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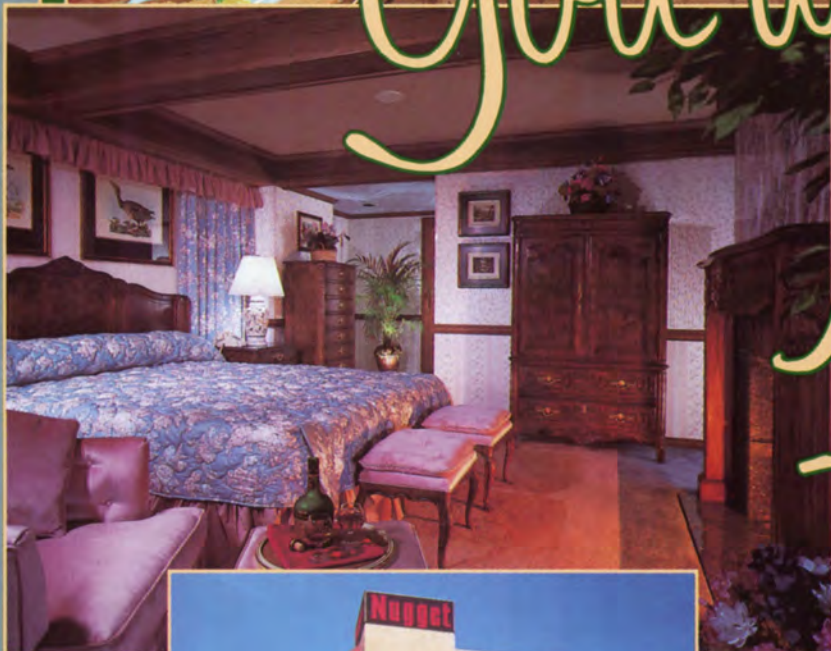
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Up Front

Big Meadows & The Study Club

Last May I was invited to Lovelock by Aloys Smith to speak to the ladies of the Lovelock Study Club. Founded in 1928, this exclusive group with 16 members maximum, gets together once a month to discuss a wide variety of topics. Their programs have included politics, geography, biography, animals, art, and music.

You may know that Lovelock, or Big Meadows as it was called before 1868, is a small hamlet in the middle of nowhere with a population declining from 1,680. However, because of the club, members probably know more about the world than many of the people in San Francisco or New York, some without ever having crossed Nevada's borders.

I talked about Nevada and publishing—what else is there?—and afterwards shared refreshments with the ladies. It was during coffee that I visited with proud women whose families have been in town for generations, some of whom were descendants of the first settlers who had heading for California in the 1860s but who decided, instead, to stay in Big Meadows.

We talked about Lovelock.

I remembered the first time I visited the town in 1975, when I talked to the Brinkerhoffs, who have been ranching and raising alfalfa seed in the valley since 1948. I have met with Dick MacDougal, whose family owns MacDougal Livestock and, since 1965, a controlling interest in Ne-

vada Nile Inc., an enormous feedlot operation that has been in business in Pershing County for many decades. It's an unusual company because the owners of Nevada Nile have helped their employees start and run their own feed manufacturing company, called Nevada Supplement.

I have spent many hours with Ruth Sullivan, who was born in Austin but brought up eight children in Lovelock, teaching piano and leading a dance band that entertained all over Nevada. Ruth graduated from Pershing High School in 1914 and is one of the founding members of the Pershing High School Alumni Association that began in 1916. Because of Ruth and a few friends, hundreds of PHS graduates meet each June for The Grand Ball, which, she says with a sigh, she wouldn't miss but today is more like a hop.

I have visited the Marzen House, the newly-opened museum which has a growing collection of nostalgic and rare pieces from the hearts and homes of townspeople. I have spent time with Lord and Lady Leighton out at Seven Troughs, sitting in the shade and listening to Harry play the contrabass tuba—the same instrument he played for the Salvation Army Band many years ago. I have admired Lulu's porcelain figurines and fancy plates that she has made with Harry's help and the use of a generator and a home-made kiln.

Talk to a Lovelock resident and he or she will brag politely that their town has a multitude of recreational attractions: good trout, walleye, and catfish in the Humboldt River; terrific pheasant and duck hunting in Lovelock Valley; extraordinary rockhounding in the Seven Troughs Range; camping and backpacking in the canyons below Star Peak.

They will tell you there are campsites and motels right in town with easy access to the river and surrounding mountains, and that it's only 22 miles to Rye Patch Reservoir, which offers 11,000 acres of water for boating, fishing, and water-skiing. And they won't let you forget the ghost towns nearby. Within an hour of town, and with a vehicle that can take rough roads, you can visit Rochester, Kyle's Hot Springs, Unionville (where Mark Twain prospected unsuccessfully for a while), Humboldt City, Seven

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Pershing County's round courthouse was built in 1920 after Lovelock citizens grew tired of 144-mile round trips to the seat in Winnemucca and seceded from Humboldt County. The courthouse is one of Lovelock's most unusual and historical attractions.

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Letters

Changes to the Gulf of Mexico

Cataclysm Ignored

In the May/June '85 issue of *Nevada* you have the Colorado River flowing to the Gulf of Mexico instead of the Gulf of California (pages 4 & 58). Why were we not informed of this cataclysmic event? Better yet, have you notified Texas and Mexico? As we are planning a summer vacation in Ely and vicinity this summer, we request that you leave that area in Nevada until at least September.

Bob Johnston
Ventura, CA.

Johnston, you're right. We'll send our cartographers back to geography school!—Ed.

Search for Goldwater

Please research carefully these facts: (1) Considerable damage was done last year to properties below Boulder Dam (I do not admire former President Hoover); (2) High water from snow melt in the Sierra and Rockies occurs in May, June, July, and sometimes August; (3) Federal bureau which determines the time and amount of water release from Lake Mead meets in Washington, D.C., in September. The wisdom and control of No.3 resulted in No.1 and No.2 and Mother Nature. It can happen again. Where are you, Barry Goldwater?

Mrs. J. L. Carter
Industry, CA.

The May/June '85 issue featuring Hoover Dam's 50th anniversary is golden. I think the legislature and, in fact, every Nevada resident, should give a dam about your superb magazine.

Seth Moseley
Canaan, CT

Moseley, the 1985 session of the Nevada Legislature was almost "golden" for us, too. And we have a lot of support, both in and out of state, otherwise there would be no Nevada Magazine. Thanks for caring.—Ed.

Having been born in Beowawe and graduated from UNR in 1924, and since traveled and lived in many parts of the U.S., the *Nevada Magazine* keeps me well-informed of the changes. I congratulate you on your summary of Nevada's wonders in "Up Front" (Nov/Dec. '84). I am a longtime subscriber and you have covered the state's features very well, except for one feature I cannot forget! Have you ever traveled

over an eastern 25-mile Nevada flat of sage and greasewood on a late summer afternoon after a rain shower and smelled the fragrant aroma which pervades? If not, try it. It is a nostalgic experience I can never forget.

George F. Duborg
Charlottesville, VA.

Neither can I.—Ed.

A Real Nevadan

Ran into this ol' boy up on the Owyhee Desert. He was a buckaroo for some outfit



out of southeastern Oregon. His name is Chuck Felton. Lost his teeth to one too many saddle bronc rides.

George Machado
Fallon, NV

The March/April '85 issue is terrific! Nevada is my favorite state, and the more ghost towns, cowboys, history, parks and rural travel you feature the better I like both the state and the magazine.

Ray Schneider
Corte Madera, CA.

Applause for Advertiser

Fell in love with the Silver State back in WWII, stationed in Tonopah. Now renewing that affair through your splendid magazine. Tonopah's ad on page 88 about "Jim Butler Days," excellent format, makes me want to hurry back.

Bob Linden
Landsdale, PA.

Hawthorne Forever

I am quite impressed with your article entitled "Hawthorne on the March" by
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Summer on the Water

In Nevada, you'll find endless watery delights.

Nevada is big, awesome desert country. Fiery winds blow over vast stretches of barren land whose alkaline sinks are so thirsty they gulp down streams. Residents are bighorn sheep, mountain lion, antelope, chukar, quail, and grouse. Visitors bear arms in fall because it's great hunting territory.

But Nevada is also big, awesome water country

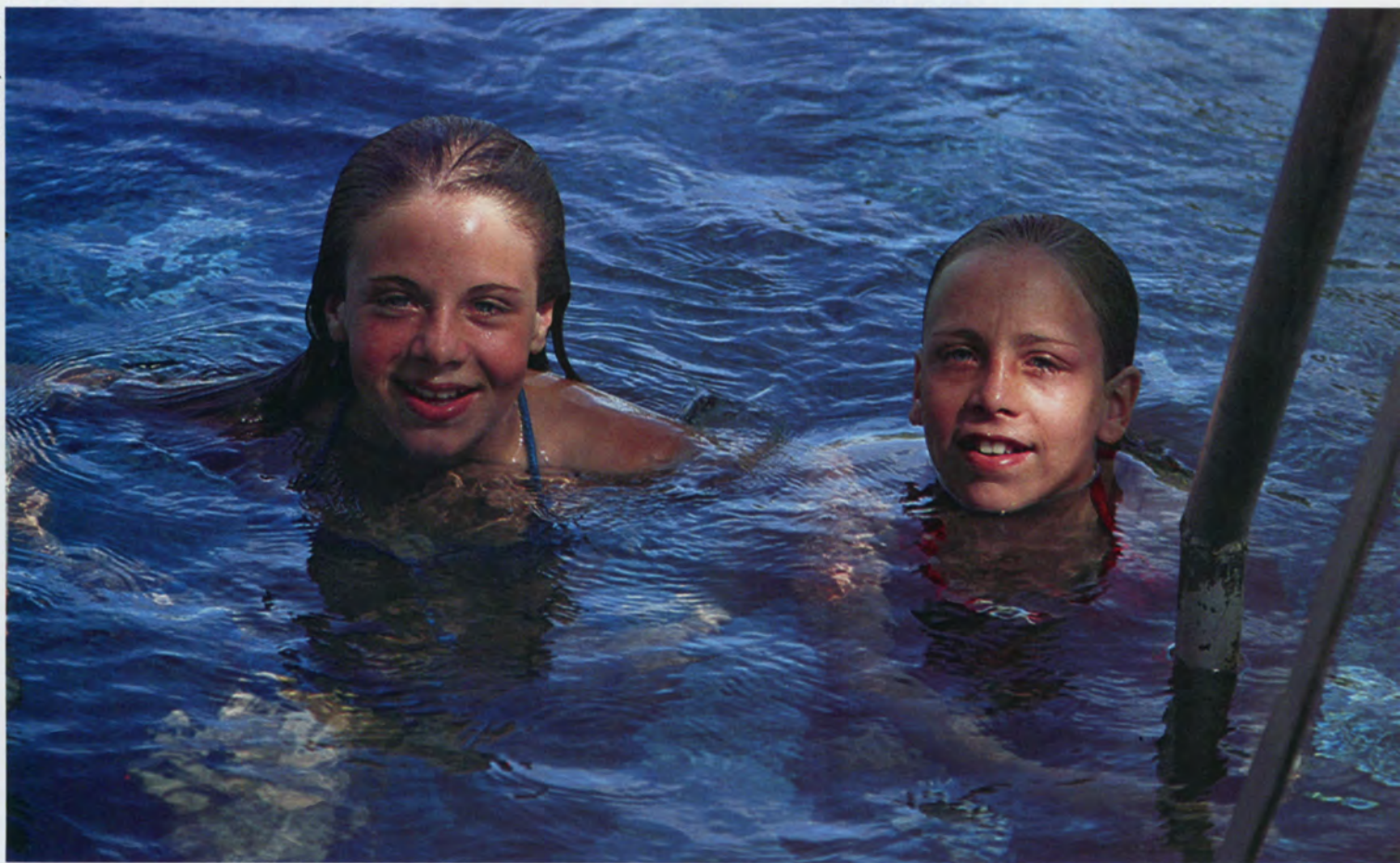
Large and small lakes—such as Mead or Tahoe or Snow Water—as well as large and small rivers—such as the Humboldt or Colorado or Little Owyhee—abound. Residents there are tasty fish and cool currents. Visitors bear swimwear, rubber rafts, inner tubes, scuba-diving gear, sailboards, skis, fishing rods, and boats because these lakes and streams make this sagebrush state great water-fun territory.

Here are ways for you to get in on that aquatic divertissement and enjoy an endless summer of adventure, lazy relaxation, and watery entertainment.—JM



WET 'N WILD

From little squirts playing at elaborate Las Vegas spraylands to damsels dunking in a remote desert pool, Nevada is flooded with fun-quenching waters for every taste.



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Mead & Mohave

By Kate Butler

Rise Early for Skiing: Five o'clock water-skiers find glass-like water for dicing and smooth, beautiful gliding at Lake Mead. Easily accessible areas, such as the Hemenway Wall and Swallow Bay, have little boat traffic in early morning and thus are free of the chop that develops later from wakes and winds. If you need to rent a boat and skis, check with marinas or local boat shops.

Houseboat Holidays: For the ultimate in cruising, gather a group for a houseboat vacation. Rentals are available for weekend, mid-week, and seven-day trips out of Callville Bay, Echo Bay, Lake Mead, and Temple Bar marinas on Mead and Cottonwood Cove and Katherine's Landing on Mohave. Trip packages for groups of up to 12 people range from \$300 to \$1,500, depending on boat size, season, and the length of your trip. For information, call Play Mate Resort Marinas at 800-752-9669 toll-free in Nevada, California, Arizona, and Oregon or 213-691-2235 collect elsewhere. Also call Forever Resorts at 800-

255-5561 toll-free from Southern California or 702-293-1904.

It's a Breeze: Gusty Lake Mead has great windsurfing weather, and the weekend hangout for the sailboard crowd is the Special Events Beach at Hemenway Harbor. Sieg Wallin, a Las Vegas windsurfing ace and builder of high-tech boards, recommends locally-named Parson's Pipeline, between Callville Bay and Las Vegas Boat Harbor, for beginning windsurfers. To get there, after asking about road conditions, turn south off the Callville Bay road on dirt road No. 86 (two large



For water sportsters who like to hang on to things, Nevada's waters offer gripping experiences. On Lake Mead, a waterskier aims for the moon while sailboarders bend a breeze. Below left, a swinging swimmer performs the old rope trick at Ash Springs, a shady oasis near Alamo.

CAROLINE J. HADLEY



KATE BUTLER



dumpsters mark the turnoff). Rentals and lessons can be arranged through shops in Las Vegas and Boulder City.

If You Like Strange Names: Mystery fans might investigate Deadman's Island in Boulder Basin, Secret Cove in Danger Bay, or Gregg's Hideout east of Temple Bar. For nature lovers, there's Heron Point, Weasel Hole, Whale Rock, and Striper Bay. Religious types might enjoy Preacher Cove, God's Pocket, and Glory Hole. Start your adventuring with the

Lake Mead Cove Name Map published by the National Park Service and available at Mead's visitor center.

Squatter's Rights: If you have a motor home or camper, look into the informal shoreline sites like Poverty Point at Overton Beach, Saddle Cove, and the more remote Pearce's Ferry. Campers can park without fee in these undeveloped areas. It's a way of life where time is not scissored by phone calls, and private space needs no formal boundaries.

Take a Plunge: Invest in scuba lessons—there are four Las Vegas dive shops to assist you—during the no-wetsuit, warm summer months. While learning, you'll discover popular dive spots such as Wishing Well Cove and Bonelli Landing, learn to cook what you catch, and prepare for more advanced adventures like drift diving in Ringbolt Rapids below Hoover Dam.

Celebrate the Fourth: There's no better place to light up Independence Day than

Those who like to sit back and relax aren't all in the same boat. At Lake Tahoe, the M.S. Dixie and other cruisers offer serene social excursions, while some captains prefer the lone command of an inflatable yacht. People taking the plunge on Wet 'n Wild's giant waterslide on the Las Vegas Strip may look laid-back, but they're just poised en route to high-speed splashes.



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on Mead's coastline. Grebe's Bay near Napoleon's Tomb and Sandy Cove near Callville have good anchorage for fireworks displays. When the flares of fireworks have been exhausted, you may be treated to late-night streakings of falling stars.

Cruise the Dam: Ride with Lake Mead Yacht Tours to Hoover Dam. Departing four times daily from Lake Mead Marina, the tour takes a little over an hour. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults, \$4 for children under

12. You will see the dam from its backside and probably have a jet skier or two riding alongside to jump the boat wake. Remember to bring food to the marina for the carp and ducks that wait dockside by the hundreds to be fed. Kids, unlike adult fishermen, think carp are terrific.

Mead-Style Surfing: Some locals have developed a new sport—surfing motorboat wakes on a sailboard. Stable boards will hold two or three well-balanced surfers.

Fishing 'Round the Clock: Fishing is a 24-hour sport here, and marinas and tackle shops offer free advice for boat and shore fishermen. For the latter, Las Vegas Tom Rubidoux, who hails from a long line of anglers, recommends the Las Vegas Wash camping area and Lake Mead Marina dike as close-to-town spots with good potential. Popular residents of the lake are striped and largemouth bass.

Sail into the Sunset: Take an evening sail. Winds are usually warm and gentle at that

RICHARD BOWAN



Beachcombers can drink in a gallery of intriguing Nevada views. At left, the scene at Sand Harbor on Lake Tahoe's north shore is of blue water, green forests, and brown bodies. Below, sailors head slowly into a brilliant Lake Mead sunset, and an angler and apprentice cast dusky silhouettes on Big Springs Reservoir near the Oregon border.

EUGENE HERTZOG



LINDA DUFURRENA



time of day, and the sunsets are beautiful from the water. A few boat shops and area stores rent sailboats, with Hobie Cats running \$40 and up per day.

When the Sun Goes Down: Dine out on Lake Mohave at Katherine's Landing, where reflected lights dance on the water. Afterwards, drive over Davis Dam to Laughlin for an evening of music and gambling. You can also park on the Bullhead City side and cross the river on one of the small ferry boats, which, like the casinos, run all day and night.

Lake Tahoe

By James McKimmey

High Dives: Its great visibility makes Lake Tahoe a clear choice for recreational scuba diving. But if you're not a high-altitude specialty diver, do it where the water's relatively shallow. It's safer. Sand Harbor's a good bet, or Glenbrook, where there are relics such as old flumes and, it's rumored, a stage coach. For advice, phone

Bob West at the Outdoorsman in South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-1660.

Windy Days: Fine spots to pursue windsurfing on the north shore are Sunnyside Marina and the Landing at Kings Beach; both have rentals and lessons. On the south shore try Ski Run Marina and Regan Beach, also with rentals and lessons, as well as south of Pope Beach and north of Baldwin Beach. Don't, however, try to land between the beaches—it's illegal.

Sailing Really High: An exciting way to

enjoy the water is para-sailing over it. As a powerboat tows a parachute, the parachute lifts you high into the air for an unusual sky ride, view, and thrill. Check it out at Ski Run Boulevard.

Join the Jet Set: You liked riding in those little bumper cars at the amusement park when you were a kid? You shouldn't bump anybody, but you can dart and skitter about similarly on the water in a tiny skeeter boat. There are rentals at El Dorado Beach.

Where the Coins Are: What else can you do at one of the beaches besides lie on your back, dive into the water, play frisbie, or barbecue? You can search the sand with a metal detector and maybe net a coin profit. Monday morning on a popular beach, following a busy weekend, is your best shot.

Those Fish in the Window: For an intimate look at what's in the area's streams, drop by at the U.S. Forest Service Visitor Center on the south shore. Taylor Creek there has rainbow, German brown, and Lahontan cutthroat trout, and you see them in their natural habitat through underground windows reached by tunnels.

Stalking Crayfish: A unique Tahoe adventure is catching crayfish. There are millions of them. Buy a minnow trap at any sporting goods store. Put some canned pet food in it. Tie a line to it. Drop it anywhere there are pier posts or rocks. Secure the line to something. Leave the trap overnight. In the morning you may be surprised with a nice catch of these creatures that resemble tiny lobsters. A fishing license is required in California, but you don't need one in Nevada if you don't use fishing gear. Boil the crayfish five minutes on your barbecue grill, and savor the meat as an appetizer or add it to your salad.

Cruise the Lake: By taking a cruise, you get a whole new view of Tahoe. Two big sternwheelers, the *Tahoe Queen* and *M. S. Dixie*—which race one another every Memorial Day weekend at a mean 12 knots per hour—both visit Emerald Bay. They have glass bottoms, as does the *Woodwind*, a large sailing vessel. *Miss Tahoe's* cruises also take you to Emerald Bay. North Tahoe Cruises in Tahoe City serves Chambers Landing; there's a glass bottom there, too.

A Gambler's Full Boat: If you'd like a bit of gaming with your water pleasure, a special cruise out of the south shore's Tahoe Keys Marina works this way. At 9:30 in the morning, you get on the *Spirit of Tahoe Keys* and pay your \$15 fare. You then take a 90-minute voyage across the lake to the Hyatt

Where the buoys are

A boater's guide to services at Nevada lakes and marinas



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Echo Bay Resort	702-394-4000	free	314	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Temple Bar Marina	602-767-3211	free	76	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LAKE MOHAVE																				
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A popular rafting stretch on the Humboldt River runs eight miles south from Osino to the Fifth Street Bridge in downtown Elko.

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Kate Butler of Las Vegas is a windsurfer and scuba diver. James McKimmey of South Lake Tahoe enjoys fishing when he's not writing books. Tom Derungs of Reno likes to water-ski at Lahontan and Pyramid.

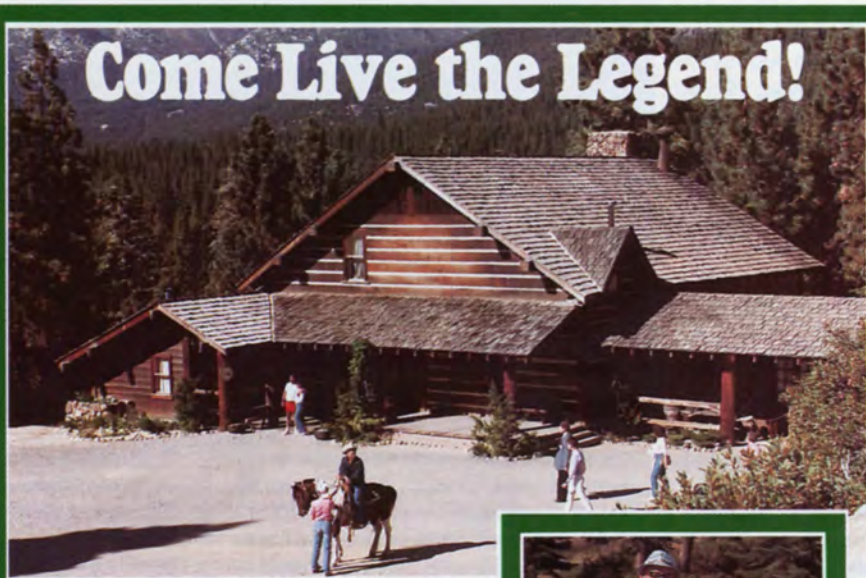
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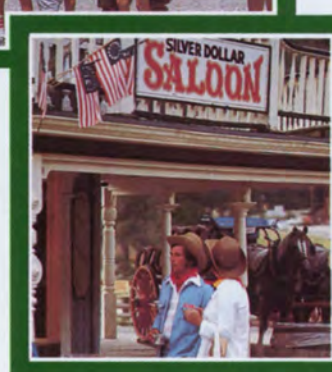
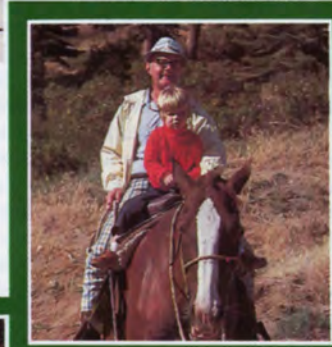
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Invisible Gold

Prospectors walked over it for years, but now microscopic gold is the biggest bonanza.

By Carolyn Dufurrena

More gold has been mined in Nevada during the last 23 years than was taken from Virginia City, Tonopah, Goldfield, and every other early-day boomtown combined. From 1859 through 1962, 27 million ounces of gold were dug from Nevada mines. Since 1962, more than 34 million ounces have been found, and a flock of companies have announced new discoveries at Pinson, Preble, Alligator Ridge, Relief Canyon, and other remote places around the state.

The reason for this new rush is invisible gold. That is, gold spread so finely through ore bodies that it cannot be seen by the naked eye. It is submicroscopic, its average size measured in microns.

In the old days, gold discoveries were made by lone prospectors relying on their eyes, luck, and a sixth sense. Denio's Lee Nelson, a retired miner, once said, "You can't make a musician out of a kid who doesn't love music, and you can't make a prospector out of somebody who doesn't love to be out

in the hills prospecting. You just have to have a nose."

Today's prospectors are called exploration geologists and mining engineers. Besides relying on a good nose, they use high-tech geologic sleuthing to uncover and exploit invisible-gold deposits.

One such gold-gumshoe is geologist John Livermore, who came to Nevada in 1949 to work for Standard Gold Mining. After working several years in the Eureka area for Newmont Exploration, he moved to Carlin. Newmont wanted him to find more gold. That he did in a big way, and he used more than just the old-timer's nose.

"It was mineral exploration that started with a geologic concept," Livermore said. He and his colleagues took a U.S. Geological Survey study and applied it to the fine art of prospecting. They compared the distribution of old gold mines in Northern Nevada to a trend of faulting mapped by a USGS team headed by geologist Ralph Roberts. The Roberts Mountain



LINDA DUFURRENA PHOTOS

Pinson Mine refiner Mike McDermott watches molten gold fill a crucible. The slag spills over the top, while the gold sinks to the bottom. The outfit pours a 75-pound bar (inset) about once a week—nearly 300 to date. The bars assay out at 98 percent gold and 2 percent silver.



Retired Denio prospector Lee Nelson moved ore the old way, by pushing heavy carts down rusty tracks. Today, 35-ton trucks haul ore to high-tech mills.

Thrust is a huge mass of black limestones and thin-bedded siltstones that has been pushed up in overlapping layers. The trend runs south 200 miles from the Idaho border to Nye County.

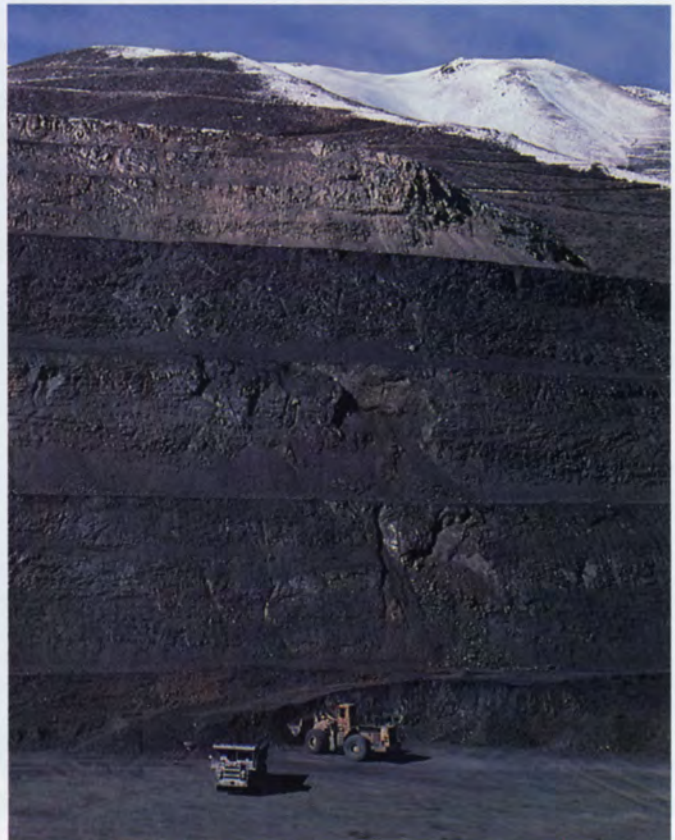
In the spring of 1961 Livermore and company started sampling. In late summer they struck pay dirt. The assay showed just .03 ounces of gold per ton, or about one part per million, but the geologists knew they were close to richer diggings. Ralph Roberts paid a visit and confirmed what the Nevada group suspected. Drilling began early in 1962, and they struck high-grade ore on the third hole. Geologist Bob Fulton turned Carlin into the largest invisible-gold mine in the world.

As news of the Carlin find leaked out, geologists began to trickle into the state to study this new mine. When the price of gold began to rise after 1972, they flooded in, streaming down the interstate in Blazers and Broncos with plates from Colorado, Wyoming, and Washington. New discov-

eries were made as other companies began to have success looking for this type of deposit. Freeport announced a discovery near Elko along the same trend as Carlin. Selco had Alligator Ridge, and FMC found a deposit near Gabbs.

Early in Carlin's development Livermore moved to Canada, but he returned to Reno as a private consultant in 1970 and with Reno geologist Peter Galli began to search for more microscopic gold. The two leased an old property on the Pinson Ranch northeast of Winnemucca. A small amount of high-grade ore had been mined there by a local family shortly after World War II. The property had lain idle since then, having been evaluated negatively by a couple of other companies.

Livermore and Galli, backed by a Canadian syndicate called Cordex I, drilled 17 holes in the Pinson property. They were ready to walk away when, on the 18th hole, they encountered a thick ore intercept. More drilling outlined an ore body of approximately 1.7 million tons grading .15 ounces per ton of



To make invisible gold appear, the Pinson Mine northeast of Winnemucca relies on science and power. Above left, a technician tests gold by melting it in a porcelain crucible in the assay lab. Within the mill, ball crushers turn rock into powder. At right, giant machines carve a profit from raw ore.

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gold. Unlike most other deposits of its kind, Pinson is almost all gold, carrying only about two percent silver. Also outlined were an additional 1.5 million tons of low-grade ore.

Developing the mine, designing the mill, and engineering the construction of the plant are a big part of the total profit picture. At Pinson, much of the low-grade ore is processed by heap leaching. Although the process has been used since the 1920s, it wasn't until the discovery of invisible-gold deposits that it became popular. Heap leaching is done by piling a flat mountain of low grade ore on a pad. This plateau is then crisscrossed with a lawn-type sprinkler system, except that when it's turned on, a cyanide solution sprays from the sprinkler heads. The cyanide absorbs the gold as it drains through the pile. The bottom of the pile is made of an impermeable substance like clay or asphalt, which funnels the gold-filled cyanide to collection areas.

Pinson's heap leaching process, and the finer in-mill techniques of carbon adsorption and steel-wool plating, are the technological magic wands that make invisible gold suddenly appear.

It took just 18 months for the Pinson Mining Company, formed by Cordex, to put its mine in production. Design of the plant began in the last months of 1979, mining in May 1980. The

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first gold bars were poured in February 1981. It cost \$18 million to put the raw deposit into full operation, but the whole thing paid itself out in just 18 months.

Pinson's chief chemist, Jack Simmons, said the mine still pours a 1,200-ounce bar about once a week. That's about 60,000 ounces a year, more than expected when the feasibility studies were done. "And we're drilling out a new ore body that's another million and a half tons," he said.

One day last spring Simmons, a big, red-bearded, thoughtful man, joined the white-suited refiner, Mike McDermott, as he was getting ready to pour a gold bar. McDermott grinned when Simmons accused him of being an *artiste*. "I like my job," said the refiner.

McDermott peered at the red-hot liquid that was melting in an open furnace. He was using a new toy, an optical pyrometer, that looks like a tiny telescope. It reads the temperature of the melting gold so McDermott can determine the best time to pour. "If you pour before it's ready, the bar will have a sag in the middle," he said. "The optimum temperature is 1,950 degrees Fahrenheit, give or take. That gives you a nice flat top surface." He poured. It took about 30 seconds.

"That's the sum total of 140 guys, many of whom work around the clock, for two weeks, seven days a week," said Simmons as the red-hot bar cooled in a tank of steaming water.

McDermott pulled the 75-pound gold bar out of the water bath and shook his head: "Got a hump in it." He explained, "When the melted gold gets a little too hot before it's poured, it gets a hump in it." He then smoothed off the rough edges and polished it with hydrochloric acid. "It's called dressing the bar," said Simmons. It looked like a loaf of bread, except this loaf was worth about \$360,000.

Even though the mine experts are pouring bars regularly, and the mill is paid for, mine manager Dan Harper frets over economics. Operating costs run about \$200 per ounce, and the profit

Gold is Where You Don't See It

The ingredients for Nevada's wealth of gold, both visible and invisible, began forming millions of years ago as the North American continent drifted westward. When the land mass hit the Pacific Ocean's floor, pieces of the earth's crust folded over each other in northeast-trending belts in what is now the Great Basin.

If you take a running jump at a piece of carpet and push it across the floor, you get the same effect—the rug's leading edge crumples up in folds. In our region's case, because rocks are less pliable than rugs, the folds broke and rode over each other. A great deal of fracturing accompanied that event, paving the way for the gold mineralization that was to come millions of years later, in the Tertiary Period about 20 to 40 million years ago.

Nevada is famous as a precious metals province thanks to the hydrothermal activity of that period. At the time Nevada was a bubbling, roaring mass of volcanic activity. Hot springs broke through in the valleys, and volcanic rock pushed to the surface in thick, viscous flows. The fluids were heated to boiling by underground chambers of molten rock that would become tomorrow's volcanic mountains. Those fluids were saturated with elements that sound like they came out of an alchemist's closet: antimony, arsenic, mercury, thallium, silver, and gold.

The steaming liquids rode along the fractures and faults. Sometimes the ore-bearing fluid stayed close to its conduit; those ores were to become true vein or fissure deposits. The gold was so concentrated that you could see it trapped tightly in veins along with milky-white quartz and brassy cubes of pyrite, other sulfides, and usually silver. These deposits became the Comstocks and Tonopahs of the future.

But the black limestones and siltstones of places like the Roberts Mountain Thrust area of Central Nevada held their secret a bit longer. Those rocks, shattered by the faulting that had taken place millions of years before, soaked up those bubbling rich fluids like a sponge. The carbon in the limestones reacted with the ore-bearing liquid, making it easier for the fluid to spread into the heart of the country rock.

Sometimes the solutions traveled so far that there was little trace of their path. No trace of gold to be seen, either—just a little reddish-brown iron oxide and the tremendous hardness that accompanied the silica flooding of the country rock.

The ore was so finely disseminated through the limestone—and altered it so little—that it was impossible to see the gold with the naked eye. Thus the ore lay undisturbed for years and years while prospectors walked over it, searching for the big bonanza.

margin depends on the price of gold. "We're well into our economic cushion right now," he said. "When the feasibility study was done, the price of gold used was \$500 per ounce. Of course, it may not seem worthwhile to take the stuff out of the ground at today's prices [about \$300], but you have to look at the costs of closing the place down. You will incur extra costs in losing your people and having your equipment remain idle." There are some mines already in trouble, he added. "If gold goes below \$275, well "

John Livermore is convinced that mines like Pinson and Carlin will survive, or at least the best ones will. "As long as you can maintain an average grade of .05 and don't waste money, you should be able to stay in business," he said. After all, no matter what kind of gold you work with, if the price is right, the economics won't be invisible for very long. □

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Rex was a smash at the box office in the '20s and '30s. In this scene from *The Man From Arizona*, he dispenses justice to a bad guy.

The Cowboy and the It Girl

When movie stars Rex Bell and Clara Bow left Hollywood for Nevada's greener pastures, the stage was set for a real life drama.

By Barbara Chulick

Rex Bell and Clara Bow—their names were magic to moviegoers of the 1920s and '30s. While Rex beat the tar out of the bad guys in raucous westerns, Clara charmed the nation in risqué comedies and dramas. Of the two, Clara especially intrigued the public. Columnists called her the "It Girl," and her image as a high-living vamp titillated fans in the Roaring Twenties; during the Depression, her saucy glamour was a tonic for the times.

Hollywood success, however, didn't completely satisfy the two stars. They met and fell in love during the filming of *True to the Navy* in 1930 and later rode off into the sunset to Rex's 350,000-acre ranch south of Las Vegas. For Clara, life at the ranch was a welcome escape from the intensity of celebrity life. For Rex, a horse-trader's son who entered films as a stunt rider, Nevada was a real-life stage where

cowboy heroes could ride tall in the saddle. And that he did, becoming a respected rancher, western-clothing store owner, Las Vegas business leader, and, for two terms, lieutenant governor of Nevada.

Today many Nevadans have vivid memories of Rex's genial personality and ever-present smile. He is still revered in small rural towns and in Las Vegas and Reno circles. Even his political rivals concede the state has produced few public figures with as much appeal as the independent, forthright movie star.

Because Clara forsook her film career and became increasingly reclusive, her Nevada connection has become less obvious as the years pass. However, to film buffs and historians, she remains one of the legends of the silver screen.

The story began in the early '20s. Clara, urged into silent films as a teenager by her father, was a star whose every move made

news. She was typically called a "Titian-haired beauty with Cupid bow lips," and her engagement and subsequent breakup with New York nightclub owner Harry Richman was page-one copy. In October 1930 she was caught in a gambling scandal. The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reported that Clara would drop huge sums of money at Northern Nevada gambling houses and then stop payment on her checks. No amount of sensationalized reporting, however, could have prepared her for what was to happen in 1931. That was the year her secretary, Daisy Devoe, was brought to trial for embezzling funds from the actress.

Devoe's trial turned into an attack on Clara when the ex-employee made vicious accusations about the film star's private life, drinking habits, and spending sprees. Although Devoe was convicted, Clara was devastated by the ordeal. The 24-year-old

star had a nervous breakdown, the result of what *Review-Journal* editor A.E. Cahlan called "the impossible lives of Hollywood stars."

Paramount Pictures canceled Clara's contract on June 9, 1931. Six days later the *Review-Journal* reported, "Clara Bow has become a blonde and is seeking health on the ranch of boyfriend Rex Bell." On June 21 the paper quoted her as saying, "I'm going to keep on riding horseback and roughing it and eating only fruits and vegetables until I'm completely better. I feel my health has improved a lot in the few days I've been out here. I'm going to return to Hollywood a brand-new Clara Bow." The story also related her plans to build a seven-room house on Rex's ranch and add a swimming pool, trapshooting range, and tennis court.

Clara was an accomplished horseback rider who liked to accompany Rex on his rounds of the ranch. The quiet of the McCullough Mountains must have provided a welcome respite from the flashbulbs of Hollywood. The Walking Box Ranch was about 60 miles south of Las Vegas, halfway between Searchlight and Nipton, California. There were wells, springs, dry lakes, and a variety of Nevada wildlife, from mountain sheep and deer to jackrabbits and roadrunners. Rex later added 12,000 head of cattle to the range.

Rex loved rodeos and sponsored what he billed as "an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration with horse races, rock-drilling, and baseball games" in Searchlight in 1931 with "Clara Bow as queen of the fete." It would be the first of several Fourth of July celebrations produced by Rex, who liked his holidays lively, patriotic, and western.

Late in 1931, as John Dillinger was shooting his way out of banks and construction began on Hoover Dam, the newspapers hinted that Rex and Clara had been married in Las Vegas, although there was no proof of the nuptials. On January 5, 1932, came the news that the judge who married them had kept his promise to Clara to file the marriage certificate a month after the couple's secret ceremony. Las Vegans Harley A. Harmon and R.R. McCubrey had signed the license as witnesses, and the cowboy actor had married Clara under his real name, George Francis Beldam. Clara never had taken a stage name.

Their first child, Rex Larbow Beldam, was born December 16, 1934, in Santa Monica, California. Clara was quoted as saying, "Back to the ranch he goes as soon as the old lady can pull herself together. He's going back to horses, clean air, and desert sunrises, and let me tell you, that's the best place to raise a youngster."

A second son, George, was born June



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Paramount Pictures capitalized on Clara's saucy image in the 1920s. Publicity photos like this risqué bedroom shot appeared in newspapers and magazines across the U.S.

14, 1937 also in Santa Monica. By then, Clara's film career was over. Although her last two films, *Call Her Savage* (1931) and *Hoopla* (1936), did well at the box office, she preferred life at the ranch.

Marge Sandequist, who still lives in Searchlight, remembers the Bells well. At the time Marge was married to Walking Box foreman Al Marshall, and they lived on the ranch. Her duties included cooking meals for hands who lived in the bunkhouse. Young Rex, who was nicknamed Tony, and George were close friends of two of the Marshall boys and often would show up for dinner. "They liked to eat with us, and they were always welcome," she says, adding that Tony resembled his father while George looked more like the Bow side of the family.

She also describes a down-to-earth Clara Bow: "I remember hearing that Clara played on a woman's baseball team in Searchlight before we moved there. Later, when her father came to live with them, he took care of the yard and they played poker in the evenings.

"What really comes to mind most, though, is her walking. She would set off toward town, and I would pick her up on my way to get the children after school. It was a daily habit for her. Sometimes she would gain a little weight and come over with clothes she wanted me to let out for her. She would be upset with herself and go on a diet."

At times Rex opened the ranch to servicemen during World War II. "It was a nice, big house with high ceilings and a swamp cooler, so it was cool in summer," Marge Sandequist says. "They would give parties with musicians, bartenders, and a big barbecue. They especially liked to celebrate birthdays. They would invite Rex's western actor friends. The first fancy western shirt I ever saw was on Tex Ritter."

Clara and Rex's children were shielded from the celebrity spotlight and visited California only to see Rex's mother, Daisy Beldam. The boys went to kindergarten in Searchlight, and Tony spent his first few years of school there. (Continued)



LAS VEGAS NEWS BUREAU

When radio's Truth or Consequences asked listeners in 1947 to identify Clara's voice, they were stumped for days. From left in this publicity photo are Rex, Clara, Tony, and George.

By the early '40s, Las Vegas was capitalizing on its popularity as a quickie marriage capital. The El Rancho Vegas and the Air Force base were built, and the young railroad town began promoting itself as a glamorous gaming oasis.

It was then that Rex, after more than a decade of ranching, decided to move to Las Vegas and open a western-clothing store. He sold the northern half of his ranch to Al Marshall and kept the buildings and the rest of the spread in the Bell name. Marshall continued to run the operation.

As a western-store owner, Rex Bell was a natural. He had the ability to strike a rapport with anyone he met. What's more, the merchandise he carried looked great on him. Bell was especially dazzling in the custom-tailored western suits he wore in parades.

Grant Sawyer, the Democratic governor Rex campaigned to unseat in 1962, with a laugh recalls two occasions when his advisors had him make appearances on horseback to try to counter Bell's dashing image: "There was going to be a parade here in Las Vegas. My people decided that since Rex was going to ride a horse, I was going to ride a horse. It was a very unfortunate decision—for me. They put me on an old nag that had been trained to follow the white line, and we plodded along in this parade. It was the saddest thing you ever saw, and right behind us came Rex Bell smiling and waving.

"Then there was a rodeo, and they decided I should come riding into the rodeo as he did. And that was a big mistake. I practically fell off the damn horse.

But many people would remember what a striking figure he cut on horseback."

Oran Gragson, former mayor of Las Vegas, remembers the back-room political conferences held regularly in Bell's store on Fremont Street. "He would hold court there every afternoon," Gragson says. "People liked him, trusted him, and it was only natural that they should gather at his store."

Rex experienced only one political defeat, when he lost a Congressional bid to Berkeley Bunker in 1944, a year before he opened the store. He became a leader of the state GOP and in 1948 was an alternate to the Republican National Convention. He was also active in the local Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scouts.

The ties Bell forged during those years helped him win the lieutenant governor's office in 1954. That year Charles Russell, the incumbent GOP governor, also won. In 1958 Democrat Grant Sawyer unseated Russell, and Bell won re-election as lieutenant governor.

Although the two men had different political philosophies and horseriding styles, Sawyer remembers Bell with admiration. "Rex was a nice guy, a thoroughly nice guy. I went through four years with him, a member of the opposition party, as my lieutenant governor, and he never did a mean or petty thing during that whole four years," says Sawyer. "I was the opposition party, the guy he was going to run against, but I had a very high regard for him.

"Rex was extremely interested in people, and he didn't care who they were. There was nothing elitist about Rex Bell. He had as many friends among the dealers

as he had among the bosses. He had a kind of universal appeal. People didn't care whether he was a Democrat or a Republican. If they liked him, they were for him," Sawyer says.

While Rex was working to widen his political sphere, Clara began to limit her own activities. She was plagued with insomnia and became somewhat reclusive. The couple moved to Las Vegas and rented several different homes until they finally settled into a place behind the present location of Valley Hospital on Goldring Avenue. In 1949 they decided to separate. Rex stayed in Las Vegas to tend to the store and politics. Tony lived with his father in an apartment while completing the ninth grade in Las Vegas and later joined his brother George at a west-coast military academy. Clara moved to Southern California.

Tony readopted his real name, Rex, after his father died. Now a Clark County Assistant District Attorney, Rex Bell bristles when people suggest that his mother was a tragic figure, or that he and his brother had less than a good relationship with her. "Mother just wasn't as outgoing, as outwardly friendly as Dad. It didn't have anything to do with the fact that she thought she was better or anything. She just withdrew. Except for a few friends she kept all through the years, she generally stayed away from people."

Bell says that he and his brother did not receive any special treatment from playmates and neighbors because of their family's Hollywood connections. As for their parents, they rarely talked about being celebrities. "Dad seldom made any reference to it," says Bell. "There was more reference from other people who would say he had been in the movies, in western pictures. If ever there was a reference to one of the parents being a movie star, it was to Mother. She was the famous one.

"She lived on a quiet little street, Anita Street, in Culver City," Bell says. "Her house had a pool. There were a lot of Japanese people in her neighborhood. She would invite their children to come swim, and she would spend time with them and visit with the neighbors. She liked them, and they all liked her. Now, word would get out every once in a while through newspaper people or fans that she lived somewhere around there, and people would come hunting. But her neighbors protected her. It was really funny, they could go to the people next door and say, 'We understand Clara Bow lives around here, and the neighbors would never give her away. They knew she didn't want that. When she went out, and she went out quite often to the movies or shopping, she would make herself up

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Troughs, or the nearby town of Vernon.

If you get a chance, stop and look around town. Go into the round Pershing County Courthouse. Ask to see the main courtroom, with its semicircular jury box, beautiful old benches, chairs and railings, and high lattice windows just beneath the dome. Look at the curved library outside the courtroom, and check the Round Room in the basement. But don't bother to visit the small justice court. Unfortunately, its good old solid oak furniture has been replaced with Scandinavian modern and its history is gone.

It's worth a visit to Lovelock for Frontier Days on August 3 and 4. With a parade, booths and plenty of food including Indian tacos, contests, and games, there's lots to do, and the residents enjoy sharing their good times.

Lovelock is a good town, small and friendly, but it has a few problems. There are two small casinos and several restaurants and bars, but half of the four businesses on the main crossroads are closed. And even though Lovelock is selling itself as a town that welcomes tourists, it's still slightly schizophrenic. As I learned at the Study Club, there are a few residents who would rather keep visitors out. They like their pretty little town exactly the way it is.—Caroline J. Hadley

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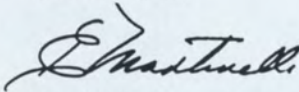
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RICHARD ROWAN PHOTOS

The Tuscarora Potter

Artist Dennis Parks gets all fired up about his adopted home town.

By Richard Menzies

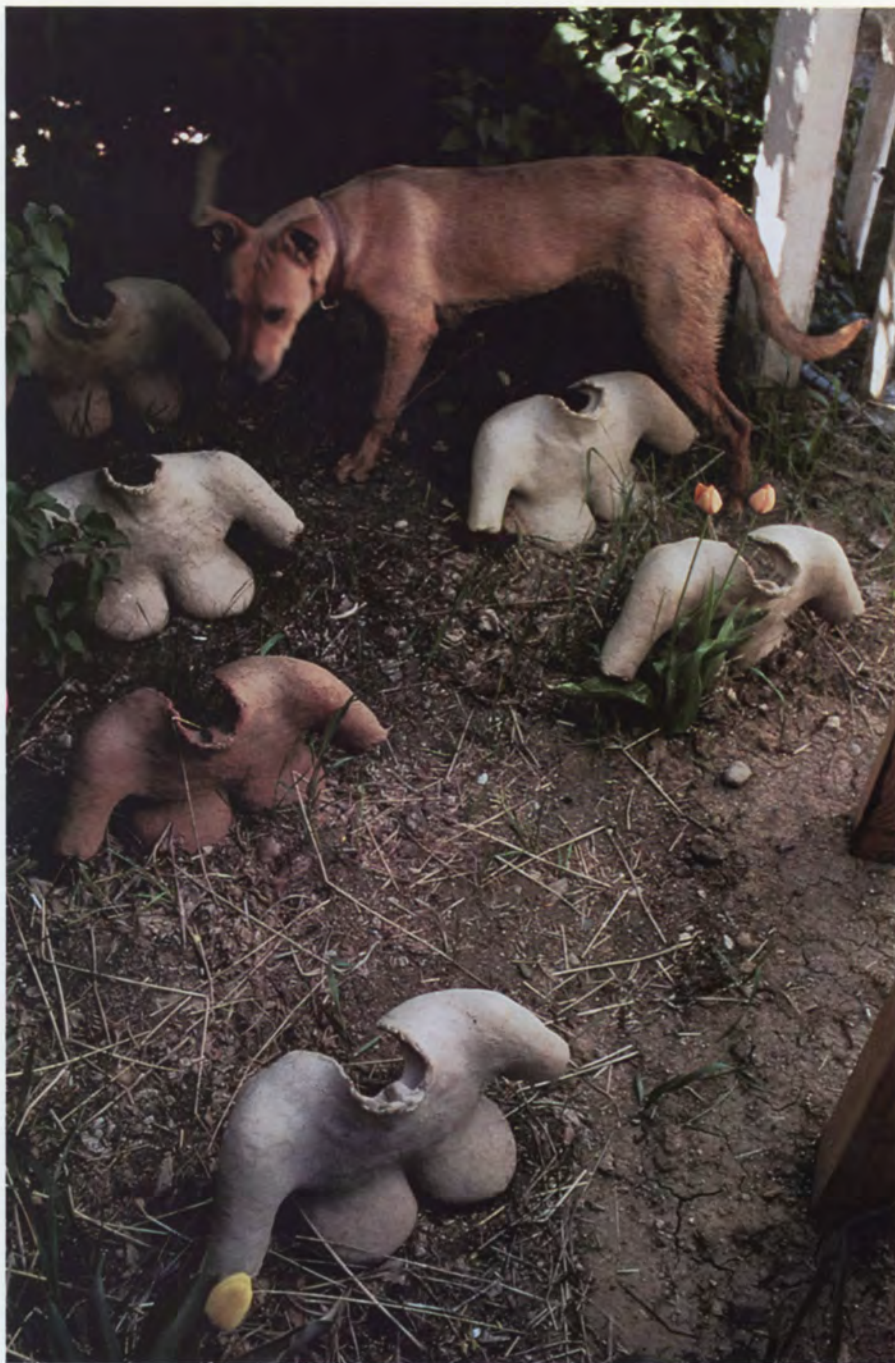


Just in from his afternoon jog and still steaming, Dennis Parks settles down in his easy chair and pours himself three fingers of straight Kentucky bourbon. Intrigued by the improbable combination of exercise and booze, his visitor and his wife Julie, a registered nurse, watch

anxiously for the early warning signs of heart failure. But Parks tosses it back to no apparent ill effect, with the ease of a man accustomed to the incongruities of life.

Two weeks earlier Dennis Parks had been wandering the cobbled streets of Russia. In recent years he's toured London and the Continent and lectured in Hungary and Australia. Always he returns to his adopted home town of Tuscarora, a place practically unknown except to its 16 inhabitants.

Situated 52 miles north of Elko at the southern foot of



"Eight Ladies Waiting"

"I took live models and made casts of their upper torsos. Then I made latex molds from the casts, pressed clay into the molds, and fired them in the kiln. They're somewhat of a takeoff on archaic Greek and Roman statues, although they're not as much a study of the human body as of forms, like the hills and mountains of Nevada. They're on the lawn in front of my house, and that's my dog, Junkyard Meaner."

Mount Blitzen, Tuscarora drowns as a faded artifact left over from the gold and silver mining boom of the 1870s. At the height of her glory the town boasted a population of nearly 4,000, plus a sizable Chinatown made up of migrant laborers imported to build the Central Pacific Railroad. The mines have lain dormant since the end of World War I, however, and the business district has since dwindled to a post office, a small museum, and Dennis Parks' pottery school.

Parks, who grew up in Washington, D.C., discovered Tuscarora in the summer of 1962, at a time when he was bouncing from one end of the country to the other in search of a place to settle. At the invitation of painter friend Lee Deffebach, who maintains a summer home in Tuscarora, he stayed three weeks there. "I was fascinated by the stimulation of its sense of space and isolation. We really liked it, except for the impossibility of living here. There were no part-time jobs, there was nothing. Julie's a nurse, and I couldn't get a job teaching pottery because I didn't have a degree in it."

His prospects for earning a livelihood weren't enhanced by the fact that his main interest at the time was writing poetry. In a leap of logic that would only occur to one of extreme romantic temperament, Parks determined that he could best support his poetry and family by becoming a potter.

He returned to college and eventually earned a master's degree in ceramics and sculpture from Claremont College in California. After graduating, he took jobs teaching pottery in Illinois and California but soon grew bored with the rigors of

"Stuff On Fence"

"That's not my fence, and that's not my stuff. That belonged to my former next-door neighbor. She collected things from the desert, old bottles and stuff, and hung them on her fence." Thus Tuscarora inspires art in many forms.



academe. In order to relieve the monotony, he began holding summer school in a makeshift outdoor studio in Tuscarora. Students and teacher thrived, and each fall Parks found it increasingly harder to leave. Finally in 1967 Dennis and Julie withdrew their life savings, paid \$4,500 for two houses and a Land Rover, and settled in for good.

Later Parks was able to buy a third property, a 19th-century rooming house known as "The Hotel," which today serves as a combination student dormitory and pottery store. Out back is a geodesic-dome workshop and the adobe kilns and kick wheels that constitute the campus. In pottery circles, the 48-year-old Parks has become famous for his innovative firing and glazing techniques and for his success in developing an economical oil-fired kiln that burns used crankcase oil for fuel. His book, *A Potter's Guide to Raw Glazing and Oil Firing*, details his methodology.

During the late '60s and early '70s enrollment peaked, with as many as 15 students on hand for summer workshops. Today the number has dwindled, in part the result of declining interest in the liberal arts and also because there are fewer students to go around.

"I've got four students signed up so far for July," says Parks, "but we're getting better students. Last summer I had a girl from Israel, one from Belgium, one from

Ireland, and one from Alaska. An interesting bunch. The enrollment's gone down drastically, but they're very interested students."

But the problem of a shrinking student body is a mild headache compared to the one Parks incurred when he awoke one morning last spring to the sound of heavy equipment operating just outside his win-

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If things go Parks' way,
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dow. Inquiring into the cause of the commotion, he and his neighbors learned that Pecos Resources, a Canadian mining company, had acquired mineral leases to the old Dexter Mine, which virtually underlays the town. Workers were in the process of drilling exploratory holes in and around town in order to determine the extent of the ore body.

What followed was a lot of fuss, hasty

investigations into old deeds and pre-historic plat maps, and a flurry of threatened lawsuits. Before matters could be resolved, however, the drilling crews departed, taking with them truckloads of core samples and leaving behind a confused and divided populace.

Some folks in town are warming to the idea of a new mining boom, but no one is more displeased than Dennis Parks. "It would be impossible to work with blasting going on, irregular times, dust," he complains. "They came in quick before we were organized; we didn't know what the hell was going on. This year they haven't come back, but if they do, we'll just have to start working."

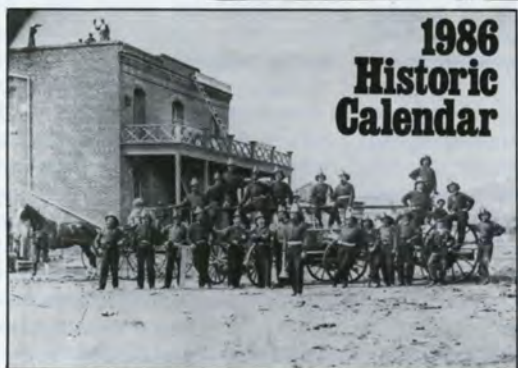
If things go his way, the mining company will stay away and Tuscarora will remain his ghost town hideaway where nothing ever happens. If on the other hand things don't go his way—well, Parks pours himself another drink and admits he may have to pack up and move. The prospect casts a gloomy pall of silence over the conversation.

"That's just it," sighs Julie. "You start thinking about where else to go, and there's just no other place like Tuscarora." □

Richard Menzies of Salt Lake City enjoys stopping in Tuscarora during his visits to Elko County.

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Mark Twain's Duel



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After two years of writing for the *Territorial Enterprise* in Virginia City, Sam Clemens was regarded by the reading public as both a wit and a nuisance. He had made enemies writing as Josh, his original pen name, and Mark Twain, which he adopted after a few months on the Comstock. But when editor Joseph Goodman took a vacation in April 1864 and left Clemens in charge of the newspaper, the temptation to create some mischief was too great for Clemens.

It was also the start of his undoing in Nevada.

Clemens' rich imagination already had taken him to unexpected places. In 1856, at the age of 21, he considered making his fortune by gathering cocoa leaves on the banks of the Amazon, at first supporting himself by writing letters of his adventures to a newspaper in Keokuk, Iowa. Instead he became an apprentice river pilot on the Mississippi and later fought briefly and ingloriously for the Confederacy at the start of the Civil War.

When his brother Orion was appointed secretary of newly-created Nevada Territory, Sam accompanied him west, hoping to make his millions as a prospector. But Clemens found better paying ground with his pen. Broke and dispirited in Aurora, he wrote a parody of a judge, signed it "Josh," and sent it to the *Enterprise*. It was well received, and soon afterwards he was hired.

Despite Clemens' skills as a reporter, many Nevadans found him arrogant, and his humor was not always appreciated. He had his nose broken and his eyes blackened. His lurid account of the Empire City Massacre, which described the bludgeoning of a fictional family near Carson City, offended many people. His manner didn't sit well with the competition, either, as indicated by this report in Virginia City's *Evening Bulletin*:

"At the solicitation of about 1,500 of our subscribers, we will refrain from again entering into a controversy with that beef-eating, blear-eyed, hollow-headed, slab-sided ignoramus, that pilfering reporter, Mark Twain."

When the young reporter took on the ladies of Carson City in 1864, even he couldn't have imagined what would happen next.

By Zook Sutton

Despite such catcalls, Joe Goodman kept his reporter writing. Then Goodman went on vacation.

As *Enterprise* typesetter Steve Gillis, who was a close friend of Clemens, later wrote, "It was a dangerous thing to do. Nobody could ever tell what Sam was going to write."

It was Clemens' responsibility to produce the paper's editorials, and his first effort was tame enough. He recalled in his autobiography, "I couldn't find anything to write an article about, the first day. Then it occurred to me that inasmuch as it was the 22nd of April, 1864, the next morning would be the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday—and what better theme could I want than that? There wasn't enough of what Shakespeare had done to make an editorial of the necessary length but I filled it out with what he hadn't done—which in many respects was more important and striking and readable."

The next day, with no more Shakespeares to write about, he decided to let go a volley at a safe target, the ladies of Carson City. Months earlier he had written an article about them concerning a fictional dress ball, and he had mimicked the high-society reviews in the San Francisco papers to describe the attire of the Carson women in humiliating detail. Mrs. William S. Stewart, he wrote, wore "a gorgeous dress of silk bias, trimmed with tufts of ponceau feathers in the *frondeur* style; elbowed sleeves made of chicories Lonjumeau jacket of maize-colored *geralda*, set off with bagnettes, bayonets, clarinets, and one thing or other. It will be seen at a glance that Mrs. S' costume upon this occasion was peculiarly suited to the serene dignity of her bearing." The story made an enemy of Bill Stewart, a lawyer and later U.S. Senator from Nevada, as well as the husbands of other women ridiculed in the editorial. Soon afterwards, when Clemens was traveling to Carson City, the men jumped the stage, overturned it, and dragged him out. Led by Stewart, the angry spouses grabbed Clemens by his hands and ankles and pitched him down the canyon. Then they busted up his suitcase and tossed his

belongings down after him.

To explain his bruised appearance, the next day Clemens said he had been involved in "the boldest stage holdup ever to take place in the country." And seven months later, with all wounds healed and Joe Goodman on vacation, he was ready again for the ladies of Carson City.

In his second editorial, Clemens lam-pooned the ladies' contribution to the Sanitary Fund, a predecessor of the Red Cross that helped wounded soldiers in the Civil War. He accused the women of misusing the funds, saying that "the money raised at the Sanitary Fancy Dress Ball, recently held in Carson for the St. Louis Fair, had been diverted from its legitimate course, and was to be sent to aid a Miscegenation Society somewhere in the East."

The headline for the editorial in the *Enterprise* indicated that the story was a hoax, but the ladies of Carson City were furious at the suggestion that their charity effort was for the promotion of interracial marriage. The officers of the organizing committee for the ball sent an indignant letter to the *Enterprise* the next day, but Twain didn't print it. The letter soon afterwards appeared in the *Daily Union*, a rival Virginia City paper. Twain responded by claiming the editors and printers of the *Union* had shirked on their contributions to the Sanitary Fund, too.

The *Union's* editor, James Laird, and a representative of the printers, J. W. Wilmington, swiftly printed denials. Wilmington wrote, "We can only view his blackguardism as an attack upon members of our craft. In asserting that we 'had not intended to pay the bill, but on secondary consideration, and for the sake of saving an entirely imaginary reputation for virtue and honesty, concluded to do so, he has endeavored to misrepresent the generous, patriotic promptings of laboring men who gave their little mite willingly; and in so doing he has proved himself an unmitigated liar, a poltroon, and a puppy."

Those were fighting words on the Comstock. Reporter Rollin Daggett and

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Steve Gillis, shown here in the early 1900s, was Twain's second at the duel. He advised his friend it would be prudent to prepare a will.

Gillis, who had both helped Clemens to engineer the Sanitary Fund controversy, insisted that he should challenge the *Union* editor to a duel in order to preserve the *Enterprise's* reputation and his own honor. No one, they said, could survive being called a puppy.

Clemens hesitated. "I had no desire to fight a duel," he later wrote. "I had no intention of provoking one. I did not feel respectable but I got a certain amount of satisfaction out of feeling safe."

Daggett and Gillis argued that dignity stood higher than personal safety—higher even than the territorial law against dueling—and Clemens reluctantly agreed. Because Daggett had "the right language," he wrote the challenge, and Gillis ran it over to Laird at the *Union* office. A flurry of

exchanges followed. Laird claimed that Wilmington had first dueling rights. Clemens sensed that Laird was as afraid as he was and decided to bully his rival: "Any attempt to make a catspaw of any other individual, and thus shirk a responsibility that you have previously assumed, will show that you are a cowardly sneak. I now preemptorily demand of you the satisfaction due to a gentleman, without alternative." Laird replied that Twain was no gentleman and was entitled to no such satisfaction. The exchange continued into the night and onto the morning front pages. Other Nevada newspapers and the *San Francisco Call* piously condemned the feud.

For his part, Clemens felt a measure of safety. The longer Laird hid behind Wil-

ington's prior claim the better Mark Twain could operate. "I began to feel quite comfortable," he wrote. "I began to take an interest in the challenges myself. I had not felt any before; but it seemed to me that I was accumulating a great and valuable reputation at no expense and my delight in this grew as challenge after challenge was declined, until by midnight I was beginning to think that there was nothing in the world so much to be desired as a chance to fight a duel. So I hurried Daggett up, made him keep on sending challenge after challenge. Oh, well, I overdid it: Laird accepted."

Gillis immediately appointed himself Clemens' second and explained the dueling rules: Colt Navy revolvers, 15 paces, fire and advance, six shots allowed. He also informed his principal that it was prudent to prepare a will.

Clemens was dispirited. The fearless-editor pose had gone too far. He spent the night pacing the floor at his boarding house on North B Street.

At four in the morning, Gillis led him down the slopes of Mount Davidson into a canyon to prepare for the duel. They set up a board to shoot at and walked 15 paces from it. Clemens took aim and fired six shots. Not one hit the target. He promptly told Gillis the location of his will. Soon, they heard gunfire from beyond the next ridge. It was Laird practicing.



Editor Goodman's only mistake was taking a vacation and leaving Clemens in charge.



Governor Nye gave Clemens and Gillis 24 hours to leave the territory.

Gillis later wrote, "It didn't make my principal any more cheerful to hear that pistol go off every few seconds over there. Just then I saw a little mud-hen on some sagebrush about 30 yards away.

"Mark, I said, 'let me have that pistol. I'll show you how to shoot.

"He handed it to me, and I let go at the bird and shot its head off, clean. About that time Laird and his second came over the ridge to meet us. I saw them coming and handed Mark back the pistol. We were looking at the bird when they came up.

"Who did that?' asked Laird's second.

"Sam, I said.

"How far off was it?"

"Oh, about 30 yards.

"Can he do it again?"

"Of course, I said, 'every time. He could do it twice that far.'

"Laird's second turned to his principal. 'Laird, he said, 'you don't want to fight that man. It's just like suicide. You'd better settle this thing, now.'

"So there was a settlement. Laird took back all he had said; Mark said he really had nothing against Laird—the discussion had been purely journalistic and did not need to be settled in blood. He said that both he and Laird were probably the victims of their friends."

But word of Laird's midnight acceptance to the challenge had already spread. The sheriff had sent telegrams to Governor Nye and Chief Justice North in Carson City. Clemens soon learned that North, whom he had ridiculed as "Professor Personal Pronoun" in his first article published in the *Enterprise*, would prosecute them for dueling. North wanted dearly to make an example of Clemens and his friends. Governor Nye sent word that it was time Clemens and Gillis moved on and that he would make sure North's

warrant was not served for 24 hours. To avoid a felony conviction and two years in jail, the two would have to be on the 4 a.m. stage to San Francisco. Meanwhile, Clemens learned, the husband of one of the Carson ladies he had made fun of was waiting in a nearby saloon to challenge him to another duel.

Clemens and Gillis decided to leave. They kept off the streets until the early hours of May 29 and then boarded the stage. With them were reporters Daggett and Dan De Quille, Clemens' mentor, and Goodman, who had hastened back from his vacation. There were no recriminations in the party. The affair had ended satisfactorily, all things considered, and they drank champagne in good spirits as the stage climbed toward Truckee.

At Hennes Pass Station, west of Verdi, Goodman, De Quille, and Daggett got off to return to Virginia City. They wished Clemens good fortune, although they were uncertain he would find it. The coach continued west.

Clemens' sudden departure was news on the Comstock. On May 30, the *Gold Hill Evening News* bid him good riddance: "Among the few immortals that have departed—that is, those who departed yesterday morning by the California stage—we notice that of Mark Twain. We don't wonder. Mark Twain's beard is full of dirt and his face is black before the people of Washoe. Giving way to the idiosyncratic eccentricities of an erratic mind, Mark has indulged in the game infernal. In short, 'played hell.' He has vamoosed, cut, absquatulated; and among the pine forests of the Sierra or amid the purlieu of the city of earthquakes, he will tarry awhile and the office of the *Enterprise* will become purified."

But in time, Nevadans came to forgive the nuisances Clemens had caused and to cherish the wit of Mark Twain. When Clemens returned to lecture, he was warmly received. They pardoned the Empire City Massacre hoax and the recklessness of his editorial battles. It was often recalled, and widely quoted, how rival Laird, while practicing before the duel, had hit his target 13 out of 18 times.

Mark Twain had learned a valuable lesson:

"I have never had anything to do with duels since. I thoroughly disapprove of duels. I consider them unwise and I know they are dangerous. Also, sinful. If a man should challenge me now I would go to that man and take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet retired spot and kill him. Still, I have always taken a great interest in other people's duels. One always feels an abiding interest in any heroic thing which had entered into his own experience." □

Zook Sutton of Glenbrook is a freelance writer.

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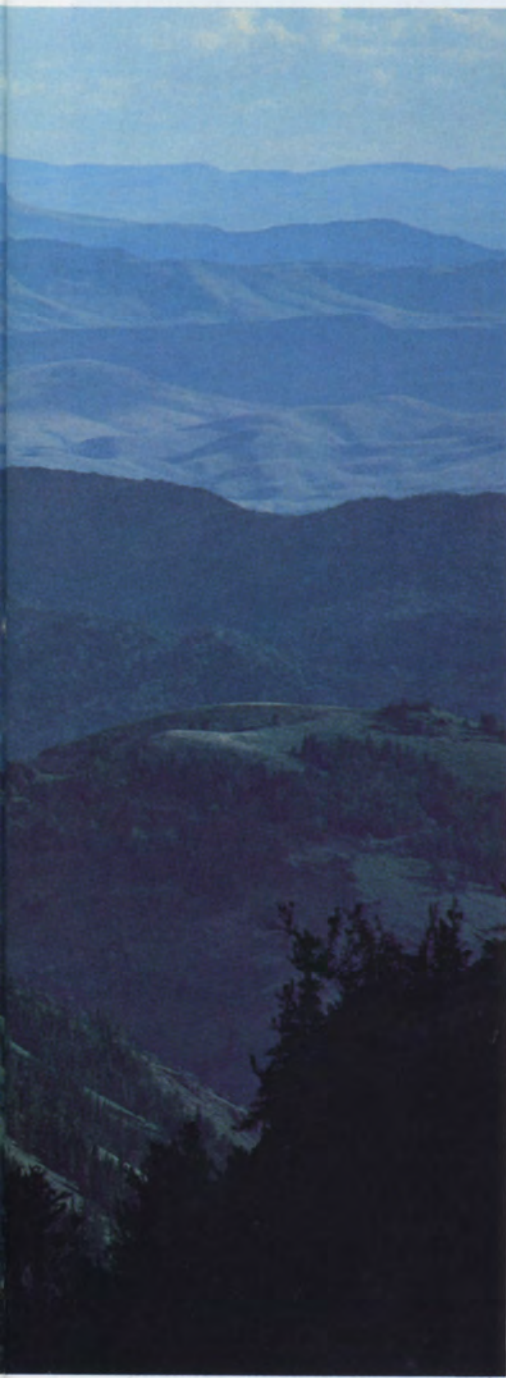
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JARBIDGE

Photos and Words by Scott Smith



The Jarbidge Wilderness is known as a region of mystery and strong spirits, but I found it to be a land of surprises and rare beauty. From the top of 10,839-foot Matterhorn Peak, you can look down on the 10,000-foot summits of Flat Top, Jumbo, Jarbidge, Cougar, and Mary's peaks. Beyond those, the

panorama stretches to three states.

Closer at hand, an old miner's shack squats near lingering snowbanks, streams, and pine trees. The inside walls are covered with the trademarks and musings of passersby. The oldest inscription, carved in a beam, read, "E. M. 1928." I made my mark and left.





THE ART DECO DAM

Why Hoover is a giant
in the art world.

By Robbin Ladd

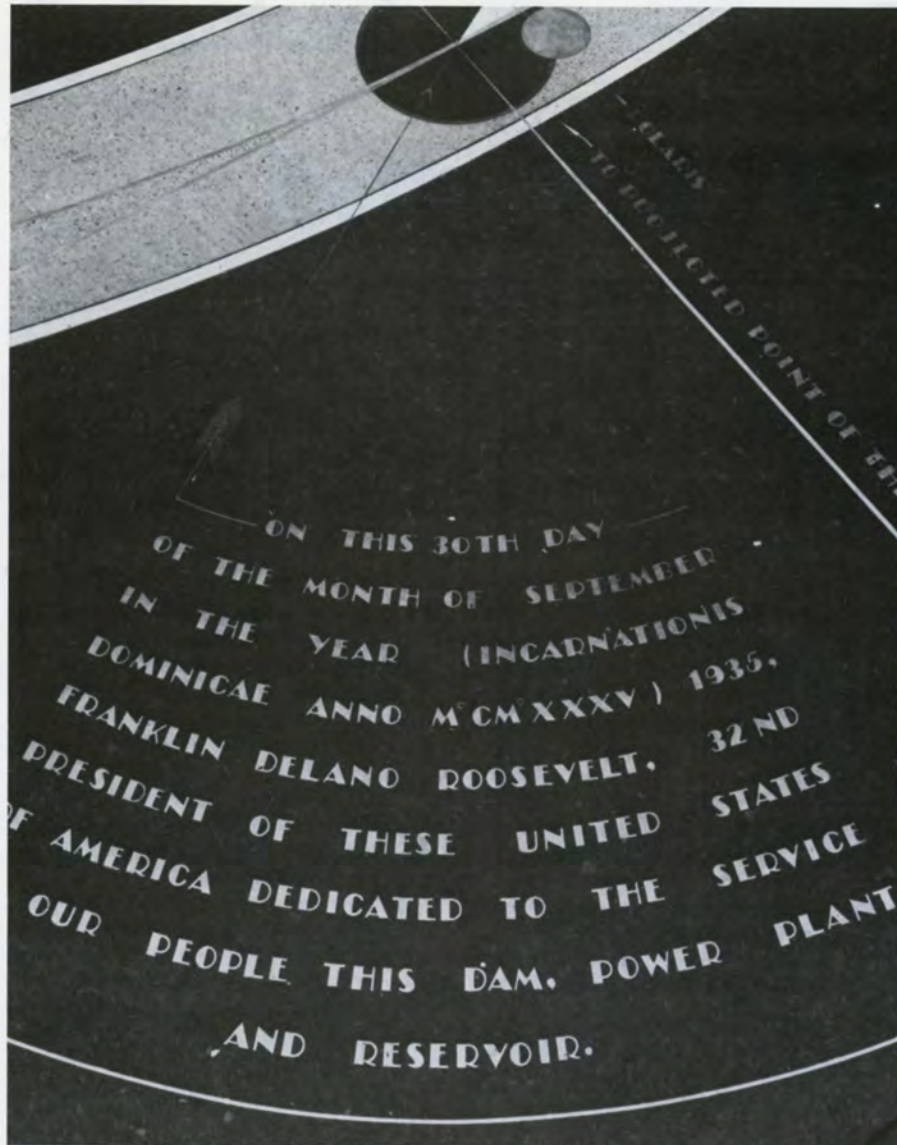
Hoover Dam, one of the largest machines ever built to run machines—six million tons of concrete, holding back more than 28 million acre-feet of water, generating more than a million kilowatts of power—is a collectible. The evidence can be seen when you walk along the rim or join a tour. After pondering the structure's size and impact, take a closer look. Hoover Dam is art deco.

Considering the age of the dam, that's not surprising. It was dedicated in 1935, the middle of a decade in which art celebrated the machine. Hoover Dam was cited as an example of "rightness of form" by Walter Dorwin Teague, a leading industrial designer of the time. Teague's philosophy that the functional could also be beautiful was shared by Allen Tupper True, a consulting artist during the dam's construction. True wrote that a generator

or control board could be built "into a magnificent and inspiring thing of beauty."

Among those fulfilling that promise were sculptor Oskar J. W. Hansen, who created many of the dam's art deco features. His work included the *Winged Figures of the Republic*, the inlaid terrazzo star map and universal clock, and the five-part bas-reliefs on the two elevator towers. Joseph Martina designed the terrazzo floors inside the dam. Each of the intricate patterns reflects traditional Indian art of the American West.

The winged figures are the first art deco clues that you see as you approach the dam from the Nevada side. These Hoover statues would have been right at home standing guard at *L'Exposition Internationale des Arts Decoratifs et Industriels Modernes*, the 1925 show in Paris that gave art deco its name.



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From towers to tunnels, Hoover Dam is art deco. At far left is one of the winged figures designed by sculptor Oskar Hansen, who is pictured standing before the dam's Memorial Plaque. At left is part of his star map that indicates the position of the earth's equator on the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the dam. Above, fixtures and floor designs show art deco's attention to geometric shapes.

The Tourism Pavilion at that exposition was decorated with bas-reliefs glorifying machines in a cubist style that could be mated to those above the brass doors leading to Hoover Dam's guided tour. At the dam they depict man reaping benefits in agriculture and industry.

While the influence of cubism, expressionism, and Egyptian and Mayan art are present in many examples of art deco, a constant is an emphasis on geometric patterns. Brave the brass doors and drop down into Hoover Dam for some excellent examples.

Once down, look down. On the guided tour you'll see oases of design on the terrazzo floor. Even some of the doorways along the route have fluted surfaces and curved tops.

More curves and geometric designs can be discovered in the chrome railings

surrounding the powerhouse mezzanine, which overlooks the dam's giant generators. With jagged motifs at your feet and rich chrome curves in your hands, you could be in a 1930s-era movie theater.

Similar streamlining appears outside the powerhouse. Catch your breath at the sight of the dam rising dramatically above, the river surging below, and then notice the subtle strips of chrome accent around the powerhouse. Easier to spot are the 32-foot-high power transformers that stand like sphinxes on a raised deck.

Back on top, heading for the parking lot, look up at the light fixtures. Definitely art deco.

With such decorations and its bold overall design, Hoover Dam will always be a giant in the world of art. □

Robbin Ladd lives and writes in Los Angeles.

Taking the Tour

To help celebrate Hoover Dam's golden anniversary this year, you can take a 35-minute tour of the dam's interior any day you choose. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for seniors with U.S. Golden Age Passports, and free for ages 15 and under. The tours are conducted by knowledgeable Bureau of Reclamation guides. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, and 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. the rest of the year. By auto the dam is eight miles from Boulder City and 32 from Las Vegas.

Residents of Las Vegas and Boulder City are planning some great dam events for this summer and fall, as you'll see in this issue's Nevada Calendar. The festivities peak in late September, 50 years after President Roosevelt dedicated the dam.

The Widow and the Banker

Things looked bleak for Mrs. What's Her Name until a mysterious stranger stopped for a meal and a chat.

By Harry E. Webb

While mulling over happenings of bygone days, an incident popped in my memory box that tickled my funny bone to the point that I decided it was just too good to be kept hidden.

It was related to Fred McGee and me in 1906 by Old Joe Wagner, who shortly afterwards became my brother Charley's father-in-law. Fred and I were waiting at Wagner's ranch for Charley to get back from collecting some bronc-breaking wages.

Five or six years prior to our meeting Joe Wagner had been a fairly prosperous rancher, but when his wife died it started him down the skids of no return. He took to drink, and he drank and drank and borrowed on his ranch from month to month and year to year until the ranch was plastered to the hilt with mortgages. It didn't appear to bother this bulb-nosed, puffy-faced German, though. He had his bottle and moved his old bench as he followed the shade around. He was happy.

The setup there filled Fred and me with pity, as there were two lovely teenage daughters whom we knew wanted to invite us to have supper with them. But we heard one whisper, "Please, Papa, don't drink any more while we have company." It was evident there was little, if any, food in the house.

We put our minds in gear, and when Fred had a chance he said, "Lorraine, we've got to stick around until Charley pulls in, so Harry and I better go get some supper and then come back."

Lorraine looked at her sister and then said, "We'd love to have you eat supper here, but Papa or I haven't been to the store lately. But if you don't mind the little we have, you are more than welcome."

"Sounds fine," Fred lied. "We've been eatin' bachelor grub"—another lie—"for a spell so some girl-cooked grub would go

mighty good. But if there's anything you're short of, I wish you'd take this money and gallop to the store. And," he said, handing her a \$10 gold piece, "get a plenty while you're at it. We might be eatin' several meals here." Lorraine seemed embarrassed, but with the money she was soon galloping off on the one horse Old Joe hadn't drunk up.

"Yessir," Joe said as he picked up his bottle again, "that dag-blasted banker knows he's taking the food right out of my girls' mouths, but a lot he cares! Minds me of a case that happened in Wyoming several years back. A young woman—seems I recollect her name was Eggers or something like that—and her husband had mortgaged the ranch so's to plant a big apple orchard. Then his luck ran out, and he got killed by a runaway team. Left her with two little kids and owing \$4,000, but a lot that skinflint banker cared."

For a moment Joe took time for a bit of thinking. "I know what that poor woman must have gone through, after getting a notice the banker was coming out the next day with a notary, and unless she had every cent to clear that \$4,000 loan, he was foreclosing.

But just to show how things can happen, a fellow rides along that day and stops at her ranch for a bite to eat and rest his horse. During the talk, while the fellow was having fun with the two little girls, it was natural for her to tell him her troubles. After listening awhile, this fellow went out to his horse and came back with a handful of hundred-dollar bills. 'Now you take this, he says, 'and when your banker comes out you pay him every blasted cent and be mighty sure you get a paper showing he's paid in full. Then later you go to the courthouse and have that mortgage cleared.

"I can't say what that poor woman thought or all that was said, but we heard

she did plenty crying. Huh? Oh, sure, the banker and his witness showed up in his buggy, but he got the jolt of his life. Not that he wasn't glad to get the money, but he couldn't figure out how she could raise so much money all at once, and she wouldn't tell him.

"I've had a dozen foreclosure notices from my banker, but I guess he don't want my ranch as bad as that other fellow did because we're still here."

As Lorraine rode up, Fred and I pondered this and also the story Joe had related. Fred finally asked, "Did that fellow ever get his \$4,000 back from Mrs. What's Her Name?"

"That's the queer part of it," Joe said as I took the gunny sack of groceries Lorraine was trying to get down from her horse. "When the banker and his friend were on their way back to town, a robber waylaid them and took every blasted cent they had!"

"Good!" Fred and I chorused. "Served that bird right!"

"Sure did," Old Joe chuckled. "But the best part was when Mrs. Eggers or whatever she was called gets a letter telling her to forget the loan, that she didn't owe him a penny. And you know who that letter was from?" Joe asked as I started to the barn with Lorraine's horse.

"How the hell would we know?" Fred said.

"Butch Cassidy, that's who," Joe said, "and you fellows are just like him." Those last words gave Fred and me grist for a lot of thought.

"Maybe," Fred said as we rode away the next morning. "it was just Old Joe's way of sayin' he appreciated that money I donated." □

The late Harry E. Webb was a cowboy, novelist, and Nevada rancher. He was honored by the Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1984.

Reluctant Cowgirl

By B. J. John

Camping out was our hobby. We had been doing it for years, on vacations and more weekends than I can remember. I was tired of it, however, and had been dreaming of the time Jim would retire from the factory. We'd find a nice little house and sit around and relax.

But after we set up camp on the Colorado River, Jim shot down all my dreams. "I have sold our place in New York" he said, "and bought in as a partner in a dude ranch near Laughlin, Nevada. We're almost there, and it will be our new home."

"You what? Tell me you're kidding. How could you?" I screamed as I jumped up excitedly and my pole slipped into the river.

Jim caught me and said, "Stop it! Now, Betty, honey, we'll be just fine. We'll be the managers and wear western-style clothes. I'll have time to write short stories. We will be meeting all those wealthy people who will be staying at the ranch. I'll get lots of stories from them. Maybe we'll meet someone from Hollywood and they'll buy my stories for the movies or TV. That's the reason I jumped at the chance to buy into this place. It might make my dreams come true."

"Didn't you even once think of me, and how I'd feel prancing around in a little cowgirl outfit?" I cried.

"Betty, you always look nice no matter what you wear," Jim lovingly replied. He still saw me as I was when I was young, a tiny girl with creamy pink skin and as many curves as a scenic railway. Over the years my body had become as unstable as jello. Having a cheerful, round face, blue eyes, and white curls, I could to my horror picture myself in a brief, mini-cowgirl outfit. Being short, plump, and past 60 didn't help, either. My fat pink legs coming out of tan cowboy boots would remind everyone of sausages bursting out of their casings. The western shirt trying to hold my large, lullaby bosom would give me an off-balance look when matched with a short fringed skirt.

Dressed like that and running around greeting guests, I'd surely be the funniest thing those people had ever seen. I had to laugh just thinking about it. □

The joke was on both the author and her husband. The dude ranch turned out to be a ranch of ill repute. B.J. and Jim are now retired and live in a nice little house in New York State.

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Gaming Classes You Can Bet On

Because it's really gambling when you don't know the rules, Nevada casinos are dealing customers a helping hand.

By Scott Shelley

To the uninitiated, casino games can be a little intimidating. Even veteran gamblers have been known to hesitate, to freeze, to second-guess their bets when the dice are flying fast, so it's not hard to sympathize with the player who wants a vacation from keno but doesn't know what to do at the tables except hold onto his drink and occasionally nod to the dealer.

Most of us have been in that situation at one time or another, and, let's face it, gambling is *really* gambling when you don't know the rules.

But because Nevada casinos want you to play and have fun doing it, many clubs offer guidance to novice or rusty gamblers. This aid takes many forms, ranging from how-to pamphlets to a full-blown casino tour. Thus, for participants, the fun is not only in the playing but also in the learning.

For instance, at Harolds Club in Reno, Barney Maverick, a card-playing magician, teaches the unusual poker games you will see in that casino. Guests at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas can tune in gaming lessons narrated by Orson Welles. At Tahoe, Harvey's helps players polish their skills with a game of craps using 25-cent chips after an hour of instruction.

In Reno you'll find a tour that has both lessons and a unique, behind-the-scenes view of Nevada gaming. Offered by Reno Recreational Tours and the Club Cal-Neva, the tour includes a rare look at the Cal-Neva's casino floor from security's "eye in the sky." It's the only such view in the state; the Mint in Las Vegas offered a similar one from its security area, but remodeling has made the peek impractical.

The Reno tour begins at 135 North Sierra Street, on the third floor of the Reno/Tahoe Visitors Center in what used to be the grand ballroom of the Oddfellows Lodge. Today the room is part of the Reno-Tahoe Gaming Academy and becomes a gaming school for tourists two times daily Monday through Friday. For \$5 you're treated to an introductory video

show and instruction in blackjack, craps, and roulette. Afterwards you can look around the old ballroom. It's filled with memorabilia such as photos of early Nevada gambling houses and what is called the world's largest collection of crooked dice. Later you will be escorted two blocks east to the Cal-Neva for a videotaped trip through the casino's vault and a short presentation about slot machines. The highlight of the tour is the visit to the eye in the sky. From a narrow booth above the pit, looking through one-way mirrors, you'll have the same view of gamblers and dealers that casino security people have.

But no matter what club you're visiting, there is always help to be found right on the floor—from the dealers. A good move for the novice plunger is to approach a table when play is slow. That's the time most dealers and croupiers are happy to answer questions or discuss strategy.

Classes, of course, probably offer the



You'll get a bird's-eye view of the action from the Cal-Neva's security area.

most relaxed atmosphere. Following is a sampling of establishments that give such lessons. Some casinos limit classes to groups or to special times of the year. Since schedules can change, calling the casino before you visit, and asking for the marketing department or pit area is sometimes your best bet.

LAS VEGAS

Caesars Palace, 731-7110: Orson Welles narrates a videotaped show that teaches blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, and keno. The show plays continuously for hotel guests on an in-room channel.

Flamingo Hilton, 733-3111: Gaming guides in several languages provide lessons in craps, blackjack, keno, slots, and sic-bo, an ancient Chinese game that uses three dice. Continuous, around-the-clock gaming instruction is available to hotel guests on two in-house channels. Also, guests can ride the Rainbow Express bus to the Las Vegas Hilton, where live lessons are held.

Four Queens, 385-4011: Free lessons in craps are available Tues.-Fri., 3-4 p.m. Call about group deals.

Imperial Palace, 731-3311: There are free daily lessons in blackjack and roulette, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and craps, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Groups are welcome with 48 hours' advance notice. A regular class period can be reserved for groups of 10 or more.

Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5111: Free instruction is offered to groups of any size in the following games: blackjack, Tues.-Sat., 12:45 p.m.; craps, Tues.-Sat., 10:30 a.m., and Fri.-Sat., 3:30 p.m.; roulette, Tues.-Sat., 2:30 p.m.; baccarat, Wed.-Fri., 11 a.m. Each class lasts about an hour.

Maxim, 731-4300: Hotel guests will find continuous videotaped instruction in blackjack, craps, and roulette on an in-house channel.

RENO/TAHOE

Caesars Tahoe, 588-3515: Instructors give free lessons in blackjack and craps Mon.-Fri. at noon. Following a question-and-answer period, participants can play with non-negotiable chips to polish their skills.

Harolds Club, Reno, 329-0881: Magician Barney Maverick gives free lessons in all variations of poker played at Harolds. Classes are weekdays at 1:30, 3:30, and 5:30 p.m. Pan classes are Sunday at 2 p.m. Special classes are available for groups of three or more.

Harrah's Reno, 329-4422: Early-afternoon classes in blackjack, craps, and baccarat are offered frequently in summer and fall. Call for more information. Also, guests can watch instructional shows on an in-house channel.

Harrah's Tahoe, 329-4422: Free lessons in blackjack, craps, and baccarat are given regularly in the morning. Call for more

information. As at Harrah's in Reno, an in-house channel offers advice, too.

Harvey's, Lake Tahoe, 588-2411: A free hour of craps instruction is offered daily at noon. For two hours immediately following the session students can play in a special craps game with 25-cent chips.

MGM Grand, Reno, 789-2000: There are free lessons in blackjack and craps Mon.-Thurs. at 3-7 p.m. Group reservations can be made through the casino manager.

Peppermill, Reno, 826-2121: For groups of 12 or more guests, classes in blackjack, craps, roulette, baccarat, and slots are available free, but you must give 48 hours' advance notice.

Reno/Tahoe Visitors Center, Reno, 348-7788. This behind-the-scenes gambling tour includes instruction in blackjack, craps, and roulette as well as a look inside a slot machine, a video show, and a view from the Club Cal-Neva security's "eye in the sky." The tour is offered Mon.-Fri. at 12:30 and 2 p.m. The \$5 admission includes two cocktails.

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Nevada Crossing, 664-4000: Free half-hour lessons are given in craps Mon.-Fri. at noon. □

Associate Editor Scott Shelley gives video poker lessons in his spare time.

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When Clifford Tanaka of Ruth caught this 14-pound, eight-ounce brown trout at Cave Lake four years ago, he set a new state record. Since then new records have lured record crowds on weekends.

Wild Horse

Cave Lake

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Beaver Dam

Cathedral Gorge

At most of these eastern state parks you can camp with a view and cast before breakfast.

By David Moore

Luckily, Wild Horse Reservoir has many more fish than trees. Campers at the Elko County retreat can take side trips to the little town of Mountain City or go downriver for more fishing.



JUNE STONE

Parks like Beaver Dam are great for kids learning to fish. Small rainbows are the rule at the wild and scenic park, which is in eastern Lincoln County and close to the Utah border.



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The early morning view from the Cave Lake campground has all the elements that you'd expect on a camping and fishing holiday. First, of course, are the vehicles and tents of other campers; the place does get crowded on weekends. Then there are the hills of the Schell Creek Range that reach majestically toward the sunrise. And down by the lake small groups of fishermen cast patiently on the smooth blue water.

A local angler might say there's a different perspective that captures what the lake is all about. That view would be underwater, where you'd see some of the biggest, smartest brown trout in the state. A few might be as big as the monster Dennis Mangum of McGill caught with salmon eggs last winter. It was 27 pounds, five ounces, nearly three feet long, and it set a new state record.

There's great fishing at other Eastern Nevada state parks, too. The trophies sometimes are small, unglamorous planters, but at these parks you can camp with a view of the water and be sure of getting in some casts—and maybe some fish—before breakfast.

Because the Nevada Division of State Parks is celebrating its 50th year, campers can enjoy special park programs through-

out the summer. For details on the campfire talks and hikes in Eastern Nevada parks, see this issue's Nevada Calendar.

Escape to Lincoln County

In summer the parks of Eastern Nevada offer great camping and a chance to get far from the heat and traffic of the city. From Las Vegas the escape route is 150 miles up U.S. 93 to Lincoln County, home of the historic towns of Pioche, Panaca,

and Caliente and five scenic backcountry parks. Three of them—Spring Valley, Echo Canyon, and Beaver Dam—have water and, in varying sizes, rainbow trout.

The most consistent fishing is at Spring Valley. Named for the 300 natural springs in the area, the valley has some scattered old homesteads and good trails for hiking and horseback riding. The focus for most campers is the 65-acre reservoir, where anglers find rainbows of six to 10 inches and occasionally one of the Alabama spotted bass that were planted a few years ago. The summer algae bloom slows the action, but there still are fish to be taken in the hot months when the reservoir draws many campers from the Vegas area. Rainbows and browns are caught in the creek below the dam. Three miles east of the park is the general store at Ursine, where you can buy groceries, tackle, and fishing licenses.

While Spring Valley is popular with families, Echo Canyon is a favorite of the snowbirds, the retirees who travel from park to park around the West. Fishing for rainbows and crappie at Echo is pleasant in the spring, but in summer the fish are disrupted not only by algae but also by a strange phenomenon—the reservoir leaks, and so it shrinks steadily until



Beaver Dam, remote and beautiful, is at the end of a 28-mile dirt road east of Caliente.

Trailers aren't advised, but they appear miraculously in the campground from time to time.





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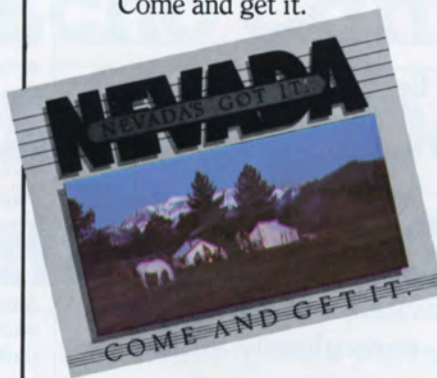
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The spires of Cathedral Gorge, a state park since 1935, are sculpted from an ancient lake bed.

winter rains and snows arrive. Leak or no leak, the atmosphere is relaxed in the 34-site campground, and there's an easy 1.5-mile trail that circles into the hills.

For camping in the real backcountry, the place to go is Beaver Dam. It's quiet. It's forested with pinyons and junipers. Below the wooded, 52-unit campground is 15-acre Schroeder Reservoir. Casual fishing for pan-sized rainbows is the angle, and a no-motor rule makes canoes and

rafts the most common crafts. Beaver Dam isn't easy to get to, but it's well worth the effort. The park is on the Utah border at the end of a graded, 28-mile dirt road. Trailers are not advised, although they



State Parks' 50th Anniversary

Nevada's state parks are celebrating the system's 50th year with special programs. For information on the celebration, see the Nevada Calendar (page 74) or write or call the Nevada Division of State Parks, Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV. 89710; 702-885-4370.

You also can write or call for information on the seven eastern state parks:

- Lincoln County parks and Cave Lake, Box 176, Panaca, NV. 89042; 702-728-4467

- Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Via Elko, NV. 89801; 702-North Fork 6493.

miraculously appear in the campground from time to time, as do a few Cadillacs and Rolls-Royces.

Lincoln County's two other parks have drier but equally striking attractions. Cathedral Gorge is formed by walls of great clay spires, and hikers and photographers can spend hours exploring the park's Gothic canyons. The 22-site campground offers the luxury of hot showers and the trailheads to two interpretive trails.

Last year Kershaw-Ryan, a small but cool, green park near Caliente, was wiped out when a flash flood turned the oasis into a pile of boulders, tree limbs, and mud. Park system officials hope to be able to reopen it next year.

Weekdays Were Made For Cave Lake

One hundred miles north of Pioche, and a bare 15 miles east of Ely, Cave Lake sits high above Steptoe Valley. The park is reached by a graded dirt road that runs seven miles up from U.S. 93. The lake's record brown trout and plentiful rainbows have been attracting record crowds on weekends, so the best chance for peace and privacy is in the middle of the week. The lake itself is usually peaceful, though, since the maximum boat speed allowed is 5 mph.

Wilderness and Wild Horse

In Elko County, a couple of hundred miles north of Cave Lake, Wild Horse is the name of a creek, a crossing, and a mountain, but it is best known to fishermen as the name of a reservoir on the upper Owyhee River, 65 miles north of Elko. The 3,000-acre pond is treeless but well supplied with rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass, and kokanee salmon. They're mostly planters but healthy; the rainbows, for instance, can average more than 12 inches.

Besides the state park's campground, which borders the water, there are tribal, BLM, and private camping areas nearby. At the reservoir's south end is Archie and Betty Corbari's Wildhorse Ranch and Resort, which offers meals, rooms, boat rentals, and fishing licenses.

Fishermen don't have a line on the whole lake, however. Water-skiing is a growing sport at Wild Horse, and sometimes anglers and skiers get tangled near the dam. However, the reservoir is wide enough elsewhere to give both groups plenty of room.

Anglers will need that on July 19-21, when the park holds a fishing derby. The object of anglers' desires will be five tagged rainbows worth \$1,000 apiece. Five others will fetch prizes, and most big fish caught that weekend will go right where they belong: in the skillet. □

Senior Editor David Moore plans to win the fishing derby at Wild Horse.



Wild horses race across the Smoke Creek Desert with mustangers pursuing them in trucks. Nearly all these horses ended up in a meat market. This photo was one of a series Bundy took in 1951 that showed both the horses' beauty and their suffering during old-style roundups by plane and truck. The photos were widely published and helped pass the Wild Horse Annie Bill of 1959.



Gus Bundy

For the Carson City photographer, self-reliance meant caring about the world around him.

As an artist, Gus Bundy did some of his best work in charcoal. As a photographer, he appreciated the strong images that black-and-white film gave his subjects. When he died in 1984 at age 77, Bundy left a large collection of Nevada portraits, many imbued with his sense of fun and love of people.

His Nevada camera work began when he and his wife Jeanne, whom he had met while traveling in Japan, settled in Washoe Valley in 1941. After war broke out, he enlisted in the Army. He was sent to a special photography unit, but when it discovered that Jeanne had grown up in Japan, the Army panicked and transferred Gus to a unit testing cold-weather clothes in Maine.

Back in Washoe Valley with Jeanne and daughters Tina and Molly after the war, Gus resumed a self-sufficient way of life. "He built everything himself," Tina Nappe says of her father. "He hunted deer



Pyramid Lake fishermen snag cui-ui as they swim upriver to spawn. Later the fish will be filleted and hung up to dry.

and fished. He collected wood for the stove. With his skill in photography, he had assignments. He also tried the egg business, but the market was unpredictable and our whole family was allergic to chickens." The chicken houses were transformed into guest houses, and Gus and Jeanne ran a guest ranch until they moved to Carson City in 1961.

Bundy taught and organized art classes, collected gems, and was a strong ecologist. "He felt that self-sufficiency includes the world around you," Tina says. "He believed that as a person you are a culture unto yourself, and therefore you bear responsibility not only to provide for yourself but also to contribute to your community. That was the way he lived. I think of him as one of the last universal people." □



Young pelicans on Pyramid's Anaho Island wait for their parents to return with fish.

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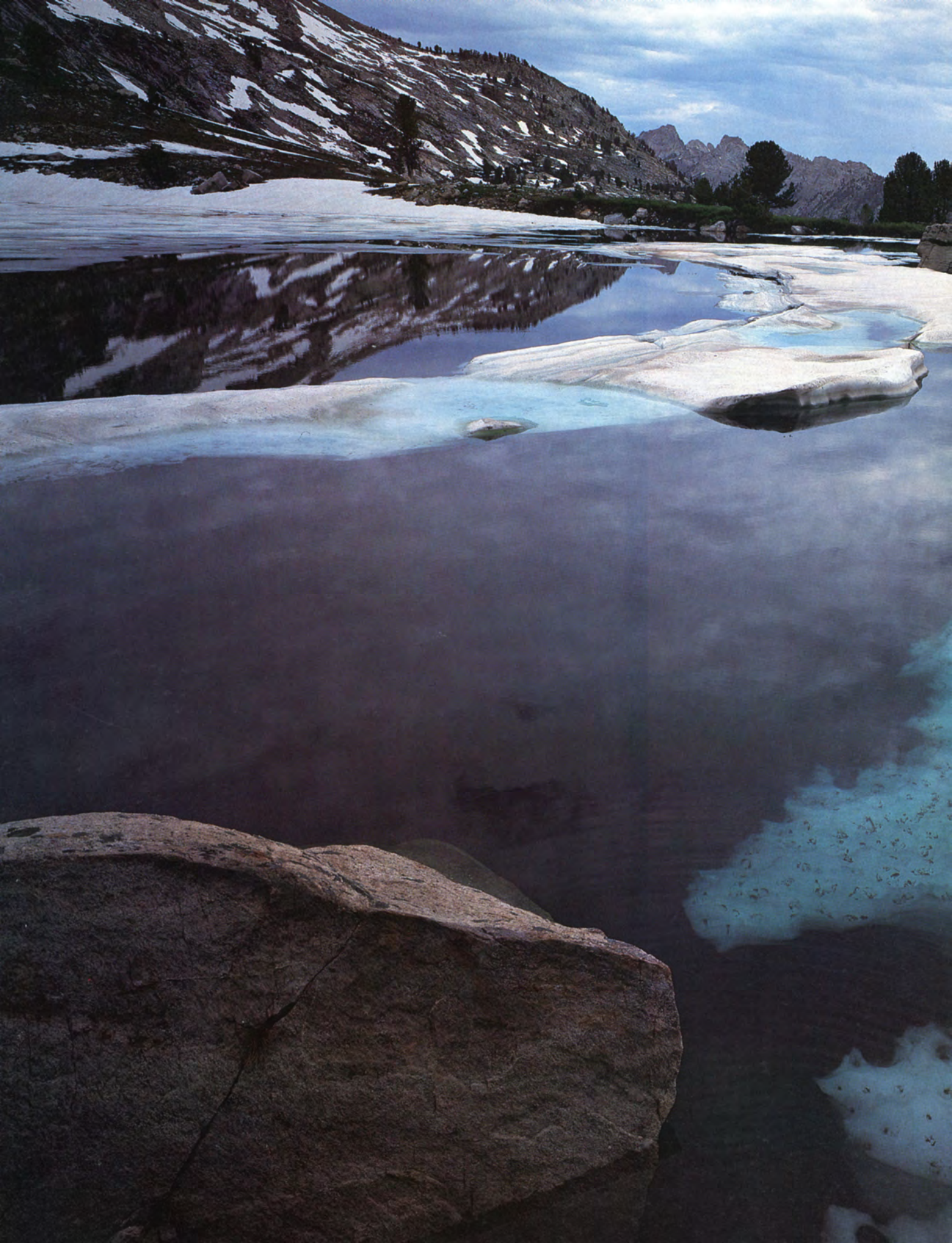
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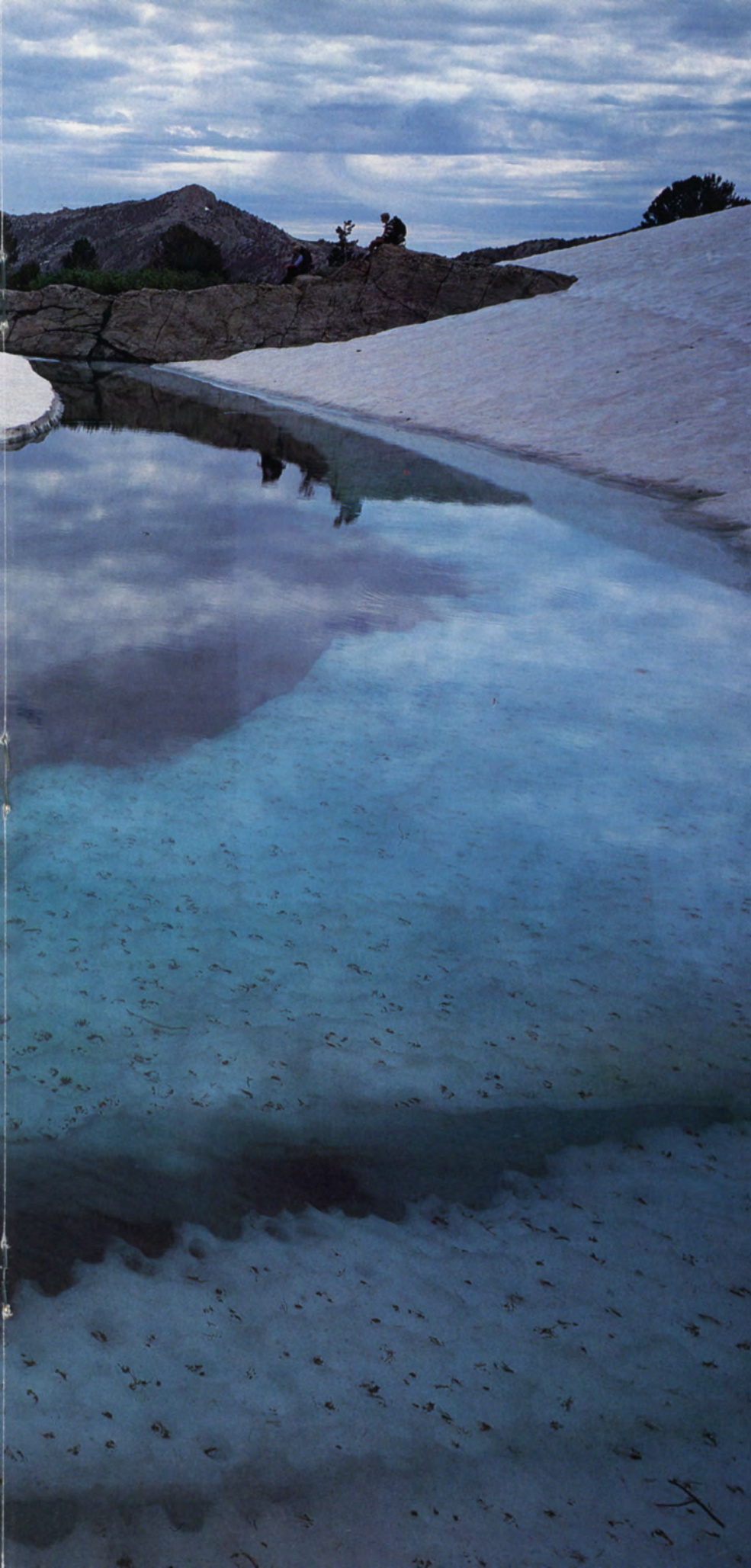
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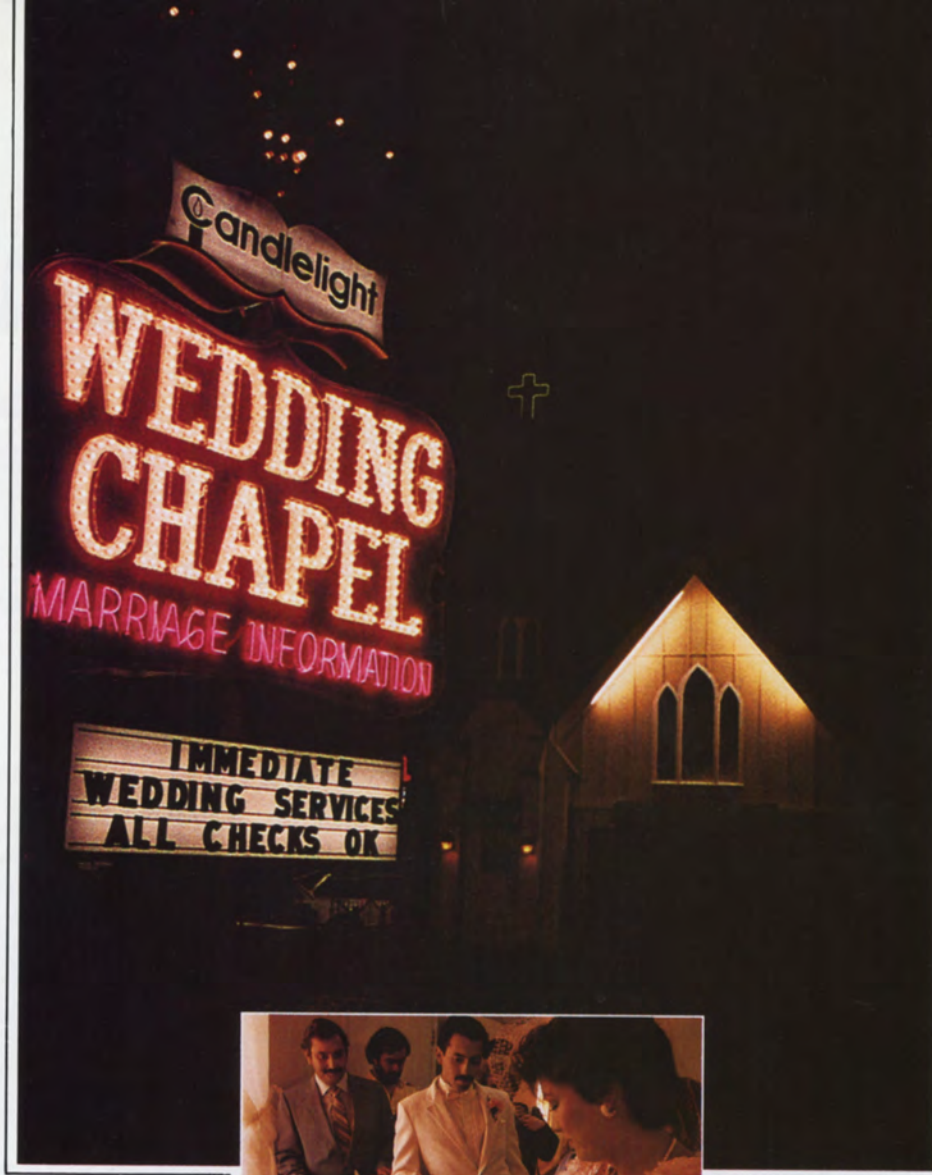


Muench's Gallery

David Muench visits the
Ruby Mountains.

Two summer hikers reflect on the icy beauty of Lamoille Lake in the Ruby Mountains southeast of Elko. While nearby valleys bake in the July heat, some lakes on the 11,000-foot-high crest of the Rubies don't thaw until August. Lamoille Lake is one of a string of alpine pools along the Ruby Crest Trail (see page 56) in the Humboldt National Forest, a popular retreat for backpackers in summer.

David Muench enjoys finding what he calls "a spirit of place" in his work. One of the West's great landscape photographers, Muench presents selections from his Nevada portfolio in each issue.



Vegas chapels offer a carousel of ceremonies for those who gamble on love.

Marry Makers

If you're in Las Vegas and in love, you're in luck.

By Sybil Wood

Between the resort clusters of downtown and the Strip, Las Vegas Boulevard is dotted with tiny churchlike buildings whose neon auras rival the casinos' dazzle. It is no accident that these miniature gambling houses are prevalent only on the right-hand side of the street. They were, in fact, built there to lure romantic high rollers driving

northward from the Strip to the county courthouse on their way to purchase marriage licenses in a hurry.

Because of their haste, business is booming. Each year 60,000 couples, mostly from outside Nevada, patronize these little establishments. They come to gamble not on cards but on the chance for love that lasts a lifetime.

Disguised as modern businesses, Las Vegas' 20-odd wedding chapels really represent the survival of a strong frontier ethic: the individual's right to choose spontaneously, without blood test or waiting period, free from the restraints of bureaucratic rules and regulations.

Brief Encounters

And just how spontaneous can freedom-loving lovers be?

"We had one couple who met at a local lounge at three o'clock in the morning. They knew each other for three hours," recalls Gordon Gust, owner of the Candlelight Wedding Chapel. That couple not only remained married, Gust says, but returned to the Candlelight four years later to witness the wedding of friends.

Seeking possibly to explain the lure of the relatively low-cost chapel weddings, one owner suggested there's a definite difference between taking a chance on love and taking a chance on chance. "Visitors get very stingy as far as everything else is concerned—except gambling. They want to save their money for action," says Ken McGrath, owner of the Graceland Chapel.

As is the case with gambling, getting spliced on the Strip is largely a matter of pay before you can play. Standard chapel fees are \$35 to \$45. Photo packages run from a Polaroid portrait to a full-scale wedding album full of 8x10s, which can cost as much as \$150. And lest opportunistic newlyweds-to-be seek to cut costs even further, some chapels enforce a \$20 fee for those wedding parties who use their own cameras.

All wedding fees must be anted up before the ceremony begins. This policy has a defensible rationale—that once the drudgery of business is out of the way, let the romance roll.

Rabbit Habits

Chapel owners come from a variety of backgrounds, ranging from Gust, who ran a vacuum cleaner sales franchise until a newspaper ad lured him into the marriage business, to McGrath, a former police officer and casino pit boss who can be wryly humorous about his profession.

"This is the rebuilt front half of a Chinese restaurant," McGrath says of Graceland. "It gives you visions of throwing fried rice at the bride and groom."

There are a variety of approaches calculated to draw seekers of wedded bliss down love canal.

Graceland features ornate stained glass windows. Aaron's Chapel of the Bells may be striving for an entirely different effect with its large studio photo depicting bride, groom, maid of honor, and best man dressed from head to foot in furry white bunny suits, with big smiles on their bunny faces and bouquets of flowers in their bunny paws.

Although not Uncle Remus, Gust has many tales to tell about the people who have patronized his establishment, including a man with nine daughters who had spent about \$5,000 on a church wedding for one of them in California. "So he's sent six of the other eight daughters up here to get married because he can get the same type of wedding without all the hassle for about two or three hundred dollars."

Then there's the 85-year-old bridegroom who, after signing the bill for the ceremony, the flowers, and other accouterments, began shaking, looked anxiously at the chapel owner, and asked, "Jeez, this is for a lifetime, isn't it?"

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'The Globetrotters were whistling the wedding march and passing the ball over the newlyweds' heads.'

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Chapel weddings allow couples to display their creativity as well as their anxiety. "We had one of the referees for the Harlem Globetrotters get married here," Gust remembers. "And while they were getting married, all the guys were whistling the wedding march and passing the basketball back and forth over the couple's heads. Then, when they were done getting married, the guy took out his whistle and blew it at them."

Even Briefer Encounters

Sometimes spontaneity is taken to its less than elegant extreme. "We've even had people come in from Lake Mead, who were out swimming all day, and they performed the ceremony in their bikinis," Gust says.

Asked what it takes to be in the chapel business, more than one owner replied, "A little crazy."

The chapels incorporate—in plywood, garters, and sparkling lights—the crazy synthesis of the free-wheeling atmosphere, shrewd business sense, and real romance that is Las Vegas.

And 60,000 couples a year can't all be wrong. □

Sybil Wood, a freelance writer based in San Diego, has never been married in Las Vegas.



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The Great Tahoe Tour

Whether you're a world traveler or a Sunday driver, this loop of the lake is a shore thing.

By Jim Crandall



Early-day vacationers prepare to drive the lake loop. The roads have been modernized since, but the views are beyond improvement.

Taking a drive around Lake Tahoe is like touring the Swiss Alps, Dodge City, Monaco, and Disneyland in one swell loop, and the only things you need are a car, a tank of gas, and a thirst for adventure.

As you circle the lake, you pass glacier-carved canyons, lush forests, glittering casinos, historic towns, and Tahoe's always-photogenic shoreline. The 72-mile loop can last three hours, three days, or a lifetime.

There is no question that the trip is worthwhile. It is the most beautiful bi-state drive in the world. The only question is, which way to go?

When I was a summer student at South Tahoe High in the '60s, the answer was simple. A gang of us would meet before school, pile in a car, and drive off in a counterclockwise direction. We chose that route because the Nevada border was only five miles away, and the truancy officers couldn't chase us across the state line. We timed it to arrive back at the south shore about 3 p.m.—to get home from school on time.

Now I go the other way. The clockwise lane is closer to the lake, so my friends and family have a better view. And by starting at the south shore, I have morning sun on the west shore, afternoon sun on the east, and the option of watching the sun set over the lake.

The best way to begin the day is to watch the sunrise from Emerald Bay on the southwestern shore. So rise early, grab a quick breakfast in a Stateline casino, and head west. You'll avoid the traffic that swells South Lake Tahoe each summer day, although heavy traffic isn't new to the area. In the 1860s daily caravans of miners rushed harness to horsetail from the depleted gold diggings near Placerville to the Comstock Lode at Virginia City. The route was called "The Great Bonanza Road to Washoe." Now it's called U.S. 50.

When you reach the junction of U.S. 50 and California Route 89, turn right and leave the emigrants behind. There are tempting side trips en route to Emerald Bay—Camp Richardson, Pope and Baldwin beaches, Fallen Leaf Lake, and the Lake Tahoe Visitor Center at Taylor Creek—but save those for another day. Once past them, the road climbs in switchbacks to a razorback ridge. Far below and to the left Cascade Lake shimmers in an ever-green bowl. On the right is Emerald Bay.

Follow the road above the bay's backside to the scenic overlook. If you're early, you may share the view only with a few squirrels and blue jays. Granite boulders provide balcony seating. Settle in, and enjoy the sunrise show.

As the sun ignites the sky with red and golden colors above the eastern mountains, the lake quivers through a trans-

lucent spectrum of aquamarine tones as if deciding which cloak to don for the day. The shallower waters of the bay shimmer in lighter green hues. Within the bay, Fanette Isle, the lake's only island, sparkles in the morning sun.

Years ago, during my metaphysical phase, I'd gaze out at those sunrises and feel like I was a part of the creation of the whole Tahoe Basin. I've since learned that the basin was formed 150 million years before I could cross my legs like a pretzel, when a big chunk of earth sank between two upthrusting ridges. Then about 50 million years ago volcanoes blocked the northern shore, raising the lake's level hundreds of feet. During the ice age, between 25,000 and one million years ago, glaciers carved Emerald Bay from solid granite and burst through the lava wall at the north end. That created the current outlet at Tahoe City and lowered the lake to its present dimensions—21 miles long and 12 miles wide.

Emerald Bay's tiny island somehow survived all this action. Look closely and you'll see the remnants of a small structure on the island's crest. It is, or was, a stone tea house built by the bay's best known resident, Lora Knight. She bought the island and two-and-a-half acres of shoreline in 1928. Thinking the bay resembled a fiord, she built Vikingsholm on the meadow at the head of the bay. Constructed of native granite blocks and hand-hewn timbers, and furnished with antiques and impeccable reproductions, the castle is one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in America.

Vikingsholm, Fanette Isle, and much of the shoreline are now part of Emerald Bay State Park. Cars are prohibited, but you can walk the mile down the paved road from the lookout to the castle. The more adventuresome can hike down Eagle Falls, which pours out of the Desolation Wilderness and cascades down the towering granite walls behind the castle. Park rangers conduct tours of Vikingsholm from mid-June through Labor Day. Tours begin at 10 a.m. and at every half hour until 4 p.m. Fees are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for kids, and free for those under six.

Some say the hike back up the road from Vikingsholm is at least twice as long as the hike down, so if you don't like morning exercise, there's another fine example of early Tahoe architectural elegance at Sugar Pine Point State Park.

On the way you'll pass through D. L. Bliss State Park and Meeks Bay, a cove of white sandy beaches and meadows. The bay was named for the Meek brothers, who claimed to have hunted there nearly a decade before explorer John C. Fremont made the first recorded sighting of Tahoe on Valentine's Day, 1844. Meeks Bay Resort and Marina now features cottages,

condos, a motel, campgrounds, and RV parking in this secluded west shore cove.

Just north, at Sugar Pine Point's picnic grounds, you can pretend you're a turn-of-the-century aristocrat at the Ehrman Mansion. Shaded by towering sugar pines, cedars, and Sierra junipers, the mansion lounges on a manicured, grassy knoll that ambles down to the lake's shore. Built by San Francisco financier Isais W. Hellman as a summer cabin in 1901, the native stone and timber structure is three stories high and has 26 rooms.

Hellman's daughter Florence and her husband Sydney Ehrman inherited the property in 1920, and they entertained Bay Area elitists at croquet, tennis, aquaplaning, and parlor games. California's state park system acquired the home and 2,000 acres in 1964. The grounds' day fee is \$2, but mansion tours are free. They run from 11 to 4 p.m., on the hour, each day through Labor Day.

The shore road then meanders past boat harbors, private homes, and quiet hamlets like Homewood, Tahoe Pines, and Pineland before arriving at Fanny Bridge and bustling Tahoe City, one of the lake's first settlements. The bridge spans the Truckee River and is named for the colorful assortment of derrieres that huddle cheek to cheek as people bend over the railing. The attraction below is a gang of monstrous trout that dawdle in a clear pool between the bridge and the lake's only outlet dam. Fishing isn't allowed, although mischievous adolescents—the kind who cut school—are sometimes seen dropping worm-laden lines into the water.

Tahoe City was settled in the 1860s and linked the lake with the emigrant routes over Donner Pass (on today's Interstate 80). The town was the gateway to Tahoe and prospered as a port. Wealthy vacationers from San Francisco and Virginia City kept pleasure yachts there to sail to their private coves. Commercial fishing vessels swayed and bobbed beside ferries and schooners that sailed daily to ports at Incline and Glenbrook. The town had stage lines, ornate Victorian-style hotels, and many saloons, and much of the flavor of the past has been restored or imitated today. Also intact is the town's most upstanding attraction, a huge pine tree that grows right in the center of the main street.

Since the north end of the lake isn't on a major highway, commercial developments were minimal through the 1960s, and growth since has been slow and controlled. That's why, as you pass through Dollar Point, Carnelian Bay, Tahoe Vista, Kings Beach, and Brockway, you'll notice knotty pine cabins, quaint shops, and peaceful boat docks. Even the casinos at the state line—the Crystal Bay Club, Nevada Lodge, Nugget, and Tahoe Mari-



Designer fashions strike colorful poses on Fanny Bridge near the lake's only outlet dam in Tahoe City. The attraction below is a group of fat trout in a clear Truckee River pool.

ner—exude a mountain-resort feeling.

Another club, the Cal Neva Lodge, sits nearby on Stateline Point. Built by real estate magnate Bob Sherman to entertain prospective land buyers in 1927, the lodge straddled the state line and featured a dance floor with the border painted through it so celebrants could waltz from state to state. The club was a speak-easy during Prohibition, and when gambling was legalized in 1931, dice and cards shuffled into action on the Nevada side. The Cal Neva was visited over the years by movie stars, divorcees, and underworld thugs like Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd, and it has changed hardly nearly as often as blackjack dealers change decks.

Past the clubs, the road curves around Crystal Bay and a bank of condominiums that look like giant truck radiators bolted to the cliffs. Then, you come to Incline Village, the Beverly Hills of Tahoe.

The name Incline refers to a railway built in 1881 that transported logs 1,400 feet up to the top of Incline Mountain. From there the lumber was delivered via flumes and mule teams to Virginia City's mills and mines. In fact, so great was the demand for lumber on the Comstock between 1860 and 1890 that the Tahoe basin was literally stripped of timber. Most of the trees now are less than 100 years old, although a few ancients can be spotted poking their heads above the forests.

Now the only thing that scales the northeastern mountains at Incline is State Route 431 to Reno and Virginia City. But you'll miss that when you take the lake-shore road that leaves the highway just

past the town markers. It skirts well-heeled neighborhoods where mansions, tennis courts, swimming pools, yachts, and their owners rest handsomely on the shores of the lake. You'll also pass the imposing Hyatt Lake Tahoe hotel-casino that rises above the pines.

Near the outskirts of Incline, the lake-shore road rejoins State Route 28. Before continuing on the southern journey, you may want to detour north about a cow





Vintage boat harbors like Chambers Landing on the west shore invite travelers to take a break, cool off, and drink in the ambiance of secluded lakeside havens.

chip's throw to the Ponderosa Ranch of *Bonanza* fame. The TV show, which has been seen worldwide since its 1959 debut, spurred Incline contractor Bill Anderson to build the make-believe town in 1967. The ranch features an exact replica of the Cartwright's ranch house where father Ben dispensed frontier wisdom to sons Hoss and Little Joe. Although most filming was done in Hollywood, some was done at the Ponderosa and in the hills nearby.

Tahoe Tips

Here are some items you may need on your trip around Tahoe. For ogling, take binoculars and a camera. Anglers should take a Nevada-California license and fishing pole, or a string and bacon for crayfish hunting. Beachcombers will need tanning lotion, towels, and swim suits. Slot players will need money. Taco connoisseurs may need Alka Seltzer. Picnickers need barbecue fixings and steaks. Overnighters will need sleeping bags or credit cards. Those who have trouble going around in circles should have a road map. If you travel in the suggested clockwise direction, make sure your right-hand turn signals are working.

For further trip planning, contact the Tahoe North Visitors & Convention Bureau, Box 5578, Tahoe City, CA. 95730; phone toll-free 800-882-5959 from California or 800-824-8557 nationwide. The South Lake Tahoe Visitors Bureau is Box 17727, South Lake Tahoe, CA. 95706; phone toll-free 800-822-5922 from California or 800-824-5150 nationwide.

The western town, complete with saloons, shops, a real wedding chapel, and a dusty main street, attracts visitors from around the world. You'll find a bonanza of attractions, including antique cars, horseback rides, a petting zoo, children's rides, Hossburgers, and Ponderosa Mountain Dew. It's open daily through summer and fall, and admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for kids 5 to 12 years old, and free for younger children.

You can take a swim or soak in the sun two miles south at Sand Harbor State Park. With picnic grounds, boat ramp, sandy beaches, and granite outcroppings, the area is a favorite for picnickers, sun-worshippers, sailors, and crayfish anglers. The state park also features an outdoor amphitheater, with the lake as the stage's backdrop. Special summer events include Shakespearean plays and music festivals. The day fee is \$4 per car; there is no camping.

From there the highway leaves the lake and rises into lush timber and meadowland in what could be considered the real Ponderosa. In 1938 San Francisco real estate magnate George Whittell bought 14,623 acres of lakefront that included 11 miles of prime shoreside holdings. He built a stone chateau, but you can only see it from the water because the Whittell estate is closed to the public. The only thing you'll see from the highway is a gatehouse. It's charming, but forbidding.

Ahead, veer right when the two-lane road links with four-lane U.S. 50 near Spooner Summit. A left turn will take you 13 miles down the hill to Carson City. A right brings you to a sweeping panorama of Lake Tahoe and one of its most scenic

and historic settlements—Glenbrook Bay.

Settled in 1860, the picturesque cove prospered as a logging center, port, and vacation spot. It grew to rival Tahoe City in size and splendor and became a maritime link with the Comstock. In its heyday, Glenbrook had lumber mills, hotels, dancehalls, and a railroad that shuttled lumber to flumes at Spooner Summit. Now Glenbrook is an exclusive, private community. To get past the gatekeeper near the highway, act rich and ask directions to the sales office. Or tell him you're going to the public golf course, a wooded nine-holer.

Further south is Cave Rock, a natural monument that can be seen from nearly any point on the lake. This promontory of naked granite rises straight up out of the lake and looks like a giant beehive. It was the bane of early day road builders who constructed rickety trestles that clung haphazardly to the rock's sheer face. In 1931 road crews blasted one tunnel through the rock. The second tunnel was added in 1951, and the two caverns now make dark eyeholes in the hill. Park nearby, walk to the face of the cliff, hold on to something solid, and peer over the edge. Nearly 400 feet straight down, the crystal waters of Tahoe glisten.

You also can see the rock just south from a paved peninsula with a skirt of boulders. Part of Lake Tahoe State Park, Cave Rock is a favorite spot for anglers and features a boat ramp for easy launching. The cost to enter is \$3 per car; to launch a boat it's \$5. There is no overnight camping.

By the time you leave Cave Rock, you should be thinking about where to watch the sunset. For those who wish to sit on piers or sandy beaches, Zephyr Cove or Nevada Beach both offer natural settings for sunset watchers.

If you want to toast the day's end from on high, here are three suggestions. Drive to Stateline on the south shore and go to the top of Harrah's or Harvey's. Both feature glass-encased gourmet restaurants and lounges with dynamic views of the lake.

Another suitable end to the day is a trip to the Top of the Tram at Heavenly Valley ski resort. There, a 50-passenger tram car whisks you to the restaurant, bar, and sundeck that perch on a ridge 2,000 feet above the lake. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. From this mountaintop loft, the deep blue lake spreads before you, cradled between the chiseled rock spires and pines of the Sierra. From here it's easy to see why the Lake in the Sky is heralded as one of the most beautiful spots on earth. And why a drive around the basin is so worthwhile—even worth playing hooky for. □

Feature Editor Jim Crandall managed to graduate from South Tahoe High School in 1967.

Ruby Crest Trail

This 40-mile path is a highway to some of Nevada's most spectacular wilderness.

By Paula J. Del Giudice



We drove the Toyota to the top of Lamoille Canyon road, parked, and clambered out of the car. As the engine clicked and cooled, we stretched and sighed. Far below lay bustling Elko and Interstate 80, and beyond that, hectic careers and burdensome responsibilities.

Ahead lay the Ruby Crest Trail, a footpath into the heart of the Ruby Mountains. The trail skirts 11,000-foot summits and the only chain of alpine lakes in Nevada, winding from pine forests to naked spires above the treeline before it ends at Harrison Pass, 40 miles south. A lucky hiker might spot the only herd of mountain goats in Nevada, clattering along the cliffs in the remote reaches of the trail.

We weren't there to set any distance records, only to take a two-day hike past some of the picturesque lakes and streams en route to Liberty Lake, four miles in. I carried the wine, Dave carried the steaks. My gangly golden retriever puppy, Dolly, would have to carry herself.

As a novice backpacker, I estimated we could make the hike in one day, taking time to get accustomed to the high altitude and to explore the countryside. When we reached Lamoille Creek, one of nearly 100

creeks and streams that stem from melting snows, the panting puppy plopped down in the cool water and refused to go any farther. Some coaxing with a doggie biscuit finally uprooted her, and we went on to Dollar Lakes. Little more than marshy ponds formed in part by Lamoille Creek, they nestle in beds of velvety green moss surrounded by pine trees and gnarled stumps.

The first true alpine lake we saw was Lamoille Lake, which sits in a steep-sided granite bowl. A fisherman nearby proudly showed us a 12-inch trout—one of the largest he'd ever caught there, he said. All the lakes along the trail are stocked with trout, mostly brookies with some rainbows. The fish are known to be finicky; one day they'll bite on small spoons and spinners, other days they won't touch anything but small flies.

This first two miles of the trail, from the head of Lamoille Canyon to Lamoille Lake, is an easy round trip for day hikers, and the shores of the lake are great for picnicking.

The far side of Lamoille Lake was bordered by a large field of snow. In some shady spots around the peaks, the snow

never completely melts. The trail became steeper, and as we trudged along, the wind picked up and howled, swirling against the mountain. After only a few hundred yards, tiny flames licked at my legs and my lungs began to fight for oxygen in the thin air. The trail continued upward in switchbacks. Matted pine needles provided soft footing, but the going was slow.

Then, abruptly, the greenery disap-



The first lofty view from the Ruby Crest Trail is of the sweeping curve of Lamoille Canyon in the Humboldt National Forest. Far below can be seen the road and parking area at the end of the canyon, where hikers find the start of the 40-mile wilderness trail.

peared and solid granite took its place. We were above timberline, nearing the highest point of our hike. Every step became a chore. My backpack's shoulder straps chafed with every movement. Finally, we crested Liberty Pass, 10,450 feet high.

Dolly dropped to the ground to rest, and this time we joined her. From that lofty perch the view of the green and brown folds of the Great Basin rolling off to the edges of the earth was spectacular.

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For dinner that evening
we cooked steaks
over the campfire and
served lake-chilled wine
in my finest tin cups.

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After a bit, we shared the last few sips of water from our canteen and set off once again. It was all downhill from there.

Ahead appeared the soothing, azure water of Liberty Lake, a sapphire in the rough. There were no other intruders in this paradise. A cluster of pines crowded the far end of the lake, which looked like the perfect spot to camp. The trail down was lined with orange poppies and black-eyed Susans. With our goal in sight, the



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Hiking the Rubies

The Ruby Crest Trail begins 37 miles southeast of Elko. To get there, drive 20 miles on State Route 228 to Lamoille, turn up the Lamoille Canyon road, and follow it until it ends. The trailhead is at the far end of the parking area. Toilets and running water are available there and at the Thomas Canyon Campground down the hill. The trail has no facilities.

The area's weather can be unpredictable, and snow often covers the upper range from October to July. Daytime summer temperatures range from the 30s to 60s.

You'll need a license to go fishing in the 40,000-acre Ruby Mountain Scenic Area; an adult license is \$14 for residents, \$30 for nonresidents. The range has a wide variety of wildlife, including mule deer, mountain goats, mountain lions, beavers, blue grouse, and coyotes. For fishing and fall hunting information, contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1375 Mountain City Highway, Elko, NV. 89801; 702-738-6036.

Small-scale recreation maps are available for \$1 each from the Humboldt National Forest, Box 246, Wells, NV 89835; 702-752-3357 Topographical maps are available for \$2.25 each from the Bureau of Land Management, Box 831, Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-4071.

last half-mile passed quickly.

For dinner that evening, Dave cooked the steaks over the campfire while I served lake-chilled wine in my finest tin cups.

At sunset we snuggled into our sleeping bags. A rosy glow settled over the mountains and gave way to an evening parade of twinkling stars. With no city glare to mar the effect, the light show was magnificent.

With the coals of the campfire glowing softly, and the dog Dolly nestled in beside me, I thought about the next day. We would fish at Favre and Castle lakes, both within a mile of camp. Afterward, we'd begin our trip back, fishing and taking photographs along the way. We would easily reach the Toyota by nightfall.

I was brought back to the present when Dolly began twitching as she chased a rabbit in her sleep. After calming her down, I rolled over and gazed up at the stars. The tough hike all the way to Harrison Pass would have to wait for another, longer trip. The peace and beauty of Liberty Lake was all I needed. Sleep came quickly. □

Although raised in Elko, outdoor writer Paula J. Del Giudice didn't discover the Ruby Crest Trail until she moved to Reno. For another view of Lamoille Lake, see page 48.

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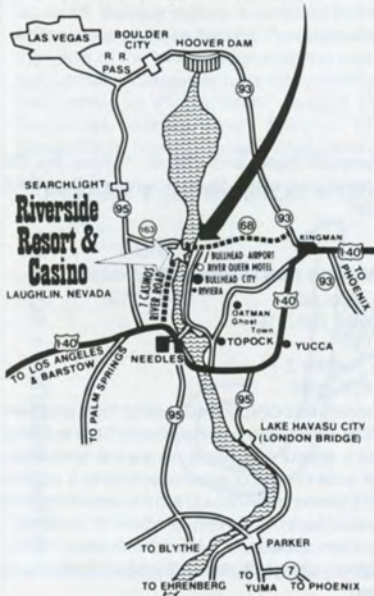
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"She didn't want any notoriety. The only newspaper people she would talk to—and they wouldn't write anything about it unless they asked her first—were Louella Parsons and Hedda Hopper. She was good friends with both of them. She also was good friends with Gilbert Roland."

Bell feels his mother's low-key personality disappointed Hollywood press people who tried to create a mystique about her. "There was no mystique to her. She simply wanted to be left alone," he says. "There have been some awful articles written about her that are an absolute

joke. They said she was an alcoholic. Well, she wasn't. She seldom, if ever, took a drink. She was in sanitariums, but that was to find a cure for her insomnia. She said she never slept, but my brother and I would poke our heads in the door, and she would be sleeping. She worried about us like any mother. We just were closer to Dad because we spent more time with him."

Rex Bell and Clara Bow never divorced, although Rex's constant companion in later years was Las Vegas gift shop owner Katie Jenkins. Rex kept in close touch with Clara, however, and their relationship hinted of his protectiveness toward her. When their sons were young, the family

would reunite at Clara's California home at Christmas.

Bell points out that his father—like his contemporaries, the Lambs, Stewarts, and Binions—was a "good old boy" in the most positive sense of the word. Larger-than-life personalities were needed to promote the growth of Nevada, Bell says, adding that even today some people who knew his father cannot shake their mental picture of him. "I was named Rex but called Tony when Dad was alive," he says. "After Dad died, I had my name legally changed from Rex Larbow Beldam to Rex Anthony Bell. All these years later, however, people are still referring to me as 'Rex Bell Jr.' It's as if in their minds, there can only be one man with his name."

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During his campaign for governor, on the Fourth of July, 1962, Rex Bell died of a heart attack in Las Vegas. The 57-year-old party leader had just attended a county GOP picnic that featured a rising Republican star, Paul Laxalt, who was running for Rex's job. Clara Bow braved the crowds to attend his memorial service. He was buried in Forest Lawn, Glendale, California, in a family plot.

Clara Bow died on September 27, 1965, in California, still remembered as a star after her long years of retirement. She also was buried at Forest Lawn.

Karl Weikel acquired ownership of the Bells' half of the Walking Box Ranch in 1952 and is running it today, but the Spanish-style ranch house Bell and Bow built has been empty for many years.

Their son Rex retains ownership of the Walking Box brand. Among his treasures are copies of his mother's last two films, *Call Her Savage* and *Hoopla*, along with several of his father's parade outfits and his famous silver saddle.

"My parents were both very loving, caring, giving people, to each other, to strangers and friends, and especially to us kids," says Bell. "If I could change anything about the outcome of their lives, I would have eliminated that Devoe scandal. I think that caused my mother's insomnia and reclusive tendencies. And that's what led to my parents' separation, because they grew into such different life styles—Dad was so outgoing, Mother so much to herself.

"As far as my father's life goes, well, I wouldn't change a thing.

"One more thing about my mother: I think she gave too much of herself to the world when she was a big star. But I don't think I'd change any of that, and I don't think she would have either." □

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Summer on the River

You need a little cunning on the Jarbidge and often a net, too, because those flopping, jumping rainbows don't give up easily

By Don Mathias

Knee-deep in the rushing, cold, clear water of the Jarbidge River, I move cautiously from one deep, dark pool to the next. It is late afternoon, and I am at a place in the canyon about halfway between the Idaho line and a deep cleft known as Freighter's Defeat. Along this stretch the river either cuts through vertical cliffs of native rhyolite or disappears into dense growths of alder, willow, and chokecherry. It is difficult to wade but rewarding, for every pool and shadowy cutbank hides hungry rainbow trout.

I pause to change flies. Above, pinnacles of red rock soar skyward, and I give thanks to the Creator for fashioning this spectacularly beautiful place and for allowing me to enjoy it every summer. Half a mile downstream, my friend Walt Young is probably having similar thoughts. For a long time I had been telling him about the Jarbidge River and its unmatched fishing. He now seems convinced I wasn't just telling him fish stories.

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It was great having Walt around, but earlier in the summer I had had misgivings about encouraging him to visit. The winter of 1983-84 had brought Jarbidge its most snow in 30 years. The old-timers in the tiny village, which is tucked away in the rugged mountains of northern Elko County, guessed the snowfall to be as much as 17 feet. The winter was not unusually cold; temperatures seldom reached zero. In the valleys, frequent warm spells had melted much of the snow as fast as it fell, but the higher elevations remained blanketed in white even toward the end of August.

When my wife Jeanne and I drove into Jarbidge in June, we remarked on the



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heavy snowpack covering the range as we saw it from the plains of Idaho a few miles east of Murphy Hot Springs. We feared that the thaw might keep the river too high and muddy to fish for trout. And we were right; the waters didn't recede and clear up enough for fly fishing until the third week in July.

The Jarbidge is an unusual stream, and beyond the immediate area almost no one seems to have heard of it. Because of its remoteness and generally poor road conditions, few travelers visit the place. Those who do are surprised to find the area green and lush with vegetation. Fir, mountain mahogany, and pinyon pine cover the

high slopes. Aspen, cottonwood, and willow crowd every canyon. Grass grows everywhere where orange, red, blue, and yellow wildflowers don't push it aside. Marmots and ground squirrels scamper among the rocks. Mule deer and mountain beaver are commonplace. Hawks and eagles dominate the skies.

There are almost no people along the river. Only a few permanent residents, hardy mountain types who appreciate the area's beauty and solitude, call Jarbidge home. We're one of a few families who spend summers there. My teaching job in California does not pay as well as some other lines of work, but it has many advantages. I have the privilege of associating with hundreds of fine young people during the school year, and I get a lot more vacation time than the average corporate employee. Jeanne and I were both reared during the Great Depression; we have no trouble adjusting to a teacher's salary. So, every summer we come to Jarbidge and go fishing. And we go hiking and prospecting. And we sit on the porch enjoying each another's com-

pany, a hundred miles from the nearest supermarket and, until last year, 17 miles from the nearest telephone.

High above the town, the river originates in a box canyon where tiny streams and rivulets bounce down the western slopes of the Jarbidge Range, the north side of Fox Creek Peak, and the east side of Pine Mountain. The streams have picturesque names reminiscent of the area's mining days in the early 1900s—Bonanza Gulch, Snowslide Gulch, Sawmill Creek. They start about 16 miles south of the Idaho border and join to flow northward, away from the Great Basin and Nevada. An amazing quantity of water comes from

those streams year-round. Farther north, other perennial streams add to the flow, which helps the Jarbidge support a sizable population of rainbow trout.

The most ardent trout fisherman I have ever met is my friend Walt Young, who's from Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes and as many streams. He enjoys the sport so much that he's become an expert at tying fishing flies; in fact, he paid his way through college tying flies commercially. In my letters, I had told him about our annual retreat to Jarbidge, and he became eager to visit the place. Walt and I hadn't seen each other for more than 25 years, and I guess he couldn't believe the stories I was telling him. So he decided to find out for himself.

Walt was tied up until August. That was just fine; it gave me time to repair some winter damage around our cabin and scout the river. During July I saw only one other person fishing in the stream, although I know several Jarbidge residents had caught their limits on more than one occasion. Still, the stream was clearly not subject to heavy fishing pressure. To improve the fishing even more, the Nevada Department of Wildlife stocked the river with thousands of rainbows during the first week of July. By the time Walt arrived in August, the transplants were accustomed to their new home and every bit as feisty as the native fish.

Walt spent two days getting acquainted with the surroundings. We drove up and down the stream a few times and enjoyed the scenery. He was especially impressed with the beauty and stillness of Bear Creek Meadows, the massive cliffs on Copper Mountain, and the tall columns in the lower part of Jarbidge Canyon.

We also discussed what flies we would use on the river. I prefer the Gray Hackle,



Most of the fish in the upper canyon are smaller but more vigorous fighters than their downstream relatives.



a widely known pattern that is usually fished wet. But I have found that tied and fished as a dry fly, it is sure to fill the creel. All the flies I use are tied on a Number 10 downeye hook; smaller or larger sizes can be used, but they offer no advantages. Walt tied up a few of his own favorites such as the Adams and Royal Coachman. We were soon ready to take on any rain-

bows the Jarbidge had to offer.

On the morning of Walt's third day in Jarbidge we climbed into my 1953 military jeep and headed upriver. Above the town it is generally smaller and faster moving than it is near the Idaho boundary. Like the river, most of the fish in the upper canyon are smaller but more vigorous fighters.

We decided to park the jeep at Pine Creek Campground, one of several in the area maintained by the U.S. Forest Service, and fish up and down the stream. If we didn't bag our limits in the first half a mile, we would move downstream and try some new territory. We had already agreed to keep only fish longer than nine inches since we were out primarily for the joy of fishing and not for the food.

Within half an hour and 200 yards of stream, Walt had five keepers, and I had two. We each had released another half dozen that were too small. Walt was having the time of his life. He was beginning to believe my fish stories.

We moved downstream after pausing for a drink of pure spring water at the campground. After an hour of testing likely spots, Walt had his limit, and I had six nice trout. The largest was just over 12 inches. Because the stream bed in the upper Jarbidge consists entirely of cobblestones and boulders, walking through it and clambering up and down steep banks is hard on the ankles. We were ready to go back to the cabin shortly after noon.

During the next couple of days we fished the larger stream north of town. The trout there were bigger and stronger but not so wary. Since this part of the canyon has no campgrounds, fewer anglers visit it. Most denizens of the lower Jarbidge have never seen an artificial fly, so they strike unhesitatingly and viciously. Even the beginning angler can be successful here—no need to sneak up on the fish or drop the fly lightly on the water's surface. A fishing net, however, is almost a necessity because these flopping, diving, jumping rainbows don't give up easily.



Walt and I are both exhausted after stalking trout near Freighter's Defeat. It is evening, and we sit together on the porch and watch the warm, glowing sunlight climb the mountains across the river. We talk about mutual friends of the old days, about our families, and about the state of the world. But most of all we talk about fishing. Walt has realized that Jeanne and I have found the right combination of the best things the world has to offer. He'll be back next year.

Don Mathias teaches high school science in Covina, California. He discovered Jarbidge in 1958 while working on his master's degree in geology in the nearby Elk Mountains.

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Her paint still gleaming, Skip-A-Long returned to port supported by air bags. The rescue crew (inset) included, clockwise from left: Otto Herrmann, Jay Faber, Jerry Schmidt, Mike Clauss, John Clauss, Pete Carreau, Lisa Murray, and Dwayne Carreau (center).

THE SAGA OF THE SKIP-A-LONG

How the famous hydroplane was lost and found,
then lost and found again, and finally
raised after 35 years at the bottom of Lake Tahoe.

By Cliff Glover

It was just another test run back in August 1949, another exhibition of power and grace by the 30-foot hydroplane called *Skip-A-Long*. The spectators on the docks at Tahoe City were used to seeing the 9,000-pound, all-aluminum boat crack open the smooth morning waters, and now she was something more than a local celebrity. She was the winner of the 100-mile Detroit Marathon and owner of a new world's record, 94.285 mph, in international competition.

Skip-A-Long was built and raced by R. Stanley Dollar, heir to a huge marine transport company founded by his great-grandfather in 1895. Dollar's wealth and daring allowed him to join other sportsmen such as Nevada rancher Bill Stead and band leader Guy Lombardo in a pastime that sportswriters have always described as deadly.

Driving an unlimited hydroplane—a speedboat not limited to a certain size or power—meant trusting one's life to two hand-sized patches of hull and the submerged half of a whirling propeller. *Skip-A-Long* could reach 120 mph, and at that speed the slightest ripple could send both man and boat into an uncontrollable death dive. Ted Jones, designer of the famous *Slo-Mo-Shun*, once described what happens when a pilot loses control of his hydroplane: "At those speeds, the force of a sheet of water is like a giant knife. It rips, tears, and cuts. The faster you go, the sharper the knife."

Although *Skip-A-Long* had won two big international events, future wins were not guaranteed. That's why, on that August day, Dollar was out on the lake, testing a new rudder he hoped would wring more speed from his hydroplane. It was supposed to decrease propeller drag by lifting the propeller farther out of the water. As it turned out, however, the rudder had an altogether different effect.

While Dollar's wife Nancy was towing *Skip-A-Long* back to Tahoe City, with Dollar

and co-pilot Ollie Meek staying in the cockpit, a small leak developed around the new rudder. Apparently the bolts that secured the rudder had not been tightened enough. At first, the men were not particularly concerned with the small amount of water seeping into the cockpit—not concerned, that is, until icy water started swirling around their feet.

Once the leak's seriousness became obvious, the men acted quickly. Meek, looking for something to stop the flow, stripped off his coveralls and stuffed them into an opening near the engine. Dollar signaled his friend, speedboat restorer Dick Clark, to bring his Chris Craft and take over the towline from Mrs. Dollar. Pulled by Clark's more powerful boat, *Skip-A-Long* edged closer toward shore. But too much time had passed. What had been a small leak was now a large flow, filling the cockpit and pushing the stern downward.

"It was evident that she was going to sink," says Clark, who still lives in Tahoe City. "I towed it from about 1,000 feet of water to about 500 feet. If the *Skip-A-Long* had lasted a bit longer, it might have even made the beach."



Skip-A-Long sank during a 1949 test run by R. Stanley Dollar (right) and Ollie Meek.

But four-and-a-half tons of boat and hundreds of gallons of water dragged it down. Clark had no choice but to cut her loose while Dollar and Meek dove for safety. Slowly at first, then ever faster, *Skip-A-Long* slid into the crystal-clear waters.

"Everyone felt bad," Clark says. "It was a very teary experience, let me tell you. A lot of blood, sweat, and tears go into a race-boat program like that. You feel you have lost it forever when you have lost it in Lake Tahoe."

In 1949 there was no easy way to salvage a boat that sinks in hundreds of feet of freezing water. Diving bells were used only for operations like bridge building and were not available for personal salvage operations on an alpine lake. (Even today, while "hard-hat" diving is available, the cost is prohibitive—about \$35,000 a day.) Dollar's only recourse was to drag the lake's bottom with a grapple, hoping to snag his beloved *Skip-A-Long*. When that failed, he called in the Navy.

Using sonar, the Navy spotted the hydroplane and proceeded to work a grapple into her hull. The boat was then lifted. Ten feet. Twenty feet. But at 30 feet *Skip-A-Long* faltered. The hook tore through her thin aluminum skin and she drifted back into a sandy fold somewhere on the lake's bottom. The Navy searched the vicinity for hours, but *Skip-A-Long* had vanished.

It was Stanley Dollar's final effort. He never tried to raise his boat again. In the years ahead, he did participate in other race-boat projects, but never with the enthusiasm that he had with *Skip-A-Long*. He died in 1975 at the age of 60.

On a warm day in September 1984—probably much like the day 35 years earlier when *Skip-A-Long* settled to the bottom of Lake Tahoe—Pete Carreau, a salvage expert in South Lake Tahoe, decided to look for the boat. The

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sky was blue. The water was flat. The conditions were perfect. It would be five or six months before such good weather came along again.

Carreau had learned the salvage business at an early age while working on his uncle's barge near Montreal. Now, with his own business at Tahoe Keys Marina, he carries on the tradition. He has, he estimates, pulled 300 boats, cars, and planes out of the lake in the last eight years.

Three hours and 12 miles later, Carreau, his son Dwayne, five crew members, and a 25-by-50-foot steel salvage barge pulled into Sunnyside Marina. The search for *Skip-A-Long* would begin two miles south of the docks, but first Carreau had to see John Clauss, a man as interested in *Skip-A-Long* as he was.

For three years John Clauss and Pete Carreau had talked about finding *Skip-A-Long* and had even sketched out a loose agreement should the salvage operation be attempted. Carreau felt obliged to give Clauss the first shot, although he had a better offer—about \$15,000 more—from another party.

"I told John that on Monday morning, if the weather's clear, I'm going to be out there looking for the *Skip-A-Long*. If you're on, you're on. If you're not, no problem, I told him. He came and brought me a check." Money wasn't a problem for Clauss, who sells sailboats in the summer and rents snow removal equipment in the winter. For the 34-year-old entrepreneur, the excitement of participating in a bit of boating history was worth the cost, which he declines to disclose.

The fun began after Clauss boarded the salvage barge. For three days they crisscrossed a one-mile patch of Lake Tahoe, trolling four 1,000-watt mercury lights and a video camera. For three days they stumbled over three-quarter-inch-thick steel chains, grapples, yellow air bags, and lengths of air hose, which they piled on the deck. It was not glamorous work. The most exciting images they saw through the four video cameras were an outboard motor, a fishing net, a couple of scraps of wood, and 40 or 50 beer cans. But then came the moment they had waited so patiently for.

"It was about 3 p.m.," Clauss recalls. "We were short of hands. Pete had to go back to South Shore. There was Otto, Dwayne, Jay, and myself. Otto and Dwayne were out front working the winch, working the cable up and down to keep the camera from dragging along the bottom. Jay was just sitting down to eat some chili when he saw something go right by the corner of the screen.

"He yelled and I just looked up in time to see something. Neither of us was able to identify it. But after looking at sand for so long, when you see something—and for all we knew it could have been a chair—

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you go back and investigate it. You can't pass by something you don't recognize."

The crew finally did verify the "something" three hours later. It took that long to find it again because they had misread the depth chart and a strong wind was blowing the barge off course. By 6 p.m., though, they were able to confirm that *Skip-A-Long* was 520 feet below, gleaming in the floodlights, her name still legible in bright blue enamel.

"You couldn't get much more excited," says Clauss. "Everyone was going crazy."

The crew took land sightings and went back to Sunnyside, where they spent the weekend constructing special grapples and other recovery equipment. On Tuesday morning they went out again.

"Jay maneuvered the barge right on top of it and we dropped the camera down," says Clauss. "Within an hour-and-a-half we had the thing hooked up. But once we started to pick the boat up, the second grapple came out. The wind started to come up. The first grapple came out as we tried to rehook the second."

They worked until 4:30 that afternoon to straighten things out. Then they inflated the air bags, which floated the video camera, lights, and grapples. Unfortunately, the compressed air ran out before the bags could be fully inflated.

Using a hydraulic winch for extra pull, the combination of men and machine finally pried *Skip-A-Long* loose and budged the old racer two feet. But more power was needed. Another boat was brought in to add its muscle. And another. Carreau's crewmen snugged them to the barge and on command all three reversed engines. The clear water turned white as the propellers dug in. And *Skip-A-Long* began to come along—not willingly, but come she did.

It took three hours to move her to shallower waters. At 300 feet the winch alone was powerful enough to handle the last stage of the operation. Gradually the old hydroplane was drawn up. At 200 feet the air bags took over.

"The last hundred feet took about 30 seconds," says Clauss. "We were taking cable up as fast as we could. But the air bags blew up when they hit the surface, and the boat went back down."

By now night was falling, but the crew wasn't about to give up. Peering over the side of Carreau's barge, they soon spotted *Skip-A-Long*. She had come to rest on a shelf 85 feet below. The grapples were still attached.

A diver was called in to hook up three new yellow air bags. The on-board compressor was fired up and began pumping. After 45 minutes, the wait of three-and-a-half decades was over.

The next day *Skip-A-Long* was lifted out of the water at Sunnyside Marina. The crowd there included the media, some

old-timers who remembered the boat from her racing days, and a few passersby. As she hung suspended above the dock, cradled in chain and rope, people exclaimed at her size and weight. The old hydroplane was much larger than most onlookers had expected.

It will take a year or more for Clauss to grind out the pockets of corrosion, replace damaged parts, and put *Skip-A-Long* back into running condition. But Clauss, a restorer of old cars, looks forward to the challenge; he has, in fact, attended a seminar on aluminum aircraft restoration at the Smithsonian Institution to better prepare himself for the project.

"Basically, *Skip-A-Long* was built like an airplane out of mostly surplus World War II hardware," says Clauss, whose brother Mike is helping him with the restoration. "The Allison aircraft engine is the same one they used in the early P-38 and P-51 fighter planes. That's why this boat is going to work out so well."

Also being worked out is the question of ownership, which surfaced shortly after the boat did. When Carreau and Clauss decided to look for *Skip-A-Long*, they reasoned that the rules of abandonment applied to inland bodies of water as they did to oceans. According to maritime law, property is abandoned if its owner neglects to position a guard nearby to protect the property.

But Dollar's widow Nancy, who lives in San Francisco, wasn't sure that interpretation applied to Lake Tahoe, and she retained a lawyer to find out. According to her son Stanley Jr., who lives in Seattle, Nancy was afraid the Clauss brothers would get *Skip-A-Long* running and then "tear out into the lake and sink it."

The Dollar clan decided, however, that John and Mike Clauss were serious restorers without any reckless desires. "We don't have any interest in the boat whatsoever," says Stanley Jr., "except that we want to see it when it's fixed up."

Where the boat will finally come to rest is not settled. There was initial speculation that *Skip-A-Long* might take a berth at California's Sugar Pine Point State Park, where other historic craft are displayed, including Dollar's old *Mercury* racer. But John Clauss says such a question is premature. After closely examining the hydroplane's body, he thinks that as much as 90 percent of the aluminum will have to be replaced. Restoration could take four to five years.

As for Clauss' reluctance to risk sinking the boat again, Stanley Jr. says with a laugh, "He's very mature." For a moment the racer's son muses about *Skip-A-Long's* speed and how exciting it would be to race it again. He says fondly, "It was a fantastic boat." □

Cliff Glover of Sparks is a writer, photographer, and antique restorer.



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SHOWGUIDE

Where the stars and shows are playing this summer.

By Melissa Loomis



The Hi-Tops bring hot footwork and sweet harmonies to the Hi-Heel Sneakers revue this summer at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. Roger Miller is the headliner in late July.

LAS VEGAS TERRITORY

Aladdin, 736-0111 Entertainment TBA

Barbary Coast, 737-7111 Sam Butera and the Wildest, 6/6-7/3; Irish Showband, 7/4-9/4

Caesars Palace, 731-7333: Johnny Mathis, 7/3-8; Joan Rivers/Doc Severinsen/Garry Shandling, 7/10-23; George Burns, 8/7-12; David Copperfield, 8/13-18, 20-25; Liberace, 8/28-9/2

Circus Circus, 734-0410: Circus acts, 11am-midnight, free

Del Webb's Nevada Club, Laughlin, 298-2512

Desert Inn, 733-4566: Lynda Carter/The Smothers Brothers, 6/27-7/17; Tanya Tucker/Ray Stevens, 7/18-8/7; Jerry Lewis/Mel Torme, 8/8-28

Dunes, 737-4110: Lounge entertainment

Edgewater, Laughlin, 298-2453

El Rancho, 796-2222: Lounge entertainment

Fleming Hilton, 733-3333: City Lites, revue, indf., 7:45pm dinner show from \$15.95, 11pm cocktail show \$10.95, includes 2 drinks; Atlantis/Sonny Turner, thru 7/1 John Wills/Santiago, 7/2-29; Zara's/Then & Now, 7/30-8/5; Then & Now/Winchester Cathedral, 8/6-26; Winchester Cathedral/Bach, 8/27-9/2

Four Queens, 385-4011 Marlene Ricci, 6/18-30; Billy Eckstine, 7/1-21, Frank Sinatra Jr., 7/23-8/4; The Platters, 8/20-9/15; Dondino, indf., Monday Nite Jazz, weekly

Frontier, 734-0240: Siegfried & Roy in Beyond

Belief, 7/2-11/24; 7pm & 11pm cocktail shows Tues.-Sun., dark Mon., family shows (no nudity) on 7/6 and 8/3 at 6pm in addition to regular shows at 9:15pm & 12:15am

Golden Nugget, 385-7111 Paul Anka, 6/27-7/2; Shecky Greene, 7/11-16; Lou Rawls, 7/18-23; David Brenner, 7/25-30; Dionne Warwick, 8/8-20; Shecky Greene, 8/22-27; David Brenner, 8/29-9/3

Hacienda, 798-0571 Fire & Ice, ice spectacular, indf., 8pm optional dinner show from \$14.95, 8pm and 11pm cocktail shows \$10.95

Holiday, 369-5000: Wild World of Burlesque, indf., 10pm & 12:30am Mon.-Fri., 8pm, 10pm & 12:30am Sat., dark Sun., \$6.95, includes 2 drinks

Imperial Palace, 733-0234: Legends in Concert, indf., 8pm & 11pm cocktail shows \$11.95; dark Sun.

Landmark, 733-1110: Mickey Finn Show, 7/14; and 8/16-indf.

Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5755: Bal du Moulin Rouge, indf., starring Debbie Reynolds/Rip Taylor, thru 8/13; 8pm dinner show from \$19.50, midnight cocktail show \$16

MGM Grand Hotel, 739-4567: Ziegfeld Theatre: Jubilee! indf., 7:30pm & 11pm, dark Wed., \$25; *Celebrity Room*: Wayne Newton, 7/26-8/14; Dean Martin, 8/15-21 Rich Little/Gregory Hines, 8/29-9/11

Marina, 739-1500: Old Burlesque '85 with Bob Mitchel, indf., 8pm & 10pm; dark Mon., \$6.95

Maxim, 731-4300: Sam Vine, 7/10-28; Valentino, 7/29-8/11 8pm & 10:15pm; dark Tues.

Mint, 387-6468: Breck Wall's Bottom's Up '85, indf., Tues.-Sun., Sandy Hackett's Talent Showcase, indf., Mon.

Palace Station, 367-2422: Lounge entertainment daily, 11am-5am

Peppermill's Western Village, Mesquite, 346-5232

Regency Casino, Laughlin, 298-2439

Riverside Resort, Laughlin, 298-2535

Riviera, 734-5301 Splash!, production show, indf.

Royal Casino, 733-4000: Cook E. Jarr, indf.

Saddle West Casino, Pahrump, 727-5953

Sahara, 737-2424: From the Top, revue, indf.

Sam Boyd's California, 385-1222: Lounge entertainment nightly; Stars of Tomorrow Talent Showcase, Sun., 8pm-midnight, hosted by Johnny Ricco

Sam's Town, 456-7777: Continuous entertainment, western dancing nightly with free dance lessons Sun.-Thurs. 7-9pm

Sam's Town Gold River, Laughlin, 298-2242

Sands, 733-5000: Outrageous, revue, indf., 8pm, 10pm & midnight, dark Mon., \$9.50, includes 2 drinks

Silver Slipper, 734-1212: Boylesque, revue, indf., 8pm, 10pm, midnight, dark Thurs., \$6.95

Stardust, 732-6325: Lido de Paris starring Bobby Berosini's orangutans, indf., 7pm & 11pm nightly, \$17.50, includes 2 drinks

Sundance, 382-6:11 Kathy Dahl/Richard Yusco, indf.

Tropicana, 739-2411: Folies Bergere starring Ronn Lucas and Lance Burton, indf.; 8pm dinner show \$15.95, 11:30pm cocktail show \$11.95; dark Thurs.

Union Plaza, 386-2444: Broadway entertainment nightly; 8pm dinner show from \$11.95, 11:45pm cocktail show from \$7.50

RENO/TAHOE TERRITORY

Caesars Tahoe, 588-3515: Joan Rivers, 7/1-7; David Copperfield, 7/8-14; George Burns, 7/15-21 Smokey Robinson, 7/22-28; Pointer Sisters, 7/29-8/4; Diana Ross, 8/12-18; Liberate, 8/19-25

Carson City Nugget, 882-1626: Sneed Brothers with Suzie, 7/2-28; Cheryl Cotten/Command Performance, 7/30-9/1

Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711: Nightly entertainment and dancing, no cover or minimum

Circus Circus, Reno, 329-0711 Circus acts, 11:30am-midnight, free

Crystal Bay Club, Tahoe, 831-0512: Band-O-Matic, 7/2-14; Small Favors, 7/16-28; Komrada, 7/30-8/11

Del Webb's High Sierra, Tahoe, 588-6211 Ridin' High, revue, indf., Franco & Mary Jane, thru 7/7 Willie Tyler & Lester, 7/1-14; Pete Barbutti/Frenz, 7/15-28; Zella, 7/29-8/4; Danny Marona, 8/5-9/1

Eldorado, Reno, 786-5700: Nightly entertainment, Tues.-Sun.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, 588-6611. *South Shore Room*: Mac Davis, 6/28-7/11 Wayne Newton,

7/12-25; Andy Williams/The Smothers Brothers, 7/26-8/1 Engelbert Humperdinck, 8/2-8; Roger Whittaker, 8/9-15; Sammy Davis Jr., 8/16-20; Alan King/Rosemary Clooney, 8/21-22; Sammy Davis Jr., 8/23-29; Don Rickles/Juliet Prowse, 8/30-9/5; *Stateline Cabaret: Breakin' Loose*, revue, indf., Wed.-Mon., Bill Medley, 7/2-7 The P.C. Band, 7/16-21 War, 7/23-28; Metropolitan Blues All-Stars, 7/30-8/11 (except Mon.); Jay Leno, 8/13-18

Harrah's Reno, 329-4422: *Headliner Room*: Mickey Gilley, 6/27-7/3; Roger Whittaker, 7/4-10; Patti Labelle, 7/11-17 Gladys Knight & The Pips, 7/18-24; T.G. Sheppard/Sylvia, 7/25-31 McGuire Sisters, 8/1-5; Captain & Tennille, 8/6-14; Eddy Arnold/Florence Henderson, 8/15-21 Debbie Reynolds, 8/22-28; Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers, 8/29-9/4; *Casino Cabaret: Bustin' Out*, revue, indf., Wed.-Mon.; Bill Medley, 7/9-14; Jay Leno, 8/6-11 Mamas and the Papas, 8/13-25 (except Mon.); John Kay & Steppenwolf, 8/27-9/1

Harvey's, Tahoe, 588-2411: *Top of the Wheel*: Ron Rose Sound, indf., Jelsa Palao, 7/1-7 Bruce Zarka, 7/8-28; Motifs, 7/29-8/18; All Nite Express, 8/19-9/8; *Theatre Lounge*: Ginger Corte's Scandals, revue, indf., Michael Darrin's Les Vamps, revue, indf., Martha's Children, 7/1-7 Kenny Laursen, 7/8-21 Reycards, 7/8-28; Entertainment Committee, 7/22-8/12; Sonny Turner, 7/29-8/25; Santiago, 8/26-9/15

Hyatt Lake Tahoe, 831-1111: The Lelands/Abbey Road, 6/25-7/1 Jay Ramsey Band/Abbey Road, 7/2-10; Kingston Trio/Jay Ramsey Band, 7/11-14; Martha's Children/Summerwind, 7/15-24; Glenn Yarbrough/Summerwind, 7/25-28; Frenz/Summerwind, 7/29-8/12; The Diamonds/J.W. Moon, 8/13-24; Martha's Children/J.W. Moon, 8/25-28; Jimmie Rodgers/Scooter and the Bee, 8/29-9/1

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300: Greg Thompson's Hi-Heel Sneakers, revue, 7/2-8/5, starring Roger Miller, 7/23-8/5

Li Brandi's, Topaz Lake, 266-3321

MGM Grand Hotel, Reno, 789-2285: *Ziegfeld Theatre*: Hello Hollywood Hello, indf., starring Carol Channing, thru 8/13; 8pm dinner show from \$22; midnight cocktail show \$18.50; *Lion's Den*: Danny Marona/The Right Touch, thru 7/23; Hypnotist Pat Collins/Coast to Coast, 7/24-8/20

Mother Lode, Carson City, 883-0900: Scooter and the Bee, 6/25-7/21

Ormsby House, Carson City, 882-1890: David Proud, 7/2-23; Kathy O'Shea, 8/20-9/1

Peppermill, Reno, 826-2121 *Wizards of Coz*, 7/1-28; Wray Brothers, 7/8-8/4; Gloria Michaels, 7/29-8/25; Tommy Bell, 8/5-9/8; Connection, 8/26-9/29

Pick Hobson's Riverside, Reno, 786-4400: Dancing to the music of Jack Joseph, Fri.-Sun.

Reno Hilton, 785-7100: *Opera House Theatre*: Razzle Dazzle starring Vic Damone thru 8/11 starring Jack Jones 8/13-9/22; *Cabaret*: Zara's, 7/9-29; Power Play, 7/30-8/26

Reno Ramada, 788-2000: Murphy's Law and Miss D, 7/2-28; 24-hour country entertainment

Sharkey's Nugget, Gardnerville, 782-3133

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 266-3339

Western Village, Sparks, 331-1069: Johnny Western, thru 7/7 Beau Melgreen, 7/1-14; St.

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Aquabatics on Mead

They twirl like ballerinas, flip through the air, cavort as clowns, and soar aloft on kites. They're the Cypress Gardens Waterski Revue, and they're coming from Florida to help celebrate Hoover Dam's 50th anniversary. From July 31 to August 4, these men and women skiers will hold 15 aquatic galas on Lake Mead at the Special Events Beach.

LAS VEGAS TERRITORY

July

Art Show, thru 7/18, metal sculptures by Edith Ekros, Charleston Heights Art Gallery, 386-6384
"Dames at Sea," thru 7/20, musical, 8pm, Thurs.-Sat., Las Vegas Little Theater, 735-0167
Photo Exhibit, thru 8/31, photos by Gary Adams, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193
Firefighting Equipment Exhibit, thru 10/11 equipment used in Las Vegas, Goldfield, and other towns from 1900 to 1940s, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 385-0115
Las Vegas Stars v. Tucson Toros, 6/30-7/3, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200
Blackjack Tournament, 1-4, Lady Luck Casino, 384-4680

Photo Exhibit, 1-8/31 photos of Southern Nevada cacti, Museum of Natural History, UNLV, 739-3381

"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," 2, Shirley Temple film, 3 and 7pm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 386-6211

Damboree '85, 4, appearance by two NASA astronauts, pancake breakfast, parade, softball, game booths, fireworks, Miss Damboree Queen contest, City Park, Boulder City, 293-2034

Fireworks, 4, Silver Bowl, 739-3900

Symphony Pops Concert, 4, 2pm, Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra, Tropicana Hotel, 736-6656

U.S. Judo Assn. Junior National Championship, 4-7, Caesars Palace, 731-7865

Campfire Program, 6, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Art Show, 7-8/8, oil paintings by Jan Wurm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 386-6211

Las Vegas Stars v. Tacoma Tigers, 8-11, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

"Captain January," 9, Shirley Temple film, 3 and 7pm, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 386-6211

Summer Film Festival, 10-31, children's films, every Wed., dusk, free, Jaycee Park, 386-6211

"Oliver," 11-13, musical performed outdoors by the Rainbow Company, bring blanket, jacket, and picnic supper, gates open at 6pm, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

United States Bodybuilding Championships, 11-13, Sands Hotel, 733-5543

Las Vegas Super Run '85, 11-14, open to all vehicles from 1900 through 1986, held at the Marina Hotel's parking lot and the Tropicana golf course's driving range, 388-1717

Las Vegas Stars v. Portland Beavers, 12-15, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Tropicana/U.S. Bass Fishing Tournament, 13-20, \$325,000 total purse in cash and prizes, practice 7/13-16 with competition 7/17-20, daily weigh-ins at 3pm, Lake Mead, 739-2546 or 602-834-5045

Summer Melodrama Series, 13-28, 8pm, Sat-Sun., free, held on the city's Showmobile at various parks, for schedule call 386-6211

Tournament of Gambling Champions I, 14-18, Desert Inn, 733-4562

Million Dollar Craps Tournament, 17-19, Tropicana Hotel, 739-2546

"Oliver," 18-20, musical performed outdoors by the Rainbow Company, bring blanket, jacket, and picnic supper, gates open at 6pm, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Summer Evening Star Walk, 20, bring flashlight, 8:30-10pm, Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center, 17 miles west of Las Vegas, 363-1921

Art Show, 21-8/22, work by John Michael, Charleston Heights Art Gallery, 386-6384

Pioneer Day, 24, parade with pioneer costumes, picnic supper, family games, evening, Overton City Park, 397-2160

July 24th Celebration, 24, Bunkerville Park, Bunkerville, 346-5663

Pioneer Day, 24, barbecue and swimming, 6pm, City Park, Mesquite, 346-5761

Las Vegas Stars v. Edmonton Trappers, 24-27, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

"Oliver," 25-27 musical performed outdoors by the Rainbow Company, bring blanket, jacket, and picnic supper, gates open at 6pm, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Holiday Casino-SNORE Midnight Special Off-Road Race, 27 midnight race in the desert near Las Vegas, 369-5123

Las Vegas Stars v. Calgary Cannons, 28-31 triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Cypress Gardens Waterski Revue, 31-8/4, 11am, 2pm, and 5pm, Special Events Beach, Lake Mead, 293-5637 or 731-2115

August & Labor Day

Las Vegas Stars v. Hawaii Islanders, 1-4, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Pan Tournament, 4-7 Union Plaza, 386-2110

Laughlin River Days, 4-10, events along the Colorado River include a chili cook-off, ferryboat race, luau, New Year's Eve party, and parade, Laughlin, 298-2214

Sundown Hoedown Concert Series, 4-25, country-western, bluegrass, and folk music, 7pm, Sun., free, Jaycee Park, 386-6211

Summer Film Festival, 7, children's films, dusk, free, Jaycee Park, 386-6211

"Godspell," 8-10, musical performed outdoors by Las Vegas Little Theater, bring blanket, jacket, and picnic supper, gates open at 6pm, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Western Bass Tournament, 8-11 Lake Mead, 878-5188

Open Barrel Race, 10, Western Village, Mesquite, 346-5232

Snake Program, 10, slide presentation and hike, bring sturdy hiking shoes, water, and hat, 9:30 and 11:30am, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 368-2885

Craps Tournament, 11-15, Desert Inn, 733-4562

Las Vegas Stars v. Phoenix Giants, 13-16, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

"Godspell," 15-17, musical performed outdoors by Las Vegas Little Theater, bring blanket, jacket, and picnic supper, gates open at 6pm, Spring Mountain Ranch, 20 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Star Party, 17 slide program and stargazing, 8:30-10:30pm, bring flashlight, Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center, 17 miles west of Las Vegas, 363-1921

Jackpot Team Roping, 24, open to public, Western Village, Mesquite, 346-5232

Winefest, 25, wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres 7-8pm, dancing 8pm-midnight, Duetsch American Society Clubhouse, 1006 N. Rancho Rd., 648-3784 or 451-2220

Las Vegas Stars v. Albuquerque Dukes, 25-28, triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Gin Tournament, 25-29, Union Plaza, 386-2110

World's Longest Golf Hole Tournament, 29-31 Holiday Casino, 369-5123

Las Vegas Stars v. Vancouver Canadians, 29-9/1 triple-A pro baseball, 7:35pm, Cashman Field, 386-7200

PIONEER TERRITORY

July

Tonopah July 4th Celebration, 4, kids' parade at 10am, fireworks at Logan Field, 482-3859

Pahrump Firemen's July 4th Celebration, 4, barbecue, food booths, fireworks, Community Center, 727-5658

Stock Car Races, 4, 6pm, Bob Ruud Speedway, Pahrump, 727-5435

Caliente July 4th Celebration, 4-7 50th an-

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Showdown in Sparks

Draw, varmint, or bite the dustcover. The National Association for Outlaw and Lawman History will rendezvous at John Ascuaga's Nugget on July 25-27 for a scholarly confab on famed desperadoes like Jessie James and Billy the Kid. Among the featured speakers will be Nevada historian Phillip I. Earl and Reno's Marshall Fey, grandson of the inventor of the slot machine. Rumor's spreading that Hank Clark's Gunfighters of the Old West (above) will have a genuine facsimile shootout, and there also will be antiques and book displays.

nual, on Thurs. 10am parade followed by games, watermelon bust, swimming, and 9pm fireworks display; on Thurs., Sat., and Sun. breakfast at Rose Memorial Park; Thurs.-Sat. softball tournament; on Sat. 8am golf tournament and 10am mini motorcycle race for kids; on Sun. 12th annual Clover Creek Grand Prix motorcycle race over six 20-mile laps through city streets and surrounding hills at 9am; 726-3132

Rhyolite July 4th Celebration, 4-7, barbecues, dances, sack races, horseshoes, egg toss, and mining contest, Rhyolite No. 2

Campfire Program, 5, 8:30pm, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Parkie Packrat Day, 6, bring lunch, water, hiking shoes, 10am-2pm, Beaver Dam, 728-4467

Campfire Program, 6, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Berlin Townsite Tours, 10-24, 11am, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, 23 miles east of Gabbs, 867-3001

Hike, 13, about four miles round trip, bring lunch and hiking shoes, meet at campground fee station to carpool to trailhead, 9am-2pm, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Campfire Program, 13, 8:30pm, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Campfire Program, 13, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Jack Roark Memorial 100-Mile Race, 13-14, high-speed outboard, endurance-jet, flat-bottom, and inboard and outboard tunnel racers compete. Test runs on Sat. and actual racing starts at 11am Sun. with the Tahoe Aces Aerobatic Team show, Cliff House Marina, 12 miles north of Hawthorne, 945-5896

Frieda E. Owings Memorial Art Show, 15-31 non-competitive show of local works, Walker-Wassuk Arts Alliance, Hawthorne, 945-3030

Panaca Pioneer Days, 19-21 dances, parade,

youth games, barbecue, 728-4471

Stock Car Races, 20, 6pm, Bob Ruud Speedway, Pahrump, 727-5435

Courthouse Tour, 20, Belmont, 45 miles north-east of Tonopah, 867-3001

Campfire Program, 20, 8:30pm, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 728-4467

Campfire Program, 20, 7:30pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Pioche Heritage Days, 25-27 and 8/1-3, performances depicting events and stories of Pioche's early days written and performed by area residents, 7:30pm, prior to plays live entertainment on porch, Million Dollar Courthouse, reservations required; also photo, art, and crafts show, Pioche, 962-5544

Campfire Programs, 27 8:30pm, Cathedral Gorge State Park and Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Parkie Packrat Day, 27 bring lunch, water, hiking shoes, 10am-2pm, Kershaw-Ryan State Park, 726-3325

Rattlesnake Talk, 27 3pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

August & Labor Day

Campfire Program, 3, 7:30pm, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Goldfield Treasure Days, 3-4, parade, barbecue, street dance, vehicle obstacle run, bar stool sitting contest, nifty '50s costume contest, Goldfield, 485-6365

Stock Car Races, 3 and 17 6pm, Bob Ruud Speedway, Pahrump, 727-5435

Lincoln County Fair, 9-11 parade 10am Sat., rodeo Sat.-Sun., dance, livestock, and home arts exhibits, horseshoe contest, BMX race, motocross race, queen competition, fairgrounds, Panaca, 962-5185 or 962-5445



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Hoe-Down Showdown

If a cauliflower's just a cabbage with a college education, a violin's just a fiddle fresh from finishing school. Two old-time fiddling contests will set you reeling this summer as the best fiddlers in the West compete for cash and honors. Fiddling season opens with the Third Annual Grand Premier Fiddle Contest and Show July 5-9 at the Owl Club in Battle Mountain. Next is the Second Western Divisional Old Time Fiddler's Contest, August 23-25 at the Carson City Community Center. Above, a contestant in the Seniors Division hoes down at the 1984 competition in Carson City.

Discovery Days, 9-11, barbecues, picnics, mining contest, and dances, Rhyolite No. 2

Campfire Program, 10, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Campfire Program, 10, 8:30pm, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 728-4467

Ichthyosaur Fossil Shelter Open House, 10-11 8am-5pm, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, 23 miles east of Gabbs. 867-3001

Car Caravan Tour, 11, tour of historic sites, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Courthouse Tour, 17, Belmont, 45 miles north-east of Tonopah, 867-3001

Campfire Program, 17 8pm, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Nevada 300, 17 10am off-road race over desert and high mountain terrain with six laps on a 50-mile loop, starts and ends in Pioche, followed by a dance with live music and barbecue at the Overland, 459-0317

Campfire Program, 17 7:30pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Tonopah-Goldfield Reunion Picnic, 17-18, picnic and old-timer photo display, everyone is invited to help identify people in old photographs, 11am-5pm, Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah, 482-9676

Walk, 24, explore caves by flashlight, two miles round trip, 7-9pm, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 728-4467

Walk, 24, 9am-noon, bring picnic lunch, Echo Canyon State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Campfire Program, 24, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Labor Day/Homecoming Celebration, 30-9/2, street dance, mining events celebrating 115 years of continuous mining operations, parade, firemen's dinner, horseshoe tournaments, kids' races and games, wrist-wrestling tournament, motocross races, fireworks, Pioche, 962-5131

Campfire Program, 31, 8pm, Spring Valley State Park, 962-5102

Campfire Program, 31 8:30pm, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 728-4467

Ione Days and Ore House Jamboree, 31-9/2, trapshoot, dance, kids' games including greased pig chase, sack races, greased pole climbing, and pinata bust, women's mud wrestling, Ione, 786-7393

Rhyolite Labor Day Celebration, 31-9/2, picnics, family events, Rhyolite No. 2

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

July

Battle Mountain July 4th Celebration, 3-4, on Wed. 9pm dance at Lion's Park; on Thurs. 9am parade, activities at park all day, sidewalk art show and sale, fireworks, 635-5155

Eureka July 4th Celebration, 4, 9:30am parade down Main St., 10am street games, 12:30pm barbecue in City Park, 9pm fireworks, 237-5263

Ely July 4th Celebration, 4, parade and kids' games downtown, fireworks at dusk at fairgrounds, 289-8877

Fallon July 4th Celebration, 4, stock car races, fireworks, Rattlesnake Speedway, two miles from Fallon on Cemetery Rd., 423-4391

Fernley July 4th Celebration, 4, 10am parade, noon flag raising ceremony, 1pm picnic followed by games and booths, 2-6pm and 7pm-midnight dancing, 9pm fireworks, Out-of-Town Park, Fernley, 575-4459

Austin July 4th Celebration, 4, parade, street games, 9pm dance with live music at the Austin firehouse, 964-2482 or 964-2440

Spirit of Ely Women's Fast Pitch Tournament, 5-7 softball, Marich Field, Ely, 289-8841

Grand Premier Fiddle Contest and Show, 5-9, music shows Fri. and Sat. at 7pm, contest Sun-Tues., Owl Club, Battle Mountain, 635-5155 or 635-2444

Hidden Cave Tour, 13, meet 9:30am at County Museum, Fallon, 882-1631 or 423-3677

Snake Talk, 13, Dave Doty talks about snakes of the Great Basin, 7pm, meet at Beach 7 Lahontan State Recreation Area, 577-2226

Restoration Rally, 13-14, fundraiser for Eureka Lodge No. 16, on Sat. 10am cornerstone laying at the Eureka Senior Center, noon Dutch lunch, 3pm social hour and refreshments, 5pm Basque barbecue, 8pm country-western dance with live music; on Sun. breakfast in the park from 7am-11am, Eureka, 237-5556

Lund Pioneer Days, 19-20 and 24, on Fri. rodeo, on Sat. parade, rodeo, kids' games, lunch on high school lawn, and program honoring community pioneers, in conjunction with Latter Day Saints church celebration on July 24, Lund, 238-5314

Fallon's All-Indian Rodeo, 19-21 Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-3968

Annual Bird Identification Walk, 20, two miles round trip, 7am, Cave Lake, 728-4467

Ely Basque Festival, 20-21, on Sat. 3pm parade followed by fairground events including games, Basque dancing exhibition and contests, dance

at Armory; on Sun. noon picnic and Mass at Berry Creek Grove; picnic tickets must be purchased in advance; Ely, 289-2100 or 289-3789

Junior Olympics End of Season Tourney, 26-28, girls fast pitch softball, Ely, 289-8877

Hidden Cave Tour, 27 meet 9:30am at County Museum, Fallon, 882-1631 or 423-3677

VFW 27th Annual Eureka Rodeo, 27-28, 1pm, rodeo grounds, Eureka, 237-5334

August & Labor Day

Nevada State ASA Tournament, 2-4, women's class C fast pitch softball, Ely, 289-8841

Pioneer Photography of the Great Basin, 2-30, 19th century photographs of Nevada and the Great Basin with works by Timothy O'Sullivan, Carleton Watkins, and other photographers, White Pine Public Museum, Ely, 289-4710

Trail Ride and Feed Bag, 3, 9am-2:30pm, Cave Lake State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Smith Valley Hall Garage Sale, 3-4, 12th annual, proceeds go to maintaining the community hall, Wellington, 465-2304

Arts in the Park Festival, 3-4, works by Nevada artists and craftsmen, food booths, White Pine County Park, Ely, 289-8877

Fernley Firemen's Ball and Muster, 3-4, on Sat. 9am parade, 10am motorized pumper competition, noon hand pumper competition, 1pm bucket brigade, 7pm 34th annual ball and dinner; on Sun. 8am hose cart competition, 10am waterfights, 575-2311

Nevada State ASA Tournament, 9-11 men's class B fast pitch softball, Ely, 289-8841

Hidden Cave Tour, 10, meet 9:30am at County Museum, Fallon, 882-1631 or 423-3677

Parkie Packrat Day, 10, bring lunch, water, hiking shoes, 10am-2pm, Cave Lake State Recreation Area, 728-4467

Two Man Best Ball Golf Tournament, 10-11 golf course, Ely, 289-8877

Continental Singers Concert, 15, convention center, Ely, 289-8877

Churchill County Fair, 16-18, exhibits, animals, speech contest, goat and dairy show, mud wrestling, antique car show, farm olympics, fashion revue, tractor pull, tennis tournament, horse futurity, Regional Park, Fallon, 423-5121



ASA Rocky Mountain Regionals, 16-18, women's class B fast pitch softball, Ely, 289-8841

Campfire Program, 17 7:30pm, Lahontan State Recreation Area, 577-2226

Ranger Talk, 17 10-11 am, Ward Charcoal Ovens, 885-4370

Car Show, 17-18, on Sat. swap meet, on Sun. show, Antique Automobile Club of America, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-6525

Pony Express Days, 17-18, and 24-25, horse racing and parimutuel betting, 10 races each day, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

Ely Lion's Club High Country Run, 18, 289-2601

Lyon County Fair & Boom or Bust Roundup, 22-25, on Thurs. 6:30pm calf branding event; on Fri. 5pm frog jump, 6pm cow penning; Fri.-Sat. fair, rodeo starts 1pm Sat.-Sun., on Sat. FFA breakfast, parade, firemen's waterfights, 7:30pm tractor pull., on Sun. demolition derby, fairgrounds, Yerington, 463-4324

Street Dance, 23, live music, 7pm, Country Store parking lot, Fernley, 575-4459

White Pine County Cowbells Annual Barbecue, 23, held in conjunction with Pony Express Days, open to public, Murry Summit Campground, Ely, 289-8877

Eureka County Fair, 23-25, 10am parade Sat. down Main St., horseshoe pitching, gymkhana, horse and livestock show, scrabble tournament, hay contest, rodeo grounds, Eureka, 237-5326

Hidden Cave Tour, 24, meets 9:30am at County Museum, Fallon, 882-1631 or 423-3677

Lander County Fair, 24-25, home arts exhibits, 4-H exhibits, pet parade, free, 10am Sat., noon Sun., Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 635-2524

White Pine County Fair, 24-25, 4-H livestock, animal auction, horseshoe tournament, in conjunction with the Pony Express races, fairgrounds, Ely, 235-7507

Carnival, 28-9/1 fairgrounds, Ely, 235-7507



Theater in the Ranch

With the vast vault of stars for a proscenium arch, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park offers scenic musical drama this summer. During July, director Brian Storm of Las Vegas' Rainbow Company will stage *Oliver*, the musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*. In August, Jack Bell of the Las Vegas Little Theater will present the rock musical version of Christ's life, *Godspell*. Showgoers are invited to bring lawn chairs and picnic suppers. See the calendar listing for dates and times.

games at fairgrounds, 9pm-2am dance at the Armory; on Sun. 11 am Mass, barbecue and sheepherder's bread-baking contest, Elko, 738-7135

Sidewalk Sales, 12-13, Winnemucca, 623-3658

Quarter Horse Show, 12-14, 8:30am, Northeastern Nevada Quarter Horse Assn., fairgrounds, Elko, 738-8473

Air Race, 13, from Denver to Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, 755-2321

Nature Film, 13, 8:30pm, Rye Patch State Recreation Area, Rye Patch No. 3

Air Show, 13, Wells, 752-3466 or 752-3232

Open Roping Competition, 13-14, rodeo grounds, Lovelock, 273-2405

High Country Cattle Drive, 13-14 and 8/2-3, join a working cattle ranch and learn how to gather and drive cattle to high pasture for the summer, contact Northern Nevada Community College, Elko, 738-8493

Dam Tour, 14, 10am, Rye Patch State Recreation Area, Rye Patch No. 3

Police K-9 (Dog) Trials, 15-16, Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, 755-2321

Fishing Derby, 19-21 five fish will be worth \$1,000 each and five more will be good for free gifts, Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Northfork 6493

Slow Pitch Softball Invitational, 19-21 Elko, 738-6740

Stadium Motocross, 20, open to all classes, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-2453

Wendover Pro-Am, 22-23, Wells Golf Course, 752-3232

Art Exhibit, 25-8/21 works by Roy Mason and Mary Glaesman, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Art Exhibit, 25-9/25, work by Larry Williamson, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Cortez Mine Fast Pitch Softball Invitational, 26-28, Elko, 738-6740

Air Race, 27 from Hamilton, MT to Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, 755-2321

Birdwatching, 27, Ruby Marshes, contact Northern Nevada Community College, Elko, 738-8493

Free Days, 27-28, free camping and day-use for everyone 50 years old and up, Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Northfork 6493

American Continental Circus, 29, 2 and 7pm, Elko County Fairgrounds, 738-5294

August & Labor Day

Pack Trip, 2-4, horsepacking and backpacking in the East Humboldt Range, contact Northern Nevada Community College, Elko, 738-8493

Lovelock Frontier Days, 3-4, parade, barbecue, concessions, flea market, old-fashioned games and contests, Lovelock, 273-2687

VA Hospital Golf Tournament, 9-10, Ruby View Golf Course, Elko, 738-6212

Tom Duncan Jr. Rodeo, 10-11, open to ages 8-19, rodeo grounds, Lovelock, 273-2405

Junior Buckaroo Rodeo, 10-11, rodeo grounds, Wells, 752-3232

Chapmen Golf Tournament, 10-11 Wells Golf Course, 752-3232

Feedlot Team Ropers Competition, 11-15, Elko County Fairgrounds, 738-5141

Pack Trip, 12-16, horsepacking, Jarbidge Mountains, contact Northern Nevada Community College, Elko, 738-8493

Wells Senior Pro Golf Tournament, 14-15, Wells Golf Course, 752-3232

Horse Show, 16-17 4-H, Elko County Fairgrounds, 738-7135

Continental Singers Concert, 17 Elko Convention Center, 738-4091

Gun Show, 17-18, Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, 755-2321

Bonneville Nationals, 18-24, time trials, from motorcycles to anything with a motor on wheels, to set land speed records in different classifications, Bonneville Speedway, off Interstate 80, about 5 miles east of Wendover, 664-2111

COVERED WAGON TERRITORY

July

Wells July 4th Celebration and Crazy Days, 4, parade, apple dunking, pet contests, rummage sale, sidewalk sale, fireworks, 752-3232

Lovelock July 4th Celebration, 4, fireworks, Community Center, 273-2020

Winnemucca July 4th Celebration, 4, games, food, music, City Park, 623-2225

McDermitt's Twin States Stampede, 4-5, street dance, sack races, and egg toss downtown, amateur rodeo at rodeo grounds, McDermitt, 532-8742

Elko July 4th Celebration, 4, traditional and modern fireworks display, fairgrounds, 738-7135

Western States Hollering Contest and July 4th Celebration, 4, hollering contest at 2pm at Shoshone Canyon, one mile south of town; kids' games, outdoor barbecue, speeches, and 10pm fireworks, Jackpot, 755-2321

Elko Softball Invitational, 4-7 fast pitch tournament, 738-6740

Air Race, 5-6, from Salt Lake City to Cactus Pete's, Jackpot, 755-2321

Safe Boating Demonstration, 6, 10am, Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Northfork 6493

National Basque Festival, 5-7 on Fri. kickoff with street dance in front of Stockmen's Motor Hotel; on Sat. 8am semifinal handball at Elko City Park, noon parade downtown, 1pm Basque



The Fairest Around

Elephants, clowns, mimes, and minstrels. Rodeos, races, frog-jumps, and firemen. Pancakes and chili, jams and jellies, arts and crafts and kids. Such is a sampling of the wares of fairs across Nevada this summer. There's a fair variety to choose from, too. In July is the RSVP Capital City Fair (above) in Carson City. In August, fairs are being held in Battle Mountain, Gardnerville, Panaca, Fallon, Yerington, Eureka and Ely. Labor Day weekend festivities are in Elko, Winnemucca, and Pioche. This fall, the Nevada State Fair in Reno and the Pahrump Harvest Festival will be held in September. The Jaycees State Fair in Las Vegas and the North Las Vegas Fairshow are in October.

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Art Exhibit, 23-9/25, works by Kathy Sarman and Mildred Byers, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Hospital Auxiliary Funaroo, 24, games, food, contests, Elko City Park, 738-7135

Wells Amateur Golf Tournament, 24-25, Wells Golf Course, 752-3232

Elko Pep Rally, 27 kickoff for the Elko County Fair 8/30-9/2, 5pm feed and live entertainment, Elko City Park, 738-7135

Fashion and Variety Show, 27 Elko Convention Center, 738-4091

Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament, 27-28, Wells Golf Course, 755-3232

Quarter Horse Trial Heats, 29, qualifying races for the Elko County Quarter Horse Derby and the Intermountain Quarter Horse Futurity held during the Elko County Fair, fairgrounds, 738-3616 or 738-4091

Western Art Roundup, 30-9/1, Fri. banquet, Fri.-Sun. artwork displays, Sat. quick draw, Sun. artists' demonstrations, \$1 Winnemucca Convention Center, 529-0452 or 623-5071

Elko County Fair, 30-9/2, 64th annual, on Fri. noon parade; Fri.-Mon. fair with home arts displays, 4-H livestock, horse racing, roping, branding, futurities, and parimutuel betting, Elko County Fairgrounds, 738-3616 or 738-4091

Winnemucca Rodeo and Tri-County Fair, 31-9/1 Sat. 3pm parade; Sat.-Sun. 7:30pm rodeo; plus arts, crafts, sewing, cooking, and canning exhibits, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-2225 or 623-6304

RENO/TAHOE TERRITORY

July

Nevada 85, thru 7/9, photo show, Nevada Historical Society Downtown Gallery, 789-0190

Carson Valley Annual Art Show, thru 7/15, 10am-4:30pm, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-2476

Art Show, thru 8/18, works by Taos artists, Sierra Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Reno Municipal Band Concerts, weekdays thru 8/31 noon-1pm, Wingfield Park, 851-0759

Planetarium Show and Cinema-360, thru 8/31 daily, Fleischmann Planetarium, 784-4811

Museum Exhibit, thru 11/1 firefighting artifacts including steam pumps and hose carriers, open daily, 10-5pm, Liberty Engine No. 1 Virginia City, 847-0717

Reno Padres v. Visalia Oaks, 1-3, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Art Exhibit, 1-8/2, ceramic sculpture by Christine Pendergrass, School of Medicine, UNR, 784-6001

All Senses Day, 2, for children 6-12, bring sack lunch, 10am-1pm, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Incline Village's 25th Anniversary Celebration, 2-7 Tues. 6:30pm kick-off reception; Wed. noon golf tournament, 5pm barbecue; Thurs. 10am Optimists' picnic, 7:30pm air show, 9pm fireworks; Fri. 9:30am arts and crafts fair, 5pm wine tasting; Sat. 9am Day on the Green, 7pm Fabulous '50s Party; Sun. 8am pancake breakfast, for complete schedule call 831-1111

Hispanic Dance, 3, Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Native Nevadans Days, 3-31 every Wed., all vehicles with an occupant born in Nevada will be

admitted free to Washoe Lake State Park, 885-4319

Carson City July 4th Celebration, 4, 11am parade downtown, arts and crafts, bands, break-dancing, train rides, contests, and fireworks in Mills Park, 882-1565 or 883-7633

Virginia City July 4th Celebration, 4, 11am parade followed by Municipal Band concert at Miners Park, 847-0311

Star Spangled Fourth of July, 4, air show over Nevada Beach at 2pm, fireworks, South Lake Tahoe, 588-4591

Genoa July 4th Celebration, 4, concert by the Reno Philharmonic, 5:30pm, 782-2340

Incline Village July 4th Celebration, 4, air show at 7:30pm, fireworks at dusk, Hyatt Lake Tahoe Beach, 831-1111

Skyfire '85!, 4, music starting at 6pm, fireworks at 9pm, free, Mackay Stadium, UNR, 786-3030

Holiday Steam-Up, 4-5, restored Virginia & Truckee Railroad steam locomotive No. 22, the *Inyo*, will operate for visitors, 8:30am-4:30pm, V&T Museum, Carson City, 885-4810

Slot Tournament, 4-6, Karl's Hotel, Sparks, 358-4771

Silver State Quarter Horse Show, 4-7 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Music at Sand Harbor Festival, 4-7 concerts including Norton Buffalo and the David Grisman Quartet, 8pm, at the natural amphitheater at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe, 916-583-9048

Slide Show, 5, 8pm, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Sharkey's Cowpasture Boxing Festival, 5, 12th annual, ballpark, Gardnerville, 782-3133

Music Celebration and Arts and Crafts Fair, 5-6, continuous music, arts and crafts sale, clowns, on the Village Green behind Hyatt, Incline Village, 831-0781

Team Penning Show, 5-7 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Lake Tahoe Summer Music Festival, 5-21 chamber music, opera, and dance, contact North Shore Festival office, 916-583-7625

Family Day, 6, watermelon eating contest, putting contest, and free pony rides for children, Northstar, North Lake Tahoe, 916-562-1010

Park Program, 6, rangers explore the ecology of a dune environment, 10am, meet at day-use area, Washoe Lake State Park, 885-4319

Nevada Dairy Goat Assn. Show, 6-7 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Flea Market, 6-28, Sat-Sun., State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Concerts, 7-21 Sundays, Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 847-0311

Nature Craft Day, 10, for children 6-12, bring sack lunch and swimwear, 10am-1pm, meet at Spooner Lake trailhead, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Governor's Dinner, 12, 17th annual fundraiser for UNR Wolf Pack Boosters, \$150 per person, Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 784-4870

Seniors Day, 12, 10-mile bus trip from Spooner Lake to Marlette Lake for seniors and handicapped visitors, 10:30am, bring lunch, free for seniors, reservations needed, meet at Spooner Lake trailhead, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Truckee River Raft Race, 12-13, 4.5-mile raft race from River Bend in Verdi to Tahoe Industrial Park in Reno; benefits Easter Seals; on Fri. evening pre-registration party; on Sat. 7am registration and race with live entertainment, food, and beverages at finish line, Tahoe Industrial Park, Reno, 359-2880

Truckers Limited, 12-14, display of '50s Fords,

Peppermill Casino, 826-2121

Reno Padres v. Bakersfield Dodgers, 12-14, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Tomboia, 13, family fair with barbecue, crafts, children's games, skydivers, pipers, Bertha the Elephant, and auction, 9am-5pm, Washoe Medical Center League, Pickett Park, 785-4166

Arts and Crafts Festival, 13-14, exhibits, food, beverages, folk-bluegrass band and Virginia City Municipal Band, 10am-7pm Sat., 10am-4pm Sun., Dayton State Park, 246-3435

MS/Governor's Barbecue, 14, live entertainment, dancing, adults steak dinner \$15, hot dog dinner for children 12 and under \$3, Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 329-7180

Summer Music Festival, 14, 16, 21, 25, and 28, free concerts, 8pm Tues. and Thurs., 2pm Sun., Chateau, Incline Village, 831-0781

Kick-Away Handicap, 14-28, horseback riding for handicapped children, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Fastcar, 14-28, Sun., dirt track auto racing, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Reno Padres v. Rohnert Park Redwood Pioneers, 15-17 class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Tahoe Swim Clinic, 17 for beginner swimmers, 10am, meet at Sand Harbor's Cove Beach, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Concerts, 17-31 Sun., 7-9pm, free watermelon, Reno Municipal Band, UNR, 851-0759

Nevada 85, 17-8/20, photo show, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 885-4810

Wildflower Walk, 18, Ann Pinzi of Nevada State Museum guides visitors on an easy 1.6-mile hike around Spooner Lake, 9am, bring water, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

House and Garden Tour, 18, tour of Lake Tahoe mansions, contact North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, 916-583-1762

Mita Festival, 18-21 pro-celebrity tennis festival to benefit United Cerebral Palsy, participants include John McEnroe and Vitas Gerulaitis, matches played at Caesars Tahoe, Harvey's, and South Lake Tahoe Intermediate School, other events include a Tennis Ball, Celebrity Fundraising Auction, dinner cruise, benefit concert, South Lake Tahoe, 588-4591

Art Show, 18-8/25, works by Hans Meyer Kassel, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 265-2905

Mexican Dance, 19, Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Heritage Days, 19-21 hot-air balloon races, antique car and motorcycle poker run, old-fashioned melodrama and concert, baseball tournament, food festival, arts and crafts fair, Pony Express horse races, and Douglas County Airport events including sailplane aerobatic exhibition, antique planes, contests, helicopter and airplane rides, Minden and Gardnerville, 782-8144

Tour of the Rock Point Mill Site, 20, 10am, Dayton State Park, 885-5678

Trans-Tahoe Swim, 20, 14.4-mile race from Sand Harbor in Nevada to Chambers Landing in California, registration 7am, race starts at 7:30am, Sand Harbor, 831-0494

Evening Stargaze, 20, 8pm, Washoe Lake State Park, 885-4319

Appaloosa Horse Show, 20-21 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Comstock Firemen's Muster, 20-21 on Sat. starting at 9am parade with antique fire equipment on C Street followed by competitions including motorized pumpers, women's hose cart races, hand pumped fire engines, steam fire

Historic Parties

For Nevadans, history is a cause for celebration. Residents of Gardnerville and Minden toast their traditions during Carson Valley Heritage Days on July 19-21 with races, food, art shows, sports tournaments, and aircraft shows. On July 25-27 and August 1-3 Pioche has its own Heritage Days, and residents relive the town's rough-and-tumble past with zany one-act plays, a poetry reading, and an art show.

Laughin' in Laughlin

Nevada's newest biggest little city, Laughlin, celebrates its location and its success during Laughlin River Days, August 4-10. Tiny Laughlin and its six casinos lie across the Colorado River from Bullhead City, Arizona, and it has become Southern Nevada's latest El Dorado. The festivities feature a chili cook-off, dancing, boat races, beauty pageant, turkey shoot, fishing derby, parade, and many more games and tournaments. Bring your fishing rod and prepare for some new old-fashioned fun.

Different Spokes

On August 7 contestants in the Coors International Bicycle Classic will race into Nevada. Teams from 15 nations, including the Soviet Union, will begin in San Francisco, climb the Sierra, skirt the east shore of Lake Tahoe, and descend to Carson City. Then they'll climb to Virginia City, coast down Geiger Grade, and wheel into Reno. There, TV crews and spectators will watch the speedsters race around a one-mile loop of the downtown casinos for special prizes. Then the bipedal peddlers will head east on the 15-day course to Denver.

Pass the Rubato, Please

Rubato sounds like some kind of vegetable, but any jazz lover will tell you it's just part of the good southern cookin' at the Third Annual Dixieland Jazz Festival. John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks will serve up music by 10 Dixieland bands on August 23-25. Playing in rotation throughout the casino, jazz bands hot and cool provide a symphony of soul food.

engine pumping, men's bucket brigades, 6:30pm barbecue and dance; on Sun. starting at 9am motorized horse wagons, men's hose cart races, hand pumped fire engines, women's bucket brigades, Virginia City, 847-0102

Great Flume Race, 21 mountain bike race through the backcountry starting at Spooner Lake, 9am, National Off-Road Bicycle Assn., meet at Spooner Lake, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette, 21, 8am, Palomino Valley Gun Club, 22 miles north of Sparks, 323-3950

First U.S. National Sports Class Soaring Championships, 21-27 launch between noon and 2pm, Minden Airport, 782 7627

Campfire Program, 24, 7:30pm, Spooner Lake, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Brangus Cattle Sale, 24-27, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

National Assn. for Outlaw and Lawman History Rendezvous, 25-27 speeches by historians and trips to Virginia City including a meal in



LISA SMITH

The Pressure is On

The pressure will be high for fun when Virginia City holds its five-alarm shindig, the Comstock Firemen's Muster, on July 20-21. After competitions in motorized water pumping, hand pumping, steam pumping, bucket brigades, and more, firefighters from throughout the West will join spectators at a barbecue and dance. It's a barn-burner for everybody.

the Virginia City jail; Hank Clark's Gunfighters of the Old West Show, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300 or 916-489-5522

RSVP Capital City Fair, 25-28, junior rodeo, carnival, chili cook-off with free sampling, homemade jams, jellies, and sewing exhibits, 4-H horse show, 4-wheel-drive sled pull, appearance by Bertha the Elephant, barnyard animals, exotic foods, \$1 adults, children 6 and under free, on Thurs. an additional \$3.95 ticket is good for all rides all day, Fri.-Sun. the ticket is \$4.95, Fuji Park, Carson City, 885-4680

Maserati Car Show and Meet, 25-29, Northstar, North Lake Tahoe, 916-562-1010

Reno Padres v. Modesto Athletics, 26-28, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Ducks Unlimited Barbecue, 27, men only, \$25, Lightning W Ranch, Washoe Valley, 789-4522

Hike, 27 10-mile round trip hike from Spooner Lake trailhead to Marlette Lake, bring water, lunch, and hiking shoes, 9am, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Reno Towne Faire, 27 arts and crafts, children's adventure land, carnival games, mimes, clowns, jugglers, magicians, bands, community service information and educational booths, exercise classes, food, 10am-5pm, Wingfield Park, 785-2260

Tevis Cup Horse Race, 27 100-mile one-day horse race from Squaw Valley over the Sierra to Auburn, 916-823-7283

Annual Barbershop Show, 27 "When Pa Was

Courtin' Ma," 8pm, Pioneer Theater, 322-7837

Donner Lake Mini Ironman Triathlon, 27 registration 7-9am, triathlon at 9am includes half-mile swim, 6.89-mile run, and 15-mile bike ride, Donner Lake, Truckee, 916-587-2754

Hike, 30, meet at Mt. Rose Meadows, eight miles north of Incline Village on State Route 431 bring water, lunch, and hiking shoes, 10am, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Reno Padres v. Salinas Spurs, 31-8/2, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

August & Labor Day

Shakespeare Rock Hike, 1 three-mile hike, meet near the entrance to Glenbrook on U.S. 50, bring water and hiking shoes, 10am, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Douglas County Fair, 1-4, carnival and midway with adult and children's rides, 4-wheel-drive sled pull, cattle penning, gymkhana, fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 782-8144

Summer Music Festival, 1 4, 8, 11, 15, 22, and 25, free concerts, groups include Orville Fleming, Reno Chamber Orchestra, Liza Rey, Slide Mt. Boys, and Bettine Ware, 8pm Thurs., 2pm Sun., Chateau, Incline Village, 831-0781

Mexican Dance, 2, Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Big Mack Feed, 2, barbecued mackinaw, rainbow, and German brown trout, wild fowl, and venison, Tahoe City Golf Course, 916-583-1516

Team Penning, 2-4, Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Fifty-Mile Horse Endurance Race, 3, Virginia City, 847-0311

Antique Boat Show, 3, boats built between the early 1900s and 1940s on display, Tahoe Boat Company, Tahoe City, 916-583-5567

Nevada State Horse Assn. Show, 3-4, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Flea Market, 3-4, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Iron Horse Steam-Up, 3-4, restored Virginia & Truckee Railroad steam locomotive No. 25 will operate for visitors, 8:30am-4:30pm, V&T Museum, Carson City, 885-4810

Varmint Rifle Silhouette, 4, Palomino Valley Gun Club, 22 miles north of Sparks, 323-3950

Kick-Away Handicap, 4, horseback riding for handicapped children, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Fastcar Races, 4-18, Sun., State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Art Exhibit, 5-30, mixed media by Tim Beckwith, School of Medicine, UNR, 784-6001

Coors Invitational Bicycle Classic, 7, on Wed. bicyclists go through Incline Village, Carson City, Virginia City, and Reno on their way to Colorado from California. At 7pm spectators can watch the racers complete a special one-mile loop of downtown casinos ending under the Reno Arch, 356-3300

Mt. Rose Hike, 9, 10-mile round trip, meet at Mt. Rose Meadows on State Route 431 bring water, 10am, recommended for experienced hikers only, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Slot Tournament, 9-10, Karl's Hotel, Sparks, 358-4771

Van Run, 9-11, rally open to public, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Comstock Arabian Horse Show, 9-11 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Reno Basque Festival, 10, starts with 10am Mass, followed by Basque feast and events including traditional dances, tug-of-war, weight lifting, wood chopping, and sheep dog show, bands, Basque items for sale, Rancho San Rafael Park, 331-2010

Evening Stargaze, 10, Sand Harbor, 8pm, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Northstar Run, 10, 5-km and 10-km runs begin at 10am, Northstar, North Lake Tahoe, Truckee, 916-562-1010

Snake Awareness Program, 10, 10am, Mormon Station State Historic Monument, Genoa, 782-2590

Reno Gem and Mineral Show, 10-11 Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 358-3314

Truckee Rodeo, 10-11 McIver Arena, 916-587-3969

Deeplining for Mackinaw Trout, 11 meet at Cave Rock, 2pm, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Reno Padres v. Modesto Athletics, 12-14, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Assn. Show, 12-18, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 827-7600

Sand Harbor Shakespeare Festival, 13-18 and 20-25, featuring "Two Gentlemen of Verona" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, and "Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas, 8pm, performed by the Valley Institute of Theatre Arts, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe, 916-583-9048

Continental Lodge Golf Classic, 14, benefit for the MS Society, Lakeridge Golf Course, Reno, 329-7180

Hike, 15, easy 1.6-mile hike around Spooner Lake, 9am, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Reno Padres v. San Jose Bees, 15-16, class-A pro baseball, Thurs. 7:30pm, Fri. 6pm double-



DICK SNYDER

Basque Festival Season

Join in the music and song and celebrate robust Basque traditions at festivals throughout the state this summer. They feature parades, dancing, barbecues, strongman competitions, and camaraderie galore. The season begins with the National Basque Festival in Elko, July 5-7, followed by festivals in Ely, July 20-21; Reno, August 10; and Las Vegas, September 14-15.

header, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Conklin's Antique Show, 16-18, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 827-7600

Santa Maria Day, 17 parade and games, celebration of Dayton's historic farming and mining community, Dayton, 246-3435

Evening Stargaze, 17 7pm, Dayton State Park, 885-5678

"Belle of Amherst," 17-18, Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 847-0311

Ponies of America Club Horse Show, 17-23, State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Chili Cook-Off, 18, starts at noon, sampling 3pm, music, firehouse, Moundhouse, 246-3117

Lyon County Tour, 18, bus tour from Nevada Historical Society in Reno to Yerington, Smith Valley, Weed Heights, and Mason, 789-0190

Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Assn. Show, 21-25, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 827-7600

Nevada State and World Gold Panning Championships, 23-25, Karl's Hotel, 358-4771

Western Divisional Old Time Fiddlers' Contest, 23-25, competition requiring each contestant to play a hoe-down, waltz, and tune of their own choice; more than \$6,000 in prizes and eight categories, barbecue steak dinner, dance, and party, Community Center, Carson City, 882-1565 or 883-2101

Reno Padres v. Rohnert Park Redwood Pioneers, 23-25, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Dixieland Jazz Festival, 23-25, live jazz music by 10 of the nation's leading groups performing in three in-house locations, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 358-2233

Arts & Crafts Fair, 24-25, 10am-6pm, Commons Beach, Tahoe City, 916-583-9048

Art Show, 24-9/29, clay and wood works, paintings, and mixed media by Suzanne Klotz-Reilly, Sierra Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Reno Padres v. Fresno Giants, 26-28, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Campfire Program, 28, 7pm, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, 831-0494

Nevada 85, 28-9/10, photo show, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-2940 or 265-2905

Reno Padres v. Stockton Ports, 29-30, class-A pro baseball, 7:30pm, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Paint Horse Club Horse Show, 31 State Fairgrounds, 785-4307

Northstar Arts Show, 31-9/1 11am-5pm, Northstar, North Lake Tahoe, 916-562-1010

Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, 31-9/1 cut-ins live from the Peppermill, 826-2121

Reno Padres v. San Jose Bees, 31-9/1, class-A pro baseball, Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 1pm double-header, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

Governor's Cup Hydroplane Regatta, 31-9/1 23rd annual, Paradise Park, Sparks, 323-0495

Sagebrush Model A Ford Field Meet, 9/1 Model A Fords' display and competition, Mills Park, Carson City, 883-5957

Annual VORRA Off-Road Races, 9/1-2, meet in downtown Dayton, 246-3435

Holiday Steam-Up, 9/1-2, a restored Virginia & Truckee Railroad locomotive will operate for visitors, 8:30am-4:30pm, V&T Museum, Carson City, 885-4810

COMING ATTRACTIONS

September

Frontier 500 Off-Road Race, 3-7 Las Vegas, 734-0385

Nevada State Fair, 4-8, Reno, 322-7011

Great Reno Balloon Races, 6-8, 788-3025

Virginia City Camel Races, 6-8, 847-0311

Sherwood Forest Festival, 7-8, Carson City, 883-1976

Reno National Championship Air Races, 12-15, 826-7500

Pahrump Harvest Festival and Rodeo, 13-15, 727-5314

Clark County Basque Festival, 14-15, Las Vegas, 361-6834 or 385-2662

Virginia City Ferrari Hill Climb, 21-22, 847-0311

Hoover Dam's 50th Anniversary Ceremony,

28, Boulder City, 293-5637

Old Timers Rodeo, 28-29, Mesquite, 346-5232

World's Eighth International Whistle-Off, 28-29, Carson City, 882-1565

Genoa Candy Dance, 28-29, 782-2340

October

Oktoberfest, 5, Sparks, 784-5268

Boulder City Art Festival, 5-6, 294-0363

Las Vegas Jaycees' State Fair, 8-13, Las Vegas, 369-0065

Imperial Palace Antique Auto Run, 25-27 Las Vegas, 731-3311

North Las Vegas Fairshow, 25-27 642-1944

Nevada Day Celebration, 31 Carson City, 882-2600

A Reminder: to confirm dates and times, use the phone numbers listed with each event. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. For toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212. □

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Downtown Goodsprings, which once lured fun-seekers from little towns like Las Vegas, is now more at home with its ghosts than its visitors.

Almost A Ghost Town

The old mining camp of Goodsprings is very much alive, and its people like their old haunts just the way they are.

By Carole K. Halmrast

The woman at the casino's hospitality desk stared blankly. "Goodsprings? Goodsprings?" Her eyes narrowed as she began to suspect she was being mocked. "So what's that, a mattress?"

"No, no—it's a ghost town. I just wondered how we could get there."

"Never heard of it," she said flatly as she resumed passing out coupons.

No matter, because a good Nevada road map points the way. Thirty-five miles south of Las Vegas, Goodsprings offers a look at Nevada's boomtown past. Do not expect, however, to find a tourist attraction. The ghosts of Goodsprings are very much alive, and they like things just the way they are.

As you leave Las Vegas on the interstate, city streets give way to cactus and creosote. Then you take the marked turn-off. Few motorists travel this road, so you'll be virtually alone in the desert. That feeling won't leave you when you reach Goodsprings.

Like most ghost towns and near-ghosts, Goodsprings was a one-industry town. For some communities, that industry might have been lumbering or ranching. For Goodsprings, it was mining.

The place was named for Joseph Good, a prospector who settled in the area in 1868 and built a small hand-smelter for milling ore. In 1882 Sam Yount built a mill, intending to serve the mines on the outskirts of town. Yount's business floun-

dered, however, because mule teams couldn't haul ore to the mill fast enough to turn a profit.

J. F. Kent capitalized on Yount's misfortune. He bought the mill and founded the Yellow Pine Mining Company in 1901. Four years later the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad was completed, establishing the town of Las Vegas and giving Goodsprings a nearby railhead. In 1911 the tracks reached the town and a new mill began operating. Between 1915 and 1925 the local mines produced \$25 million in ore—mostly lead and zinc but also some gold and silver.

With the mines' success came prosperity. At its peak in 1916 Goodsprings had 800 residents. Stores, restaurants,



DAVID BROWN

churches, a theater, and nine saloons lined Main Street. The Hotel Fayle, advertised as "the finest in the West," opened with great fanfare. People came here from Las Vegas for entertainment and excitement.

Today that long-ago liveliness is hard to imagine. Thirty years after the town's last flourish of activity, the stores, mill offices, and restaurants are gone. The hotel burned down in 1966. All that remains are houses, weathered shacks, old foundations, crumbling walls, and rusty machinery. The windmill and waterworks are more or less intact, and some mine workings can still be seen.

But among these relics are signs of life—a mobile home-turned-library, a small school, a hopeful little community center, and a church.

Walking Goodsprings' deserted streets brings a feeling of other-worldliness. Chain link fences surround many homes and trailers, and stern "No Trespassing!" signs adorn posts and sheds. Other signs in the quiet town warn of vicious dogs and electrified fences. But just when you begin to wonder if anybody really lives there, barking dogs shatter the silence. Whipped into a frenzy by the presence of strangers, they howl all over town. (Fortunately, all those fences keep the dogs safely restrained.) Startled birds swoop overhead, and their calls mingle with the barks.

Near the entrance to Goodsprings, the Pioneer Saloon offers a chance for a cold drink and human contact. Inside the saloon, built about 1906, old chandeliers cast a dim light in the dark interior. A brass foot rail runs the length of the mahogany bar, and a four-drawer antique cash register rests on the cherry-wood back bar. Red Christmas bulbs illuminate neat rows of dusty liquor bottles.

In the center of the saloon, an old potbelly stove promises warmth on cold nights. Prominently displayed on top of the stove is a piece of wreckage from the 1942 plane crash that killed Carole Lombard. The crash occurred in the nearby Potosi Mountains; the news put Goodsprings temporarily in the headlines.

The walls and ceiling of the saloon are made of pressed-tin panels that exhibit intricate designs, as well as a few bullet holes that originate from the inside.

But the bartender offers no information—about anything. "I don't know anything about Goodsprings," he says. "I just work here. Don't know much about the people, either. Mostly retired, or they work in Vegas. Guess that's why they live here—they like the privacy, nobody poking his nose into their business."

Other residents, if you can find them, are a bit more friendly. The grandmotherly postmistress, a long-time Goodsprings citizen, shows pride in her town. "Oh, I like it here. It's healthy, quiet, and peaceful. And it's *not* a ghost town. Why do they say that? We have about 100 people here, so how can it be a ghost town?"

You begin to understand the fences and forbidding signs with her next comment: "People come out here and think they're going to find exciting old buildings and artifacts. And then they take what they find. That stuff doesn't belong to them!"

Her concern is understandable. Whole towns have been carried off by treasure hunters. "Take only pictures, leave only footprints" is a common slogan of outdoor groups, and it seems like a good motto for ghost town visitors, too.

There is life in Goodsprings, so technically it's not a ghost town. Calling it an old mining camp would be more accurate. And its days aren't over yet; the Goodsprings Advisory Council meets regularly, hoping among other things to raise enough money to restore an old stone house, the first built here. Also, they have their community center, school, library, church, and the Pioneer Saloon.

So walk the streets and sniff the clear air for a while. Sip a drink in the saloon, hobnob with the ghosts, see the remains of the town's glory days—but don't wear out your dubious welcome. □

Carole K. Halmrast is a Minnesota writer who frequently visits Southern Nevada.

LETTERS (Continued from page 5)

John S. Miller in the May/June issue. Rarely does the town of Hawthorne get such a billing in any nationally known magazine.

This article shows that *Nevada Magazine* is truly concerned with the history and benefits available to those touring rural Nevada.

Kathy Trujillo
Hawthorne, NV

Nevada is a statement. Not many magazines can say that today. Absolutely first rate.

Bill Stine
Bellingham, WA.

In your January/February '85 issue, I enjoyed the "Lure of the Lunkers" by Terry Dove. However, as a native Nevada I wish to comment on his Walker Lake submission of record cutthroat trout weighing 11 pounds, four ounces by Reece Green, Hawthorne, November 1969.

Enclosed please find a copy of Nevada Fish and Game Bulletin, February 1954. It shows that Tom Nelson caught a 13-1/2 pound beauty at Walker Lake, January 1954. And that was small compared to one caught by Mary LaVonne Hines on March



16, 1960, at Walker Lake. Her picture of proof shows a beautiful lunker weighing 19-1/2 pounds and 39 inches in length (as you can see by this photo).

A.T. (Tom) Nelson
Hawthorne, NV

Making Statements

This is a fan letter for your fine magazine and for the great state of Nevada. We have been frequent visitors to your state in the past 13 years, to Hiko where my in-laws live and to other areas. And I have long subscribed to your publication which we enjoy so much and which helps keep us in touch. Keep up the great work!

Arnold T. Gibb
Montreal North, Quebec

Our first copy of your magazine was March/April and we are very excited about what you are doing. We have had a
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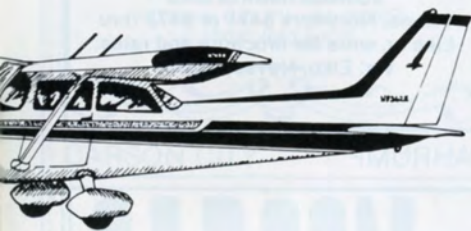
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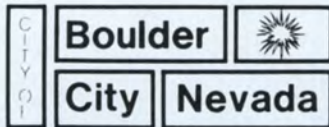
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If you stroll between the sage in the Nevada desert, you're likely to see it before you see it. Suddenly, just before your foot falls, what you took for a crust of sand scampers off behind the nearest bush. It is the horned lizard, or horned toad or horny toad, a species unique to western North America.

If you follow the creature and look at it closely, its horned, wedge-shaped head and splay-toed feet will show against the sand despite its camouflage. Seven subspecies inhabit deserts from Mexico to Washington. Pictured on this page is a

southern desert horned lizard, the type most common in Nevada. They're likable denizens, and kids love to catch them and stroke their soft, pearly bellies. The horned lizard often responds ungraciously, though, wriggling to prick its spines into an assailant. These sharp spines protect the lizard from predators such as snakes and birds. If its body armor fails, it will sometimes puff up its body and emit a "tssk." When all else fails, it can shoot a hair-thin jet of blood from its eyes—a bloody intense stare, you might say.

Although imperiled by children and

other small predators, the horned lizard in its reptile world is a dragon, a relentless hunter of beetles, bugs, and deadly harvester ants.

Images on pottery and petroglyphs hundreds of years old tell us that the southwestern Indians honored this armored scamperer. In Zuni folklore horned lizards are wise, benevolent creatures who are especially adept at reversing a wizard's evil spells. Today, however, desert gardeners prize them most. Let ants and wizards beware.

—Roger Smith

LETTERS (Continued from page 83)

about what you are doing. We have had a longtime association with the TS Ranch at Battle Mountain and were delighted with the photos of the Nevada buckaroos. We would like to obtain prints of the TS cowboys by Jay Dusard. Could you please put us in touch with him?

Dorothy Rebholtz
Boise, ID.

Rebholtz, your letter was forwarded to Dusard. Thanks for asking.—Ed.

I think your magazine ----- Who wants to see some old farts out in the west acting gay. I like rock 'n' roll, not the Nevada buckaroo!

Craig J. Rau
Saginaw, MI.

The Pioneer Trail

I first observed a lonely grave on Eight Mile Flat near Sand Mountain in the mid '70s. It had a small fence and cross showing, "Two Pioneer Children Known Only To God."

After I retired from USFWS, I moved to Fallon in 1979 and stopped to look at the grave, which was about washed out, fence bleached and falling apart, cross was cracked, one large stone also marked this spot, with no history as to who died when.

Being an old Nevada history buff, I decided to find the history of this grave and Sharon Taylor at the Fallon Museum had the information. It was three little girls named LeBeau—Jenny, 9, Louise, 6, and Emma, 3—who died of diphtheria about 1865. With the help of my son Johnnie Ray, I started to completely restore the grave so that their memory would not be lost.

One plaque reads, "Restoration of three LeBeau sisters' grave is dedicated to the memory of the hundreds of men, women



and children, and the thousands of animals that perished on this trail to California in circa 1846 to 1870s while crossing Nevada." It took two years and about 30 trips for what you see, and I hope it will last 100 years.

Johnnie A. Johnson
Fallon, NV

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THE EMERALD CITY

The nomad remembers home.

By Leon Mandel

A generation of nomads roams America. I was one of the early members of that generation, all of us brought up auto-mobile and ambitious, freed from neighborhood futures by the ease of flight, and encouraged in our restlessness by the churning aftermath of a world war and then by corporations that moved people around like checkers on a board.

My generation.

I was born and schooled early in the Midwest, offered a course in manners (which never took) at a proper New York City prep school, further prepared for the inequities of the world in a military academy in New Jersey, accepted in a class of returning veterans at a western New York university, and propelled by the longing of my heart and the patience of my new wife to the West—to what was becoming car country.

In 20 western years, my wife and I lived in almost the same number of cities, and then in the very early '70s we found ourselves in Northern Nevada.

Chance.

We built a house in Reno, our first. Why we thought we'd stay long in one place, I don't know. Prescience? Whatever, we built the house up high in the southwestern part of town, looking across the meadows to the east.

Over the 10 years that followed, a strange process came into our lives. We discovered roots.

From that house, our son and daughter went off to school, to Swope, to Wooster, to Reno, where they worked on the school newspapers, where one found himself playing hoops in the Coliseum and then football at Reno High, and where, most of all, they absorbed a set of values that buttress them both now that one is a bureau chief in Los Angeles and the other a women's advocate in Portland. To that house came their friends, in droves, good, decent, amusing, wonderfully lively kids; one is now a Reno cop, another a doctoral

candidate, yet another makes exquisite guitars, and one more—a stockbroker—sits in that house, guarding it, waiting for someone else to buy it and make a life there.

From that house my wife went off to work with the sisters at St. Mary's Hospital and then, when she thought she could be more useful there, at the Nevada Opera.

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I drove to the university, which allowed me to teach magazine journalism despite my lack of any sort of degree. That is the way things are done in Nevada—you are taken for what you are and what you can do, not for your pedigree. I taught, too, with immense pleasure, at Truckee Meadows Community College, where nobody said a word about my classroom use of race-track language when trying to make a point.

In that house I wrote six books, one of them a biography of Bill Harrah that taught me much about Nevada history

and Nevada orneriness and Nevada toughness of mind.

From that house I went forth like Don Quixote to add my voice to those trying to save Bill Harrah's car collection. It was no fault of mine that the people who led the fight were successful, but they showed me more about Nevada. They taught me something about perseverance. They showed me that government can indeed be an instrument of the people.

While all of this may sound very grand, it didn't seem so at the time. It seemed, well, ordinary, or at least not very different from what most of our new friends were doing. Nobody makes much of a fuss about things in Nevada. There are things to do. You do them. Nobody tells you you can't try something because it's never been done before. I say to my friends in the East, in what I hope is pardonable hyperbole, that in Nevada you wake up one morning and decide you're going to be a neurosurgeon and by 2 p.m. you're practicing.

If you write cars—as I've done all my life—sooner or later you end up in Detroit.

My wife and I have bought a lot in Ann Arbor. It's a lovely spot. Just down the hill, through a copse of aspen, is the Huron River. But it is not the vista our daughter captured one night when she looked across the valley from our house in Reno just after the MGM had been finished and was lit in green, and said to us, "Look, it's the Emerald City."

I flew out of Reno in late March up through one of those brilliant blue skies, all the more beautiful in contrast to the hills covered by a late spring snowfall. I left Oz.

They say flying dehydrates the body. Maybe. But then what were those drops of condensation in my eyes? □

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