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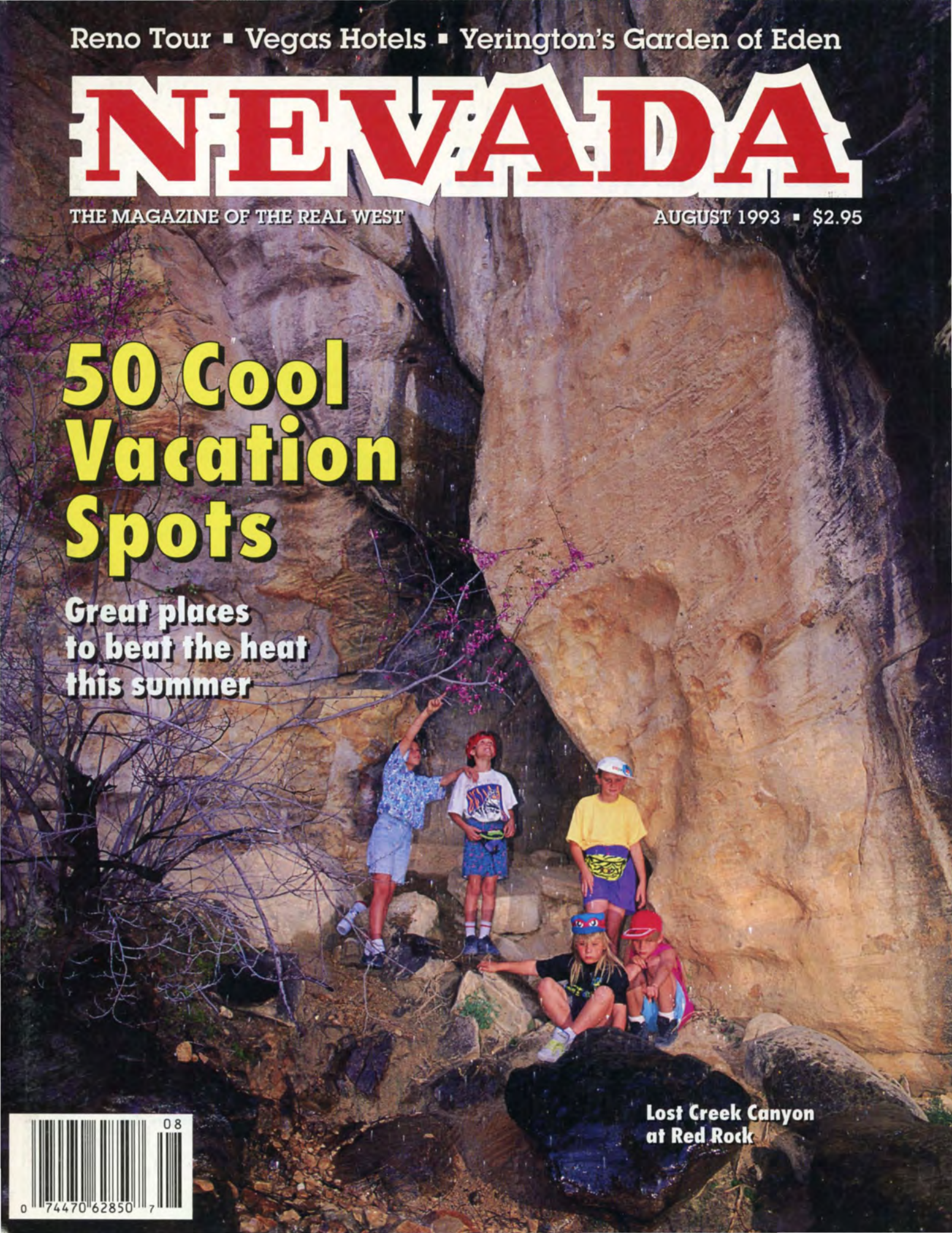
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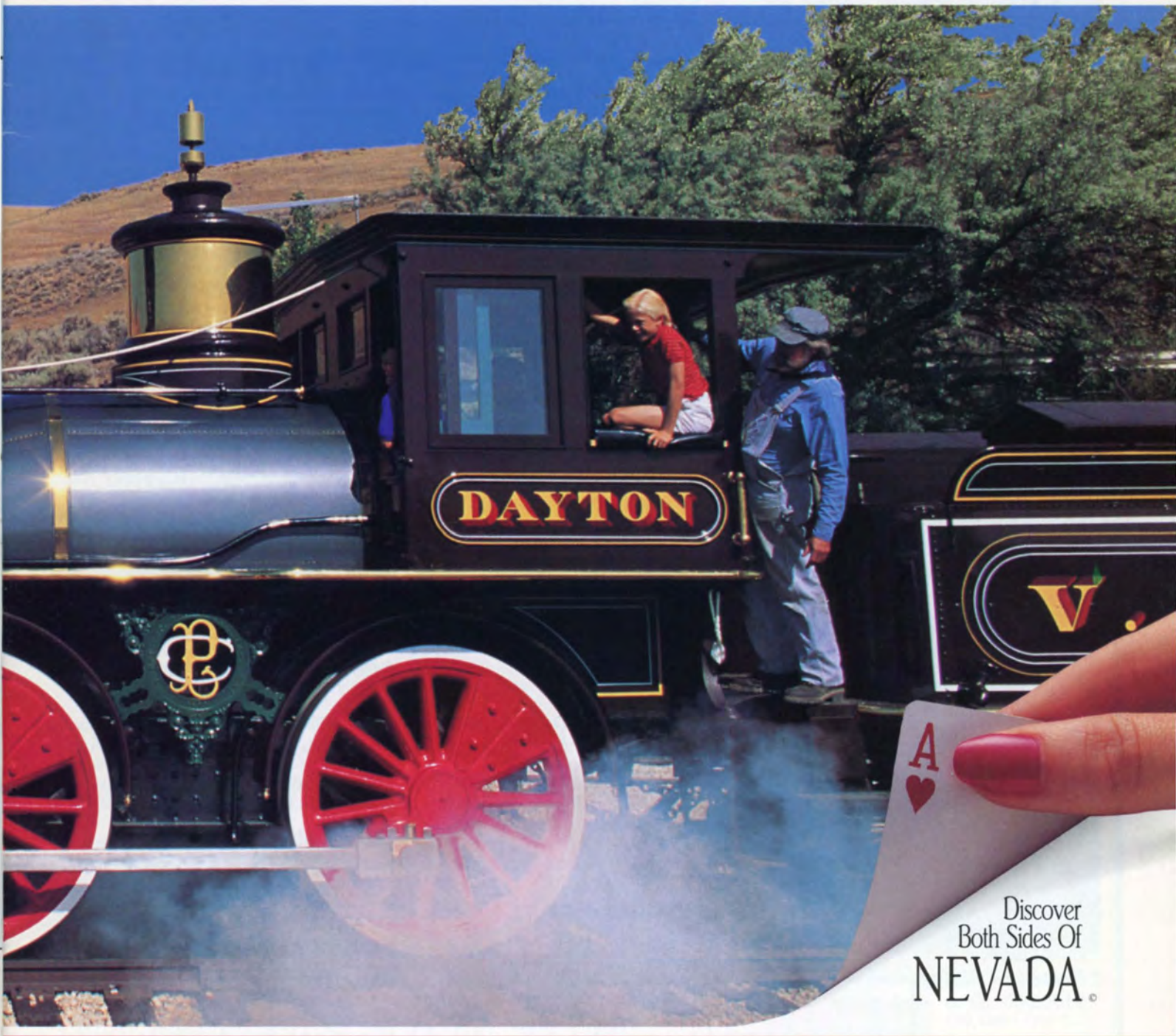
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Summertime

Summer is here, and that means Art Director Paul AlLée is calling for entries for our 16th annual photo contest. Remember, you want to dazzle the judges with photos that say "Nevada." See page 75 for rules and tips on this year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt.

Summer and exploration are themes that were on the minds of this issue's contributors. Connie Emerson, the author and eminent dining critic, takes us on "A Reno Walking Tour" that covers both hotel and off-beat attractions. Connie advises, "If you've walked only along Casino Row, you've seen a lot, but you've missed a lot, too."

Richard T. Stephens wears many hats around Beatty: high-school English and art teacher, photographer, writer, and *Pahrump Valley Times* correspondent. So he was wearing most of his hats when he reported on the "Sculptural Desert" of Rhyolite and Beatty.

Travel is second nature to Chuck Woodbury. "Betty's Mobile Beauty Salon" is one of the many intriguing tales Chuck has uncovered as editor and publisher of the excellent quarterly, *Out West*, "the newspaper that roams." Based in Grass Valley, California, Chuck is often on the road, touring the West in his trusty computer-equipped motorhome.

Harry Chalekian of Carson City roamed numerous back roads and library archives to bring us "Was the Garden of Eden Located in Nevada?" It's the story of a lively newspaper hoax that put Yerington on the map for the world's Egyptologists in 1924.

Lively is one way to describe Jim Andersen's reaction to rattlesnakes, as the intrepid Austin writer describes in "Snake Eyes." The outdoors also influences Mary Lee Fulkerson, the Reno artist and basketmaker who is the subject of Marge Knorr's profile.

Stephen Allen reviews Nevada's high standards of indoor recreation in "10 Biggest Hotels." He notes that Las Vegas soon will have the nine largest resort hotels in the world.

The thought of hot weather led *Nevada's* Ann Henderson and Carolyn Graham to "50 Cool Vacation Spots." William Carr's cover photo, of a seasonal waterfall at Lost Creek Canyon near Las Vegas, captures the cool summer spirit.—*David Moore*

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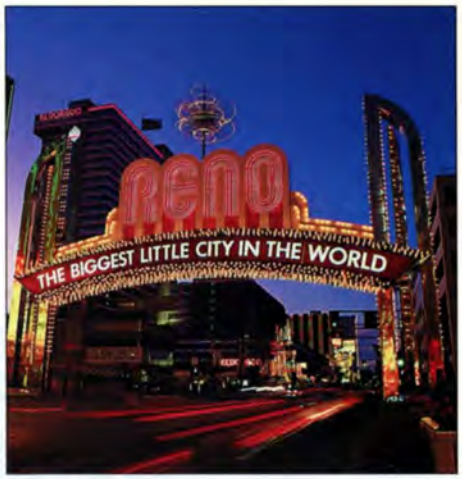
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LETTERS

Big names and small towns.

Big Names

We are happy to be able to identify the March photo in *Nevada Magazine's* 1993 historical calendar. The model is Barbara Jean Clark (née Nelson), who lived in Boulder City at the time. The photograph was taken circa 1950 and the photographer was Mark Swain, now of Las Vegas.



Barbara Jean Clark poses near Atlatl Rock in Valley of Fire State Park.

As a repository of historic pictures ourselves, we know the importance of being able to identify people, places, and events.

Patricia Lappin, Curator
Boulder City/
Hoover Dam Museum

Nevada's Great Small Towns

As a native and 40-year resident of the Silver State, I am a strong supporter of both my home town and my home state.

Because of such feelings, I have always supported any and all efforts to promote Nevada, including *Nevada Magazine*. However, the May/June issue contained an article that disturbed me greatly.

An article by Carole Popoff names "10 Great Small Towns" which, after Elko, "The Best Small Town in America," are "Nevada's other small towns (which) have bragging rights, too."

The story honors Boulder City, Ely, Lovelock, Gardnerville, Mesquite, Eureka and Goldfield, Pahrump, Spring Creek, Wendover, and Yerington.

Assuming that Las Vegas, Reno, and Carson City are our state's big towns or cities, this listing is an insult and a slap in the face to the residents of and towns of Alamo, Austin, Babbitt, Baker, Battle Mountain, Beatty, Beowawe, Blue Diamond, Bunkerville, Caliente, Carlin, Crescent Valley, Crystal Bay, Dayton, Deeth, Denio, Duckwater, Dyer, East Ely, Empire, Fallon, Fernley, Gabbs, Genoa, Gerlach, Glenbrook, Golconda, Halleck, Hawthorne, Henderson, Hazen, Hiko, Imlay, Incline Village, Indian Springs, Jackpot, Jarbidge, Jean, Lamoille, Lathrop Wells, Laughlin, Lee, Logandale, Lund, Luning, Manhattan, McDermitt, McGill, Mercury, Mina, Minden, Moapa, Montello, Mountain City, Nixon, North Las Vegas, Orovada, Overton, Owyhee, Panaca, Paradise Valley, Pioche, Pittman, Round Mountain, Ruby Valley, Ruth, Schurz, Searchlight, Silver City, Silver Peak, Silver Springs, Smith, Sparks, Stateline, Steamboat, Stewart, Sun Valley, Tonopah, Tuscarora, Valmy, Verdi, Virginia City, Wadsworth, Weed Heights, Wellington, Wells, Winnemucca, and Zephyr Cove.

I believe there should be an apology to the above-mentioned towns and their residents.

William G. Roberts
Tonopah

William, thanks for your comments. The story was meant to point out, in a friendly way, the unique statistics that some towns could brag about. Obviously, we too feel that all Nevada towns are the greatest.—Ed.

Old-Time Lament

The March/April issue is lousy. It's all pictures and casino advertising. No stories about the ranchers or old country roads to nowhere, nor stories that talk of old-timers and some of their experiences and struggles.

G.R. Questa
Atlanta, GA

Casino Bird Watching

I just finished reading the fine article by Deke Castleman on "10 Great Casino Themes" in the Jan/Feb '93 issue.

Respectfully, may I suggest an additional theme—birds. Names would include the Flamingo, Thunderbird, and Silverbird (now closed).

I have an on-and-off hobby of collecting casino chips and tokens, which has driven me to some historical background on Nevada.

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STARGAZING

Starry Nights



Dawn Biggs (left) and Kimberly Carhart inspect a meteorite.

RENO—Gazing into the distance on a clear summer night, you can see a million stars. Gaze into Fleischmann Planetarium's telescope, and you can get a closer look at stars like the Ring Nebula. You can also get a glimpse of the Perseid meteor show, which peaks on August 12. Telescope viewing is free every Friday evening after dark (weather permitting) from about 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Inside the planetarium, the *Orion Rendezvous* star show hurtles viewers on a trip down a worm hole. For stars of a different sort, the Laser Vision show offers rock 'n' roll, country, and modern music set to synchronized lasers. For more galactic oddities, check out the planetarium's space museum and gift shop. The Fleischmann Planetarium is located on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Call 702-784-4812.—*D.M.*

CASINOS



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DEALS

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The 32-page booklet recently gained notoriety when comedian Jay Leno joked about it on *The Tonight Show*. He poked fun at a coupon from Sturgeon's in Lovelock which offers a free glass of ice water to restaurant customers (the casino also offers coupons for motel room discounts).

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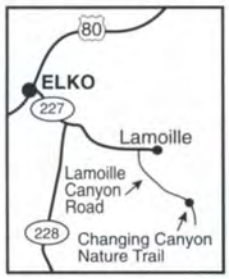
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SIDE TRIP

Lamoille Views

ELKO—The Changing Canyon Trail in Lamoille Canyon is an easy half-mile stroll offering striking views of the Ruby Mountains.

At the trail head, hikers can pick up a U.S. Forest Service brochure that points out geological formations and wildlife along the trail. Hikers learn how Lamoille Canyon began as sediment from an ancient ocean about 400 million years ago and how a huge glacier carved nearby granite outcroppings.



Hikers can usually spot hawks, bluebirds, scrub jays, deer, and abandoned beaver dams. Benches along the way offer resting spots.

The trail is open from about June till whenever winter sets in (usually mid-November). A hat and bright clothing are recommended during hunting season.

The Changing Canyon Trail is about eight miles up Lamoille Canyon Road near Terraces Picnic Area, about 25 miles southeast of Elko. For more information, call the Ruby Mountain Ranger District Office of the U.S. Forest Service in Wells at 702-752-3357.—*K.B.*



A Changing Canyon hiker enjoys views of Right Fork Canyon and Mount Gilbert.

Photo: Kate Butler

CYCLING

Pedaling the Truckee

RENO—Cyclists seeking a cool river ride can head for the 12-mile Truckee River bicycle path that traverses Reno and Sparks. Most of the route is an out-of-traffic path that begins in the Mayberry area in west Reno and ends at Vista Boulevard in east Sparks. You can pack a lunch and picnic in one of several riverside parks along the way. A tip: Because this is a popular route, be sure to watch for walkers and joggers along the path. You can join the path at any point along the river—just look for the bike route signs. For a Reno-area bike trail map, send $1 to the City of Reno, Community Development Dept., Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505.—*D.M.*





Snake Eyes

One person's admirable reptile is another's panic attack.

By Jim Andersen

Whenever I'm out walking in the desert and I see something slithering, I try not to panic. I tell myself that snakes are beneficial to mankind. If they weren't, *National Geographic* and Walt Disney wouldn't say they were.

I've never liked snakes. They slither noiselessly, and there's too much scenery in Nevada to keep your eyes always on the ground. Still, you don't want to step on a rattlesnake just to get a better view of Wheeler Peak.

I'm assuming, here, that you're a "normal" person who separates snakes into dangerous and nondangerous categories. I'm not normal in that regard. All snakes pose a threat to me, in that I'm liable to kill myself getting away from any of them. To me, a gopher snake and a diamondback rattler are the same thing.

Part of it's just my nerves, but I've noticed over the years that even people who profess to love snakes suck in their breath and hop sideways when one surprises them, and they always offer the same explanation: "Startled me! If I'd known it was there, it wouldn't have bothered me at all."

Well, it would have bothered me whether I'd known the snake was there or not. But it seems to me that real snake lovers wouldn't be startled. Seems that they'd squeal with delight and get all starry-eyed instead of hopping sideways and yelling KEE-RIST! The only way you can tell us apart is that they immediately regain composure while I'm the receding speck in the dust cloud five miles away.

When I first moved to Nevada in 1974, I decided to keep a record of every snake I came upon and then, by using what you might call expanded logic, to avoid that particular area. I was afraid that in a couple of months I'd work my way right down into Arizona, but it didn't happen. For one thing, I love the country more than I fear the snakes. In fact, the first two years I was here I didn't see any at all. And the number of rattlers I've encountered over the past 18 years? Well, let's see now, according to my records, umm—yeah, that's it.

One.

We were at the foot of the Clan Alpine Range near Cold Springs, walking along the side of a draw. I heard a rapid clicking that I first thought was one of those raspy grasshoppers flying around, but the sound didn't move. It was just there, like a drum roll, and it sounded a little irritated. When I spotted the rattler, coiled like a turban beneath a sage three feet in front of my right foot, there was no doubt in my mind that he wasn't beneficial to mankind. In a flash I was watching that snake from a nearby hill.

So you could say I see an average of 1/18th of one snake every year, about 1/18th of which have rattles, and considering all the time I spend outdoors, that isn't too bad. Some people see more snakes than that in saloons.

The reason I'm relatively snake-free is that I've developed a few guidelines over the years that ensure I stay that way.

• Don't look for 'em. The mind is a wonderful thing and can be programmed for ignorance. In a little while you'll actually forget there is such a thing as a snake. (Be aware that every once in

Illustration: John Bardwell

a while this policy will result in a bone-jarring discovery.)

• Never go into deserts, mountains, forests, meadows, fields, caves, old houses, ruins, construction sites, golf courses, empty lots, or dry lake beds. Period.

• Always travel with a large pack of dogs.

Now, you can break any or all of these guidelines and there will still be only three situations in which you'll ever see a snake. Preparedness is the stuffing of greatness, so I've worked out the solutions for all three:

• You're driving along and a snake goes slithering across the road immediately in front of your car: Whatever you do, don't run over it. If you run over it, the tire will throw the snake up into the undercarriage, and it will eventually wind its way through a crack in the floor, where it will come into the passenger compartment and crawl up your pant leg. You have never, even in your wildest nightmares, imagined anything like the wreck that is about to happen.

• You're walking along and a snake goes slithering across the path immediately in front of you: Whatever you do, don't remain calm. The more panic you can muster the better, and if you do it right, you can be in Timbuktu while he's still in mid-slither.

• You're fast asleep under the stars when you awake to find a snake coiled on your chest: If you're in a mummy bag, you're in luck, because they're repulsed by massive heart failure. If you're not, panic. Even if it bites, it won't be able to hang on very long in an 80-mph breeze. (The so-called experts will tell you to stay calm and let the snake slither away by itself. Sure.)

Once in a blue moon, though, none of those rules will work, and it's just you and the snake. When it happened to me that one time near Cold Springs, I almost moved back to Oregon. But I just can't stand those slugs they've got crawling around up there.

Jim Andersen of Austin says he got nervous just writing this story.

And What If....

If you ever do encounter a rattlesnake—an extremely rare occurrence in Nevada—freezing or moving away slowly will usually put some distance between you and the snake.

In case of a rattlesnake bite, the guidelines set by well-known Gardnerville snake expert Dave Doty offer practical advice:

Be calm, because shock can be as bad as the venom. If you are sure the snake is a rattler or other poisonous type (you'll need to identify the snake for the doctor) and puncture wounds are present, keep the bite below the level of the heart. Place a constricting band (snug but not tight) between the wound and the heart. Then get to a doctor right away.

For more information see Dave Doty's tips in "Snakes Alive!" in *Nevada's* May/June '83 issue. Also, you can send for his detailed instructions on treating bites, avoiding snakes, and what to do in extreme circumstances. Include $1 (to cover printing and postage) and write to Doty at HISSSSCO, 1016 Tumbleweed Court, Gardnerville, NV 89410.

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A Reno Walking Tour

Inquiring explorers will find more than slots and glitter in downtown Reno.

By Connie Emerson

Reno is a wonderful town for walkers, and the downtown area offers special surprises. Strollers in the Biggest Little City's casino center will find attractions tucked between the clubs and unexpected sights inside them.

You can explore downtown in one long walk, but it's more fun if you break it into two or three tours. Take the time to meander. Savor the places that catch your fancy; hurry by those that don't.

Tour 1: The P.O. to the Arch

A good starting point is the **Downtown Post Office** at the corner of South Virginia and Mill. In the lobby you can inspect the imposing art-deco, cast-aluminum panels that decorate walls, counters, and doorways. The building opened in 1934, and it is odd to see the decorative swastika borders on the tables and stylized eagles reminiscent of the Third Reich. In fact, they were common art-deco motifs, the swastika being a prehistoric symbol of good health and harmony, although the mood they produce today is rather eerie.

The post office was designed by noted Reno architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps (1882-1969). DeLongchamps also designed two other landmarks you'll see near that corner—the **Washoe County Courthouse** and the **Riverside Hotel**, now closed but once the city's leading hotel.

Walking north toward the neon you'll see the Mapes Hotel on the other side of the **Truckee River**. Stop for a minute on the bridge, which wags called the Bridge of Sighs when Reno was known as a divorce capital in the 1930s and '40s. After receiving their decrees from the Washoe County Courthouse, it is said, the newly divorced would pause at the bridge to throw their wedding rings into the river.

The art-deco **Mapes Hotel** has been closed since 1982. A sign affixed to the elegant building advertises the "World Famous Sky Room," where such stars as Sammy Davis Jr., Mae West, Milton Berle, and Judy Garland appeared in the hotel's glory days. Look 11 stories up, and you can see the Sky Room's picture windows on the top floor.

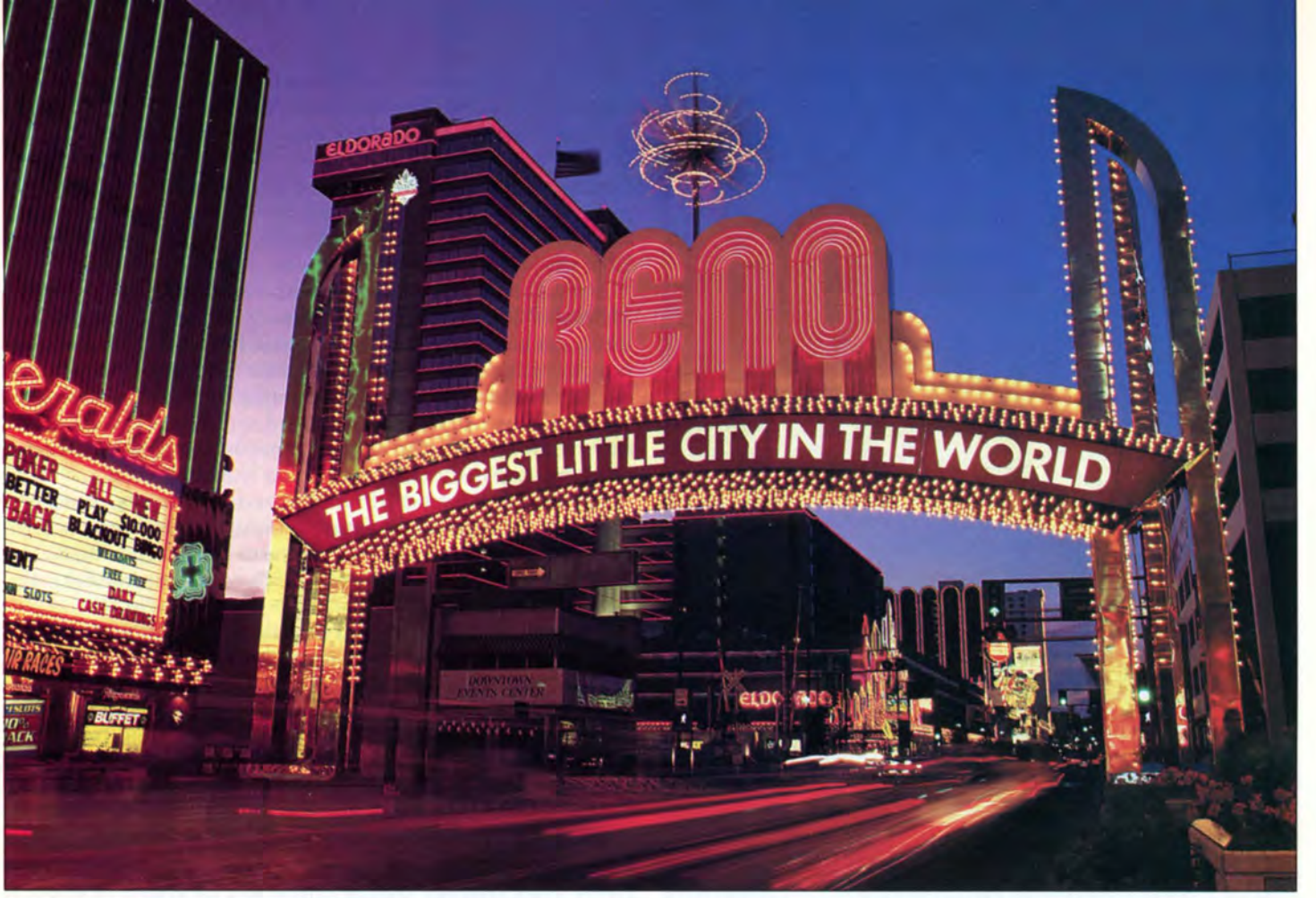
After the main office of First Interstate Bank, you'll pass the **Virginian** and then the **Club Cal-Neva**, known for its 99-cent breakfasts. When you step inside the Cal-Neva, you'll see a





The Downtown Post Office (left) played a police station in the movie "Sister Act." Beyond the River Walk is the Mapes (right).

Photos: Gary Elam (left), William Carr/Stock Ex (right)



The Reno Arch is downtown's third arch since 1926. A contest produced the slogan "The Biggest Little City in the World" in 1929.

cast of characters that Damon Runyon would have loved—Sly Stallone and Buffalo Bill wannabes, tattooed ladies, and octogenarians in stretch pants wearing white gloves to keep their hands clean while they play the slots. The club's interior balcony is a good people-watching spot.

Harrah's is the next stop. Outside on Virginia Street you can see the historic facade of the old First Interstate Bank. On the second floor you'll find one of the town's most pleasant gambling spots on the Skyway, where the sun-splashed keno lounge and slot machines along the windows are great places to watch





Gabriela Urbina (left) presents an old-fashioned milkshake at the Nevada Club while slot experts play on Harrah's Skyway.

Photos: William Carr/Stock Ex (top), Gary Elam (bottom left and right)



A walking tour of downtown Reno can take one to four hours, depending on your chosen route and distractions.

Strategic Strolls

You can tour downtown Reno by foot throughout the year, but a sunny day in spring, summer, or fall is a perfect time for a casino crawl. Good walking shoes are always recommended, as are a hat and sunscreen. You'll find parking on side streets and in several parking garages. Most hotels have downtown shuttles.



The Truckee River bridge is on the site of Lake's Crossing, Reno's first settlement.

In summer, the best walking times are morning, late afternoon, and evening. Even at midday, though, when temperatures climb into the 90s, air-conditioning helps beat the heat.

the passing parade on Center Street below.

Next door at the **Nevada Club**, you'll step back half a century when you get off the escalator on the second floor. At the Bomber Bar, the bartender wears a World War II uniform, and photos of Jimmy Doolittle line the wall. In Kilroy's Diner, waitresses in black-and-whites serve Rosie's Riveting Waffles and Blondie's Dagwood Sandwiches while tunes from the '40s, '50s, and '60s play on the jukebox.

From Kilroy's you can walk directly into the second floor of **Harolds Club**. Head toward the mezzanine for Harolds' collection of antique guns and firearms. Be sure to check out the music machines like the 1912 Coinola Orchestron, which mechanically plays the piano, tambourine, snare and bass drums, timpani, flute, pipes, triangle, and wood blocks—all at the same time. There's also a display on Chinese miners, railroad workers, and merchants in Nevada and California.

The **Reno Arch** has been immortalized on ashtrays, postcards, T-shirts, stationery, and satin pillows. This downtown symbol is actually the third in a succession of arches that have spanned Virginia Street since 1926. The current arch was erected in 1987.

The arch is a good point to catch your breath. You can proceed north to uncharted territory (Tour 2) or return to the river by walking south on the other side of Virginia Street (see Tour 3). Either way, you can dash across the street and pick up some brochures and bus-tour information at the **Downtown Events Center**.

Tour 2: Shopping Block and Big Top

The northern leg of the tour begins on the east side of the Reno Arch at the parking garage. The first floor is occupied by the **Reno Souvenir Station**, which has an extensive stock of T-shirts and sweats.

Moving northward, you'll come to three pawn shops. Biggest is the **Palace**, which advertises $5 million in inventory. One of the most fascinating spots in Reno, it's a brightly lit place with case after case of flashy diamond rings, watches, and cameras. Guitars and other instruments line the walls.



Katherine Easley scoured souvenir shops for fine fashions.

Map: Joanna Vernarecci Photos: Athalia Toivonen (bottom left), Gary Elam (bottom right)

When you pass the **St. Francis Hotel**, don't miss the eclectic array of items on the front window shelf: old beer and soft-drink cans, an alarm clock, ancient razors, and a couple of whatizits.

Next stop is **Wade's Silver Shop**, which has a variety of turquoise and silver jewelry and a bronze sculpture by Frank Polk, famous for his cowboy slot machines. Nearby, **Ethel M Candies** will tempt chocoholics with such treats as mocha truffles and liqueur-centered chocolates.

A short detour leads to **Legends Sports Cards and Coins** at 16 East Fourth Street. In 1992 owner Steve Lee opened the store, which features baseball and football cards dating back to the 1880s, when they were put out by candy and tobacco companies.

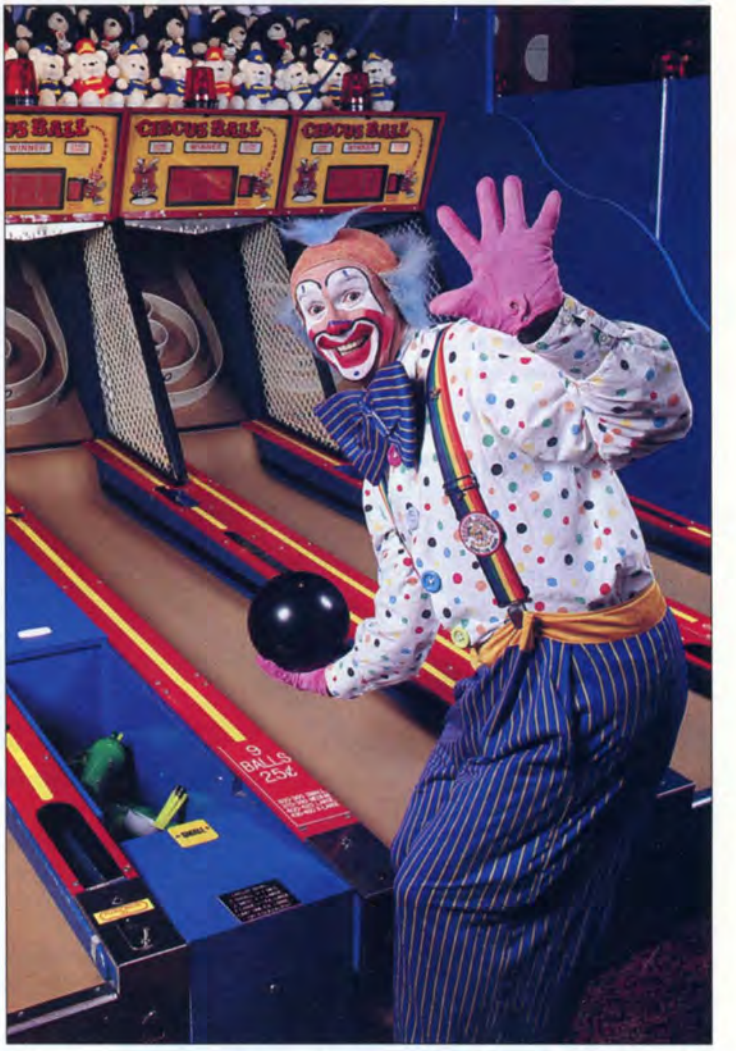
Back on Virginia Street, you'll pass the Golden Arches and three souvenir stores. If you're heavily into Nevada kitsch, pop inside and browse. You'll find such irresistibles as fighting bighorn sheep on black satin jackets and gold lucite clocks with dice marking the hours.

Across the street is **Circus Circus**, where aerialists, unicycle riders, and other big-top entertainers perform in the circus ring on the mezzanine every half hour from 11:15 a.m. to just after midnight. On the midway, a great challenge will be found at the camel races, in which players furiously throw balls into holes with various values to advance their camels.

Just south of Circus Circus, where the food market stands now, is the future site of **Project C**. The proposed 2,000-room resort will be a joint venture of Circus Circus and the Eldorado Hotel (see page 17).

Next stop is the **Eldorado Hotel**. One of the city's largest casinos, it has some intriguing spots of interest. The Stadium Bar is a nice retreat with a windowed cooler showing imported beers. On the wall are a few pieces of memorabilia such as the Los Angeles Raiders jersey of Frank Hawkins, now a Las Vegas city councilman. A handsome art-glass skylight can be seen on the mezzanine.

Back at the Reno Arch, you can stop at the Downtown Events Center again. The air-conditioning is inviting on a hot day.



Kids of all ages can clown around on the midway at Circus Circus, where acrobats and other acts entertain gamblers.





The Eldorado is always a bright spot. Mush Parker (right) and his brother Harry own Parker's, the venerable Western store.

Photos: Circus Circus (top right), Larry Prosor (bottom left), Gary Elam (bottom right)

Tour 3: The Fitz to the River Walk



A 1936 Hudson sedan draws admiring glances at the National Automobile Museum.

At **Fitzgeralds**, look for the escalator on the far side of the casino. On the far side of the second floor, you can enter the Lucky Forest, a brief maze with a wishing well and lucky charms like a two-tailed lizard. The framed "Good and Bad Luck" list advises that it's bad luck to play cards with a dog sleeping under the table, but it's good luck to wear a hat while gambling. Lucky's Corner Bar is a pleasant spot offering Bass, Watney's, and other imports.

Outside, you can proceed south on Virginia to visit the **Arch No. 2** newsstand, the **Nugget**, and the **Horseshoe Club**, which has a country bar and eatery upstairs. At Second Street you can turn right, stop for ice cream at the Häagen Dazs parlor, and continue to the **Flamingo Hilton**. The Flamingo has a spacious video arcade and skyway over Sierra Street. Fond of red peppers? The gift shop has scarves and mugs with a red pepper motif.

Second Street has a cluster of ethnic eateries. There's Italian fare at **Rivoli's**, and the **Bamboo Garden** specializes in Thai and Chinese food. Across West Street from the Comstock Hotel is another Italian restaurant, **La Vecchia Varese**.

Kitty-corner from the **El Cortez Hotel** stands the twin-towered **St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral**. Heading back to Virginia Street, stop at the **Comstock Hotel** to see its facades of frontier buildings ringing the casino floor. High above the tables, life-size mechanical figures burst into dance-hall routines from time to time.

Turn right on Sierra Street to find a symbol of Old Reno, **Parker's Western Wear**. Parker's moved from its original 1919 location at Center and Second streets (where part of Harrah's is now) in 1970. The spacious store has wooden floors, old-style show cases, a big selection of clothing, and a cadre of long-time employees. Next door to Parker's is the **Parking Gallery**, a new parking garage with shops on the first floor. A classic car from the **National Automobile Museum** is displayed





At the Magic Shop, Flutter-by the Clown and Ed Jordan (right) entertain customers. The St. Francis Hotel displays curios (above).

Photos: Lonnie Peck/Reno News Bureau (top), Deborah Mawhar (bottom left), Gary Elam (bottom right)

near the elevator on each floor of the garage.

Across the street at the **Riverboat**, the benches in the casino's courtyard are a pleasant place to rest weary feet. Just south is the **Town Center Mall**, which has two stories of gift shops and galleries in the old J.C. Penney building. A brisk walk will soon put you back on Virginia Street, where the **F.W. Woolworth** store is another good place for trinkets or a root-beer float.

Just south, across from the Mapes, is a collection of intriguing shops. The **Gambler's Bookstore**, which has 1,500 books on gaming subjects. In a large room behind the bookstore, the Academy of Casino Careers offers lessons in craps, poker, and blackjack. The lessons cost $8 to $10 per hour, depending on the size of your group.

The **River Gallery** has contemporary works, from ceramics and abstract paintings to papier-mache Etruscan hounds. Co-owner Kathy Thomas says, "We wanted to open a Carmel-type store that would be different," and that it is. Next door is **Capricorn Leather**, which carries leather goods.

There's nothing tricky about meeting the folks at the **Magic Shop**. Ed (he's the one in the green derby), Terry (the one who pulls his tooth out), and Flutter-by the Clown (the one with the makeup) will pluck nickels out of your ears, stick long needles through balloons, and deliver a delightful line of patter while they show you how to be a magician. They offer tricks, puppets, juggling equipment, theatrical makeup, and clown supplies. Kids will enjoy the shop, too.

Outside again, you're back at the river and a stone's throw from the starting point, the Downtown Post Office. (Note: A detour two blocks east on Mill Street will take you to the **National Automobile Museum** and its classic and antique cars.)

Across the bridge from the Magic Shop begins the **Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk**. A rather stark promenade with angular structures in trendy mauve, the River Walk offers a view of the marvelous *trompe l'oeil* street scene painted on buildings on the river's north bank. Translated literally as "trick the eye," *trompe l'oeil* is a technique whereby flat surfaces are painted to appear three-dimensional.

Follow the river for another block to the bandshell at **Wingfield Park**, where the city band presents concerts at noon on weekdays in summer.

Wingfield Park leads to even more walking tours. You can stroll west along the Truckee a few blocks to Idlewild Park, and the historic homes of Newlands Heights are up the hill to the south.

However, if you're like most downtown walkers, you'll probably head back to the clubs in search of refreshment and a well-deserved foot massage.

Connie Emerson, a member of the Society of American Travel Writers, lives in Reno and often takes walks in her favorite sections of town.



This trompe l'oeil ("trick the eye") overlooks the Truckee.

Photo: Jinny Anderson



Downtown explorers of the future will find Project C (center) and the National Bowling Stadium (left).

Future Walk

A few years from now, a tour of downtown Reno could include excursions to a 16th-century Spanish seaport and the world's most high-tech bowling center.

Starting your walk at the north end of downtown, you will encounter a 2,000-room hotel and seaport theme park wedged between the Circus Circus and Eldorado hotels. Inside its massive golden dome you'll find a 160-foot castle, laser shows, and amusement rides. Circus Circus and the Eldorado are jointly developing the $210-million Project C. The family-oriented resort, which doesn't yet have a name, is scheduled to be completed by April 1995.

Across the street, on the corner of Virginia and Fourth, you could stroll into the Reno Special Events Plaza to catch an outdoor jazz concert or Shakespearean play. Walking a block east, you might visit the National Bowling Stadium, a state-of-the-art tenpin temple now under construction. The $35-million project, which will have 80 lanes, is to open in early 1995.

From the Reno Arch you could casually stroll three blocks south to enjoy dinner at an outdoor cafe overlooking the Truckee River Walk. After a good time on the town you might call it a night, retiring to your room at Harrah's newest tower or the renovated Mapes or Riverside. —*Richard Moreno*



Venus of Nevada

Hugo Heyrman describes his "Lady Desert," a modern Rhyolite landmark, as "the darling of digital space, a 3-D model of reality."

Sculptural Desert

Artists are carving out their place in Beatty and Rhyolite.

Story and Photos by Richard T. Stephens

Visitors to Rhyolite who expect to see only the crumbling ruins of the City of Golden Dreams should be prepared for a culture shock. There in the shadow of Bonanza Mountain, where old-time miners in the Bullfrog District chased elusive traces of gold, stands the symbol of a new group of dreamers.

The pink, yellow, and red sculpture stands 25 feet tall against the brown desert hills on the edge of Death Valley. Titled "Lady Desert," it is a huge cinderblock cubistic nude.

The artists who created "Lady Desert" and other unusual pieces have inspired a mini-renaissance of the art of sculpture in the Beatty area. Rhyolite, four miles west of Beatty, has become the unlikely home of an open-air, avant-garde sculpture garden. Beatty itself has a small colony of artists who carve their works from local stone.

The first step in this development took place in 1984, when Belgian sculptor Albert Szukalski decided to produce his ghostly interpretation of the Last Supper in the Death Valley area. Unveiled in the parking lot of the Rhyolite Depot, where it was created, the sculpture included a neon tube to represent the table around which Christ and his apostles were gathered. Inspired by Leonardo



Desert Spirits

Sculptor Albert Szukalski found the desert near Death Valley a fitting site for his evocative "Last Supper."

da Vinci's famous painting, Szukalski preserved da Vinci's grouping of the apostles into four clusters of three with Christ the lone figure in the middle.

Later Szukalski installed "The Last Supper" on Bonanza Mountain, but there it suffered from vandalism and the effects of high winds. Repaired, and minus the neon, the piece now stands as the centerpiece of a growing outdoor sculpture garden at the private Gold Well Museum, located near the entrance to Rhyolite.

Szukalski originally was attracted to Rhyolite because of its proximity to Death Valley, which he believed would be a symbolic setting for "The Last Supper." He points out, "Perhaps thousands had their last meal here before embarking across that forbidding desert. For many, it probably was literally their last meal. How many gamblers are looking for their last chance in the nearby casinos of Las Vegas? How many prospectors had their last chance in played-out gold mines of the area?"

Well-known in the Belgian art world, Szukalski refers to his sculptured figures as "ghosts." He creates the figures by draping a model (who is first wrapped in protective plastic) with muslin soaked in plaster. The artist then takes the resulting rigid "shroud" and coats it with fiberglass. The models for all the Rhyolite sculptures were residents of Rhyolite or Beatty.

Other Szukalski creations at the museum include a "ghost" walking a rusted bicycle, a series of "totem pole" sculptural collages, and a free-form construction of chromed auto parts titled "Desert Flower." The artist adds new pieces of chrome to "Desert Flower" as he finds them. "It is, after all, a flower," he says. "It grows!"

Szukalski invited two other Belgian artists to install works at Rhyolite last summer. Like their colleague, the two sculptors find inspiration in the desert and in Nevada's mining and gambling cultures.

Andre Peeters, who is represented by galleries in Brussels and Antwerp, often tries to fit his work to the environment. He says his "Icara," a female representation of Icarus, the mythological character who flew too close to the sun, embodies much of his emotional and intellectual response to Nevada. Like many Europeans, Peeters is drawn to the vastness of the desert, and those feelings helped inspire Icara's wide-spread arms. He is also fascinated with the behavior of gamblers, particularly slot players. Peeters says it is in keeping with the gambler's mind-set that Icara's wood-and-metal figure, perched high on a pole, faces a working gold mine with hands outstretched as if saying, "Come on—gimme!"



Open Arms

Andre Peeters' "Icara" soars above the desert.

"Lady Desert," the cubistic nude, is the creation of Hugo Heyrman, a professor at the High Institute of the Royal Academy of Art in Antwerp. Heyrman subtitled the work "The Venus of Nevada" and calls it an "homage to all women." Unlike Peeters, Heyrman says, "I don't really want to fit in the environment. I want it to fit only in its monumentality."

The figure's Lego-like look reflects the method of its design. The artist fed human proportions into a computer to generate the form mathematically. Referring to the "central place the female figure has



Carved in Stone

With top hat in place, self-taught sculptor Whitey Taylor works on a fountain.



Medieval Models

Johnny and Deloris Fullenwider create model castles of stone and stained glass.

always held in art," Heyrman says, "I wanted to add something to all the existing ways in which she has been represented."

The artists are seeking new local venues to show their work. Szukalski says he is looking for locations in Beatty to place sculptures. He also wants to attract other artists to the open-air museum in Rhyolite, and he hopes many will be Americans.

So far, the only American to contribute to the sculpture garden is Dave Spicer, Beatty resident and operator of Neanderthal Stone. A neophyte sculptor, Spicer calls his creation "Chained to the Earth." He says it fits in with the "radical, confrontational" character of the other works. "Chained to the Earth" is constructed of three pieces of stone loosely laced together with steel chain.



Spicer's stone-working enterprise is located just north of Beatty. Visitors drive past pieces of stone remnants that line the road to the Boiling Pot Ranch, home of Neanderthal Stone.

Two other self-taught artists, both with distinctive styles, are based at the ranch. Spicer's stepfather, George "Whitey" Taylor, has created a number of whimsical sculptures in and around the ranch house. Whitey's wife, Effie, describes the wooden ones in the house as "a miner, a cowboy, and a lady hiding behind the door who obviously never taught Sunday school." Effie is a well known figure herself as the Beatty weather reporter for KTNV-TV in Las Vegas.

Whitey, whose black eye patch and crumpled top hat give him the appearance of a character out of Dickens, works stone from the firm's quarry for his outdoor pieces. His sculptures range from a gnomish fence-sitter everyone at the ranch calls "Marvin" to stone business logos and decorative headstones. His most ambitious work is an elaborate fountain with a Native American motif commissioned by Las Vegas contractor Jim Burchett. He created stone elephants for the tiger habitat at The Mirage in Las Vegas, and his monument to the Stealth fighter stands in front of the Tonopah firehouse.

The other Boiling Pot artist is Johnny Fullenwider, who fashions bits of stone into fanciful models of medieval castles. He and his wife Deloris, who creates the stained-glass windows for the castles, stopped at Neanderthal Stone a couple of years ago to ask if he could use some scrap rock. Spicer invited them to park their trailer and stay as long as they liked.

Although the Fullenwiders now live in Las Vegas, eight of Johnny's castles are on display at the Boiling Pot. Two are being shown in London, England. The asking price for the set of 10 castles is $3 million. The castle builder says he has received a six-figure commission to build a model of the Great Hall at Ellis Island. He says sales proceeds will go toward a farm for the homeless.

This flowering of the sculptor's art in Beatty and Rhyolite makes one think of the prospectors who came to carve their fortunes out of the hills around Death Valley, pounding rock, sculpting the desert, and building their own monuments. At the Rhyolite sculpture garden, Al Szukalski says, "I think it's great—the contrast between the old ruins and all this crazy new stuff." Maybe it isn't such a contrast after all. Just as the old-time prospectors chased their dreams of the good life, the artists are chasing theirs, too.

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50 Cool Vacation Spots

How to beat the heat this summer.

Staying cool in Nevada during the summer is easy, especially if you know where to take refuge when temperatures start to climb.

And it can get hot in Nevada. At midday Las Vegas is usually over 100 in the summer, and Reno is often over 90. Laughlin is sometimes the hottest spot in the nation.

Cool solutions range from reclining on Wheeler Peak's glacier to touring the concrete innards of Hoover Dam. Lakes and caves also are high on the low-temperature list.

Following are 50 great ways to get cool this summer. For out-of-state callers, the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. And don't forget the sunscreen and Panama hat.



Water lovers like Tony Kim (above) can play it cool at Wet 'n Wild in Las Vegas.

1 The rides will be cool under the dome when Circus Circus in Las Vegas opens Grand Slam Canyon in August. The pink, $75-million theme park is reflective from the outside and translucent from within, keeping temperatures mild inside year-round.

2 Rides on the Hydrotube water slides in North Las Vegas range from an easy glide to a more adventurous whip effect. The Hydrotube is located next to the Clark County Community College at 3200 Cheyenne and is open noon to 7 p.m. Cost is $5 per person, $2.50 after 4:30 p.m.; call 649-7737. Swimming ability is suggested.

3 You can trade your walking shoes for skates at the Santa Fe Hotel's ice arena in Las Vegas. The rink is about 65 degrees in the summer, and even if you don't want to skate, you can watch the action in refrigerated comfort from the snack bar. Hockey fans can catch late-night league games. The arena is open 24 hours; call 658-4991 for public skating times. Admission is $4.25 for skaters over 12, $3.75 for under 12, and skate rental is $1.75.

4 Thrill seekers at Wet 'n Wild will find two new rides this summer: the Banzai Banzai, a roller-coaster trip down a 150-foot-long slide, and the Bomb Bay, a near-vertical slide. Located on the Strip next to the Sahara Hotel, Wet 'n Wild is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $17.95 for ages 10 and over, $13.95 ages three to nine, and free under three.

5 Cool off with a homemade brew from Las Vegas' only beer-producing cow—the Holy Cow! Casino, Cafe, and Brewery. Located on the Strip at Sahara Avenue.

6 You can take a dip in the Tropicana's 295-foot-long pool without missing the gaming action, thanks to the Strip hotel's swim-up blackjack tables. There's no need to waterproof your dollar bills

Photo: Kate Butler





Divers can explore the depths of Lake Mead's scuba park. Hot-air balloon rides over the Carson Valley are uplifting in the summer.

before diving in—the pool's tables are equipped with cash dryers.

7 Even if you're not a shopper, malls are a good place to find an air-conditioned bench and catch some mist from the fountains. The fountains are especially spectacular at the Forum Shops at Caesars. Die-hard shoppers, however, can find further action at Las Vegas malls like the Fashion Show, The Boulevard, The Meadows, and Las Vegas Factory Stores.

8 "Splash," the Riviera's long-running production show, is a cooling experience on the Strip. Mermaids, divers, and underwater dancers frolic in the show's 20,000-gallon tank, complete with fountains and water jets. Call 794-9301 for reservations.

9 Visitors can see the inner workings of Hoover Dam during a 35-minute guided tour. Inside, the dam stays between 72 to 78 degrees, so the tour is a respite from the summer heat. Admission is $2 per person, $1 for those over 65. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Call 293-8367.

10 Suntanning and swimming make Boulder Beach a popular spot on Lake Mead. Summer water temperatures are about 80 degrees at Boulder Beach, which is 30 miles east of Las Vegas. Entrance to the beach is free; campsites are $6 per night.

11 You'll find good views of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam aboard the *Desert Princess*. The paddlewheeler departs from Lake Mead Marina, 30 miles from Las Vegas and two miles from Boulder Beach. Prices range from $12.50 for a sightseeing cruise ($5 for children) to $32.50 for a dinner-dance cruise (children are not recommended). Call 293-6180.

12 Scuba divers at Lake Mead congregate at Boulder Beach near the Pyramid Island Causeway, where the National Park Service has buoyed off a designated underwater trail. Several outfitters offer classes and equipment; call the National Park Service at 293-8906 for a list.

13 When the desert heats up, cyclists head for the higher trails at Lee Canyon Recreation Area at Mount Charleston, which is about 20 degrees cooler than Las Vegas. The Bristlecone Trail is a popular 6.1-mile round-trip ride (rated as moderate). The trail is located at the end of State Route 156. Call the U.S. Forest Service's Las Vegas Ranger District at 873-8800. City Streets Bike Tour Company (596-BYKE) has a guided tour for $55 that includes transportation from the hotel, bike, and lunch.



The Santa Fe Hotel's ice skating rink is a good spot to chill out in Las Vegas.

14 Casino shuttles and cruise boats are popular retreats during Laughlin summers. The free shuttles offer quick trips between casinos and the Arizona shore, and cruise boats take passengers on longer rides up the Colorado. Vessels include the cruiser *U.S.S. Riverside* (298-2535) and the paddlewheelers *Fiesta Queen* and *Little Belle* (298-1047).

15 Summers can get buggy in Laughlin when the gnats are swarming. But Laughlin's *Weekender* newspaper editor Tina Luster says Avon's Skin So Soft lotion or bath oil repels the insects. She also recommends holding your hand above your head to draw the gnats away from your face, although you may attract some strange looks.

16 Red Rock Canyon hikers can briefly escape the sun's rays at Lost Creek Canyon, about midway on Red Rock's 13-mile scenic loop. After a rain, hikers might find a soothing waterfall. Nearby, Icebox Canyon also offers a shady sojourn.

17 On a hot day in Pahrump, wine fanciers are likely to repair to Pahrump Valley Vineyards. At the winery's mission-style complex, proprietors Jack Sanders and Peggy Shaner and their staff offer tours, wine, personalized labels, and fine dining. If you dine on the patio terrace, you'll be cooled by a technique that is popular in Vegas—misters

Photos: U.S Dept. of the Interior (top left), Jay Aldrich (top right), Santa Fe (bottom)

Great Basin National Park has a unique cool spot—the only glacier in Nevada. After a day's exploring, the glacier has the coolest seats in the park.

that send down a fine curtain of watery spray from the overhang, lowering the temperature by about 10 degrees.

18 History and the cool temperatures draw visitors to the mining town of Pioche, elevation 6,060 feet and located 175 miles north of Las Vegas. Pioche, which is 15 to 20 degrees cooler than Vegas, has the Lincoln County Museum, the Million Dollar Courthouse, a walking tour, and Boot Hill cemetery.

19 Lincoln County's four state parks are popular summer getaways for Las Vegans, especially weekend anglers. Cathedral Gorge, where geologic formations are the attractions, can get hot in summer, but the evening cools, and the park has showers. Beaver Dam is east of Caliente, 32 miles by dirt road. The fishing action is at Spring Valley and Echo Canyon, both east of Pioche. Daytime temps are usually under 90 at the two park reservoirs.

20 It's 50 degrees year-round inside Lehman Caves at Great Basin National Park, 68 miles east of Ely. In fact, rangers recommend bringing a jacket when you take the 90-minute, half-mile guided walk through the caves. Admission is $4 adults, $3 kids (under six are free), and $2 for seniors. Tours are limited in size and often sell out on holiday weekends.

21 Great Basin National Park has another unique cool spot—the only glacier in Nevada. The ice field sits below Wheeler Peak and can be reached by the Bristlecone Trail, which starts near Wheeler Peak Campground at 10,000 feet. After a warm day's exploring, the glacier has the coolest seats in the park.

22 The search for a tall cool one has led many astute travelers to the McGill Club, one of White Pine County's best known saloons. The club in downtown McGill, 12 miles north of Ely on U.S. 93, is open Monday through Sat-



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23 If you can't stand the heat, get in the oven. At least that's true with the Ward Charcoal Ovens, a state historic monument south of Ely. There are campsites but no water at Ward Ovens, which are 16 miles from Ely—five miles by U.S. 93 and 11 miles by dirt road. The six tall kilns were built in 1876 to make charcoal for the smelter at Ward, a nearby mining camp. Inside, the stone ovens are nice and cool in summer. Check for animals first.

24 At 6,200 feet in the Schell Creek Range 15 miles southeast of Ely, Cave Lake State Park has pleasant mountain temperatures in summer and state-record brown trout. Cave Lake has another attraction for dust season: brand-new showers in the main campground.

25 One of Elko's best known symbols is the big, white polar bear on the marquee of the Commercial Hotel. In an odd summer ritual, some overheated travelers stand facing the polar bear and dream of being on an iceberg.

26 You can kick back and soak up some impressive views in the Ruby Mountains, 30 miles south of Elko. The Ruby Crest Trail harbors several small lakes, including Lamoille Lake. Call the U.S. Forest Service at 738-5171 for hiking information.

27 The heat might get you in Battle Mountain, but the mosquitoes won't. The town keeps the mosquitoes at bay with a hefty abatement program. The community celebrates its mosquito-free zone during the Lander County Fair and Mosquito Festival, which this year will be on August 28-29. Stray



Blackjack players in Las Vegas can get in the swim at the Tropicana's pool tables.

mosquitoes are forewarned to steer clear.

28 Winnemucca locals often head to the high country to cool off. Martin Creek in Paradise Valley, 45 miles north of town, is a good spot for swimming, picnicking, and fishing in the summer. Waterskiers head to Rye Patch State Recreation Area, 50 miles west on Interstate 80.

29 Courthouse Park in the center of Lovelock provides a shady spot for picnicking and gazing upon the courthouse, completed in 1921 and today one of only two round courthouses still in use in the United States. The park's swimming pool is an inviting refuge as well.

30 When visiting Austin on Highway 50, you can cool off at the Toiyabe Drive-in with an old-fashioned milkshake. You'll find traditional flavors as well as rotating treats like wild cherry and piña colada. The strawberry-chocolate shake comes highly recommended.

31 If you like waterskiing, barbecues, and lots of beach people, check out Lahontan State Recreation Area on a holiday weekend. Located on U.S. 50 about 18 miles west of Fallon, Lahontan can be pleasantly uncrowded on weekdays. Good news on the water front: After several low-water years, the reservoir is beginning to look like its old self.

32 You can top off a day of fishing at Lahontan with a stop at Bob's Root Beer stand in Fallon, a classic drive-in oasis for weary Highway 50 travelers and root beer-float fanatics.

33 For a cool prehistoric experience, take a tour of Hidden Cave, an underground archaeological site east of Fallon. Tours are conducted on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month by BLM guides or volunteers. Tour takers gather beforehand at the Churchill County Museum in Fallon (423-3677). For details, see this issue's Nevada Events section. It's 60 to 70 degrees inside Hidden Cave.

34 In Yerington, stop by the Lyon County Courthouse (1912), with its high ceilings inside and shade trees outside. From the courthouse it's an easy stroll to the town's museum and visitor center.

35 Windsurfers are catching wind of the uncrowded waters of Walker Lake near Hawthorne. There are no fees for using the lake, and visitors can camp on Walker's west side for free.

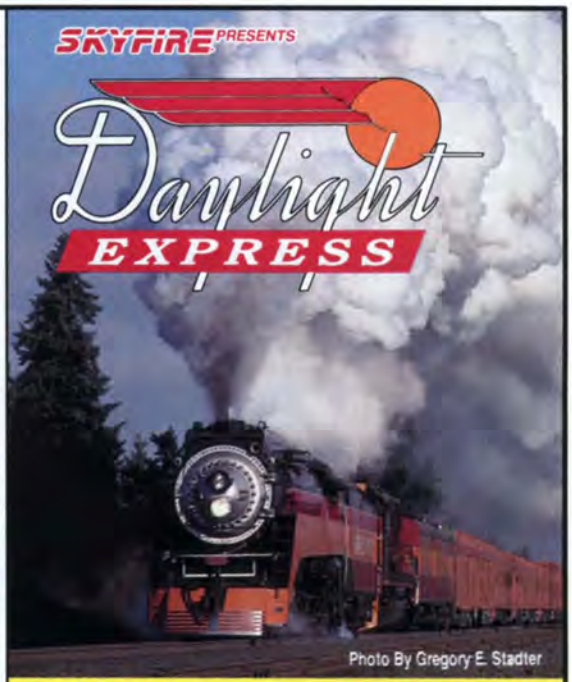
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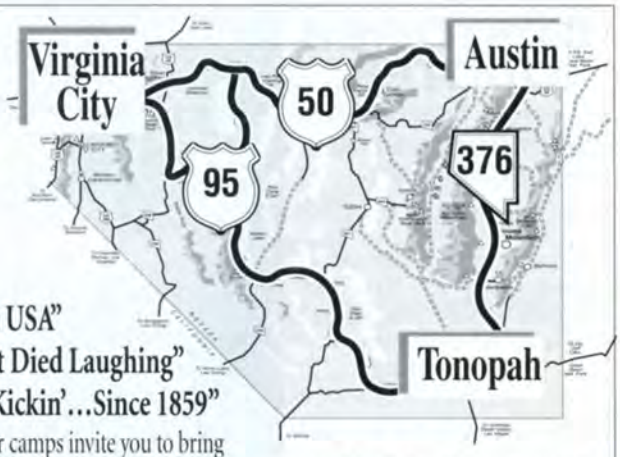
Plan to pack in your own sailboards since rentals are not available.

36 Tonopah has two popular spots for picnics and relaxing in the shade. Barsanti Park, three blocks west of the post office, is home of the city pool, which is open from noon to 7 p.m. On Tonopah Avenue is Jim Butler Park, named for the man who found silver in the area in 1900.

37 A good day trip from Tonopah or Austin is to the living ghost town of Belmont. Its business district consists of Truthful Dick's Bar, which has seating for 12, equal to the number of full-time and part-time residents. The bar is a good place to learn about the town, which was the Nye County seat before Tonopah, and its main landmark, the red-brick Belmont Courthouse.

38 A refreshing spray of water greets riders on the log flume at Rancho San Rafael's Great Basin Adventure in Reno. Admission is $2 adults and $1 children under 12, and a flume-ride ticket is $1. Call Great Basin Adventure, 785-4064.

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While exploring Virginia City, duck into Bill and Margaret Marks' Crystal Bar for a mint julep made with fresh-grown mint.

39 Shady Riverside Park has a basketball court and tennis courts on the south bank of the Truckee River in downtown Reno. It's a good place to read Walter Van Tilburg Clark's *The City of Trembling Leaves*. In his 1945 Reno-based novel, Clark described several tennis matches there. Tim, the protagonist, would pine over Rachel, who played tennis with an "air of quickly and defiantly resisting the world."

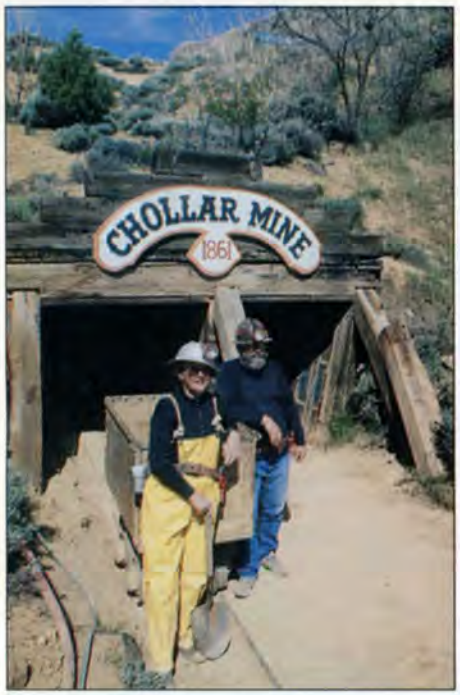
40 You can golf without risk of sunburn or fatigue at Full Swing Golf (789-2412) in the Reno Hilton. While the rest of your foursome lounges on benches, sipping drinks, you hit into video-screen pictures of famous courses. Clubs and balls are provided.

41 Wild Island in Sparks has added a web of intrigue—a black, fiberglass-enclosed water slide called the Black Widow. Admission is $13.95 adults, $9.95 children ages four to nine; kids under three are free. Wild Island also has a Formula K raceway and miniature golf. Call 331-9453.

42 Cool off with an evening stroll through Carson City's historic district. You can pick up a map of the Kit Carson Trail Historic Walking Tour from the Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau (800-NEVADA-1) or follow the blue stripe on the sidewalks. Plan to finish at the Capitol, where you can admire its old trees and watch the squirrels from a shady park bench.

43 After a tour of the Nevada State Museum, you can leave through a replica of an underground mine designed by the late Bill Donovan, a Silver City mining man. Admission is $2 adults, free for under 18, and the museum, partly housed in Carson's old U.S. Mint, is open daily.

44 If you want to rise above the heat, hot-air balloons are a breeze. Two firms based in Minden-Gardnerville, Alpine Adventures Aloft (782-7239) and



Penny and Chris Kiechler (above) offer cool tours and gold panning at the Chollar Mine in Virginia City.

Aerovision Balloons (265-5177), take passengers up to 12,000 feet for views of Lake Tahoe, Reno, and beyond. Prices range from $115 to $145, which includes champagne after landing.

45 A cool place in Virginia City is the Chollar Mine, where the underground temperatures rarely rise above 55 degrees. Tours run daily from noon to 4 p.m., and you can pan for gold. Admission is $4 adults, $1 ages five to 14, and free under five; call 847-0155. The Ponderosa Saloon on C Street also offers mine tours. Admission is $3 adults and $1.50 kids under 12; call 847-0757. Fortune seekers also can pan for gold outside the Territorial Enterprise Building next to the Delta parking lot on C Street.

46 While exploring Virginia City, duck into Bill and Margaret Marks' historic Crystal Bar for a mint julep. The Marks' juleps are made with fresh-grown mint and are renowned for taking the edge—or at least your mind—off the heat.

47 In crystal-clear Lake Tahoe scuba divers find underwater cliffs, crawdads, and sometimes sunken boats. A popular spot is Diver's Cove at Sand Harbor in Lake Tahoe State Park. Outfitters like the Diving Edge (588-5262) at South Lake Tahoe offer classes ($150 to $300) and scuba gear.

48 A voyage on one of Tahoe's cruise ships offers good views and lake breezes. The *M.S. Dixie* (588-3508) departs from Zephyr Cove on the southeastern shore, and the *Tahoe Queen* (916-541-3364) departs from Ski Run Boulevard at South Lake Tahoe. Both offer daytime and dinner cruises.

49 If it's too hot on the ground, consider taking a parasailing flight over Tahoe. You can stay perfectly dry or get your feet wet with a touch-and-go. Flights are $48 at the two locations of South Shore Parasailing (916-541-7272), which also offers side-by-side trips and night flights.

50 A popular place to swim at Tahoe is Sand Harbor, three miles south of Incline Village. At 6,220 feet in elevation and more than 1,600 feet deep, Tahoe's water is a bit colder than Pyramid or Lahontan. Mid-summer water temps may run 55 to 65 degrees—highly refreshing on a hot August day.

Contributors include Ann Henderson, Carolyn Graham, Jackie Ruffin, and David Moore.



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STORY BASKET: Fulkerson's "Legend of the Stone Mother" tells the Paiute legend of a mother whose sorrow turned her to stone.



WEAVING: The artist works on a grapevine basket outside her home.

MARY LEE FULKERSON

This basketmaker interweaves storytelling with art.

By Marge Knorr

Mary Lee Fulkerson likes to weave tall tales.

"I'm not so much interested in technique or materials as in how they combine to present a narrative," she says. "Throughout the history of the world, the vessel has been associated with the human condition and has always held things—from babies to prayers to potatoes."

Fulkerson's art is influenced by the early Paiute and Shoshone water jugs that were woven from native desert plants and covered with piñon pitch. Fascinated with these ancient vessels, she has devised her own technique for making "story" baskets. She first weaves a basic structure with material such as native willow and then applies paper pulp. Then she paints colorful stories reminiscent of ancient legends that she has heard.

"The longest continuing basketry tradition in this country, and possibly the world, is right here in the Great Basin with the Native Americans," she says.

Much like the Paiute basketmakers

Photos: Doc Kaminski (top), Marge Knorr (bottom)

Fulkerson would rather talk about the Great Basin Basketmakers, a group she organized six years ago. There are now about 125 basketmakers in Nevada.

who inspired her, Fulkerson uses the natural resources she finds near her home in Palomino Valley, about 30 miles north of Reno near the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation. She gathers plant materials while on desert walks and boils honeysuckle in a huge, steaming vat.

"I can only do what I'm doing because I live where I live," she says.

But getting Fulkerson, a University of Nevada, Reno graduate, to talk about herself is like chasing after a tumbleweed in a Washoe zephyr. She would rather talk about the Great Basin Basketmakers, a group she organized six years ago. There are now about 125 basketmakers in Nevada, and their current exhibit, "A Show of Hands," celebrates the Year of American Crafts. The exhibit will appear at the Humboldt County Library in Winnemucca through July 15, at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City in August, and at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City during September.

Despite her modesty, Fulkerson is making a name for herself as a narrative basketmaker. She has won numerous awards and her work has been exhibited worldwide. She is represented in the Plaza Gallery in Boulder City and Silver State Gallery in Reno. This fall she will participate in the annual "Artists of the West," an invitational show in Medford, Oregon. She is currently at work on a book titled *Peoples of the Sage: Native American Basketmakers of the Great Basin.*

Marge Knorr is a Reno writer and photographer.

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WAS GARDEN OF EDEN

IN 1924, A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS AND REPORTERS ANNOUNCED THAT YERINGTON WAS THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION!

By Harry A. Chalekian

On August 17, 1924, readers of the *San Francisco Examiner* received the shocking news with their Sunday morning coffee: The cradle of civilization had been discovered on a rocky hilltop near Yerington, Nevada.

"WAS THE GARDEN OF EDEN LOCATED IN NEVADA?" blared a front-page headline. An editor's note declared:

"We have found what appears to be the evidence of the oldest civilization in the world—the oldest writing, the oldest art, the oldest sacrifice, the oldest worship, and the oldest burial."

For the next week the *Examiner*, flagship of the Hearst newspaper empire, presented a spectacular series of articles and photos to support the theory that the Nevada site was "the actual scene of the creation of mankind." The reports were the result of an expedition to the Yerington area led by Alan Le Baron, a self-proclaimed archaeologist. The key discovery, according to the paper's breathless reports, was that the area's rock art appeared to be related to—and even predate—the hieroglyphs of ancient Egypt. Thus the Nevada site could be the cradle of mankind, the true Garden of Eden.

Stories called the hill near Yerington the "Site of a Thousand Tombs." Photos showed rock carvings (petroglyphs) of birds, snakes, and bighorn sheep. Scientists from around the world offered authoritative comments.

The headlines focused often on the petroglyphs:

NEVADA CARVINGS
ARE LIKE EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHS.

INSCRIPTIONS
GIVE CLEW TO ANCIENT MAN.

Other so-called discoveries were announced in the series of archaeological exposés:

TREMENDOUS
ROCKS COVER ANCIENT DEAD.

CHEMIST SAYS
DUST IN TOMBS IS MADE OF BONE.

While California readers were being bombarded with this startling news, the Reno and Carson City newspapers did not mention the series. The *Yerington Times* made a rare reference to the investigation (see page 72) when it noted that "it seems that Lyon County is about to become the Mecca of numerous expeditions."

Around Yerington, local residents had always believed the ancient rock artists to be forebears of the Paiute people. The late Sherman Lewis, a former ranch foreman, once recalled, "The local ranchers were too busy with their own lives and activities to pay much attention to the people from San Francisco. We thought Le Baron and his theories were cuckoo."

The locals' skepticism was well founded. For all its high-minded scientific pontifications, the Garden of Eden series turned out simply to be an entertaining hoax.

The tale began in the fall of 1923, when, the *Examiner* said, a rancher and mining man named Frank Bovard found a group of petroglyphs near the East Walker River. He described his discovery to Le Baron, a mining engineer and geologist who was working in the area. Le Baron took photographs of the petroglyphs and sent them to "Arabian scholars in Egypt," according to the paper. The "scholars" then confirmed his theory that the inscriptions were Egyptian and Babylonian characters.





Doris Folsum says her teacher's marriage to Alan Le Baron caused more excitement than the "discovery" of the petroglyphs (right).

Photos: Harry A. Chalekian

LOCATED IN NEVADA?

On May 8, 1924, Le Baron led an *Examiner* team to investigate the site. On June 10, Edward Clarke, the paper's Sunday editor, joined them. Two months later the news exploded on the *Examiner's* front page.

Alan Le Baron's credentials were impeccable, said the *Examiner*. Le Baron had spent much of his youth in Egypt and had studied the records of ancient Arabian tribes. As a result, the paper said, "hieroglyphics to Le Baron are like the English alphabet to our readers."

Editor Clarke admitted in print that the work "was rapid—possibly superficial from the viewpoint of cold, careful positive Science." At the same time, he clearly was not about to let Science stand in the way of a good story.

Today a number of Lyon County residents, now in their 80s, remember the so-called Garden of Eden and its promoter, Alan Le Baron.

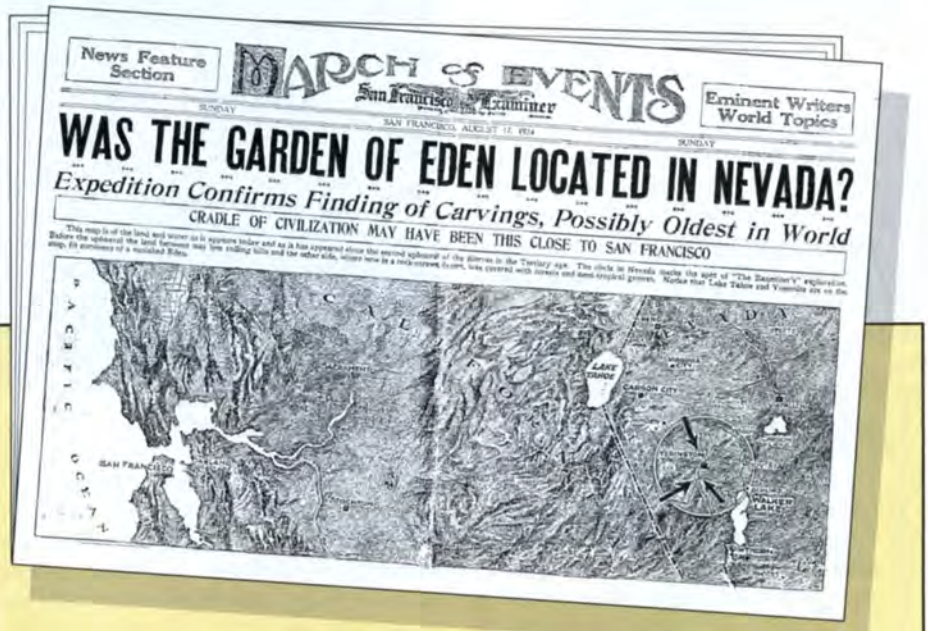
Eileen Vedder, a retired schoolteacher who lives in Yerington, recalls the Garden of Eden site well—her grandparents owned it. She says her parents, Charles and Violet McCloud, would take the family to the area for picnics in 1916, seven years before Le Baron's "discovery." The children would amuse themselves by playing among the art-carved rocks.

"There were two particular rock formations that towered above the other rocks on the hill. They were called 'Adam and Eve,'" Vedder recalls. "Some time after the exploration team left, the two formations were pushed over by mischievous children—not me."

Could the Adam and Eve rock formations have inspired the notion of a "Garden of Eden"?

Vedder's cousins, George and Leland Churchyard of Yerington, also remember the picnics and the hill with the rock carvings. The two brothers say their aunt and mother named the two highest formations "Adam and Eve." Leland recalls a local woman's claim to have found some ossified plant bulbs in the area, and Egypt was said to be the only other place in the world where such bulbs were known to exist.

Perhaps the plant-bulb fossils led to


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WAS THE GARDEN OF EDEN LOCATED IN NEVADA?

Expedition Confirms Finding of Carvings, Possibly Oldest in World

CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION MAY HAVE BEEN THIS CLOSE TO SAN FRANCISCO

This map is of the land and water on a square inches and as it has appeared since the second upheaval of the dinosaur in the Tertiary age. The circle in Nevada marks the spot of "The Examiner's" exploration. Before the upheaval the land between was low rolling hills and the other side, where now is a rock-strewn desert, was covered with forests and deep tropical growth. Notice that Lake Tahoe and Yosemite are on the map, the existence of a mountain Eden.

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

The San Francisco Examiner *presented the first of several sensational reports on its expedition to Nevada's "Garden of Eden" on Sunday, August 17, 1924. The following excerpt reflects the excitement the paper hoped to generate, although Nevadans apparently paid little attention to the exercise in yellow journalism:*

EVIDENCE FOUND WARRANTS DEEP PROBE OF SCIENCE

On a hill of blackened, broken rock, 30 miles south of Yerington, Nevada, are thousands of inscriptions carved with a crudeness that proves at once their vast age.

Compared with all known inscriptions yet found on the face of the earth, they offer their own evidence of being among the first written records of humanity.

And the hill itself is the work of human hands; a cyclopean structure reminded of the Pyramids, built stone on stone into the "Hill of a Thousand Tombs."

The surrounding desert speaks in its own voice of the time when man could have lived happily there. Bones of elephants and lions and camels are mingled with the petrified remnants of luxuriant forests, gone for a million years.

Dr. E. Elliott Smith, professor of anatomy, University of London, and world authority on Egyptology and the antiquity of man, says there is no other such monument in the world as the one in Nevada. "It is," he says, "a discovery of tremendous importance."

The San Francisco "Examiner" has, for three months, been making every possible test to prove or disprove the theory that in this area and not on the desert plains of Asia, humankind had its origin and Man began his struggle upward to gain dominion over his inheritance—the Earth....

"The Examiner's" role has been that of explorer—discoverer of evidence. It leaves to science the weighing of that evidence and the determination of its significance. It expects a controversy. Science seldom reaches a truth without a preliminary warfare of dissenting opinions.

Illustration: Nevada Historical Society

WHEN DINING WITH THE LEWIS FAMILY, LE BARON LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE AREA AND ITS HISTORY.

the Egyptian connection.

Howard Rogers clearly remembers the Garden of Eden area. A Paiute who lives near Yerington, Rogers was born at Desert Creek in Smith Valley 90 years ago. Sitting on his front porch and looking at the hills, Rogers recalls, "As a young man, I worked as a cowboy at all the ranches along the East Walker River. The ranchers would ask for me because I was a good man on a horse."

Rogers says, "I remember often riding my horse to the hill of carved rocks. I know the carvings were done by earlier Paiute tribes living and hunting in the area."

A few locals also remember Alan Le Baron. Walter Cox, retired publisher of the *Mason Valley News*, says Le Baron was a chivalrous man "who always made sure the ladies he escorted were seated first, always near the fire, and well attended to." These social graces, combined with his credentials as a mining engineer, made Le Baron attractive to the wealthy families of the area.

Another man who knew Le Baron was the late Sherman Lewis, a former cowboy and ranch foreman. Le Baron would occasionally dine with the Lewis family at their ranch, which was located near the petroglyph site. Between Lewis' mother, a schoolteacher, and his father, a mineralogist, Le Baron learned a lot about the area and its history at those dinners. Lewis said he believed it was his father, Harry Lewis, who first showed the inscribed rocks to Le Baron.



Howard Rogers says he believes the carvings to be the work of his Paiute ancestors.

Lewis remembered the Paiutes spending winters near the rock hill. The hill was used as a lookout for hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, and deer that would come to the river for water.

As a young boy, Lewis explored the hill and its inscriptions. With a glint in his eye, he also admitted that as a young man he took girlfriends to the hilltop for picnics and "scientific research."

Donald Tuohy, curator of anthropology at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, first learned of Le Baron while working in Eastern Nevada 25 years ago. Tuohy never met the Garden of Eden promoter, but he recalls hearing about Le Baron during his professional travels. Tuohy says Le Baron was likely "a charlatan who used any pretext to draw attention, and funding, to his exploits as a self-proclaimed archaeologist."

Another Eden skeptic is Doris Folsum, a retired teacher and amateur archaeologist who now lives in Reno. Folsum was in fifth grade at Yerington Elementary School at the time of the *Examiner* series.

"I remember when the story hit Yerington, but I don't remember anyone being duly impressed. The only thing that impressed me was that my teacher, the former Georganne Kaufman, married Alan Le Baron." Folsum, an active woman who has traveled the world, recalls that her teacher's marriage to Le Baron created more excitement in Yerington than the "Eden" discovery.

Over the years, other archaeologists have made authentic efforts to document the "Garden of Eden" site. An early description was provided by Garrick Mallery in his 1889 work, *Picture Writing of the American Indian*. Julian Stew-

YERINGTON'S EDEN

The Yerington Times *offered a calm local perspective on the "Garden of Eden" in its issue of Wednesday, August 20, 1924:*

WELCOME TO EDEN

Yerington has unexpectedly discovered itself to be the center of interest of the scientific world....it seems that Lyon County is about to become the Mecca of numerous expeditions bent on proving or disproving the theory that the cradle of civilization was located here.

Dr. Elliott Smith, professor of anatomy, University of London, and world authority on Egyptology and the antiquity of man, says that there is no other such monument in the world as the one in Nevada.

"It is a discovery of tremendous importance," he says.

And on the other hand there are others who scoff at the idea that anything of such vital importance could be found so close to home.

At any rate the inscription will be visited by geologists, paleontologists, archaeologists, religionists, historians as well as by thousands who will frankly admit they know nothing about it and merely come to see.

And to all Lyon County will extend a most cordial welcome.

Photo: Harry A. Chalekian

ON A RECENT EXPEDITION TO THE SITE THE "THOUSAND TOMBS" WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

ard described the site in his 1929 monograph, *Petroglyphs of California and Adjoining States*. In 1962, Robert Heiser and Martin Baumhoff used the data they recorded at the site to provide support for their idea that the petroglyphs were created at spots where game could be ambushed.

A more recent study of the area's rock art was performed in 1973 and 1974 by Karen Nissen of the University of California at Berkeley. Her team catalogued and documented the rock inscriptions to test the hypothesis that the carvings were correlated with the hunting habits of local Indians. Additionally, the stone cairns or "soldiers" erected on a hill to the east of the site reflected John Muir's 1890 description of a mountain sheep hunt conducted nearby. Nissen's study barely mentioned the *Examiner* team's exploration, stating that it was never scientifically reported.

Now an archaeologist with the California Department of Transportation, Nissen says, "I have heard of the *Examiner* articles, but I've never seen them. We studied the site quite thoroughly and classified 783 boulders with more than 3,800 art forms."



She adds, "I've also made recent visits to the site escorting world-renowned archaeologists. From my extensive research at the site, I can only scoff at or heavily discount Alan Le Baron's claims."

The Garden of Eden is a 30-mile drive south of Yerington. On a recent visit, the quiet and beautiful landscape described in the newspaper articles was marred by a rough road that had been cleared around the base of the hill near the East Walker River.

The hilltop revealed a series of rock-walled enclosures that provided a protected and commanding view of the river valley. Inside the enclosures and on the top of the hill were the many petroglyphs that, combined with the scenic river and valley below, created the "Eden" excitement. The carvings portrayed bighorn sheep, deer, skeletons, snakes, birds, and round and star-like forms.

Below were more rock-protected enclosures. Some of the rocks were inscribed with animal forms and other symbols. One could imagine sighting the herds from the hilltop and signaling the hunters waiting below.

After the visitors spent almost five hours climbing among the rocks, watching for rattlesnakes, admiring the carvings, and enjoying the view, the *Examiner's* "Thousand Tombs" and "Ancient Dead" were nowhere to be found. Except for a hole blasted in the rock, there were no signs of major excavations.

The hill and its carvings did not point to Egypt or the origins of civilization. Obviously, the *Examiner* stories were simply a wonderful combination of scientific exaggeration and sensationalism designed to sell newspapers.

One Nevada authority who agrees with that assessment is archaeologist David Johnson of Carson City. Johnson has been interested in the East Walker River site for a number of years. He calls the *Examiner* articles "outrageously funny" and typical of the "Hearstian" journalism and attitudes of the era. Johnson adds, "There is no question in my mind that the East Walker River petroglyphs are of Native American origin."

The man who promoted the Garden of Eden site so skillfully, Alan Le Baron, in time faded from the scene. Yerington folks remember that within a few years he and Georganne Kaufman, the local schoolteacher, were divorced. He was last seen working with a road crew on a highway project between Fernley and Yerington.

While Le Baron's reputation and the *Examiner's* sensational reports proved to be wildly exaggerated, the Garden of Eden site remains pristine and beautiful. Taking in the view of the river and valley below, one can understand the feelings inspired by the petroglyphs. The ancient symbols remind us that a rocky Nevada hilltop, in its own way, is a perfect place to find paradise.

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The judges of last year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt had some ideas about how to improve this year's photo contest:

- Have two People category awards instead of one.
- Add a new Recreation category.
- Add a flexible Judges' Choice category.

The judges spoke, and we listened.

So here's your chance to take advantage of the improved contest rules. You can send up to eight photos (prints or transparencies), and the judges will carefully consider every entry.

There is no charge to enter, and the contest is open to all photographers, professionals and amateurs. Entries must be received by August 16, 1993.

The Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded to the overall top five winners. Prizes are: $200 for first place, $100 for second, $75 for third, $50 for fourth, and $25 for fifth. Seven additional category winners will receive their choice of a Nevada T-shirt, necktie, or suspenders.

The 12 Categories

There is no need to categorize your entries—the judges will do that for you. Winners will be selected in the following categories:

- Ethnic Heritage
- Events
- Ghost Towns and Historical Landmarks
- Humor
- Judges' Choice
- People
- People
- Plants/Wildlife
- Recreation
- Rural
- Scenic
- Urban

Contest Rules

Entries that don't follow the rules will be disqualified. The rules are:

Photos: All photos must be unpublished and taken in Nevada. (Photos previously printed in local newspapers are still eligible.)

Entry Form: The entry form below must be filled out, signed, and included with photos. All entries must be mailed in. No drop-offs will be accepted.

How Many Photos: You can enter any combination of black-and-white prints, color prints, and color slides, for a maximum total of eight.



Michelle Farren won third place overall and first place in the events category for her 1992 contest entry "Still the Real Thing." The girl in the photo is Farren's daughter, Lisa, posing during Reno's Hot August Nights.

Labeling: Your name and address must be on the back of each print and on each slide, along with title and location or description.

Color Photos: Transparencies must be 35mm slides or larger. If possible, present slides in plastic sleeves. No metal or glass holders. Color prints must be 8x10" to 11x14", unmounted.

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When beautician Betty O'Banion gets on a roll, hairpin curves are all in a day's work.

Betty's Mobile Beauty Salon

This cosmetologist is driven about hair and nails.

Story and Photos by Chuck Woodbury

Betty O'Banion, cosmetologist, was inside Waves In Motion, reading a magazine. It was high noon Thursday, and the sun was beaming down from a blue sky as pretty as you'll ever see.

Waves In Motion is Nevada's only mobile hair-styling salon, according to Betty O'Banion, who operates it with one part-time helper. Most of the time, her 26-foot motorhome-beauty salon sits parked behind Jane Grider's Realty in Holbrook Junction, 19 miles south of Gardnerville. But when there's business elsewhere, Betty unplugs the vehicle's power chord, cranks up the engine, and heads to where the hair's gone limp.

"Betty, there are three of us gals up here in Gardnerville, and we can't get away but we need perms," was a recent call to action.

Or perhaps there's a wedding in Minden and the bride and bridesmaids and even the groom need some hair repair. It's Betty to the rescue.

Betty started Waves In Motion after a neighbor complained to authorities that Betty was working from her home in Holbrook Junction. Rather than fight to continue to operate there, Betty decided to start a mobile business, which wasn't difficult as long as she followed certain rules. The motorhome, for example, had to have a vinyl floor, a water tank with a minimum capacity of 100 gallons, and at least a 30,000-btu furnace. If the water tank should run dry, the business would have to close until there was more water.

Nowadays, Betty stays busy. She gets many of her new customers from an ad



Hair repair is performed in Betty's 1978 Sportscoach.

"We seem to do best in rain and snow," Betty says. "I don't know why. Maybe it's because folks get antsy when they can't be outside."

on a local cable TV channel. She also sells real estate part-time.

Her clientele is about equally split between men and women. She says about half of her hair coloring and pedicure business comes from men—even cowboys, who tramp in with half the desert under their toenails and beards that look like tumbleweeds.

With a limited supply of water on board, Betty has to conserve every drop. She says she can wash a customer's hair with one gallon and do a permanent with three—a fraction of what a regular shop might use. But when her holding tanks fill up, Betty has to make a beeline for the dump station.

Betty came to the Gardnerville area about six years ago from Santa Maria, California, where she operated a 14-unit beauty salon with her sister. "It was a big headache," she says. "I'd never want to go back to that again."

At Waves In Motion, she charges $10 for a regular haircut, but she says some customers will spend $125 or even $200 a visit. "A woman who gets done what she needs done should spend about $100 a month," she says.

Waves In Motion doesn't have a telephone, only a CB. There's a phone with an answering machine back at Betty's house, and customers leave messages on the machine to make appointments.

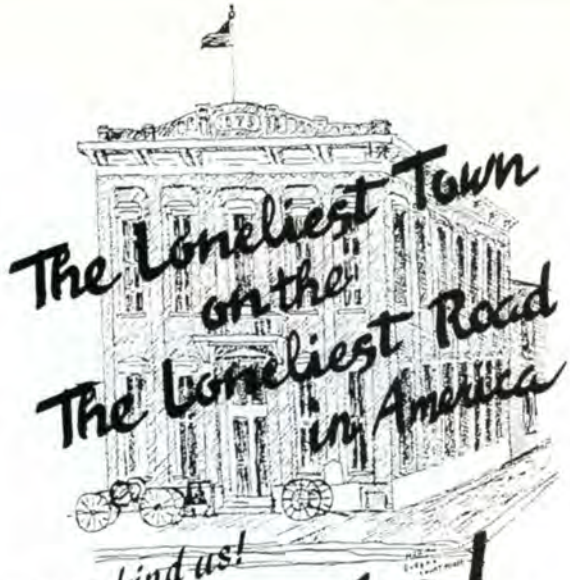
Even though Waves In Motion is tiny, there's still room to work on two customers at once. One time, on a snowy day, there were eight people crammed into the tiny porta-salon.

"We seem to do best in rain and snow," she says. "I don't know why. Maybe it's because folks get antsy when they can't be outside."

Betty says her husband, Bill, named the business. He said, "Well, you'll be doing permanents—making waves—and you'll be moving around, so why not call it Waves In Motion?"

She did.

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Biggest Hotels

Las Vegas soon will have the nine biggest resort hotels in the world.

By Stephen Allen

The recent wave of hotel construction in Las Vegas has created a new pecking order in Nevada's mega-resort ranks. When the dust settles next year, Las Vegas will be home to the nine biggest resort hotels in the world. The only non-Nevada challengers are the 5,000-room Rossiya Hotel in Moscow, which doesn't count because it's a residential hotel, and the 2,542-room Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. Following are the state's hotel giants and giants-to-be.



The Excalibur remains king of the castle till the MGM opens.

1 MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park: With 5,009 rooms, this $1-billion resort will have the world's largest hotel and also the world's largest casino, at 175,000 square feet, when it opens in February 1994. The property will include the 33-acre MGM Grand Adventures theme park. Visitors will enter between the paws of a giant lion and follow a yellow brick road to the Emerald City. In the meantime, a preview center is open to visitors.

2 Excalibur: This 4,032-room castle-hotel declared itself to be the largest in the world when it opened in 1990, and so it is until its neighbor, MGM, opens. Circus Circus Enterprises brought this slice of Camelot to the Strip after company execs visited castles in France, Germany, and England to get ideas for the medieval-themed hotel-casino.

3 Flamingo Hilton: The hotel that Bugsy Siegel built back in 1946 is now the third largest in the world with 3,530 rooms. Many Las Vegans are scarcely aware of its size because the Flamingo unobtrusively just keeps growing and growing and growing.

4 Las Vegas Hilton: Elvis Presley used to perform at this big convention hotel next to the Las Vegas Convention Center. In 1969, when the Las Vegas Hilton (then the International) opened with 3,174 rooms, hotel officials declared it to be the world's biggest. It still claims to be the largest convention hotel anywhere.

5 The Mirage: This is the dream hotel that Las Vegas resort tycoon Steve Wynn built for a modest $630 million. The 3,049-room hotel's landscaping offers a series of waterfalls and fountains and a volcano that erupts every 15 minutes from dusk till 1 a.m.

6 Treasure Island: Following his Mirage success, Wynn now is reaching out to Middle America with the $430-million, 2,900-room Treasure Island, which is going up next door. Scheduled to open October 27, Treasure Island will present live outdoor battles between a pirate ship and a British frigate.

7 Bally's: This was originally the MGM Grand when it opened with 2,100 rooms in 1973. It later expanded to 2,832 rooms, and Bally's bought the hotel in 1986. Bally's has two big showrooms, one for superstars like Billy Ray Cyrus and Engelbert Humperdinck, and another for the show "Jubilee!" The hotel plans to revamp its grounds.

8 Circus Circus: This 2,800-room hotel is generally conceded to be one of the most successful in the city, a status it holds by offering inexpensive rooms and catering to families. Circus Circus' five-acre Grand Slam Canyon adventuresphere is scheduled to open this summer.

9 Imperial Palace: This is one of the few privately owned hotels in Las Vegas. Like the Flamingo Hilton nearby, this property just keeps growing. The Imperial Palace, which has a large auto collection, is now up to 2,600 rooms.

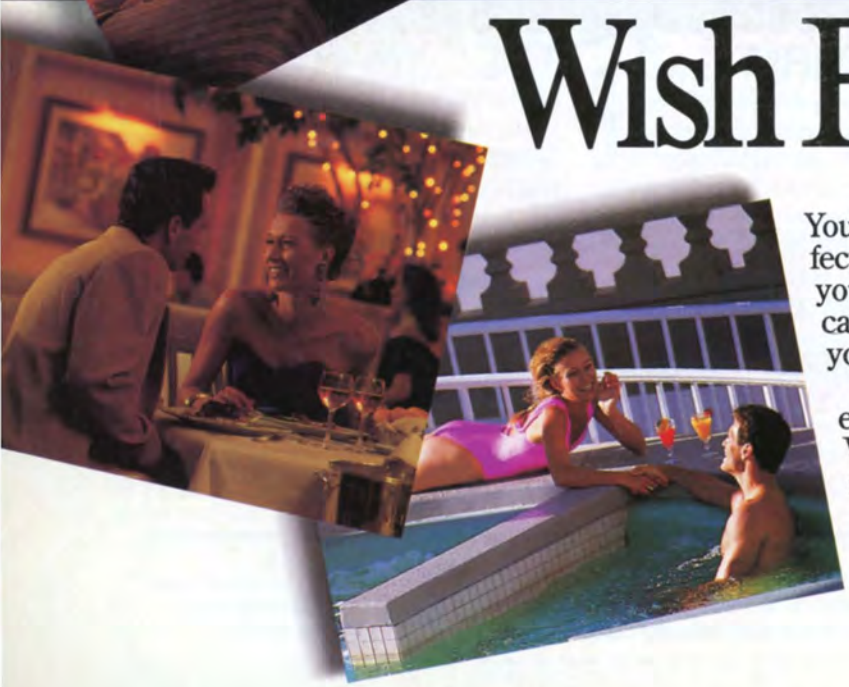
10 Luxor: Following Circus Circus and Excalibur, this pyramid-shaped resort is the third giant Circus Circus property on the Strip. Located just south of the Excalibur, the $360-million hotel will have 2,526 rooms when it opens in October.

11 Others That Come Close: In Las Vegas, the Stardust has 2,500 rooms, the Riviera 2,100, and the Tropicana 1,908. In the Reno area, the largest is the Reno Hilton (formerly Bally's) with 2,001 rooms. A new 2,000-room resort, Project C, a joint venture of Circus Circus and the Eldorado, is planned for downtown Reno and scheduled to open in 1995.

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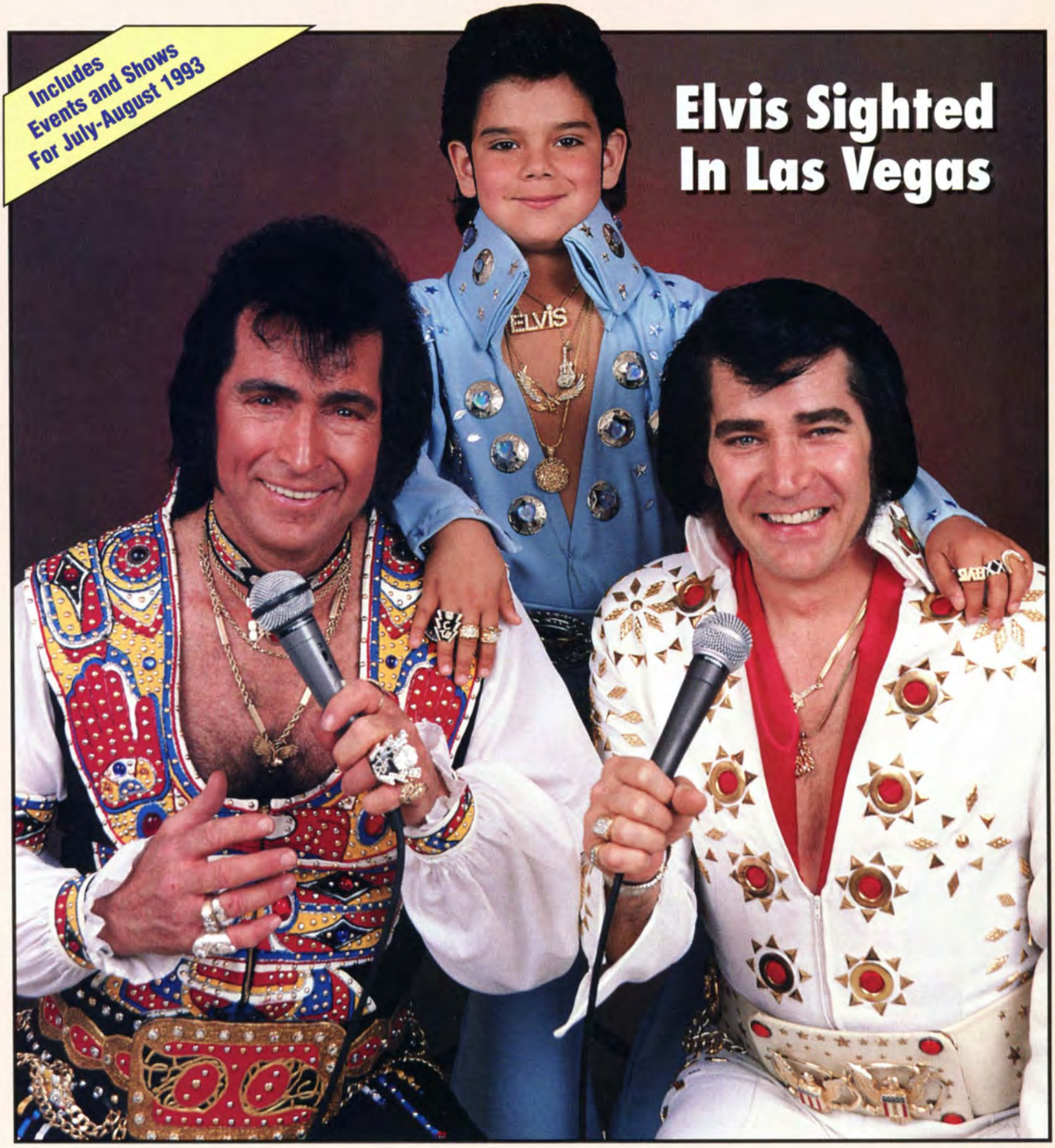
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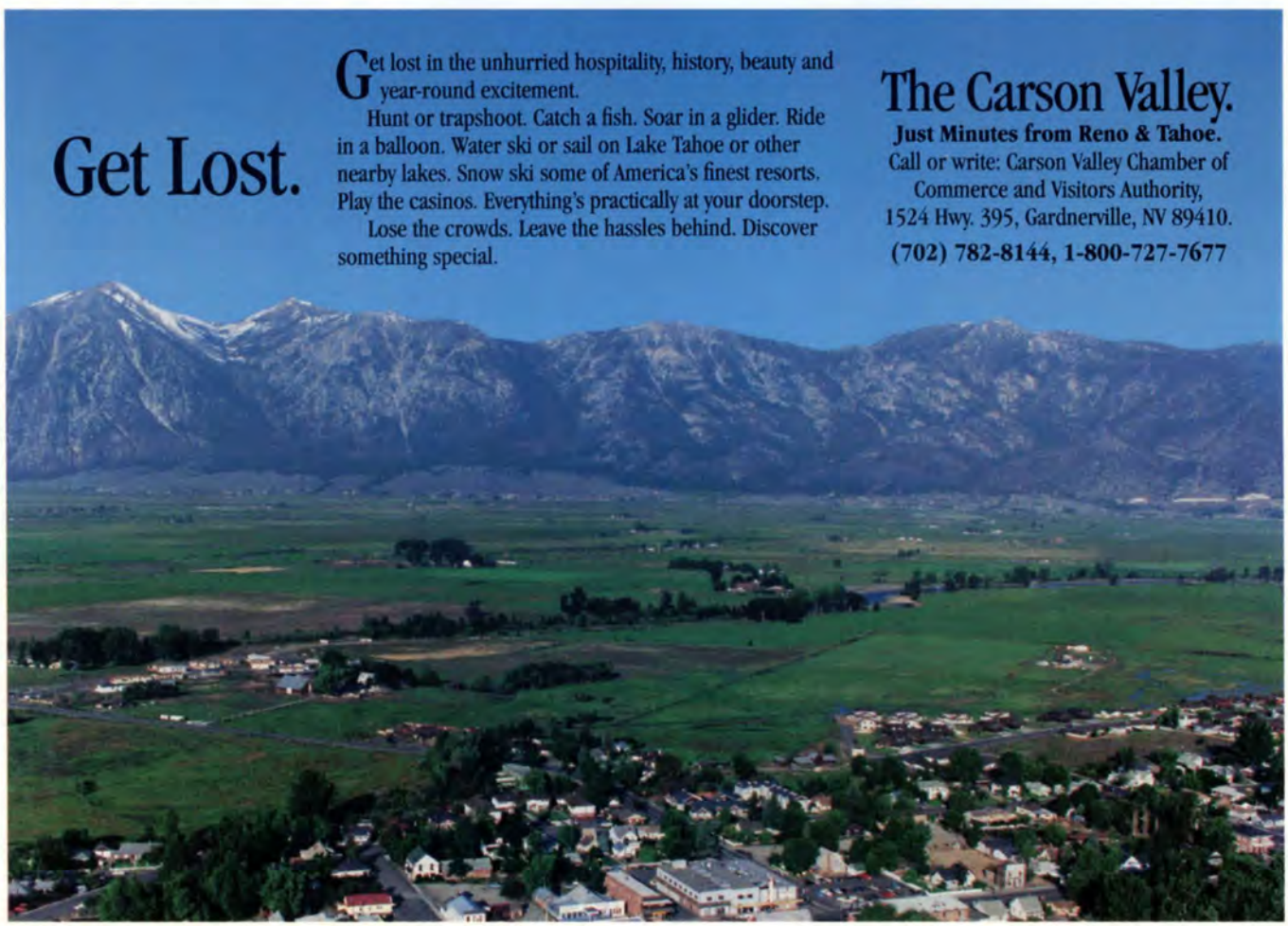
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Men Who Would Be Kings

By David Rush
and Darrell Santschi

He's everywhere. From shopping centers to the insides of casaba melons, Elvis Presley has been turning up all over the place.

And especially in Las Vegas, where 50 or so Elvis Presley impersonators gather for their annual get-together on July 16-18. Members of the EP Impersonators International Association will put on their blue-suede shoes at the Imperial Palace for the fourth annual Elvis Performers Showcase Festival.

"It's not a convention—it's a showcase," says Ron Bessette, the EPIIA's chairman of the board. A convention implies a closed meeting, he says, but this showcase is open to anybody who can swivel their hips on stage or scream with the other fans in the audience.



Elvis impersonator E.P. King (left) performs at Bob Stupak's Vegas World. The Boy King, Ronnie Acevedo (middle), is beginning a film career, and Terry Presley, the real Elvis' cousin, fills in for E.P. King on occasion.

Part of the fun is mingling with the performers. Words cannot adequately describe the feeling of being surrounded by black-haired, sideburned would-be Elvi at a blackjack table. They come in all shapes, sizes, and nationalities, but they all take their mission seriously, Bessette says.

"It's pretty basic," he says. "We just want the guys to continue the legacy of the King and to be humanitarian with what they do."

Most of the association's performing members are part-timers. "Out of 200, we might have 20 who do it full-time," says Bessette, who, by the way, is not a performer—unless you count the rendition of "Don't Be Cruel" he used to do as a square-dance caller.

This year's showcase kicks off on Friday, July 16, with an awards banquet (reservations required). The banquet may be the only chance to see the Elvis Choir, when all the impersonators scrunch together for a singing photo session. Their most popular ditty is (what else?) "Viva Las Vegas." Elvis fans also can meet Mike McGregor, the man who made Elvis' belts; Eddie Fadal, Elvis' friend and songwriter; and Elvena Roy, his former West Coast cook.

Opening night includes a ceremony near and dear to the Elvi: the induction of several candidates into the association's Hall of Fame, limited to performers who have Elvised for two decades or more. Among last year's inductees was its first Nevadan, E.P. King, who entertains at Bob Stupak's Vegas World (see *Nevada*, Nov/Dec '92).

On July 17-18, shows featuring 16 Elvi daily (one at a time) are scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. On July 18, performances also are scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. to midnight. If this year is anything like the last, those times will be loosely adhered to. The prices range from $15 for one show to $70 for a two-day, six-show package with reserved seating.

Also, an exhibit hall will have tapes, T-shirts, and other paraphernalia for sale.

And what do the Elvis performers

Photo: Kate Butler



Elvis Presley posed for this photo when he performed at the Riviera in Las Vegas in 1956.

The King and 'I Do'

The fourth annual Elvis Performers Showcase Festival takes place July 16-18 at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. For more information on the event, call 714-971-2200.

Between performances on July 17, some Elvi will be tying the knot at the We've Only Just Begun Wedding Chapel at the Imperial Palace. Couples are invited to exchange wedding vows alongside the Elvi at the 5 p.m. ceremony—and white jumpsuits are not required.

There are other spots for Elvis-watching in Las Vegas. Paul Casey presents an Elvis show at the Four Queens on August 10-22. Would-be Kings appear in "Legends in Concert" at the Imperial Palace and in "American Superstars" at the Las Vegas and Laughlin Flamingo Hiltons. And at Vegas World, E.P. King appears in "Memories of Elvis."

get out of this annual gathering?

"It brings us all together as a family, a network," Bessette explains.

Elvis' impersonators can be successful anywhere, Bessette adds. "He's a good entertainment value. But as an entertainment value, he should not be just taking money for what he's doing. He should also be helping others."

David Rush and Darrell Santschi are Southern California-based writers.

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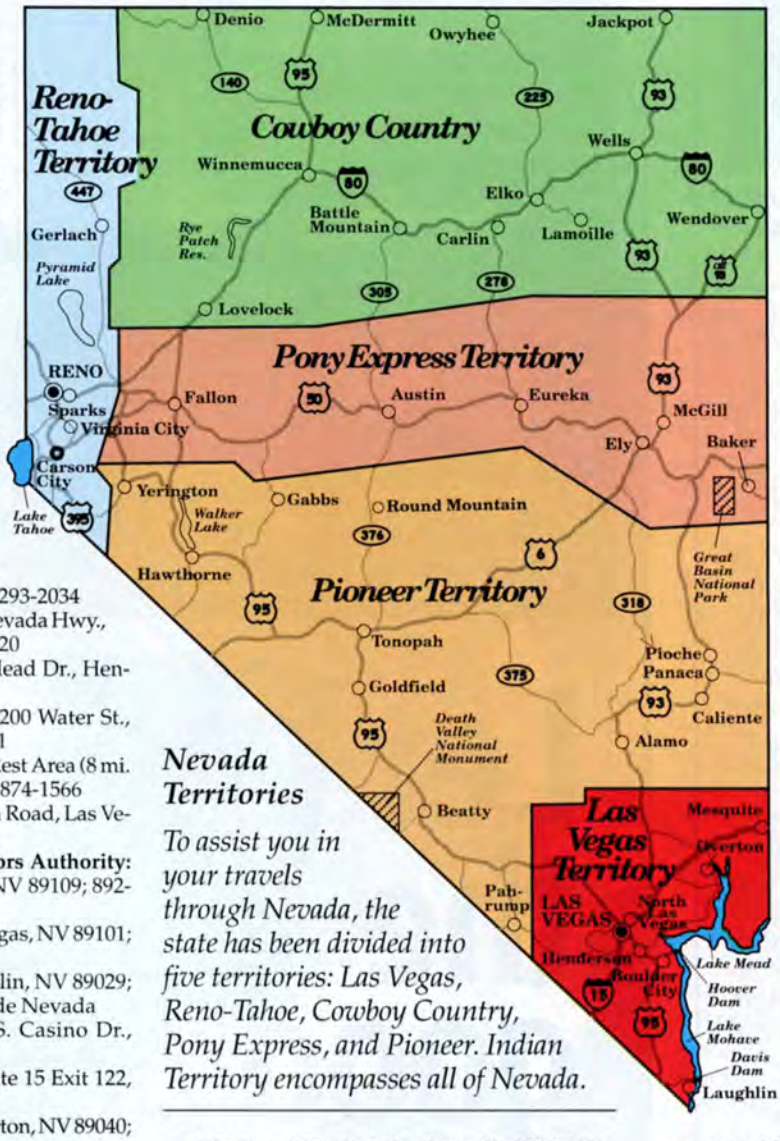
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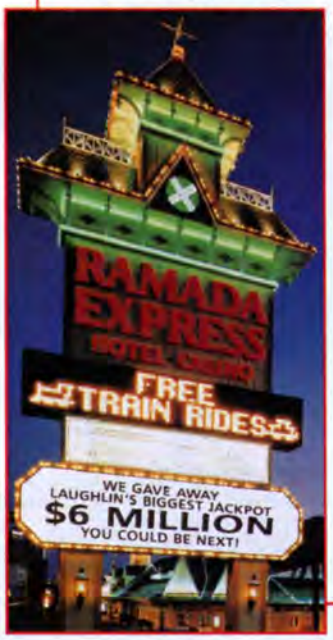
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Art Exhibit, thru July 11, watercolors by Lisa Faulkner Wright, West Charleston Library, 878-3682

Charcoal Drawings Exhibit, thru July 18, large-scale drawings by California artist Julia Couzens, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, UNLV, 895-3801

Animation Art, thru July 23, original hand-painted animation movie cells from the George L. Sturman Collection, includes cells from as early as 1938 with Mickey Mouse, Tom and Jerry, Mighty Mouse, and Bugs Bunny, educational activities for children, Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, The Cannery, 434-2666

Back at the Ranch Exhibit, thru July 31, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

Spinning the Magic: The Las Vegas News Bureau Story, thru July 31, exhibit of artifacts and photographs demonstrating how the Las Vegas News Bureau promoted Las Vegas from 1948 to present, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Art Exhibit, thru Aug. 15, black-and-white manipulated photographs by Rudy and Barbara Gonzales, West Las Vegas Library, 647-2118

Hidden Treasures: Las Vegas Folk Arts, thru Aug. 15, including quilts, Polish paper cuts, Ukrainian Easter eggs, Navajo silver, Spanish woodcarving, and Filipino kites, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

History in the Making: The Moulin Rouge Civil Rights Exhibit, thru Dec. 31, photographs and artifacts recall 1955 hotel-casino's pivotal role in breaking down racial barriers at Las Vegas resorts, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Great American Race, June 27-July 10, stops on June 27 in Las Vegas and June 28 at 10am-noon in Mesquite, 11th annual, transcontinental race and antique car rally from Huntington Beach, California, to Norfolk, Virginia, Greatrace Ltd., 214-788-2323 or Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce, 346-2902

Best of Nevada Camera Club '92 Tour, June 30-Aug. 22, Sunrise Library, 453-1104

Art Exhibit, July 1-31, paintings by Lew Genge of Boulder City, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

Greater Las Vegas Coin and Stamp Show, July 2-4, 18th annual, 10am-6pm Fri.-Sat., 10am-4pm Sun., free, Sahara Hotel, 457-2190

Boulder City High School Super Reunion, July 2-5, for classmates from the '40s, '50s, '60s, and '70s, various locations in Boulder City, 294-0749

Nevada Symphony Orchestra Picnic Pops III, July 4, with a sing-along of patriotic favorites, The Hills Park in Summerlin, 895-3801

Las Vegas Fourth of July Fireworks, July 4, Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 895-3900

Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, laser display, barbecue, entertainment, Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5123

Boulder City Damboree, July 5, 9am parade, booths, refreshments, games, band concert, fireworks show at airport, country music, Bicentennial Park and Wilbur Park, Boulder City, 293-2034

Children's Summer Concert Series, July 7, 9, 14,



Ashley Gripentog shows off one of the striped bass that anglers find in Lake Mead.

TERRITORY MAP



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 the Pacific Coast League, June 30-July 3 v. Albuquerque Dukes, July 15-18 v. Tucson Toros, July 19-22 v. Portland Beavers, July 23-26 v. Tacoma Tigers, Aug. 9-12 v. Phoenix Giants, Aug. 13-16 v. Vancouver Canadians, Aug. 30-Sept. 2 v. Edmonton Trappers, 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 Concerts: music and dance, 739-3101

For chamber of commerce and convention center phone numbers, see page E-6

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16, 21, 23, 28, and 30, at various Las Vegas arts centers, call for schedule, 229-6211

Beach Bash, July 7, 14, 21, and 28, games, prizes, food, Harrah's Laughlin Beach, Laughlin, 298-4600

Peppermill Skins Game, July 7-8, open invitational for professionals and amateurs, Peppermill Palms Golf Course, Mesquite, 346-5232 ext. 3777 or 800-621-0187

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," July 7-10, 14-17, and 21-24, park opens at 6pm, $4 adults, $2 seniors, students, handicapped on Wed.-Thurs., $6 and $3 on Fri.-Sat., children six and under free, no pets, part of Super Summer Theatre at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Blue Diamond, 594-PLAY or 873-4364

World Junior Frisbee Competition, July 8, Robison Community School, 459-0201

Cowboy Action Shooting, July 11 and Aug. 8, Silver City Shooters Society competition, Lee Canyon, 871-7795

Art Exhibit, July 11-25, works by Arthur Secunda, Sal Pizzo, and Valley High School students, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Julius Caesar's 2,093rd Birthday Celebration, July 12, Caesars Palace, 731-7324

City-Wide Slide Competition Exhibit, July 13-Aug. 15, Nevada Camera Club's public competition and Photographer of the Year, Spring Valley Library, 368-4411

Art-A-Fair '93 Tour, July 13-Aug. 15, West Charleston Library, 878-3682

Art Educators of Southern Nevada Exhibit, July 15-Sept. 7, Green Valley Library, Henderson, 435-1840

Elvis Performers International Showcase, July 16-18, fourth annual, starring Elvis performers from around the world, meet the performers, Elvis memorabilia booths, shows daily from 11am-1am, Elvis' concert bus tours, Imperial Palace, 714-971-2200 or 731-3311

"Film the Legend!" July 17, Depot Theater presents a Western night at the movies featuring a John Ford classic and short subjects, 1pm, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

Championship Boxing, July 17, main event is IBF/WBC Light Flyweight Championship with Michael Carbajal v. Kwang-Sun Kim; card also includes International Boxing Federation Lightweight Championship with Fred Pendleton v. Jorge Paez and lightweight bout with Oscar De La Hoya v. Narcisco Valenzuela, tickets $50-$300, Caesars Palace, 731-7865 or 800-634-6698

NIKE National Basketball Tournament, July 17-24, UNLV Gym, 731-2115 or 619-259-6756

Championship Boxing, July 21 and Aug. 25, Riviera Hotel, 734-5110 or 800-634-3420

Railroad Pass Chili Cook-Off, July 24, evening hours, winner goes to Nevada State Championships in October in Reno, Railroad Pass Casino, Henderson, 294-5000

Doctors v. Lawyers Charity Softball Tournament, July 24, fifth annual, UMC Foundation benefit, Cashman Field, 383-2326

Midnight Special Off-Road Race, July 24, 200-mile race outside of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada Off-Road Enthusiasts, 452-4522

Celebrating Diversity Exhibit, July 24-Aug. 15, artifacts and objects from the Las Vegas Chinese, African-American, Mexican-American, and Native American communities, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 382-3445

$115,000 Showboat PBA Senior Invitational, July

PREVIEW



The Nevada Rally, an international motorcycle rally, will include more than 2,000 miles of rugged, high-speed riding and will visit five Nevada towns.

A Rally Good Time

Nevada's rugged, wide-open spaces will be the setting of the Nevada Rally August 21-29. The race will cover more than 2,000 miles in seven days.

The Nevada Rally will begin and end at the Excalibur Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas and pass through Mesquite, Ely, Elko, and Tonopah.

On August 21, visitors can see some of the world's top riders prepare for the race and can attend the Motor-Fair product exhibition. Free entertainment will be provided by the Excalibur.

Rally riders will leave the Excalibur on August 22 and wind their way through Eastern Nevada, turning at Elko and looping back along Nevada's western border.

Along the route, a poolside barbecue is planned at the Peppermill Resort in Mesquite on August 22 and a dinner is scheduled in the Elko park with entertainment by Basque performers on August 24. On August 28, Tonopah residents will recreate history for rally riders and visitors by donning period costumes and staging a Wild West gunfight.

NIGHTLIFE

Legends on the Loose

By Jackie Brett

"There are no more comedy teams," says Marty Allen, who appears with his partner Steve Rossi at Bob Stupak's Vegas World, proving that there is at least one comedy team left.

The Strip casino recently gave the duo an unheard-of lifetime contract. It's a pretty safe bet that the Legendary Allen and Rossi, as they call their show, will be around for a while. After 30 years, they are still a team.

"We worked together for 15 years, then apart for 10 years, and we've been back together nine years this past June 17," Allen says.

Allen and Rossi were originally brought together in the late 1950s by Nat King Cole, who later took them on tour. The exposure led to more than 40 appearances on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Comedy albums and nightclub bookings followed. But when the era of TV variety shows ended, Allen and Rossi split up.

About 10 years ago, Allen met Karon Kate Blackwell, who sings and plays piano, and they began performing on stage together. A year later they were married.

One night in 1984, Allen and Blackwell were appearing in Atlantic City when Allen noticed Rossi in the audience and introduced his old partner to the crowd. The club owner saw the audience's reaction and made the two comedians an offer to get back together. They did.

Today, the only difference in the act is that three people now share the stage. That's why Allen refers to their show as a "comedy concert."



The dynamic trio: Steve Rossi, Karon Kate Blackwell, and Marty Allen.

Blackwell opens the show with a seven-piece orchestra. Her set runs from country to ragtime and ends with "I'm Proud to Be an American."

Then it's time for "the boys," as Blackwell calls them, to take the stage.

"Hello, dere," Marty says. The audience laughs at the duo's trademark opening line, which came to be in 1964 when Allen and Rossi had to follow the Beatles on *The Ed Sullivan Show*.

Allen faced the screaming teens and said, "Hello, dere. I'm Ringo's mother." The girls screamed even louder.

"I started singing 'I Want to Hold Your Hand,'" Rossi recalls. "Marty went out into the audience and started dancing with the girls."

That kind of impromptu thinking remains a part of the Allen and Rossi act. They both scour newspapers and come up with new material.

One of their routines, "Meeting Famous People in the News," lends itself to current events. However, their old routines like "The Wine Taster" and "The Football Athlete of the Year" are classics.

The fast-paced material in the show is funny and clean enough for kids, and Rossi is the perfect straight man—tall, good looking, and dressed in a tuxedo. Allen is the complete opposite—short, rolly-polly, and animated. He tops the look with a stand-up hairdo. Allen created his radical look in the '60s and referred to himself as a troll doll. "I'm Don King and Patti LaBelle's love child," Allen quips.

The show also has its serious moments. At one point, Blackwell sings the "Wedding Vows" song to Allen. She wrote the song for their wedding and has since recorded it. Proceeds of the song go to charity, and she and Allen sell tapes and autograph their picture after every show.

As a package, the Legendary Allen and Rossi (and Blackwell) show is hard to beat. So is the price tag. Tickets for the show are $6; drinks are extra.

The Legendary Allen and Rossi with Karon Kate Blackwell and the Paul Paquette Orchestra are playing indefinitely at Vegas World (dark Thursdays). The show will leave its home base for a gig at the Eldorado in Reno on July 6-25.

Jackie Brett is an entertainment critic and oversees the Las Vegas office of the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

25-29, Showboat Bowling Center, 385-9123

Intermountain Weavers Conference, July 29-Aug. 1, theme is Expanding Horizons: Crafts as Art, includes 30 workshops, seminars, fashion show, and juried Fiber Celebrated '93 exhibit, Sante Fe weaver Ramona Sakiestewa is keynote speaker and artist-in-residence, Alexis Park Resort, 796-3300 or 486-5205

Fiber Celebrated '93 Exhibit, July 30-Sept. 27, display of original hand-woven and handmade fiber art, coincides with Intermountain Weavers Conference, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

August

Art Exhibit, Aug. 1-29, by the Fiber Arts, Nevada Clay, and Intermountain Weavers guilds, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Boulder City Art Guild Exhibit, Aug. 1-31, Lost City Museum, Overton, 397-2193

"My Fair Lady," Aug. 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21, bring blanket or lawn chair, picnic supper, and sweater, no pets, park opens at 6pm, $4 adults, $2 seniors, students, handicapped on Wed.-Thurs., $6 and $3 on Fri.-Sat., children six and under free, part of Super Summer Theatre at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Blue Diamond, 594-PLAY or 873-4364

Art: In and Out of the Bag, Aug. 5-Sept. 17, invited artists will create a work with a plain white shopping bag; the finished works will be auctioned off, proceeds benefit Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, 434-2666



Michael Carbajal faces Kwang-Sun Kim for the IBF/WBC Light Flyweight Championship July 17 at Caesars Palace.

Gold Coast 300, Aug. 7-8, off-road race, Jean, south of Las Vegas, 361-5404
Cowboy Action Shooting, Aug. 8, Silver City Shooters Society competition, Lee Canyon, 871-7795
Country Folk Art Show, Aug. 20-22, craft show, Cashman Field, 386-7100
Home Show, Aug. 20-22, Las Vegas Convention Center, 258-0876
Concert Fantasy '93, Aug. 21-22, Fern Adair Conservatory of the Arts production with ballet, jazz, tap, gymnastics, and music, 7pm Sat., 2pm Sun., benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Cashman Theater, 458-7575
Nevada Rally, Aug. 21-29, international motorcycle rally, Las Vegas, Mesquite, Ely, Elko, and Tonopah, 641-3788
Championship Boxing, Aug. 25, Riviera Hotel, 734-5110 or 800-634-3420
Feast of San Gennaro, Aug. 26-Sept. 5, Italian food festival, local restaurants offer such specialties as sausage and peppers, homemade pastas, and strawberry pizza pie, continuous free entertainment, beauty pageant, adults $4, senior citizens and students $2, children 12 and under free, 6pm-midnight, Thomas and Mack Center, 735-1776 or 262-9137
Jazz Society Picnic, Aug. 28, four jazz bands/combos, food booths, 5-10pm, Fox Ridge Park, Henderson, 361-4300
The Good, the Bad, and the Cuddly: Attitudes Toward Animals, Aug. 28-Oct. 24, interactive displays, computer games, developed by the National Zoological Park and the Smithsonian Institution, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 382-3445

COMING EVENTS

SNORE 250 Off-Road Race, Sept. 15, Las Vegas, 452-4522
Mexican Fiesta, Sept. 18, Las Vegas, 229-6729
Hoover Dam Days Festival of Pride and Rattlin' Rails Handcar Races, Sept. 24-26, Boulder City, 294-1988
Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair, Oct. 1-10, 457-8832
Art in the Park, Oct. 2-3, Boulder City, 293-2034
Las Vegas Blues and Heritage Festival, Oct. 3, 731-2115
Powwow of the Four Winds, Oct. 15-17, Las Vegas, 486-5205
Bluegrass and Old-Time Country Festival, Oct. 15-17, Logandale, 594-6422 or 564-5455
Las Vegas Invitational Golf Tournament, Oct. 20-24, 382-6616
Henderson Expo, Oct. 22-24, 565-2171
North Las Vegas Fairshow and Hot-Air Balloon Races, Oct. 29-31, 642-1944
National Finals Rodeo, Dec. 3-12, Las Vegas, final PRCA rodeo competition, 731-2115
Boulder City Christmas Parade, Dec. 4, 293-2034
Children's Christmas Parade, Dec. 11, Henderson, 565-8951
Las Vegas Bowl II, Dec. 18 (tentative), 731-2115

SHOWGUIDE

Las Vegas

Aladdin, 736-0240: "Country Tonite," revue, indf.
Arizona Charlie's, 258-5200: "Naughty Ladies," revue, indf. (dark Mon.)
Bally's, 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: *Celebrity Room:* George Carlin/Dennis Blair, July 1-14;



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The Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art in Las Vegas is showing original animation cells of characters such as Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck through July 23.

Four Tops, July 15-21; Tom Jones/Jimmy Aleck, July 22-Aug. 4; Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 5-9; Engelbert Humperdinck, Aug. 12-25; *Jubilee Theater:* "Jubilee!" indf. (dark Fri.); comedians Richard Belzer/Mike McDonald, July 16; comedians Kevin Meany/Carol Liefer, July 23; *Catch a Rising Star:* comedy/variety club, indf., starring Robert Schimmel/Terry Mulroy/Charlie Hill, thru July 5

Bourbon Street, 737-7200: Lounge entertainment (dark Mon.)

Caesars Palace, 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: David Copperfield, thru July 6; Johnny Mathis, July 15-18; Julio Iglesias, July 21-26; Ann-Margret, July 28-Aug. 1; Sheena Easton, Aug. 6-8; George Burns, Aug. 12-13 and Aug. 15; Chicago, Aug. 19-22; David Copperfield, Aug. 24-Sept. 6

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

Continental, 737-5555: Lounge entertainment nightly

Eldorado, Henderson, 564-1811: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.

Excalibur, 597-7600: "King Arthur's Tournament," indf.

Fitzgeralds, 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada and Alaska): Nightly entertainment

Flamingo Hilton, 733-3333 or 800-732-5111: *Flamingo Showroom:* "City Lites," stage show, indf. (dark Sun.); *Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre:* "American Superstars," indf. (dark Thurs.)

Four Queens, 385-4011 or 800-634-6045: Four Aces/Four Lads, June 29-July 11; The Platters, July 13-25; Original Drifters, July 27-Aug. 1; Paul Casey Sings "Elvis," Aug. 10-22; Kingston Trio, Aug. 24-Sept. 5; Monday Night Jazz, indf.

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

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

Hacienda, 739-8911: Lance Burton: World Champion Magician, indf. (dark Mon.); free comedy shows in Bolero Lounge every Mon. night, indf.

Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5222 or 800-392-9002: "Spellbound, A Concert of Illusion," indf. (dark Sun.)

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

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Dusty Barron/Kalua and Kream/Sunspots, indf.

Joker's Wild, Henderson, 564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun., Karaoke Mon.-Tues.

Lady Luck, 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Melinda, the First Lady of Magic, indf. (dark Mon.); Lady Luck Luau every Mon.

Las Vegas Hilton, 732-5755: Bill Cosby, June 25-July 7 (dark Thurs.)

Maxim, 731-4300 or 800-634-6987: "Comedy Cabaret," revue, 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; Cirque du Soleil, indf. (dark Mon.)

O'Sheas, 733-3111: Entertainment TBA

Palace Station, 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Entertainment TBA

Rio Suite Hotel, 252-7776 or 800-888-0400 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): "Brazilia," revue, indf. (dark Mon.)

Riviera, 794-9301 or 794-9433: Jeff Kutash's "Splash," production show, indf.; "An Evening at La Cage," revue, indf. (dark Tues.); "Crazy Girls: Sensuality and Passion," revue, indf. (dark Thurs.); "The Improv," comedians, indf.

Sahara, 737-2515: "Boylesque," starring Kenny Kerr, indf. (dark Wed.); Rich Little and his Copy Cats, indf. (dark Thurs.); "Seduction," comedy, music, and dance revue, indf. (dark Sat.-Sun.); Pacific Rim Hot Lava, (dark Wed.)

Sam's Town, 456-7777: Live entertainment nightly

San Remo, 597-6028: Geno Munari's "Hanky Panky Revue," indf. (dark Mon.)

Sands, 733-5453 or 800-446-4678: "Bare Essence," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Viva Las Vegas!" indf. (dark Sat.-Sun.)

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Santa Fe, 658-4900: Dummkopfs, Tues. nights
Showboat, 385-9190 or 800-634-3484 (U.S. outside Nevada): Cornell Gunter's Coasters, July 13-Aug. 1; Susan McDonald, Aug. 3-22
Stardust, 732-6111 or 800-824-6033 (U.S. and Mexico): "Enter the Night," stage show, indf. (dark Tues.)
Stars' Desert Inn, 733-4566 or 800-634-6909 (U.S. outside Nevada): Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme/Marty Brill, June 29-July 4; Paul Anka, July 6-11
Tropicana, 739-2411: "Folies Bergere," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Comedy Stop," comedians, indf.
Vacation Village, 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Lounge entertainment nightly
Vegas World, 383-5264: Marty Allen and Steve Rossi with Karon Kate Blackwell, indf. (dark Thurs.); "Memories of Elvis," indf. (Thurs.)
Westward Ho, 731-2900: Paul Delicato/Liz Damon, indf. (dark Sun.)

Laughlin

Colorado Belle, 298-4000: Entertainment TBA
Edgewater, 298-2453: Daily entertainment
Flamingo Hilton Laughlin, 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: *Club Flamingo*: "American Superstars," tribute by celebrity look-alikes, indf. (dark Thurs.)
Gold River, 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: "Bottom's Up," indf. (dark Tues.)
Golden Nugget Laughlin, 298-7111 or 800-237-1739 (U.S. outside Nevada): Panama, July 1-11; Unity, Aug. 2-25; Frenz, Aug. 17-29; Shauntee, Aug. 31-Sept. 5
Harrah's Laughlin, 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Entertainment TBA



George Burns appears at Caesars Palace August 12-13 and August 15.

Ramada Express, 298-4200: Karaoke Night every Mon. from 7pm-midnight
Regency, 298-2439: Piano bar
Riverside Resort, 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616 (U.S. outside Nevada): Eddie Rabbit, April 29-May 1

Mesquite

Peppermill Resort, 346-5232: Entertainment TBA
Virgin River, 346-7777: Entertainment Tues.-Sun.

State Line/Jean

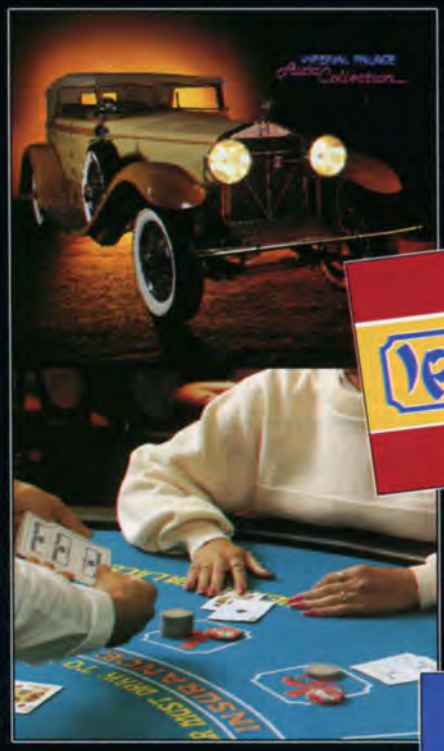
Gold Strike Hotel, Jean, 477-5000 or 800-634-1359 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Maraj, June 22-July 11; Impulse, July 13-Aug. 1 (dark Mon.)
Nevada Landing, Jean, 387-5000 or 800-628-6682 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Fast Company, June 22-July 11; Pam Nickles, July 13-Aug. 1
Primadonna, State Line, 382-1212 or 800-826-4471: Nightly entertainment Thurs.-Mon.
Whiskey Pete's, State Line, 382-1212 or 800-367-7383: Live entertainment nightly

GAMING TOURNAMENTS

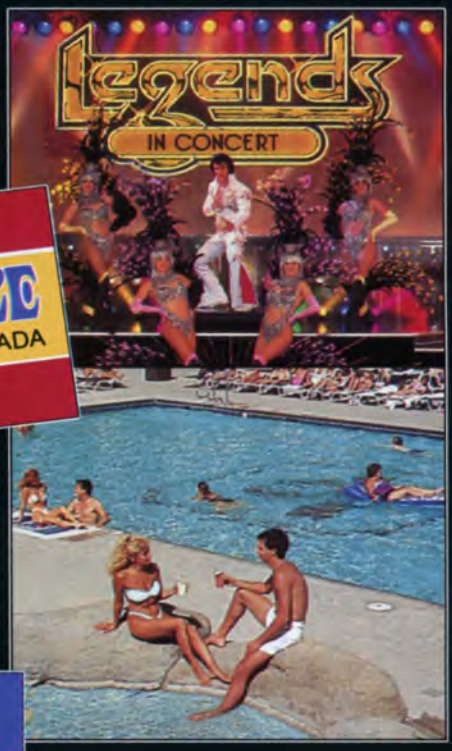
July

Slots, July 5-8, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, July 5-8, Sands, 733-5000
Craps, July 9-11, Imperial Palace, 794-3160
Slots, July 11-12, Peppermill, Mesquite, 346-5232 ext. 3532
Slots, July 13-15, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Slots, July 13-16, Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5088
Craps, July 17-19, Four Queens, 385-4011
Slots, July 18-20, Tropicana, 739-2614
Blackjack, July 25-27, Tropicana, 739-2614
Blackjack, July 25-27, Riviera, 800-275-7600
Slots, July 25-28, Hacienda, 739-8911
Slots, July 29-Aug. 1, Golden Nugget, 385-7111

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Casino Notes





Female impersonator Frank Marino (above) was named the Best Dressed Las Vegan in the Las Vegas Review-Journal's *Best of Las Vegas awards. Marino wears flashy gowns when portraying Joan Rivers in the Riviera's "La Cage."*

•The Palace Court Restaurant at **Caesars Palace** again has earned a four-star rating in the *Mobil Travel Guide*. The 1993 guide also ranks Caesars Palace in the top two percent of more than 21,000 establishments evaluated in the guide.

•Et tu? **Caesars Palace** celebrates Julius Caesar's 2,093rd birthday July 12 in the Olympic Casino. The pageantry includes a procession and a drawing for $2,093 in $1 and $5 slot tokens. Caesars Palace's idea of a traditional cake contains 1,820 eggs and 93 pounds of flour. Last year it was a replica of the Colosseum.

•The **Flamingo Hilton Laughlin** is launching a $5-million casino expansion. Expected to be completed by August 1 on the hotel's three-year anniversary, the expansion will include 10,000 square feet of casino space. The Flamingo also will add a river-view bar with $20 video-poker machines. The new casino space will be nonsmoking, representing 28 percent of the total casino space and more than doubling the Flamingo's current nonsmoking area.

•Doctors on Call (DOC), an independent medical clinic, recently opened at the **Imperial Palace**. Open 24 hours a day, DOC has a multilingual staff and a 2,500-square-foot clinic. It offers a courtesy shuttle and house calls for hotel guests anywhere on the Strip.

•October 15 is the planned opening date for the pyramid-shaped **Luxor Hotel,** built next to the Excalibur by Circus Circus Enterprises. Luxor will feature Egyptian boats to ferry guests from the registration desk to the elevators. Reservations are being accepted (800-288-1000).

•Jeff Kutash's "Splash," playing nightly in the **Riviera's** Versailles Theatre, has earned three new awards in 1993. *LifeStyle* and *The Communicator* magazines and Celebrity Scene News/KDWN radio recently lauded the show, which features a 20,000-gallon water tank, synchronized swimmers, and contemporary production numbers. *LifeStyle* named "Splash" the "1993 Show of the Year," *The Communicator* named it "The No. 1 Family Show in Las Vegas," and Celebrity Scene News called it the "Best Show in Las Vegas."

•Las Vegas entertainer Frank Marino was named the Best Dressed Las Vegan in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal's* Best of Las Vegas awards. Marino, a female impersonator, stars as Joan Rivers in "An Evening at La Cage" at the **Riviera**.

•A California woman who played $13 on a slot machine hit the world's largest nickel-slot jackpot at the **Stardust Hotel** in January. Margaret Ann Jones won $864,554.77 on a Nevada Nickels machine. The slot machine is part of International Game Technology's statewide progressive-slot system that links about 1,200 machines in more than 120 casinos in Nevada.

•"Les Folies Bergere," the French original, recently closed in Paris. But "Les Folies Bergere," the Las Vegas version, is still going strong and is celebrating its 34th anniversary this year at the **Tropicana** on the Las Vegas Strip.

•Twin sisters hit two royal flushes within two minutes of each other at the **Tropicana**. Lillian and Lydia Longarini of Southern California were playing video-poker machines at opposite ends of the casino. At 10:50 p.m., Lillian hit a royal flush and won $1,000. Two minutes later Lydia duplicated her sister's win. Ironically, the twins' brother and sister-in-law, who were vacationing with the twins, also won with royal flushes during the trip.

August

Slots, Aug. 3-6, Harrah's Las Vegas, 369-5088
Roulette, Aug. 13-15, Tropicana, 739-2614
Slots, Aug. 15-17, Imperial Palace, 794-3160
Video Poker, Aug. 15-18, Tropicana, 739-2614
Slots, Aug. 16-19, Caesars Palace, 731-7485
Slots, Aug. 16-19, Sands, 733-5000
Slots, Aug. 19-22, Sahara, 737-2111
Craps, Aug. 22-24, Tropicana, 739-2614
Blackjack, Aug. 23-26, Stardust, 732-6111

ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & MUSEUMS

Boulder City

Black Canyon Raft Tours: 1297 Nevada Hwy., 293-3776
Boulder City Historic District: 293-2034
Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum: 444 Hotel Plaza, 294-1988
Hoover Dam: Tours, U.S. 93, 293-8367
Lake Mead Cruises/*Desert Princess:* Lake Mead Marina, 293-6180
Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Hwy., 293-8907

Henderson

Clark County Heritage Museum: 1830 S. Boulder



On summer weekends Hobie Cat regattas are a colorful sight on Lake Mead.

Hwy., 455-7955
Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden: Tours, 2 Cactus Garden Dr., 458-8864
Kidd Marshmallow Factory: Tours, 8203 Gibson Rd., 564-3878

Las Vegas

American Museum of Historical Documents: 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., private, 731-0785
Bethany's Celebrity Doll Museum: 3765 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 798-3036
Bonnie Springs Old Nevada: Bonnie Springs Ranch, Red Rock Canyon, 875-4191
Debbie Reynolds' Hollywood Hotel and Motion Picture Museum (scheduled to open in June), 305 Convention Center Dr., 734-0711
Desert Demonstration Gardens: Tours, 3701 W. Alta, 258-3205
Floyd Lamb State Park: Ponds, 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 486-5413
Guinness World of Records Museum: 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-0640 or 792-3766 (bus.)
Imperial Palace Auto Collection: 731-3311
Lake Mead Yacht Tours: Cruises to Hoover Dam, Lake Mead Marina, 293-7083
Las Vegas Art Museum: Lorenzi Park, 3333 W. Washington Ave., 647-4300
Las Vegas Natural History Museum: Includes the Wildlife World Art Museum, 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 384-DINO
Liberace Museum: 1775 E. Tropicana, 798-5595
Lied Discovery Children's Museum: 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-KIDS
Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: UNLV, 739-3381
Mirage Dolphin Environment: The Mirage Hotel, 791-7111
Mount Charleston Area: 222-1597
Nevada State Museum and Historical Society: Lorenzi Park, 486-5205
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort: Las Vegas Blvd. N. at Washington (entrance from Cashman Field parking lot B only), 486-3511
Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area: 363-1921
Scandia Family Fun Center: 2900 Sirius Ave., 364-0071
Southern Nevada Zoological Park: 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 648-5955
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park: Red Rock Canyon, 875-4141
Wet 'n Wild: Water theme park, 2601 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 734-0088

Laughlin

Lake Mohave: Marina at Katherine, 602-754-3245

Mesquite

Desert Valley Museum: 346-5705
Peppermill Gun Club: 346-5232 ext. 3729

North Las Vegas

The Planetarium: Community College of Southern Nevada, 644-5059

Overton

Lost City Museum: 397-2193
Valley of Fire State Park: 12 miles south, 397-2088

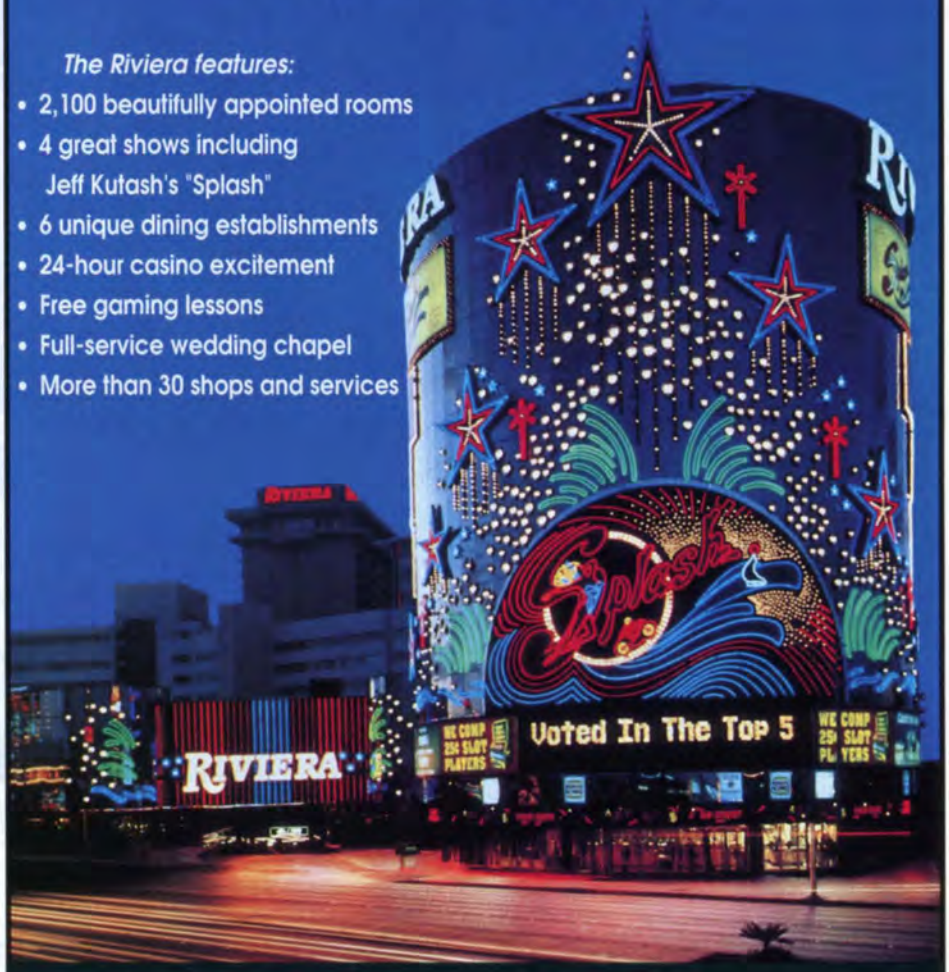
Searchlight

Searchlight Historic Museum: Community Center, 455-7955

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EVENTS

July

Oliver Gagliani Zone System Workshop, thru July 2, negative and printmaking techniques, Virginia City, 415-472-4010

Virginia City Archaeology Tours, thru July 9, UNR's Archaeological Field School offers free walking tours of excavations at 10am on weekdays, Virginia City, 687-5138 or 847-0281

Carson Valley Art Show, thru July 19, Genoa Courthouse Museum, 265-7185

The Cowboy Show, thru July 25, Western art show is a sanctioned event of the Reno Rodeo, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Walker Collection of California Impressionist Paintings, thru Aug. 7, more than 50 paintings by significant California landscape and seascape artists of the late 19th century and early to mid-20th century, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Dinosaurs of the Deep, thru Aug. 8, Dinamation exhibit with lifelike moving sea monsters, Wilbur D. May Museum, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-6133

Art Show, thru Aug. 13, pastels by Jan Demorest, Red Mountain Art Gallery, Truckee Meadows Community College, 673-7102

Valhalla Festival of Arts and Music 1993, thru Aug. 26, art shows, photo exhibits, jazz concerts every Thurs., most events held at Tallac Historic Site, three miles northwest of South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-4975

Asian Nevadans: The Asian-American Experience in the Silver State, thru Aug. 31, traveling exhibit documenting the presence of Asians in Nevada from the first Chinese in the Carson Valley in 1855, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 784-6587

Views of Nevada's Rails, thru Sept. 10, historic photographs and artifacts of early Nevada railroads, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Breck Alan, July 1, word-play and acoustic guitar music, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

"Pirates of Penzance," July 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, and 27-31, bring picnic dinner, show 8pm, North Tahoe Regional Park, Tahoe Vista, 916-581-4323

Crafts, Collectibles, and Antiques Show and Sale, July 1-4, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 916-273-3725 or 782-9711

Sierra Grand Trapshooting Tournament, July 1-4, Little Mondeaux Gun Club, Jacks Valley, 782-5512

Edward Borein: Artist of the American West, July 1-18, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Country Jamboree, July 1-25, Western town, artists and craftspeople, storytellers, and food, Boomtown, Verdi, 827-2970

"The Grapes of Wrath," July 2-3 and 8-10, 8pm, Redfield Studio Theatre, UNR, 784-6847

Indian Powwow, July 2-4, Native American arts and crafts, Indian tacos, Bull Creek Ranch, Verdi, 345-7600



Some say Virginia City's annual Fourth of July parade has gone to the dogs.

Arts and Crafts Fairs, July 2-4, 8-10, 16-18, and July 30-Aug. 1, 10am-5pm, Kings Beach, 916-546-2768

Sculpture Exhibit, July 2-30, by Jason Damron, Front Door Gallery, UNR, 784-6658

Ceramic Exhibit, July 2-Aug. 27, by Ben Parks, Sheppard Gallery, UNR, 784-6658

Art Exhibit, July 2-Aug. 27, works by Cindy Ryan, McNamara Gallery, UNR, 784-6682

Barn Dance, July 3, families welcome, 8pm, Bull Creek Ranch, Verdi, 345-7600

Sporting Clays Registered Shoot, July 3, Red Hills Hunting Preserve at Topaz Lake, south of Gardnerville, 266-3856

Kings Beach Fourth of July, July 3, fireworks, Lake Tahoe, 916-581-6900

Tri-Holiday Sweepstakes Racing, July 3 and Sept. 4, stock car races, 7:30pm, Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079

Arts, Crafts, Collectibles, and Antique Fair, July 3-4, 8am-5pm, Roberts House Museum, Carson City, 882-4133 or 882-1805

Arts and Craft Fair, July 3-4, 10am-5pm, Village Green next to Hyatt, Incline Village, 916-546-2768

Steam-Up, July 3-5, operation of historic steam

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locomotive on one-mile loop of track, 10am-4pm, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Virginia City Fourth of July, July 4, parade, barbecue, mining contests, fireworks, 847-0311

Reno Philharmonic Concert in the Park, July 4, bring picnic lunch or buy from vendors, festivities begin at 3pm, free concert starts at 5pm, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2590

Skyfire, July 4, fireworks, Rancho San Rafael Park, 800-FOR-RENO

Carson City Fourth of July, July 4, fireworks in Mills Park, 882-1307



Numaga Indian Days Celebration is September 3-5 in Reno.

South Lake Tahoe's Star Spangled Fourth of July, July 4, 916-544-5050

Tahoe City Fourth of July, July 4, fireworks, 916-581-6900

Nugget Jazz Festival, July 4-7, 11th annual, nine jazz bands, headliner is Cab Calloway, gospel session, jazz brunch, dinner and dance, jazz parade through casino, John Ascuaga's Nugget and Victorian Square, Sparks, 356-3300

Region II Soaring Championships, July 4-10, Douglas County Airport, 782-4944

Region II Arabian Horse Show, July 4-10, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Art Show, July 5-31, works by Harriet Uhalde and Mary Chadwell, Artists Co-Op, 322-8896

Art Show, July 5-Aug. 11 (Mon.-Fri.), paintings by Margaret Dobin, Sierra Arts Center, 329-1324

Isuzu Celebrity Golf Championship, July 7-11, Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, 916-544-5050

Concerts on the Quad, July 7-Aug. 11, every Wed., Reno Municipal Band, 6-8pm, free watermelon, UNR, 784-4046 or 800-283-8928

All-American Fight Fest, July 8, outdoor, ESPN boxing, body building, music, and food, Arch Plaza, downtown Reno, 786-5700 or 800-777-5325

"Annie," July 9-10 and July 16-18, Western Nevada Community College's musical theater, Carson City Community Center, 887-3153

Mystery at the Brewery, July 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, and 30-31, lighthearted mystery by local performers, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Sports Cars and All That Jazz, July 9-11, sports car show, autocross, jazz musician Branford Marsalis, 16 regional jazz acts, sports car parts, nostalgia fair, swap meet, downtown Reno, 786-3030 or 800-FOR-RENO

Carson Valley Heritage Day Chili Cook-Off and Arts and Crafts Fair, July 10, Minden Park, 782-2211

Sparks Chili Cook-Off, July 10, second annual, ICS (International Chili Society) sanctioned, salsa and booth contests, craft show, games, and contests, Deer Park, Sparks, 359-5676

Tour of the California Alps—The Death Ride, July 10, bicycle race, Markleeville, 588-9658 or 916-694-2475

Trans-Tahoe Regatta, July 10, 26th annual, sailing, Lake Tahoe, 329-9084 or 916-525-5225

Flume Trail Work Days, July 10 and 24, maintain historic flume trail overlooking Lake Tahoe, meet at Spooner Lake or Sand Harbor, Marlette-Hobart backcountry, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 831-0494

A Common Thread, July 10-Sept. 27, traveling show of crafts made by Nevadans, opening reception July 10 at 2pm, Year of American Craft exhibit, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Arts on the Green, July 11, Village Green Park, Caughlin Ranch, Reno, 746-1010

Celebrity Waiters Dinner, July 11, to benefit CARE Chest, location TBA, 829-CARE

Sierra Nevada Wind Ensemble, July 11, free, 3pm, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Emigrant Trail Walking Tours, July 11-12, Aug. 2-3, and Aug. 22-23, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, 916-694-2203 or 800-423-9949

Ponies of America Horse Show, July 13-18, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Music at Sand Harbor, July 13-18, 12th annual "Tunes in the Dunes," contemporary rock, reggae, new wave, jazz, and rhythm and blues, bring picnic dinner, blanket, and low-back chair, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, south of Incline Village on Hwy. 28, 916-583-9048

RSVP July Jubilee, July 14-18, carnival, entertainment, Round Hill Shopping Center, South Lake Tahoe, 687-4680

"Fiddler on the Roof," July 15, 17-18, and 24-25, musical, Tahoe Players Assn., special benefit dinner performance on July 25, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 916-546-1330

Summer Jazz Concerts, July 16-17, 23-24, and Aug. 13-14 (tentative dates), 5:30-7:30pm, Top of the Tram, Heavenly Ski Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 586-7000

"Fiddler on the Roof," July 16-18, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382

Red Skelton's 80th Birthday Gala and Art Exhibition, July 16-18, hosted by Addi Galleries, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 324-5966 or 800-845-2950

"The Curse of the Hanging Tree," July 16-18, courtroom drama, Genoa Courthouse Museum, 782-2308

Ice Cream Social, July 17-18, National Automobile Museum, 333-9300

Piano Concert, July 18, free, 3pm, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Elevation 6,800 Feet Mountain Bike Race, July 18, Tahoe City, 916-582-4435

Nature Photo Workshop, July 18-20, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, 916-694-2203 or 800-423-9949

Champions Who CARE Golf Tournament, July 23, dinner, auction, benefit for CARE Chest, Lakeridge Golf Course, 829-CARE

Festival of the Arts Anniversary Show, July 23, Radio City Sparks live radio program,

TERRITORY MAP



HOT LINES

Festivals at Tahoe: information on North Shore festivals throughout the year, 916-583-7625

Nevada Division of State Parks: hikes, tours, stargazing, campfire programs at 21 parks around the state, District II, Carson City, 687-4379

UNR Music Department: concerts, recitals, 784-6145

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Victorian Amphitheater, Sparks, 353-2291

Capital City Fair, July 23-25, carnival, demolition derby, 4-H and commercial exhibits, horse shows, petting zoo, outlaw kart racing, teen dance, country-western dance, barbecue, Fuji Park, Carson City, 882-4460 or 687-7410

Christmas Card Contest Display and Carson Valley Photo Exhibit, July 23-Aug. 23, Genoa Courthouse Museum, 782-4325

Sounds at Sand Harbor, July 24, Tahoe Rim Trail's annual benefit concert on the beach, bring picnic dinner, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, south of Incline Village on Hwy. 28, 916-577-0676

Reno Antique and Collectibles Show and Sale, July 24, Reno Livestock Events Center, 746-0922

Nor-Cal Late Model Tour, July 24 and Aug. 21, late model stock car race, Silver State Raceway, Carson City, 885-2079

Jackpot of Gems '93, July 24-25, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 853-5055

Steam-Up, July 24-25, historic steam locomotive runs on one-mile loop of track, 10am-4pm, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Sierra Nevada Dressage Horse Show, July 24-25, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Arts and Crafts Fair, July 24-25, Truckee Regional Park, 916-546-2768

Tahoe Horizons Art Show, July 24-31, opening July 24 from 4-7pm, Sierra Nevada College, Incline Village, 916-546-7545 or 916-583-0921

North Lake Tahoe Symphony Orchestra, July 25, 3pm, free, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Children's Festival, July 25-26, storyteller and juggler Izzy Tooinski at 2pm each day, hands-on crafts and craft booths, $7, Topol Pavilion, Homewood, Lake Tahoe, 916-546-4602

Great Basin Chautauqua, July 26-29, historical tent show featuring scholars posing as historical figures, book discussions, children's programs, Rancho San Rafael Park, 784-6587 or 800-382-5023

***Wa She She E Deh* (Washoe People's Land),** July 29-Aug. 4, third annual Native American arts festival, dancing and handgames, exhibits of Washoe baskets, sponsored by the Tahoe Tallac Assn. and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Tallac Historic Site, three miles

NIGHTLIFE

Slayton Slays 'Em

BY GUY RICHARDSON

When Bobby Slayton talks, the jokes fly thick. If one whizzes past your ear before you have a chance to reel it in and figure it out, well, too bad for you, pal.

There'll be another along in a minute anyway.

And if you are offended—again, too bad for you, buddy.

"I remember Jay Leno saying to me, 'Bobby, when you make fun of women you lose half the audience.' So what."

It's not just women. Name it, Slayton will savage it. His agent calls Slayton, who is Jewish, "Yid Vicious." When Slayton works the Reno Hilton, there's a sign outside that warns about possibly offensive material. Doesn't bother him, says Slayton. "It worked great because all the Hilton execs came to the show, then came back and brought their friends."

Normally I wouldn't like a man with Slayton's in-your-face attitude. But there's something charming about his honest brashness. Maybe it's because no one's immune, not himself, not his family.

Last year his daughter Natasha wound up at an agent's office, Slayton said. "I know every parent says this, but she's a born actor. So we actually find the best child agent in the business. I think there's at least a 50-50 chance child success would screw her up, but if she could be like Macaulay Caulkin and make 50 mil before she was 10, I'd put her in counseling and she'd be all right."



Comedian Bobby Slayton.

He paused. "She doesn't want anything to do with it."

I can't tell if Slayton is serious or making a joke. Or maybe a bit of both.

Sometimes Slayton's mix of reality and comedy confuses other people, too. Last spring he performed in New York City and, as he usually does, did a radio talk show to promote his gig.

He went on WBLI—WB Long Island, "the kind of station that plays lots of Kenny G"—on Good Friday. "I say, 'Gosh, it's the day they killed the Lord. Why do they call it Good Friday? Seems to me it was a pretty *bad* day.' Then the switchboard lit up. Some guy said, 'You're makin' fun of mah Lord.' No, I was just being irreverent about what the day was called. Then the station manager called and said, 'Get him off the air.'"

You will be able to hear the unexpurgated Bobby Slayton at the Reno Hilton during Hot August Nights. "I'm thinking about driving up my '54 Chevy," Slayton said. "There's nothing like driving to Reno on Highway 5, getting bugs on your windshield and in your cooling system. I'll stop a couple of times to put coolant in. If anything else goes wrong, I won't know what to do. Because I'm Jewish, I just know to open the hood. That's it. Open the hood and look."

Hot August Nights will be good for him, Slayton said. "A lot of my act is from the '50s, so I'll be celebrating that. I hope it goes well, because I get a percentage of the door. Other than that, what do I get out of this? Another chance for people to assassinate me."

I love this guy. I don't know why, but I love this guy.

Bobby Slayton plays the Reno Hilton July 26-August 8.

Guy Richardson is a reporter and entertainment writer for the Reno Gazette-Journal *and a regular contributor to* Nevada Magazine.



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Peruvian Paso Horse Show, July 30-Aug. 1, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Lunar Lunacy 5K and 10K, July 31, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 782-9828

Euro-Brit Motorcycle Show and Swap, July 31, Minden Park, 267-2103

Windham Hill Concert, July 31, bring low-back chairs and picnic supper, Northstar, 916-587-0280

Crystal Geyser/Squaw Valley Knobular, July 31-Aug. 1, pro-am mountain bike race, Squaw Valley, 916-583-8900

Sundae in the Park, July 31-Aug. 1, Salvation Army fundraiser, Pickett Park, 688-4550

Tour of Nevada Bicycle Race, July 31-Aug. 8, a 585-mile, nine-day trek with stops in Ruth, Caliente, Pioche, Ely, Austin, Fallon, Virginia City, and Reno, 324-5317

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's Rat Fink Car Show, July 31-Sept. 6, Roth will show his art and paraphernalia and will sign and sell T-shirts and "Rat Fink" items Aug. 5-8, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

August

Truckee Meadows College Symphonic Band, Aug. 1, 3pm, free, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Emigrant Trail Walking Tours, Aug. 2-3 and Aug. 22-23, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, 916-694-2203 or 800-423-9949

David Best's Nevadacar Exhibit, Aug. 2-7, Best's cars are fanciful creations of junk auto parts, toys, advertising products, and collectibles, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor, Aug. 3-22, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, south of Incline Village on Hwy. 28, 916-583-9048

Hot August Nights, Aug. 4-8, car parade, prom, sock hop, poker run, nostalgia faire, record swap, Working Man's Car Auction, Silver Collection Car Auction, show 'n' shine, Reno and Sparks, 829-1955 or 800-FOR-RENO

Tour de France Art Show, Aug. 4-31, works by Velda Morby, reception Aug. 8 from 1-4pm, Artists Co-Op Gallery, 322-8896

Basketfull of Dreams Auction, Aug. 5, Native American art and historical items will be auctioned, 2-5pm, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, William B. Layton Park, Tahoe City, 916-583-1762

"Oklahoma," Aug. 5-7, 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28, musical, outdoor theater, picnicking 6:30pm, show 8pm, North Tahoe Regional Park, Tahoe Vista, 916-581-4323

Wooden Boat Week, Aug. 5-12, Tahoe Yacht Club, Lake Tahoe, 916-525-5225

Carson City Antique Sale, Aug. 6-8, Carson City Community Center, 209-638-4335

Tahoe Rim Trail Backcountry Camp, Aug. 6-9, volunteers work on the trail near Armstrong Pass, South Lake Tahoe, 916-577-0676

Art Exhibit, Aug. 6-30, intaglio prints by Pam Larsen, Front Door Gallery, UNR, 784-6658

Concours d' Elegance, Aug. 7, antique wooden boats, Lake Tahoe, 916-525-5225

Evening with Leo Buscaglia, Aug. 7, costume gala, Tallac Historic Site, three miles north of South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-4975

Arts, Crafts, Collectibles, and Antique Fair, Aug. 7-8, 8am-5pm, fundraiser, Roberts House Museum, Carson City, 882-4133 or 882-1805

Steam-Up, Aug. 7-8, historic steam locomotive runs on one-mile loop of track, 10am-4pm, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Lenz Trio Concert, Aug. 8, 3pm, free, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Northstar Run, Aug. 8, 5K and 10K races, Northstar, 916-587-0280

U.S. Open Baseball Tournament, Aug. 8-23, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 800-995-1773

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ment, Aug. 9-12, tournament is played at Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City and Dayton Valley Country Club in Dayton, 588-7984 or 916-694-2400

Festival of the Arts Series: Great Impersonators, Aug. 10, Victorian Square, Sparks, 353-2291

Annual House and Garden Tour, Aug. 12, reservations required, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, 916-583-1762

Summer Jazz Concerts, Aug. 13-14 (tentative date), 5:30-7:30pm, Top of the Tram, Heavenly Ski Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 586-7000

Sporting Clays Registered Shoot, Aug. 14, Red Hills Hunting Preserve at Topaz Lake, 266-3856

Bonsai Show and Demonstrations, Aug. 14-15, 10th annual, Tackoa Bonsai Club, Garden Shop Nursery, 323-6666

Truckee Championship Rodeo, Aug. 14-15, 19th annual, 916-587-0780 or 800-548-8388

Three-On-Three Basketball, Aug. 14-15, Reno Hilton parking lot, 789-2016

Pyramid Lake Triathlon, Aug. 15, 1.5K swim, 40K bike, and 10K run for individuals and teams, Sutcliffe, 786-5593 or 800-457-5604

Ron Williams and Cynthia Lang Concert, Aug. 15, piano and violin, 3pm, free, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Theodore Waddell Art Exhibit, Aug. 15-Sept. 30, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Sculpture Exhibit, Aug. 16-Sept. 24, by Carol Setterlund, Sierra Arts Center, 329-1324

Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 17, Tallac Historic Site, three miles northwest of South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-4975

Tahoe Rim Trail Work Days, Aug. 19 and 21, meet at Spooner Lake, Marlette-Hobart backcountry, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, 831-0494

Great Gatsby Festival, Aug. 20-22, living history program, Tallac Historic Site, three miles northwest of South Lake Tahoe, 588-8980 or 916-541-5227

Sharon Camarillo Barrel Racing Classic, Aug. 20-22, fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 916-895-1852

Reno Basque Festival, Aug. 21, 26th annual, starts at 11am, Basque dancing, weight lifting and weight carrying competitions, wood chopping relay, *irrintzi* (Basque yell) contest, traditional Basque dinner, street dance with Basque music and rock and roll band, Victorian Square, Sparks, 785-3350

Degikup Day, Aug. 21, Native American storytellers, dancers, artists, children and family games, crafts, barbecue, vintage Washoe and Lake Tahoe films shown inside Gatekeeper's Museum, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, Tahoe City, 916-583-1762

Steam-Up, Aug. 21-22, historic steam locomotive runs on one-mile loop of track, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Carson Valley Fine Arts and Crafts Street Celebration, Aug. 21-22, Minden, 324-6435 or 782-8144

Adopt-A-Car Wax and Shine Party and Annual Barbecue, Aug. 22, National Automobile Museum, 333-9300

North Lake Tahoe Symphony Orchestra, Aug. 22, 3pm, free, Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024 or 831-4622

Nevada State Fair, Aug. 25-29, carnival, midway, 4-H exhibits and events, 80-foot ferris wheel, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5767

"Best Little Whorehouse in (Nevada) Texas," Aug. 27-29, Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382

Valley Cruisers Main Street Event, Aug. 27-29,

PREVIEW



Poodle skirts and saddle shoes are optional at Hot August Nights.

A Smooth Cruise

BY GREG FINE

The event brings together more than 20 activities and thousands of people, so it may appear that chaos rules during Hot August Nights in Reno and Sparks. So much for appearances. The annual re-emergence of *American Graffiti*, scheduled for August 4-8, usually is as finely tuned as a customized '59 Ford.

As a spectator, though, you'll find that a few adjustments will make for a smooth cruise during the five-day event. The following suggestions are offered by Stephen J. Kenny, a veteran Hot August Nights organizer. His is a strategic approach geared to maximizing one's enjoyment quotient without missing any of the attractions.

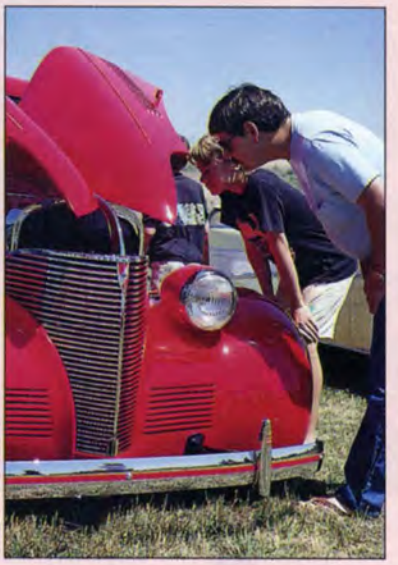
First and Foremost: Establish a certain mind set. Hot August Nights is a return to the *Happy Days* of the 1950s and '60s. You must allow yourself to get into the groove.

"It's a summer-evening kind of feeling," Kenny says. "It's a taste of 30 years ago, with a lot of friendly interaction."

Second: Consider your clothing. It is strictly a personal decision to dress in the garb of the period, but if you do, you'll have committed yourself to the appropriate mental outlook.

Third: Check out weekday events such as Wednesday evening's Early Bird Cruise in downtown Reno and Sparks. On Thursday more of the 3,500 pre-1969





The cars are the real stars at Hot August Nights. Car buffs can check out the hot rods up close at the Show 'n' Shine or take one home from the auction block.



cars purr into town. There's prime viewing from any street corner.

Thursday evening boasts two major events, the prom and the sock hop. The prom is formal, meaning white sport coat and pink carnation paired with a formal gown and corsage. If, however, you feel like wearing saddle shoes, jeans, or poodle skirt, head for the sock hop.

Fourth: Be on your toes Friday. "Try to get to the swap meet, nostalgia fair, and record swap early," Kenny says. "You'll find great buys and selection when it's waking up."

The Working Man's Auction is for beginning hobbyists looking for a reasonably priced classic car. "Every car is $6,000 or less," Kenny says.

The Silver Collection Car Auction also is on Friday. "About 250 hot rods and cars from the '50s and '60s go on the block," Kenny says. "The average sale price is about $11,000."

Fifth: Check out the Show 'n' Shine, which spotlights the true stars of the weekend, the cars. On Saturday more than 3,000 will be displayed in downtown Reno and Sparks and at Rancho San Rafael Park.

Six: Catch the closing parade in downtown Reno on Sunday.

Plus: You can start celebrating early at Winnemucca's Hot August Nights celebration July 30 to August 3. Winnemucca, 164 miles northeast of Reno, will host a poker run, show 'n' shine, swap meet, and car parade.

For more information about Hot August Nights in Reno and Sparks, call 702-829-1955. For Winnemucca, call 702-623-5071.

Greg Fine is a publicist with the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority.

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'50s and '60s car show, Minden/Gardnerville, 265-5737

World's Toughest Triathlon, Aug. 28, Baldwin Beach, South Lake Tahoe, 916-573-0103

Sierra Nevada Junior Rodeo and Playday, Aug. 28, for ages 3-14, Gandolfo Arena, Sparks, 969-3285

The First Northern Nevada Summer Storytelling Festival, Aug. 28, 4-8pm, free, on the grounds of the Sierra Meadows Church, 853-5329

Silver State Marathon and Half Marathon, Aug. 29, 26.2-mile marathon starts at 6am, half-marathon and 10K run start at 7am, Governor's 10K walk starts at 7:10am, meet at Bowers Mansion, West Washoe Valley, 849-0419 or 356-2024

Greg Brown Concert, Aug. 29, 4pm and 7:30pm, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

For the Love of Jazz Concert, Aug. 29, 1:30pm, Walley's Hot Springs, Genoa, 828-1843

COMING EVENTS

Numaga Indian Days Celebration, Sept. 3-5, Reno, 329-2936

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Sept. 3-6, Sparks, 353-2284 or 800-843-2427 ext. 3367

Model "A" Ford Cars Meet, Sept. 3-6, Carson City, 782-2184

Arts on the Green, Sept. 4-5, Incline Village, 832-3757

Splendor of the Sierra Fine Arts Show, Sept. 4-5, Truckee, 916-587-0280

Nevada State Railroad Museum Steam-Up, Sept. 4-6, Carson City, 687-6953

Great Reno Balloon Race, Sept. 10-12, 826-1181

Virginia City Camel Races, Sept. 10-12, 847-0311 or 847-RACE

Daow Aga Powwow, Sept. 10-12, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-CAL-NEVA

Squaw Valley Century, Sept. 12, cycling ride, 916-583-8900

Reno National Championship Air Races, Sept. 16-19, 972-6663

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Sept. 18, Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 887-2244

Virginia City 100-Mile Endurance Ride, Sept. 18, 882-6591

Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival, Sept. 18, West Washoe Valley, 882-7437 or 882-6013

Biggest Little Quilt Show in the West, Sept. 18-19, Reno, 849-0322

High Sierra Regional Chili Cook-Off, Sept. 24-26, Lake Tahoe, 588-6211

Genoa Candy Dance, Sept. 25-26, 782-8696

Autumn Food and Wine Jubilee, Sept. 26, North Lake Tahoe, 916-581-6900

World's Championship Chili Cook-Off, Oct. 1-3, Reno, 829-2810 or 800-FOR-RENO

Third Annual Native American Snow Dance Festival, Oct. 2, Incline Village, 800-GO-TAHOE

Columbus Day Parade, Oct. 9, Reno, 829-1955

Eldorado Great Italian Festival, Oct. 9-10, Reno, 786-5700 or 800-777-5325

Kokanee Salmon Festival, Oct. 9-10, Lake Tahoe, 916-573-2600

Pyramid Lake Rodeo, Oct. 29-31, Nixon, 574-1000

Wa She Shu Powwow, Oct. 29-31, Carson City, 883-6431

Nevada Day Celebration, Oct. 31, Carson City, 882-1565

National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals, Nov. 8-13, Reno, 688-5751

Children's Powwow, Dec. 3-5, Native American



The 26th annual Reno Basque Festival is August 21 at Victorian Square in Sparks.

celebration, Carson City, 887-1089

Silver and Snowflakes Festival of Lights, Dec. 8, Carson City, 885-0411

Christmas on the River, Dec. 11, Reno, 334-2077

SHOWGUIDE

Reno/Sparks

Circus Circus, 329-0711 or 800-648-5010: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight

Clarion, 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Entertainment TBA

Eldorado, 786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada), or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Country Music Heaven, thru July 4; Kristine and the Sting, thru July 11; Allen and Rossi, July 6-25; Danny Marona, July 27-August 15; Lil' Elmo and the Cosmos, Aug. 3-8; Sonny Turner, Aug. 16-29; Herman's Hermits, Aug. 17-29; Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, Aug. 30-Sept. 19; Honolulu, Aug. 31-Sept. 19

Fitzgeralds, 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment TBA

Flamingo Hilton Reno, 785-7080: *Flamingo Showroom:* "American Superstars," indf. (dark Tues.); *Showspot Lounge:* Zella Lehr, thru July 11 and July 27-Aug. 22; Martha's Children, July 13-25 and Aug. 24-Sept. 12

Harolds Club, 329-0881 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): David Proud, July 12-18

Harrah's Reno, 788-3773 or 800-648-3773: *Sammy's Showroom:* Greg Thompson's "Stagestruck" and "High Voltage," thru Dec. 13 (dark Tues.); The Kingston Trio, June 29-July 11; The Fifth Dimension, July 13-25; Nipsey Russell, July 27-Aug. 1; Paul Revere and the Raiders, Aug. 3-15

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177: *Celebrity Showroom:* Juice Newton/Ronnie Schell, thru July 7; Earl Thomas Conley/Dick Hardwick, July 8-21; Forester Sisters/Jim Barber, July 22-Aug. 4; Herb Reed and the Platters, Aug. 5-18; Brenda Lee, Aug. 19-Sept. 1; *Casino Cabaret:* Flashback, indf.

Peppermill, 826-2121 or 800-648-6992 (U.S. outside Nevada): Tommy Bell, thru July 4; Louie Fontaine, thru July 4; Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, July 1-3; Johnny Baron, July 5-11; K.O.T. Time Machine/Gene and Brenda, July 5-18; St. Romain, July 12-25; Pat Collins, July 15-17; Madison Avenue, July 19-Aug. 1; Louie Fontaine, Aug. 2-8; Jerry Zu/Cameron, Aug. 2-15; Double Edge, Aug. 16-22; Tommy Bell/Lelands, Aug. 16-29; Cheryl Cotten, Aug. 23-Sept. 5; Tanzania/Surprize Package, Aug. 30-Sept. 12

Ponderosa, 786-6820: Nightly entertainment

Reno Hilton, 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Ziegfeld Theatre:* Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, July 2-Sept. 12 (dark Thurs.); *Confetti Cabaret:* Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, June 28-July 11; *Just For Laughs Comedy Club:* Bobby Slayton, July 26-Aug. 8

Reno Ramada, 788-2000: Entertainment TBA

Silver Club, Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137: Tammy Allen and RSVP/White Wing, July 1-4; Whiskey Ridge, July 5-11; Jennifer Nam, July 12-18; Perfect Circle, July 12-25; Silk, July 19-Aug. 1; Tommy Bell, July 26-Aug. 1; Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Aug. 2-8; Paradise, Aug. 9-15; The Act, Aug. 16-29; Tammy Allen and RSVP, Aug. 30-Sept. 5; Double Edge, Aug. 30-Sept. 12

Western Village, Sparks, 331-1069: Entertainment TBA

Carson City/Carson Valley

Carson City Nugget, 882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Blind Date, thru July 4; Get Ready, July 6-18; The Act, July 20-Aug. 1

Carson Station, Carson City, 883-0900: Live entertainment Tues.-Sat.

Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983 (U.S. outside Nevada): Gary and Sandy, July 1-10; Vamp, July 12-24; *Cabaret Lounge:* Live bands and dancing Mon.-Sat., DJ and oldies records Sun.

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Casino Notes

After more than eight years of nonstop service and serving more than 3 million meals, Katie's Restaurant kitchen in the **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden has undergone a complete refurbishing. A new prep area, new ovens, and other new equipment have been added. A new "smoker" allows the inn to smoke its own meats and fish.

• **Circus Circus** has installed state-of-the-art video Virtua Racing Grand Prix machines. The video machines are equipped with "G-force simulation systems" that duplicate the forces of 120-mph corners and bumps and jolts of wheel-to-wheel racing, according to Slot Manager Robert Campbell.

• **Circus Circus Enterprises** and the **Eldorado Hotel** announced plans to build a 2,000-room theme resort in downtown Reno. The $210-million resort, which will depict a 16th-century Spanish seaport, will be built on land between Circus Circus and the Eldorado and will be managed by Circus Circus. A large dome will cover a family entertainment center highlighted by a 160-foot-tall indoor castle. Under the dome will be special-effects shows including continual laser displays. Visitors will be able to ride a galleon and amusement rides. The resort is tentatively called "Project C," with a name to be selected later. Groundbreaking is scheduled by the end of this year, with completion expected in April 1995.

• David Goodwin has been promoted to executive chef at **Harrah's Lake Tahoe**. Goodwin also has been selected as a 1993 inductee into the American Academy of Chefs, the national honor society of professional chefs.

• Following their performances in Sammy's Showroom, some of the headlining stars at **Harrah's Reno** come to the "Meet the Stars" booth on the casino floor to visit, sign autographs, and shake hands. Many also have memorabilia available for purchase. Performers you can meet this summer include Nipsey Russell (July 27 to August 1) and Paul Revere and the Raiders (August 3-15).

• The American Automobile Association recently awarded Llewellyn's restaurant at **Harvey's** with the Four Diamond Award because of its "elegant surroundings, spectacular view of Lake Tahoe and mountains, and innovative preparation."

• Air France awarded Bill Haslam, manager of the Sage Room restaurant at **Harvey's**, a free trip to France for earning the highest score in the Sterling Vineyards School of Service and Hospitality 1992 Advanced Course final examination. Haslam competed against 29 wine-savvy students representing some of the finest establishments in America.



Fans can meet Nipsey Russell and get his autograph after his performances at Harrah's Reno July 27 to August 1.

• In Sparks, Nugget Avenue from Rock Boulevard to Pyramid Way has been fully landscaped thanks to the efforts of **John Ascuaga's Nugget.** The project includes a jogging path and trees, plants, and grass that grow well in the high-desert climate.

• The lake adjacent to the **Reno Hilton** will be put to use this summer with the opening of Nevada's first floating golf driving range, the Hilton Bay Aqua Golf facility. The projected opening date is July 1. When completed, the $250,000 facility will feature 32 tee boxes with four large floating greens on the lake. Guests will use specially designed floating golf balls and drive to the greens set at various distances on the lake.

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 266-3339

Lake Tahoe

Bill's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-2455

Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 588-3515 or 800-648-3353: *Circus Maximus:* Eddie Money, July 2-4; David Copperfield, July 8-14; Bob Newhart, July 16-18; Natalie Cole, July 23-25; Julio Iglesias, July 30-Aug. 1; *Caesars Cabaret:* Laff Trax

Cal-Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382

Crystal Bay Club, Crystal Bay, 831-0512

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-6606 or 800-648-3773: *South Shore Room:* Me and My Girl, thru Sept. 6; *Stateline Cabaret:* Elvin Bishop, July 1-4; "Beyond Bare Essence," indf. (dark Thurs.)

Harvey's, Stateline, 588-2411 or 800-553-1022: *Emerald Theater:* "Twist and Shout: The Ultimate Beatles Revue," indf.; *Convention Center:* Danny Marona, July 1-4 and Aug. 26-29; *Llewellyn's:* Ron Rose Sound, indf.; *Emerald Party Lounge:* Steel Breeze/Band on the Run, June 28-July 4; Vamp, July 5-11; Tommy Bell, July 5-25; Frenz, July 12-25; Art Vargas and Two Sweet, July 26-Aug. 1; LA Party Dolls, July 26-Aug. 8; Ronnie and the Classics, Aug. 2-8; Lil' Elmo and the Cosmos/Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Aug. 9-15; Frenz, Aug. 16-22; Vamp, Aug. 16-Sept. 5

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 831-1111: Shake, Rattle, and Roll, June 29-July 4; St. Romain, July 6-11; Vermilion, July 13-18; Surprize Package, July 20-25; Herb McQuay, July 27-Aug. 1; The Act, Aug. 10-15; Lane Cameron Trio, Aug. 17-22; Perfect Circle, Aug. 24-29; Tommy Bell, Aug. 31-Sept. 5

Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Grande Lake Theatre:* "Magic 2010," a laser magic, comedy, dance extravaganza featuring Robert Gallup, indf.; *Golden Cabaret:* "Passion 2," indf.

Lakeside Inn, Stateline, 588-7777: Entertainment TBA

Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 831-0660

GAMING TOURNAMENTS

July

Slots, July 4-5, Peppermill, 689-7282

Keno, July 5-7, Fitzgeralds, 785-3381

Keno, July 5-7, Harolds Club, 785-3381

Poker, July 5-12, Peppermill, 689-7275

Slots, July 9-11, Riverboat, 323-8877

Dice, July 9-11, Harolds Club, 785-3381

Slots, July 9-11, Riverboat, 323-8877
Bingo, July 10, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Slots, July 11-14, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Keno, July 16, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 ext. 623
Keno, July 16-18, Comstock, 329-1880
Blackjack, July 17, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Slots, July 18-20, Comstock, 329-1880
Slots and Blackjack, July 23-25, Riverboat, 323-8877
Blackjack, July 23-25, Harolds Club, 785-3381
Slots, July 25-27, Eldorado, 786-5700
Keno, July 25-27, Flamingo Hilton Reno, 322-1111
Slots, July 25-27, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Blackjack, July 27, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 ext. 608
Keno, July 27-28, Peppermill, 689-7290

August

Slots, Aug. 1-2 and 22-23, Peppermill, 689-7282
Blackjack/Dice, Aug. 8-10, Peppermill, 689-7100
Slots, Aug. 8-10, Comstock, 329-1880
Slots, Aug. 8-11 and 22-24, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Slots, Aug. 9-11, Fitzgeralds, 785-3381
Keno, Aug. 15-17, Eldorado, 786-5700
Slots, Aug. 15-17 and 29-31, Flamingo Hilton Reno, 322-1111
Keno, Aug. 20, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 ext. 623
Slots, Aug. 20-22, Riverboat, 323-8877
Keno, Aug. 20-22, Comstock, 329-1880
Blackjack, Aug. 28, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3428
Slots, Aug. 29-31, Harvey's, 588-2411
Blackjack, Aug. 31, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & MUSEUMS

Carson City

Kit Carson Trail: Self-guided walking tour, 882-1565 or 800-638-2321
Nevada State Archives: Exhibits, State Library, 100 Stewart St., 687-5210
Nevada State Capitol: 687-5030
Nevada State Museum: 600 N. Carson St., 687-4810
Nevada State Railroad Museum: S. Carson St. at Fairview Dr., 687-6953
Roberts House Museum: 1207 Carson St., 882-1805
Stewart Indian Museum: 5366 Snyder Ave., 882-1808
Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum: 111 N. Curry St., 887-2210

Genoa

Genoa Courthouse Museum: 782-4325
Mormon Station State Historic Park: Seasonal, 782-4325, 687-4379
Walley's Hot Springs: 2001 Foothill Rd., 782-8155

Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park: 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494
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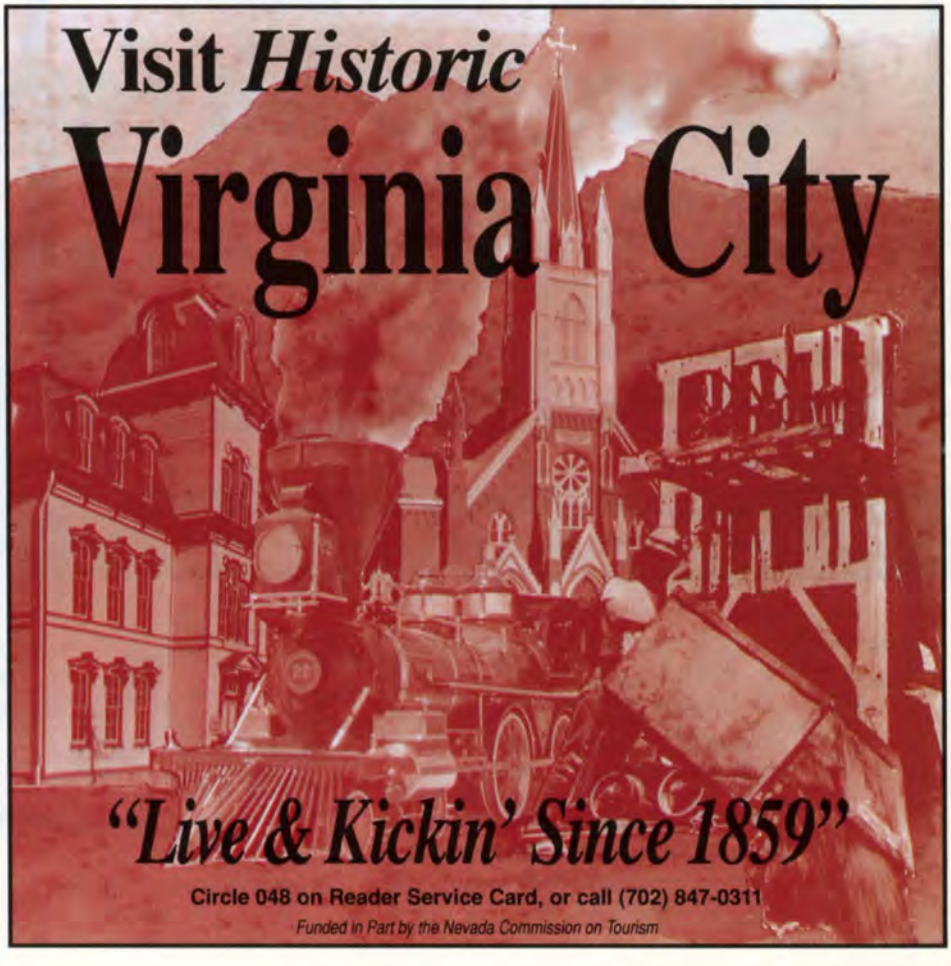
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Big Wheels

The 1993 Tour of Nevada Bicycle Race is a 585-mile, nine-day trek from Caliente to Reno. Organizers call the race, which runs from July 31 to August 8, the longest bicycle race in the West.

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The tour's nine stages are:

Prologue: Copper Country Time Trial: Ruth, July 31, 3 p.m.



The Tour of Nevada Bicycle Race, from Caliente to Reno, is July 31 to August 8.

Rainbow Canyon Team Time Trial: Caliente, August 1, 3 p.m.

Lincoln County Race: Pioche, August 2, 8 a.m.

White Pine Race: Nevada Northern Depot, East Ely, August 3, 7 a.m.

Ely to Eureka Race: Hotel Nevada, Ely, August 4, 8 a.m.

Austin to Fallon Race: Austin, August 5, the stage begins in Austin at 7 a.m.

Fallon to Virginia City Race: City Hall, Fallon, August 6, 8 a.m.

Caughlin Ranch Circuit Race: Starts at Caughlin Parkway at McCarran Boulevard, Reno, August 7, 8 a.m.

Meadowood Mall Criterium: Reno, August 8, 10 a.m.

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Ponderosa Ranch: Western theme park, Incline Village, 831-0691
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Tahoe Rim Trail: 916-577-0676
U. S. Forest Service Visitors Center: Tours, 916-573-2600
Vikingsholm: Tours, 916-525-7232

Reno

Bull Creek Ranch: Verdi, 345-7600
Fleischmann Planetarium: UNR, 784-4811
Harolds Club Gun Collection and Museum: 329-0881
Liberty Belle Slot Collection: 4250 S. Virginia St., in Liberty Belle Saloon, 825-1776
Mackay School of Mines Minerals Museum: UNR, 784-6052
Nevada Historical Society Museum: 1650 N. Virginia St., 688-1190
Nevada Museum of Art, E. L. Wiegand Gallery: 160 W. Liberty St., 329-3333
Numana Hatchery Visitors Center: Pyramid Lake, 574-0290
Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk and Wingfield Park Amphitheater: 334-2077
Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy: Tours, 300 E. First St., Suite 103, 329-5665
UNR Anthropology Dept. Research Museum: UNR, 784-6704
Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden: Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4153
Wilbur D. May Great Basin Adventure: Seasonal, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-4064
Wilbur D. May Museum: Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-5961
William F. Harrah Foundation National Automobile Museum: 10 Lake St. S., 333-9300

Sparks

National Air Museum and Hall of Fame: 1570 Hymer, 358-0505
Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum: 820 B St., 355-1144
Wild Island: Wild Island, Adventure Golf and Raceway, 250 Wild Island Ct., 359-2927

Virginia City

Chollar Mine: Tours, 847-0155
1869 Territorial Prison Museum: Tours, 847-0500
Fourth Ward School Museum: 847-0975
Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum: 847-9394
Liberty Engine Co. No. 1 Comstock Firemen's Museum: 847-0717
Mackay Mansion: 847-0173
Mark Twain Museum of Memories: 847-0454
Nevada Gambling Museum: 847-9022
Piper's Opera House: 847-0433
Ponderosa Mine: Tours, 847-0757
Territorial Enterprise Mark Twain Museum: 847-0525
The Castle: 847-0275
The Way It Was Museum: 847-0766
Virginia and Truckee Railroad: Tourist line, 847-0380.
Wild West Museum: 847-0400

Washoe Valley

Bowers Mansion Park: Pool, 4005 U.S. 395 North, 849-1825
Davis Creek Park: 849-0684
Washoe Lake State Park: E. Lake Blvd., 687-4319

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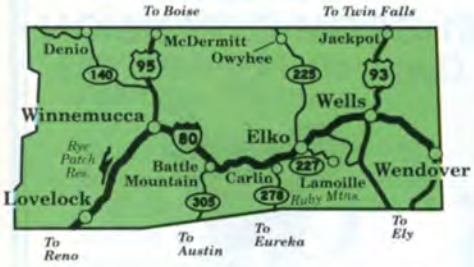
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COWBOY COUNTRY





The Western Art Round-Up is a big draw in Winnemucca every Labor Day Weekend for artists like Jim Bramlett, here creating a "quick draw" of artist Leon Gauge.

July

National Basque Festival Photography Competition Exhibit, thru July 20, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Made in Northern Nevada: Crafts of the Ranch, thru Sept. 4, contemporary cowboy crafts, Western Folklife Center, historic Pioneer Hotel, Elko, 738-7508

National Basque Festival, July 1-4, 30th annual, on Thurs. Elko Dancers, wood chopping, weight lifting exhibitions; on Fri. Basque Talent Night featuring Basque music and dancers; on Sat. parade, handball, dance groups, wood chopping, sheep dog exhibitions, weight lifting, and public dance; on Sun. Basque/English Mass, sheepherder's bread contest and auction, lamb and steak meal, dance groups, *jota* contest, *irrintzi* (Basque yell) contest, wood chopping, and weight lifting, events at convention center, fairgrounds, Basque Clubhouse, and City Park, Elko, 738-7135

The Ceramic Trend Art Exhibit, July 2-Aug. 3, Year of American Craft exhibition, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Al Park Veterans Memorial Stock Car Races, July 3, Summit Raceway, Elko, 753-6835

Carl Hayden Daze, July 3-4, two "daze" of fun including Hollerin' Contest, jackrabbit races, golf club throwing contest, and the Carl Hayden Writing Contest, fly-in, experimental airplane race from Jackpot to Wells and back, Jackpot, 755-6706 or 800-821-1103

Twin States Stampede, July 3-4, McDermitt, 532-8742

Test and Tune Time Trial, July 3-4, Utah Salt Flats Racing Assn., Bonneville Salt Flats International Raceway, Wendover, 801-785-5364

Winnemucca Junior Rodeo, July 3-4, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-3193

Bingo Games, July 3-4, benefit for community projects, community hall, Jarbidge 488-2311

Flying Saucer Fourth of July Trap Shoot, July 3-4, on Fri. fun shoot and barbecue, on Sat. ATA registered shoot, Flying Saucer Trap Club, Lovelock, 273-7324 or 273-2124

Lovelock Fourth of July, July 4, 10am kids' parade, booths, fireworks at McDougal's Complex, Lovelock, 273-7213

Wendover Fourth of July, July 4, parade, deep-pit barbecue, games, fireworks, Scobie Park, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862

July Fourth Rodeo, July 4, Duck Valley Reservation, Owyhee, 757-3161

July Fourth Powwow, July 4, Te-Moak Tribes, Lee (Elko), 744-4273

Jarbidge Fourth of July Celebration, July 4-5, parade, tug of war, and races, Main Street, Jarbidge, 488-2311

Ninth Annual Run and Ride, July 5, bike race, Wendover, 664-2221 or 800-648-9668

Elko Mining Safety Olympiad, July 8-10, mine safety teams competition, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091 or 800-248-ELKO

Triple Crown Softball Tournament, July 9-11, Elko, 738-7135

World Championship Feedlot Roping, July 11 and 15, 19th annual, International Feedlot Cowboy Assn. members compete, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071

Slot Tournament, July 11-13, Silver Smith Casino, Wendover, 664-2231 or 800-354-3665

Battle Mountain Mining Madness and Bed Races, July 17-18, bed-racing teams, booths, tug of war, scavenger hunt, mining madness games, and parade, Elquist Park, Battle Mountain, 635-8245 or 635-8564

Art in the Park, July 17-18, hand-crafted art, original paintings, home-baked foods, City Park, Elko, 738-5025 or 753-5968

Summer Mixed Ball Golf Tournament, July 19-20, sponsored by Silver Smith and State Line casinos, Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2231 or 800-238-2390

Native American Portraits Exhibit, July 22-Aug. 24, paintings by Evelyn Sheets of Spring Creek, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

First Annual Native American Festival, July 23-25, Native American consortium, arts and crafts exhibition, hand drums, Shoshone photo to exhibit, dancing, traditional stick games, and card games, fairgrounds, Elko, 753-3794

Land Speed Opener, July 23-25, 17th annual, Utah Salt Flats Racing Assn., Bonneville Salt Flats International Raceway, Wendover, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862

Silver State Stampede Rodeo, July 30-Aug. 1, PRCA rodeo, Western art show, parade, outdoor dances, entertainment, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-1499

Cactus Petes PGA Idaho Golf Open, July 30-Aug. 1, fundraiser for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Jackpot Municipal Golf Course, 755-6706 or 800-442-3833 ext. 6706

Hot August Nights Winnemucca, July 30-Aug. 3, poker run, car show and shine, food and beverage booths, swap meet, classic car parade, '50s and '60s bands, 623-5071 or 623-2225

Wells Fun Run, July 31-Aug. 1, classic car show and poker run, family street dance, entertainment, Wells City Park, 752-3540

August

New Impressions of an Old Tradition: Quilting Exhibit, Aug. 6-31, works by Sharon Thompson, Gaylon Simmons, and Kathy Mudge, Year of the American Craft exhibition, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Lovelock Frontier Days, Aug. 7-8, parade, state championship fast-draw competition, weight carrying, Basque dancers, bluegrass music, arts and crafts, food concessions, contests, Lovelock City Park, 273-2272

45th Annual Speed Week, Aug. 15-21, Bonneville Salt Flats International Raceway, Wendover, 664-3414 or 619-274-1993

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Cactus Petes and Ronald McDonald Golf Tournament, Aug. 20-22, four-person scramble, proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Boise, ID, Jackpot Municipal Golf Course, 755-6706 or 800-442-3833 ext. 6706

Nevada Rally, Aug. 21-29, international motorcycle race, Las Vegas, Mesquite, Ely, Elko, and Tonopah, 664-3414 or 800-426-6862

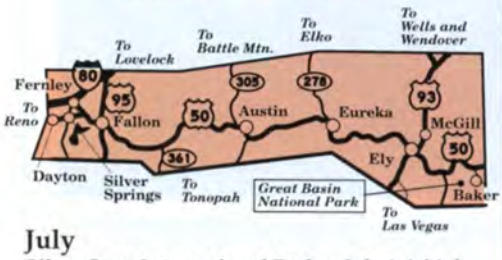
Photography Exhibit, Aug. 26-Oct. 5, works by Winnemucca photographer and journalist Lewis Brockus, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Railroad Recital, Aug. 28, railroad-themed music, poems, tales, and memorabilia, concessions, City Park,Wells, 752-3540

Lander County Fair and Mosquito Festival, Aug. 28-29, parade, pie-eating contest, chili cook-off, pet show, horse show, children's games, volleyball tournament, festival celebrates the fact that Battle Mountain has no mosquitoes, Elquist Park, Battle Mountain, fair info. 635-5397, festival info. 635-9274, volleyball 635-9278

One-Man Scramble Golf Tournament, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, Toana Vista Golf Course, Wendover, 664-2231 or 800-238-2390

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY



July

Silver State International Rodeo, July 1-4, high-school all-star rodeo, 9:30am and 7pm on Thurs.-Sat., 1pm Sun.; nightly teen dances, trade show, Lowdown Hoedown adult dance on Sat., fairgrounds and community center, Fallon, 423-4674 or 800-874-0903

Firemen's Sporting Day Shoot, July 3, Perdiz Shooting Range, Eureka, 237-5232

Eureka Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, parade in town, jackpot roping at fairgrounds, 237-5484

Ely Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, parade, games at Broadbent Park, fireworks, Ely, 289-8877

Fireworks Train, July 4, train ride from Ely to Adverse for fireworks and barbecue (22 miles round trip), 7-9:30pm, Nevada Northern Railway depot, East Ely, 289-2085

Hidden Cave Tour, July 10 and 24, 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 885-6100

Nevada Photography Workshop, July 10-17, 10th annual traveling workshop, camp in Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, Big Smoky Valley, White Pine Range, Great Basin National Park, and Cathedral Gorge State Park, 825-0109

All-Indian Rodeo and Stampede, July 16-18, rodeo, parade, powwow, Indian hand games, arts and crafts, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-3282 or 800-874-0903

Horse Show, July 17-18, fairgrounds, Eureka, 237-5547

Softball Tournament, July 17-18, Eureka, 237-5270

Treasure City Excavations, July 18-23, Humboldt

PREVIEW



Two events honoring Nevada's rails this summer are the Railroad Recital in Wells August 28 and Ely's Rail Days train rides (above) September 4-5.

Rail Days Steam Up

BY SEAN PITTS

Last year at Rail Days in Ely, I stood holding my two-year-old son's hand at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum. "Big!" Jonathan said as he looked up at old engine No. 40. "Big," I agreed.

The whistle blew, the bell clanged, and steam came out in a shoosh from the belly of the enormous machine. "Loud!" he exclaimed. Black smoke belched from the smoke stack. "Smoke!" he yelled, trying to be heard above the noise.

Big, loud, and smoky—a pretty good description of a 1910 steam engine, and three reasons that rail fans faithfully journey to Ely for the annual Rail Days event at the museum.

Rail Days '93 will be held on September 4-5, during Labor Day Weekend. Visitors will find contests, trains, and booths with everything from food to railroad art. Fun and games will return with the second annual "Battle of the Rails," in which teams compete in spike driving, tug of war, bed races, and other events.

The recently restored old No. 93 also will be running. Built in 1909, it's one of the last surviving steam engines from the giant copper mining operations near Ely. Visitors can see the Nevada Northern Railway Depot, which was built in 1908 and restored in 1992.

For more information on Rail Days '93, contact the White Pine Historical Railroad Foundation at 702-289-2085.

Sean Pitts is curator of history at the East Ely Railroad Depot Museum.

Photo: Kate Butler

PREVIEW

Hearts of Gold

By Monie Byers

A green wave of alfalfa has spread across the Lahontan Valley this year, thanks to Mother Nature and plentiful water. With healthy alfalfa crops also come the Hearts of Gold cantaloupes that Fallon is famous for.

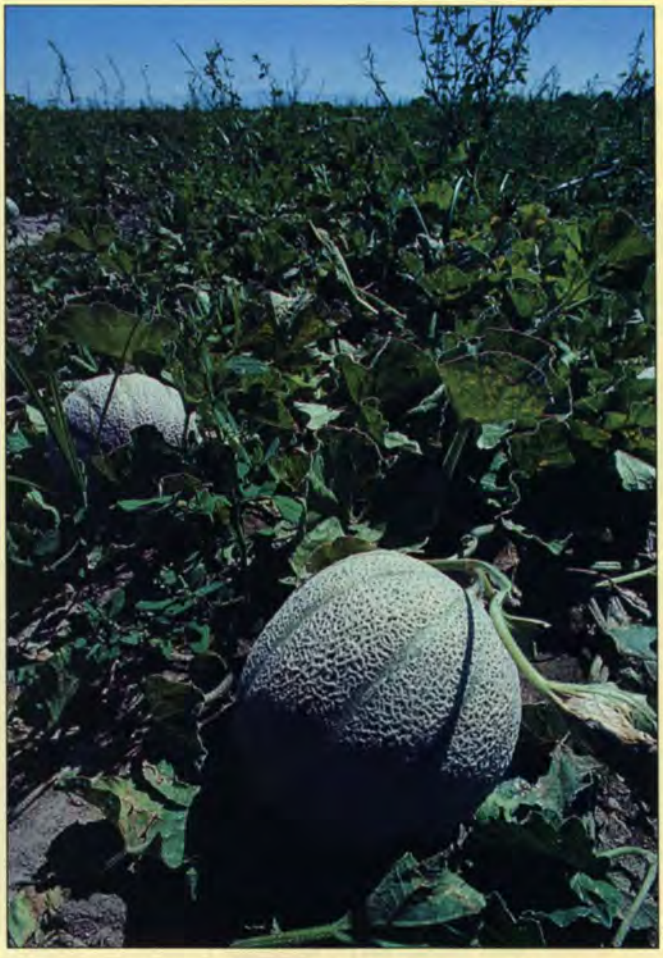
The Eighth Annual Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival returns to Fallon on August 20-22 with enough melons for events like cantaloupe bowling (and eating).

Besides a bountiful supply of melons, the Cantaloupe Festival will offer more activities, absorbing some events from the Churchill County Fair, which disbanded last year. Traditional small-town fair events like 4-H livestock competitions, a farmer's market, and arts and crafts will be part of this year's celebration. Festival favorites such as mud volleyball will return, too.

Fallon Hearts of Gold grower Rick Lattin, whose family has produced the cantaloupes since the 1950s, says Fallon's climate and altitude are perfect for the melons. The old-style family farms allow for more time to tend to the melons, resulting in more sweetness and flavor. Lattin says the last good cantaloupe season was 1985.

For more information about the Eighth Annual Cantaloupe Festival, call the Greater Fallon Area Chamber of Commerce at 702-423-2544.

Monie Byers is a reporter at the Lahontan Valley News-Fallon Eagle Standard.



Hearts of Gold cantaloupes: good for eating and *bowling.*

National Forest officials and volunteers will conduct surveys and test excavations of Treasure City, an old silver-mining town near Ely, 738-5171

$5,000 Dart Tournament, July 23-25, women's, men's, mixed, ADO sanctioned, Fallon Nugget and Bonanza Inn, Fallon, 423-3111 ext. 228

Masons Restoration Rally, July 24-25, Masonic Lodge, Eureka, 237-5411

Fallon 250 VORRA Off-Road Race, July 30-Aug. 1, 250-mile desert race, $350 entry, Valley Off-Road Racing Assn., Bonanza Inn is race headquarters, Fallon, 916-925-1702 or 423-3111

Paint Horse Show, July 31, Ely, 289-4691

Dayton's 10th Annual Beer Can Swap Meet, July 31, antique beer cans, advertising, and breweriana collectibles, 8am-3pm, free admission, Dayton State Park, 687-5678 or 246-0142

Nugget Golf Bash, July 31-Aug. 1, calcutta, dinner, $65 entry, Fallon Golf Course, Fallon Nugget and Bonanza Inn are headquarters, 423-6472

Tour of Nevada Bicycle Race, July 31-Aug. 8, a 585-mile, nine-day trek with stops in Ruth, Caliente, Pioche, Ely, Austin, Fallon, Virginia City, and Reno, 324-5317

August

Arts in the Park, Aug. 7-8, 11th annual, artwork and crafts, food, White Pine County Park, Ely, 289-2671

Far West Golf Association of the Deaf Tournament, Aug. 9-12, play is at Eagle Valley Golf Course in Carson City and Dayton Valley Country Club in Dayton, hosted by Sierra-Tahoe Golf Club, 588-7984 or 916-694-2400

Eureka County Fair, Aug. 13-15, junior rodeo, kiddie carnival, photo contest, hay contest, stock dog exhibit, container gardening display, food vendors, fairgrounds, Eureka, 237-5270 or 237-5646

Mountain Air Half-Marathon, Aug. 14, race from courthouse to fairgrounds, includes 5K fun run and walk, Eureka, 237-5484

Santa Maria Day, Aug. 14, Dayton, 246-7909 or 246-3993

Hidden Cave Tour, Aug. 14 and 28, 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 885-6100

Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival, Aug. 20-22, eighth annual, farmer's market, concert, mud volleyball, craft and food vendors, pony rides, bungie jumping, cantaloupe bowling contests, cantaloupe eating contests, music, Fallon, 423-2544 or 800-874-0903

Top Gun Drag Races, Aug. 21 and Oct. 2, Naval Air Station Fallon, 423-3104

Pony Express Horse Racing, Aug. 21-22 and Aug. 28-29, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

Nevada Rally, Aug. 21-29, international motorcycle race through Las Vegas, Mesquite, Ely, Elko, and Tonopah, passes through Ely Aug. 23 and Aug. 25, 289-8877

White Pine County Fair, Aug. 28-29, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

PIONEER TERRITORY



July

Berlin-Ichthyosaur Fossil House and Berlin Ghost Town Tours, ranger leads tours of 225-million-year-old ichthyosaur fossils and the Berlin ghost town site, call for times and days, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, near Gabbs, 964-2440 or 867-3001

Nights on the Green, thru Oct. 9, different band each Sat., bring lounge chairs or blankets, bocce ball and croquet, 6-10pm, no admission, barbecue dinners and wine available, Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Pahrump, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE

In Search of the Holy Gale, July 2-4, land sail-

Photo: Jay Aldrich

ing, racing, and touring on the Black Rock Desert, SASSASS (Sunny Acres Sipping, Soaring, and Sailing Society) event, Gerlach, 557-2580

Yerington Fourth of July, July 4, fireworks on State Route 339 near Weed Heights, 463-3333

Pahrump Fourth of July, July 4, barbecue, Unhorse Derby with jockeys on stick horses, barbecue, craft booths, fireworks, Community Park, 727-5800 or 800-633-WEST

Lincoln County Rodeo Series, July 9-10, rodeo grounds, Caliente, 728-4284

Nevada Photography Workshop, July 10-17, 10th annual traveling workshop open to photography students of all abilities, camp in Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park, Big Smoky Valley, White Pine Range, Great Basin National Park, and Cathedral Gorge State Park, 825-0109

Chili Cook-Off, July 17, with music, dance, fortune teller, piñatas, children's games, arm wrestling, VFW, Hawthorne, 945-2313

Motorcycle Rodeo and Bike Show, July 23-25, El Capitan Lodge, Hawthorne, 945-3613

Panaca Pioneer Day, July 24, 726-3333

Pioche Heritage Days, July 28-31, 11th annual, productions written and produced by local residents, pre-show entertainment starts at 7:30pm, reservations required, Pioche Town Hall, 962-5544

Yerington Classic, July 30-Aug. 1, National Motorcycle Touring/Racing Rally, vintage motorcycle racing, motorcycle rodeo, greased-pig contest, bull-riding rodeo, three-wheeler wheelie contest, Richest Poker Run in the West, concerts, street dance, most activities at fairgrounds, Dini's Lucky Club, and Casino West, Yerington, 463-3721 or 415-541-8588

August

Lincoln County Fair, Aug. 16-21, parade, Lincoln County Rodeo Series finals, horse show, mountain-bike racing, gymkhana, exhibits, 4-H horse show, talent show, BMX bicycle racing, model-rocket show, crowning of Miss Lincoln County Rodeo Queen and Princess, country roads race, jackpot roping, dog trials, prettiest yard contest, small-animal show, livestock show, barbecue, fairgrounds, Panaca, 726-3333, 728-4266, or 728-4606

Lyon County Fair, Aug. 19-22, fairgrounds, Yerington, 463-3721

Classic Desert Nights and Reunion Weekend, Aug. 20-22, Tonopah-Goldfield reunion picnic and '50s-style fun with classic car show and parade, poker run, Fri. night dance and "cruise," Corvette car clubs from Reno and Las Vegas rally, Reno Thunderbird Club, pancake breakfast, music from the '40s, '50s, and '60s, Tonopah, 482-3859, 482-6233 or 482-6496

TNT Dog Trials, Aug. 21, Three Nevada Trials, Panaca, 962-5544

Nevada Rally, Aug. 21-29, international motorcycle race, Las Vegas, Mesquite, Ely, Elko, and Tonopah, 641-3788

COMING EVENTS

Elko County Fair, Sept. 3-6, Elko, 738-3616

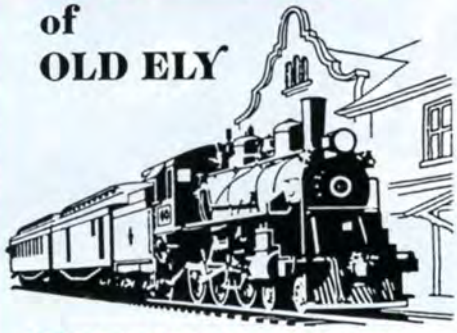
Pioche Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 3-6, 962-5544

Jazz and Wine Festival, Sept. 4, Pahrump, 727-6900

Harvest Moon Dance and Exhibit, Sept. 4, Elko, 738-7508

Fort Churchill State Historic Park Ruins Tours, Sept. 4 and 18, Silver Springs, 577-2345

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Rail Days, Sept. 4-5, Ely, 289-2085
Winnemucca Rodeo and Tri-County Fair, Sept. 4-5, 623-2220
Western Art Round-Up, Sept. 4-5, Winnemucca, 623-5071
Labor Day All-Indian Rodeo, Sept. 4-6, Owyhee, 757-3161
Lion's Club Junior Rodeo and Parade, Sept. 4-6, Fallon, 423-2544
Corn Feed, Sept. 5, Jarbidge, 488-2311
Race to the Angel, Sept. 11, running, walking, and bicycling divisions, Wells, 752-3267 or 752-3540
Pari-Mutuel Racing and Nevada Open Horse Show and Cow Horse Futurity, Sept. 11-12, Winnemucca, 623-5071
Pahrump Harvest Festival and PRCA Rodeo, Sept. 17-19, 727-5800 or 800-633-WEST
Pine Nut Festival and All-Indian Rodeo, Sept. 17-19, Schurz, 773-2306
Carey Bell and Tough Luck Blues Concert, Sept. 18, Fallon, 423-1440
Man-Mule Race, Sept. 18, Elko, 738-8570 or 753-6105
BluBlocker Silver State 100, Sept. 18-19, host city is Ely, 289-8877
Dayton Valley Days, Sept. 18-19, 246-3281
Pari-Mutuel Racing and Ranch Hand Rodeo, Sept. 18-19, Winnemucca, 623-5071
Battle Mountain Covered Wagon Trailride and Playday, Sept. 19, 635-2220 or 625-2422
Ely RSVP Fall Fun Fair, Sept. 22-26, 687-4680
World of Speed, Sept. 23-26, Bonneville Salt Flats, 664-3414 or 619-274-1993



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Nevada State 4-H Expo, Sept. 23-26, Winnemucca, 784-6206
Meadow Valley Days, Sept. 24-26, Caliente, 726-3129
Ruby Valley Treaty Days, Sept. 24-26, Elko, 738-9251
Civil Air Patrol Gun Show, Sept. 25-26, Yerington, 463-3893
Art in the Park, Oct. 2-3, Boulder City, 293-3926
Oktoberfest, Oct. 6, Jarbidge, 488-2311
Grape Stomp Festival, Oct. 9, Pahrump, 727-6900
Oktoberfest, Oct. 16, Wells, 752-3504
Nevada Day Parade, Oct. 31, Elko, 738-7135

SHOWGUIDE

Cowboy Country

Battle Mountain: Owl Club, 635-5155
Elko: Commercial Hotel, 738-3181. Red Lion, 738-2111 or 800-545-0044 (Western U.S. outside Nevada). Stockmen's Hotel, 738-5141
Jackpot: Barton's Club 93, 755-2341. Cactus Petes, 755-2321 or 800-821-1103. Horseshu Casino, 755-2331
Mill City (on I-80): Burns Bros. Casino, Mr. B's Lounge, 538-7306
Wendover: Nevada Crossing, 664-4000. Peppermill, 664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): K.O.T. Time Machine/Safe Six, June 28-July 4; Safe Six/Phyliss Kelley, July 5-11; Phyliss Kelley/Area Code 402, July 12-18; Area Code 402/Lelands, July 19-25; Lelands/Inside Out, July 26-Aug. 1; Inside Out/Edy Gainer and Dezire, Aug. 2-8; Edy Gainer and Dezire/Freeway, Aug. 9-15; Band On The Run/Tammy Allen, Aug. 16-22; Tammy Allen/Gentlemen and Their Lady, Aug. 23-29; Gentlemen and Their Lady/Sneak Preview, Aug. 30-Sept. 5. Red Garter, 664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Mon. Night Comedy at 9pm, live music Tues.-Sun. Silver Smith, 664-2231 or 800-648-9668: Nightly entertainment. State Line, 664-2221 or 800-648-9668: Nightly entertainment
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Hawthorne: El Capitan, 945-3321
Pahrump: Saddle West Casino, 727-5953 or 800-522-5953
Tonopah: Mizpah Hotel, 482-6202; Station House, 482-9777
Yerington: Casino West, 463-2481: Blue Flame, indf.; Dini's Lucky Club, 463-2868: Music Fri. and Sat.

ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & MUSEUMS

Cowboy Country

Bonneville Speedway Museum: Seasonal, 1000 E. Wendover Blvd., Wendover, 801-665-7721
Buckaroo Hall of Fame: 50 Winnemucca Blvd. W., Winnemucca, 623-2225
Giant Tufa Park: Seven miles west of Lovelock, 273-7213
Humboldt Museum: Jungo Rd. and Maple Ave., Winnemucca, 623-2912
Jarbidge Wilderness Area: 208-543-4129
Marzen House Museum: Marzen Ln., Lovelock, 273-7213
Northeastern Nevada Museum: 1515 Idaho St., Elko, 738-3418
Wild Horse State Recreation Area: 65 miles north of Elko, 758-6493

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Cave Lake State Recreation Area: 15 miles south of Ely, 728-4467
Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave: Tours, 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon, 885-6100
Dayton State Park: 687-5678
East Ely Railroad Depot Museum: 289-1663
Eureka Sentinel Museum: Eureka, 237-5010
Fort Churchill State Historic Park: Silver Springs, 577-2345
Great Basin National Park: Baker, 234-7331
Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site: 24 miles east of Austin on U.S. 50
Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Seasonal, East Ely, 289-2085
Sand Mountain: 20 miles east of Fallon, U.S. 50, 885-6000
Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Site: 16 miles (11 dirt) south of Ely
White Pine Public Museum: 2000 Aultman St., Ely, 289-4710

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Belmont Courthouse Historic Site: 867-3001
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park: 23 miles east of Gabbs, 867-3001
Cathedral Gorge State Park: Panaca, 728-4467
Central Nevada Museum: Logan Field Rd., Tonopah, 482-9676
Lincoln County Museum: Pioche, 962-5207
Lyon County Museum: 215 S. Main St., Yerington, 463-3341 ext. 255 or 463-3721
Million Dollar Courthouse: Seasonal, Lacour St., Pioche, 962-5182
Mineral County Historical Museum: 400 10th St., Hawthorne, 945-5142
Pahrump Valley Winery: Tours, 3810 Homestead Rd., Pahrump, 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE
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Sam's Town/Smokey Joe's 24 Hour Cafe & Market—5111 Boulder Hwy., 456-7777. Barbecue specialties served 24 hours. B, L, D. $, major.

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Las Vegas Hilton/Paco's—732-51111. Fajitas, burritos, chimichangas, and tostadas. D. $$, major.

Sam's Town/Willy and Jose's Mexican Cantina—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8044. Authentic Mexican dishes in Old Mexico setting. D. $, major.

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Riviera Hotel/Kristofer's—794-9233. Steak, seafood, and chicken. Complete dinners include glass of house wine, vegetable tray, breads, salad, entree, and dessert bonbons. D. $$, major.

Sam's Town/Diamond Lil's—5111 Boulder Hwy., 454-8009. Fresh fish and seafood daily. D, Sun. brunch. $-$$, major.

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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

Eldorado/The Vintage—786-5700. Continental cuisine, daily specials, choice dry-aged beef, mesquite-grilled. Award-winning wine list. D. $$, major.

INTERNATIONAL

Eldorado/Choices—786-5700. An express cafe with hof-

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Eldorado/Tivoli Gardens—786-5700. Multi-ethnic, 24-hour restaurant and entertainment attraction. Italian, South American, Caribbean, Thai, Szechwan, Vietnamese, Cantonese, and American cuisine. B, L, D. $, major.

ITALIAN

Eldorado/La Strada—786-5700. Northern Italian cuisine with veal, chicken, and seafood entrees plus homemade pasta, sauces, and desserts. Award-winning wine list. D. $$, major.

ORIENTAL

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Trader Dick's—Sparks, 356-3300. Cashew chicken, Szechwan specialties, flaming dagger brochette. L, D. $$, major.

STEAK AND SEAFOOD

Carson Nugget/Oyster Bar—882-1626. L, D. $, major.

Carson Nugget/Steak House—882-1626. Veal scaloppini, scampi in dill sauce, chicken picata, escargot. D. $$, major.

Circus Circus/Hickory Pit—329-0711. One-pound prime rib, New York steak. D. $$, major.

Eldorado/Grill and Rotisserie—786-5700. Mahogany-fueled rotisserie and grill, fresh fish, fowl, lamb, and USDA choice dry-aged beef, soup and salad bar. 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.

LAKE TAHOE

AMERICAN

Caesars Tahoe/Cafe Roma—Stateline, 588-3515. Lamb chops, prime rib. B, L, D. $-$$$, major.

Lake Tahoe Horizon/Four Seasons—Stateline, 588-6211 ext. 2437. Prime rib and New York steak. Complete dinners $7.99. Open 24 hours. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

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Caesars Tahoe/Primavera—Stateline, 588-3515. Linguini carbonara, tenderloin pizzaiola, pollo allo spumante. D. $$, major.

Harvey's/Llewellyn's—Stateline, 588-2411. International and contemporary cuisine. Sun. brunch, L, D. $-$$, major.

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STEAK AND SEAFOOD

Caesars Tahoe/Broiler Room—Stateline, 588-3515. Prime rib, seafood, Cajun specialties. D. $$, major, res. for large parties.

Lake Tahoe Horizon/Josh's—588-6211 ext. 2413. Lobster dinner. Reservations recommended. D. $$, major.

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AROUND THE STATE

Elko: Stockmen's Motor Hotel—738-5141. Casino coffee shop, evening dinner house. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Ely: Copper Queen—289-4271. Coffee shop, family dining room. Steaks, prime rib, seafood. Family-style Basque dinners Fri.-Sat., 5-10 p.m. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Fernley: Sturgeon's—575-2222. Coffee shop, family dining room. Steaks, seafood. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Hawthorne: El Capitan—945-3321. Hamburgers, steaks, seafood; 5 p.m. buffet Wed.-Sun.; Sun. champagne brunch. B, L, D. $-$$, major.

Lovelock: Sturgeon's—273-2971. Coffee shop open 24 hours, family dining room. Fiesta Room Supper Club Tues.-Sat. Steaks, seafood, Mexican dishes. B, L, D. $-$$$, major.

Tonopah: Station House/Mary's Kitchen—482-9777. Casino restaurant, breakfasts, hamburgers, steak, and seafood. B, L, D. $, AE, MC, V.

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Winnemucca: Hot August Nights
Battle Mountain: Lander County Fair
Elko: Silver State Stampede
Lovelock: Frontier Days
Wells: Railroad Recital

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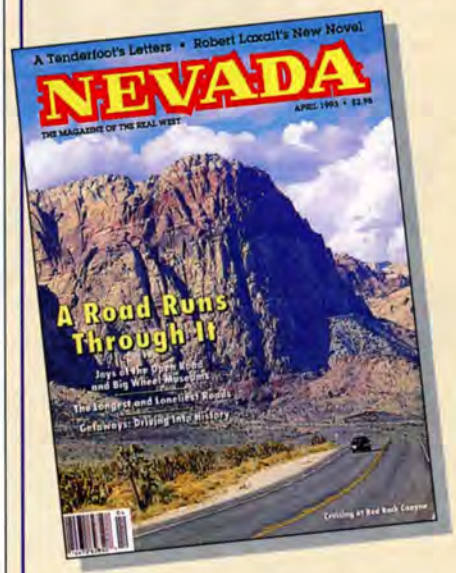
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'Naughty' Nights in Vegas

By Mike Weatherford

The "Naughty Ladies Revue" at Arizona Charlie's in Las Vegas is unusual for what it is, but even more so for where it is.

Lounge revues aren't as common as they used to be in Nevada casinos, where lounges have been scaled back in the era of corporate cost-scrutiny. "Naughty Ladies" defies the trend as a throwback to the "mini-revues" that used to proliferate in Las Vegas, offering the colorful costuming, choreography, and musical variety of the big showroom revues in a scaled-down, close-up setting.



The nice ladies of the "Naughty Ladies Revue" at Arizona Charlie's.

You might expect such a tradition to carry forth in a tourist-oriented hotel, not a no-frills complex about four miles west of the Strip on Decatur Boulevard. Arizona Charlie's markets almost entirely to locals and has only 100 hotel rooms, enough to meet the requirement for unrestricted gaming at the time it opened in 1988.

Yet "Naughty Ladies" has been a fixture since opening day. Although locals are usually drawn to casinos less for entertainment than for food or amenities such as bowling, this twice-nightly show (except Mondays), free for the price of two drinks, has cultivated a solid core of regulars.

"We have people who come here every night without fail," says Pamela Anton, a past dancer and the current show's costumer. "And they become part of the show."

"It's almost a little cult thing here," says Penny France, the show's congenial, low-key producer. "This really is like a family."

France is no stranger to the Las Vegas-style revue. A native Brit whose accent is undiluted by her 22 years in Las Vegas, France first danced in the Paris and Las Vegas editions of the "Lido de Paris" while still a teenager. She learned the production end of the business after becoming the leader of the Sahara Hotel's Rockettes-style showroom chorus line in 1979. Arizona Charlie's has become home-base for Penny France Productions, which have ventured to Northern Nevada, Laughlin, and even Tokyo.

The content of the "Naughty Ladies Revue" is as much a throwback as its format. It's the type of historical variety revue more familiar these days to theme parks. The seven women in the cast lead a musical tour through American history, from vaudevillian oddities such as the "Yukon Chinese Laundry Blues" to modern pop and country hits like "Boot Scootin' Boogie" and Reba McEntire's "Take It Back."

Lead singer Cindy Padgett once had the only live voice, but the show has progressed to where the whole cast (including Gayle Ianacci, Alex Olson, Tammy Taylor, and Karyann Geary) sings to recorded tracks.

In fact, "Charlie's girls" are probably the busiest performers in town during the 70-minute revue. Some leave the tiny stage at the beginning of a number, only to return in another costume by the time it's over. The costumes—heavy on the turn-of-the-century bordello look—are enough to give the gents an eyeful, but the "naughtiness" ends with the tease and double entendres, since the 160-seat lounge is not masked off during performances.

Although the two-drinks price is right, the "Naughty Ladies Revue" is not for everyone. The show makes few attempts to appeal to anyone beyond the older audience that has adopted it. The few contemporary segments reveal some eclectic musical choices—including Robbie Robertson and Tower of Power—but they get lost fairly quickly.

A ballad or two would help, since the revue fires away at a machine-gun pace with virtually every tune relentlessly up-tempo. And it wouldn't hurt to slow the show down long enough for some introductions or patter that would allow both the audience and performers to catch their breath. But that's apparently not a problem for the ladies' extended family of admirers, who keep coming back to the little lounge where naughty is nice.

Mike Weatherford of Las Vegas is an entertainment reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Show Shorts

"Naughty Ladies Revue" plays indefinitely at Arizona Charlie's in Las Vegas at 8 and 10:45 p.m. nightly; dark Mondays. Admission is free except for a two-drink minimum. For information call 702-258-5200.

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