace  
Fri. & Sat.  
caesarspalace.com  
800-745-3000

### Maze Mania

Lied Discovery  
Children's Museum  
Thru Sept. 12

ldcm.org  
702-382-3445

### "Men of X"

Male revue  
Hooters  
Nightly  
hooterslv.com  
866-584-6687

### "Menopause The Musical"

Luxor  
Nightly  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

### "MENTAL"

O'Sheas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
mrjermay.com  
800-221-7299

### "The Mentalist Live"

Variety Theater  
Dark Wed.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

### Mid-Century Modern Las Vegas Architecture

Nevada State  
Museum, Las Vegas  
Wed.-Sat., thru Oct. 30  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

### More & Gendel

Hilton  
Tues., Fri., & Sat.  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

### Movies on The Lake

Henderson  
The Village Lake  
Las Vegas  
Thurs.  
montelagovillage.com  
702-564-4785

### Music on Main Street

Henderson  
The District at  
Green Valley Ranch  
Fri.-Sat.  
thedistrictatgvr.com  
702-564-8595

### "Mystère," by Cirque du Soleil

Treasure Island  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
treasureisland.com  
800-392-1999

★ ONGOING *continued*

**Nathan Burton**  
Flamingo  
Dark Mon. & Sat.  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**"Naughty Boys Hypnosis Show"**  
Harmon Theater  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
harmontheater.com  
702-836-0836

**"O" by Cirque du Soleil**  
Bellagio  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
bellagio.com  
888-488-7111

**The Outdoor Picture Show**  
Henderson  
The District at Green Valley Ranch  
Fri.-Sat.  
thedistrictatgvr.com  
702-564-8595

**Paul Rodriguez & The Whole Enchilada**  
Tropicana  
Dark Sun.  
tropicanalv.com  
800-826-8767

**"PEEPSHOW" Starring Holly Madison**  
Topless revue  
Planet Hollywood  
Dark Wed.  
planethollywoodresort.com  
877-333-9474

**Penn & Teller**  
Rio  
Dark Thurs. & Fri.  
riolasvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**Pete's Dueling Piano Bar**  
Town Square Las Vegas  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
petesduelingpiano.com  
702-220-7383

**"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular"**  
The Venetian  
Dark Sun.  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**Playboy Comedy**  
Palms  
Thurs.-Sat.  
palms.com  
702-944-3200

**"Popovich Comedy Pet Theater"**  
Variety Theater  
Fri.-Tues.  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"The Price is Right"**  
Bally's  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
ballyslasvegas.com  
800-237-7469

**Purple Reign: The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show**  
Hooters  
Fri.-Sun.  
hootercasino.com  
702-739-9000

**Rat Pack Thursdays**  
Aliante  
First & third Thurs. of each month  
aliantecasino.com  
702-469-1864

**"The Rat Pack is Back"**  
Plaza Hotel  
Nightly  
plazahotelcasino.com  
800-634-6575

**Rita Rudner**  
Harrah's  
Dates TBA  
harrahslasvegas.com  
800-392-9002

**Riviera Comedy Club**  
Riviera  
Nightly  
rivierahotel.com  
877-892-7469

**"Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show"**  
Sahara  
Nightly  
saharavegas.com  
702-737-2515

**Sex on the Streets**  
Erotic Heritage Museum  
Thru Aug.  
eroticheritage.org  
702-369-6442

**(20-21) Formula Drift**  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**(20-21) ZZ Top**  
Hilton  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**(20-22) Goldfield Days Celebration**  
Goldfield  
goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com  
775-485-3560

**(20-22) Roger Williams**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

21 SATURDAY

**Billy Idol**  
Palms  
ticketmaster.com  
800-745-3000

**Brian McKnight**  
Eastside Cannery  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-856-5300

**Cyndi Lauper**  
House of Blues  
houseofblues.com  
877-632-7000

**Michael Franti & Spearhead**  
Mandalay Beach  
mandalaybay.com  
877-632-7000

**Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series**  
Area 702 Indoor Skatepark  
vegasamjam.com  
888-919-7337

**The Romantics**  
Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

**United Way Hawaiian Luau**  
Pahrump  
pahrumphchamber.com  
775-727-5107

**(21-22) Old Timers Picnic & Dance**  
Tonopah  
Jim Butler Park  
tonopahnevada.com  
775-482-6336

22 SUNDAY

**Norah Jones w/ Corrine Bailey Rae**  
Palms  
ticketmaster.com  
800-745-3000

24

**(24-29) The Tennessee Three Featuring Bob Wootton**  
Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849

25

**Drag Racing**  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

26

**Full Moon Hike**  
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park  
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm  
702-875-4141

27

**Hot August Nights—Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**Sean Hannity's Freedom Concert Tour**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
800-675-3267

**(27-28) Summer Comedy Series**  
The Orleans  
orleanscasino.com  
702-365-7075

**(27-29) Shecky Greene**  
South Point  
southpointcasino.com  
866-796-7111

28 SATURDAY

**Don McLean**  
Laughlin  
Harrah's  
harrahslaughlin.com  
702-298-8510

**Hoodie Awards**  
Mandalay Bay  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-7580

**Michael Bublé**  
MGM Grand  
mgmgrand.com  
800-745-3000

**MRAN Night Race**  
Jean  
mranracing.com

**SuperClean Modified Series, NASCAR MetroPCS Super Late Models**  
Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
lvms.com  
800-644-4444

**Tommy James & The Shondells**  
Cannery Casino  
cannerycasinos.com  
702-617-5550

**The Tubes**  
Red Rock Resort  
redrocklasvegas.com  
702-797-7777

31

**(31-Sept. 5) Ralphie May**  
Laughlin  
Riverside  
riversideresort.com  
800-227-3849



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[www.BattleMountainTourism.com](http://www.BattleMountainTourism.com)

★ ONGOING *continued*

**"Show in the Sky"**

Rio  
Thurs.-Sun.  
riolasvegas.com  
888-746-7784

**"Sin City Bad Girls"**

Topless revue  
Hilton  
Dark Tues.  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**Sin City  
Comedy Show**

Variety Theater  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Sirens of TI"**

Treasure Island  
Nightly  
treasureisland.com  
702-894-7111

**SpiceSkool**

*Henderson*  
Loews Lake Las Vegas  
July 17 & Aug. 21  
loewshotels.com  
702-567-6000 x.51

**Steve Dacri In Your  
Face: The Up-Close  
Magic Experience**

Hilton  
Tues.  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**Stripper 101—Learn  
How to Pole Dance**

Variety Theater  
Daily  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**Summer Display**

Bellagio's Conservatory  
& Botanical Gardens  
Daily, thru Sept. 9  
bellagio.com  
888-987-6667

**Summer of the '70s**

Fremont Street  
Experience  
Thru Sept. 4  
vegasexperience.com  
702-678-5600

**Supernatural  
Santana—A Trip  
Through the Hits**

Hard Rock  
Aug. 25, 27-29  
Sept. 1, 3-5  
supernaturalsantana.com

702-693-5583

**"Superstars of  
Magic"**

Vegas Club  
Dark Tues.  
vegasclubcasino.net  
702-386-2464

**SushiSkool**

*Henderson*  
Loews Lake Las Vegas  
July 10 & Aug. 14  
loewshotels.com  
702-567-6000 x.51

**Terry Fator**

The Mirage  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
mirage.com  
800-963-9634

**Third Thursday  
ARTsWALK**

*Henderson*  
Water Street District  
hendersonlive.com  
702-267-2171

**"Thunder From  
Down Under"**

Male revue  
Excalibur  
Nightly  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**Tonopah Speedway**

*Tonopah*  
Thru Sept.  
tonopahnevada.com  
775-482-6336

**"Tony n' Tina's  
Wedding"**

Variety Theater  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Tournament of Kings"**

Excalibur  
Dark Tues.  
excalibur.com  
702-597-7600

**Train Rides**

*Boulder City*  
Nevada State  
Railroad Museum  
Sat. & Sun.  
nevadaculture.org  
702-486-5933

**Trent Carlini**

Hilton  
Mon.  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**Unnatural History**

Springs Preserve  
Thru Sept. 12  
springspreserve.org  
702-822-7700

**"V the Ultimate  
Variety Show"**

Variety Theater  
Nightly  
varietytheater.com  
866-932-1818

**"Vegas The Show"**

Las Vegas Rocks Café  
Days TBD  
lasvegasrockscfe.com  
702-227-5872

**Vinnie Favorito**

Flamingo  
Nightly  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**"Viva ELVIS" by  
Cirque du Soleil**

Aria  
Dark Wed. & Thurs.  
\*Effective Aug. 1,  
dark days will be  
Sun. & Mon.  
ariaslasvegas.com  
877-25-ELVIS

**"VOICES" Starring  
Lani Misalucha**

Hilton  
Wed.-Sat.  
lvhilton.com  
702-732-5755

**Wayne Brady:  
Making It Up**

The Venetian  
July 1-5  
venetian.com  
866-641-SHOW

**"X" Burlesque**

Topless revue  
Flamingo  
Nightly  
flamingolasvegas.com  
800-221-7299

**Zowie Bowie**

Monte Carlo  
Fri. & Sat.  
montecarlo.com  
888-529-4828

**"ZUMANITY, the  
Sensual Side of  
Cirque du Soleil"**

New York-New York  
Dark Mon. & Thurs.  
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**The Carousel  
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The District at Green  
Valley Ranch  
Daily  
thedistrictatgvr.com  
702-564-8595

**CSI: The Experience**

MGM Grand  
Daily  
mgmgrand.com  
702-891-1111

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stars  
Imperial Palace  
Daily  
imperialpalace.com  
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**The Desperado  
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.com  
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Museum**

Personal Treasures  
of Elvis Presley  
Imperial Palace  
Daily  
imperialpalace.com  
888-777-7664

**The Lion Habitat  
at MGM**

MGM Grand  
Daily  
mgmgrand.com  
877-880-0880

**Mirage Volcano**

The Mirage  
Daily  
mirage.com  
800-627-6667

**The Roller Coaster**

New York-New York  
Daily  
nynyhotelcasino.com  
800-689-1797

**Shark Reef  
Aquarium**

Mandalay Bay  
Daily  
mandalaybay.com  
702-632-4555

**Siegfried & Roy's  
Secret Garden &  
Dolphin Habitat**

The Mirage  
Call for hours  
mirage.com  
800-627-6667

**Titanic:**

**The Artifact Exhibit**

Luxor  
Daily  
luxor.com  
800-557-7428

**VivaVision**

High-tech videos  
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NORTHERN NEVADA

july/august

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**(June 24-July 3)**  
**USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships**  
 Reno-Sparks Convention Center  
[usavolleyball.org](http://usavolleyball.org)

JULY

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**Cash Only Band**  
 South Lake Tahoe  
 Valhalla Boathouse  
[valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com)  
 530-541-4975

**Tahoe Comedy North**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
[crystalbaycasino.com](http://crystalbaycasino.com)  
 775-833-6333

**(1-4)**  
**RSVP 4th of July Celebration**  
 Carson City  
 Mills Park  
[visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com)  
 775-687-4680 x.4

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**Carolyn Wonderland**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
[crystalbaycasino.com](http://crystalbaycasino.com)  
 775-833-6333

**Neal McCoy**  
 West Wendover  
 Peppermill Concert Hall  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
 800-537-0207

**(2-4)**  
**Cribbage Tournament**  
 Sands Regency  
[sandsregency.com](http://sandsregency.com)  
 866-386-7829

**(2-4)**  
**The Great International Chicken Wing Society Cook-Off**

Sparks  
[tgicws.com](http://tgicws.com)

**(2-4)**  
**National Basque Festival**  
 Elko  
[exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com)  
 800-248-3556

**(2-4)**  
**100-Year Anniversary: Johnson vs. Jeffries**  
 Boxing celebration  
 Multiple locations  
[johnsonjeffries2010.com](http://johnsonjeffries2010.com)

**(2-4)**  
**4th of July Fine Arts & Crafts Festival**  
 Squaw Valley USA  
[squaw.com](http://squaw.com)  
 530-583-6955

**(2-4)**  
**'60s Class Reunion**  
 Ely  
[elyrenaissance.com](http://elyrenaissance.com)  
 775-289-6729

3 SATURDAY

**Arash w/ Rebecca**  
 Stateline  
 MontBleu  
[montbleuresort.com](http://montbleuresort.com)  
 775-588-3515

**Arnel Pineda**  
 Peppermill  
[peppermillreno.com](http://peppermillreno.com)  
 866-821-9996

**Flying Saucer Trap Club Shooting Contest**  
 Lovelock  
[pershingcountynevada.com](http://pershingcountynevada.com)  
 775-273-7213

**Jordin Sparks**  
 Knitting Factory  
[re.knittingfactory.com](http://re.knittingfactory.com)  
 775-323-5648

**Large Bills Excepted**  
 Virginia City

Red Dog Saloon  
[visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com)  
 775-847-7474

**Lee Ann Womack**  
 West Wendover  
 Peppermill Concert Hall  
[wendoverfun.com](http://wendoverfun.com)  
 800-537-0207

**Red, White, & Josh Blue**  
 Boomtown  
[visitrenotahoe.com](http://visitrenotahoe.com)  
 775-345-8778

**4th of July Scramble**  
 Ely  
 White Pine Golf Course  
[whitepinechamber.com](http://whitepinechamber.com)  
 775-289-4095

**(3-5)**  
**Steam Train**  
 Carson City  
 Nevada State Railroad Museum  
[nevadaculture.org](http://nevadaculture.org)  
 775-687-8393

**(3-5)**  
**4th of July Weekend**  
 Jarbidge  
[jarbidge.org](http://jarbidge.org)  
 775-755-2132

**(3-9)**  
**Silver State International Rodeo**  
 Fallon  
 Churchill County Fairgrounds  
[sslr.us](http://sslr.us)  
 775-423-3739

4 SUNDAY 

**Antique Auction**  
 Ely  
 Renaissance Village  
[elyrenaissance.com](http://elyrenaissance.com)

**Fireworks Train & BBQ**  
 Ely  
 Nevada Northern Railway  
[whitepinechamber.com](http://whitepinechamber.com)  
 775-289-2085

**Community Fourth of July Celebration**  
 Battle Mountain  
 Battle Mountain Tourism  
[battlemountaintourism.com](http://battlemountaintourism.com)  
 775-635-1112

**David John & The Comstock Cowboys**  
 Virginia City  
 Delta Saloon parking lot  
[visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com)  
 775-847-4386

**Fireworks Display**  
 Elko  
[exploreelko.com](http://exploreelko.com)  
 775-738-6284

**Lights on the Lake**  
 South Lake Tahoe  
 Tahoe South Shore  
 800-AT-TAHOE

**Old-Fashioned 4th of July**  
 Austin  
[austinnevada.com](http://austinnevada.com)  
 775-964-2200

**Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade**  
 Eureka  
[eurekacounty.com](http://eurekacounty.com)  
 775-237-5484

**Pops in the Park & Chicken BBQ**  
 Genoa  
 Mormon Station  
 State Historic Park  
[visitcarsonvalley.org](http://visitcarsonvalley.org)  
 800-727-7677

**Sagebrush Quilter's 4th of July Quilt Show**  
 Ely  
 Centennial Fine Arts Building  
[whitepinechamber.com](http://whitepinechamber.com)  
 775-289-8877

**Star-Spangled Sparks**  
 Sparks  
 Sparks Marina Park & Victorian Square  
[cityofsparks.us](http://cityofsparks.us)  
 775-358-1976

**Taste of Lovelock, Parade, & Fireworks Show**  
 Lovelock  
[pershingcountynevada.com](http://pershingcountynevada.com)  
 775-273-7213

**Valy w/ The Black Cats**  
 Stateline  
 MontBleu  
[montbleuresort.com](http://montbleuresort.com)  
 775-588-3515

**4th of July Parade & Spectacular**  
 Virginia City  
[visitvirginiacitynv.com](http://visitvirginiacitynv.com)  
 775-847-4386

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**Truth & Salvage Co.**  
 Crystal Bay  
 Crystal Bay Casino  
[crystalbaycasino.com](http://crystalbaycasino.com)  
 775-833-6333

**(5-23)**  
**Summer Onstage Theatre Camp—BAC Stage Kids**  
 Carson City  
 Brewery Arts  
 775-883-1976

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**Joan Baez**  
 Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater  
[renoisartown.com](http://renoisartown.com)  
 775-322-1538

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**In The Meadow Sing-A-Long**  
 South Lake Tahoe  
 Valhalla Boathouse  
[valhallatahoe.com](http://valhallatahoe.com)  
 530-541-4975

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**Chimaira & Shadows Fall**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

(8-10)

**Fort Halleck Days**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-753-8203

(8-10)

**Silver State Stampede**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
800-248-3556

(8-11, 16-18)

**Tahoe ARTour**

Tahoe City  
North Tahoe Art Center  
northtahoearts.com  
530-581-2787

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**Little Feat**

Robert Z. Hawkins  
Amphitheater  
fbnn.org  
775-331-3663 x.118

**Lonestar**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Trey Stone Band**

Minden  
Minden Park  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

(9-10)

**Blackjack Tournament**

Sands Regency  
sandsregency.com  
866-386-7829

(9-11)

**Americana Festival**

Virginia City  
nevadabluegrassproject.org  
800-718-7587

(9-11)

**Boneyard Blast IV**

Softball Tournament  
Reno & Sparks  
boneyardblast.com  
775-997-8000

**Beerfest & Bluegrass Festival**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-466-6784

**Community Garage Sale**

Genoa  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**HouseFreaq**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-reno.com  
775-786-2582

**I-Can-Run/Walk**

5K & 10K  
Incline Village  
i-canrun.org  
775-842-9890

**Jam to the Dam**

Paddleboard racing  
Carnelian Bay to  
Tahoe City  
gotahoenorth.com  
877-949-3296

**Mel & Pam Tillis**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Perennials**

Moana Nursery  
moananursery.com  
775-825-0602 x.130

**Pops on the River**

Reno Philharmonic  
renoisartown.com  
775-323-6323

**Sugarland**

Stateline  
Harveys  
apeconcerts.com  
775-586-6541

**Superhero Pub Crawl**

superherocrawl.com

**Twista**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

**yART Sale**

1420 Mt. Rose St.  
vsanevada.org  
775-358-5149

(10-11)

**Art in the Park**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-753-4899

(10-11)

**Rocky Mountain Professional**

**Association Rodeo**

Battle Mountain  
Livestock Event Center  
battlemountaintourism.com  
775-635-1112

(10-11)

**Tahoe Arts Project Festival**

South Lake Tahoe  
South Tahoe  
Middle School  
tahoeartsproject.org  
530-542-3632

(10-11)

**Wild, Wild West Weekend**

at High Camp  
Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

11 SUNDAY

**Cheetah Conservation Chat**

Animal Ark  
animalark.org  
1-775-970-3431

**John Batdorf**

Minden  
Tahoe Ridge Winery  
tahoeridge.com  
775-783-1566

**Young Shakespeare**

Wingfield Park  
laketahoeshakespeare.com  
800-747-4697

(11-12)

**Star-Spangled Slot Tournament**

Peppermill  
peppermillreno.com  
866-821-9996

(11-17)

**Region III Championship Arabian Horse Show**

Livestock Events Center  
arabianhorses3.org  
916-645-2288

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(12-13)

**The Soul of John Black**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-833-6333

★ FARMERS' MARKETS

**Carson City**

Mills Park  
Wed., thru Aug. 25  
carsonfarmersmarket.com  
775-746-5024  
3rd & Curry St.  
Sat., thru Sept. 18  
carsonfarmersmarket.com  
775-882-6741

**Dayton**

Community  
Roots Nursery  
Thurs., thru Sept.  
nevadagrown.com  
775-250-7884

**Elko**

Downtown  
Sat., July 10 & Aug. 14  
localharvest.org  
775-340-7730

**Ely**

Renaissance Village  
Sat., Aug. 28-Sept. 25  
elyrenaissance.com  
775-289-8364

**Eureka**

Gold St.  
Thurs., Aug. 5-Sept. 30  
nevadagrown.com  
775-237-5484

**Fallon**

Churchill County  
Fairgrounds  
Tues., July 13-  
Aug. 24  
fallonfarmersmarket.com  
775-427-3428  
Maine St.  
Sat., thru Sept. 4  
nevadagrown.com  
775-423-1100

**Gardnerville**

Lampe Park  
Wed., thru Sept. 15  
douglascountynv.gov  
775-782-9828

**Lovelock**

8th & Cornell St.  
Fri. & Sat., July-Oct.  
nevadagrown.com  
775-273-0604

**Minden**

Esmeralda Ave.  
Tues., thru Sept.  
nevadagrown.com  
775-782-2444

**Reno**

Shoppers Square  
Tues., thru Oct. 5  
nevadagrown.com  
775-746-5024

Somersett  
Town Square  
Wed., thru Aug. 25  
mysomersett.com  
775-787-4500 x.311

Tamarack Junction  
Fri., thru Oct. 8  
nevadagrown.com  
775-746-5024

California &  
Booth St.  
Sat., thru Oct. 2  
nevadagrown.com  
775-746-5024

The Grove at  
South Creek  
Sun., thru Sept. 5  
nevadagrown.com  
775-329-5181

West Street  
Sun., thru Sept. 12  
renoweststreetmarket.com  
775-334-2077

**Silver Springs**

Custom Gardens Farm  
Sun., thru Oct.  
customgardens-organic-farm.com  
775-577-2069

**South Lake Tahoe**

American Legion  
Hall Parking Lot  
Tues., thru Oct. 12  
eldoradofarmersmarket.com  
530-622-1900

**Sparks**

United Methodist  
Church  
Tues., thru Sept. 14  
775-358-0925  
nevadagrown.com  
Sparks Hometowne  
Thurs., June 10-  
Aug. 19 (dark Aug. 5)  
sparksrec.com  
775-353-2291

**Winnemucca**

Thurs., July-Sept.  
nevadagrown.com  
775-623-8413

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SATURDAY

★ ONGOING

**ABBACADABRA—  
the Ultimate ABBA  
Concert**

Stateline  
Harrah's  
June 25-27  
July 1-3, 5-6, 9-13  
southshoreroom.com  
800-HARRAHS

**ARTown**

Month-long series  
of arts events  
July 1-31  
renoartown.com  
775-322-1538

**Autolust**

Sheppard Fine Arts  
Gallery  
July 1-30  
craigsmymres.com

**The Baroque World  
of Fernando Botero**

Nevada Museum  
of Art  
Thru July 25  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Battle Mountain  
Raceway**

Battle Mountain  
July 16-17  
Aug. 27-28  
bmraceway.com  
775-374-0292

**Chester Arnold:  
On Earth**

**As It Is In Heaven**  
Nevada Museum  
of Art  
Aug. 14-Oct. 17  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Beer Pong  
@ The Neva**

Club Cal Neva  
Fri. & Sat.  
clubcalneva.com  
775-954-4185

**Behind-the-Scenes  
Tours In Natural  
History**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Once a month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**Biking Club**

Sparks  
Scheels  
Tues.

scheels.com/  
renosparksevents  
775-352-3664

**"Bounce"**

Circus Circus  
Dark Sun. & Mon.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**Candy Making**

Genoa  
Times & dates TBA  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**"Carnival Cabaret"**

Stateline  
Horizon  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
horizoncasino.com  
800-683-8266

**Catch a Rising Star  
Comedy Club**

Silver Legacy  
Dark Mon.  
silverlegacy.com  
800-MUST-SEE

**Classic Film Festival**

Elko  
Northeastern  
Nevada Museum  
July 10, 17, 24, 31  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-3418

**Coin Press No. 1  
Demonstration**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Last Fri. of each month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

**Dangberg Home  
Ranch Historic Park  
Tours**

Minden  
Wed.-Sun., thru Dec. 12  
parks.nv.gov  
775-783-9417

**DBA Wine Walk**

Elko  
Second Sat. of each  
month, July-Sept.  
elkocva.com  
775-738-3136

**"Dog Sees God"**

Brüka Theatre  
July 2-3, 8-10, 15-18,  
22-24, 29-31  
bruka.org  
775-323-3221

(12-18)

**Reno-Tahoe Open**

Golf tournament  
Montréux Golf &  
Country Club  
renotahoeopen.com  
775-322-3900

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**Mile High Jazz Band**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Tahoe Improv Players**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoo.com  
530-541-4975

**31st Anniversary  
Reception**

Gardnerville  
East Fork Gallery  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

(13-18)

**American Century  
Championship**

Celebrity golf tournament  
Stateline  
Edgewood  
tahoecelebritygolf.com  
530-544-5050 x.224

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**Dream Spirit  
Baroque Band**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Grand Hall  
valhallatahoo.com  
530-541-4975

**Moon Taxi**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-833-6333

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**Cirque de la Symphonie  
w/ Reno Chamber  
Orchestra**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**Eric Jerardi**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-833-6333

**Infected Mushroom**

Knitting Factory

re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

(15-18)

**NQHA**

**Summer Horse Show**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-752-3930

(15-18)

**Mastercraft Pro  
Wakeboard Tour**

Sparks  
Sparks Marina Park  
prowakeboardtour.com  
407-628-5662 x.1308

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**Cowboy Celtic**

Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-6006

**Lily Tomlin**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Solid Air**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoo.com  
530-541-4975

**World Dance Open  
Floor Night**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

(16-17)

**Rascal Flatts**

Stateline  
Harveys  
apeconcerts.com  
775-586-6541

(16-18)

**Walk-A-Bout  
at Perdiz Sport Shoot**

Eureka  
eurekaco:unty.com  
775-237-7027

(16-19)

**Lassen-Applegate  
Emigrant Trail Ride**

Imlay to Surprise Valley  
highrocktrekkers.com  
775-629-9232

(16-Aug. 1)

**"A Funny Thing  
Happened on the Way  
to the Forum"**

Carson City  
breweryarts.org  
775-883-1976

17  
SATURDAY

**ATTA Event**

Virginia City  
The Silverland Stables  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-691-7723

**Blankets, Burgers,  
& Brews**

Gardnerville  
Heritage Park  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

**Caterpillar's  
Hookah Lounge  
Summer Music Festival**

Carson City  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Engine No. 40 Turns  
100 & Nevada**

**Magazine's Tour  
Around Nevada**  
Ely  
Nevada Northern  
Railway Museum  
elynevada.net  
800-496-9350

**John Michael  
Montgomery**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Johnson-Jeffries  
Boxing Lecture Series**

Nevada Historical Society  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8393

**Leon Russell**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-833-6333

**Ottmar Liebert &  
Luna Negra**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

(17-18)

**Art, Wine, &  
Music Festival**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

(17-18)

**Leather Show**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-5816

(17-18)

**Relay for Life**

Ely  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-8877

**18 SUNDAY**

**Art Paws & Bark Fest**

McKinley Arts Center  
petfoliomagazine.com  
775-722-9914

**Donner Lake Triathlon**

Truckee  
bigblueadventure.com  
530-546-1019

**Justin Bieber**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**PlumpJack Pool Party**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Swing Fever**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**Town Park Concert**

Genoa  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**19**

**Hug Your Kids Balloon Release**

Sparks  
Sparks Marina Park  
hugyourkidstoday.com

**Young Shakespeare**

Sparks  
Legends at Sparks Marina  
laketahoeshakespeare.com  
800-74-SHOWS

(19-23)

**High Altitude Basketball Camp**

Grades 3-12  
Squaw Valley USA  
highaltitudebbball.com  
800-621-2945

**21**

**The Devil Wears Prada**

Club Underground  
clubunderground-reno.com  
775-786-2582

**Great American Taxi**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**22**

**The Continuing Adventures of Captain Thunder**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**Pepper**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

(22-24)

**Lund Pioneer Days**

Lund  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-238-5387

(22-25)

**AMHA Regional Miniature Horse Show**

Livestock Events Center  
amha.org  
817-783-5600

**23**

**Gretchen Wilson**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

(23-24)

**A Night in the Country Music Festival**

Yerington  
Lyon County Fairgrounds  
nic.bgcasonvalley.org  
775-463-2334

(23-24)

**"Vortex"**

A.V.A. Ballet Theatre  
Robert Z. Hawkins  
Amphitheatre  
avaballet.com  
775-762-5165

(23-25)

**Frontier Days Celebration**

Lovelock  
pershingcountynevada.com  
775-273-7213

(23-25)

**Sacred Visions Pow-Wow**

Wadsworth

pyramidlake.us  
775-560-1551

(23-25)

**Snake Valley Festival**

Baker  
greatbasinheritage.org  
775-234-7171

(23-25)

**Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Trials**

Livestock Events Center  
tmdtc.org  
775-747-7387

(23-31)

**Railroad Reality Camp For Teens**

Ely  
Nevada Northern Railway  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

(23-Aug. 1)

**Western States Police & Fire Games**

Reno, Sparks, Lake Tahoe, & Truckee  
wspfg2010.org  
775-329-4200

**24 SATURDAY**

**Full Moon Hike—Flume Trail**

Spooner Lake Park  
parks.nv.gov/lt.htm  
775-749-5980

**Hunt For the Facts**

Animal Ark  
animalark.org  
1-775-970-3431

**Sherman Dinner & Auction**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-7135

**Oakland Jazz Choir**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

(24-25)

**Battle Mountain Music Festival**

Battle Mountain  
Lion's Park  
battlemountaintourism.com  
775-635-1112

★ ONGOING continued

**Downtown Beer Crawl**

Carson City  
Third Sat. of each month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-2211

**Downtown Wine Walk**

Carson City  
First Sat. of each month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-883-2211

**Duel Nature**

Sierra St. & Island Avenue  
Thru Dec. 1  
blackrockarts.org  
415-626-1248

**Elaine Jason**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
Thru Aug. 22  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Even in Africa**

Robert Cinkel paintings  
National Automobile Museum  
Thru Jan. 5, 2012  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**First Thursday**

Nevada Museum of Art  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center**

Exhibits & films  
University of Nevada, Reno  
planetarium.unr.edu  
775-784-4812

**Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition**

Elko  
Western Folklife Center  
Thru July 24  
westernfolklife.org  
775-778-9695

**Fossil Shelter Tour**

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park  
Daily  
parks.nv.gov  
775-964-2440

**Frances Humphrey Lecture Series**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Once a month  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**"Get Hypnotized!"**

Pioneer Underground  
Fri. & Sat.  
renohypnotist.com  
775-324-7474

**Ghost Walking Tour**

Carson City  
Firkin & Fox (starts)  
Last Sat. of each month  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-687-7410

**Guided Tours**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thurs., Sat., & Sun.  
\*Spanish-language tours by appt.  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Hidden Cave Tours**

Fallon  
Churchill County Museum (starts)  
Second & fourth Sat.  
ccmuseum.org  
775-423-3677

**Historical Lecture**

Gardnerville  
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center  
Second Thurs. of each month  
historicnevada.org  
775-782-2555

**The Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Collection**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Nov. 14  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**Imperial Acrobats of China**

Circus Circus  
Dark Wed.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

★ ONGOING *continued*

**The Improv at Harveys**

Stateline  
Harveys  
Dark Mon. & Tues.  
harveystahoe.com  
775-586-6266

**Interwoven 2010: Visions of the Great Basin Basketmakers**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
Wed.-Sat., thru July 24  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Johnson-Jeffries Fight: A Centennial Exhibition**

Nevada Historical Society  
Wed.-Sat., thru July 30  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**JR Johns**

Pet show  
Circus Circus  
Dark Tues. & Thurs.  
circusreno.com  
800-648-5010

**Karaoke Idol**

Club Cal Neva  
Fri.  
clubcalneva.com  
877-777-7303

**KJZS 92.1 FM Live Jazz Night**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
Wed.  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

**Lahontan Valley Fine Arts Invitational**

Fallon  
Oats Park Art Center  
Thru Aug. 22  
churchillarts.org  
775-423-1440

**Lake Tahoe Music Festival**

North Lake Tahoe  
Opening Night, July 15  
America, July 22  
Simply Sinatra, July 29  
Wynonna, July 31  
Natalie Cole, Aug. 5  
Michael McDonald,  
Aug. 7

tahoemusic.org  
530-583-3101

**Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival**

Sand Harbor  
July 9-Aug. 22  
laketahoeshakespeare.com  
800-74-SHOWS

**Lehman Caves Tours**

Great Basin National Park  
Daily  
nps.gov/grba  
775-234-7331

**The Lingo of Our Calling**

Fernley  
Fernley Civic Center  
Thru July 23  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-784-9800

**Live Band Karaoke**

Eldorado  
Mon.  
eldoradoreno.com  
775-786-5700

**The Motoring Tourist: National Parks Adventure**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru Oct. 11  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Mountaintop Stargazing**

Squaw Valley USA  
Fri. & Sat.  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Nathan Owens Motown After Dark**

Stateline  
Harrah's  
July 18-20, 23-27, 30-31  
Aug. 1-3  
southshoreroom.com  
800-HARRAHS

**Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides**

Ely  
Daily (dark Aug. 24 & 31)  
\*Call for specialty rides  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

**(24-25) Ely Open 2-Man Best Ball**

Ely  
White Pine Golf Course  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-4095

**(24-25) High Country Pick Out—Old-Time Country & Bluegrass Acoustic Music**

Ely  
Ward Mountain Campground  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-4823

**(24-25) Regional Paintball League Regionals**

Reno Indoor Paintball  
renoindoorpaintball.com  
775-342-5477

**(24-25) Wa She Shu It Deh Native American Festival**

South Lake Tahoe  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**(24-25) Youth Rodeo**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-5816

**25 SUNDAY**

**Elton John**

Stateline  
Harveys  
apeconcerts.com  
775-586-6541

**Moonlight Kayak Tour**

Lake Tahoe  
kayaktahoe.com  
530-544-2011

**Toad The Wet Sprocket**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

**26**

**(26-30) Improvisation & Theatre Camp**

Our Lady of the Snows  
kidscapeproductions.com  
775-787-3900

**(26-30) The Three Artists Art Exhibit**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Grand Hall  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

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**Young Shakespeare & Anne Roos**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**29**

**HED P.E.—Strange Noize Tour 2010**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

**Joni Morris & "Legendary Ladies of Country Music"**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**(29-31)**

**Wanderlust Festival**

Squaw Valley USA  
wanderlustfestival.com  
888-512-SHOW

**30**

**ARTown Presents Diavolo**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**Bret Michaels**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**The Genie**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**Mumbo Gumbo**

Minden  
Minden Park  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

**Women's Voices from the Overland Trail**

Chautauqua presentation  
Genoa

Mormon Station  
State Historic Park  
parks.nv.gov/ms.htm  
775-782-2590

**(30-31)**

**Camarillo Classic Barrel Racing**

Livestock Events Center  
sharoncamarillo.com  
530-895-1852

**(30-31)**

**Fifties Fever**

Winnemucca  
winnemucca.com  
800-962-2638

**(30-31)**

**Hot August Nights South Lake Tahoe Experience**

South Lake Tahoe  
hotaugustnights.net  
775-356-1956

**(30-31)**

**Rosie Flores**

Virginia City  
Red Dog Saloon  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-7474

**(30-31)**

**Silver Dollar Car Classic**

Carson City  
westernpacificevents.com  
800-NEVADA-1

**(30-31)**

**South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic**

South Lake Tahoe  
Tahoe Key Marina & Yacht Club  
tahoe woodenboats.com

**(30-Aug. 1)**

**Nevada Trophy 2010**

Navigational off-road adventure  
Northwest Nevada  
offroadexperience.com  
925-606-8301

**31 SATURDAY**

**Art Wine Walk**

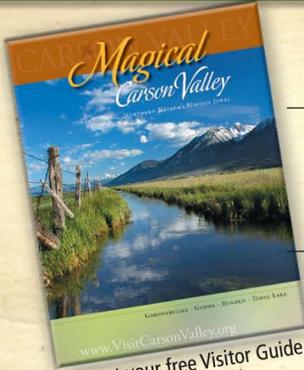
Ely  
Renaissance Village  
elyrenaissance.com

**Clay Aiken & Reuben Studdard**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733



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**JULY**

- 4 Pops in the Park, Genoa
- 9 Summer Concert Series, Minden Park
- 13 31st Anniversary Reception, East Fork Gallery
- 17 Blankets, Burgers & Brews, Heritage Park

**AUGUST**

- 1 Taste of the Towns, Carson Valley Museum
- 14 Old Time Music Festival, Genoa
- 21 Antique Tractor Show, Gardnerville
- 20-21 Valley Cruisers Main Street Event, Lampe Park

**SEPTEMBER**

- 11 Green Living Festival, Lampe Park
- 11 26th Carson Valley Street Celebration, Minden
- 25 90th Genoa Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire

**OCTOBER**

- Weekends** Harvest Festival, Corley Ranch
- 21-24 Ghostly Events in Minden, Gardnerville and Genoa
- 29 Historic Clothing Exhibit, Dangberg Ranch

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**National Basque Festival**  
July 2-4, 2010



**Silver State Stampede**  
July 8-10, 2010



**Elko County Fair & Horseracing**  
August 27-September 6, 2010



**ELKO CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY**  
700 MOREN WAY • ELKO, NEVADA  
(800) 248-3556

For additional information on Elko area events visit:

[www.ExploreElko.com](http://www.ExploreElko.com)

**Community Drum Circle**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Jo Dee Messina**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Oasis Stampede & Country Fair**

Fallon  
oasisstampede.com  
775-423-0525

**Pyramid Lake Triathlon**

Pyramid Lake  
pyramidlake.us  
775-852-5954

**Scheels Paddle, Pedal, Patter Kids' Triathlon**

Sparks  
Sparks Marina Park  
cityofsparks.us  
775-353-2385

**Sharon Gay— Author Reception & Book Signing**

Tahoe City  
Tahoe Tree Nursery  
530-583-3911

**Village at Northstar Wine Walk**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-466-6784

**24-Hour Adventure Race**

Lake Tahoe  
bigblueadventure.com  
530-546-1019

AUGUST

**1 SUNDAY**

**Camarillo Classic Barrel Racing**

Livestock Events Center  
sharoncamarillo.com  
530-895-1852

**Fifties Fever**

Winnemucca  
winnemucca.com  
800-962-2638

**Hot August Nights South Lake Tahoe Experience**

South Lake Tahoe  
hotaugustnights.net  
775-356-1956

**Oasis Stampede & Country Fair**

Fallon  
oasisstampede.com  
775-423-0525

**Silver Dollar Car Classic**

Carson City  
westernpacificevents.com  
800-NEVADA-1

**Taste of the Towns**

Gardnerville  
Carson Valley Museum  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

**Wanderlust Festival**

Squaw Valley USA  
wanderlustfestival.com  
888-512-SHOW

(1-4)

**The Grizzly Golf Outing**

Carson Valley  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

(1-8)

**Hot August Nights**  
Reno & Sparks  
hotaugustnights.net  
775-356-1956

**2**

(2-6)

**Improvational Acting Camp #2**

The River School  
kidscapeproductions.com  
775-787-3900

**3**

**Tahoe Comedy North**

Crystal Bay  
Crystal Bay Casino  
crystalbaycasino.com  
775-833-6333

**4**

**Michael Franti & Spearhead**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

**New World Jazz Project**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

(4-8)

**American Traveling Shows Carnival**

Fernley  
Out of Town Park  
fernleychamber.org  
775-575-4459

(4-8)

**Boomtown History Conference**

Ely  
Bristlecone Convention Center  
boomtownhistoryconferences.com  
775-482-4611

**5**

**Dropkick Murphys**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Grand Hall  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**6**

**Giletti Brothers Western Music**

Eureka  
Eureka Opera House  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-6006

**The O'Jays**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Open Mic Night**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Stevie Nicks**

Stateline  
Harveys  
apeconcerts.com  
775-586-6541

(6-8)

**Astronomy Festival**

Great Basin National Park  
nps.gov/grba  
775-234-7331

**7 SATURDAY**

**AVFD Kingston Picnic**

Austin  
austinnevada.com  
775-964-2120

**Dayton Chamber Golf Tournament**

Dayton  
Dayton Valley Golf & Country Club  
daytonnvchamber.org  
775-246-7909

**Dick Fox's Golden Boys**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Friends of the NRA Banquet**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-397-5308

**Kung-Fu Sophie**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Large Bills Excepted**

Virginia City  
Red Dog Saloon  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-7474

**Michael Powers**

Minden  
Tahoe Ridge Winery  
tahoeridge.com  
775-783-1566

**Pat Benatar**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

(7-8)

**Arts in the Park**

Ely  
White Pine County Park  
elynevada.net  
775-289-8877

(7-8)

**Comstock Music Festival**

Virginia City  
The Tahoe House  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-5264

(7-8)

**Perdiz Fun Shoot**

Eureka  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-7027

**8 SUNDAY**

**Billy Idol**

Grand Sierra  
grandsierraresort.com  
800-648-3568

(8-14)

**OCTA Convention**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-5668

**9**

**Reverend Horton Heat**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

(9-13)

**Scene Study Acting Camp**

Reno High School  
kidscapeproductions.com  
775-353-5780

**10**

**Mile High Jazz Band**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**11**

(11-15)

**Thin Air**

**Distance Festival**  
Four-day running event  
South Lake Tahoe  
thinairdistancefestival.com

**12**

**Durga**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

(12-14)

**The Oak Ridge Boys**

Sparks  
John Ascuaga's Nugget  
janugget.com  
800-648-1177

(12-15)

**Perseids Meteor Shower Campout**

Black Rock Desert  
blackrockdesert.org  
775-557-2900

**13**

**ZZ Top**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

(13-14)

**White Pine Rodder's Car Show**

Ely  
White Pine County Park  
elynevada.net  
775-289-8877

(13-15)

**Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival**

Washoe Valley  
Bowers Mansion  
Regional Park  
bowersbluegrass  
festival.org

(13-15)

**Eureka County Fair & Rodeo**

Eureka  
eurekanv.org  
775-237-6026

(13-15)

**Jarbidge Days**

Jarbidge  
jarbidge.org  
775-755-2132

**14**

**SATURDAY**

**Caterpillar's Hookah Lounge Summer Music Festival**

Carson City  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Huey Lewis & The News**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Maintaining the Garden**

Moana Nursery  
moananursery.com  
775-825-0602 x.130

**Old-Time Music Festival**

Genoa  
genoanevada.org  
775-782-8696

**Overland Hotel's Chili Cook-Off**

Fallon  
fallontourism.com  
775-423-2719

**POW\*MIA 4th Anniversary**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-0416

**Reno Gay Pride**

Wingfield Park  
renogaypride.com  
877-344-RENO

(14-15)

**Brews, Jazz, & Funk Fest**

Squaw Valley USA  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

(14-15)

**Railfest**

Virginia City  
visitvirginiacitynv.com  
775-847-4386

**15**

**SUNDAY**

**Gatsby Tea Party**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Grand Hall/  
Grand Lawn  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

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**Bare Bones Open Mic**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**18**

**Russel Ketenjian**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

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**Men of Worth**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahoe.com  
530-541-4975

**Uncorked & On Tap**

Bonanza  
bonanzacasino.com  
775-323-2724 x.148

**20**

**Cattlemen's BBQ**

Ely  
White Pine County  
Fairgrounds  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-8877

**Cyndi Lauper**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Michael Bolton**

Reno-Sparks  
Convention Center  
atlantiscasino.com  
888-551-7007

**World Dance Open Floor Night**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

(20-21)

**Reno Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering**

Bartley Ranch  
Regional Park  
Renocowboypoetry.org  
775-354-6093

(20-21)

**Sho'n'Shine Car Show**

Carlin  
cityofcarlin.com  
775-754-6354

(20-21)

**Valley Cruisers Main Street Event**

Gardnerville  
Lampe Park  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

(20-22)

**Ruby Mountain Chamber Music Festival**

Elko  
exploreelko.com  
775-738-2823

(20-22)

**Western States Wild Horse & Burro Expo**

Livestock Events Center  
wildhorseandburroexpo.com  
775-853-4182

**21**

**SATURDAY**

**Aesop Rock**

Knitting Factory  
re.knittingfactory.com  
775-323-5648

**Antique Tractor Show**

Gardnerville  
visitcarsonvalley.org  
800-727-7677

**★ ONGOING** continued

**New York to Paris Automobile Race**

Exhibit Featuring  
1907 Thomas Flyer  
National Automobile  
Museum  
Thru Jan. 5, 2012  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**Open Mic Night**

Java Jungle  
Mon.  
javajunglevino.com  
775-329-4484

**Out For Summer**

The Holland Project  
June 21-July 30  
hollandreno.org  
775-742-1848

**Outdoor Movie Night**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
Fri. & Sat.  
northstarattahoe.com  
800-466-6784

**Rattlesnake Raceway**

Fallon  
July 4, 17, 31  
Aug. 14, 28  
rattlesnakeraceway.net  
775-427-9120

**Reggae Nights**

Grand Sierra  
Wed.  
grandsierraresort.com  
775-789-2000

**Reno: Biggest Little City in the World**

Nevada Historical  
Society  
Permanent exhibit  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-8323

**Reno Aces**

Triple-A baseball  
Aces Ballpark  
(home dates only)  
July 4-7, 15-18, 23-30  
Aug. 4-11, 21-24, 30-31  
renoaces.com  
775-334-7000

**Reno Beer Crawl**

Fourth Sat. of each month  
renobeercrawl.com  
775-996-1811

**Riverwalk District Art Walk**

First Thurs. of  
each month

renoriver.org  
775-825-9255

**Riverwalk District Wine Walk**

Third Sat. of  
each month  
renoriver.org  
775-825-9255

**Rockin' Out Art Show**

Benefits Nevada Rock  
Art Foundation  
Artists Co-op Gallery  
July 1-31  
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com  
775-322-8896

**Rockin' Friday Night Pool Party**

Sands Regency  
July 9, 16, 23, 30  
sandsregency.com  
866-386-7829

**Running Club**

Sparks  
Scheels  
Thurs.  
scheels.com/  
renosparksevents  
775-352-3664

**Saturday Night Campfire Programs**

Wild Horse State  
Recreation Area  
Wild Horse  
Amphitheater  
Thru Sept. 4  
parks.nv.gov  
775-758-6493

**"Shake, Rattle, & Roll"**

Eldorado  
Dark Mon., thru Aug. 8  
eldoradorenv.com  
800-648-5966

**Silver Dollar Cruise Night**

Carson City  
Thurs.  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-687-7410

**Slot Machines: The Fey Collection**

Carson City  
Nevada State Museum  
nevadaculture.org  
775-687-4810 x.237

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**Steakhouse Wine Tastings**

Harrah's Reno  
Last Tues. of each month  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2929

**Stop the Car, Dad!**

Virginia City  
St. Mary's Art Center  
Thru July 23  
nac.nevadaculture.org  
775-847-7774

**Summer Movie Series in the Village**

Squaw Valley USA  
Thurs.  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Sunset Hikes From High Camp**

Squaw Valley USA  
Fri. & Sat.  
squaw.com  
530-583-6955

**Tahoe Star Tours**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
July 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 30  
Aug. 1, 13-14  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

**Third Thursdays**

Carson City  
Brewery Arts Center  
breweryarts.org  
775-883-1976

**Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walks**

Gardnerville  
Main Street District  
Thru Sept.  
mainstreetgardnerville.org  
775-782-8027

**Thunderbird's Winemaker's Dinner Series**

Incline Village  
Thunderbird Lodge  
Third Sun. of every month, thru Oct.  
thunderbirdlodge.org  
775-832-8752

**Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing**

Fallon  
July 9-10  
Aug. 13-14  
topgunraceway.com  
775-423-0223

**View From a Window**

Artists Co-Op Gallery  
Aug. 1-31  
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com  
775-673-6278

**Views From China: Yang Yongliang & The Modern Metropolis**

Nevada Museum of Art  
Thru Sept. 12  
nevadaart.org  
775-329-3333

**VSA Nevada Kid's Summer Art Camps**

Lake Mansion  
June 15-Aug. 24  
vsanevada.org  
775-826-6100

**Weekly Wine Tasting**

Java Jungle  
Wed.  
javajunglevino.com  
775-329-4484

**The Whole Kit & Kaboodle**

Lake Mansion  
Mon.-Fri., thru July 31  
Reception, July 17  
lakemansion.com  
775-826-6100

**Will James—Museum Collection**

Elko  
Northeastern Nevada Museum  
Thru Dec. 8  
museumelko.com  
775-738-3418

**WWI Gets Motorized**

National Automobile Museum  
Thru Oct. 11  
automuseum.org  
775-333-9300

**"X Burlesque"**

Harrah's Reno  
Dark Mon. & Tues., thru Aug. 1  
harrahreno.com  
775-788-2900

**XC Mountain Bike Races**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
Thurs.  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

**Basque Summer Picnic**

Battle Mountain  
battlemountaintourism.com  
775-635-1112

**Capriola's Ranch Rodeo**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-738-5816

**Firemen's Picnic**

Eureka  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-7027

**Jazz Festival**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Lions Club Fly-In**

Austin  
austinnevada.com  
775-964-2200

**"Out of Africa"**

Animal Ark  
animalark.org  
1-775-970-3431

**Summer Concert in the Park**

Fallon  
Oats Park  
fallontourism.com  
866-432-5566

**Ted Nugent**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**(21-22)**

**Backcountry Camp**

Tahoe Rim Trail  
tahoerimtrail.org  
775-298-0232

**(21-22)**

**Ta-Hoe Nalu Stand-Up Festival**

Paddleboard racing  
Kings Beach  
gotahoenorth.com  
877-949-3296

**(21-22)**

**White Pine Horse Races & County Fair**

Ely  
whitepinechamber.com  
775-289-8877

22 SUNDAY

**Battle of the Boggers**

Battle Mountain

Motocross Track  
hmra.org  
775-835-1112

**Gordy Ohlinger—"The Banjo-ologist"**

South Lake Tahoe  
Valhalla Boathouse  
valhallatahое.com  
530-541-4975

**ZZ Top**

Jackpot  
Cactus Petes  
ameristar.com  
800-432-0051

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**Moonlight Kayak Tour**

Lake Tahoe  
kayaktahое.com  
530-544-2011

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(25-29)

**Nevada Territory**

**Wild West Fair**  
Livestock Event Center  
wildwestfair.com  
775-636-2265

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**Big Bad Wolf**

Minden  
Minden Park  
cvinn.com  
775-782-9711

**NQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
775-752-3930

**38 Special**

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Peppermill Concert Hall  
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800-537-0207

**(27-28)**

**Nevada State Museum Coin Show**

Carson City  
visitcarsoncity.com  
775-687-4810 x.237

**(27-Sept. 4)**

**Railroad Reality Camp For Adults**

Ely  
Nevada Northern Railway  
nnry.com  
866-407-8326

**(27-Sept. 6)**

**Elko County Fair & Horseracing**

Elko  
exploreeelko.com  
800-248-3556

28 SATURDAY

**Clint Black**

West Wendover  
Peppermill Concert Hall  
wendoverfun.com  
800-537-0207

**Community Drum Circle**

Carson City  
Comma Coffee  
commacoffee.com  
775-883-2662

**Cyndi Lauper**

Silver Legacy  
silverlegacyreno.com  
800-687-8733

**Lake In The Sky Air Show**

South Lake Tahoe  
Lake Tahoe Airport  
lakeintheskyairshow.com  
530-541-0480

**Rural Rumble '10**

Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts  
Fallon  
fallontourism.com  
866-432-5566

**Village at Northstar Wine Walk**

Northstar-at-Tahoe  
northstaratahое.com  
800-466-6784

**XTERRA Lake Tahoe & Big Blue Trail Run 10K/5K**

Incline Village  
bigblueadventure.com  
530-546-1019

29 SUNDAY

**Dove Hunter's Warm Up at Perdiz Sport Shoot**

Eureka  
eurekacounty.com  
775-237-7027

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Black Rock Desert  
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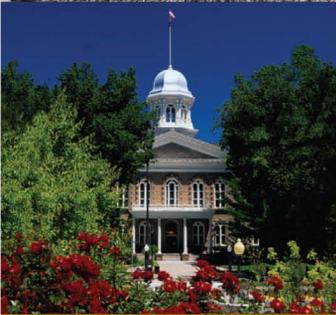
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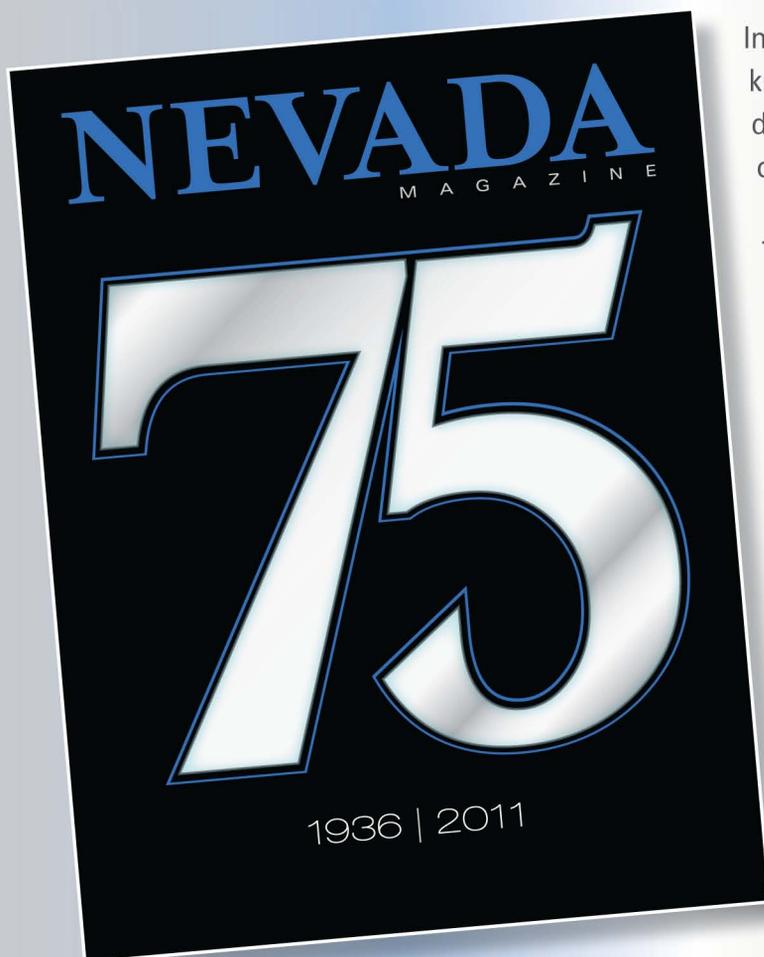
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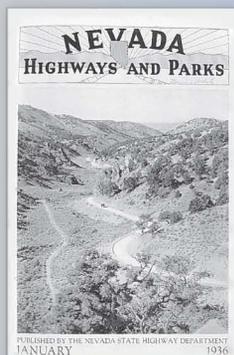


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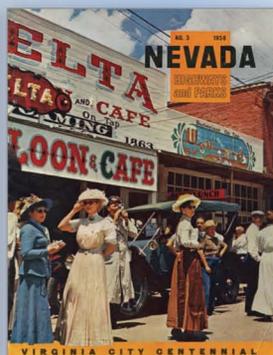
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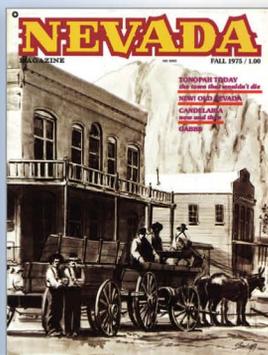
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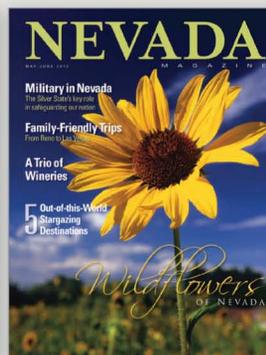
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