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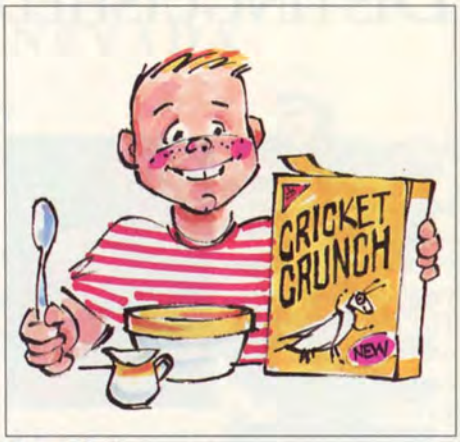
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For the past seven years I have organized a golf vacation for eight very avid players. The last four years we have rented a house in the Lake Tahoe area for a week and then played four or five different courses, along with enjoying all the other attractions.

I obtained a 1990 copy of your magazine *Nevada Golf*, and by using the information found in "The Great Nevada Golfer's Guide" I was able to make tee times well in advance and pass along information to the group as to costs and facilities.

Terry Berardino
Petaluma, CA

The Grosh Lode?

The story of "The Brothers Grosh" (by J.B. Roberts II in Nov/Dec '90) has always interested me. It did give the reader the general idea of the two young miners' demise, but the author missed the point.

The point of the Grosh brothers' story is one of tortuous irony They struck several very rich veins of silver—one an "absolute monster," as Allen Grosh wrote—lived in poverty, and died a mean and painful death. Twisting the knife deeper, their discovery was ignored and forgotten.

Then their papers were destroyed, leaving the treasure to be rediscovered by men who cursed the dark blue dirt and heavy black rock for being in the way of their frantic unearthing of the orange and brown quartz ladened with gold. And finally their efforts were dishonored by having the entire historic operation—the Comstock—named for a worthless, demonic con artist who never even owned a pick and shovel.

Robert C. Mack
Beaverton, OR

Mapping It Out

I much enjoyed "Burnin' Daylight" by Terri Sprenger-Farley in March/April. Since I was brought up on a farm, it kept my interest from start to finish.

But to put Ravensdale 20 miles west of Susanville? I have driven to Reno dozens of times and always found Ravensdale north of Susanville on U.S. 395. As for Soldier Meadows, it must be hiding somewhere out in the Black Rock Desert. It's not shown on my map.

Hans R. Sjoboen
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You're right, Sjoboen. Ravensdale is north

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of Susanville. As for Soldier Meadows, you can find it on a U.S.G.S. map. It's about 50 miles northeast of Gerlach.—Ed.

Waxing for Wayne

The article on Wayne Newton by Jackie Brett in the Jan/Feb *Nevada Events* was one that our chapter of his International Fan Club eagerly shared with our members. We were excited to have seen your most positive publicity about this very exciting entertainer.

Judy Frobes, President
Chapter I, Tahoe/Stateline

Inspired by "Rustlers"

The March/April issue was superb. The color photos were magnificent. Being a desert and cowboy poet, I particularly enjoyed the "Cloud Rustlers" poem and Mojave Desert piece.

Merry Harris
Ocotillo, CA

On the Other Hand...

I was greatly disappointed in your publication. I was spoiled by the superb *Arizona Highways* magazine and thought your magazine would be similar. Your publication has so many advertisements it is difficult to find the articles in it.

I have been taking *Arizona Highways* for about 25 years and have every issue saved. The *Nevada Magazine* is in the garbage a week after I receive it.

Robert G. Parkison
Tunkhannock, PA

Where There's Will, There's a Way

I would like to nominate Will James (Sept/Oct '90) for membership in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. I believe that Will James not being a member of the hall of fame of cowboys is like not having O.J. Simpson or Vince Lombardi in the Football Hall of Fame.

Will James made a major contribution to the West in writing 26 books about cowboys and publishing works of art in many publications such as *Sunset* and *Scribners Magazine.*

As you may know, 1992 is the 100th birthday of Will James, and I think this would be a fitting time to induct Will James into the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Richard A. Wetzell
Los Gatos, CA

Wetzell, we share your sentiments about James. In fact, this spring the National Cowboy Hall of Fame honored Gwendolyn Clancy, who wrote the article in Sept/Oct '90, with a special director's award for historical excellence for her film, The Man They Call Will James.—*Ed.*

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A Little More Truckee

As Father's Day approaches, a son recalls his dad's good heart.

By Terry J. Moyer

As we drove across the bridge over the Truckee River west of Reno, my wife remarked, "What a strange name—Truckee!"

A strange name, indeed, and a name that evoked memories of my father, toward whose grave we were driving.

"When I was a kid, Dad spoke of the Truckee quite often," I said. "He was with the Civilian Conservation Corps near here in the 1930s.

"He used to tell how extra mouths would appear in camp just before dinner time. Then the camp manager would welcome the hungry newcomers and shout, 'Cookie, you'd better add a little more Truckee!'"

"Add a little more Truckee?" asked my wife, Donna.

"That meant that the cook should add some water to the stew, so it would feed more boys. I guess he figured it was better that all should have thinner stew than some should go without.

"And long after the Depression ended, that same philosophy carried over into Dad's life. He was generous to a fault, with his time, his tools, and everything he had. Many times he did without after having helped neighbors and friends and even total strangers.

"I recall many times having folks come by the farmhouse, sometimes just at dinner time. Dad would always welcome them, and call out, 'Mama, we've got company tonight. You'd better add a little more Truckee.'"

"But you didn't even live near the Truckee."

"Mother knew what Dad meant, and she always managed somehow to feed everyone."

Again the freeway crossed the Truckee. Donna and I finished our breakfast bars and drained the last of the juice from the glass bottle.

Then I had an idea. "Do you suppose there might be a road down to the river?"

We found one and followed it for a half mile before it descended to a broad meadow beside the Truckee. I pulled the car to a stop and turned off the engine.

"I'll only be a few minutes," I said. Donna smiled and handed me the empty juice bottle.

For several minutes I sat on a rock beside the Truckee, watching the cold water run past—as it had run past a CCC camp nearly 60 years ago. Then I dipped the bottle into the river.

At the cemetery we found the marker over Dad's grave:

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The cemetery was immaculate, the lawn well watered. The grass certainly didn't need a quart of river water.

But we weren't at the Veterans Cemetery because the lawn needed watering. "This is for you, Dad," I said quietly pouring the water from the bottle onto my father's headstone. "I'm adding a little more Truckee."

Terry J. Moyer is a Salt Lake City writer

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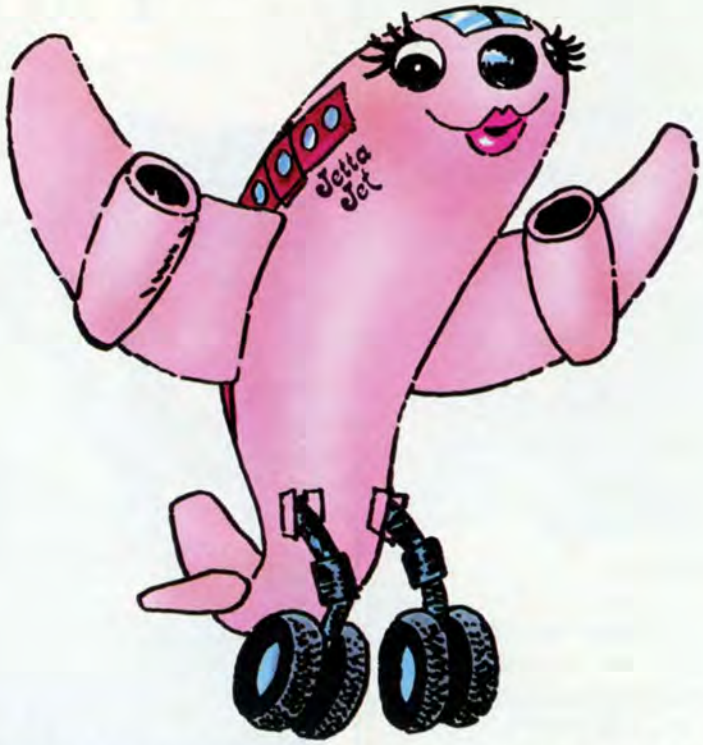
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BY KATE BUTLER

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With its baptism as a conservation area, Red Rock Canyon has grown by a third of its former size to an official 83,000 acres. Much of this acreage could earn wilderness status at a future date.

Planes flying in and out of Las Vegas often treat travelers to a quick look at the canyon's colorful panorama and entice closer viewing. A stop at the BLM visitor center combined with a tour of Red Rock's 13-mile loop drive is a good introduction to the canyon. But

wandering its trails, climbing its mountains, or resting within its solitude are even more rewarding.

Red Rock Canyon is located 20 miles west of the Las Vegas Strip on West Charleston Boulevard. The visitor center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The scenic drive is open from 7 a.m. until dusk. Admission is free. For further information, call Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 702-363-1921.

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BY DEBORAH MAWHAR

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Are Mormon crickets pests or protein? We bug the experts.
Story by Marge Knorr. Illustrations by John Bardwell

Nutritionists are no fun. They're so busy telling us what to eat that they've missed something right under their noses—bugs.

"I know zip about eating insects," confessed one University of Nevada, Reno nutritionist I talked to. "Not me," said another assistant professor of nutrition. "I'd never eat insects. I'm too deeply immersed in my own culture."

On the other hand, Gary Blomquist, an insect biochemist at UNR, didn't hesitate to give his opinion: "Termites, they're the best, deep-fat fried with bitter almond sauce on the side."

Years ago, while visiting a famous city that shall remain nameless, I had lunch at an expensive, fashionable restaurant. I was dazzled by the glitter and sophistication.

When my salad arrived, I picked up the chilled fork, ready to savor the prelude to the meal. Then something moved in the greenery. A critter jumped from my plate onto the white-linen tablecloth. Shrieking, I leaped to my feet, sophistication and chic forgotten. It was a grasshopper. Yuk!

Recalling this recently, I began wondering about our aversion to insects as food. Was it advisable to eat invertebrates?

After all, last year was a banner year for creepy-crawlies. The Mormon cricket infestation around Winnemucca made national headlines, exasperated farmers and ranchers, and gave birth to a new industry, Mormon cricket T shirts. Meanwhile, there were yellow jackets in South Lake Tahoe, aphids in Los Angeles, killer bees in Texas, Mediterranean fruit flies in California and Florida, and cicadas in Illinois.

I decided to bug the experts.

I visited Blomquist in his lab. He has an interesting way of dealing with visitors, I discovered. There were several innocent-looking silver garbage cans placed around the lab, and I hadn't been there two minutes when he whipped the lid off one. It was filled with thousands of big, scrambling cockroaches. Then he *stuck his hand in.*

I didn't wait around to see what he



came up with. I'll bet he isn't bothered by too many nosy visitors.

Later, when I asked Blomquist whether entomophagy (the scientific name for eating insects) might be a solution to our Mormon cricket invasion, he hedged a bit. "Well, maybe if you're starving," he said. "Have you ever seen a Mormon cricket? They're big, hard-shelled, ugly, and they spit tobacco-colored liquid on you."

"Too ugly to eat?" I asked.

"They're like the moose in Yellowstone Park," he said. "They're so ugly you wonder how they can mate. I guess it's a learned thing."

Most of us haven't learned yet. Harold Arnett, retired UNR entomologist, admitted, "There are more insects than anything else on earth, and very few are poisonous, but I still wouldn't substitute grasshopper stew for a T bone steak."

Catherine Fowler, an anthropology professor at the university in Reno, recalled how she was called on 10 years ago to mediate a dispute between the Paiutes and the U.S. Forest Service near Bishop, California. "There was a big infestation of Pandora moth larvae that year, and the Paiute Indians were harvesting them, but the Forest Service wanted to spray the trees to kill the larvae," she said. "The caterpillars had been part of the Paiutes' diet, probably for a millennia."

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I asked Fowler if she ate any of the caterpillars. "Oh, yes," she said. "They're very good—like a scrambled egg omelet with mushrooms."

She keeps a jar of the larvae on a shelf in her office. They are three to four inches long, fat, and yellow They look like baby boa constrictors.

"You can get more protein out of a ton of these caterpillars than you can get out of one or two cows, and you can get it a lot easier," she said.



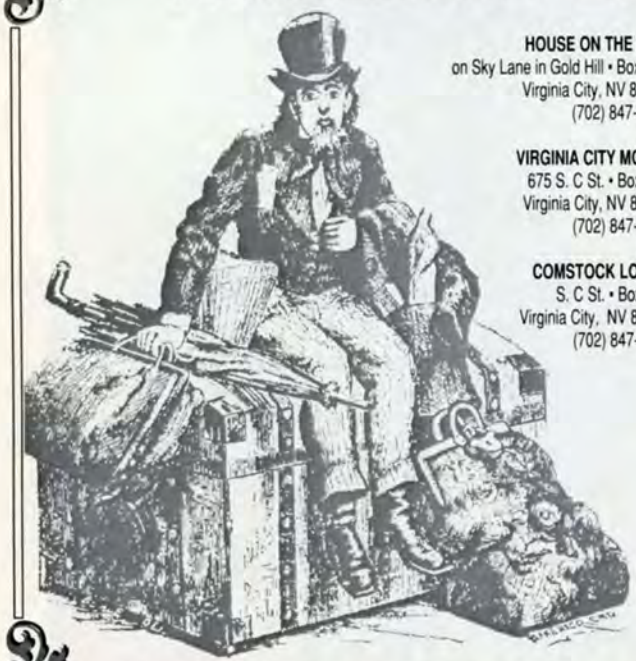
So, one person's pest is another's protein. Fowler referred me to a monograph written in 1988 by Mark Sutton, professor of anthropology at California State University at Bakersfield. According to his study *Insects as Food: Aboriginal Entomophagy in the Great Basin*, aboriginal people all over the world have engaged in entomophagy Before they were introduced to Europeans' food, native Americans used many kinds of insects as a food source.

Sutton describes the Indians' use of grasshoppers, locusts, crickets, caterpillars, cicadas, flies, beetles, ants, and bees. He makes the point that insects are commonly consumed by most human groups, including Western societies, if not always purposefully He also notes, "Although the eating of insects is considered repulsive in Western society honey (actually bee vomitus) is very popular, a seemingly hypocritical situation."

Blomquist also thinks we are a bit hypocritical for not eating insects. "We eat shrimp, and they are just another arthropod," he said.

In the movie *Papillon*, Steve McQueen resorts to eating cockroaches in his prison cell. But is this a protein of last resort? The truth is, some cultures regard such small, wiggly creatures as

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The experts stop short of saying we should eat insects. What they say is that *they* do and that insects taste good. Furthermore, insects are a source of protein.

delicacies. The maguey worm, the butterfly larva found in bottles of tequila, is considered a tasty tidbit in Mexico. According to entomology professor Michael Burgett of Oregon State University nine out of 10 college students in Thailand regularly eat insects.

The experts stop short of saying we should eat insects. What they say is that *they* do and that insects taste good. Furthermore, insects are a source of protein and low in fat and cholesterol, and eating them is preferable to eating pesticide residue.

Obviously, there are some ecological advantages to eating insects. First of all, they're ubiquitous, so we don't have to cut down forests to raise them. Insects don't seem to be as flatulent as cows, and we all are trying to reduce methane production, which contributes to global warming. And instead of being a plague on ranchers, a Mormon cricket invasion would represent a tasty bumper crop. In fact, we could raise crickets on cricket ranches and herd them with bugaroos.

Also, there are no pressure groups to deal with. At least I haven't seen anyone campaigning for insect rights or bumper stickers saying, "Save the Mormon Cricket."

Considering the political climate and the ongoing drought conditions, which encourage cricket population explosions in Nevada, entomophagy could in fact become the rage of the '90s.

I'd like to offer a recipe that I ran across in *The Food Insects Newsletter* published by Gene DeFoliart, an entomology professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. I have adapted the recipe to our Mormon crickets. If the dish isn't a roaring success, it should at least perk up your next party.

CRISPY CAJUN CRICKETS

Place one cup of healthy Mormon crickets into a large, clean, and airy container (add a pinch of oatmeal for food). After one day, remove sick crickets and freeze the remainder Wash frozen crickets in tap water spread on cookie sheet, and roast in oven at lowest setting When crickets become crunchy, remove legs (heads are optional). Sprinkle crickets with butter sauce and serve. Prepare butter sauce by adding salt, garlic, paprika, chili, or tobasco sauce to melted butter

Mmm, good. Just don't tell your guests what's in it. The recipe says Crispy Cajun Crickets are a tasty and unique addition to any social occasion, with a tangy flavor all their own.

For myself, I've decided that if I ever again have a grasshopper in my salad at a fancy restaurant, I'll try to keep my cool. I'll nonchalantly ask the waitperson to take it back to the kitchen and "please toast it lightly but hold the mayo." Still, there remains another question. Which is the correct fork for eating insects?

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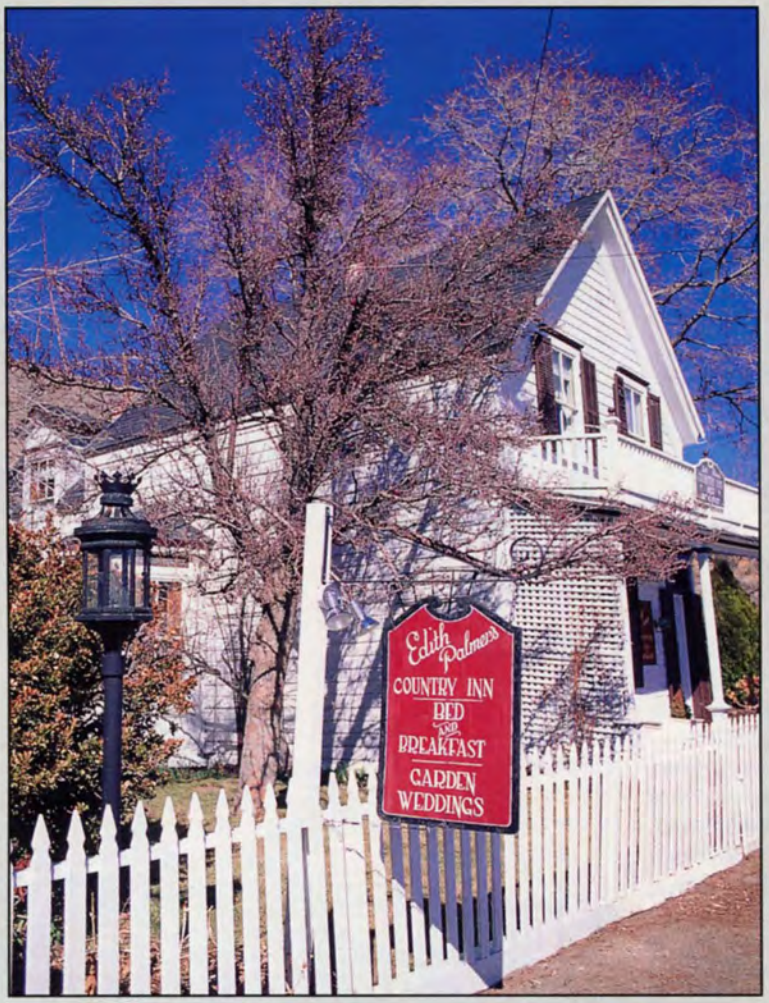


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Edith Palmer's County Inn is a longtime B&B haunt in Virginia City (left). At her Unionville inn, Mitzi Jones (right) cooks bountiful country breakfasts.

The Inn Crowd

Proprietors set both the table and the mood at Nevada's bed and breakfast inns.

By Cliff Glover
and Leslie Bittleston

Photos: William Carr/Stock Ex (left), Richard Rowan Collection (right)



If a man be gracious to strangers, it shows that he is a citizen of the world, and his heart is no island, cut off from other islands, but a continent that joins them.

—Francis Bacon

Why would anyone open a bed and breakfast inn? The hours are long, the money's lousy there's barely a moment of peace. You get up before dawn to make breakfast. You spend hours giving the same directions to each new guest.

Yet travelers will always find someone up to the task, like Muffy and David Vhay It took months of planning and remodeling to open their Deer Run Ranch B&B in Washoe Valley but the couple is *still* excited about going into business. Says Muffy "I don't know any '60s kids who didn't want to run away from the city and run an inn."

A bed and breakfast proprietor must love to cook and talk. No arms stretch wider than those of a good B&B host. Take Maire and David Hayes of the Sun Dog B&B in Goldfield. Once they left a key under the mat for guests who wanted to use the place while they were away for the weekend. Maire says David "is usually ready to drop everything and take visitors out to see the wild horses and burros."

Guests at Nevada's B&Bs seem to like the kick-up-your-feet and let-down-your-guard atmosphere. From their hosts they learn about old mining towns, casinos, and local lore. It works the other way, too.

"It's our social life," says Mitzi Jones, who with her husband Lew has run the Old Pioneer Inn at Unionville for the past 12 years. "We're not getting rich, but we feel rich."





Antiques grace the Wild Rose Inn (top), while Winter's Creek attracts the horse set.

Old Pioneer Garden

At $50 for a double, the Old Pioneer Garden is one of the best room bargains in the state. The remote setting—a picturesque 19th-century mining town nestled in a canyon 50 miles south of Winnemucca—is worth it, too.

Visitors to Mitzi and Lew Jones' place in Unionville generally stay in the Hadley House, an old wagon maker's residence that Lew has enlarged. The main ranch house has a couple of guest rooms, but the Hadley House has numerous rooms, two fireplaces, a big wood stove that took four men to move, a kitchen, and a glass-enclosed conservatory where plants flourish in the summer. There is also a CD player, lots of books on Nevada, a TV, and a VCR with more than 50 titles.

A favorite for breakfast is Mitzi's buttermilk pancakes made with home-ground corn and stuffed with fruit. Ever health conscious, she limits bacon servings, saying, "A little bit will not kill you." Last year everything served on the table came straight from their garden and barnyard.

Wild Rose Inn

Antique collectors from the Bay Area, Sandi and Joe Antonucci were naturally drawn to Nevada's oldest town, Genoa, when looking for a place to build a B&B.

"Joe and I are history buffs," says Sandi, a doll maker. "That's why we were attracted to this area to begin with. Joe collects old bottles, railroad spikes, and telephones."

Their three-story Queen Anne home, built from scratch, has four guest rooms, each with a private bath. Two of the rooms have great views of the Carson Valley Each room has an old telephone that Joe has restored.

For breakfast Sandi serves special omelets, such as one stuffed with ham and topped with a mushroom and cherry cream sauce. Another dish has corn bread, poached eggs, and creamed ham. In the afternoon she provides a wine and cheese break. Sandi and Joe can tell guests about historic sites as well as the good soak available at nearby Walley's Hot Spring.

Photos: William Carr/Stock Ex



Bob and Linda Sanfilippo enjoy a spot of tea at their Genoa House Inn.

> Pat and Michael Stockwell bought their Winter's Creek B&B in Washoe Valley to have 'a piece of the earth and a chance to live in the country.'

Genoa House Inn

Originally a one-story Victorian built by newspaper publisher A.C. Platt in 1872, the Genoa House Inn had an extra floor added before Linda and Bob Sanfilippo bought the place about five years ago. Even then the two were avid B&B-goers, using their excursions as a good excuse to buy antiques. "It was such a delight that we decided that was the only way we'd stay," says Linda. "We knew someday we'd have a B&B ourselves."

Linda, who grew up at Lake Tahoe, offers tips on activities like hiking, bicycling, gliding, and hot-air ballooning. She is a potter, and Bob likes to fish and collect antique cars.

Breakfast starts with a coffee tray at the door at 8:30 a.m. and then a full serving in the dining room. Regular fare includes homemade honey-almond rolls, coddled eggs, ham or sausage, juice, coffee, and fresh fruit.

"We use the apples from our backyard," says Linda. "The birds eat the cherries, but no one will eat the plums—they're horrible."

She says guests should call a month in advance for reservations. About weddings: "Sometimes people can talk me into it," Linda says, "but I have to be in a real good mood."

Winters Creek

Pat and Michael Stockwell, who own Winters Creek, have never stayed in a B&B themselves. What's their experience with the public? Renting cars for one; working craft fairs for another.

"From the car rental business you learn how to take care of people," says Michael, who says that they bought the Washoe Valley B&B to have "a piece of the earth and a chance to live in the country "

Breakfast depends on the day. They make 10 different breads, including chocolate-cranberry and pumpkin-custard coconut. Main courses include eggs Benedict, tipsy French toast made with triple sec and orange peel, and omelets with mushrooms and Canadian bacon. Local fruit and vegetables are served in season.

The Stockwells specialize in weddings and cater to Easterners who want a Western experience, including horseback riding. The Cape Cod-style house overlooks Washoe Valley There is also a teepee that, like the regular rooms, comes with breakfast.

Deer Run Ranch

Across Washoe Valley, Muffy and David Vhay opened their Deer Run Ranch B&B in March. Muffy a potter, grew up on an adjacent ranch that her father bought in the late '30s. David, an architect and builder, grew up in Reno.

Their passive-solar house and 200-acre ranch has a view of Washoe Lake and the Sierra. The fields, except in times of drought, are rich with alfalfa, which lures horse owners during the day and hundreds of deer in the fall. Thus the name Deer Run.

The Vhays' place has two guest rooms

Photo: Jay Aldrich



with private sitting area and patio, refrigerator, TV, VCR, above-ground pool in season, prolific vegetable garden, woodshop, and pottery

Muffy has put her stoneware to the test in the kitchen. For breakfast she prepares eggs Florentine, eggs Provincial, omelets with fresh garden vegetables, Belgian waffles with toppings, fresh fruit, and homemade jellies and jams.

Guests can walk down to the lake, watch the deer, take a three-hour hike up to Virginia City and skate on the pond during the winter. The atmosphere is easy-going. "We didn't want a Victorian lace image," David says. "We wanted a comfortable place to relax and kick your feet up."

Haus Bavaria

New to the B&B scene, Bick Hewitt comes mightily prepared. He worked for Pacific Southwest Airlines for 19 years in food and beverage. "I enjoyed just knowing that everyone was getting the food and beverage they wanted," he says. "It was testing a lot of menus and wines."

Hewitt learned that Haus Bavaria was for sale from reading a San Diego paper, and he bought the Incline Village B&B last year. One of his favorite dishes comes from Grandma: cornmeal pancakes made with buttermilk and served with bacon and sausage. He also serves mushroom quiche, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice.

Hewitt says he likes the business. "The type of people who come to a B&B are different than any other people. The people have to research it out. It means a little more than just coming into town and staying at a Motel 6."



Muffy Vhay of Deer Run (left) and Bick Hewitt of Haus Bavaria prepare the repast.

Harbor House

Yerington, 80 miles south of Reno, is known for its small-town peace and quiet and the cattle pastures of Mason and Smith valleys. Yerington also has two B&Bs.

One, in town, is the Harbor House owned by Donna and Ace Grulli. Ace was born in Yerington and has owned the Ford dealership for the past 43 years. "Got all my roots in," says Ace. "I can't get out."

Breakfast is served continental style, with fruit, bread, cheeses, coffee, and juice brought into a private dining room that's set aside for guests.

One attraction in town is the Lyon County Museum, opened Saturdays, Sundays, and by appointment during the week. The museum has five buildings full of collections, including Paiute baskets, slot machines, guns, and arrowheads. One of the buildings is an early day school house, "except the teacher's a dummy," laughs museum curator Merlyn Rempp.

After the museum you might want to play a round of golf on the town's nine-hole course, or take a short hike.

"A lot of people walk the hills looking for different kinds of rocks," says Ace. Some wandering guests have searched secretly for Lyon County's next big gold or silver strike, although their bonanzas usually consist of photos and blisters.

Photos: Cliff Glover (left), William Carr/Stock Ex (right)



Cleo Ross' Hardwicke House was built in 1862 as an icehouse and horse stable.

> 'Out here you can hear coyotes and feel that nature is all around you,' says Roberta Stebbins of the Robric Ranch.

Robric Ranch

The Robric Ranch B&B is just outside Yerington on a 160-acre alfalfa ranch with horses, cows, dogs, and cats. Owners Roberta and Dick Stebbins, who have stayed at European B&Bs, say they offer another view of Nevada apart from the casino scene. "Out here you can hear coyotes and feel that nature is around you," says Roberta.

Guests stay in a two-bedroom cabin that is cozy for both couples and families. The structure, which was moved to the ranch from the mining town of Aurora, has its own bathroom and kitchen, where breakfast is served. The Stebbins pride themselves on their homemade bread and granola as well as their ranch-style eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee.

Hardwicke House

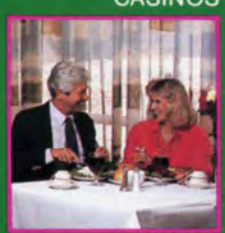
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The Gardening Gourmet

Edie Palmer was Virginia City's hostess with the mostest.

By Donna M. H. Flanigan

Many people—tourists, famous guests, even a future husband—first met Edith Palmer in her garden.

Palmer was pruning roses one afternoon when a woman approached. She later told a friend, "And behind this woman was a goddess, an absolute goddess. And the woman was a movie company secretary and the goddess was Marilyn Monroe!" The movie star was in Reno filming *The Misfits*. She had a suite at the Mapes Hotel, but, after meeting Palmer, Monroe often chose to have dinner or stay overnight in Virginia City at Edith Palmer's Country Inn.

In the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, the Country Inn catered to European and African royalty· to Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, and du Ponts; to celebrities of stage and film; to the casts of the TV shows *Bonanza* and *Wagon Train*; and to hundreds of other people attracted by the inn's fine food and conversation. *Gourmet* ran features on the inn, *Time* recommended it, and food critics on both coasts raved about her cooking. By 1966, Edith Palmer's Country Inn was one of only 51 restaurants in the U.S. to receive a four-star rating in the *Mobil Travel Guide*.

Before becoming an innkeeper Edie Palmer had been an interior decorator. In the 1940s she ran a lodge for divorcees in Reno.

In 1948, while married to Reno banker Harry Fletcher, she bought an 1862 Virginia City house with a large stone-walled wine cellar and flanking gardens. She applied her elegant style to her new home. She worked daily in the gardens for relaxation and to cool her famous temper. She hung paintings by well-known artists in the stone cellar-room, which doubled as a dining room for the gourmet dinner parties she often hosted. Edie surrounded herself with creative and outspoken people, and her parties were famous among her friends and clients.

In the mid-'50s following Harry's death, Edie decided to open her home for by-appointment-only gourmet dinners. When she began taking overnight guests, the Country Inn was born.



Edie (right) with Donna and Mitch Miller

Palmer was in her garden weeding peonies one day in 1956 when Merrill Fingerson, a young airman from Stead Air Force Base, strolled by Seeing him admire her garden, she swept him in with a wave of her arm. Fingerson, who manages an exclusive jewelry store in San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel, recalls, "Edie invited me into her home for parties and for holidays. She had a soft place in her heart for strays, including at least me and two cats."

Fingerson spent three years—"the highlights of my life"—working at the inn in the '60s. He remembers Edie's perfectionism. She was once quoted as saying, "When you are a gourmet, it comes from the soul. If you aren't a perfectionist, you can't cook with the same kind of love." He recalls she was fond of comparing cooking to playing the violin, saying, "If you've done it right, people will know it, even if they don't know how " She cooked in 19 ethnic traditions, from Korean to Lebanese to French, and tried to use ethnic vessels and decorations.

By 1959 the Country Inn was so successful that Edie bought another home nearby She needed help fixing it up, and one day as she tended marigolds, her soon-to-be-helpmate, Sam Kolodziej, introduced himself.

"He walked in the garden gate with that grin and bald head and said, 'May I help you water?'" Edie later recalled. "I said, 'No, thank you.'" But Sam was a self-described "stubborn Pollack," and he was definitely interested in this independent, idealistic woman. They married, and he became an integral part of the inn's hospitality

Grant Sawyer, Nevada governor from 1959 to 1966 and now a prominent Las Vegas attorney recalls sending dignitaries up to Edie Palmer's because she was "well known for a fine and different sort of restaurant ambiance." Sawyer pauses a moment before he says, "I hesitate to make the comparison, because of some unintended negative connotations, but she was almost comparable to some of the famous madams of Virginia City, in that she was a woman with a very strong personality whose business was completely identified with her particular presence." Palmer herself once declared, "People come back because we're individualistic."

Ironically Palmer preferred to eat much simpler food than she served her guests. Fingerson says she often fixed hamburgers, hot dogs, or canned chili for herself, Sam, and him.

Bill Marks, proprietor of Virginia City's Crystal Bar, recalls, "Sam came in every day Edie often accompanied him, and she always ordered a chocolate ice cream soda—never failed. My wife Margaret and I had dinner at the inn sometimes, and Sam was a very genial and humorous host. It was Sam who kept you company for cocktails and ushered you in to the dining room, where Edie served you. And, of course, the food was wonderful."

Edie died in 1976, and Sam closed the Country Inn. After Sam died, the inn languished. Then, six years ago, it was reopened by Erlene Brown, a distant relative. Erlene says, "It was a longstanding dream of mine to run a bed and breakfast." She now caters more than a hundred weddings a year, and they are often held in the gardens when Edie's golden alyssum is in bloom.

Donna M.H. Flanigan is a Reno writer

Photo: Merrill Fingerson

'People don't like surprise meals,' says Cleo Ross. She serves American-style breakfasts at her Hardwicke House.

Hardwicke House much like the B&Bs found in Europe.

"I've been around the world and have experienced European B&Bs, and travelers will find that here," she says. "The earliest concept of a B&B was that there were extra rooms in the home to take in travelers. Owners would hang a sign out saying B&B, so travelers could stay in European homes."

Her two-story stone house was built in 1862 and at various times has been an icehouse, post office, general store, boardinghouse, dentist's office, and private quarters. The B&B is located on Main Street in the center of Silver City, a small town 10 miles east of Carson City and three miles south of Virginia City

In the morning Cleo serves traditional fare: fruit, muffins, meats, eggs, juice, and coffee. "I find that people don't like surprise meals. They like a good hearty American breakfast," Cleo says.

House on the Hill

Unlike older Victorians, where noisy floorboards speak of ghostly intruders, the House on the Hill is anything but creaky The eight-year-old Victorian, which rises three stories up the side of Gold Canyon, is a tightly built passive-solar building that keeps its interior warm even in the winter. "I have to be careful *not* to build a fire some mornings if there's going to be sun," says manager Gail Redmond about the house's energy-efficient "envelop" design.

Visitors can stay in the Julia Bulette or Mark Twain room, each with a sitting area overlooking the first-floor sunroom. The Comstock bedroom has a '60s decor with waterbed. On the third floor, the Gold Hill Suite has a feinting couch, queen bed, pot-bellied stove, and private bath with claw-foot tub.

For breakfast Redmond serves scrambled eggs with bacon or ham and homemade cherry blueberry apple, and lemon-puff pastries. There is always coffee and fruit in season.

Visitors can explore Gold Hill as well as Virginia City a mile up the road. It's also fun just to relax on the outside porch. "Last New Year's morning we had 10 wild horses right off the porch, and they stayed all day" says Redmond. "We had a full house, and that was quite a treat."

Edith Palmer's Country Inn

The late Edie Palmer was famous as a gracious host (see page 20), and guests came from the far corners of the earth to sit down to her mouth-watering meals.

The current owner, Erlene Brown, also tries to offer a warm brand of hospitality at her Virginia City inn. For instance, smokers can puff only on the patio, but it's a great spot—anyone will enjoy the peaceful setting.

"I find that people who come to the inn for the first time are people who are

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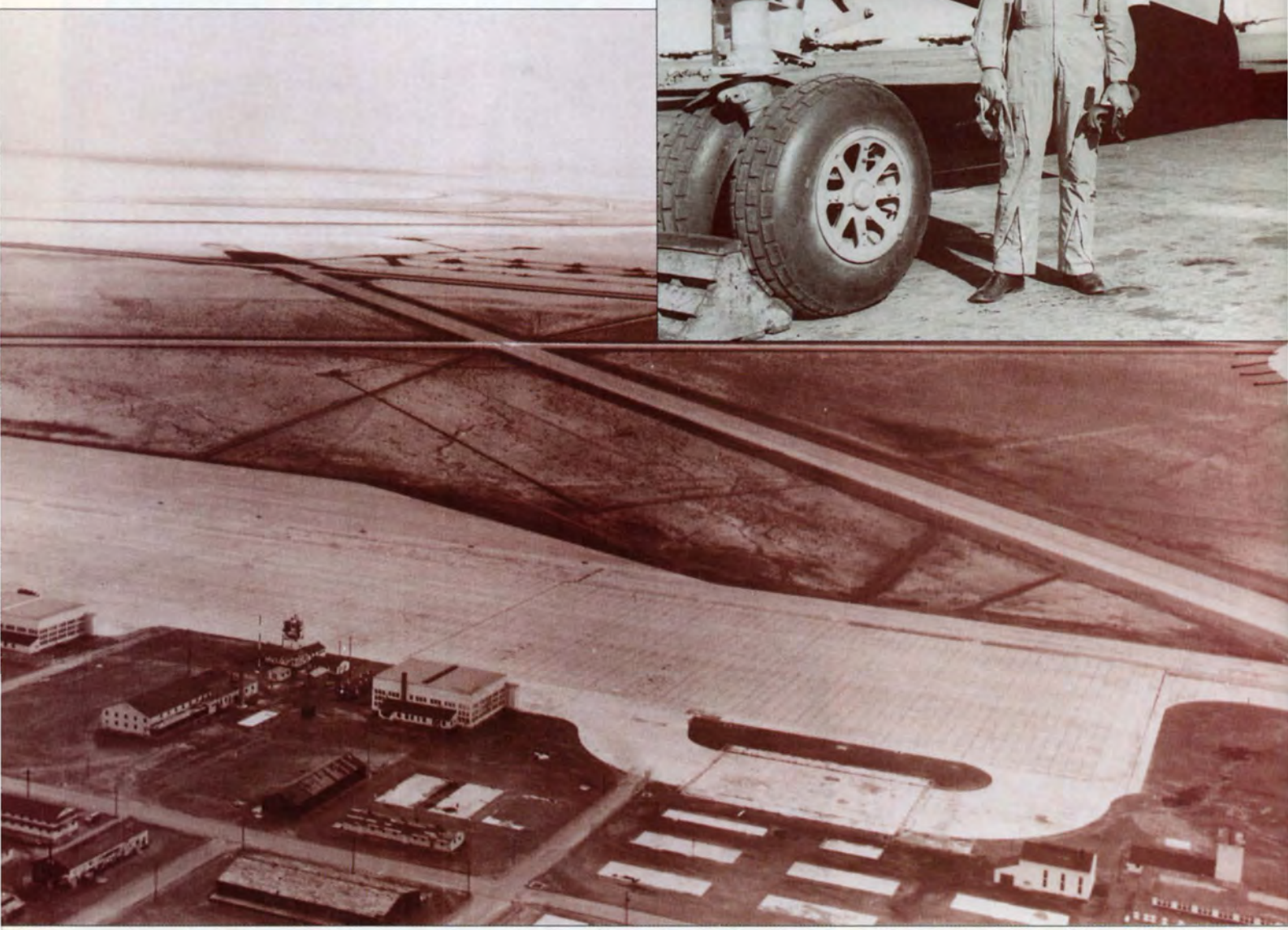


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In the middle of the Nevada-Utah desert, the air base at Wendover hid the secret atomic strike force that ended World War II.

By William B. Wolfan

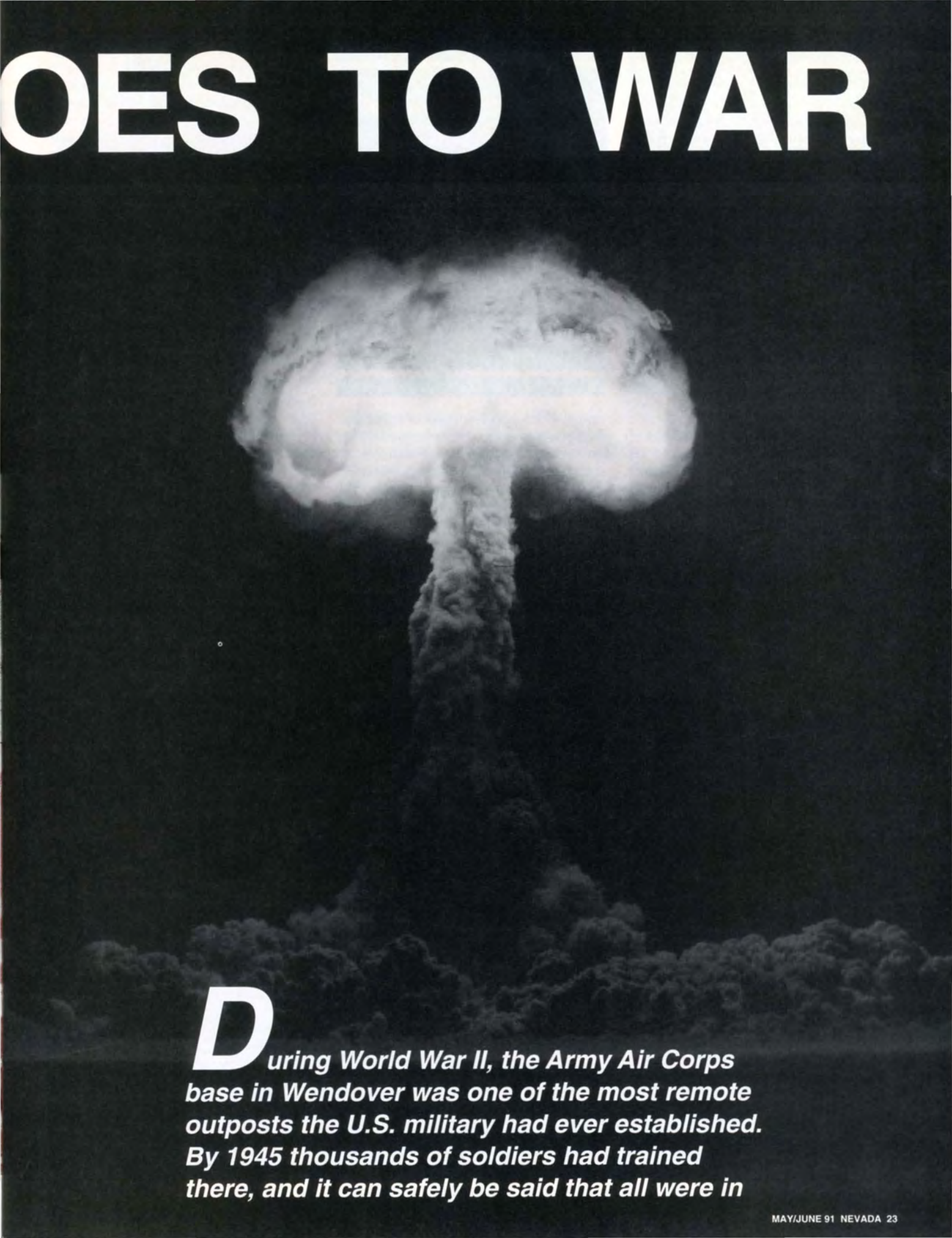




Wendover Field was the base of pilot Paul Tibbets (top) and the Enola Gay *which dropped the bomb on Hiroshima.*

Photos: Utah State Historical Society (left), Las Vegas News Bureau (right)

OES TO WAR



During World War II, the Army Air Corps base in Wendover was one of the most remote outposts the U.S. military had ever established. By 1945 thousands of soldiers had trained there, and it can safely be said that all were in

agreement with comedian Bob Hope's description of Wendover as a "leftover Alcatraz with tents."

Wendover Field, which straddled the Nevada-Utah state line just west of the Bonneville Salt Flats, was the base that spawned the *Enola Gay* and *Bock's Car* the B-29s that dropped the A-bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, bringing the war to a close. For months Wendover hid the secret organization and training of America's atomic strike group.

Pre-war Wendover had a population of 125. In 1941 there was a lone gas station, the State Line Hotel, and a few scattered dwellings. It was more than 100 miles to either Elko or Salt Lake City The Western Pacific Railroad made stops at Wendover, but its *Exposition Flyer* did not come through every day

I was sent to Wendover Field in January 1943 after graduating from officer candidate school in Miami Beach. Riding the Western Pacific across the Salt Flats to Wendover, I was shocked by the utter desolation and wondered how I was going to adjust to my new home. I continued to wonder for 28 long, dreary months.

I was assigned to the public relations office as assistant to Lieutenant Al Madden. A genius at dealing with people, Madden stressed honesty with the media. When he was transferred to Washington, D.C., that spring, I inherited his job and his excellent contacts.

The daily routine at the base was one of endless monotony The bomb groups moved in and then left after completing their training. Base personnel provided support services. They were stuck at Wendover.

I recall a court-martial for a young private who had been AWOL for 169 days. The defense counsel pleaded for mercy, citing the lonely life at Wendover and the ensuing depression that beset the young man. The eloquent plea moved the usually tough officers on the court-martial board, and they let the soldier off with six months' restriction to base and forfeiture of pay

When the general came for an inspection, he often ended his visit by playing poker all night. If he won, all was well. But if he lost....

Another enlisted man had problems of a different sort—the marrying kind. Each time this GI went on furlough, he married a different young lady, but he never did divorce wife number one. A total of five wives were receiving dependent allowances. Finally a father of one of the brides became suspicious, called the personnel office, and exposed the Lothario. While the soldier was lodged in the lockup, jail guards intercepted a letter to him from a potential sixth wife. He was dishonorably discharged.

Bizarre episodes were not limited to AWOL GIs and bigamists. One night I was making the rounds of the guard posts with Provost Marshal Lieutenant John Mancus when we spotted a mysterious light blinking in an abandoned shack on the field's perimeter. Mancus and I approached the shack with guns drawn, suspecting sabotage. A flashlight quickly revealed the saboteurs—a half-clad corporal and his girlfriend making ardent love. Both nearly collapsed at the sight of us. We could hardly restrain ourselves. Mancus yelled at the corporal, "You had better get out of here fast! If we ever catch you sneaking someone onto the base again, you'll get life in Leavenworth!"

Despite its remote location, Wendover was a busy base. According to records at the Utah Air Force Historical Society, 12 heavy bombardment groups underwent second-phase training at the field. A bombing and gunnery school also trained hundreds of men. At its height the field boasted more than 250 barracks-type buildings, a 300-bed hospital, a post exchange, officer's and enlisted men's service clubs, a large consolidated mess hall, a gymnasium, two theaters, a chapel, huge hangars, and 7,500-foot runways.

Wives of the soldiers worked in clerical positions on the base. An Associated Press writer arrived to do a story about Link trainers, but he was so impressed by the women workers that he forgot all about the Link trainers. Instead he wrote an article on the "Working Wives of Wendover" that attracted national attention.

Wendover Field came under the jurisdiction of the 15th Bombardment Wing, commanded by Brigadier General Robert Travis. When the general came for an inspection, he usually ended his visit by playing poker all night. If the general won, all was well. But if he lost, the base was often put on restriction for the next couple of days.

Our men spent weekend passes in Elko, Ely and Salt Lake City Many preferred riding the bus all night before returning to the base in time for Monday roll call.



The Enola Gay *(above) and* Bock's Car *were B-29 bombers modified for long flights and fast turns.*

Photo: Utah State Historical Society



Soldiers cleared the decks getting ready for USO dates and a Saturday night dance.

When Jimmy Stewart was out of earshot, the copilot told me the actor 'is one fine B-17 pilot. The crew swears by him.'

In Elko, a favorite watering hole for the GIs was the Commercial Hotel, owned by Newton Crumley and managed by Pete Walters. In Wendover, the State Line Casino was the only game in town.

Jack Bivans, a young actor who played Captain Midnight on radio before the war, had been presented with an expensive gold watch when he enlisted. Bivans described an unusual arrangement he had with the State Line. "Every time I went broke, I would pawn that gold watch with the manager," the B-29 gunner told me. "Then I'd redeem it on payday "

Some of the bomber pilots discovered a novel way to spend time in Las Vegas. If a training flight took them anywhere near southern Nevada, the mere appearance of a few clouds in the sky would result in an RON ("remain over night") message back to Wendover. Then the crews would land at Las Vegas Air Base and head for downtown and a night at the dice and blackjack tables. The next day they would fly home. It was a neat trick that worked most of the time.

One important morale factor was our talented base band. In addition to its military duties, the band played for the officer and service clubs. USO hostesses came out from Salt Lake for dances on Saturday nights, making a 250-mile round trip. The band included pianist Nat Farber, later musical arranger for Dinah Shore, and violinist Teddy Silavin, who played with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The camp newspaper was called the *Salt Tablet*. Its editor was Sergeant Ed Ronan, a *Downbeat* Magazine writer in civilian life, who made the paper sparkle.

I traveled to Elko and Salt Lake frequently to maintain press contacts. It was in Elko that I met Bing Crosby, who had a ranch at nearby Tuscarora. He would come to the Commercial Hotel with his ranch manager, John Eckert, and Eckert invited me to visit the ranch. The Wendover base chaplain, James Minehan, went with me. He wanted to ask Crosby to help us attract more entertainers to our isolated outpost.

We were warmly received and found Bing to be a quiet, reserved person with a keen sense of humor. He made us feel right at home and served us cocktails on the porch. He said he enjoyed ranch life more than Hollywood life. As we left, he told me to call him if I ever got out to the West Coast. He also promised to use his Hollywood influence to send us big names, a promise he kept.

Several weeks later I took a week's leave in Los Angeles. I telephoned Crosby's office and left a message. The next morning I nearly fell out of bed when Bing called me back at the Biltmore Hotel and said there would be a pass waiting for me at the Paramount Studios. I was there in half an hour, standing on the set of Crosby and Bob Hope's film *Road to Utopia*. The pair constantly broke up the cast with their ad libs. Then I went to lunch in the studio commissary with Hope and the others while Bing rested in his dressing room. That night Crosby arranged for me to attend his Kraft Music Hall radio broadcast at NBC. It was a day to remember for a movie buff from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Sometimes the stars flew into Wendover. One morning the adjutant asked me to meet a flying fortress coming in from Gowen Field, Idaho, for a brief layover. The pilot was Lieutenant Jimmy Stewart. I escorted Stewart and the other crew members to lunch while their B-17 was being refueled. When the actor was out of earshot, the copilot told me that Stewart "is one fine B-17 pilot and an outstanding airplane commander. The crew swears by him." Jimmy went on to fly combat in Europe.

Reno residents were active in supporting our air base. They arranged for a visit by Doris Duke, one of the world's richest women. She was sympathetic to our obvious isolation and donated $10,000 to buy recreational furniture for the enlisted men's dayrooms.

Wendover's remoteness gave us carte blanche in bringing acts to the field. We would provide air transportation in exchange for musical concerts, and Crosby put in a good word for us with MCA. We hosted Nat King Cole and His Trio, the Jimmy Lunceford Orchestra, and many others.

I will never forget Spike Jones' City Slickers. Ten minutes before they were to play a concert for 2,000 men the musicians were still sipping martinis at the officer's club. I was frantic, but we finally got them to the gymnasium and onto the bandstand. What followed was one of the most entertaining performances I have ever seen. It lasted for three hours, and the cheering GIs called for several encores. The band was sensational, meriting its status as a top musical group of that era.

The Ted Fiorito Orchestra, a Las Vegas favorite, played for us one time after a harrowing flight. Somebody had forgotten to put enough parachutes aboard their transport plane when it stopped at the Kearney, Nebraska, air base. The band manager told me, "You

Photo: Hill Air Force Base

I was ushered into a private office. 'Lieutenant, you are about to inherit the number-one priority project in the military.'



The crew of the Enola Gay *poses after the bombing of Hiroshima in August 1945.*

should have seen our boys turn pale when they learned that we were five parachutes short. I guess we would have had to draw lots if an emergency had occurred. Our guys kissed the ground when we landed at Wendover."

In the spring of 1944 the heavy bomber training was suspended, and for a short time the base had a P-47 fighter school. But in the fall, everything changed.

That September I was ordered to report to Second Air Force Headquarters in Colorado Springs. When I arrived, I was ushered into a private office by a major with counter-intelligence. The major locked the door. "Lieutenant, we've had you checked out very thoroughly. You have excellent relations with the media," he said.

"You are about to inherit the number-one priority project in the military but I can't tell you what it is. As of now the only thing you can say about Wendover Field is that it is a 'routine B-29 training base.'"

The major continued, "However, let me warn you that should any undue curiosity be aroused out there because of you, I would suggest that you dig yourself a hole in the Salt Flats because General Arnold himself will be coming out looking for your scalp!"

When I returned to Wendover, I found a top-secret security clearance form on my desk. I had to fill it out immediately Two days later a squadron of 15 B-29s from the 504th parent group at Fairmont, Nebraska, flew into Wendover Field under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Tibbets, one of the corps' top combat pilots. The base also got a new CO in the person of Colonel Clifford Heflin, a Californian who had been decorated by the British for flying unarmed missions to aid the French underground.

Thus, in total secrecy, the 509th Composite Group began the training that led to its atomic-bomb attacks on Japan and the war's end.

Symbolic of what was to come was a sign in front of headquarters that read: "What you hear here, what you see here, when you leave here, let it stay here."

Security was the order of the day Clearances were required of all personnel. Telephones were monitored, and railway and bus stations in Elko and Salt Lake City were placed under surveillance to nab rumor mongers.

I overheard one soldier telling another, "I don't want to know what's going on here. If I don't know anything, I can't reveal anything that would violate security "

I was baffled by the presence of two naval officers at Wendover, hundreds of miles from sea. Then there were two individuals who sat across from me at the officer's club dining table. One was a thin, frail-looking man who seemed distracted and said little except to ask me to pass the mashed potatoes. Unlike the Navy men, the two were not introduced to any of us. I found out why later.

The frail-looking civilian was Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, head of the Los Alamos Atomic Bomb Laboratory in New Mexico. The other was physicist Norman Ramsey, a future winner of the Nobel Prize for physics and a key figure in the Manhattan Project. The naval officers were the weaponeers for the atomic-bomb raids. Captain W.S. (Deke) Parsons armed the Hiroshima bomb, which was code-named "Little Boy," and Lieutenant Commander Fred Ashworth armed "Fat Man," the bomb that destroyed Nagasaki.

The actual weapon was still months away from testing, so dummy bombs were built in the size of the real ones. The B-29s of the 509th were specially modified to carry the bomb. They were stripped of all armor except for the tailguns to provide greater speed and maneuverability Greater speed would enable the superfortresses to climb to higher altitudes and escape enemy fighters. The bomber crews practiced the sharp turns necessary to move away from the shock wave and mushroom cloud that would follow each bomb's impact. They practiced bomb drops on the Salt Flats and on floating targets in California's Salton Sea.

Lieutenant General Leslie Groves, the head of the Manhattan Project, later wrote that Wendover was chosen for the atomic strike group primarily because of its isolation. The site also was within flying distance of Los Alamos and the Salton Sea.

Tibbets held a base mass meeting and asked for volunteers to fill the full complement. He said he could not tell the men what they were volunteering for, but a large number joined up, making a total of 1,750 men in seven squadrons.

The ground echelon of the 509th left Wendover in April 1945, traveling by sea to Tinian in the Marianas Islands, 1,500 miles from Japan. The flying crews departed in mid-May There still was no bomb. The scientists were still working on it.

On July 16, 1945, the successful test took place at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Three weeks later the bomb was loaded into the *Enola Gay* on Tinian, awaiting the go-ahead from President Truman.

Photo: Utah State Historical Society

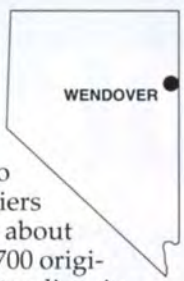
On August 6, the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, and at Wendover Field the terrible secret was out at last.

Today 45 years later, Wendover is a thriving community On the Utah side there are schools, churches, shopping centers, and various business services. Travelers entering West Wendover in Nevada find half a dozen hotels and casinos awaiting them. At night the glittering lights resemble a little Las Vegas in that once deserted land.

Wendover's war memories still remain. The remnants of the old barracks are plainly visible from the highway The World War II bombers, like Wendover Field, are relics of a distant past. But there is no denying the impact on mankind of the atomic strike force that was assembled there. The world has never been the same since.

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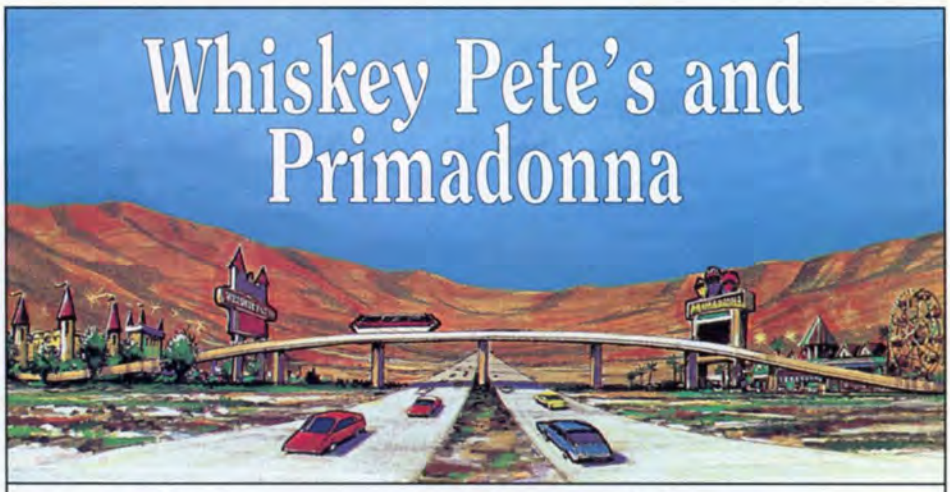


Wendover Field, the World War II training base for the *Enola Gay* crew and the rest of the atomic strike group, was home to more than 20,000 soldiers during the war. Today about 80 of the base's nearly 700 original structures are still standing, including some B-29 hangars. In 1977 Wendover purchased part of the airport from the military, and it is now used for general aviation. "The military uses it for emergency landings, but they don't have any particular schedule they keep to," says Lorraine Merl, director of the Wendover U.S.A. Visitors/Convention Bureau.

Last August more than 500 members of the 509th Composite Group reunited in Wendover, and a monument was unveiled. Diana Gierhart, coordinator of the three-day reunion, explains, "It is not a monument to the bombing but a celebration of peace."

For interested tourists, the visitors bureau offers free tours of what remains of the base, and old photographs and memorabilia are on display at the Nevada Welcome Center on the Wendover Highway.—*Carolyn Short*

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Wild Horse Reservoir and the snow-covered Independent Range caught the attention of David Muench while on a trip in northeastern Nevada. A nationally known photographer who lives in Santa Barbara, Muench took this picture in late May "It was just a defensive reaction to a beautiful thing, a place between planned and scheduled work," he says. "The lichen in the foreground represents land and space and gives a sense of place. Of course, the reservoir isn't a wild place, but it's water in a wild country "



BURROS BEWARE

At last count there were 55 wild burros roaming the Red Rock Canyon area, 20 miles west of Las Vegas. A favorite attraction, burros can nevertheless be dangerous. They often kick or bite those who get too close—a good reason why feeding is discouraged. The animals, too, can be hurt. "A lot of people were looking at the burros," says photographer Kent Dannen of Estes Park, Colorado, who took this photo. "I imagine they might be something of a traffic hazard." Indeed, one or two burros are killed each month by cars.







Horses are plentiful in the Moapa Valley, especially at Wayne Newton's Arabian ranch. At left is trainer Judy Scott. Farmland stretches below Mormon Mesa near Overton (far left).

LIFE ON THE MUDDY

Folks around Overton have a strong Mormon heritage and relaxed way of life.
Story and photos by Kate Butler

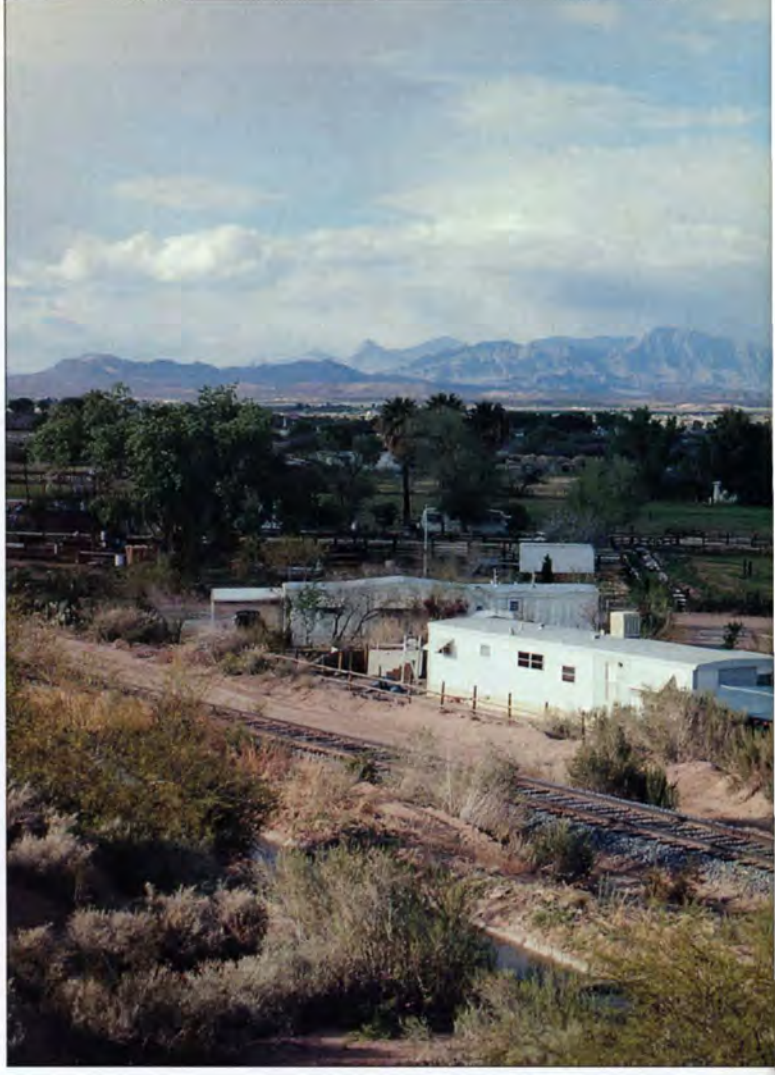
For thousands of years the Muddy River has flowed the 30-mile length of the Moapa Valley, carving long, flat mesas and bringing relief to the arid land. Carp and Moapa dace have darted between its pools. Willows and salt cedars have flourished on the river's banks, and roadrunners and quail have lived in the dense underbrush.

It's been said that the river doesn't deserve the name Muddy because at its source in Warm Springs, at the northern end of the upper valley the water runs warm and clear. But as it flows southward through the alkaline badlands that separate the upper and lower valleys, the river picks up sediment and becomes clouded. It was in this area that early travelers along the Old Spanish Trail named the stream, and the valley it fed, the Muddy

Although no one can say for certain where the water comes from, the clear springs have always provided a steady flow of water regardless of rainfall or drought. Some people think the springs are fed by a large aquifer that starts in northern Nevada and bubbles up in various spots along its length (see *Nevada*, Sept/Oct '86).

"It's a mystery just where this water comes from, but the same amount of water always flows," says Grant





Community leader Grant Bowler finds good conversation on his front porch. At right, a valley view from the railroad tracks.

Bowler, retired Moapa Valley school principal and Mormon leader. "There's more at flood times, of course, but never less."

Over the centuries the Muddy has lured pioneers to the Moapa Valley—Indians, white explorers, Mormon missionaries, Mexican migrants, snowbirds, and, lately city folks in search of a more relaxed way of life.

It was a second wave of Utah settlers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who established the area's LDS heritage over the last 125 years. During that period the little valley was isolated by its size, distance from city life, and commonality of thought. Time and a burgeoning Las Vegas are bringing changes to the Moapa Valley but much of its inheritance and rural beauty still remain.

"Where would you go on this earth to find a more peaceful, tranquil environment?" asks Bowler, gazing out from his front porch at blue skies, green trees, and open spaces.

Moapa Valley is located just north of Lake Mead about halfway between Las Vegas and St. George, Utah. The narrow lush valley was once divided naturally into upper and lower sections by the narrows of the Muddy River. It is now more abruptly separated at Glendale by Interstate 15.

Small settlements in the upper valley include Warm Springs; Moapa, once a lively railroad town; the service-station area of Glendale; and the Moapa Indian Reservation. Paiutes and Mormons lived in close proximity when Mormon missionaries settled in Moapa Valley in 1865. Today, most Paiute descendants who have stayed live on the reservation, seven miles northwest of Glendale. The U.S. government created the reservation in 1873. It was named Moapah—water valley—and was the first Indian reservation in Nevada.

The larger towns of Overton and Logandale, now joined as the unincorporated town of Moapa Valley are connected by State Route 169 in the lower valley Homes, stores, real estate offices, barns, and an occasional silo are scattered among alfalfa fields and livestock pastures. New residences are moving up the bench lands where ruins of ancient Indian civilizations and early Mormon settlements lie hidden in the sand.

Judge Marley Robinson, who grew up ranching in the valley, says she loves the early morning view as she drives over the crest of the hill a few miles south of I-15 in the lower valley

"Every day," she says, "I slow the car to enjoy the scene, with the alfalfa fields across the valley the Valley of Fire, and the mesas, Bowman Reservoir, and Lake Mead in the distance."

Among the first people to stay and appreciate the valley's landscape were the Basketmakers, who settled in the valley as early as 1,000 years before Christ. They wove fine baskets from willows and yucca plants and hunted deer, rabbits, and bighorn sheep.

The Pueblo people—the Anasazi, or "ancient ones"—who followed lived in the valley from the time of Christ to about 1500 A.D. At the peak of their civilization, around 800 A.D., as many as 3,000 people lived in villages along the Muddy They grew cotton, built adobe homes, and created beautiful black-and-white pottery Then, sometime between the 13th and 16th centuries, they vanished.

The valley was not left vacant, however, as Paiute Indians entered on the heels of the Pueblos. The nomadic Paiutes gathered mesquite beans along the river to make into pone cakes and





The creek-sized Muddy River may have been named by Jedediah Smith, who passed through in 1826.

during the hot summers hunted game in the mountains.

The first white man known to pass through Moapa Valley was Jedediah Smith, who made the trek in 1826. Later, Mormon explorers visited the area while scouting routes on the Colorado River and sites for Mormon settlements between Utah and the Pacific.

The Muddy Mission was one of a chain of settlements in Brigham Young's grand plan. In 1864 Young sent a small group of church members to establish a mission in Moapa Valley There were eight men, three women, and four children in the party led by Thomas Sasson Smith. They founded the valley's first white settlement near the junction of the Muddy and Virgin rivers in January 1865. That town, St. Thomas, later would be covered by Lake Mead.

The settlers grew sugar cane, corn, and, like the Anasazi, cotton. But life was rugged in their remote outpost, and grasshoppers and floods wiped out crops.

Angry about taxes levied by Nevada when the valley was transferred to the Silver State, Young urged the settlers to return home. All but three men voted to leave the valley and 600 Moapa Valley pioneers, some burning homes behind them, returned to Utah in 1871.

In a personal history Ida Kirkham wrote of the return of the Murdock family·

"When they left the home, Elizabeth looked back and could see smoke rising from the house. Alva [her son] admitted touching a match to it so they couldn't go back. He wanted to go where schools were, and people, and where his mother wouldn't have to work so hard."

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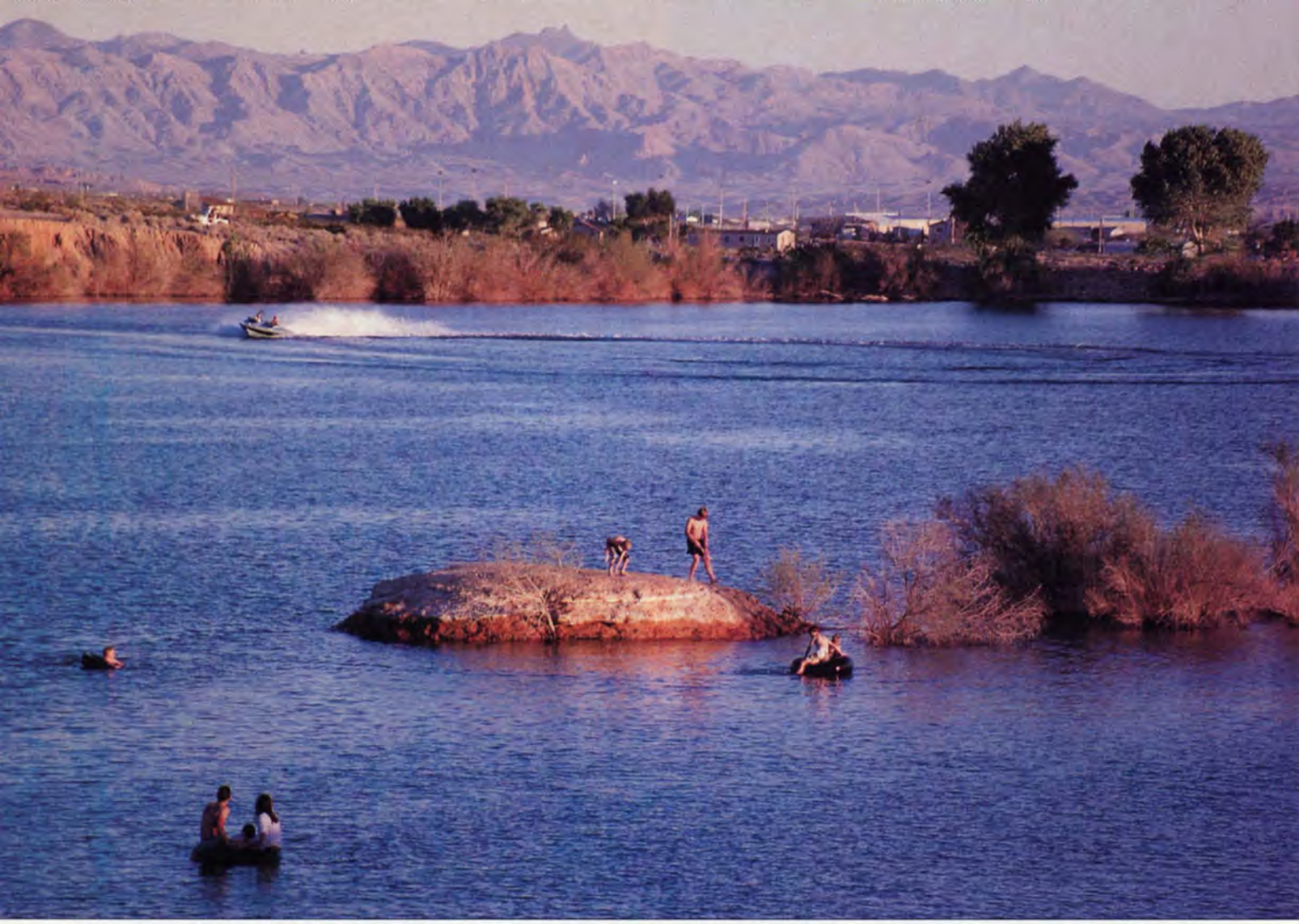
In 1880, though, Mormon families returned to try again. It is from this second wave that the valley's LDS lineage was established.

The new settlers built homes, a few stores, and a small school that also served as their church. The arrival of the railroad in 1904 brought new services and products from Los Angeles and Salt Lake City

Chick Perkins, former curator of Overton's Lost City Museum, remembers riding the Union Pacific caboose to Las Vegas as a child. Sometimes the train would slow down near Moapa to let the crew and passengers hunt quail.

"One day coming back from Las Vegas, the brakeman, conductor, and everybody were out walking, hunting quail," he says. "I stood on the back of the caboose and pointed to where the quail fell. It took two hours to go 18 miles."

Overton's first light company was housed in the Whitehead house. Lucille Whitehead Bunker, the second child in the family later recalled in a letter that "the switch to turn off the town lights was up in the front dormer window, which was my bedroom, and as a child, I had the privilege often of turning off



Generations of Moapa Valley residents have beat the summer heat at Bowman Reservoir

the town lights at 10 p.m."

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For years the Moapa Valley was a kind of Garden of Eden, producing cantaloupes, cotton, tomatoes, corn, cabbage, radishes, asparagus, and onions. The soils were swampy and rich in humus from periodic flooding.

Flooding was a serious and frequent problem for the farmers. Dell Robison, who farmed with his father and ran his own dairy operation, still talks about the time his father's fields were flooded, sending cabbage heads floating down the Colorado River as far away as California.

Nine out of 10 Moapa Valley families were farmers in the early days, and close to 100 percent were LDS, according to Bowler. Mormon families had five or six kids, he says, and they worked as families. "The children had to get up in the morning and do chores, go home from school at night and milk cows, and work on Saturdays and harvest crops," Bowler says. "It makes a difference in their attitude when they learn how to work."

Later Mexican families came to the valley to pick crops while moving northward with the season from Texas, through Arizona, Nevada, and Utah to Idaho and Washington. They lived in small shacks on the farmlands. Often entire families worked the fields.

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At the peak of the season, 3,000 Mexicans stayed in the valley. Cinco de Mayo celebrations drew crowds from all over southern Nevada. There were mariachi bands, games, dancing, and home-cooked Mexican food, and almost every weekend the Mexican Club held community dances.

In the end, local farmers say federal regulations, not flooding or drought, killed the row-crop industry in Moapa Valley They say they could not provide the housing required for migrant workers and still compete in the marketplace.

Kiyoshi Yamashita, who farmed in Moapa Valley for nearly half a century, was one of the last to abandon the business. He painted and plumbed the migrant houses as required but finally quit in 1974 because the costs were too great.

Quitting did not come easy to Yamashita, who comes from a long line of survivors. His grandfather rode a mule from South America to the U.S. to farm in California. Then, after building

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a profitable truck farming business there, his family was driven out by discriminatory laws. In the Moapa Valley through hard work and long hours trucking their vegetables to Las Vegas, they survived price drops only to face hostilities against Japanese-Americans during World War II.

At one of his Henderson stops, Yamashita was attacked when he tried to deliver vegetables. Some Moapa Valley residents tried to drive him out by petition.

"That's one of those things that you just have to take as it comes," Yamashita says today

Like others, Yamashita eventually switched to alfalfa. He has about 25 acres in production now but he says small farmers can't keep up with inflation. In 1984 he started selling off his hill ground to developers.

Three or four farmers are still in the business of growing alfalfa and green chop for horses and cattle, but most grow the feed primarily for their own animals.

Ann Davis, management assistant at the Lost City Museum, grew up in Overton during the 40s and '50s, when children's lives were less complicated.

"We had three cafes that stayed open until nine in the evening, soda fountains and a jukebox, roller skating, and outdoor bowling. Things weren't organized like they are now You just got together and had fun."



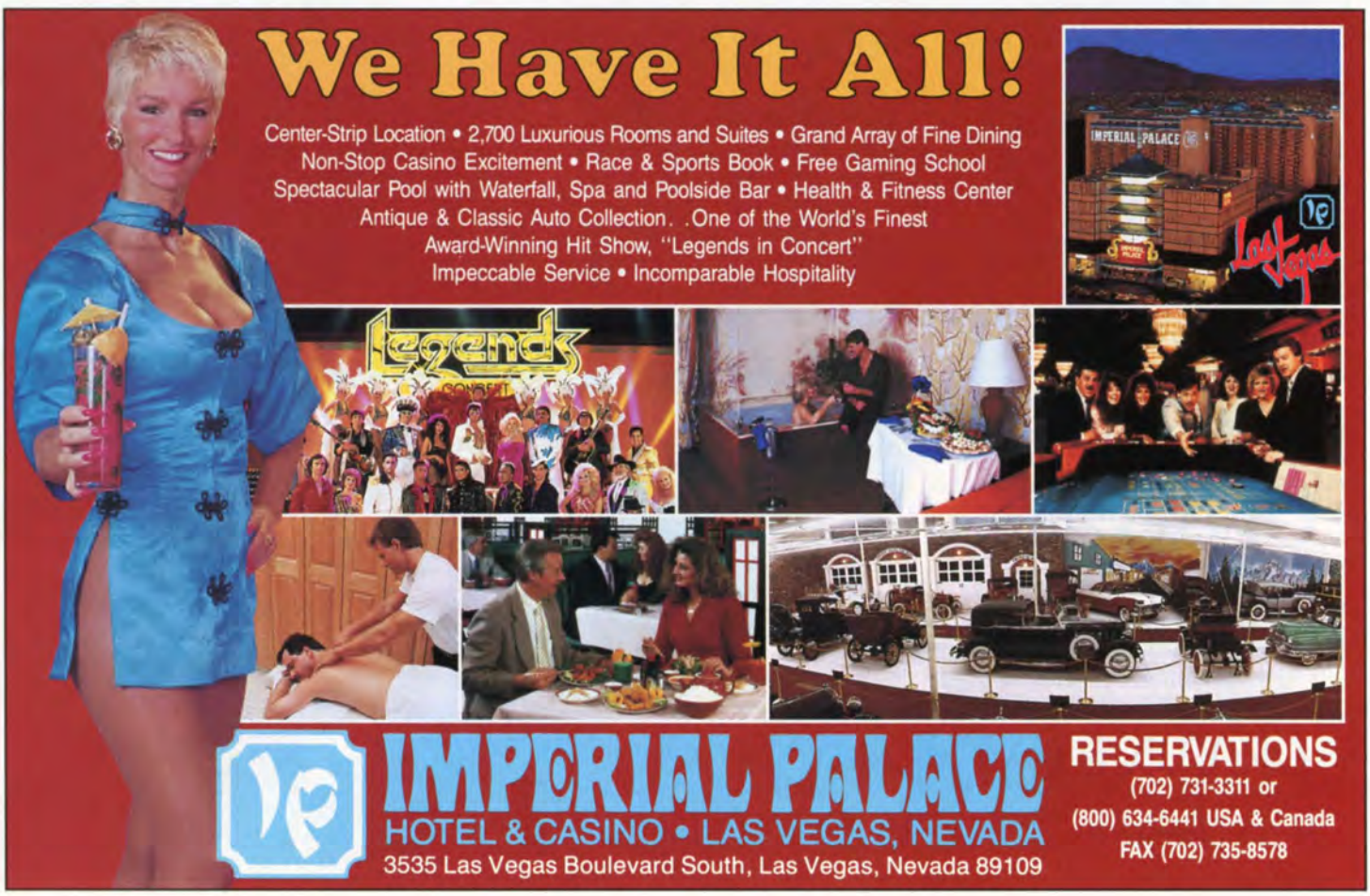
Kiyoshi Yamashita, who still grows alfalfa, remembers trucking vegetables to Vegas.

They swam in the river at the headgate where six smaller ditches come together. For a few cents they played games at the community canteen. Everyone—children, parents, and grandparents—came to the dances, picnics, and baseball games.

"It was easier because you knew everybody, and everybody participated to make it work," Davis says.

The community spirit was due in large part to the small population and its strong Mormonism.

Davis' cousin and childhood buddy,



Tania Payne, spent some of her early years in California. Payne, now the Overton librarian, says that when she returned, she was shocked to find so many Mormons in the schools.

"If you weren't LDS, you were almost considered an outsider back in the '50s," she says. "All the teachers and students were LDS. They intermingled school and church a lot."

Although the LDS affiliation in Moapa today has dropped to around 50 percent, Mormon lineage is still prized by those Mormons who identify with their pioneering grandparents or great-grandparents. Even people who have lived in the valley for decades don't consider themselves old-timers.

"Forty or 50 years—that's a short-comer," says Chick Perkins, grinning. "We like to go back a hundred years."

There are six different faiths listed in the local phone directory but in daily conversation, when people say "church," everyone knows they mean Mormon.

Besides religion, one of the things that brings people together are the floods.

A major storm on August 10, 1981, caused great damage to Overton, which was hit by flood waters from two directions. "It was the worst and the best thing that ever happened to this valley," says Payne, whose home was the first one struck. "Truck loads of people came from all over to help, and it was tedious, dirty stinking work. It was a tragedy but it pulled us all together."



Librarian Tania Payne has seen a few floods, including the big one in '81.

She recalls, "It was a strange, strange day It turned all black and the wind blew hard. The force of the rain almost knocked you down."

From inside their home, Payne and her husband saw a tree fall on their car. They heard the roar of a huge wall of water heading toward them. Soon mud and water flowed into their house as they scrambled to get on the roof. From there they watched their car float down the street.



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During the flood they watched their car float down the street. Later, they found their horse, Thunder, in a tree. They renamed him Wonder, but he was never quite the same.

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The flood damaged some of Overton's old buildings and prompted several people to take an inventory of the valley's historic properties. Archaeologist Pat Olson and museum curator Ann Davis, along with the Moapa Valley Historical Association, published a survey of 61 Overton buildings that are at least 50 years old.

Still, "progress takes precedent over preservation here," Olson says. The buildings' survival depends on individual owners, she explains.

Unfortunately the interest in antiquities sparked by the flood has receded like the water. Most concerned citizens are frustrated by their lack of power, funds, and time.

Chick Perkins is more blunt than Olson about the interest in preserving Moapa Valley's historic sites: "This bunch of people in here don't seem to give a damn for anything. We got the church goers—all they want to do is go over there and hallelujah. They don't care about the antiquities."

Recent changes in Moapa Valley can be seen in the increasing numbers of residents who commute to work outside the valley About 30 percent drive to jobs in Las Vegas, Mesquite, St. George, and other distant spots. The lucky ones work in local retailing, government, real estate, banking, mining, and other industries. Hidden Valley Dairy and Nevada Power Company's Reid Gardner Plant are the two largest private employers. Those who live by farming probably represent no more than five percent of the valley's work force.

Simplot Silica, a half-century-old mining operation near Overton, employs 45 people. The silica is a high-

quality white sand used in making glass and foundations.

The Moapa Valley Telephone Company, which has been making connections since 1909, has a work force of six. It started as a mom-and-pop operation with a single wire running through the mesquite trees to a magneto switchboard in the old Whitehead store. Now the phone company serves the area between Warm Springs and Echo Bay MVTC hookups can fax, research by modem, set up conference calls, receive messages, or direct dial anywhere in the world where phones exist.

"It's always been part of my life," says manager Cal Lyon of the company "As young kids, we would sometimes answer it and make connections for people. I learned to post holes at the age of 12 or 13."

"My parents would shut it down for a few hours on Sunday while they went to church," Lyon adds. "That caused some heartburns at times, but people knew where to come and get you in an emergency situation."

Today real estate is a growing business in Moapa Valley, and the increase in land prices often brings a wistful look to old-timers who sold their land before the price rise. Chick Perkins recalls selling 80 acres of tax land that he bought for $1.25 an acre in order to finance his daughter's education. As he tells it:



Ann Davis works at the Lost City Museum, named for the valley's Pueblo ruins.

"A guy came along and said, 'I'll give you $12.50 an acre for that. Bunch of damn old sand hills. I paid $1.25 per acre. Sold!

"Another guy came along on the other good 40. 'I'll give you $90 an acre for that. For the airport. Hell of a good profit. Sold!

"Now that sells for $7,500 to $9,000 an acre. If I could have just held on to it," he says with a chuckle.

There's always talk in town about land. Wayne Newton is selling his large



Moapa Valley: Out and About



Kids ride an elephant at the valley's Clark County Fair in April (above). The adobe-built Lost City Museum in Overton is a year-round attraction (right).

Visitors to the Moapa Valley 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas, will find an excellent Pueblo Indian museum, restaurants and other services, and lots of places to explore in the Lake Mead area. Like most of southern Nevada, the valley is hot in the summertime, when temperatures daily reach or surpass 100 degrees. But the spring and fall weather is ideal for camping, and even the summer is fine for touring if your car's air-conditioner is working.

Lost City Museum: The state-run museum at Overton's south end has one of the most complete collections of Anasazi culture in the Southwest, including projectile points, pottery basketry, and reconstructed outdoor dwellings. The museum also has a good gift shop.

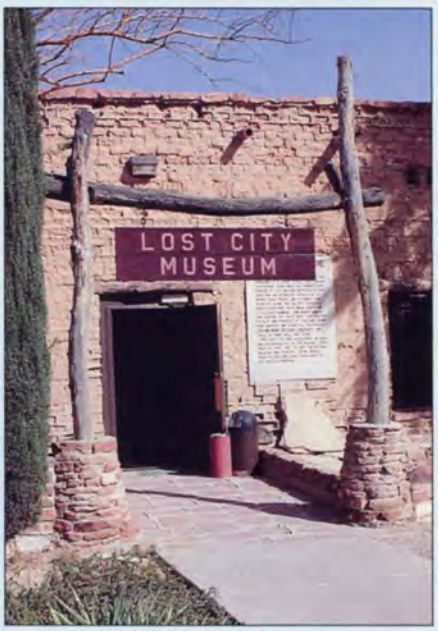
Valley of Fire State Park: Twelve miles south, this state park has eerily beautiful red sandstone formations, Indian petroglyphs, hiking trails, and family and group camping. The park's visitor center has information on the area's human and natural history

Overton Beach and Echo Bay: These are nearby entrances to the Lake Mead National Recreation Area and its fine opportunities for water skiing, boating, fishing, windsurfing, and swimming. The Echo Bay Resort has boat facilities, a small store, restaurants, and lodging.

More Recreation: The valley has several local parks, lighted tennis courts, ball fields, and waterfowl hunting in the Overton Wildlife Management Area. Across the lake is the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway

Tour for History Buffs: Records compiled by the Moapa Valley Historical Association and Lost City Museum can be found at the museum. They are good springboards to a self-guided tour of old Mormon homes. Many of the buildings, two of which date from the 1860s, have been reshaped over the years and are still in use. Ask for the museum's handout.

Dining and Lodging: Besides Echo Bay Resort, the area has several small restaurants with specialties favored by locals: the Glendale Cafe and Logandale's La Mesa for hamburgers and steak; Horn's Cafe in Logandale, especially for homemade pie; and in Overton, Maria's for breakfast and cheeseburgers, Tom's for great pizza, and the Inside Scoop for excellent sandwiches, nachos, and generous portions of ice cream. There are three bars—the Red Rooster, Sportsman, and Glendale Cafe—and four places to bed down—the Plaza Motel, Overton Motel, Glendale Service, and Echo Bay Resort.





The Overton area is by Lake Mead and I-15.

Annual Events: The Clark County Fair, held in April at the Logandale rodeo grounds, has all the trappings of a fine country fair—livestock, crafts, food competitions, rodeos, ferris wheels, pig racing, and hot dogs.

Overton's spring art show is sponsored by the Moapa Valley Art Guild and is in its 36th year.

Information: Write the Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce, Box 361, Overton, NV 89040, or stop by or call the Lost City Museum, 702-397-2193.—*Kate Butler*

Overton has become the senior-citizen capital of the valley. From September to April the population grows by a third, and with it the need for medical care.

Arabian horse ranch located right in the middle of sleepy little Logandale. A plant that plans to burn tires to generate electrical power is said to be moving into the area. The town of Moapa has changed from an active railroad town—once known for its railroad depot, saloons, general store, cement jail, and brothels—to neighborhoods of retirees and commuters, with a new LDS chapel, elementary school, and combined courthouse, library and community center.

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Most locals expect Moapa Valley to keep growing and become a bedroom community for Las Vegas. As more people move to the valley, the Muddy River will probably remain the key to the valley's future. Its flow is dependable, but limited.

Recently Las Vegas declared its interest in the waters of outlying areas, including the artesian waters feeding the springs that feed the Muddy

However, Judge Robinson says, ranch land that loses its water becomes a problem, as upper Moapa Valley discovered when the LDS ranch sold its water rights to Nevada Power Company She says the Mormon ranch has many more dry fields now which affect the neighbors.

"The land does not go back to nature. It returns to cockle burrs and weeds," Robinson says, "and wind and floods carry their seeds to neighboring ranches.

"We're worried now that as our valley keeps growing, we're going to run short of water. The wells will start to dry up and the springs will start to go down."

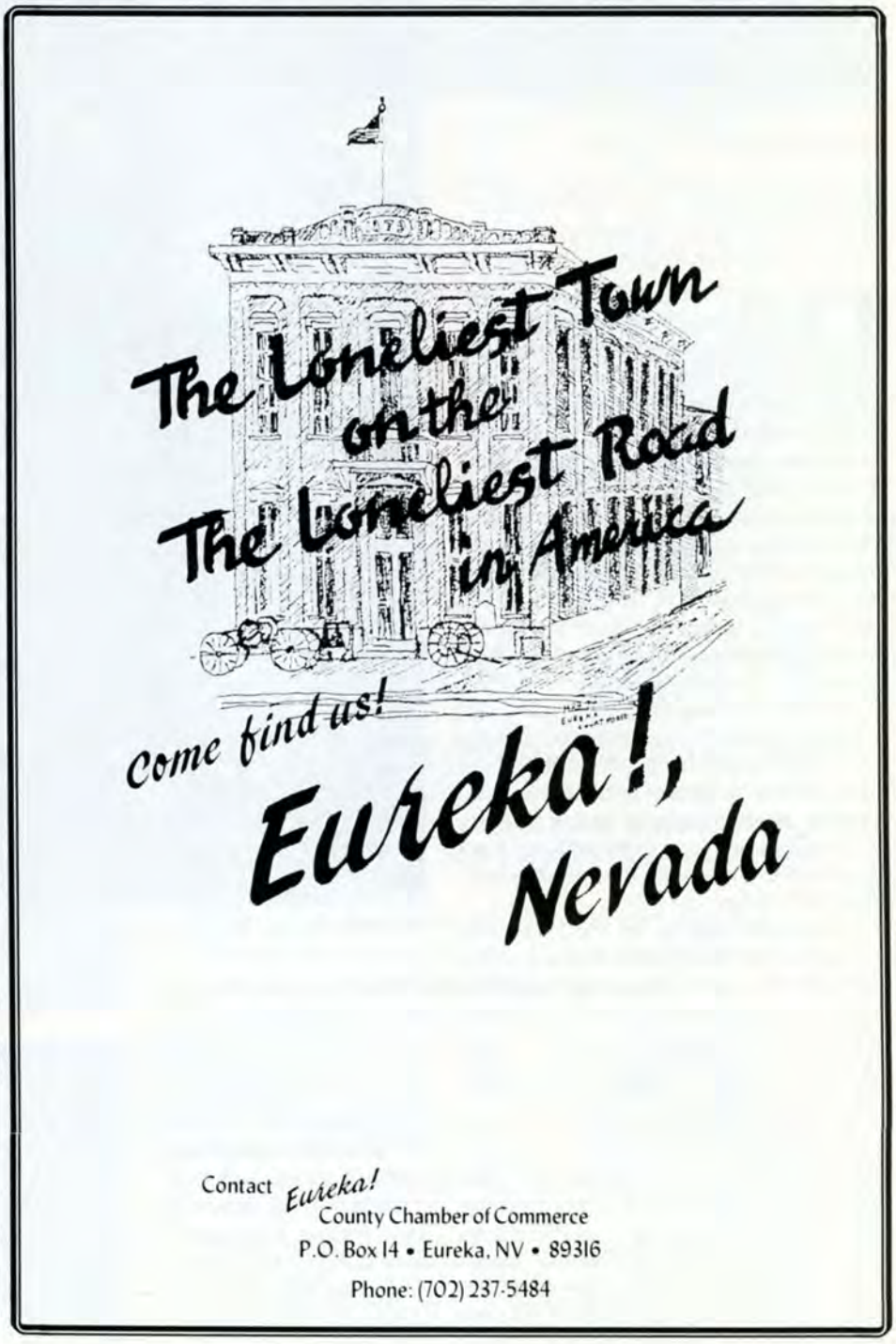
Moapa Valley is watching Las Vegas, Robinson says. "If they come to do it [appropriate water], we're a closed basin. It shouldn't be easy to come get our water."

A good time and place to consider the changes coming to Moapa Valley is during an evening picnic on Mormon Mesa overlooking Logandale and Overton. The access is a paved road that heads east from Overton, turns to dirt as it passes the city dump, and winds up the cliffs. At the top of the mesa are places to spread out a picnic supper and enjoy the panorama at day's end.

Thoughts are often clearer when golden rays sweep across alfalfa fields, sandstone cliffs glow with the setting sun, and the waters of Lake Mead to the south shine in the sweet light of early evening.

To the north, out of sight, the springs send yet another surge of water flowing down the Muddy River's ancient channel.

Kate Butler is a Las Vegas writer-photographer She says the valley's Clark County Fair is one of her favorite celebrations.



STEAMIN' INTO SUMMER

As the V&T chugs from Virginia City to Gold Hill, Bob Gray adds to the short line's long history
By Gary Elam



The V&T hauled bullion and lumber in the 1870s on the same route to Gold Hill.

During the train season in Virginia City from Memorial Day through October, the sounds and smells of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad are ever present. The blast of the steam whistle as the locomotive pulls out of the yard in the morning gets the blood pumping. The heart flutters as steam rises above the mine dumps and the nostalgic aroma of burning oil wafts from the fire box of old No. 29. When the train huffs and puffs up to the green and yellow ticket car on F Street, the waiting passengers let out a collective gasp.

In a few minutes they'll be riding one of the most famous railroads of all time.

There's something about the sheer size and raw power of a steam train that creates an atmosphere of excitement. To visitors and rail fans looking for a link to the Comstock's bonanza days, the V&T is the real thing.

During its heyday in the 1870s and '80s, the V&T made up to 45 runs a day, transporting gold and silver ore, lumber, and passengers between Virginia City, Carson City, and Reno. After years of decline, the railroad was abandoned and dismantled after its last run in 1950.

In 1976 Oakland businessman Bob Gray resurrected the V&T as a tourist line on a couple of miles of track. This May he's adding a new chapter to the short line's long history as the tracks push across State Route 342—Virginia City's main south entrance—to return to the Gold Hill depot for the first time since 1938. It's an event that train fans throughout the West will watch with much anticipation.

The extension should be completed by Memorial Day Weekend, according to Gray "It's going to be a spectacular trip, just beautiful," he says of the added half mile in Gold Hill, making each ride a 40-minute round trip.

Gray and his crew began pushing the rails farther into Gold Hill two years ago. They first tried to clear Tunnel No. 3—originally more than 400 feet long—which had been filled for years with Comstock muck. They installed supports to prevent cave-ins, but rocks crashed down and closed the tunnel again near the highway crossing. "We thought we'd be done by now," Gray said in February "It was a major setback."

Gray decided to go around the tunnel with a tight curve of 19 degrees. The breathtaking corner may in fact offer the best view down Gold Canyon of the trip. From there it's a few hundred yards to the highway in downtown Gold Hill, where a crossing is being installed. If everything goes right, Gray

Photo: Dan McGee





Bob Gray (left) resurrected the Virginia City railroad in 1976. He plans to reach the Gold Hill depot (right) this spring.

says the V&T will pull into the Gold Hill depot on Saturday, May 25.

The extension is the culmination of a dream, Gray says, one that also involves a platform to sell tickets, a railroad museum, and maybe even a dinner train in the evenings.

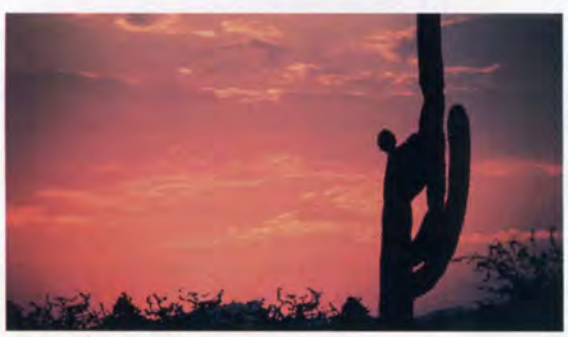
During the V&T's 15-year run the tourist railroad has become one of Virginia City's biggest attractions. Gray says, "It's famous because the Comstock is so famous. We have fan clubs the world over—in Japan, Switzerland, Australia, England."

Why do old-time trains attract so many fans? "It's a combination of things, I guess," Gray says. "People just love trains and the steam. Steam trains have an appeal all their own. And the V&T is a historic trip. It really takes you back."

Today's V&T is pulled by No. 29, an oil-burning steam engine built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia in 1916. It's what train people refer to as a 2-8-0, which means it has two pilot wheels, eight drive wheels, and no trailing wheels. In addition, Gray recently acquired a backup engine, No. 8, a 2-6-2 locomotive made in 1907

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The light at the end of the tunnel.

for the Feather River Short Line.

This summer, because of the added time to reach Gold Hill, Gray says the normal 10 daily trips will be cut to nine, starting as usual at 10:30 a.m. The last train of the day will pull out at 5:45 p.m. Because of the cost of the railroad crossing, he said, he may have to raise ticket prices 50 cents to $4 for adults and $2.25 for kids.

Even if ticket prices go up a little, the ride is worth it and more. For less than the cost of a movie, passengers get a genuine, old-time experience that is a thrill for first-timers and longtime fans. When the conductor yells, "All aboard!" and steam rises in the air, it's history in the remaking.

Gary Elam is editor-publisher of the Comstock Chronicle *in Virginia City.*

SIDE TRACKS

Besides the Virginia & Truckee in Virginia City, there are several other railroad attractions in Nevada that will help satisfy the passions of ardent rail buffs. Here are four to be found in Ely, Carson City, Sparks, and Henderson.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum: East Ely, the railroading suburb of Ely in White Pine's historic copper country, is home of one of the largest train museums in the West. The tracks of the old line, which shut down in 1983 and later were donated by Kennecott, extend about 10 miles east and west from the East Ely depot, and rides are offered in spring, summer, and fall.

The museum, which is holding a sea-

Photo: Bob Wilkie

son-opening celebration May 25-26, is open 8:30 to 4:30 daily between May and October. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for juniors (12 to 18) and seniors (65 and over), and 50 cents for youngsters 5 to 11. Tickets for rides are $12 for adults, $10 for juniors and seniors, and $4 for youngsters. Call 702-289-2085.

Nevada State Railroad Museum: The museum's rail yard at the south end of Carson City presents antique cars and locomotives from the Virginia & Truckee, which once ran through the state capital.

An old-time tourist train takes visitors on a 20-minute ride around tracks on the museum grounds. Hours are 8:30 to 4:30, Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is $1 for ages 18 and over. Steam-ups are scheduled for summer and fall; for dates see *Nevada Events*. Call 702-687-5168.



A V&T classic at the Carson museum.

Sparks Heritage Museum: In downtown Sparks just east of John Ascuaga's Nugget, old Engine No. 8 sits across B Street from the Heritage Museum. The museum's accent is on Sparks' railroading history Hours are 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, and admission is free. Call 702-355-1144.

Clark County Heritage Museum: Located on the Boulder Highway in southeast Henderson, this museum on southern Nevada history has the old Boulder City depot and a restored locomotive on display Also, the state is planning a second state railroad museum in Boulder City and a tourist line on the track bed between Boulder City and the Henderson museum.

The museum is open 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, and 9 to 5, Saturday and Sunday Admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for juniors and seniors. Call 702-455-7955.—*Leslie Bittleston*

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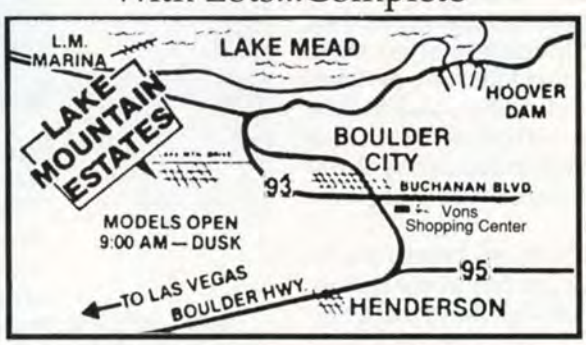
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MACK NEZ JOHNSON

Painting from the heart.

Before he drove his car off a 300-foot cliff in northern San Diego County in December 1983, Mack Nez Johnson was a hellraiser.

"It was alcohol and drug related," he says. "I went to sleep on the wheel and woke up in the hospital the next day, paralyzed from my chest down. The reports said I had died twice—or three times."

Eight years ago, the young father of two also was a promising part-time artist who had made a living since he was 14 in jobs ranging from screen printing to logging. The wreck shattered not only his body but also his marriage.

"The following days and weeks and years to come, I thought it was all over for me, as far as art, as far as love life, as far as life at all," says Johnson, 30, who lives near Virginia Lake in Reno. "I couldn't feed myself. I started to give up thinking for myself. I let my mother take care of all my problems, all my bills, and still drank and did a lot of drugs."

Even though Johnson knew he'd never use his hands again, the habit of making art came back, just like the bad habits. Johnson had always earned A's in art class. "Because I had always bragged about what a good artist I was before, someone pushed a pencil in my mouth and said, 'Quit your crying and do something.

"I took the pencil. I'd always done people, so I tried to do a face. It was scribbling marks, but there was a face in there somewhere."

After those first attempts, the Reno-born artist has become an accomplished watercolorist, a discipline that is complicated by the fact that Johnson's neck has a limited range of motion, and that he must paint on a vertical surface where washes can easily drip out of control. But his touch with the mouthstick has grown sure and subtle.

"Whatever's inside my heart, I can do it, as long as I've got this in my mouth. I'm paralyzed, but that don't matter no more."

Mack Nez Johnson's work can be seen at Gene Speck's Silver State Gallery, 719 Plumas in Reno (702-323-2323).

—Mark Crawford



Mack Nez Johnson at work in his Reno studio.



"Butterfly II"
WATERCOLOR, 22"x28", 1989
"When I hear about drought, I always think about Pyramid Lake because it's the last remnant of the great Lake Lahontan. I wanted to put some butterflies in there because they are beautiful for one day and they're gone the next. I'm just showing that we don't realize how beautiful and fragile the lake is, until it's gone."

Photo: Marilyn Newton/Reno Gazette-Journal (top)



"Dancing Thunder"
WATERCOLOR, 22"x28", 1989
"I put in thunder to show the strength of the environment. I put in the dancers to show their strength as well. The four colors—black, red, yellow, and green—are the four colors of the earth."



"Storyteller"
WATERCOLOR, 22"x28", 1984
"When I painted this one, I was in a conflict, a kind of change. On one side I was being told about Christian ways and all that—at the time of my injury, I needed something—but I realized that I needed to explore my own heritage and ancestry. By putting the vet in the picture, I'm saying that we're not back in the 1700s—we're in 1991. The white man's ways are with us, and we have to deal with that. Change is going to come."

interested in the history of Virginia City," Erlene says, "but repeat guests just come to sit and relax on the patios."

The two-story house was built in 1862 by a wine merchant. A stone wine cellar, now connected to the house, is popular for weddings and receptions.

Breakfast starts with freshly squeezed orange juice, ground coffee, and an array of fruit. A full meal follows with such dishes as a breakfast casserole or French toast and sausage.

Chollar Mansion

Ken and Kay Benton always wanted to run a B&B, so when they discovered an old mine superintendent's office in Virginia City was on the market in 1987, they couldn't pass it up. The three-story house with 12-foot ceilings became their personal silver mine.

"I worked here in the 1960s, and here I am again," says Ken, a mining enthusiast. "History sure repeats itself."

The Bentons took six months to restore the house to its Victorian style. One of the three bedrooms has its own bathroom with a six-foot tub, which Kay says is "recommended for two." A bonanza-days relic is a 164-square-foot vault just off the kitchen. The vault, originally a place to store silver and gold bullion, now is used to store wine and champagne.

Breakfast usually consists of French Toast, sausage, scrambled eggs, and fruit, although requests are encouraged. After breakfast Ken often takes guests on a long walk around Virginia City or up to the old mines. The Bentons say they try to present a homey environment. "The guests will join our family, or we will join theirs," Kay says.

Parsonage House

Frank and Carol Bleuss say they find that people come to their B&B in Eureka, 240 miles east of Reno, for the privacy and rural luxury "It's different. It's a whole house done in mahogany and walnut with hand-crafted furniture, a wine cellar, and a six-foot bathtub," Carol says.

Since its opening five years ago in the 19th-century mining town, the Parsonage House has done a good business with couples and honeymooners. "We get a lot of honeymooners because they like the silk sheets and bubble baths," Carol says.

Breakfast isn't served in the morning out of respect for guests' privacy, but there's a kitchen for those who want to





The Chollar's "Narcissus" points the way (top). The Parsonage House is in Eureka.

Photo: William Carr/Stock Ex (top)



In Goldfield guests watch the local action from the porch at Sun Dog B&B.

make their own breakfast. Carol will put fresh fruit and muffins on the table, which she calls "a mini-continental breakfast."

Sun Dog

Built in 1907 when Goldfield's population was 20,000, Maire and David Hayes' Victorian has survived two major fires—one leveled 53 blocks in 1923—and a major flood in 1913.

Today the house lives on as the Sun Dog B&B, although Goldfield, located 25 miles south of Tonopah and 180 miles north of Las Vegas, is not quite the lively metropolis it once was.

> 'Our guests enjoy visiting with the local characters who periodically drop in,' Maire says.

The B&B has three bedrooms, an antique and curio shop, and huge living room, which is a hub of activity

"Our guests enjoy visiting with the local characters who periodically drop in," Maire says. "Sometimes the deputies come by, and the people are fascinated with rural law enforcement and what it's like to live out here."

Born in Ireland, Maire met David in West Germany, and the couple spent years traveling in Europe. They both

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B&B outposts include the Tsawhawbitts Ranch (left) and the Steptoe Valley Inn, which is close to Ely's railroad museum.

speak German, and Maire also speaks French.

For breakfast everyone sits around the same table where the Hayes' heap out portions of bacon and eggs, homemade biscuits, and preserves. For recreation guests can photograph the headframes of old mines, visit a nearby hot spring, and collect rocks.

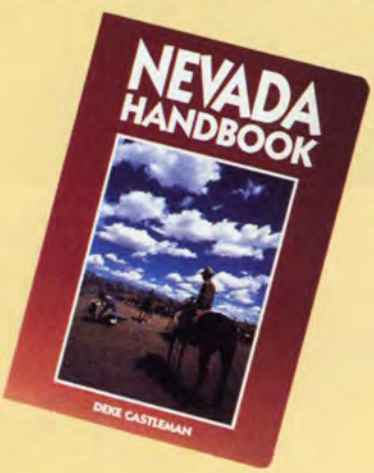
"We're both very comfortable being around people we don't know " Maire says. "It's a very relaxed atmosphere. We've even had people help David fix up the old cars."

Tsawhawbitts Ranch

Without trying to scare folks away, there are a lot of rattlesnakes near Krinn and Chuck McCoy's B&B in Jarbidge. "I probably run over three every day comin' back into town," says Krinn, "and I'm scared to death of snakes. But

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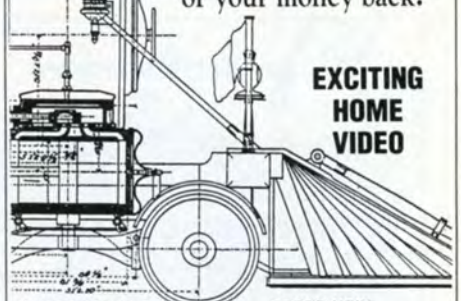
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The Jarbidge B&B gets its name from Tsawhawbitts, a mythical giant said to have once roamed the area.

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The scenic canyon also has a mythical giant called *Tsawhawbitts*. According to Indian legend, he once roamed a nearby canyon, preying on locals.

Jarbidge is a tiny turn-of-the-century mining town next to the vast Jarbidge Wilderness in northeastern Nevada, where there's plenty of fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. Murphy's Hot Springs is 17 miles north in Idaho.

The B&B's main two-story log house was built in the 1970s by New York publisher Roscoe Fawcett as a hunting lodge. Inside are three large bedrooms with shared bathrooms. There are two smaller cabins for more privacy

Breakfast is usually served on the first floor or outside on a deck near the Jarbidge River. Guests enjoy biscuits served with gravy, egg casseroles, homemade bran muffins, and hot scones, a fried bread.

"Of course, I grew up eating scones," says Krinn of her Idaho-Mormon background. "It's surprising how many people haven't had scones, potato soup, or even homemade bread."

What's really surprising, though, is that Krinn never enjoyed cooking before running a B&B. "I thought my cooking days were over," she says. "I have eight children and 14 grandchildren. The difference is hearing what a wonderful cook you are."

Breitenstein House

The Breitenstein House, which recently was undergoing a change in management, has been known for good food and its peaceful setting in the ranching town of Lamoille, 20 miles southeast of Elko.

On the second floor are three bedrooms, each with its own bath. There is also a creek-side chalet, with spa, for more privacy.

When breakfast is over, the outdoors beckon: fishing and boating at Southfork Dam, horseback riding in the valley hiking in Lamoille Canyon, or visiting the Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge, a birders' paradise where grayish-brown sandhill cranes do a fantastic mating dance in early spring. During the winter, Breitenstein House is the base of operations for Ruby Mountain Heli-Ski.

Steptoe Valley Inn

Train buffs will appreciate Jane and Norman Lindley's Steptoe Valley Inn, due to open in June in East Ely It's only half a block from the Nevada Northern Railroad Museum, which offers train rides on the line that once served Ely's copper industry

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Sounds good for breakfast buffs, too.

Cliff Glover is Nevada's *associate editor and a B&B buff. Leslie Bittleston is a Reno writer and University of Nevada student.*

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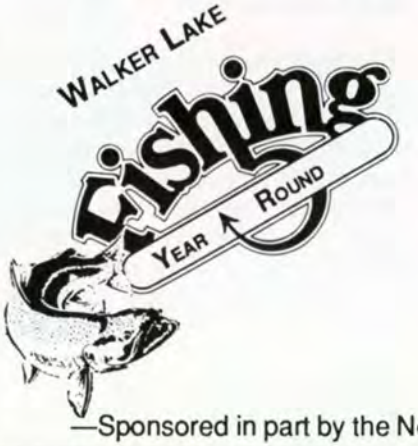
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Paradise Valley roads lead to fishing, hiking, and history.

From Virginia City to Hoover Dam, Nevada has many well known landmarks. But history buffs know there are other intriguing sites that are hidden or off the beaten path. From south to north, here are 10 less noticed places.

1 Old Mormon Fort: One of the state's oldest buildings, the fort has been obscured for years by neighbors like Cashman Field. But this Las Vegas relic, which dates from 1855, has survived as a ranch house, a post office, and even a laboratory for Hoover Dam engineers. Last November voters approved a statewide bond issue that, among other things, will protect the fort as a state park.

2 Kiel Ranch: This historic North Las Vegas homestead lost some of its outbuildings to bulldozers a few years ago, but it remains an example of early settlement in the Las Vegas Valley The once-handsome ranch house is boarded up and somewhat sad looking. Still, you can stand on the tree-shaded driveway, squint, and imagine more prosperous days.

3 Rhyolite Bottle House: The bottle house in the ghost town of Rhyolite, four miles west of Beatty, was built in 1906 of adobe and an estimated 20,000 bottles. The BLM, the state, and locals are working to preserve the structure. It's an excellent example of a type of house that miners built with materials like adobe, tin cans, and bottles when lumber was scarce.

4 Panaca: Many people know about Pioche's silver mines and gunslingers, but fewer know about its alter ego, Panaca, 10 miles south. Settled in 1864, Panaca is a peaceful agricultural community much as it was when Pioche boomed in the 1870s. Panaca is neatly laid out in a Mormon grid pattern, and its buildings include a number of adobes.

5 Stewart Indian School: Established 101 years ago, the Stewart Indian School was closed in 1980 and is now managed by the state. Buildings of colorful stone dominate Stewart; others are scattered throughout Nevada, a legacy of the school's masonry program. It's worth a visit to see the buildings and the peaceful campus south of Carson City The Stewart Indian Museum has exhibits and a gift shop.

6 Devil's Gate: At the north end of Silver City rock walls pinch the highway at a place called Devil's Gate. During the so-called Pyramid Lake Indian War in 1860, the local militia built a fort on the Gate's east side and armed it with a wooden cannon. It's said that when an attack failed to materialize, several Silver City residents decided to fire the cannon, which promptly exploded.

7 Yerington Post Office: This 1939 building is a modest expression of Depression-era, federal architecture. The real treasure is within: an original mural by Adolph Gottlieb called "Homestead on the Plains." Funded by the Federal Works Administration, it was selected from a nationwide competition. Gottlieb became one of the most important artists of the 20th century, with shows in the '50s and '60s from Tokyo to São Paulo. The Yerington painting is the New York artist's only known Depression-era mural.

8 Grimes Point: This petroglyph area is located near a wiggle in U.S. 50 about 10 miles east of Fallon. Grimes Point is one of the largest and most accessible rock art sites in northern Nevada, and the BLM has furnished some good interpretive signs. Some of the art may be 7,000 years old.

9 Tannehill Log Cabin: This may be the oldest building in Eureka. It was erected by the Tannehill Company a prospecting party in 1865. Located near the east end of town, the cabin later served as a store. Its enormous logs serve as evidence of the old-growth forests that once cloaked the hills in the area before the trees were stripped to make charcoal for the mine smelters.

10 Paradise Valley: In the 1970s the Smithsonian sponsored a study "Buckaroos in Paradise," of the folklife and architecture of Paradise Valley 40 miles north of Winnemucca. With its old wooden buildings, Paradise Valley is a classic, undisturbed, late-19th-century ranching community

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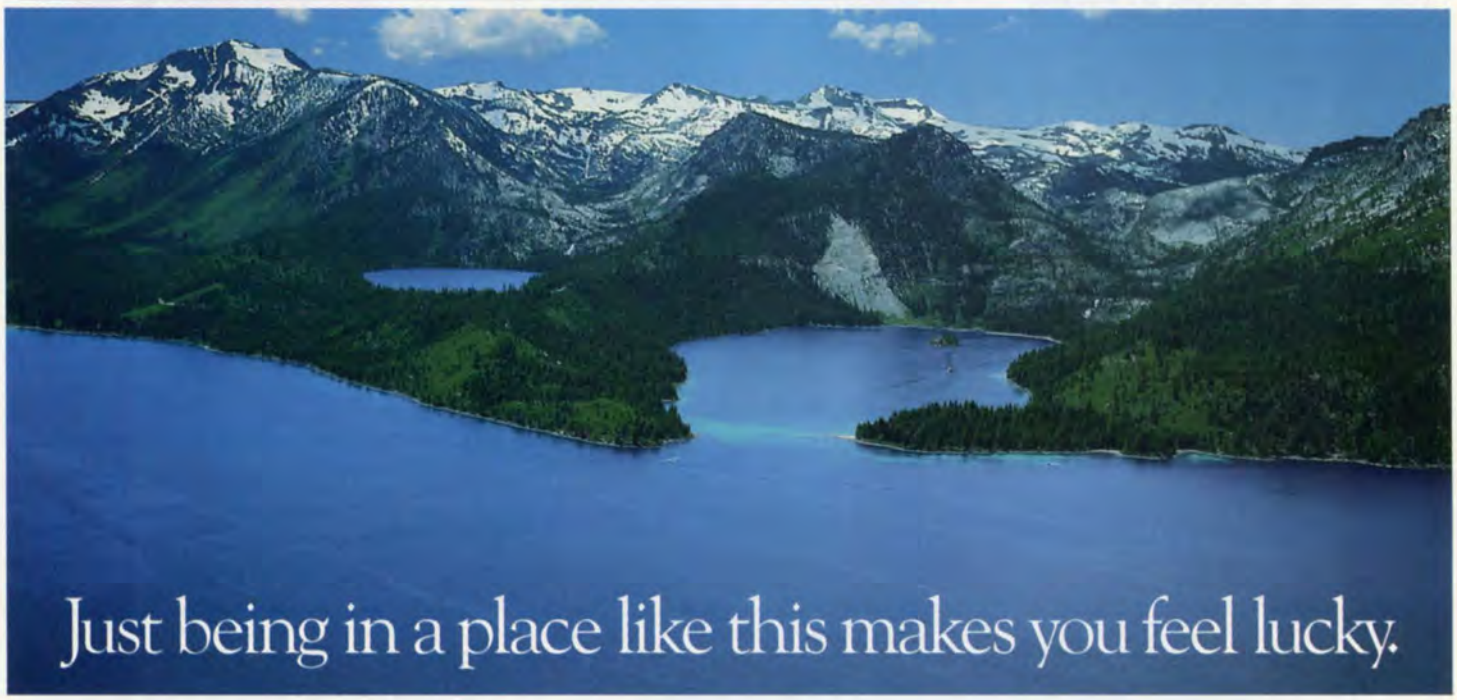
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Pioche C of C: Box 51, Pioche, NV 89043; 962-5544 (office hours: 11am-3pm Mon.-Sat.)

Tonopah C of C: Box 869, Tonopah, NV 89049; 482-3859

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Nevada Division of State Parks: Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; 687-4387

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Humboldt National Forest: 976 Mountain City Hwy., Elko, NV 89801, 738-5171

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Tourism and attractions like Hoover Dam's Winged Figures of the Republic (above) will be the focus of National Tourism Week, celebrated in Las Vegas May 5-11. Events include a luncheon, a Tourist of the Week contest, and photo, art, and essay contests. The event, first proclaimed by President Reagan in 1984, recognizes the tourism industry's importance to the national economy. For more information contact the Nevada Commission on Tourism's Las Vegas office, 702-486-7234.

HOT LINES

Charleston Heights Arts Center: films, art exhibits, chamber music, 386-6383

Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts: ballet, musicals, theater, 458-7575

Las Vegas Stars: Triple-A baseball, San Diego Padres farm club playing in Pacific Coast League, 5/2-5 v. Tacoma Tigers; 5/18-21 v. Phoenix Giants; 5/23-26 v. Vancouver Canadians; 5/27-30 v. Albuquerque Dukes; 6/4-7 v. Albuquerque Dukes; 6/8-11 v. Tucson Toros; 6/12-16 v. Phoenix Giants; 6/25-29 v. Tucson Toros; 6/30-7/3 v. Colorado Springs Sky Sox (fireworks on 7/3); 7/19-22 v. Phoenix Giants; 7/27-30 v. Colorado Springs Sky Sox, Cashman Field, 386-7200

Nevada Division of State Parks: hikes, tours, stargazing, campfire programs at 21 parks around the state, District VI, Las Vegas, 486-5126

Reed Whipple Cultural Center: concerts, film festivals, melodramas, 386-6211

UNLV Baseball: 4/30-5/1 v. Arizona State; 5/3-5 v. Univ. of Pacific; Roger Barnson Field, 739-FANS

UNLV Concerts: music and dance, 739-3101

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-4



Bicentennial Park is the site of booths and games during Boulder City's Damboree on July 4.

EVENTS

May

World Series of Poker, 4/28-5/16, 22nd annual, the world's best poker players gather to compete for $6 million in a series of poker showdowns; the new world champion is guaranteed at least $1 million, Binion's Horseshoe, 382-1600

Las Vegas Seniors Golf Tournament, 4/29-5/5, Senior PGA golf tournament, Desert Inn Golf Course, 733-4653

Annual Juried Student Exhibition, 4/29-5/17 8am-5pm Mon.-Fri., Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, UNLV 739-3535

1991 Miss Universe Pageant, 4/29-5/18, highlights include: on 5/14 Presentation Night includes swimsuit and evening gown judging at 8pm; on 5/17 Finals Night includes the internationally-televised judging and crowning from 6-8pm at the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, and the Coronation Ball at 8:30pm at a location TBA, for tickets call 739-3900 or 731-2115

America's Living Folk Traditions, thru 5/31, exhibit of 55 traditional folk art pieces by National Heritage Fellowship winners, includes performing artists and craftspersons, organized by the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Desert Wildlife, thru 8/4, an exhibit of tortoises and other denizens of the desert, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

World War II and the Emergence of Modern Las Vegas, thru 12/1, an exhibit of the major events on the "home front" in Las Vegas during World War II—the founding of Nellis Air

Photos: Salvatore J. Vaspol (left), John H. Lehr (right)



PREVIEW

Raising Helldorado

Some things remain the same as they were in 1935 when the first Elks Helldorado celebration was held.

Just as it was then, Las Vegas Helldorado is perhaps the premier community-wide event in the greater Las Vegas area. On the other hand, there is no comparison between the three-day party that kicked off Helldorado 56 years ago and today's 10-day multi-event attraction.

Helldorado grew out of city leaders' concern over the future of their small town and its 5,000 residents. While the rest of the world was faced with a devastating depression, times were comparatively good in Las Vegas thanks to the construction of Hoover (then known as Boulder) Dam.



The Helldorado parade has been a tradition since the event began in 1935.

But all good things must come to an end, and the dam's construction was finally completed on April 23, 1935—the day before the first Helldorado celebration began.

Civic leaders, led by members of the Elks Lodge, had realized they needed an attraction to continue drawing the tourists who had come from all parts of the nation to view work on the dam. Such an event also would create a sense of community pride and possibly get the hundreds of dam workers to consider making southern Nevada their home.

The concept worked, and Helldorado Days is now considered the grand-daddy of all the public relations efforts that have made Las Vegas a name recognized around the globe.

While bringing out community pride and spirit, Helldorado has given the Elks a fantastic opportunity to raise money for its charitable efforts. In the past three years alone, more than 30 organizations have received funds from Helldorado proceeds.

Las Vegas Helldorado Days 1991, sponsored by the Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 1468, will be held at the Thomas and Mack Center from May 24 to June 2. This year's event will feature the Western College Regional Finals Rodeo, two nights of bull riding only, six PRCA rodeo performances, a parade, carnival, food, exhibits, entertainment, and many more events.

Photos: Nevada Magazine Collection (top), Las Vegas News Bureau (bottom)



From left: Mrs. Harry Allan, Mrs. Ray Thorn, Florence Lee Jones Cahlan, and Sonya Honrath serve pastries at the Las Vegas USO.

PREVIEW

Las Vegas and the War

A photographic exhibit at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society in Las Vegas reminds us of a not-so-long-ago time in Las Vegas when the country was fighting a war that directly affected every American family. "World War II and the Emergence of Modern Las Vegas" shows some of the wartime hardships and sacrifices of life in Las Vegas as it grew from a small railroad town of 8,000 to a dynamic resort city in the space of just a few years in the 1940s.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of several events which were to significantly change the destiny of Las Vegas. The El Rancho Vegas hotel and casino opened in April 1941. As the first resort hotel on the Los Angeles Highway, it was the beginning of the world-famed Las Vegas Strip. In June of that year, the first troops arrived to staff the new Las Vegas Army Gunnery School, later to become Nellis Air Force Base. That September, construction began in the desert southeast of Las Vegas on one of the country's largest defense plants in what would become the city of Henderson.

Thousands of military personnel and construction and defense workers caused the area's population to triple almost overnight. By war's end, the time was ripe for the arrival of men like Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, men with Eastern underworld ties who built the Flamingo Hotel and began to create a glamorous resort city.

Yet the exhibit is about more than just growth and change. It is also about the soldiers of the gunnery school and their five weeks of difficult training in the operation of .50-caliber machine guns before being assigned to a bomber group and sent overseas to fight. It is about the thousands of men and women who came to a critically overcrowded town to find sometimes hazardous jobs producing magnesium at the huge Basic Magnesium plant at Henderson. The black families among them had to settle for the appalling living conditions of the then-underdeveloped Westside or in segregated housing nearer the plant. And finally, it is about the men who volunteered to serve as air raid wardens and auxiliary policemen, the women who assisted at area hospitals and USO canteens, and the young people who helped collect material during scrap drives and contributed their pennies to the war effort by buying defense stamps.

"World War II and the Emergence of Modern Las Vegas," which will be on exhibit through December, has involved the efforts of many individuals and organizations throughout the state. Funding has been provided by the Nevada Humanities Committee and the Nevada 125th Anniversary Commission. Artifacts and photographs have been provided by museums from around Nevada, as well as by veterans who trained at the air base and members of the community who worked on the home front during the war. The history office of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center at Nellis Air Force Base provided major assistance.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the museum will, throughout the year, be sponsoring public events, including a lecture series and guided tours.

The exhibit, and the publication that accompanies it, are intended to provide an occasion to reflect upon the meaning of those events of 50 years ago and to recall the sacrifices and triumphs they entailed.

Photo: Nevada State Museum and Historical Society



"Storyteller " by 1986 National Heritage Fellow Helen Cordero, is shown in the America's Living Folk Traditions exhibit at the Nevada State Museum and Historical Society through May 31.

Photo: A. Taylor

Force Base, the Basic Magnesium defense plant in Henderson, and the emergence of the resort industry at war's end, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Elementary School Choir Festival, 5/1 and 5/6, 10am, Ham Hall, UNLV, 739-3535

Art Exhibit, 5/1-31, works by Maria Wurtz, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Lecture: Magic and Illusion in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale," 5/2, by Professor V.A. Kolve of UCLA, free, 7:30pm, Beam Hall, UNLV 739-3131

UNLV Wind Ensemble, 5/2, 8pm, Ham Hall, UNLV, 739-3535

"The Odd Couple," 5/2-4, comedy, Clark County Community College Theatre, North Las Vegas, 644-PLAY

POCA Las Vegas Fun Rally, 5/2-5, gathering of owners of Pantera sports cars, highlight is car display on Fremont St. on Sat. from 5:30-8:30pm, headquarters is Union Plaza, 386-3043

Home Show, 5/2-5, Las Vegas Convention Center, 732-1899

Dance in the Afternoon, 5/3, UNLV Department of Dance Arts presents the junior and senior projects of dance majors, featuring jazz and modern choreography, the best of Broadway by the musical theatre class, tap, and the UNLV Ballroom Formation Team in a popular medley of dances, free, 2pm, Studio Theatre, Room 302, McDermott Physical Education Complex, UNLV 739-3827

A Salute to Nellis Air Force Base by the Performing Arts Center, 5/3, jazz artists Billy Taylor and Ramsey Lewis in concert; Air Force art, history, and recruiting displays, and community booths, 7:30pm, $17.50, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3801

"The Cocktail Hour" 5/3-5, 5/9-12, and 5/16-19, drama, Las Vegas Little Theatre, Spring Valley Library, 383-0021

National Heritage Fellows Performance Series, 5/4, performance by Chesley Goseyun Wilson, Apache fiddle player and 1989 Fellow, 2pm, free, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

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NIGHTLIFE

School for Comedy

By Jackie Brett



Paul Rodriguez, once upstaged by meatloaf.

"I didn't know how to be a comedian. There's no school for it," says Paul Rodriguez. He recalls that when his career began in the late '70s, he looked so much like Freddie Prince, the late TV star-comedian, that he had to shave his mustache just to get a job.

"I've experienced a lot of horror stories," says Rodriguez, 36, who got his start playing the college circuit.

"I performed in a cafeteria once," he says. "I had to compete with meatloaf. It was in Wichita Falls, Texas." His stage was an overturned barrel. "There was no microphone, no introductions, no nothing. I was out there telling jokes and nobody was paying attention. It was humiliating."

Another incident took place at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Rodriguez said "hell" on stage, and they held his check.

"I'm not particularly a dirty comic. I said, 'Oh hell, and some guy who was studying for the priesthood or something lectured me for a while. When he didn't give me my check, that was when I really cussed."

Rodriguez says that when you feel frustrated in your career, you can look back on a situation like that and instantly feel a whole lot better.

Last year he headlined for the first time in Las Vegas at the Golden Nugget. Before that he'd been an opening act.

"Very few comedians are famous enough to headline. You more or less get introduced to Las Vegas and Atlantic City by opening for stars," he says.

Rodriguez's first time in Atlantic City in the early '80s, was a comedian's nightmare. "I have a dubious honor. I was the first comedian to ever work the main room of the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City. I was part of a show called 'Hollywood Goes Broadway produced by Jeff Kutash, who has 'Splash' at the Riviera."

Only about 25 people showed up for the first show because the room was still under construction and there had been little advertising.

"I went out in front of this audience. I was new as a comedian, and I didn't have the range of material. All I talked about was lowriders and East L.A. It didn't dawn on me that my material couldn't travel with me to the East Coast. I went up there and died a horrible death."

There are three big deals in his business, Rodriguez says. "When you do *The Tonight Show*, when you get your own series, and when you play Vegas. That's what is called The Holy Trinity."

He's done them all. Rodriguez has had three television series: *aka Pablo*, for Norman Lear; *Trial and Error*; and *Grand Slam*, which costarred John Schneider. He's also made five feature films: *D.C. Cab*, *Miracles*, *The Whoopie Boys*, *Born in East L.A.*, and *Quicksilver*.

Rodriguez was featured eight times on Johnny Carson's show until he fell out of favor for guest-hosting Joan Rivers' late night show on Fox.

Since March 1990, he's had a hit one-hour, prime-time, bilingual talk show, *El Show de Paul Rodriguez*, for the Spanish-language Univision network.

Rodriguez was born in Mazatlan, Mexico, to migrant farm workers. His mother mandated that Spanish be spoken in the house, and she taught him to read and write it. "I hated it then, but now I appreciate it."

Does Rodriguez feel pressure to represent Hispanics? "Yeah, it's an awful job you never apply for," he quips, adding, "I don't think of myself as spokesperson, just as someone who says funny things."

Rodriguez lives in Pasadena. "People come up to my door all the time and knock and say 'See, I told you he lives here.'"

His goal is simple: "I would rather have a career, where I'm not a superstar but I'm not totally an unknown, last 30 years than be the hottest comic on the circuit for a year."

Paul Rodriguez appears at the Golden Nugget May 2-6.

Nevada Fine Arts Trio Concert, 5/4, 7:30pm, $6, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3801

UNLVINO '91, 5/4, 17th annual, more than 100 wineries represented, special culinary salon, $15 in advance, $25 at door, 3-9pm, Thomas and Mack Center, UNLV 739-3078

Spring Jamboree and Artisans Fair, 5/4-5, annual spring event with arts and crafts show, food booths, auction, children's activities, free entertainment, Gazebo and Wilbur parks, Boulder City, 293-2034

Mickey Thompson's Annual Supercross-Stadium Motorcross, 5/4-5, amateur day on 5/5 when locals can ride the course, Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 739-3900

Las Vegas' History of Entertainment Exhibit, 5/4-7/28, explores the early years of entertainment in Las Vegas with photos, period artifacts, lectures, and performances, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

National Heritage Fellows Performance Series, 5/5, performance by Jimmy Jausoro, accordionist with the Oinkari Basque Dancers and 1985 Fellow, 2pm, free, Nevada State Musuem and Historical Society, 486-5205

National Tourism Week, 5/5-11, events include a luncheon at the Sands Grand Ballroom on 5/10 (social hour at 11:30am, lunch at noon, $16 pre-paid, $18 at door), Tourist of the Week drawings, courtesy booth at airport, and photo, art, and essay contests, 486-7234

Helldorado Art Show, 5/5-26, juried and judged show of western art, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Lecture: Tales—Tall and Short, 5/6, discussion and telling of humorous American stories by Professor Robert Dodge of UNLV, free, 7:30pm, Wright Hall, UNLV, 739-3131

"West," 5/9-12 and 5/15-18, theatrical vignettes depicting the American West from its origins to today; an original production by playwrights from UNLV's graduate program, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV 739-3801

Southwest Art Show, 5/10-12, Cashman Field, 386-7100

"The Diary of Anne Frank," 5/10-12 and 5/17-19, The Rainbow Company Charleston Heights Arts Center, 386-6553

"The Magic in Me," 5/11, Children's Creative Dance Lab, 7pm, $2, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3801

Second Annual Kazoo Extravaganza, 5/11, spring carnival, sponsored by the City of Las Vegas and Students Against Drunk Driving and Drugs (SADDD), Lorenzi Park, 386-6297

Sixth Clark County Artists Show, 5/11-12, fine arts exhibits and sales (no crafts), Southwest theme, Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 293-2138 or 294-5058

Western National Collectible and Antique Show, 5/11-12, 11am-6pm Sat., 10am-5pm Sun., $3, Cashman Field, 382-7043

Festival Plaza Theatre Groundbreaking, 5/15, Lorenzi Park, 386-6297

Ribs and Blues Concert, 5/17, blues great Charlie Musselwhite with traditional blues artists Cephas and Wiggins perform in outdoor concert, award-winning ribs, advance tickets $8, $10 at door, children 14 and under free, gates open at 6pm, concert begins at 7pm, sponsored by Clark County Parks and Recreation, Sunset Park, 455-7340

1991 Miss Universe Pageant Finals Night, 5/17 internationally-televised judging and crowning from 6-8pm at the Aladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts, Coronation Ball at 8:30pm at a location TBA, for tickets call 739-3900 or 731-2115

Open Co-ed Volleyball Tournament, 5/18, Stewart-Mojave Sports Center, 386-6563

People's Choice Senior Citizens Softball Game, 5/18, Lorenzi Park, 386-6297

International Festival and Senior Arts and Crafts Sale, 5/18, Dula Senior Complex, 386-6454

Jim Hicklin Memorial Air Rallye, 5/18, annual air show of approximately 100 planes, scholarship is offered each year to deserving student, free admission, Sam's Town Gold River Hotel, Laughlin, 298-2242

Craft Fair and Rib Burn-Off, 5/18-19, handmade crafts, barbecue cook-off competition, continuous live music, free children's activities, and classic car show, adults $2, children $1, toddlers free, 11am-6pm, Sunset Park, 455-8200

Food Fandango, 5/23, food festival, Western Emporium parking lot adjacent to Sam's Town, 456-7777

Spring Ballet Collection, 5/23-26, mixed repertoire of ballets including a new work, "New World Symphony," Nevada Dance Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV 739-3801

Mesquite Days, 5/24-25, Mesquite's annual birthday celebration with Mayor's breakfast, games, softball tournament, dances, fireworks, softball complex and park, Mesquite, 346-5295

Southwest Collector's Gun Show, 5/24-26, convention center, Henderson, 565-2171

Memorial Day Weekend Party, 5/24-26, music, dancing, food and drink specials, Callville Bay Resort Marina, Lake Mead, 565-8958

Las Vegas Helldorado Days, 5/24-6/2, includes Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. championship rodeo (5/22-6/2), two-day trail ride, Helldorado Shoot-Out Golf Tournament, parade, street dance, chili cook-off, horse auction, Whiskerino Beard-Growing Contest, crowning of Helldorado Queen, 10-K run, and

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CASINO NOTES



Leo Carillo's 1948 Chrysler convertible stands out in the Imperial Palace's collection.

•After 22,000 performances, the "Lido de Paris" took its final bow at the **Stardust Hotel** on February 28. Imported from Paris in 1958, the "Lido" played to an estimated 19 million showgoers over 32 years and was famous for introducing topless dancing to Las Vegas' appreciative audiences.

•The **Imperial Palace** Auto Collection expects to see its five millionth visitor this December when the collection celebrates its 10th anniversary. One of its most unusual cars is a 1948 Chrysler Town and Country convertible that led this year's Tournament of Roses Parade and once belonged to Leo Carillo, who played Pancho on the popular TV western series, *The Cisco Kid*. It has a steer's head on the radiator and a horn that bellows like a steer. As Carillo wrote in his memoirs, it was "strictly a car to make any ranchman happy " Or, perhaps, one bull you wouldn't want to grab by the horns.

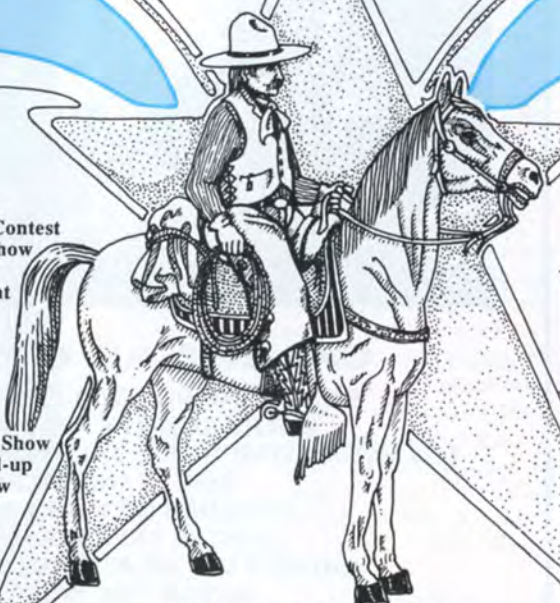
•After standing their ground on the Strip for the last 40 years, the **Sahara's** plaster camels are finally getting a paint job. "For years people have had their pictures taken with the camels," said resort chairman Paul Lowden, "and it's kind of neat to think that in tens of thousands of homes across the country there are old photos and fond memories of the camels and their attendant."

•For the 12th year running **Caesars Palace's** Palace Court restaurant has received the coveted Mobil Travel Guide Four-Star award. The Las Vegas hotel and restaurant are two of only 359 places in the United States and Canada that are current four-star winners. In part the decision is based on published reviews and anonymous visits by the Mobil guide's staff.

•Three casino anniversaries of note: On February 16, the **Ramada Hotel San Remo's** doors had been opened for a year. **Sam's Town** will celebrate its 12th birthday from July 7 to July 28, and **Sam Boyd's Fremont Hotel** will mark 35 years in business from June 1 to August 31.

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an art auction, Thomas and Mack Center, UNLV 870-1221

National Heritage Fellows Performance Series, 5/25, performance by Dewey Balsa, Cajun fiddler and 1982 Fellow, with the Balsa Band, 6pm, free, Lorenzi Park, 486-5205

June

Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra Salutes Nevada's Hoover Dam, 6/1, cultural salute to Hoover Dam featuring historical exhibits, period music of the era, and evening concert, free, Wilbur Square, Boulder City, 736-6656

Woodsy Owl Day, 6/1, entertainment for youngsters accompanied by an adult, includes magicians, sing-along, clowns, noon-3pm, free, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Red Rock Canyon, 594-PLAY

Musical Arts Chorus Concert, 6/1-2, tribute to the music of Jerome Kern, Ham Hall, UNLV 739-3801

Makita Pro Football Team Arm Wrestling Championship, 6/1-2, Imperial Palace, 794-3114

Jazz in the Park '91, 6/1-29, Sat. evenings only, concerts from 7-10pm, produced and hosted by jazz impresario Alan Grant, host of Monday Night Jazz at the Four Queens, free, sponsored by Clark County Parks and Recreation Cultural Division, Winchester Park, 455-7340

Art Exhibit, 6/1-30, paintings by Douglas Lloyd of Las Vegas, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Art Exhibit, 6/2-30, oils by Neal Butcher, contemporary nature, Western, art of the ages, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Virgil Hill v. Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns, 6/3, championship boxing between five-time world champion Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns and World Boxing Assn. (WBA) light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill, tickets from $50-$400, Caesars Palace, 731-7865

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," 6/7-9, the Rainbow Company, 6pm, free, sponsored by the Arts Advisory Council of Green Valley and American Nevada Corporation, Silver Springs Park in Green Valley, Henderson, 458-8855

Hooked on Fishing Derby, 6/8, contests, pros will give instructions and tips on fishing, Lorenzi Park, 386-6297

Men's and Women's Racquetball Tournament, 6/8-9, Stewart-Mojave Sports Center, 386-6563

"Wizard of Oz," 6/12-15, 6/19-22, and 6/26-29, musical production performed on a stage outdoors in a grass meadow, bring lawn chair and supper, concession stands, gates open at 6pm, production from 8:10-10pm, tickets from $2-$5, children 6 and under free, Super Summer Theatre, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Red Rock Canyon, 594-PLAY

"A Common Thread," 6/16-8/21, second biennial traveling juried exhibition of fiber art by Nevada artists, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 386-6211

Hershey Track and Field Youth Program Regional Meet, 6/19, Eldorado High School, 386-6297

"Come 'n' Get It" Canine Frisbee Competition, 6/21, location TBA in Las Vegas, 386-6297

"The Merry Widow," 6/23, operetta starring international artists and featuring the Nevada Opera Theatre Orchestra and Chorus, 2pm, tickets are $10, $15, $25, and $50, Cashman Theatre, 451-6331

Art Exhibit, 6/24-7/19, graduating Bachelors of Fine Arts student art exhibition, free, 8am-5pm Mon.-Fri., Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, UNLV 739-3801

Sam's Town Gold River Air Race Classic, 6/25-28, 15th annual, race from Laughlin to Hunts-



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July

All-American Week, 7/1-5, free barbecue, fiddler's and other contests, Sam's Town Gold River Hotel, Laughlin, 298-2242

Art Exhibit, 7/1-31, paintings by Bernice Breedlove of Overton, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Concert in the Park Summer Series, 7/3, patriotic music performed by students from Clark County Community College's Henderson Branch, free, Foxridge Park in Green Valley, Henderson, 458-8855

World Junior Frisbee Competition, 7/3, Robison Community School, 459-0201

40th Annual Fireworks Display, 7/4, 7:30-9pm pre-show includes display of the latest fire fighting equipment and various local entertainment, 9pm fireworks, $8 adults, $4 children 6-14, and children 5 and under free, Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 739-3900

Fourth of July Family Pops Concert, 7/4, featuring American ballads, marches, and Broadway show tunes, 2pm, Las Vegas Symphony, Cashman Theater, 736-6656

July Fourth Damboree, 7/4, 43rd, pancake breakfast, parade, noon ceremonies at Central Park, band concert from 1-3pm, children's activities from 2-4pm, food and game booths from 10am-5pm, fireworks at 9pm, Boulder City, 293-2034

Callville July Fourth Celebration, 7/4-7, music, dancing, food and drink specials, Callville Bay Resort Marina, Lake Mead, 565-8958

Art Exhibit, 7/7-28, watercolor, sculptures, and paintings by Mary Shaw and Carol Kolberg, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

"Hair," 7/10-13, 7/17-20, and 7/24-27 musical performed on an outdoor stage, bring lawn chair and supper, gates open at 6pm, production from 8:10-10pm, tickets from $2-$5, children 6 and under free, Super Summer Theatre, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Red Rock Canyon, 594-PLAY

COMING EVENTS

Jaycee State Fair, 9/28-10/6, Las Vegas, 457-8832

Art in the Park, 10/5-6, Boulder City, 293-2034

Las Vegas Invitational Golf Tournament, 10/9-13, 382-6616

Fifth Annual HDRA Gold Coast 300 Off-Road Race, 10/11-13, Las Vegas, 361-5404

North Las Vegas Fairshow and Nevada Championship Balloon Races, 10/25-27 642-1944

SHOWGUIDE

Aladdin, 736-0240: "Alakazaam," revue, indf. (dark Tues.)

Bally's, 739-4567: *Celebrity Room:* George Carlin, 5/9-13; Tom Jones, 4/25-5/8; Rodney Dangerfield, 5/16-22; Andrew Dice Clay, 5/23-26; Dean Martin, 5/30-6/1; *Ziegfeld Theatre:* "Jubilee!" indf. (dark Wed.); *Catch a Rising Star:* comedy/variety club, indf.

Barbary Coast, 737-7111: Craig Harrison, 5/1-20 (dark Tues.); Corrie Sachs, 5/22-6/10 (dark Tues.); Sound Chaser, 6/12-7/1 (dark Tues.)

Bourbon Street, 737-7200: Cook E. Jarr and the Krums, thru 5/12; Dianne Elliott, 5/14-5/19; J.C. & Act I, 6/4-6/16

Caesars Palace, 731-7333: David Copperfield, 5/1-6; Clint Black, 5/8-13; The Pointer Sisters, 5/22-27; Jay Leno, 6/7-9 and 6/14-16; Diana Ross, 7/10-22; Julio Iglesias, 7/24-29

California Hotel, 385-1222: Entertainment TBA

Circus Circus, 734-0410: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight

Continental, 737-5555: "Sex Over 40," indf. (dark Sun.)

Desert Inn, 733-4566: Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, 5/2-15; Joan Rivers, 5/16-6/5; The Righteous Brothers/Brad Garrett, 6/6-26

Dunes, 737-4741: Latin Week with Tierra El Chicano, thru 5/5; Sawyer Brown, 5/21-27

El Rancho, 796-2222: Entertainment TBA

Excalibur: 597-7600: "King Arthur's Tournament," indf. (dark Sun.); nightly lounge entertainment

Fitzgeralds, 382-6111: Nightly entertainment

Flamingo Hilton, 733-3333: Sonny Turner/Steve Long, thru 5/2; Second Wind/Triple Play, 5/3-30; Danny Gale/Triple Play, 5/31-6/13; Against All Odds/Diamondhead, 6/14-27; "City Lites," stage spectacular, indf. (dark Sun.)

Four Queens, 385-4011: Doug Kershaw, thru 5/12; The Kingston Trio, 5/14-26; The Platters, 5/28-6/16; Frank Sinatra, Jr., 6/18-7/7; Monday Night Jazz, indf.

Gold Coast, 367-7111: Sorta Dixie Jazz Band, indf.

Golden Nugget, 386-8100: Paul Rodriguez, 5/2-6; Tanya Tucker, 5/9-14

Gold Strike Hotel, Jean, 477-5000: Entertainment TBA

Gold Strike Inn, Boulder City, 293-5000: Entertainment TBA

Hacienda, 739-8911: "Fire and Ice," indf. (dark Mon.); Redd Foxx, indf. (dark Mon.)

Holiday, 369-5222: Rocky Senne's "Keep Smilin' America," revue, indf. (dark Sun.), headlining Bob Anderson, thru 5/11; Glenn Smith, 5/13-6/15

Imperial Palace, 794-3261: "Legends in Concert," indf. (dark Sun.)

Lady Luck, 477-3000: "Luck Is a Lady," revue, indf. (dark Thurs.)

Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5755: Wayne Newton, thru 5/26; The Temptations/The Four Tops, 5/28-6/9; Yakov Smirnoff/Lucie Arnaz, 6/18-30; Engelbert Humperdinck, 7/2-14

Maxim, 731-4300: Comedy Cabaret, indf. (dark Sun.)

The Mirage, 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy, magic spectacular, performances three out of four weeks every month, call for dates and times

Nevada Landing, Jean, 387-5000: Entertainment TBA

Paddlewheel, 734-0711: Entertainment TBA

O'Sheas, 733-3111: Bob Kelly, thru 5/12; Joni James, 5/14-6/2; Dusty Barron, 6/4-30

Palace Station, 367-2411: Entertainment TBA

Peppermill Resort, Mesquite: 346-5833: Entertainment TBA

Ramada Hotel San Remo, 739-9000: "Party Fever," thru 5/12; Carla Christy, 5/28-6/16

Rio Suite Hotel, 252-7727: Sergio Alberti, thru 5/19; Sneak Preview, 5/7-26; Earl Turner, 5/21-6/9

Riviera, 794-9301: Paul Anka, 5/16-19; Frank Sinatra, 6/13-16; Paul Anka, 7/11-14; "Splash," production show, indf.; "Crazy Girls: Fantasie de Paris," revue, indf.; "An Evening at La Cage," revue, indf. (dark Tues.); "An Evening at the Improv," comedians, indf.

Sahara, 737-2111: Melinda, the First Lady of Magic and Her Follies Revue, indf. (dark Wed.)

Sam Boyd's Fremont, 385-3232: Nightly entertainment except Mon.

Sam's Town, 456-7777: Nightly entertainment

Sands, 733-5453: Entertainment TBA

Tropicana, 739-2411: "Folies Bergere," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Comedy Stop," comedians, indf.

Union Plaza, 386-2444: "Bedfull of Foreigners," starring James MacArthur, comedy, indf.

Vegas World, 383-5264: Reflections of Sinatra starring Duke Hazlett, indf.; Memories of Elvis starring E.P King, indf.; Marty Allen and Steve Rossi, indf.; (dark Thurs.)

Westward Ho, 731-2900: Liz Damon/Paul Delicato, indf.

Whiskey Pete's, on I-15 at the California border, 382-4388: Live entertainment

Laughlin

Colorado Belle, 298-4000: Nightly entertainment; Big Band Bash every Sun.

Edgewater, 298-2453

Flamingo Hilton Laughlin, 298-5111: "Broadway Varieties," revue, Sun.-Thurs., pop music Fri.-Sat., Big Band music Sun. afternoons

Harrah's Laughlin Casino Hotel, 298-4600: Entertainment TBA

Ramada Express, 298-4200: Entertainment TBA

Regency, 298-2439: Piano bar

Riverside Resort, 298-2535: Entertainment TBA

Sam's Town Gold River, 298-2242: Live entertainment nightly





It's Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns (left) versus Virgil Hill (right) at Caesars Palace June 3.

TOURNAMENTS

May

World Series of Poker, 4/28-5/16, Binion's Horseshoe, 382-1600
Slots, 5/5-8, Bally's Las Vegas, 739-4413
Slots, 5/12-15 and 5/27-30, Flamingo Hilton Las Vegas, 733-3117
Slots, 5/13-16, Caesars Palace, 731-7324
Blackjack, 5/13-16, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Slots, 5/16-19 and 6/13-16, Westward Ho, 731-2900
Blackjack/Slots, 5/17-24, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Keno, 5/19-21, Sam's Town Gold River, Laughlin, 298-2242, ext. 2141
Blackjack, 5/20-23, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, 5/24-25, Sam's Town Gold River, Laughlin, 298-2242

June

Slots, 6/7-9, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Slots, 6/16-18, Imperial Palace, 794-3114
Slots, 6/16-19, Caesars Palace, 731-7485
Pai Gow Poker, 6/17-20, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, 6/25-27 Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Pull for the Gold Slot Tournament, 6/27-7/1, first place winner receives $1 million, Riviera, 734-5110
Slots, 6/28-30, Aladdin, 736-0230
Slots, 6/28-7/1, Desert Inn, 733-4444
Blackjack, 6/30-7/3, Aladdin, 736-0484

July

Slots, 7/8-11, Stardust, 732-6111
Craps, 7/12-14, Imperial Palace, 794-3114
Slots, 7/15-17 and 7/22-24, Binion's Horseshoe, 382-1600, ext. 7668
Slots, 7/21-23, Imperial Palace, 794-3114

MUSEUMS

Boulder City

Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum: 9-5 daily, 444 Hotel Plaza, Boulder City, 294-1988

Henderson

Clark County Heritage Museum: 8-5 Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Sat.-Sun., 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., 455-7955

Las Vegas

American Museum of Historical Documents: 10-6 Mon.-Wed., 10-9 Thurs.-Fri., 10-6 Sat., 12-5 Sun., 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., privately owned, 731-0785
Guinness World of Records Museum: open daily, 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-0640 or 792-3766 (business office)
Imperial Palace Auto Collection: 9:30am-11:30pm daily, 794-3174
Las Vegas Art Museum: 10-3 Tues.-Sat., noon-3 Sun., Lorenzi Park, 3333 W. Washington Ave., 647-4300
Las Vegas Museum of Natural History: includes the Wildlife World Art Museum, reopening in summer, 384-3466
Liberace Museum: 10-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun., 1775 E. Tropicana, 798-5595
Lied Discovery Children's Museum: 10-5 Tues.-Wed. and Fri.-Sat., 10-9 Thurs., noon-5 Sun., 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-KIDS
Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 10-5 Sat., UNLV 739-3381
Nevada State Museum and Historical Society: 11:30-4:30 Mon.-Tues., 8:30-4:30 Wed.-Sun., Lorenzi Park, 486-5205
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort: 8-2 Sat. and Mon., noon-3 Sun., Las Vegas Blvd. N. at Washington (entrance from Cashman Field parking lot B only), 382-7198
Ripley's Believe It or Not!: 9am-midnight Sun.-Thurs., 9am-1am Fri.-Sat., Four Queens Hotel, 385-4011

Mesquite

Mesquite Museum: 9-5 Mon.-Fri., occasionally open on Sat., call ahead, 31 W. Mesquite Blvd., 346-5705

North Las Vegas

The Planetarium: 2-8 Thurs.-Sat., Clark County Community College, 644-5059

Overton

Lost City Museum: 8:30-4:30 daily, ancient Pueblo culture, 397-2193

Searchlight

Searchlight Historic Museum: (Satellite of Clark County Heritage Museum) 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 9-12 Sat., Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, 455-7955

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Reno Silver Sox: class-A baseball, playing in the California League, 5/1-2 v. Palm Springs Angels; 5/3-5 v. High Desert Mavericks; 5/13-15 v. Bakersfield Dodgers; 5/17-19 v. Visalia Oaks; 5/27-28 v. Salinas Spurs; 5/29-31 v. Stockton Ports; 6/7-9 v. San Bernardino Spirit; 6/14-16 v. Modesto A's; 7/1-3 v. Palm Springs Angels; 7/4-5 v. Modesto A's; 7/6-8 v. Visalia Oaks; 7/15-17 v. Bakersfield Dodgers; 7/19-21 v. San Jose Giants; 7/23-25 v. Stockton Ports, Moana Stadium, 825-0678

UNR Baseball: 5/3-4 v. Loyola-Marymount; 5/10-11 v. Pepperdine; Peccole Field, UNR, 348-PACK

UNR Music Department: concerts, recitals, 784-6145

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-4

EVENTS

May

Art Exhibit, thru 5/3, XS Gallery, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 887-3108

Recyclist Sculpture, thru 5/31, artist Roland March will exhibit 15 sculptures made entirely of recycled materials, Reno City Hall Galleries, 329-1324 or 359-6881

Art Exhibit, thru 6/16, "Water in the West," photography exhibit, Sheppard Gallery Church Fine Arts Complex, UNR, 784-6658

Passing Through: Documents of the Road West, thru 6/30, exhibition interprets travel through Nevada from immigrant trails through transcontinental highways, Nevada Historical Society, 789-0190

Historic Bowers Mansion Tours, thru 9/2, Washoe Valley, 20 miles south of Reno, 849-0201

A Most Excellent Adventure: Hands On Exhibit for Kids of All Ages, thru 5/1/92, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 687-4810

Northern Nevada Student Art Exhibition, 5/1-15, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Art Show, 5/1-6/30, sculpture by Joan Miro, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

UNR Orchestra Concert, 5/2, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, UNR, 784-6145

Nor-Cal Miniature Horse Show, 5/2-5, Reno Livestock Events Center, 323-3073

Comstock Arabian Horse Show, 5/2-7 Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

Winetasting, 5/3, featuring Granite Springs Winery, 6-7pm, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 831-1111

UNR Clarinet Quartet, 5/3, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, UNR, 784-6145

"The Road to Mecca," 5/3-4, 8pm, Reno Little Theater, 329-0661

"The Gin Game," 5/3-4, 5/10-11, and 5/17-18, two-person tragicomedy, Proscenium Players, 8pm, Proscenium Players, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival, 5/3-5, 44th annual, all levels of square dancing, round dancing, and clogging, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 322-0027

"Carson Capers," 5/3-5, musical variety show performed by local talent, 8pm, community center, Carson City, 883-1976

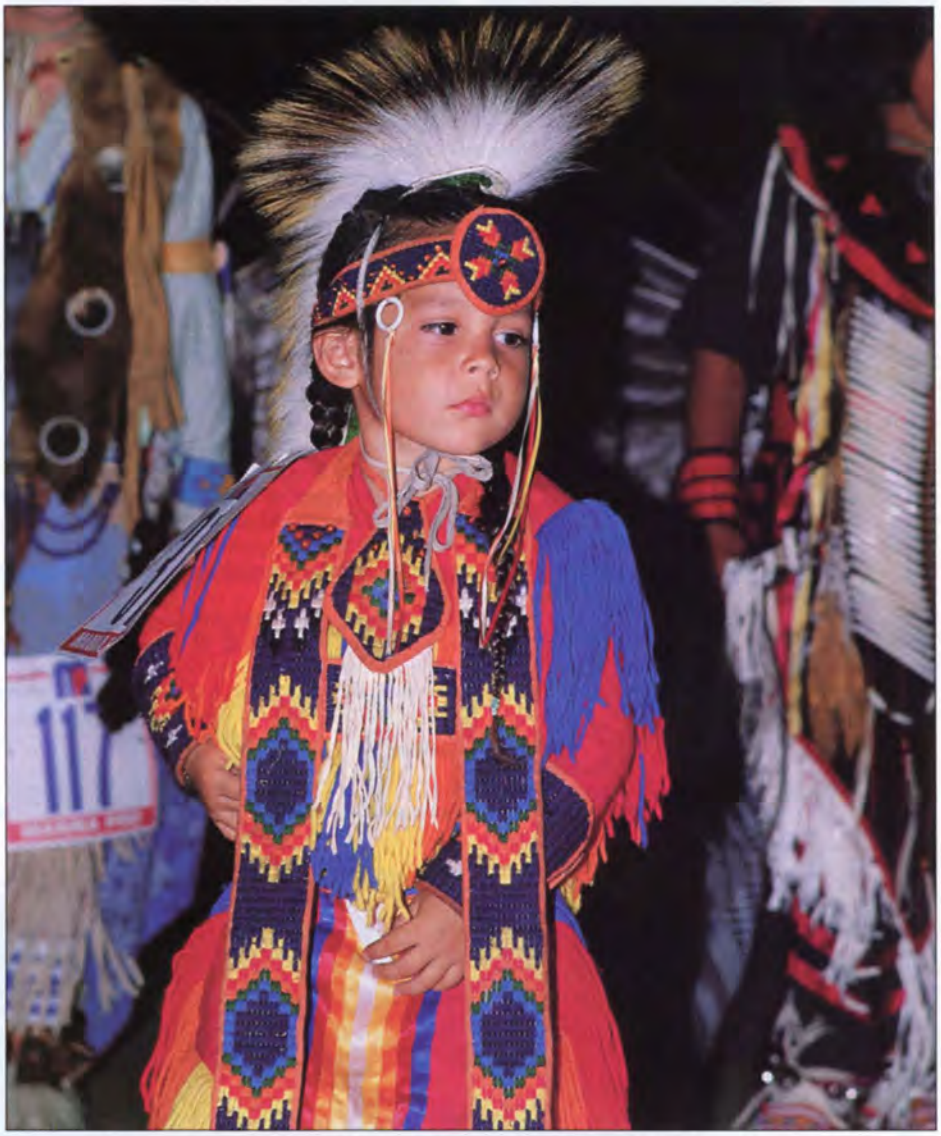
Nor-Cal Miniature Horse Show, 5/3-5, Reno Livestock Events Center, 323-3073

Concerts in the Atrium, 5/3-31, every Fri., live music by some of the area's classical musicians, noon-1pm, free, Airport Gardens Office Bldg., 329-1324

Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off, 5/4, sanctioned chili cook-off, music, parade on C St. in front of Wagon Wheel Restaurant and parking lot, Virginia City, 847-0500 or 847-0311

UNR Spring Powwow, 5/4, first annual, traditional dance, dress, and music will be highlighted, Indian taco booths, arts and crafts, 11am-11pm, Lombardi Recreation Bldg., UNR, 825-4164 or 476-0308

Alpine Meadows Open Snow Golf Tournament, 5/4, nine-hole tournament played on the mountain with regular clubs and tennis balls, first tee at top of the mountain and ninth "green" close to the bottom, bring your own golf club or borrow one from Alpine Mead-



Summer powwows like the Stewart Indian Museum's in Carson City (above) celebrate Native American culture. Please check Events listings for powwow dates throughout the state.

Photo: William Carr/Stock Ex

Reno Rodeo Roundup

This year's Reno Rodeo has some new attractions for rodeo fans. An additional Saturday evening rodeo performance will be added to the 10-day schedule, as will a new event, singer Michael Martin Murphey's WESTFEST. The concerts will be part of the Reno Cowboy Classic, June 21-30, the rodeo's community celebration with events to entertain every member of the family.

WESTFEST begins on Friday, June 21, with an Indian Village, Mountainman Rendezvous, daily live entertainment, Cowboy Camp, and Western and Indian artists. Murphey and other country stars such as Clint Black and Dwight Yoakum will be in concert Friday and Saturday nights along with famous cowboy poets.

Saturday will be a big day. The Cowboy Classic starts in the morning with the Buckaroo Breakfast and Reno Rodeo Parade in downtown Reno. At the rodeo grounds, the fun continues with WESTFEST, team penning, chili cook-off, Western Merchandising Mart, drill team competition, and carnival.

The nation's top cowboys and cowgirls start competing at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, which is the rodeo's earliest start ever. The day's events will end with a concert by a country singing star at 9:30 p.m.

Every rodeo performance presents the main riding events of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, from bull riding to women's barrel racing. Rodeo times will be 7 p.m., June 24-29, with the finals at 1 p.m. on June 30.

Special events during the week include the Bob Feist Roping Invitational, Nevada Open Barrel Race Competition, Exceptional Rodeo for handicapped children, Nevada Reining Horse Competition, the Pacific Cutting Horse Association Competition, and the carnival every night.

The Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive welcomes riders on a weekend event, June 15-16, for those who have a hankerin' for the range. A Saturday evening barbecue with campfire entertainment will break the two days of work.

For Reno Rodeo tickets, schedules, and information on accommodations, call toll-free 800-TIC-RODEO.





There'll be thrills and spills for the nation's top cowboys at the Reno Rodeo.

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Arts and Crafts Show and Social Powwow, 5/4-5, dancers, vendors, Carson Indian Colony, Carson City, 885-9759

Collector's Show, 5/4-5, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

One-Man Art Show, 5/4-6/10, original watercolors by Nevada artist Verne Horton, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-4325 or 782-2518

Cinco de Mayo, 5/5, downtown area of Sparks is decorated in a Mexican theme to celebrate the Cinco de Mayo festival with theme food and entertainment throughout the day, Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2284

Golden West Grand American Trapshooting Tournament, 5/6-12, Sage Hill Clay Sports, 852-1123

UNR Symphonic Choir and the Sierra Women's Ensemble, 5/7, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, UNR, 784-6145

UNR Faculty Recital, 5/8, David Ehrke on clarinet, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, UNR, 784-6145

Nevada Junior Livestock Show, 5/8-12, Reno Livestock Events Center, 784-7249

NAA Spring Art Festival, 5/9-12, juried fine art show, Nevada Artists Assn., Shoppers Square, 358-1722

Seventh Annual Student Art Show, 5/9-31, XS Gallery, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 887-3108

Truckee Soroptimist Wine Tasting, 5/11, Squaw Valley, 916-587-6099

Virginia City Grand Prix, 5/11, mountain bike race, 5-mile loop through the town, held in conjunction with the motorcycle grand prix on the same weekend, USA Promotions, Virginia City, 208-726-7454

Virginia City Motorcycle Grand Prix, 5/11-12, off-road motorcycle racing in Virginia City and surrounding hills, races begin at 8:30am and last 4-5 hours, Western States Racing Assn., Virginia City, 677-2989, 972-2489

Sunday Cafe, 5/12, acoustic jam session and open mike; players and listeners welcome, 1pm, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Mexican Dance, 5/13, Reno Livestock Events Center, 747-7249

"A Century of Tarnish: Images of Nevada," 5/14, Wilbur S. Shepperson, chairman of the UNR History Dept., presents the results of his research on the image of the Silver State, 7pm, Nevada Historical Society, 789-0190

Arabian Horse Show, 5/14-19, Reno Livestock Events Center, 323-3073

Photo Exhibit, 5/16-7/14, railroad photography by John Tylczak, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Comstock Preservation Weekend, 5/17-19, historical tours of Victorian architecture and historic cemetery, plays, Victorian-period fashion show, Silver Tea, reception, grand seasonal opening of Fourth Ward School Museum, Virginia City, 847-0311, 847-0975, 847-0767

Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert, 5/18, featuring pianist James Winn, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, UNR, 826-0880

Annual Snowshoe Thompson Day Celebration, 5/18, entertainment, refreshments, and display honoring Snowshoe Thompson, pioneer mail carrier, 11am-4pm, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-4325

USO Party, 5/18, William F. Harrah Foundation National Automobile Museum, 333-9300

National Antique Guns and Arms Show, 5/18-19, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 827-7662

Appa-Han Horse Show, 5/19, Reno Livestock Events Center, 677-2077

Suffolk Sheep Show, 5/21-25, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300



Muscle men wanted: Organizers for Carson Valley Days are looking for a few good rope pullers for the event's annual tug-of-war contest.

Barbecue Run, 5/22, street motorcycle poker run, approx. 100 miles, raffle and barbecue at end, Reno-Sparks area, 329-3177 or 972-8483

AKC Retriever Field Trials, 5/25-26, Little Mondeaux Gun Club, Genoa, 782-5512

Escarabajo Dunebuggy Race, 5/25-27 Virginia City, 847-0311 or 209-838-1744

Steam-Up, 5/25-27 steam-up and operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Chocolate Lovers' Fantasy Faire, 5/26, fifth annual, sampling of chocolates, benefit for the South Lake Tahoe Women's Center, Valhalla Estate, South Lake Tahoe, 916-544-2118

Autocross, 5/26, Reno Livestock Events Center, 626-3950

Steve Crowell Trio, 5/30, jazz, pop, and classic tunes, 8pm, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Duffer's Derby, 5/30, ninth annual golf tournament, Incline Village Championship Golf Course, 831-4440

Sri Chinmoy Oneness Home Peace Run, 5/31, third annual global relay carries a torch through 70 countries, allowing runners of all ages and abilities to grab the torch and run, in Carson City on 5/31, 415-753-6243

Sands Regency XIII Pro Am Pool Tournament, 5/31-6/4, Sands, 348-2200

Monster Trucks, 5/31-6/1, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

Dog Show, 5/31-6/1, Reno Livestock Events Center, 355-1336

Murder Mysteries and Melodramas, 5/31-9/2, weekends only, the Murder Mystery has six different endings changing with different performances, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

June

Carson Valley 10-K, 6/1, third annual, behind the Carson Valley Inn, 782-9711, ext. 625

High Fall (Greatest Stunts), 6/1, world record high fall attempt from Bally's Reno hotel south tower, 789-2000

Second Annual Handshake Day, 6/1, street faire and celebration with merchant booths, children's activities, games, antique autos, music, food, chili cook-off, at Legislative Plaza, Nugget valet parking lot, and E. Proctor St. between Carson and Curry streets, Carson City, 885-0411

Reno River Walk Sculpture: From Drawings to Form, 6/1-7/31, sculptor John Battenberg displays drawings as an educational exhibit of the development of his sculptures for Reno's River Walk, Reno City Hall Galleries, 329-1324 or 359-6881

Kiwanis Circus, 6/2, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 267-2402

Washoe County Library Silver Anniversary, 6/2, celebrates 25th anniversary of the opening of the downtown Reno branch, building was designed by Reno architect Hewitt C. Wells, Washoe County Library Main Branch, 785-4585

Second Annual Kool Kruise, 6/2, hundreds of classic cars cruise in parade formation from south Reno down U.S. 395 to Bowers Mansion in Washoe Valley; following the cruise is a family picnic with free hot dogs and refreshments, Bowers Mansion, 333-0123

Dog Show, 6/2, Reno Livestock Events Center, 849-2176

1991 Reno Membership Art Show, 6/3-28, juried show of pastel paintings by the Pastel Society of the West Coast's international membership; reception and awards presentation on 6/7 from 6:30-8:30pm, open to the public, Reno Gazette-Journal Building (955 Kuenzli), 635-5592 or 635-5551

C.J. Hadley Photo Exhibit, 6/3-7/6, photos of cowboy crafts and gear from her forthcoming book, *Trappings of the Great Basin Buckaroo,* Washoe County Library Main Branch, 785-4190

Survival of the Fittest: Round One, 6/4, first of four elimination boxing tournaments, Bally's Reno, 789-2000

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NIGHTLIFE

Medley of Hits

By Guy Richardson



Bill Medley: The time of his life.

Talking to Bill Medley is amazing. His voice *really does sound like that.*

We're used to hearing that voice on record, either as part of the Righteous Brothers or singing "I Had the Time of My Life" in the movie *Dirty Dancing.*

It's a singing voice that sounds like a cannon firing into scrap metal. It rumbles and rasps, roars and pulverizes the ears.

Off stage, it's the same deep raspy rumble. Feels like standing in a train station when a freight train pulls in. The ground moves a little.

The second thing that's amazing is that he almost turned down "Time of My Life," the duet with Jennifer Warnes that won a Grammy, sold several million, and got Medley's career careening down the track again.

The people at Vestron Pictures had called him, saying they needed a vocal duet for a picture called *Dirty Dancing.*

"I said, 'I'm too old to do porno movies.' Seriously, I had just done a duet with Gladys Knight for a Sylvester Stallone movie [*Cobra*], and I'd figured it was going to put me back into the fast lane. I even bought a tuxedo. Then that movie flew into a mountain, and the music went with it. When they called me for 'Time of My Life, this had just bombed. I asked who was in *Dirty Dancing.* They said Patrick Swayze, and I asked, 'Who's that?'"

Medley grinned. "Now everybody knows. Well, they sent me the song, and I still said no." He's consistent. "They sent me the part of the movie the song was going to be in." He said no again.

"They kept on me. Every third day there was someone on the phone, saying, 'Bill you gotta do it. You're the voice to do it.' Then they told me the duet would be with Jennifer Warnes, and that intrigued me because I'm a fan of hers. They always want to put me with Kim Carnes, but we sound alike. I liked the combination with Warnes. I said OK.

"I really almost ended up doing them a favor just because Jennifer was doing it."

Some favor: The record sold something over seven million copies, but it didn't make Medley rich. "We made something like four percent spread out over all the artists. For every million—I figured it up—I make forty-five or fifty thousand dollars."

Better than a poke in the eye, but not rich. And Medley doesn't mind. "What would I do with fifty million dollars? For 25 years I've been making good money. The only thing I could do was put it in places for people who need it. I've bought all the toys that I want. To be out there prostituting yourself to make money when you don't need it is pretty stupid."

Amazing, but we're not done. Bill Medley, this big galoot with the bigger voice, is insecure. "We're *all* in this business because we're insecure. That's why we go up there on stage—to be loved," he said. "But you are rolling the dice on the biggest rejection you can imagine. If the audience doesn't like you, it's devastating. That's where drugs and stuff come in, to ease the pain."

Another surprise. Bill Medley never did drugs, although he sang through an era when everyone did something. Well, he did smoke marijuana for three months. "It was the best sleep I ever got," he said. "I just sat around in a coma. I've never done cocaine or anything else. You can't reproduce that high you get from doing a good show."

Mr. Straight, Bill Medley. There's more. When Medley got his Grammy, he sat behind Little Richard and was all thrilled. Nearby were some guys who turned out to be Bon Jovi. They could have been Bon Ami for all he knew.

"I knew the name, but they were just these long-haired guys," Medley said. "I went up, and Jennifer and I sang, and it turned out they were like big fans of mine. My wife said, 'You should have seen those guys when you were on—every time you'd do some real soulful lick they'd be punching each other.'"

Not bad for a guy who's now 50. Mr. Straight wins one.

Bill Medley appears at Harrah's Reno May 28-June 3 and at Harrah's Tahoe September 6-18 and November 22-December 4.

Around the World With Buttons Show, 6/5, open to public from 2-4pm, free, Comstock Hotel, 323-4675

Gamblers Choice Jumping Classic, 6/5-9, Reno Livestock Events Center, 849-1849

Sands Regency XIII Open Pool Tournament, 6/5-9, Sands, 348-2200

Kit Carson Rendezvous Wagon Train Ride, 6/6-7, from Reno to Carson City, ride one day or two for a minimal free, 883-7442 or 687-4507

"Charley's Aunt," 6/6-7, 6/14-16, and 6/21-22, Reno Little Theater, 329-0661

Art Show, 6/6-7/12, "What I Did for My Summer Vacation: A Celebration of Snapshot Photography," XS Gallery, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 887-3014

Kit Carson Rendezvous, 6/7-9, mountain men, Indians, cowboys, live music, arts and crafts booths, evening performances of the "Mountain Man Ballet," Northern Nevada Amateur Boxing Championships, Nevada Civil War Volunteers living history activities and reenactments, Gun Slingers Championships, Mills Park, Carson City, 883-7442 or 885-7491

Carson Valley Days, 6/7-9, parade on Sat., softball tournament, Gardnerville/Minden, 782-3104 or 782-2729

Psychic/New Age Fair, 6/7-9, features a world-renowned psychic, tarot card readings, handwriting interpretations, palm readers, crystals, books, on Virginia St. at the base of the Reno arch, 785-3300

Riverboat Arts and Crafts Festival, 6/7-9, 6/14-16, and 6/28-30, Riverboat Hotel, 323-8877

Plumb Faire Deal, 6/8, craft and merchant booths, games, dunk tank, food, stage and strolling entertainment, parking lot sale, drawing, benefits Salvation Army Family Emergency Shelter, 9am-4pm, free, Nevada Bell parking lot, 645 E. Plumb Lane, 333-4302

Equipment Rodeo, 6/8, third annual, Greg St. and Larkin Circle, Sparks, 358-7888

Ethnic Food and Crafts Festival, 6/8-9, William F. Harrah Foundation National Automobile Museum, 333-9300

Steam-Up, 6/8-9, steam-up and operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

MicroBrewery Beerfest, 6/9, Northstar, 916-562-1010

Mexican Dance, 6/10, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

15th World Championship of Race Horse Handicapping, 6/12-15, top horse race handicappers from all over the world vie for $50,000 in prize money, Club Cal-Neva, 323-1046

Carson Valley Historical Society Art Show, 6/13-7/15, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-4325

Great Basin Days, 6/15, gem and mineral demonstrations, Circus Circus clowns, face painting, model helicopter demonstrations, black light mine tour, University of Nevada Press Great Basin writers' autograph party, Great Basin Adventure, Discovery Room, and Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 10am-5pm, adults and youths 13 and over $2, senior citizens and children ages 3-12 $1, children 2 and under free, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4319

Fiona's/China Spring Sandbaggers Golf Tournament, 6/15, Minden, 782-4347

Ferrari Owners Club 20th Annual Hill Climb, 6/15-16, Virginia City, 847-0311 or 408-756-4119

Stewart Indian Museum Powwow and Arts and Crafts Fair, 6/15-16, 10th annual, includes traditional dances, annual fundraiser, second largest powwow in the state, Stewart Indian Museum, Carson City, 882-1808

Carson City Railroad Assn. Show and Swap Meet, 6/15-16, four operating model railroad exhibits, vendors, Silver City Mall, Carson City, 883-6145

Senior Olympics, 6/15-25, events throughout the Reno area, contact the Washoe County Senior Citizens Service Center, 328-2604

Historic Pony Express Ride, 6/16, recreation of the Pony Express Ride, comes through Carson City 6/16, 882-1283

Autocross, 6/16, Reno Livestock Events Center, 626-3950

Horse Sale, 6/16, Reno Livestock Events Center, 849-2683

42nd Annual Wagon Train, 6/17-23, participants celebrate the crossing of the Emigrant Trail, now Highway 50, with authentic costumes, wagons, and buggies in a wagon train, route follows Highway 50 from Zephyr Cove, NV to Placerville, CA, Zephyr Cove Resort, 916-644-6426

Mini-Botany Lesson in the Woods, 6/20, led by Ann Pinzl, botanist with the Nevada State Museum, 9am, Spooner Lake, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 831-0494

Century 21/Clark Properties Easter Seals Golf Tournament, 6/21-22, Carson Valley Inn and Carson Valley Golf Course, Minden, 782-7111

Truckee Parents Assn. Arts and Crafts Fair, 6/21-23, 916-546-2768

Reno Rodeo, 6/21-30, parade, PRCA rodeo, carnival, exhibit halls, team penning, cutting horses, Reno Livestock Events Center, 329-3877

Reno Rodeo Chili Cook-Off, 6/22, 50 chili enthusiasts from throughout the West compete for prizes in the kick-off to Reno Rodeo week; lots of free entertainment, craft and food booths, Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2284

Smith Valley Day, 6/22, 7-11am pancake breakfast at Smith Valley School; 8:30am Coyote Chase (5-K and 10-K runs, 2-mile walk); 11am horse-drawn buggies leave school for Heyday Inn; 1-4pm cowboy poets, country music, and barbecue at Heyday Inn; 8pm-midnight dance at Community Hall, Smith Valley (Smith and Wellington), 465-2422



"Godspeed" takes on new meaning during the Virginia City Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Hoot Owl Run, 6/22, evening street motorcycle poker run, 75 miles, Reno-Sparks area, 972-8483

VORRA Off-Road Virginia City 200, 6/22-23, 11th annual, 20-mile course, Virginia City, 847-0311 or 916-925-1702

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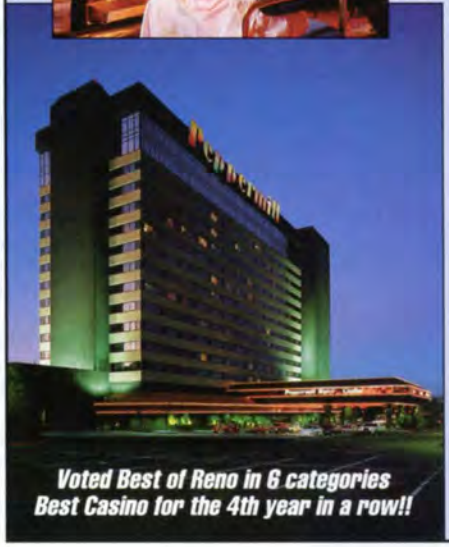
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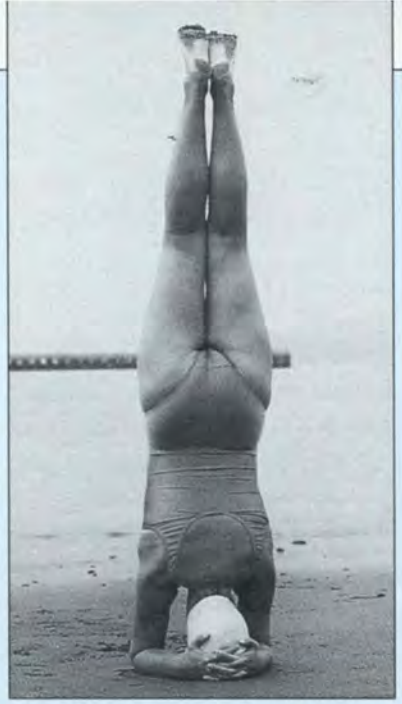
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One of the Nevada Museum of Art's recent exhibits included "Untitled" (above) by Margaret Moulton.

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Museum Affair

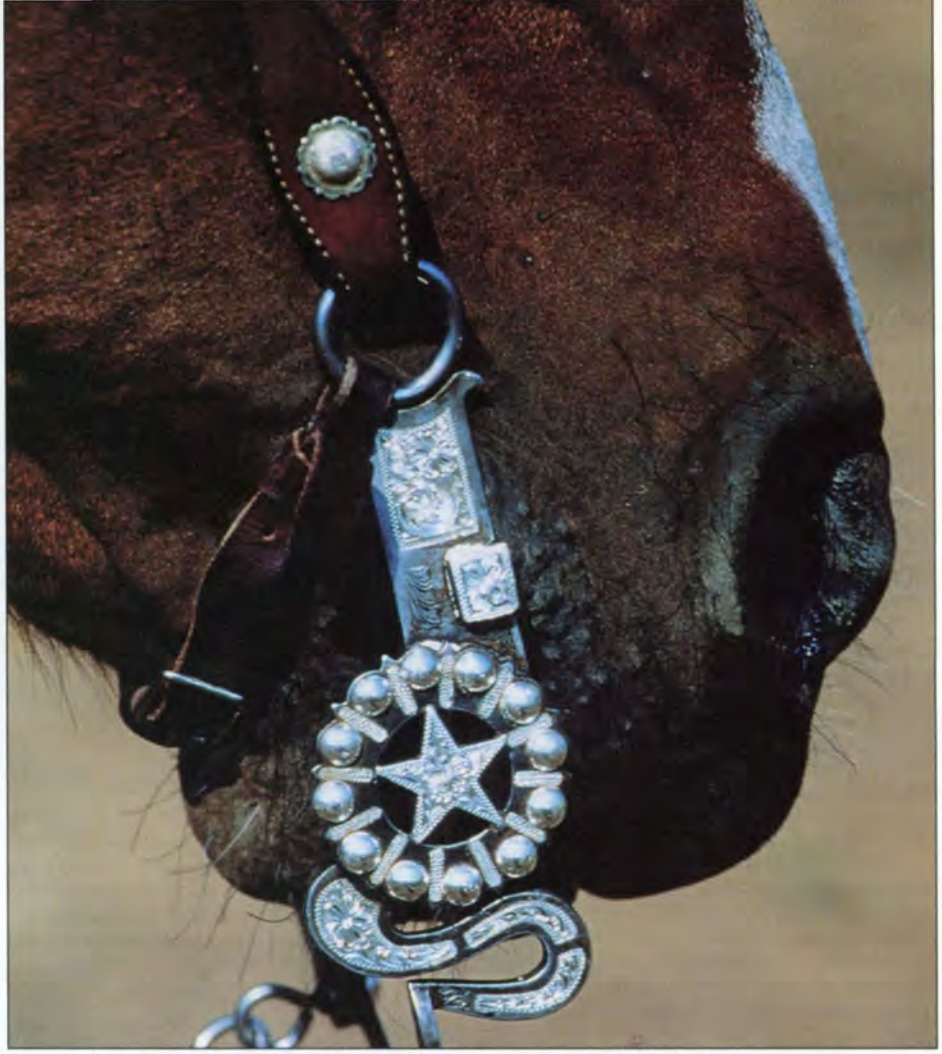
On May 10 the Nevada Museum of Art holds its sixth annual Museum Affair at the Eldorado Hotel in Reno. The gala features silent and oral auctions and provides a showcase of local and nationally known artists.

The Nevada Museum of Art, Nevada's oldest cultural institution and only independent fine art museum, is the focal point for many art and educational activities in the Reno area. The auction will raise a quarter of its budget for the year.

The Museum Affair and auction is $125 per seat. For reservations call the museum at 702-329-3333.

In addition to a fine art auction, tickets will be sold for three fantasy trips, including a grand prize trip for two on the *Orient Express* with a tour of Venice provided by Howard Rosenberg of the University of Nevada, Reno's art department. The others are art-oriented trips to the Seattle-Victoria area and the Southwest.

The interiors of the Eldorado Hotel will be redesigned for the Affair to recreate the Paris train station, and guests will be given a passport to have stamped at various stations. After a gourmet dinner (the menus will be in Italian and French) guests will review contemporary art work.



Photos of cowboy craft and gear from C.J. Hadley's forthcoming book, Trappings of the Great Basin Buckaroo, *will be on display at the Washoe County Library Main Branch June 3-July 6.*

air acts from noon-3pm, static displays, food booths, rides, gates open for hot-air balloon rally at 7am, adults $7 children 6-16 and seniors 65 and over $5, children 5 and under free, Truckee Tahoe Airport on California Highway 267 916-587-4119

Valhalla Festival of Arts and Music, 6/23-9/14, a series of concerts and art exhibits set in and around several historic mansions; performances will include jazz, bluegrass, and chamber music, Artists in Action program, mansion tours and children's workshops, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 916-542-4166

Bob Feist Invitational Team Roping Classic, 6/24, 14th annual, recognized as team roping's most prestigious event, total awards payout will be more than $220,000, 8am, tickets $8, Reno Livestock Events Center, 329-2771 or 209-333-2924

World Soaring Championships, 6/24-7/14, Minden, 786-8505

VCMM Tonopah to Virginia City Ride, 6/28, local motorbike riders ride cross-country from Tonopah to Virginia City, dinner, raffle, auction, proceeds go to help local causes, Virginia City, 847-0756 or 847-0311

Slide Show on Donner Party, 6/28, 8pm, meet at group area, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, south of Incline Village on Highway 28, 831-0494

Run What U Brung Car Event, 6/28-30, '50s and '60s hot rod cars, music, food, Fuji Park, Carson City, 882-8006

Wildflower Walks, 6/29 and 7/2, informative 1.6-mile walk led by park rangers, 10am, Spooner Lake, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 831-0494

South Tahoe Mountain Bike Classic, 6/29-30, professional and amateur bicyclists compete in a mountain bike race involving four laps of a rugged six mile circuit, Sierra Ski Ranch, 916-659-7519

North Tahoe Business Assn. Arts and Crafts Fair, 6/29-7/1, 916-546-2768

Arts on the Green, 6/30, Caughlin Ranch, 746-1010

July

Nugget Jazz Festival, 7/1-4, ninth annual, 10 bands from across the nation perform every form of jazz in three different venues around the casino; highlights include headliner Pete Fountain, a jazz parade through the casino, jam session, dinner-dance, and jazz brunch, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3367

Independence Day Celebration, 7/4, parade, events in Mills Park, Carson City, 882-1565

Virginia City July 4th Celebration, 7/4, 10am parade down C St., picnic, fireworks, Virginia City, 847-0311

Star Spangled Fourth, 7/4, fireworks display sponsored by Harrah's Tahoe, South Shore, Lake Tahoe, 588-6611

Pops in the Park, 7/4, Reno Philharmonic Orchestra concert, 5pm, Mormon Station State Historic Monument, Genoa, 782-2590

Fourth of July, 7/4, celebration at Royal Gorge Ski Resort, 916-426-3871

Fourth of July, 7/4, fireworks and parades in Truckee and Tahoe City, 916-562-1010

Sands Regency West Coast Scrabble Champi-

Photos: Margaret Moulton (left), C.J. Hadley (right)

onships, 7/4-7 Sands, 348-2200

July 4th Powwow, 7/4-6, Friends of American Indian Dance Theatre present a benefit powwow featuring traditional and fancy dancers, special appearance by the Aztec Dancers, drum contest, career fair, arts and crafts fair, camping, Fuji Park, Carson City, 265-6364

Steam-Up, 7/4-7, steam-up and operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Fireworks, 7/5, Kings Beach, 916-583-3494

Celebrity Golf Association Championship, 7/5-7 54-hole tournament features some of the best golfers from the worlds of sports, movies, television, music, and entertainment playing for $400,000 in total prize money, NBC pesents live coverage of the final two rounds on Sat. and Sun., Edgewood Golf Course, Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 916-544-5050

North Tahoe Business Assn. Arts and Crafts Fair, 7/5-7 916-546-2768

Stargaze with the Fleischmann Planetarium, 7/6, 8pm, Dayton State Park, 687-5678

All-American Craft, Food, and Music Festival Salutes Garlic, 7/6-7, celebration of American arts, crafts, food, and music with a special emphasis on foods made with garlic, free, Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2284

Goat Show, 7/6-7 Reno Livestock Events Center, 673-2363

Pancake Breakfast, 7/7 fundraiser for North Tahoe Lions Club, Centerpoint Bldg., Incline Village, 831-4440

International Arabian Horse Assn. Horse Show and Regional Championship, 7/7-13, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300 or 916-663-3151

Summer Series of Monday Evening Lectures, 7/8 and 7/22, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society's series of guest lectures including life at Vikingsholm, wildflowers in the Tahoe Basin, wildlife care, tales of Nevada, 7pm, Gatekeeper's Museum, Tahoe City, 916-583-1762

Festival of the Arts Series, 7/10, annual music event, B St. Amphitheater, Sparks, 353-2291

Music at Sand Harbor Festival, 7/10-14, five nights of contemporary music under the stars on the shore of North Lake Tahoe, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, south of Incline Village on Highway 28, 916-583-9048

Snow Valley Peak Hike, 7/11, 10-mile hike to the top of Snow Valley Peak with Nevada State Park and U.S. Forest Service representatives, meet at Tahoe Rim Trail Trailhead at Highway 50 near Spooner Summit, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 831-0494

Carson Valley Heritage Day, 7/13, Minden, 782-8144

Ghost Towns of Nevada Slide Show, 7/13, 8pm, Group Use Area, Washoe Lake State Park, 687-4319

Northstar Bike Festival, 7/13, Northstar, 916-562-1010

Tour of the California Alps ("The Deathride"), 7/13, one of the most difficult bicycle endurance rides in the region, the course crosses five high Sierra passes with more than 15,000 feet of elevation gain and a distance of more than 100 miles, Alpine County, 916-694-2475

Festival of the Arts International Dance Festival, 7/19, various dance groups present ethnic/cultural dances from around the world, B St. Amphitheater, Sparks, 353-2291

Sierra Nevada Dressage Horse Show, 7/19-21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 882-0194

Photo Exhibit, 7/19-9/8, photographs by Doug Burg, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Eleventh Annual Carson Valley Photo Show, 7/19-8/19, Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 782-

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CASINO NOTES

•Reno's historic **Riverside Hotel-Casino**, built in 1927 will undergo a $10 million renovation. Plans include a retail galleria, steak house, roof-top terrace, and a river-front courtyard to take guests back to the Roaring '20s.

•The Summit at **Harrah's Lake Tahoe** is reopening after nine months of redesigning and remodeling in a new location. The restaurant was moved from the 18th floor to the split-level Star Suite on the 16th and 17th floors, where stars like Sammy Davis, Jr., Frank Sinatra, and Wayne Newton stayed while appearing at Harrah's. Designer Eric Engstrom of San Francisco gave the Summit its new look. "The idea is to give [the Summit] more of a residential feeling, very sophisticated, but also very comfortable and relaxing," Engstrom said. "It will be more like a townhouse than a stuffy dining establishment."

•Reno's newest hotel-casino, the **Clarion Hotel-Casino**, opened this spring. Formerly the Quality Inn, the Clarion has added 160 deluxe rooms to the existing 143 rooms at its South Virginia Street location. The expansion includes a 17,000-square-foot casino, new restaurant, lounges, cabaret, children's arcade, health club with swimming pool and spa, and more parking.

•**Caesars Tahoe** has expanded the non-smoking section of its casino to include two entire pits. Caesars also has added more single-deck and double-deck 21 tables and plans more pai gow poker games.

•**Harrah's Reno** opened its showroom dedicated to Sammy Davis, Jr. this spring. Called Sammy's, the 500-seat theater was originally known as the Headliner Room. It opened in June 1966, and Davis first appeared there on October 26, 1967 His last performance on that stage was on February 15, 1989, with 440 performances in between. Sammy a good friend of the hotel's founder, Bill Harrah, appeared more times and entertained more audiences than any other entertainer at Harrah's. Sammy's will feature top-name headliners 365 nights a year, with two to four shows a night.

•**Harvey's Resort Hotel** has recently expanded. Projects included a new player's bar with linked progressive slots, additional parking for 2,689 more cars, and several restaurants. Harvey's has also opened the 17th and 18th floors to expand the total number of rooms to 717



Paintings such as "Lady X" (above) by Babâ will be on display at the Pastel Society of the West Coast's art show, June 3-28, in Reno.

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Jack Fulton's Photography, 17/19-9/21, Fulton's work was done as an artist-in-residence with Nevada State Arts Council. He has photographed the cultural, social, urban, and rural faces of the state, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Snake Awareness Program, 7/20, by Dave Doty, herpetologist, 10am, Equestrian Area, Washoe Lake State Park, 687-4319

Jackpot of Gems '91, 7/20-21, minerals, gems, and jewelry show and sale from 10am-6pm on Sat. and from 10am-5pm Sun., lectures include: on Sat. at 1pm "How Important Minerals Are To Us" by Chris Galas, at 3pm "Reptile Safety in the Field" by Dave Doty, on Sun. at 1pm "Modern Theses and Old Fallacies" by Si Frazier, and at 2pm "Early Times" by Norm Nielsen, Reno Sparks Convention Center, 853-5055

Steam-Up, 7/20-21, steam-up and operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Squaw Valley Arts and Crafts Fair, 7/20-21, Olympia Plaza in Squaw Valley, 916-583-9048

Autocross Races, 7/20-21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 626-3950

Reno Towne Faire, 7/20-21, McKinley Park, 334-2262

Collectors Show, 7/20-21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

Appa-Han Horse Show, 7/21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

Mexican Dance, 7/22, Reno Livestock Events Center, 322-8333

Festival of the Arts Series, 7/24, annual music event, B St. Amphitheater, Sparks, 353-2291

Capital City Fair, 7/25-28, arts and crafts, rides, displays, Fuji Park, Carson City, 882-4460

Peruvian Paso Horse Show, 7/26-28, Reno Livestock Events Center, 331-3300

Sons of the Utah Pioneers, 7/27, first time event, dedication ceremonies, people will be dressed in clothing of the era, Mormon Station State Historic Monument, Genoa, 782-2590

Storytelling and Songs by the Fire, 7/27 8pm, Washoe Lake State Park, 687-4319

Truckee Regional Park Arts and Crafts Fair, 7/27-28, fine arts and crafts, food booths, entertainment, Truckee Regional Park, Highway 267 916-583-9048 or 916-583-3494

NSHA Horse Show, 7/27-28, Reno Livestock Events Center, 852-3011

Sundae in the Park, 7/27-28, old-fashioned ice cream social with more than 40 food and game booths, live entertainment on two stages, all proceeds benefit the Salvation Army Family Emrgency Shelter, Pickett Park, 688-4599

COMING EVENTS

Hot August Nights, 8/1-4, Reno, 829-1955

Carson Valley Fair and Junior Rodeo, 8/2-4, Gardnerville, 782-8144

Nevada State Fair, 8/7-11, Reno, 322-4424

Carson Valley Fine Arts and Crafts Street Celebration, 8/17-18, Minden, 782-8144

Reno Basque Festival, 8/24, 331-2010 or 322-5517

Virginia City Camel Races, 9/6-8, 847-0311

Great Reno Balloon Race, 9/6-8, 826-1181

Ferrari Club of America Hill Climb, 9/21-22, Virginia City, 847-0311

Genoa Candy Dance Fair, 9/28-29, 782-8144

Nevada State Handcar Championships, 10/31, Carson City, 687-6953

Nevada Day Parade, 10/31, Carson City, 882-2600 or 882-1565

SHOWGUIDE

Bally's Reno, 789-2285: "Oba Oba '91," indf.

Bill's Lake Tahoe, 588-2455: Entertainment TBA

Caesars Tahoe, 588-3515: *Circus Maximus:* Dan Fogelberg, 5/24-26; Tom Jones, 6/14-15; Ricky Van Shelton, 5/21-22; *Caesars Cabaret:* Playboy's Girls of Rock 'n Roll, indf. (dark Tues.); Laff Trax, indf.

Carson City Nugget, 883-3854: Entertainment TBA

Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711: Tommy Bell, thru 5/5; The Motifs, 5/6-11; Network, 5/13-18; Perfect Circle, 5/20-6/1; The Act, 6/3-15; Squeeze Play, 6/17-29; Foreign Affair, 7/1-6; *Cabaret Lounge:* Live entertainment Mon.-Sat., oldies records by request Sun.

Circus Circus, Reno, 329-0711: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight

Crystal Bay Club, North Tahoe, 831-0512: E.M.C., thru 5/12; Alusion, 5/14-26; Debbie McIntyre, 5/28-6/9; Bobby Dee & Co., 6/11-23; Blind Date, 6/25-7/7

Eldorado, Reno, 786-5700: Gary and Sandy, thru 5/5; Sons of the Pioneers, thru 5/5; The Diamonds, 5/13-6/2; Doug Kershaw, 5/14-19; Tony Tillman, 5/20-6/2, Danny Marona, 6/4-23; Dae Han Sisters, 6/24-7/14; Dukes of Dixieland, 7/2-7; Sonny Turner, 7/9-28; Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, 7/15-28

Fitzgeralds, 785-3300: Perfect Circle/Foreign Affair, thru 5/5.

Flamingo Hilton Reno, 322-1111: Showspot Lounge: High Voltage, thru 6/2; Zella Lehr, 6/4-30; Top of the Hilton: Jeff Wayne, Wed.-Sun., indf.

Harolds Club, Reno, 329-0881: Entertainment TBA

Harrah's Reno, 329-4422: *Sammy's Showroom:* Roy Clark, 5/17-19; Jack Jones, 5/20-27; Bill Medley, 5/28-6/3; Fifth Dimension, 6/4-9; Lacy J. Dalton, 6/11-20; Smothers Brothers, 6/21-23; Yakov Smirnoff, 7/12-14; *Casino Cabaret:* Frederic Apcar's "Zing!" revue, indf.

Harrah's Tahoe, 588-6606: *South Shore Room:* Barbara Mandrell, 5/3-5; The Oak Ridge Boys, 5/17-19; Jay Leno, 5/22-26; Harry Belafonte, 7/19-21; *Stateline Cabaret:* Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra, 4/26-5/1; Tim Weisberg 5/3-8; Williams & Ree, 5/17-22; Firefall, 5/24-29; Rare Earth, 5/31-6/5; Rob Hanna's Salute to

Rod Stewart, 6/14-19; "Bare Essence," revue, 4/11-8/28

Harvey's, Stateline, 588-2411: *Emerald Theater:* Danny Marona, 5/17-28, 7/2-14; "Risque Business," indf.; *Top of the Wheel:* Liaizon, thru 5/5; *Emerald Bar:* Mid Life Crysis/Then and Now, thru 5/12; Get Ready/Briefcase Blues Band, 5/13-19; Zella Lehr, 5/20-6/2; Reta & the Wizz Kidz, 6/3-16; Checkmates, 6/13-30; Inside Out, 6/17-30; Gina Eckstine, 7/4-14

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline, 831-1111: Entertainment TBA

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3304: *Celebrity Showroom:* T.G. Sheppard/Dan Menendez, thru 5/1; T. Graham Brown, 5/2-8; Frank Stallone/Brad Cummings, 5/9-22; Forester Sisters/Carl Wolfson, 5/23-6/5; Juice Newton/Royce Elliott, 6/6-19; Legends in Concert, 6/20-7/31; *Casino Cabaret:* Motifs/Sterling/Ricky & Bobby & Milton, thru 5/12; Mid Life Crysis, 5/13-26; Flamingos, 5/14-26; Ricky & Bobby & Milton, 5/13-26; Garfin Gathering/Ricky & Bobby & Milton, 5/27-6/9; California Cowboys, 5/28-6/9

Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211: *Grande Lake Theatre:* Vince Gill, 5/11, Legends Live in Concert, 7/19-8/25; *Golden Cabaret:* "Passion," revue, indf.

Lakeside Inn, Stateline, 588-7777: JJ Bryant, 5/21-25 and 5/28-31; The Exchange, 5/2-6, 5/9-12, 5/27, and 5/30-31; E Z Money, 5/13, 5/16-20, and 5/23-26; Gentlemen of Jazz, 5/7-11, and 5/14-18; Flashback, 4/30-5/4

Ormsby House, Carson City, 882-1890: Entertainment TBA

Peppermill, Reno, 826-2121: Max Danger/The Lelands/Sneak Preview, thru 5/5; E Z Money, 5/6-12; The Wrays, 5/6-19, 6/24-30; E.M.C./Wildcard, 5/13-26; Brian and the Dominos, 5/6-12; Band on the Run, 5/20-6/2; Cameron/

PREVIEW

Great Basin Days

By Katina Schafer

Summer comes to Reno a few days early, on June 15, when Rancho San Rafael Park plays host to Great Basin Days.

During the celebration, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors can travel back in time at the park's Great Basin Adventure. There the curious can pan for gold or ride a log flume. There's a recreated underground mine that shows what mining was like in the old days. Kids can climb dinosaurs, inspect ranch animals, and ride ponies.

Children can literally get in touch with the Great Basin in the Discovery Room, which has exhibits on Nevada history, plants, and animals that kids can handle. Other attractions will be the Circus Circus clowns, face painting, and model helicopter demonstrations.

The Wilbur D. May Museum displays artifacts and trophies from May's 40 trips around the world, and the park's botanical garden will have flowers in bloom.



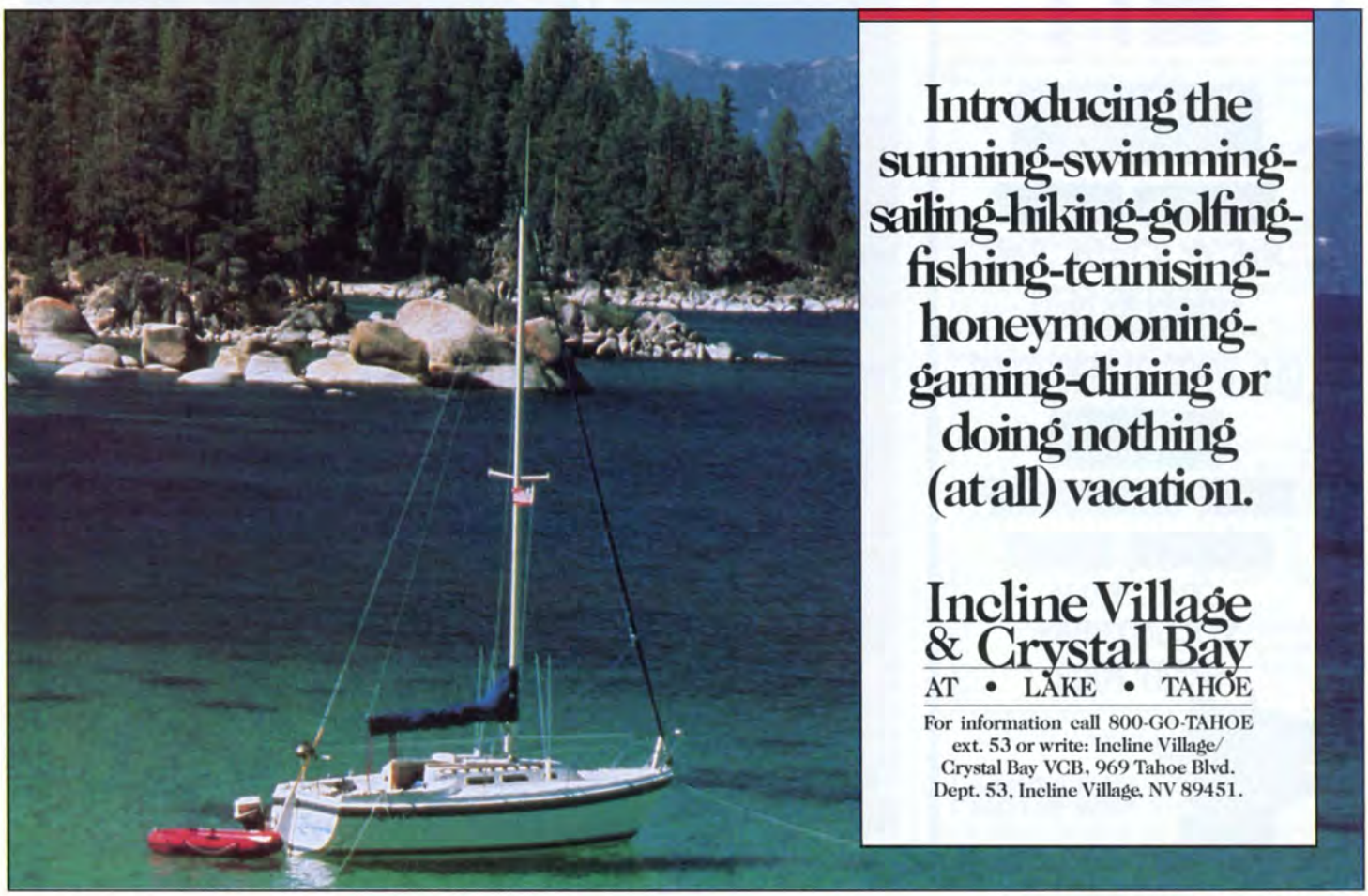
It's great for kids on Great Basin Days.

Entertainment will be provided by country-western singers, folk singers, dancers, and the Virginia City Marching Band.

A number of University of Nevada Press writers will be on hand with their books for an autograph party. The topics include Basque fiction, cookbooks, ghost towns, and mining camps.

The Great Basin Days event is handicapped-accessible. Admission is $1 for senior citizens and children ages three to 12, $2 for adults and youths over 12, and free for children under three years. For more information call 702-785-4319.

Katina Schafer is a freelance writer who lives in Reno.



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John L. Ritter and the Castle Rock Band, 5/27-6/9; Max Danger, 6/3-9; Tommy Bell, 6/10-16, 7/15-28; Silk, 6/10-23; Tanzania, 6/10-23; Johnny Baron and the Bel Aires, 6/17-23; David Proud, 6/24-30, 7/15-21; Double Edge, 6/24-7/6; The Lelands, 7/1-14; E.M.C., 7/22-28

Ponderosa, 786-6820: Nightly entertainment

Reno Ramada, 788-2000: Entertainment TBA

Sharkey's Nugget, Gardnerville, 782-3133

Tahoe Biltmore, North Tahoe, 831-0660: Splash, thru 5/4; Band on the Run, 5/6-18; Blonde Beyond, 5/20-25; Beat Club, 6/10-15; Tammy Allen & R.S.V.P., 6/17-22; Young America, 7/8-13; Rock 'n' roll bands

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 266-3339

Western Village, Sparks, 331-1069: Martha's Children/David Proud, thru 5/5; Network, 5/6-12, 6/10-16; Freeway Band, 5/6-19; Surprise Package, 5/13-19; Tommy Bell, 5/20-6/2; The Lelands, 5/27-6/9; Whiskey Ridge, 6/3-9; Martha's Children, 6/10-16; The Wrays, 6/17-30

TOURNAMENTS

May

Slots, 5/3-5, 5/12, 6/16, and 7/14-15, Peppermill, 689-7282

Slots, 5/3-5, 5/12, 5/24-27 and 7/19-21, Riverboat, 323-8877

Keno, 5/4, Boomtown, 345-6000

Slots, 5/5-7 5/27-30, 6/16-18, 7/7-9, and 7/28-30, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300, ext. 3610

Slots, 5/10-12, 6/7-9, and 7/5-7, Comstock, 329-1880

Blackjack, 5/11, Peppermill, 689-7100

Slots, 5/12-14 and 6/14-16, Flamingo Hilton Reno, 322-1111

Video Poker, 5/13, 5/20-21, 6/10, and 7/15, Harrah's Reno, 786-3232

Slots, 5/14-16, 6/9-10, 6/11-13, 6/30, 7/1, and 7/28-29, Eldorado, 786-5700

Keno, 5/17 Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711, ext. 623

Blackjack, 5/17-19, Comstock, 329-1880

Blackjack, 5/17-19, Fitzgeralds, 785-3381

Bingo, 5/26 and 6/8, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300, ext. 3315

Blackjack, 5/30, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711, ext. 608

Slots, 5/31-6/2, 6/7-8, and 7/3-5, Silver Club, Sparks, 358-4771

Slots, 5/31, 6/1, and 6/28-29, Club Cal-Neva, 323-1046

June

Slots, 6/7-9, Fitzgeralds, 785-3381

Keno, 6/8, Harrah's Reno, 786-3232

15th World Championship of Race Horse Handicapping, 6/12-15, Club Cal-Neva, 323-1046

Keno, 6/14-16, Comstock, 329-1880

Blackjack, 6/14-17 Riverboat, 323-8877

Dice, 6/15, Peppermill, 689-7100

Keno, 6/21-23, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300, ext. 3610

Keno, 6/21-23, Peppermill, 689-7290

Slots/Blackjack, 6/21-23, Riverboat, 323-8877

Slots/Keno, 6/21-23, Sands Regency, 348-2200

Slots, 6/23-25, Boomtown, 345-6000

Keno, 6/23-25, Pioneer Inn, 324-7777 ext. 4511

Keno, 6/24-26, Fitzgeralds, 785-3381

Slots, 6/30-7/1, Harrah's Reno, 786-3232

Video Poker, 6/30-7/1, Peppermill, 689-7282

July

Slots/Blackjack, 7/2-5, Silver Club, 358-4771

Video Poker, 7/13-15 and 7/21, Bally's Reno, 789-2046

Boxing, 7/21, Bally's Reno, 789-2046

Blackjack, 7/19-22, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks

MUSEUMS

Carson City

Nevada State Archives: 8-5 Mon.-Fri., 3579 Hwy. 50 E., 687-5210

Nevada State Museum: 8:30-4:30 daily, 600 N. Carson St., 687-4810

Nevada State Railroad Museum: 8:30-4:30 Wed.-Sun., S. Carson St. at Fairview Dr., 687-6953

Stewart Indian Museum: 9-4 every day, 5366 Snyder Ave., 882-1808

Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum: 1-5 Mon.-Fri., 111 N. Curry St., 887-2200

Genoa

Genoa Courthouse Museum: 10-4:30 daily May 15-October 15, closed during winter, 782-4325

Reno

E.L. Wiegand Museum of Art: 10-6 Tues.-Sat., noon-4 Sun., 160 W. Liberty, 329-3333

Fleischmann Planetarium: 8-5 and 7-10 Mon.-Fri., 10:30-5 and 7-10 Sat.-Sun., UNR, call 784-4811 for schedule of shows

Harolds Club Gun Collection and Museum: open 24 hours daily, 329-0881

Hawkins House: art museum, 10-4 Tues. and Thurs.-Fri., 10-8 Wed., 12-4 Sat.-Sun., 549 Court St., 329-3333

Liberty Belle Slot Collection: 11-11 daily, 4250 S. Virginia St., in Liberty Belle Saloon and Restaurant, 825-1776

Mackay School of Mines Minerals Museum: 8-5 Mon.-Fri., UNR, 784-6988

Nevada Historical Society: 10-5 Tues.-Sat., and noon-5 Sun., 1650 N. Virginia St., 688-1190

UNR Anthropology Dept. Research Museum: 9-1 Mon.-Fri. Sept.-May, open all year by appointment, UNR, 784-4686

Wilbur D. May Museum: 10-5 Wed.-Sun., 1502 Washington (Rancho San Rafael Park), 785-5961

William F. Harrah Foundation National Automobile Museum: 9:30-5:30 daily, 10 Lake St. So., 333-9300

Sparks

Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum: 1-4 Wed.-Sun., 820 B St., 355-1144

Virginia City

Comstock Firemen's Museum: 10-4 daily May-Oct., closed during winter, 847-0717

Fourth Ward School Museum: 10-5 daily May-early Nov., closed during winter, 847-0975

Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum: 7:30-9 daily, 847-9991

Mackay Mansion: 10-6 daily June-Oct., 11-5 daily Nov.-May, 847-0173

Mark Twain Museum: 10-6 daily, 847-0525

Museum of Memories: 9:30-5 daily, 847-0454

Nevada Gambling Museum: 10-6 daily, 847-0789

The Castle: 11-5 daily Memorial Day-Oct., closed during winter, 847-0275

The Way It Was Museum: 9:30-5 daily, 847-0766

Wild West Museum: 9-5 daily, 847-0400

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, use the phone number listed with each event. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. For hotels' toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212.

Rural Areas



Residents of Tonopah celebrate their mining heritage with a parade and other events set against the town's historic landmarks during Jim Butler Days, May 24-27

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HOT LINES

Nevada Division of State Parks: District III office in Fallon: 867-3001; District IV office in Elko County: Northfork 6493; District V office in Panaca: 728-4467

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-4

COWBOY COUNTRY

May

Jackpot Cinco de Mayo Days, 5/3-5, first annual celebration, piñatas, golf scramble, flea market, Mexican buffets, and music, throughout Jackpot, 755-2321 ext. 6709

1991 Home, Garden, and Recreation Show, 5/4-5, local merchants display spring home, garden, and recreation items and ideas, convention center, Elko, 738-7135

Wells Pony Express Championship, 5/11, 14th annual, horse racing in Pony Express relay fashion, also junior races for youth 12 and under and 13-16 years, calcutta on Fri.; Wells Rodeo Arena, 752-3540

Barrel Futurity and Derby, 5/11-12, annual barrel racing, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Winnemucca Home and Garden Show, 5/11-12, displays by local merchants, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-2225

Northern Nevada Concert Ensemble, 5/13, Owyhee Combined School, Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Owyhee, 883-4501

State Line Seniors Classic Golf Tournament, 5/20-21, Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2221 ext. 698

Old Timer's Team Roping, 5/24-26, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

I.D.E.S. Portuguese Festa, 5/25-26, parade, Lovelock, 273-2566

Trout Fishing Derby, 5/26-27, fundraiser for American Red Cross, Wildhorse Resort/Reservoir, 758-6471

Team Roping, 5/29-31 and 6/1-2, Wendover, 664-3414

June

Winnemucca Mule Show and Races, 6/1-2, fifth annual, mule show in the morning and parimutuel racing at noon, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Pigeon Race, 6/7, Jackpot to Bay Area, 755-2321

Alumni Ball, 6/8, for all Pershing County High School alumni, includes introductions, dinner, and dancing, convention center, Lovelock, 273-7144

Great Western Flea Market, 6/8, swap meet, State Line Casino, Wendover, 664-2221 ext. 698

Winnemucca Basque Festival, 6/8-9, parade on Sat., Basque games and competitions, dinner, dancing, picnic in the park on Sun., 623-5071

State Line Two Lady Best Ball, 6/10-11, golf tournament, Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2221 ext. 698

Fourth Annual Expo Open Golf Tournament, 6/11-12, kick-off to the Elko Mining Expo (6/13-15), Ruby View Golf Course, Elko, 738-4091

Sixth Annual Elko Mining Expo '91, 6/13-15, displays, technical sessions, short course, fifth annual Miner's Tug of War and Heavy Equipment Operators Contest, booths, convention center, Elko, 738-4091

Rock'n Rev'n Reunion, 6/15, classic car parade, show and shine, rock 'n' roll band, games, food, booths, lip sync contest, evening dance

at the Civic Center with rock 'n' roll band, Elquist Park, Battle Mountain, 635-9228

State Line Keno Tournament, 6/15, State Line Casino, Wendover, 664-2221 ext. 698

Second Annual Quinn River Rodeo, 6/15-16, saddle bronc, bareback, junior and senior barrel racing, team roping, calf roping, horse roping, and wild horse roping, Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, 532-8259

Father's Day Powwow, 6/15-16, fancy dancing, round dance, queen and princess contests, Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, 532-8259

Nevada High School State Finals Rodeo, 6/21-23, rodeo grounds, Wells, 752-3896 or 423-4674

Four Man Scramble, 6/28-29, golf tournament, Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2221 ext. 698

Lamoille Country Fair, 6/30, handcrafted items, oil paintings, watercolors, woodwork, home-baked food, drinks, entertainment, starts at 10am, Lamoille Grove, 738-7135

July

Wendover July Fourth Celebration, 7/4, parade, barbecue, fireworks, City Park, Wendover, 664-3414

Lovelock July Fourth Celebration, 7/4, kiddie parade downtown, fireworks at Dave McDougall Memorial Baseball Field, Lovelock, 273-2687

Twin States Stampede, 7/4-5, rodeo, rodeo grounds, McDermitt, 623-5071

Fourth of July Fishing Derby, 7/4-6, trout and bass derby, barbecue, fundraiser for American Red Cross, Wildhorse Resort, Wildhorse Reservoir, 758-6471

Carl Hayden Daze Celebration, 7/4-6, highlights include a hollerin' contest, writer's contest, experimental airplane rendezvous, art show, and square dance exhibition, Jackpot, 755-2321 ext. 6709



Cecil the Serpent is one of the stars of the Armed Forces Day Celebration in Hawthorne.

National Basque Festival, 7/5-7 28th festival, 11am parade on Sat., Basque dance groups, music, food, weight lifting and woodchopping contests, dance, Mass, sheepherder's bread, Elko, 738-7547

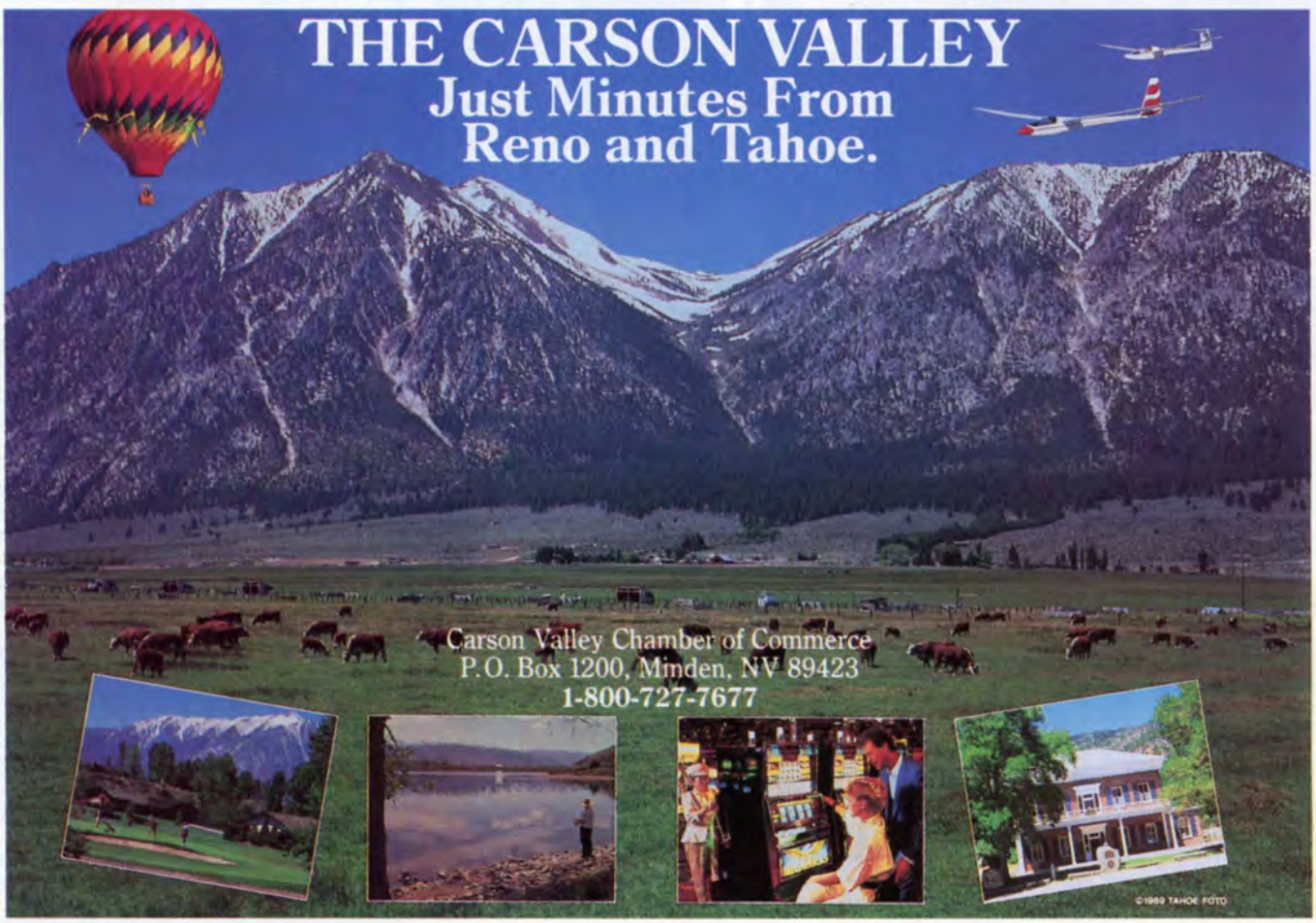
Junior Rodeo, 7/6-7 rodeo contestants from 2-15 years compete for prizes of buckles and saddles, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Fifth Annual Elko Safety Olympiad '91, 7/18-20, open to all surface mine rescue teams from mines across the nation and Canada, convention center, Elko, 738-4091

Art in the Park, 7/20-21, Elko, 738-7135

Silver Smith Classic Slot Tournament, 7/26-28, Silver Smith, Wendover, 664-2231 ext. 709

Silver State Stampede, 7/27-28, rodeo, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-1499



PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

May

Special Occasions Faire, 5/3-4, handcrafted gift items made by local talent, demonstrations, free, 4-9pm Fri., 9am-6pm Sat., community center, Fallon, 867-3576 or 423-4556

Silver State Classic Challenge I, 5/10-12, world's fastest open road race, Highway 318, Ely, Lund, and Hiko, 289-8877

Richie Cole and Alto Madness, 5/11, jazz, Churchill Arts Council presentation, community center, Fallon, 423-1440

Hidden Cave Tour, 5/11, meet at 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Clock Clinic, 5/18, Sierra Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors evaluate old timepieces, (no appraisals given), 11am-2pm, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Ely Amateur Golf Tournament, 5/18-19, White Pine Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095

Nevada Northern Railway Museum Opening Weekend Celebration, 5/25-26, the *Ghost Train of Old Ely* steam engine will run on the Keystone route into the historic mining district of Ely at 2:30 and 4:30pm on Sat. and 10:30am and 1pm on Sun.; the *Highliner* diesel takes the Hiline route toward McGill at 6:30pm on Sat., East Ely; the *Twilight Special* diesel will take both routes when the *Highliner* and *Ghost Train* are not running, 289-2085

Eureka High School Rodeo, 5/25-26, fairgrounds, Eureka, 237-5645 or 237-5417

Best in the West Motorcycle Race, 5/31-6/2, registration on Fri., race on Sat., awards and breakfast on Sun., Ely, 289-8877 or 289-4095



The High Desert Llamas strut their stuff in the 1990 Silver Springs Founders Day parade.

June

Miniature Tapestries Exhibit, 6/1-30, by artist D.R. Wagner, Churchill Public Library, Fallon, 423-1440

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, 6/3, two performances, 6pm and 8pm, Farm District Road and Main Street, Fernley, 575-4459

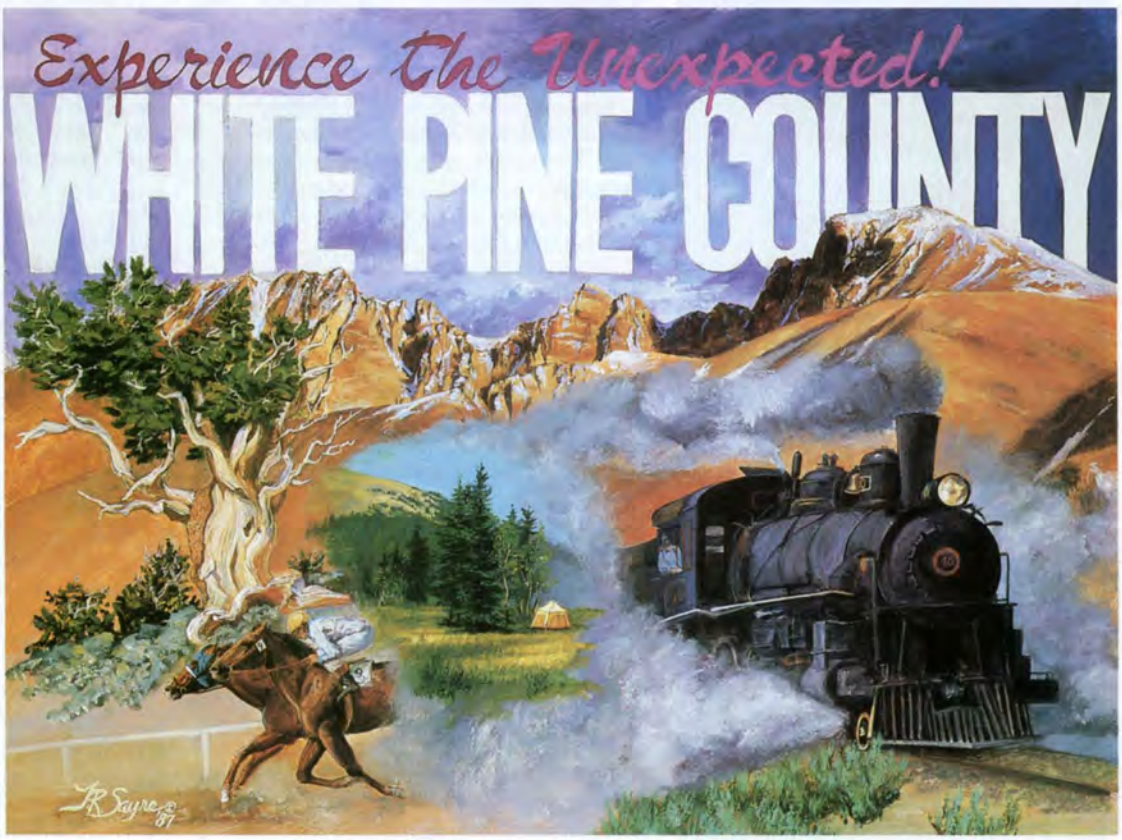
Fernley Fun Days, 6/8-9, kiddie carnival, chili cook-off, arts and crafts, entertainment, Highway 95A and Main Street, Fernley, 575-4459

Hidden Cave Tour, 6/8, meet at 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Curly Horse Show, 6/13-16, White Pine County Fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

Founders Day Celebration, 6/14-15, parade, arts and crafts, exhibits fair, parade theme will honor the military, historical, past, and present; grand marshals for the parade will be Warren

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PREVIEW

Flat Out to Ely

By Phil Henry

Picture this. You're going well over the speed limit, your radar detector goes off—and the highway patrolman alongside the road waves you by. No, you are not dreaming. You are in America's only open road race held on a public highway the Silver State Classic Challenge.

Twice each year, in May and September, some of the fastest road machines in the country—Corvettes, Porsches, Camaros, Ferraris, Mustangs, and many others—converge on the small town of Ely for the flat-out run on State Route 318, a well-maintained 92-mile stretch of two-lane state highway. Most entrants will average more than 150 mph and complete the course in just over 30 minutes. The record speed for the event is an average of 197.98 mph set by R.J. Gottlieb in his 1969 Camaro powered by a Donavan big block aluminum engine putting out nearly 800 horsepower. Gottleib actually hit speeds in excess of 220 mph during his record breaking run in 1989.

One hundred specially trained volunteers man every possible access to the roadway to prevent anyone from inadvertently entering the highway during the event. By the way there are no provisions for spectators during this event so if you want to see it firsthand, you must volunteer to work on the course.

The exciting race has potential dangers. There are no special guard rails, no predictable turns, just blind corners, blind hills, and straightaways that run for more than 15 miles. All of the participants know they are putting it on the line every time they run.

The race is open to any manufactured car, and there are virtually no limits on modifications. All types of vehicles are entered, including foreign and domestic, very old and very new. However, each car must pass a strict technical inspection before the race. Safety equipment equal to or surpassing professional racing standards is required, and there are no exceptions.

The people who enter this speed event are diversified as well, coming from all walks of life. Both men and women compete with the minimum age being 18 years. In 1989 actress Marsha Mason was the navigator in a late model highly modified Mustang. Some just come out for fun and enter the Touring Class where speeds are limited to 100 mph, and only minimum safety equipment and a state issued driver's license are required.

Safety is the primary concern of all involved in this unique event. The Nevada Highway Patrol ensures that the road is closed to normal traffic and has units posted at the start and finish as well as every 10 miles along the course. The NHP also has two observation planes that monitor the course from the air. Ambulances are strategically placed along the course and manned by trained medical technicians. Flight for Life out of Las Vegas is on alert during the event.

For more information contact the White Pine Chamber of Commerce, Box 239, Ely NV 89301; 702-289-8877

Phil Henry, a marketing and public relations consultant, last year built a project car for Car and Driver. *He has competed in two of the Silver State Classic Challenge events and acts as publicity coordinator for the chamber's Race Promotion Committee.*

Photo: George Carnes

and Rosemary Barlow, who were among the founders of Silver Springs, Silver Springs, 577-2000

Gridley Days, 6/14-16, seventh annual, Old Time Fiddlers Contest and Nevada State Fiddlers Championship, flour sack race, motorcycle poker run, turkey shoot, mining contest, Austin, 964-2200

Snake Awareness Program, 6/15, Dayton State Park, 687-5678

Spring Reenactment, 6/15-16, Civil War-period events including military talks, battles, living history activities including women and children in Victorian-period clothing performing crafts and pastime chores, Fort Churchill State Historic Park, 8 miles south of Silver Springs, 358-2284

July

Eureka July Fourth Celebration, 7/4, parade, traditional events such as egg toss, sack races, nickel scramble, kids' cracker eating contest, beer drinking contest, barbecue, roping, Eureka, 237-5484

Fernley July Fourth Festivities, 7/4, parade down Main Street, food, barbecue, live music, arts and crafts, games, Farm District Road and Main Street, Fernley, 575-4459

Silver State International Rodeo, 7/4-7 international rodeo for high school champions from 37 states and Canada, performances at 9:30am and 7pm on Thurs.-Sat., 1pm top 15 finals showdown and queen crowning on Sun., nightly teen dances, carnival, adult dance, trade show, auction, and concessions, rodeo arena, Fallon, 423-4674

318 Roping Club Fourth of July Roping Festivities, 7/4-6, 318 Roping Arena, Preston, NV Tillie or Carl Brothorton, 238-5238 or 238-5230

Stargaze with the Fleischmann Planetarium, 7/6, 8pm, Dayton State Park, 687-5678

Hidden Cave Tour, 7/13, meet at 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Lund Pioneer Days, 7/19-20, rodeo, parade, barbecue, and dance, rodeo arena and Main Street, Lund, 238-5241

All-Indian Rodeo and Stampede, 7/19-21, parade, rodeo, powwow, dancing, Indian craft vendors, food, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-6821

Casino Amateur Golf Tournament, 7/20-21, White Pine County Golf Course, Ely, 289-4095

Eureka Youth Rodeo, 7/27-28, rodeo for youth up to 18 years old; adult jackpot roping on Sat., fairgrounds, Eureka, 237-5645

PIONEER TERRITORY

May

Fossil Shelter Tours, ranger leads tours and discussions of 225 million-year-old ichthyosaur fossils, call for times and days, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, 867-3001

"A Common Thread," 5/1-6/7, second biennial traveling juried exhibition of fiber art by Nevada artists, Central Nevada Museum, Tonopah, 482-9676

Life Cycle of a Rock, 5/4, slide show explaining the geologic processes that created Cathedral Gorge, 7:30pm, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Amphitheater, 2 miles northwest of Panaca via U.S. 93, 728-4467

Mud Bog, 5/5 and 7/28, two-wheel drive, four-wheel drive, and buggies; gates and pit open at 11am, $5 general admission, Hawthorne Centennial Speedway, Hawthorne, 945-3849

Wildflower Slide Program, 5/11, 8pm, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Amphitheater, 728-4467

Wildflower Walk, 5/12, join park ranger on short hike, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring canteen of water, 9am, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Amphitheater, 728-4467

Armed Forces Day Celebration, 5/11-18, 41st, noon parade on 5/18, military flyover, live music, Indian dancers, Lions Club old-fashioned barbecue, games, quilt display and raffle, military ball, fireworks, Hawthorne, 945-5896 or 945-3011

Discover Nature With Your Preschooler, 5/16, dress warmly and bring picnic lunch, 9:30am, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Group Area, 728-4467

Walker Lake Art Club Annual Show, 5/16-19, Nevada artists in judged show of paintings and photographs, Mineral County Museum, Hawthorne, 945-2395

'30s and '40s Reunion of Mineral County High School, 5/17-18, all members of graduating classes between 1930 and 1949 are invited to a full-fledged reunion with dinner, picnic, and other festivities, Hawthorne, 945-5896

Western Nevada Dirt Track Racing Association Opening Races, 5/18, 6/1, 6/8, 6/22, 7/6, and 7/20, Hawthorne Centennial Speedway, Hawthorne, 945-2942

Edible and Useful Plants of Eastern Nevada, 5/18, slide program, 8pm, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Amphitheater, 728-4467

Lincoln County Homecoming, 5/24-27, 41st annual, parade, softball tournament, horseshoe tournament, beauty pageants, demolition derby, barbecue, swap meet, Dixon Park, Caliente, 726-3129

Jim Butler Days, 5/24-27, annual celebration with parade, state championship mining contests,

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Moonlight Hike, 5/25, join ranger on short hike from the campground to the "caves" area, bring flashlight, 8pm, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park Amphitheater, 728-4467

June

Saturday Night Park Programs, 6/1-7/27 wide variety of topics will be presented each week, all programs are free, Cathedral Gorge State Park, 728-4467

Pizen Switch Roundup '91, 6/30, 10th annual, old-fashioned country picnic open to all old-timers, newcomers, or folks just passing through, bring your own food and drinks or join in the potluck at 2pm, Mountain View Park, Yerington, 588-5372 or 463-4232

July

Gabbs Annual Third and Fourth of July Rodeo and Celebration, 7/3-4, SSRA and IPRA sanctioned rodeo, children's rodeo events, street dance, barbecue, arts and crafts, food and beverage concessions, fireworks on Thurs., rodeo grounds, Gabbs, 285-2622

Pahrump's Fourth of July Un-Horse Derby, 7/4, men and women race on stick horses by the roll of the dice, 6pm, Community Park, Pahrump, 727-5800

Caliente's Volunteer Firemen's Fourth of July, 7/4, parade, breakfast, children's games, softball tournament, Dixon and Rose Memorial parks, Caliente, 726-3129

Wiley Days, 7/4-7 Independence Day celebration, country music and fireworks every night, horseshoe, cow chip, and egg toss contests, shootouts by High Desert Drifters, ghost town and mine tours, Gold Point, 485-9957

25th Annual Walker Lake 100, 7/13-14, 100-mile boat races, parade of boats on Sat., banquet following parade, Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 945-5900 or 945-5570

Region II East Soaring Contest, 7/15-19, Standard 15 Meter Open Soaring Contest, Soaring Society of America, sponsored by the Tonopah Rotary Club, meteorological services provided by Tonopah Weather Station, Tonopah Airport, Tonopah, 482-3859

Pioneer Days, 7/20, Panaca, 726-3333

International Waterski Races, 7/20-21, 2nd annual, speeds exceed 100 mph, Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 945-5570 or 945-5900

Pioche Heritage Days, 7/25-27 962-5544 or 962-5215

COMING EVENTS

Ely's Art in the Park, 8/3-4, 289-4038 or 289-2671

Lovelock Frontier Days, 8/3-4, 273-2687

Lincoln County Fair, 8/10-17 Panaca, 726-3333

Eureka County Fair, 8/16-18, 237-5484

Santa Maria Day, 8/17 Dayton, 246-3372

Pony Express Days Horse Racing, 8/17-18 and 24-25, Ely, 289-8877

White Pine County Fair, 8/24-25, Ely, 289-8877

Western Art Roundup, 8/30-9/1, Winnemucca, 623-5071 or 529-0452

Tri-County Fair and Rodeo, 8/30-9/1, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival, 8/30-9/2, Fallon, 423-2544

Labor Day Celebration, 8/30-9/2, Pioche, 962-5205 or 962-5544

Railfare, 8/31-9/1, Ely, 289-2085

Lions Club Junior Rodeo and Parade, 8/31-9/2, Fallon, 423-2544

SHOWGUIDE

Covered Wagon Territory

Battle Mountain: Owl Club, 635-5155

Elko: Commercial Hotel, 738-3181. Red Lion, 738-2111. Stockmen's Hotel, 738-5141

Jackpot: Cactus Pete's, 755-2321: *Gala Showroom*: The Drifters, thru 5/5 and 5/7-12; William Lee Golden and the Goldens, 5/14-19 and 5/21-26; Dottie West, 5/28-6/9; Gary and Sandy, 6/1-16 and 6/18-23; Debbie Reynolds, 6/28-29. Horseshu Casino, 755-2331

Wendover: Nevada Crossing, 664-4000. Peppermill, 664-2255: California Cowboys, thru 5/5; Inside Out, 5/6-19; Coasters, 5/13-26; Edy and Dezire, 5/20-6/2; Sneak Preview, 5/27-6/9; The Wrays, 6/3-16; Band on the Run, 6/17-23; Tammy Allen and RSVP 6/24-30. Red Garter, 664-2111. Silver Smith, 664-2231 ext. 709: Nightly entertainment. State Line, 664-2221 ext. 698: Nightly entertainment

Winnemucca: Winners Hotel, 623-2511

Pony Express Territory

Fallon: Fallon Nugget, 423-3111

Pioneer Territory

Pahrump: Saddle West Casino, 727-5953

Tonopah: Station House, 482-9777

Yerington: Casino West, 463-2481. Dini's Lucky Club, 463-2868: Entertainment on weekends

MUSEUMS

Cowboy Country

Humboldt Museum, 10-4 Mon.-Fri., 1-4 Sat., Winnemucca, 623-2912

Marzen House Museum, 9-2 Mon.-Fri., 1:30-4 Sat.-Sun., Lovelock, 273-7213

Northeastern Nevada Museum, 9-5 Mon.-Sat., 1-5 Sun., 1515 Idaho St., Elko, 738-3418

Pony Express Territory

Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave, 10-4 Mon.-Wed. and Fri.-Sat., noon-4 Sun., 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon, 423-3677. For Hidden Cave tours call Carson City BLM, 885-6000

Eureka Sentinel Museum, open April 15-Oct. 13, hours vary, call 237-5484, Eureka

Nevada Northern Railway Museum, 8:30-4:30 daily, May 27-Oct. 1, closed during winter, East Ely, 289-2085

White Pine Public Museum, 9-5 Mon.-Fri., 10-4 Sat.-Sun., 2000 Aultman St., Ely, 289-4710

Pioneer Territory

Central Nevada Museum, 12-5 Tues.-Sat., Tonopah, 482-9676

Lincoln County Museum, 9-5 Mon.-Sat., 10-5 Sun. (closes from 12:30-1:30 for lunch), closed during winter, Pioche, 962-5207

Lyon County Museum, 10-4 Sat., 1-4 Sun., Yerington

Mineral County Museum, 11-5 Mon.-Fri. from May-Sept., noon-4 Mon.-Fri. from Oct.-April, Hawthorne, 945-5142

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BOULDER CITY

Gold Strike Inn/The Steak House—Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam, 293-5000. Prime rib, porterhouse steak. D. $-$$, major.

Gold Strike Inn/Gold Strike—293-5000. Sandwiches, steaks. B, L, D. $, major.

Gold Strike Inn/Gold Strike Buffet—Ham, roast baron of beef, salads. L, D. $, major.

Railroad Pass/The Dining Room—Henderson, 294-5000. Prime rib, porterhouse steak, steak and lobster. D. $-$$, major.

Railroad Pass/Railroad Pass Coffee Shop—Henderson, 294-5000. Prime rib, sandwiches, salads. B, L, D. $, major.

Railroad Pass/Railroad Pass Buffet—Henderson, 294-5000. Nightly specials. L, D. $, major.

JEAN

Nevada Landing/The Jade Room—I-15, Exit 12, Jean, 387-5000. Lobster cantonese, lobster, and chicken kew. D. $-$$, major.

Nevada Landing/The Landing Restaurant—I-15, Exit 12, Jean, 387-5000. Prime rib, t-bone. B, L, D. $, major.

Nevada Landing/The Landing Buffet—I-15, Exit 12, Jean, 387-5000. Roast baron of beef, ham. L, D. $, major.



Mandarin and Cantonese dishes are served in a Far Eastern setting in the Imperial Palace's Ming Terrace restaurant.

LAS VEGAS

AMERICAN

Aladdin/Oasis Coffee Shop—736-0111. B, L, D. $, major.

Circus Circus/Skyrise—734-0410. Prime rib, steak, and shrimp. B, L, D. $, major.

Flamingo Hilton/Flamingo Room—733-3111. Seafood salad bar, fresh fish of the day, veal cutlet Viennoise. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Flamingo Hilton/Lindy's Deli—733-3111. Grilled Reuben, New York steak, marble cheesecake. B, L, D. $, major.

Rio Suite/All American Bar and Grille—252-7777. Mesquite grilled steak and seafood, extensive list of American beers and wines. D. $-$$$, major.

Rio Suite/Beach Cafe—252-7777. Pasta and seafood specials daily, night owl specials. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Rio Suite/Carnival Buffet—252-7777. Bountiful selection. B, L, D. $, major.

Rio Suite/Sonny's Deli—252-7777. Authentic New York deli style sandwiches and salads. L, D. $, major.

Sam's Town/Mary's Diner—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8073. '50s flair, blueplate specials served 24 hours. B, L, D. $, major.

Sam's Town/Smokey Joe's 24 Hour Cafe & Market—5111 Boulder Hwy., 456-7777. Barbecue specialties served 24 hours. B, L, D. $, major.

Sam's Town/Uptown Buffet—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8048. B, L, D. $, major.

Stardust/Tony Roma's—732-6111. Ribs and chicken. D. $, major.

Tropicana/Tropics—739-2800. Chicken, steak, fresh seafood. D. $$, major.

CAJUN

Aladdin/Fisherman's Port—736-0111. D. $$, major.

Holiday Casino/Joe's Bayou—369-5000. Shrimp Creole, blackened catfish, Memphis-style barbecue. D. $-$$, major.

FRENCH/CONTINENTAL

Aladdin/The Florentine—736-0111. D. $$, major.

Bally's/Gigi—739-4651. Cote de veau nouveau chasseur mormard grille, beurre fondu. D (closed Mon.-Tues.). $$$$, major.

Caesars Palace/Bacchanal—731-7110. Seven-course Roman banquet. D (closed Tues.-Wed.). $$$$, major.

Caesars Palace/Palace Court—731-7110. Langoustines, steak Diane. D. $$$$, major.

Desert Inn/La Vie en Rose—733-4444. Poached pear in port wine, mousse of goose liver and prosciutto rosettes; veal with carmelized apples; boneless roast duck with choice of orange, cherry, guava, peppercorn or light curry and chutney sauce. D. $$$$, major.

Lady Luck/Burgundy Room—477-3000. Rack of lamb, beef Wellington, lobster thermidore, veal of the day. D. $$, major.

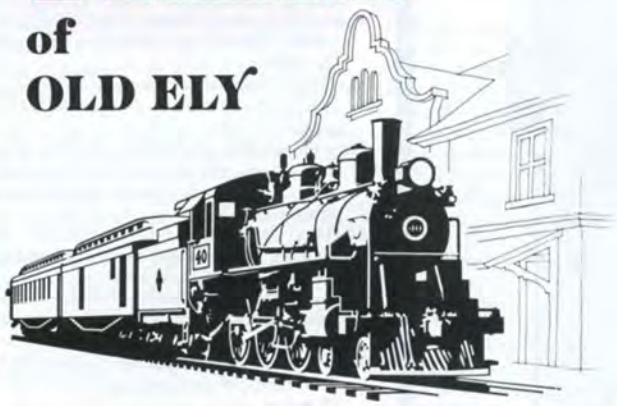
Las Vegas Hilton/Le Montrachet—732-5111. Dover sole, medallions of veal, extensive wine list. D. $$$$, major.

Tropicana/Rhapsody—739-2440. Chateaubriand bouquetiere, veal sorrentino, duckling chambord. D. $$$, major.

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Caesars Palace/La Piazza Food Court and Lounge—731-

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JANUARY
Wells: Invitational Chariot Races
Elko: Cowboy Poetry Gathering

MARCH
Winnemucca: "Shooting the West II" A Nevada Photography Experience

MAY
Wells: N.A. Pony Express Championship
Winnemucca: Barrel Futurity & Derby
Winnemucca: Old Timer's Team Roping

JUNE
Winnemucca: Mule Show & Races
Elko: Western Heritage Festival
Winnemucca: Basque Festival
Lovelock: Portuguese Festa
McDermitt: Red Mountain Indian Pow Wow & Rodeo
Elko: Mining Exposition

JULY
Elko: National Basque Festival
Jackpot: Hollerin' Contest
McDermitt: Twin States Stampede
Jackpot: Annual Home Built Airplane Rendezvous
Elko: Silver State Stampede

AUGUST
Lovelock: Frontier Days
Winnemucca: Nevada Open Horse Show & Futurity
Wendover: Air Races
Wendover: Bonneville Speed Week

LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Winnemucca: 9th Annual Buckaroo Heritage Western Art Round Up, Winnemucca Rodeo & Tri-County Fair
Elko: Elko County Fair & Livestock Show, Pari-mutuel Racing

SEPTEMBER
Winnemucca: Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse & Mule Pari-mutuel Racing; Ranch Hand Rodeo
Battle Mountain: Covered Wagon Days Trail Ride
Wendover: World of Speed

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ITALIAN

Bally's/Caruso's—739-4656. Gamberoni alla griglia, pollo alla fiorentina. D. (closed Wed.-Thurs.). $$$$, major.

Caesars Palace/Primavera—731-7110. Fettuccine Primavera, pasta specialities, Caesars salad. B, L, D. $$-$$$, major.

Imperial Palace/Pizza Palace—794-3261. Pizza, pasta, and salads. L, D. $, major.

Lady Luck/Marco Polo's—477-3000. Northern Italian specialities, pasta, veal. D, $$, major.

Las Vegas Hilton/Andiamo—732-5111. Northern Italian specialties, 25 pastas, veal, lamb, and fish entrees. L, D. $-$$, major.

Desert Inn/Portofino—733-4444. Scampi alla Provinciale, Fettuccine Verde with Pesto, Veal Chop alla Parmigiana, Osso Buco Milanese con Risotto. D. $$$$, major.

Rio Suite/Antonio's—252-7777. Risottos, pastas, special desserts. D. $$$, major.

MEXICAN

Sam's Town/Willy & Jose's Mexican Cantina—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8044. Authentic Mexican dishes in Old Mexico setting. D. $, major.

ORIENTAL

Aladdin/International Buffet—736-0111. B, L, D. $, major.

Caesars Palace/Ah So—731-7110. Sushi and sashimi, teppan yaki-style. D. $$$$, major.

Desert Inn/Ho Wan—3145 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 733-4547. Sizzling oyster beef, prawns a la Szechwan, almond pressed duck. D. $$, major.

Flamingo Hilton/Peking Market—733-3111. Nine-course family dinner, lemon chicken and lobster Cantonese. D. $, major.

Imperial Palace/Ming Terrace—794-3261. Mandarin and Cantonese cuisine, abalone, Kung Pao shrimp, roast duck. D. $$, major.

Lady Luck/Emperor's Room—477-3000. Cantonese, Szechuan, and Mandarin specialties. L, D. $-$$, major.

Las Vegas Hilton/Benihana Village—732-5111. Four restaurants: tempura, robata, sukiyaki, hibachi; animated show. D. $$$, major.

Las Vegas Hilton/Garden of the Dragon—732-5111. Shark's fin soup, Szechuan chicken salad, honey-roasted duck with oranges, Mongolian beef, Thai-fried noodles. D. $$$$, major.

Mizuno's At Tropicana—739-2770. Teppan steaks, chicken, fresh seafood, sashimi. D. $$$, major.

STEAK AND SEAFOOD

Aladdin/The Wellington—736-0111. D. $$, major.

Bally's/Barrymore's—739-4661. Blackened redfish, surf and turf. L (Mon.-Fri.), D. $$-$$$, major.

Caesars Palace/Spanish Steps Steak and Seafood House—731-7110. Fresh seafood, prime dry-aged steaks, Mediterranean dishes. D. $$-$$$, major.

Circus Circus/Steak House—734-0410. Steak, prime rib, lobster, seafood appetizers flown in fresh daily. D. $$, major.

Flamingo Hilton/Beef Barron—733-3111. Prime rib special, chateaubriand, crisp roast duck. D. $$-$$$, major.

Four Queens/Hugo's Cellar—385-4011. Rack of lamb Indonesian, crab legs and sirloin, roast duckling anise, filet mignon Atlantis, prime ribs of beef. D. $$$, AE, MC, V.

Holiday Casino/Claudine's—369-5000. Steaks and seafood, open kitchen, piano bar nearby, excellent wine list. D. $$-$$$, major.

Imperial Palace/Seahouse—794-3261. Alaskan King crab legs, hot and cold appetizers, seafood salads. D. $$, major.

Sam's Town/Diamond Lil's—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8009. Fresh fish and seafood daily. D, Sun. brunch. $-$$, major.

Stardust/William B's—732-6111. Broiled halibut, lamb, veal, rib eye steak. D. $$, major.

Tropicana/El Gaucho—739-2376. Steaks, lamb chops, fresh seafood. D. $$$, major.

LAUGHLIN

Colorado Belle/Orleans Room—298-4000. Steak, seafood, prime rib, lamb chops, linguini. D. $$, major.

Edgewater/The Embers—298-2453. Steak, seafood, prime rib, Midwestern beef. D. $$, major.

Riverside/Gourmet Room—298-2535. Chateaubriand,

Cajun dishes, steak and quail, rack of lamb; wine steward. D. $$, major.

Riverside/Prime Rib Room—298-2535. Salad, potato, vegetable, and dessert bar, prime rib. D. $, major.

Sam's Town Gold River/Sutter's Mill—298-2242. Mesquite-broiled steaks. Brunch Sat.-Sun., D. $$, AE, MC, V.

RENO-CARSON AREA

AMERICAN

Carson Nugget/Buffet—882-1626. Sun. champagne brunch, Sat. breakfast buffet, Fri. seafood buffet. B, L, D. $, major.

Carson Nugget/Coffee Shop—882-1626. Open 24 hours. B, L, D. $, major.

Carson Station—883-0900. Steaks, prime rib, seafood, soups, sandwiches, and salad bar. B, L, D. $.

Carson Valley Inn/Fiona's—Minden, 782-4347. Steaks, seafood, veal, soup and salad bar. L, D, Sun. brunch. $-$$, major.

Carson Valley Inn/Katie's—Minden, 782-9711. Four-course prime rib dinner, steak and lobster, half-pound burgers. B, L, D. $, major.

Comstock Hotel/Miner's Cafe—200 W. 2nd St., 329-1880. One-pound New York steak dinner. 24 hours. $, major.

Eldorado/Mardi Gras—786-5700. English sole, shrimp salad croissant sandwich, won ton soup. B, L, D. $, major.

Gold Hill Hotel/Crown Point—1 mile south of Virginia City, 847-0111. D. $$, major.

Harrah's/Garden Room—786-3232. Eggs Benedict, avocado clubhouse, triple dragon. B, L, D. $, major.

Harrah's/Skyway—786-3232. Buffets, Sun. brunch. B, L, D. $$, major.

Holiday Inn/Greenhouse—5851 S. Virginia St., 825-2940. Sandwiches, burgers, dinners. B, L, D. $, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/General Store—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, giant apple pancake, seafood Louis. B, L, D. $, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Rotisserie—Sparks, 356-3300. Buffet; Sunday brunch. L, D. $-$$, major.

Peppermill/Coffee Shop—2707 S. Virginia St., 826-2121. Fruit salads, lasagna, gourmet omelets. B, L, D. $$, major.

Peppermill/Island Buffet—2707 S. Virginia St., 826-2121. Salad bar with fresh shrimp and crab legs and homemade pasta. Sun. brunch. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Riverboat Restaurant and Coffeshop—323-8877. Chicken and ribs, Cajun baked chicken with beef or pork ribs, open 24 hours. B, L, D. $, major.

Sharkey's Nugget—Gardnerville, 782-3133. Prime rib is house specialty. B, L, D. $, no CC.

BASQUE

Louis' Basque Corner—301 E. 4th St., Reno, 323-7203. Sweetbreads, tripe, paella, other seafood dishes. L, D. $$, major.

FRENCH/CONTINENTAL

Bally's/Cafe Gigi—789-2266. French, cracked crab, snails, lobster bisque, chateaubriand, veal Oscar. D. $$$$, major.

Eldorado/The Vintage—786-5700. Fresh Sonoma duckling, chateaubriand, prawns amaretto, extensive wine list. D. $$, major.

Flamingo Hilton/Top of the Hilton—322-1111. Salmon with three sauces, roast duck with raspberry sauce, roast prime rib of beef au jus. D. $$$, major.

Harrah's/Steak House—786-3232. Steak Diane, fresh fish daily, roast rack of lamb. L (Mon.-Fri.), D. $$$, major.

Peppermill/Le Moulin—826-2121. Tournedos of beef a la Diane, veal a la Oscar, Dover sole meuniere. D. $$, major.

INTERNATIONAL

Eldorado/Choices—786-5700. An express cafe with hofbrau, deli, bakery, ice cream. B, L, D. $, major.

ITALIAN

Bally's/Caruso's—789-2267. Fresh oysters, canneloni, calamari. D. $$$, major.

Eldorado/La Strada—786-5700. Saltimbocca, gnocchi al pesto, ravioli verdi con spinaci. D. $$, major.

ORIENTAL

Bally's/China Seas—789-2268. Mandarin shrimp, Mongolian beef, cashew chicken. D (closed Sun.). $$, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Trader Dick's—Sparks, 356-3300. Cashew chicken, Szechwan specialities, flaming dagger brochette. L, D. $$, major.

STEAK AND SEAFOOD

Bally's/Bounty—789-2000. Steamed clams, cracked half crab, oysters. L, D. $, major.

Bally's/Steak House—789-2270. Broiled T-bone steak, Columbia River salmon. L (except Sat.-Sun.), D (except Sun.-Mon.). $, major.

Carson Nugget/Oyster Bar—882-1626. L, D. $, major.

Carson Nugget/Steak House—882-1626. Veal scallopini, scampi in dill sauce, chicken picata, escargot. D. $$, major.

Circus Circus/Hickory Pit—329-0711. One-pound prime rib, New York steak. D. $$, major.

Comstock Hotel/Dinner House—329-1880. Steak and lobster, veal picata, stuffed shrimp. D. $$, major.

Harrah's/Seafare—786-3232. Fresh fish specials, calamari, lobster tail, veal parmigiana, eggplant Romano. L, D. $$$, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/John's Oyster Bar—Sparks, 356-3300. Lazyman's cioppino, seafood stews. L, D. $$, major.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Steak House—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, steak and lobster, snapper, shrimp Louis. L, D. $$, major.

Riverboat Oyster Bar—323-8877. Riverboat cioppino, bay shrimp cocktail. L, D. $, major.

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AMERICAN

Caesars Tahoe/Cafe Roma—Stateline, 588-3515. Lamb chops, prime rib. B, L, D. $-$$$, major.

Harrah's Tahoe/Forest Buffet—Stateline, 588-6611. Friday night seafood bounty, Sunday brunch, daily buffet. B, L, D. $$, major.

Harrah's Tahoe/Sierra—Stateline, 588-6611. Chicken pot pie, cashew chicken salad, Chinese cuisine. B, L, D. $$, major.

Harvey's/Cafe Metro—Stateline, 588-2411. European sweet shop, coffees, retail bakery. $, major.

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Caesars Tahoe/Le Posh—Stateline, 588-3515. Award-winning California cuisine. D. $$$, major.

Harvey's/Sage Room—Stateline, 588-2411. Rack of lamb persille, prime dry-aged cuts of beef, beef Wellington. D. $$-$$$, major.

Harvey's/Top of the Wheel—Stateline, 588-2411. Continental cuisine, mahi mahi with macadamia bourbon. Sun. brunch, D. $$-$$$, major.

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Caesars Tahoe/Primavera—Stateline, 588-3515. Linguini carbonara, tenderloin pizzaiola, pollo allo spumante. D, weekend brunch. $$, major.

Harrah's Tahoe/Café Andreotti—Stateline, 588-6611. Pizza quattro stagioni, filetti barbaresco, lasagne Andreotti. D. $$ major.

MEXICAN

Harvey's/El Vaquero—Stateline, 588-2411. Camerones Veracruz, carnitas. L, D. $$, major.

ORIENTAL

Caesars Tahoe/Empress Court—Stateline, 588-3515. Szechwan, Mandarin. D. $$, major.

STEAK AND SEAFOOD

Caesars Tahoe/Broiler Room—Stateline, 588-3515. Prime rib, seafood, Cajun specialties. D. $$, major, res. for large parties.

Harrah's Tahoe/Friday's Station Steak and Seafood Grill—Stateline, 588-6611. Blackened shrimp, mixed grill of lamb filet and smoked quail, hickory-smoked range chicken with Southern Comfort apple butter, Black Angus beef. L, D. $$$, major.

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REVIEW

Oba Oba: Oh, Boy!

By Pennye Nelson



Tall and tan, and lean and lovely, "Oba Oba" dancers bring a bit of Brazil to Reno.

He was short and thin, a wiry little fellow who appeared to be in his 70s. A bead of sweat slid from his thinning hairline as he hopped around the showroom floor. A little Errol Flynn grin spread across his face as he looked at his hands placed firmly on the near-naked backside of a tall Latin beauty. The Conga line weaved its way back to his table, and he dropped into his seat, giving a little wave to the showgirl's behind. "Man, this is some party. This is the third time I've seen this show " he said, wiping his face with a napkin. "I hope I live to see it again."

Indeed, Franco Fontana's "Oba Oba '91," now playing at Bally's Reno, is worth a couple of visits. It's different from most Nevada shows. The dancing—not the acrobatics—is less precise, the pace not as polished. The taped music can be disconcerting, especially when you see someone playing an instrument behind his head and wonder, "Is it real or is it Memorex?" But for the most part, being different makes "Oba Oba" a delightful experience.

From the time you enter the Ziegfeld Room, there is something different. You notice the lack of a Nevada icon—the maitre d' Instead, there are men and women dressed in ruffle-sleeved shirts and red sashes. You show your ticket, and they wave you in the direction of your table. Finding your own table is disconcerting—to whom do you give the $5 you always keep wadded up in your hand?

I watched as several people found their table, only to discover someone was already there. They finally moved. A few aisles over, I saw those people oust some other squatters. Nobody seemed upset about it, and that made me look around.

Hey there was a party going on, and the show hadn't even started yet.

A sultry voiced Bally's beauty hawked roses, cigarettes, and sunglasses that flashed red and yellow running lights. Casino photographers dashed here and there, and people chatted across the aisles.

As I settled into my own seat, the couple next to me were speaking rapidly in a foreign language. "Is that Portuguese you're speaking?" I asked, the casual atmosphere getting to me. Visitors from Vancouver, they were both originally from Brazil.

"You're going to love this show " said Verlita Sanchez. "Brazilians know how to party. It's going to make me homesick. I know I'm going to cry."

"Oba Oba" might be Portuguese for "Oh, Boy!" but it was the women who made the show spectacular. Leggy, lithe, lissome, lovely, they looked elegant even while balancing fruit salads on their heads, a la Carmen Miranda, the Brazilian Bombshell, who was saluted in the show's opening number.

Bits of bright color flooded the stage as one act flowed into another. The music—*Chorinho*—was new to me, played on the odd-looking little *cavaquinbo*, a small guitar. Picture a ukelele that got caught in the rain. Wonderful sounds, played expressively.

Then it was Lambada time. Kids, don't try this dance at home. At least not in front of Mom and Dad. While watching the eight couples dance in a "Lambada-off," I was struck by the thought that this erotic, sensual dance might be the ultimate safe sex. You're bound to be too tired for the real thing after a few minutes.

A tribute to the Bossa Nova and the music of the '70s had Verlita sniffing into her handkerchief. She sang along softly on "Garota de Ipanema," better known to us as "Girl from Ipanema." After seeing the women in this show, I understood the meaning of the lyrics *tall and tan, and lean and lovely.*

There were attractive, well-muscled men in the show too. A fortyish blonde woman leapt to her feet applauding each time one performed an acrobatic tumble. She had plenty of opportunities to applaud as the men did the *capoeira*, a dance that evolved from a martial arts practiced by slaves who were not allowed to keep weapons.

At the end of the scene the audience shouted "Bravo!" and, oddly enough, the "roof-roof" sound often heard at sporting events. It sort of means "in your face, buster," and it fit the mood.

The finale featured a Grand Carnival scene with glittering costumes that a Mardi Gras drag queen would kill for. From the ceiling, huge balloons floated down. The crowd, caught up in the party atmosphere, started bouncing the balloons toward the people sitting in the rear of the showroom, sharing the fun.

Then the dancers danced out into the room, pulling people from tables and booths into a giant Conga line that partied up and down the aisles. The last I saw Verlita, she was headed for Rio.

Pennye Nelson covers Nevada entertainment for the San Francisco Chronicle *and is a frequent contributor to* Nevada.

"OBA OBA 91"

Franco Fontana's "Oba Oba '91" plays in the Ziegfeld Room at Bally's Reno indefinitely. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 9 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, and 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Ticket prices are $17.50, $22.50, and $27.50. No one under 18 is admitted.

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