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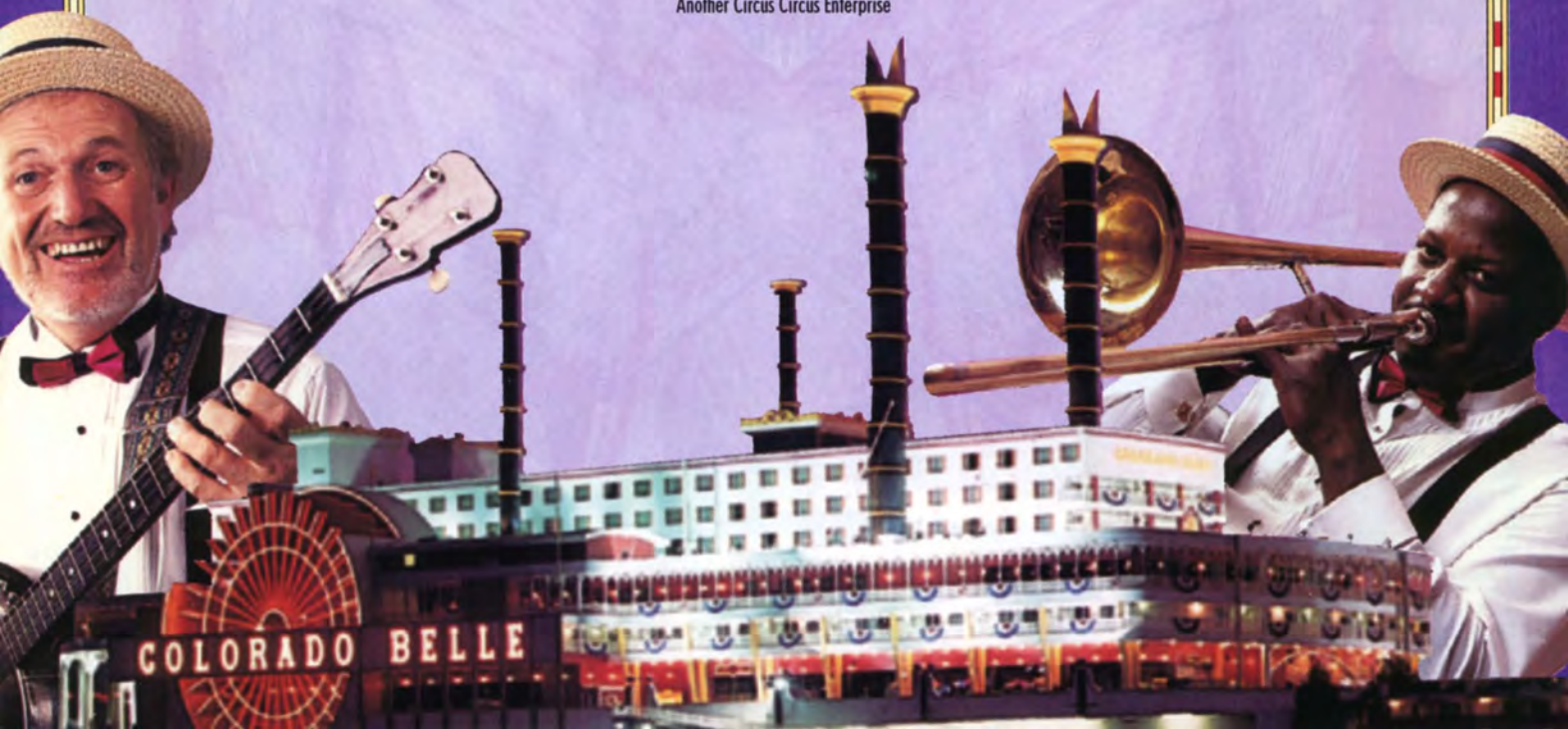
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Landmarks

This spring **David W Toll**, a selfless trailblazer on behalf of parents everywhere, took the kids to Las Vegas. He and the rest of the family not only survived the experience but also loved it, as David reports in this issue's cover feature, "Kids in Vegas."

Few have had more experience with the uncharted aspects of Nevada travel than David, a resident of Gold Hill. He is well known as the author of *The Complete Nevada Traveler* and publisher of the *Nevada Industrial Directory*.

Like his kids, David was introduced to Vegas as a youngster. He remembers visiting the western-themed Last Frontier. "They had old cars, wagons, and stagecoaches parked between the motel wings—I guess that was the virtual reality of the 1940s and '50s," he says.

"I recall that when you drove in from Southern California at night, you could see the lights in the sky 50 miles out. I remember the feeling of anticipation, that there was a magical place just over the horizon. I always had the sense that the first landmark of Vegas was the sky glowing overhead."

David's story of his family's recent trip was chronicled photographically by **Kate Butler** of Las Vegas. Kate, a regular *Nevada* contributor, enjoyed the experience. "It reminded me of the time I took seven Girl Scouts around Japan." It also reminded her of watching her own son and daughter explore Glitter City when they were growing up.

"I really enjoy being with kids," Kate says. "Photographically they're wonderful. Kids scare some people, but not me. They're so honest. They don't have the walls that adults have."

Ronald M. James got to know "Nevada's Historic Architect," F.J. DeLongchamps (1882-1969), while researching his new book *Temples of Justice: County Courthouses of Nevada* (University of Nevada Press). "If you're studying architecture in Nevada, DeLongchamps comes up again and again," says Ron, who is the state's historic preservation officer. "You can't escape him."

Art director **Paul Allée** urges photographers to enter their great Nevada photos in the Great Nevada Picture Hunt. Be sure to see page 81 for Paul's advice and exhortations. —David Moore

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LETTERS

Emigrant mail and a mis-steaken identity.

Trail Rendezvous in Elko

Having spent more than a few days hiking the emigrant trails in Nevada, in the summertime, I can appreciate the joys Martin Griffith describes in "Seeing the Elephant" in the May/June issue.

"Normal" people can see the trails more comfortably, however. The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) is dedicated to preserving the physical remains and our knowledge of the trails used by the emigrants who settled the West during the last two-thirds of the 19th century. OCTA's 1996 convention is going to be held in Elko and will include papers on the trail as well as bus tours and hikes to trail sites and trail ruts. Information can be obtained from OCTA, Box 1019, Independence, MO 64051-0519.



Martin Griffith.

Charles H. Dodd
Tahoe City, CA

Passing of Buggy's Era

Bravo to John L. Smith for his insightful article "In Search of Buggy

Siegel" in the May/June issue. Sadly, the demolition of the last original Flamingo Hotel buildings marks the end of a colorful—albeit notorious—time in Nevada's history. From a historical standpoint, one can only hope the same fate doesn't befall the Mapes and Riverside hotels in Reno.

George Moon
Sparks

Two-Step Misstep

In last issue's guide to "Country Clubs," you two-stepped by our Silverado Saloon and Dance Hall at the Nevada Palace. We provide free dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m., and each night starting at nine there's live music with the Silverado Band. Our hotel-casino's address is 5255 Boulder Highway; the phone is 702-458-8810. Everybody's welcome. We take pride in having a fun and no-hassle environment.

Mel Krogen, Manager
Nevada Palace
Las Vegas

Mel, thanks for the information. —Ed.

Wrong Side?

Last issue, the story "The Cowboy Way" by Guy Richardson about the Riders in the Sky stated that Ranger Doug and Side Meat are never seen

together. This is incorrect.

Actually, it's Too Slim who has to find a phone booth whenever Side Meat appears. At least, that's the way it happens in Texas.

Roy Bale
Linden, TX

Roy, thanks for noting the mis-steak. —Ed.

License to Deal

We have been advised that there is such a thing as a license for an individual who wishes to be a professional gambler. If this is true, please give us the address of the department we should contact for further information.

J.J. Marchiorlatti
Oakland, CA

J.J., the Nevada Gaming Control Board indicates that anyone wishing to be a professional gambler doesn't require a license. You need only answer to a higher authority—the IRS. —Ed.

Lil' Elmo Fan

I'd like to recommend a lounge group called Lil' Elmo and the Cosmos. On a recent trip to Las Vegas, I was staying at the Tropicana and doing some (actually lots of) gambling when this group began playing in the bar lounge. I immediately pocketed my coins and headed in their direction. Doo-wop at it's finest!

Also, I would like to extend a hats-off to the Trop for allowing folks to gather around to listen and not shooing us off the stairways.

Roberta Rothwell
Palmdale, CA

Roberta, hope you enjoyed Mike Weatherford's story, "Always Cookin'" on another unusual lounge group, Cook E. Jarr and the Krums, in the March/April '94 issue. —Ed.

Bonanza on My Mind

Would it be possible to back order the Nov/Dec '93 issue that has the feature story on Bonanza? I would really love to have a copy of that issue. I'm a big Bonanza fan. Last summer I visited the Ponderosa Ranch and had a wonderful time.

Barbara Rowe
Wilkes-Barre, PA

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Dear Readers:

As of July 1, 1994, Nevada Magazine will have a new company, Fulfillment Corporation of America, to handle your subscription questions and orders. We ask for your patience as we go through the process of converting the magazine's subscriber files to the new system. Please note that we will be unable to provide current account information during the first few weeks of July.

Due to this change, you'll notice there is a new address for subscription orders and changes of address, Nevada Magazine Subscriptions, P.O. Box 1942, Marion, OH 43305, and a new toll-free phone number for subscriptions, 1-800-669-1002.



Nothing else has changed. Our editorial, advertising, and production operations are still in Carson City, Reno, and Las Vegas, and we remain committed to producing for you the best magazine about Nevada.

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—Rich Moreno, publisher

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At times the harvest includes figs, cantaloupes, tomatoes, and crenshaw melons (already picked). The fruits from the orchard are especially tasty and large—the Starking Delicious pears, for example, often weigh in at a pound each—making it a popular stop.

Visitors can drive through the 70-acre orchard to the trees, which are pruned low for easy harvesting. Pickers should wear sturdy shoes and bring flat boxes for collecting. The fruit costs about 30 to 40 cents per pound.

The orchards, which have been in the



Kim (left) and Kari Hansen make quite a pear at Gilcrease Orchard.

Gilcrease family since the 1920s, are located at 7800 North Tenaya Way, two miles north of the Sante Fe Hotel. For the shortest route, head north on U.S. 95, turn east on Ann Road, and make a quick left and then a right turn onto Tenaya. The orchard is open daily from 7 a.m. until noon. Call 702-645-1126 for a recorded message on which fruits are ripe.—Kate Butler

CASINOS



Cast members of the "Islands."

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The luau includes buffet fare and unlimited mai tais and piña coladas. The party also has its own burping volcano and the dance show "Drums of the Islands."

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CINEMA

Film Score

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—Deborah Mawhar

NATURE

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The *Nevada Wildlife Viewing Guide* is part of the Watchable Wildlife Series pub-



Wildlife watchers can make tracks for viewing areas like Great Basin National Park (above).

lished in cooperation with Defenders of Wildlife, a nonprofit organization. The book is \$6.95 and is available at most Nevada bookstores, or you can order it from the publisher (include \$2.95 for S&H) by writing Falcon Press Publishing Company, Box 1718, Helena, MT 59624-9948, or call 800-582-2665.—Deborah Mawhar

HIKING



Hikers pursue the grand vistas of Lake Tahoe.

Trail With a View

LAKE TAHOE—The Tahoe Vista Trail at Heavenly Ski Resort is a great way to catch lofty views of Lake Tahoe.

Hikers take a five-minute ride on the Heavenly Aerial Tram to get to the trailhead. The 2.1-mile nature walk leads to Neumann Point, the first lookout, where you can perch on a carved-out log and take in a view of Lake Tahoe 2,000 feet below. The trail offers Lake Tahoe views along most of the route.

Heavenly provides guides at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. You can also take a self-guided walk by picking up the brochure at the trailhead.

The trail is open through September, and the walk is free. Tram tickets are \$10.50 for adults (\$8 after 6 p.m.) and \$6 for children 12 and under. The tram is located off Ski Run Boulevard in South Lake Tahoe. The high-altitude hike can be strenuous, so be sure to dress in layers and bring water. Call 702-586-7000.—*Deborah Mawhar*

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The Mother of All Vegetables

How the zucchini evolves from a gorgeous gourd into a dreaded green monster.

By Carolyn Dufurrena

Maybe it's a reaction to living in the desert of Northern Nevada, but people in our part of the world seem to garden with a vengeance. Many of our friends in the ranching country around Denio raise gorgeous tomatoes, leafy lettuce, and giant cabbages. Being friendly, generous souls, they bring a sack of this or that when they visit, and we welcome the corn on the cob and big, juicy tomatoes from their gardens.

Each summer I work in the garden, too. I grow peppers and black-eyed peas. I feed some plants sugar water, hoping someday to produce a pumpkin the size of a tractor tire or a tomato as big as your head. Some vegetables I nurture almost daily.

Meanwhile, without any effort, I will have created a monster. Lurking under innocuous vines, back in the corner of the garden where the melons are, burst-

ing from little yellow flowers into a full-blown garden menace, it waits. The mother of all vegetables. The zucchini.

Day after day, the zucchinis in my garden grow and multiply. At first I harvest cute little four-inch squashes that look great in salads or julienned with carrots, sautéed in butter or with balsamic vinegar and mint. I feel good serving the fruits (and vegetables) of our labor, blocking from consciousness the bankroll we spent last spring on fertilizer and irrigating equipment.

But the good feeling lasts only a week or two. As the squash blooms relentlessly, a multiplicity of flowers appears, and each female flower turns almost overnight into another zucchini. Go away for the weekend at your peril, because the vines will keep growing and the flowers will keep blooming. By the end of July you'll be harvesting zucchinis in wheelbarrows.

The zucchinis piling up in my kitchen can't go to waste—I have too much invested in them. So I open cookbooks on the long maple table and gaze out the window toward the Jackson Mountains, searching for answers. My mother's voice echoes in my memory, something about children starving in China. I must come up with another way to serve zucchini, particularly now that the little green monsters are growing faster than I can slice them. After all, a foot-long zucchini is no longer a sauté candidate.

The next level of culinary camouflage follows: I chop up the buggers and mix them with tomato sauce, add corn, onions, and sour cream to divert the taste buds, and then sprinkle grated cheese and bread crumbs over the concoction. It still looks like vegetables, but my dinner guests do not yet ask, "Is there zucchini in this?" One year I took zucchini bread to the potluck at the

Denio Barbecue and heard not a single anti-zucchini remark.

But it's a losing battle. Soon the zukes are the size of footballs, and the only solution is to scrape out the guts and fill the shell with ground round and rice.

Last summer I did find some new ideas in the *Partyline Cookbook*, a collection of recipes published by the women of western Humboldt County. These brave women have taken summer squash to the final level with such dishes as zucchini muffins and zucchini fake apple pie (just throw in a half cup of apple juice). The *pièce de résistance*—zucchini fudge cake—was invented by one of our neighbors for the Pillsbury Bake-Off in 1974. Zucchini fudge cake tastes great, and your guests will never suspect how much zucchini is in it.

Inevitably, though, the zucchini grows out of control. It is no longer food. It is a phenomenon, like the two-headed chicken. So we stuff the blimpoid creatures, now overblown and woody, into crates and cardboard boxes. It's time to take the zukes on the road.

Thus begins the Annual Zucchini Exchange. The object of this local ritual is simple: Give 'em to your friends before they can give 'em to you. I know people who have finished loading a few

One of my neighbors
recalls when his refrigerator
was so full of zucchinis that his
family began piling
them outside the kitchen door.

boxes of surplus zucchini for the neighbors, and even slammed the tailgate shut, only to see those same neighbors driving up the road on a friendly visit, their own pickup loaded with huge green squashes.

One of my neighbors recalls a recent summer when his institutional-sized refrigerator was so full of zucchinis that his family, frustrated, began to pile them outside the kitchen door. Soon the porch and a long bench were covered with green logs, and even the porch swing had a few Visitors looking for shade on hot summer afternoons would remark dryly on the plethora of vegetables taking all the good seats. But the message was clear to everyone who approached: Leave the damn zucchini in the car.

At our place, we have found some uses for the unwanted squash. Border collies need activity, and pups too young to work sheep or cows are always looking for something to play with. Last summer the pups began playing with the zukes, rolling them around the yard at night, growling under the windows and tossing them in the air. Morning would find the lawn punctuated with what looked like huge, mauled green slugs.

I have another idea that could work if we make a few modifications to my brother-in-law's clay pigeon-throwing machine. We may have to power up the arm and do some spot-welding on the little gizzy that holds the projectiles. But soon the long August twilight will be filled with the sound of laughing family and friends, with shotguns, shooting green non-aerodynamic skeet out behind the house: "Pull!" Thwop. "Pull!" My conscience as well as my porch will be clear. □

Carolyn Dufurrena, a Denio teacher and occasional gardener, planted three zucchini seeds this year. She reports that copies of the Partyline Cookbook are available for \$10 from the Jackson Mountain Homemakers, Box 1058, Winnemucca, NV 89446.

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Kids in Vegas

Our Las Vegas vacation with the kids was a trip for the ages.

By David W. Toll

Photos by Kate Butler

I first came to Las Vegas as a kid, and I've been bringing kids to Las Vegas myself since my son Sam was seven.

The two of us had arrived in Las Vegas from Ely and Pioche. Las Vegas was neon overload even in those innocent times, and Sam spent his first day in paradise scurrying between the swimming pool and the color TV. That night, at the Perry Como dinner show, we sat across from one another at a table down front. The house lights dimmed, and the old smoothie took the stage, dishing up one mellifluous slowball after another.

Three tunes into the set Sam made a slow and solemn bow face-first into his *médallions de boeuf*. I rescued him before he drowned in the béarnaise sauce, but he was out like a light. It's a memory we both treasure.

Just last spring I gave Alexandra her first look at this astonishing city by taking her down the freeway from the north and then slowly up the whole length of the Strip. By the time we passed Circus Circus she was bouncing up and down on the seat and saying, "I want to live here, Dad! I want to live here!"

Kids have always liked Las Vegas, but Las Vegas has not always liked kids. When the entire effort was directed to separating the customer from his money by the use of card games and dice, kids were a big distraction. In those bygone days of black-and-white TV and Cadillacs with fins, fun in Las Vegas did not involve inner tubes.



The clan strikes a popular tourist pose with the lions of Luxor.

But that was the past and this is the future. Now enormous megastructures are built as theme-park resorts for the family trade, and I wanted to see what awaits the boy or girl lucky enough to accompany mom and dad to the City of Lights. So at spring break I assembled an expedition team of experts to explore this new Las Vegas: Christopher, 3; Alexandra, 7; John, 11; Rachel, 17; and Robin, apprehensive but game. She's the mom in this group, and she knew

from the start we were in for a major life experience.

Here's our report:

We had a blast. It was great. Tremendous. Experiencing everything in this new Las Vegas kept us busy from early morning to late at night.

We went ballistic upside-down on the roller coaster in Grand Slam Canyon. We bumped into and bounced off one another in bumper cars at the MGM Grand Adventure. We plunged and veered into the vast and threatening depths of computer-manipulated virtual reality beneath the great pyramid of Luxor. We stayed up late and yelled and banged our hands on the table as knights on horseback jostled at Excalibur. We saw a crew of pirates sink a British man o' war at Treasure Island. It was fabulous.

And I didn't even mention the shopping. The evolution of the new attractions for kids has overshadowed the relatively recent development of spectacular shopping as a part of Las Vegas' appeal. For Rachel especially, a small-town teenager in the big city, shopping was a big part of the Las Vegas adventure.

We stayed five nights at the Excalibur, in two adjoining rooms. We liked the Excalibur because its Toon Town architecture so aptly reflects the kid-friendly character of the city these days. We were in the hotel five days and got to know it. We'd recommend it for a family visit any time, both for its own virtues



Three-year-old Christopher watches folks splash on the water ride beyond the glass at Grand Slam Canyon.



Excalibur



Allie passes the height test at Grand Slam Canyon (top left). David, Chris, and Allie take aim at Excalibur, where knights joust nightly. The Excalibur's Jacuzzi pool was a hot spot for John, Chris, Allie, and Santana Thiede (right).

(new, comfortable, lots of games for kids on the floor beneath the casino, ice machine down the hall) and for its location, next door to the Luxor and catty-corner across the Strip from the MGM. Chris enjoyed himself so much that by the third day he was assuring everyone that the Excalibur was our new home.

Could anything be farther from Perry Como's show than "King Arthur's Tournament"? We'd had a long day when we joined the audience for the early dinner performance, but nobody fell asleep this time. This eccentric pageant of the Age of Chivalry—star-

ring Merlin, damsels, knights, acrobats, and horses—was a little heavy on violent mayhem, but it had everyone banging their fists on the tables. The jousting alone was worth the price of admission (\$24.95, about what Perry's show cost all those years ago), and that includes a fist-food dinner—a whole Cornish game hen, a broccoli stalk, and such—that can be eaten without utensils.

Our panel of experts made these comments about the Excalibur:

Best things:

Chris: Nice big beds in the rooms to jump up and down on.

Allie: The swimming pool, but it closed too early, 5 p.m. (It's open as late as 10 p.m. in summer.)

John: "King Arthur's Tournament."

Rachel: The few quiet moments.

Robin: Valet parking.

Me: The view

Show price: "King Arthur's Tournament" runs \$24.95 per person with kid-minded show times of 6 and 8:30 p.m.

On our second morning we migrated across the Strip to the enormous MGM. We promenaded into the entrance through the



The group highly rated the MGM's Dueling Pirates (top) for their acrobatics. Other highlights were the Parisian Taxis and stuffed celebrities (bottom).

great golden lion's mouth, down the Yellow Brick Road through its Hollywood-themed gastronomical tract, and out into the Grand Adventure Theme Park for the shops and rides.

This is a large, people-friendly, Disneyland-like amusement park, built to represent the back lot of a movie studio, with its different "streets" representing locales ranging from Paris to Olde England. The seven rides are quite enjoyable if not actually thrilling, and the number of visitors at any one time is controlled in a not-quite-successful attempt to prevent overcrowding. It's

a pleasant day's outing with a variety of entertainments and restaurants, with no sharp edges.

In fact, this is a great place to visit if you just want to stroll around in the fresh air in quiet surroundings. It's the only car-free environment in Las Vegas, and that alone might be worth the entrance fee in this gridlocked city (see Tips for Parents No. 8).

We quickly became acquainted with the house rule: Kids are admitted to rides according to height. Heads that don't reach the minimum-height line at each entrance gate can't ride that ride.

On Luxor's second virtual reality ride, we wore 3-D glasses and served as the audience of a TV talk show that goes weirdly wrong.

Chris was right on the cusp of the 42-inch minimum, so he had to step up to the mark everywhere we went, but his cowlick helped him pass muster.

Chris was short of the 48-inch height requirement for the MGM's big-boy rides, but he cleared 42 inches, so there was still plenty for him to do—and there was no height requirement to ride with Dad in the bumper cars or to sit on Mom's lap for the splashily acrobatic and entertaining Dueling Pirates show.

It was all perhaps a little too exciting, as we realized that afternoon when Chris flamed out. Overdosed on Parisian Taxis and frustrated by height rules, he launched a furious attack against all humans with the styrofoam sword we had foolishly armed him with and wept himself to sleep after inflicting considerable slaughter on parents and siblings (see Tips for Parents 7 and 7a).

Best things about the MGM Grand Adventure Theme Park:

Chris: The Parisian Taxi bumper cars.

Allie: Over the Edge.

John: Over the Edge.

Rachel: Shopping.

Robin: The Dueling Pirates show. We enjoyed the show ourselves, and the kids were squealing with delight.

Me: The Parisian Taxis and the fact that they are the only cars anywhere in the place.

Entry fees: Early-summer rates were \$18.95 for ages 13 and up, \$13.95 for ages four to 12, and free for under four. Once inside, you can ride at will. You'll encounter tedious lines here at times; it's the only negative. Study the brochure and map, arrive early, head straight for the rides you want to try, and bring a book.

The Luxor is a three-minute walk south from the Excalibur. This unique artifact creates strong feelings; people usually love it or hate it. We loved it. We liked its uniqueness, and not just for the pyramid shape that

Youthful Attractions

Here is a sampling of Nevada attractions specially geared for children. Admission prices are subject to change, and the area code is 702 throughout Nevada. Be sure to consult "Attractions, Tours, and Museums" in this issue's Nevada Events for other ideas such as the many kid-friendly museums around the state.

Las Vegas Area

Bonnie Springs Old Nevada offers gun-fights, horses, and a petting zoo. Red Rock Canyon, 875-4191.

Circus Circus has circus acts and a midway—plus Grand Slam Canyon (see below). 734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS.

Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden has free tours. 2 Cactus Garden Dr., Henderson, 458-8864.

Excalibur Hotel has a big arcade, motion-simulation theaters, and "King Arthur's Tournament." 597-7777

FunTazmic has go-carts, miniature golf, and laser tag. Rides are \$2 to \$4. 4975 Polaris, 795-4386.

Grand Slam Canyon at Circus Circus offers a \$10 all-day pass, or you can pay \$3 admission and \$2.50 for individual rides. 794-3912.

Hard Rock Cafe is a mecca for teenage rock fans. 4475 Paradise Rd., 733-8400.

Hoover Dam tours are free for children under 12 and \$3 for adults. 293-8367

Imperial Palace Auto Collection is \$6.95 adults, \$3 kids. 731-3311 or 800-634-6441.

Kidd's Marshmallow Factory has free tours and samples. 8203 Gibson Rd., Henderson, 564-5400 or 564-3878.

Kidz Adventure Tours has tours for ages 5-16, 702-564-6631.

Las Vegas Adventure Tours, for ages 5-17 702-564-5452 or 800-553-5452.

Las Vegas Hilton hosts Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express." \$43.95 adults, \$27.50 ages four to 12. 732-5111 or 800-732-7117

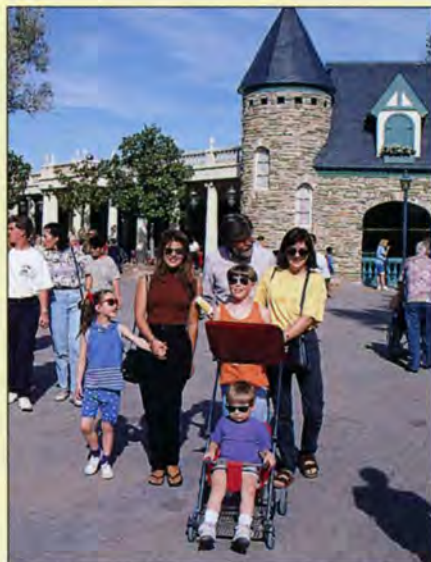
Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix has race cars and arcade. Go-carts start at \$4 for five minutes. 1401 N. Rainbow 259-7000.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum features animated dinosaurs and international wildlife. \$5 adults, \$2.50 kids. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 384-3466.

Leaps and Bounds is a learning center with mazes and slides. Free for adults, \$5.95 for children. 2020 Olympic Ave., Henderson, 434-9575.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum is a hands-on science museum. \$5 adults, \$4 ages 12 to 17, \$3 two to 11, free under two. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-3445

Luxor Hotel has a super Sega video arcade, three virtual reality rides (\$5, \$4, and



The family dashes from one world to another at MGM's theme park.

\$4), King Tut's tomb (\$2), the River Nile (\$3), and the show "Winds of the Gods." 262-4000.

MGM Grand Adventures is a 33-acre theme park with rides and other attractions. Admission is \$25 adults, \$20 children. 891-1111.

The Mirage has a volcano that erupts on the Strip every 15 minutes from dusk to midnight, a white tiger habitat, and a bottle-nose dolphin exhibit (\$3; free for kids under 10). 791-7111.

Omnimax Theatre at Caesars Palace has a 180-degree movie screen. \$5.50 adults, \$3.50 juniors. 731-7901.

Scandia Family Fun Center has an arcade, miniature golf, batting cages, bumper boats, and race cars. Activity prices are \$3 to \$5. 2900 Sirius Ave., 364-0071.

Southern Nevada Zoological Park has 50 species and a petting zoo. \$5 ages 12 and over, \$3 two to 12, free under two. 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 648-5955 or 647-4685.

Treasure Island stages a pirate battle in the front lagoon starting every 90 minutes between 1:30 and 10:30 p.m. Cirque du Soleil's "Mystère" is \$48 adults, \$24 children. 894-7111.

Wet 'n Wild is a 26-acre water theme park near the Sahara Hotel. Admission: \$18.95 for ages 10 and over, \$14.95 three to nine, free under three. Strip, 737-7873.

State Line (I-15)

Buffalo Bill's opens this summer with a water ride and roller coaster. 382-1111.

Primadonna has a carousel and a Ferris wheel. 382-1212.

Carson City

AMUSEUM of Northern Nevada is a brand-new children's museum accenting hands-on experiences. \$4 adults, \$2 ages 12 and under. 813 N. Carson St., 884-2226.

Lake Tahoe

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe's Camp Hyatt is for ages three to 12. \$35 per day, \$25 evening. Incline Village, 832-1234.

Ponderosa Ranch's Bonanza-based western theme park has pony rides and a petting zoo. \$8.50 adults, \$6.50 kids. Incline Village, 831-0691.

Reno Area

Animal Ark is a sanctuary for non-releasable wildlife. \$3 admission, free for ages three and under. Located 20 miles north of Reno via U.S. 395 and Red Rock Road to Deerlodge Road, 969-3111.

Boomtown's Family Fun Center has a carousel (75 cents), motion theater (\$2.50), and miniature golf (\$3.50). Pass is \$10. I-80 near Verdi, 345-6000 or 800-648-3790.

Circus Circus offers circus acts and a midway with lots of games. Downtown Reno, 329-0711 or 800-444-CIRCUS.

Fleischmann Planetarium presents star shows and telescope viewing. Theater: \$5 adults, \$3.50 under age 13. UNR, 784-4811.

Great Basin Adventure at Rancho San Rafael Park has log-flume and pony rides. \$2 adults, \$1.50 for ages 12 and under. 1502 Washington St., 785-4064.

Playland at Idlewild Park has a small-sized roller coaster, train, and other rides. 65 cents per ride. 329-6008.

National Automobile Museum is \$7.50 for adults, \$2.50 for ages six to 18, free under six. 10 Lake St. S., 333-9300.

Sierra Safari is a four-acre animal center with petting zoo north of Reno. \$4 adults, \$3 children. 10200 N. Virginia, 677-1101.

Wild Island has a water park (over 48 inches pay \$14.95, under 48 inches \$10.94), miniature golf (\$3.95 for 18 holes), and mini-cars (\$1.50 to \$3.50). Off I-80 in Sparks, 331-WILD. —Anne Kellogg



John and Allie take a water ride inside Grand Slam Canyon.



Luxor beams miles into the night sky.

makes it one of the three instantly-recognizable structures in the Las Vegas Valley (the other two are the MGM Grand, for its sheer size, and Stupack's Tower at Vegas World). This place has an attitude.

The 30 stories of black glass loom large in the daytime, recognizable from anywhere in the valley and from above, in the airliners bringing visitors from around the world. Its glass walls take on every shade of color, from sandy tan to blazing gold. But at night the huge hotel disappears, black on black, against the desert sky. The dark glass dims the lights burning in the 2,526 guest rooms to glints, and then each evening a 40-billion-candlepower light is turned on, shining straight up from the apex of the pyramid into outer space, bright enough to read a newspaper at 10 miles up.

Out front, the eyes of the 150-foot sphinx spray emerald light through a curtain of water to create magical images that play to the passing crowd. Inside the glass pyramid a steady stream of "barges" follows the course of the casino-encircling "Nile River" as knowledgeable guides deliver mini-lessons in archaeology and the history of ancient Egypt.

Another of the Luxor's attractions is the guided tour (on foot this time) through a replica of King Tut's tomb. The artifacts in the exhibit are made to be identical to the originals, with all the gold, jewels, and other lavish touches. It is tasteful and edifying, and in the course of our visit Allie learned that the Egyptians thought that thinking came from the heart, and that in the course of mummification they took out the heart and replaced it in the body with a little statue. John learned that the tomb had been raided, but in deep antiquity, thousands of years before the rediscovery of the tomb in 1922. Chris learned that if you yell, Dad takes you outside.

But the Luxor's greatest attractions for kids are its virtual reality rides. There are three of them, called the Pyramid Trilogy. In the first one we were pulled

in a breakneck ride through the labyrinthine depths beneath the pyramid, crashing and swerving as we went. In the second, we wore 3-D glasses and served as the audience of a TV talk show that goes weirdly wrong. The third one is a big-screen, curved-screen ride through a vision of the future. These "rides" are tied together in a confusing and basically irrelevant story, but you can take them in any convenient order.

Best things about the Luxor:

Chris: The outside and the escalators.

Allie: The Theater of Time (Pyramid Trilogy Part III).

John: In Search of the Obelisk (Pyramid Trilogy Part I).

Rachel: Shortest lines.

Robin: In Search of the Obelisk (Pyramid Trilogy Part I).

Me: The guts it took to design and build the place.

Entry fees: The Nile River ride is \$3, and King Tut's Tomb is \$2. Admission to all three Pyramid Trilogy rides is \$13; individually, In Search of the Obelisk (I) is \$5, Luxor Live (II) is \$4, and The Theater of Time (III) is \$4. Kids must be 42 inches tall or 45 pounds, or they won't

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Portrait of a Perfect Day

Bob Rosenquist of Sparks took this self-portrait last summer when he and his lab Worf spent a day at Lamoille Creek in the Ruby Mountains. Bob had a good time fishing, as trout had just been planted in the creek the day before.



Serene Scene

A lone fisherman enjoying a quiet moment on Lake Mead was photographed by Kentucky journalist Soc Clay. Mead anglers try for striped bass, largemouth bass, and channel catfish.



The Great Hold Up

J.J. Ellis of Las Vegas showed the day's catch from Lake Mead to Florida photographer Eileen Connors.



Took the Bait

This striped bass was reeled in on the Colorado River as photographer Soc Clay snapped the watery struggle. ▢

Nevada's Historic Architect

A man of classical visions, Frederic J. DeLongchamps helped shape Nevada's architectural legacy.

By Ronald M. James

When the citizens of Las Vegas dedicated the new Clark County Courthouse in 1914, they gave Frederic J. DeLongchamps an ovation as he rose to speak during the ceremonies. The Reno architect's remarks were brief. The *Las Vegas Age* reported, "He said that oratory is not in his line and that he preferred to let the building he had designed speak for him."

It was a characteristically humble response from the man who, more than anyone else, can be called Nevada's historic architect. During a career spanning nearly 60 years, DeLongchamps designed more than 500 buildings. Most major streets in Reno and several rural towns in the state have buildings of his design. He designed seven of the 34 county courthouses constructed in Nevada and planned additions to the State Capitol.

DeLongchamps' designs reveal a versatile artist who was willing to accommodate the people with whom he worked. The late Reno architect Edward Parsons remembered DeLongchamps as "a personable type of fellow, very charming almost to the point of being disarming, purposeful and very clever. He would, when he met you on the street, change step in order to walk in step with you. A fine character and a great man." DeLongchamps' striving for harmony—working well with clients and designing buildings that blended in—became his hallmark as a professional and private person.

Despite his long and celebrated career, DeLongchamps remains an enigmatic figure. People who knew him said he was nice but could offer few details.



DeLongchamps had a knack for adaptation.

It was as if the man succeeded, as he apparently wished, in receding from history's view, leaving only his buildings to speak on his behalf.

And speak they do. The spectrum of

When he returned to Reno from earthquake-torn San Francisco in 1907, DeLongchamps found a state ready for its own building boom.

his work illustrates several styles as architectural fashion changed over the years. His designs produced sturdy structures that were not cutting-edge but rather explored options within accepted standards. For example, his neo-classical courthouses were conventional, solid buildings that used columns, domes, and other elements from Greek and Roman architecture in ways that shocked absolutely no one.

More than anything else, DeLongchamps had a knack for giving people what they wanted. His buildings have survived longer than most because they immediately became comfortable, like an old shoe.

The architect who brought so many classical buildings to Nevada was born, raised, and educated in the young railroad town of Reno. Born on June 2, 1882, DeLongchamps was the second of five children. After graduating from Reno

High in the class of '00, he attended the University of Nevada, where his artistic ability won him the position of illustrator for the *Artemisia*, the university yearbook.

Despite his artistic skills and experiences working with his father, a builder, young Fred DeLongchamps had no intention of being an architect—he wanted to be a mining engineer. He graduated from the university's school of mines in 1904, but his doctor told him that his weak constitution—perhaps a reference to weak lungs—could be strained to the breaking point by a strenuous mining career. Young hopes were dashed. Reluctantly, DeLongchamps took an office job as a draftsman with the U.S. surveyor in Reno.



DeLongchamps' Washoe County Courthouse and Riverside Hotel remain major landmarks in downtown Reno.

Then came an event that shook the West—the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. The disaster gave DeLongchamps, like many other ambitious young men, a chance to rebuild a famous city. He became an apprentice to a San Francisco architectural firm as plans poured forth for reconstruction, and he acquired the training and inspiration for a new career.

When he returned to Reno in 1907, DeLongchamps found a state ready for its own building boom. Mineral strikes in Tonopah, Goldfield, Rhyolite, and Ely had revived the state's economy. A series of mining rushes ensued, and Reno, as a mercantile center, cashed in. Several counties discovered the need to build new courthouses and commercial establishments, and wealthy entrepreneurs commissioned palatial residences.

Given the scarcity of architects

in the state—Reno's early 20th-century directories usually listed only two or three—DeLongchamps was in a perfect position. In 1907, he entered into a partnership with Ira E. Tesch, a former colleague at the U.S. Surveyor's Office, and met with immediate success. Over the next two years their firm secured commissions for about 30 buildings.

DeLongchamps' personal life blossomed as well. He married Elizabeth

Shay of Virginia City in 1907 and settled in Reno. The couple had a son, named Frederic after his father, the following year.

In 1909, at the age of 27, DeLongchamps won a design competition for the Washoe County Courthouse in Reno. Regarded as one of his most impressive buildings, the monumental neo-classical courthouse still serves as an architectural cornerstone for the city.

During the next 10 years, the most prolific of his career, DeLongchamps designed more than 100 buildings. Between 1909 and 1920 he designed courthouses for seven Nevada counties—Washoe (Reno), Lyon (Yerington), Clark (Las Vegas), Douglas (Minden), Humboldt (Winnemucca), Ormsby (Carson City), and Pershing (Lovelock). He also created courthouses for the California counties of Modoc (Alturas) and Alpine (Markleeville). He won awards for



Las Vegas' 1914 courthouse was an early work.



Winnemucca's Humboldt County Courthouse, with its tall columns and ornate interior, cost about \$150,000 when it was built 75 years ago.

the Nevada buildings he designed for the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Expositions in San Francisco and San Diego. In 1913 he drew up plans that extended the north and south wings of the State Capitol in Carson City

In the 1920s and '30s, DeLongchamps designed three major buildings across the street from the Capitol: the State Supreme Court and Library Building, the Heroes Memorial Building, and its twin, the Ormsby County Courthouse. A similar DeLongchamps "building

park" sprang up in Reno around the Washoe County Courthouse. Next door, the Riverside Hotel was built from DeLongchamps' plans in 1927, and seven years later his monumental art-deco Reno Post Office went up across Virginia Street. He also designed structures for the University of Nevada campus, including the Mackay Science Hall and the Scrugham Engineering Building.

He apparently was friendly with such public figures as Governors Tasker Oddie and James Scrugham, likely sharing

with both men a love for Nevada mining and history. In 1919, Scrugham, then state engineer, appointed DeLongchamps to the newly created position of state architect. Although Governor Emmet Boyle dissolved the office in 1921, Scrugham resurrected DeLongchamps' position two years later when he became governor. The state architect's office was abolished in 1926, but not before DeLongchamps had left his creative stamp on the capital.

His wife Elizabeth died in 1924. Two years later he married Rosemary Galsie of Des Moines, Iowa, who brought a son, Galen, to the marriage.

Over the years DeLongchamps seemed to enjoy taking part in civic and professional groups. He became president of the Reno chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He belonged to the Elks and the Rotary Club. He served two years as president of the University of Nevada Alumni Association. In 1942, ever the mining enthusiast, he was chairman of the local chapter of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

In 1939, DeLongchamps began a formal partnership with George L.F. O'Brien, an architect with whom he had worked occasionally since 1916. O'Brien had a head for business and handled most of the practical aspects of the firm. Artistic creativity was left to DeLongchamps, who retained control of all designs produced by the office.

The DeLongchamps-O'Brien part-

The Master's Works

Although Frederic J. DeLongchamps is noted for his monumental public buildings, his genius is best seen in the diversity of his designs. He designed houses, schools, and commercial buildings. Following are some of his notable Nevada and California buildings. All have survived except those so noted. Where possible, dates refer to year of design.

Carson City

State Capitol additions, 1913
Heroes Memorial Building, 1920
Ormsby County Courthouse, 1920
Bell Telephone Building, 1930
State Supreme Court Building, 1935

Las Vegas

Clark County Courthouse, 1914 (gone)

Lovelock

G.D. Olsen House, 1916
Pershing County Courthouse, 1920

Minden

Douglas County Courthouse, 1915
Minden Butter Manufacturing Co., 1915
Minden Wool Warehouse, 1916

Reno

Washoe County Courthouse, 1909
Nevada-California-Oregon Railroad Depot, Fourth Street, 1910
Giraud (Hardy) House, 1914
Reno National Bank (in Harrah's), 1915
Frandsen Apartments, 1917
Riverside Hotel, 1927
Bell Telephone Building, 1928
Reno Downtown Post Office, 1933
Mapes Mansion

Tonopah

Tonopah High School, 1922

Winnemucca

Humboldt County Courthouse, 1919



DeLongchamps gave Lovelock an unusual round courthouse in 1920.

Yerington

Lyon County Courthouse, 1911

California

Modoc County Courthouse, 1914
Nevada buildings for Panama-Pacific International Expositions in San Francisco and San Diego, 1915 (gone)
Susanville City Hall, 1923
Alpine County Courthouse, Markleeville, 1928

DeLongchamps' colleagues recalled that old-time miners would often visit the architect in his office, looking for a grubstake.

nership continued until their concurrent retirement in 1965. Four years later, on February 11, 1969, DeLongchamps died in a Reno nursing home.

Many people who knew DeLongchamps typified him as friendly but were unable to add any details or colorful anecdotes. Jack Means, who spent the first years of his career as a staff engineer with DeLongchamps and O'Brien, remembered DeLongchamps as "the finest gentleman I have ever known, someone who never had an unkind word about anybody."

Nevertheless, some clues to the great architect's nature persist. During the Depression his firm's employees complained they were not being paid on time. DeLongchamps, it seems, was using funds to develop mining claims. From 1947 to 1950 he even served as an official in a Comstock mining company. His colleagues recalled that old-time miners would often visit DeLongchamps, looking for a grubstake.

Associates also remembered DeLongchamps' burning desire to be creative. On work days he would rise at two or three o'clock in the morning and walk downtown along the peaceful tree-lined streets of Reno. He would have breakfast at the Palace Club or Golden Club and then go to the office.

The quiet, early hours gave him time for artistic expression. Jack Means recalled that when work was slow, the boss would write poetry or essays. One way or another, his creative drive needed an outlet. One can imagine Fred DeLongchamps sitting alone in his office during those pre-dawn hours, poring over plans for a courthouse, wrestling with columns and archways, long before Reno awoke. □

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The State Capitol was designed in 1869 by Joseph Gosling, a Virginia City carpenter. DeLongchamps extended the wings in 1913.

Historic Designers

Many other architects and builders besides Frederic J. DeLongchamps helped shape Nevada's architectural heritage.

John Morrill Curtis, a prolific architect whose work once dominated the state, was responsible for Morrill Hall (1885), the oldest building on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Curtis also designed the octagonal library annex that was built behind the State Capitol (1905) and an early White Pine County Courthouse (1887) in Ely.

Several nationally prominent architects practiced in Nevada. Alfred B. Mullett, supervising architect for the Treasury Department from 1865 to 1874 and designer of the San Francisco Mint, provided plans for the Carson City Mint (1866), which now houses the Nevada State Museum.

In 1888, Mifflin E. Bell, later supervising architect at Treasury, designed the old Federal Courthouse and Post Office, formerly the State Library, in Carson City. Bell's building is one of the few remnants of Romanesque Revival in the state. George F. Costerisan, a restless soul who wandered the nation, designed the Eureka County Courthouse (1879).

Other architects, contemporaries of DeLongchamps, lived and practiced in Nevada. A. Lacy Worswick of Las Vegas designed several important structures during the 1920s, '30s, and '40s, includ-

ing the Las Vegas Hospital (destroyed by fire in 1988), the Whitehead House on North Seventh Street in Las Vegas, and the Lincoln County Courthouse, a modest art-deco expression amid Pioche's mining-camp facades. George A. Ferris provided plans for the Governor's Mansion (1909) and Las Vegas High School (1930), an impressive Aztec-revival art-deco structure.

William Weeks, an important California architect, designed a school and courthouse for Elko County (circa 1910). Elmer Grey, designer of the Hawkins House (1911) in Reno, was a notable architect from Los Angeles.

The New York architectural firm of McKim, Mead and White, probably the most famous to practice in Nevada, was on the cutting edge of neo-classical revival and set the tone for turn-of-the-century building design in the United States. In 1906 the firm designed the impressive Mackay School of Mines on the University of Nevada campus in Reno as a favor to the Mackay family, made wealthy by the Comstock mines.

One of the state's best known buildings, it should be noted, was the work of a non-architect. Joseph Gosling designed the State Capitol in 1869, giving Nevada its most prominent 19th-century structure. Gosling was a Virginia City carpenter with little or no training before he undertook the project.—Ronald M. James

DINING OUT

Awful Awful, spinach pie, and Lonely Luigi's.

Nugget Diner: A Downtown Haven

It's called the Diner. The space is tiny, but the 22 stools lining the walls and counter are regularly filled with hungry customers. Short-order chefs move so deliberately around the grills, milkshake machine, and deep fryer that their movements seem choreographed. A sign above the door proudly states, "9 Out of 10 Vegetarians Don't Eat Here."

If you like offbeat eateries, the Diner at the Nugget in downtown Reno has much to offer. The menu has surprises like Lox N' Onion & Eggs and the Hang-Over Omelet, which comes with a Bloody Mary. The pancake sandwich, with two large pancakes and an egg, is just 99 cents. Sandwiches include a tender fried-calamari sandwich—a.k.a. the Sicilian Submarine—and a peppery pastrami.

One reason the Diner is often crowded is the Awful Awful, which is simply the biggest, cheapest, tastiest burger around. The name comes from "Awful Big, Awful Good," and that's the truth. A half-pound of tasty chuck, grilled as you like it and enfolded in a large onion roll, it sits grandly atop a huge barge of French fries, all for \$3.50.

You also can enjoy the people-watching. Tourists thumb through casino coupon books. University students discuss strategies for finishing a whole basket of fries. There's no privacy, no distance from your neighbors, nowhere to hide. Nonsmokers, be aware: The cigarette smoke is often thick. This is in-your-face dining at its most intense, and some of us love it.

—Sharon Honig-Bear

The Diner: Way in the back of the Nugget, 233 N. Virginia St., downtown Reno, 702-323-0716. Open 24 hours. Entrees: 99 cents to \$7.25.

Cafe Nicolle: Tournedos in the Mist

With its stylish atmosphere and terrific food, Cafe Nicolle has become one of Las Vegas' favorite places to power lunch. Here you'll find movers

and shakers hatching deals as they juggle a fork in one hand and a cellular phone in the other.

Diners often jockey for seats on the patio, even in summer when the temperature is 100-plus. The outdoor dining area is cooled by misters that spray a curtain of water along the patio's perimeter, dropping the temperature 10 to 15 degrees.

Owners Emmanuel "Manny" and Nicolleta Messologitis are natives of Piraeus, Greece, and you'll find a Mediter-



Sally Howell of Reno prepares for an Awful Awful challenge at the Nugget on Virginia Street.

ranean influence in both the menu and decor. Chrome, black tablecloths, ceiling fans, and plenty of windows give Cafe Nicolle an airy, upscale look, although the menu is more reasonable than pricey. Appetizers, for instance, are less than \$10 and range from *pâté de foie gras* to feta cheese and Greek olives.

Luncheon favorites include Spanacopita, or spinach pie (\$6.95), and C'est Si Bon (\$7.95), an elegant sandwich consisting of sliced turkey on a croissant, topped with Hollandaise and toasted almonds, and served with fruit. The lengthy dinner menu—filled with pasta, veal, and chicken dishes—runs from salads and crepes to lamb chops ala Greque and filet mignon (each \$22.95). A small cocktail lounge features a trio—sax, piano, and vocalist—from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Located three miles west of the Strip in the Sahara Pavilion Shopping Center, Cafe Nicolle is easily identified by the Cadillacs, Jaguars, and other luxu-

ry automobiles tucked against the curb.

—Ann Henderson

Cafe Nicolle: 4760 W. Sahara, Las Vegas, 702-870-7675. Open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. Reservations recommended. Lunch: \$6.95 to \$12.95. Dinner entrees: \$7.95 to \$22.95. AE, MC, Visa accepted.

Luigi's Deli: The 250-Mile Sandwich

It can be said with absolute certainty that Luigi's is the best Italian deli in Eureka. In fact, it is the *only* Italian deli in Eureka as well as along the 257-mile stretch of U.S. 50 between Fallon and Ely.

But even though it is located in the Loneliest Town on the Loneliest Highway in America, owners Louis and Ali Tognoni get plenty of company.

Travelers heading west from Ely, or east from Austin, often call ahead to order a foot-long, 250-mile sandwich. High school sports teams have discovered Luigi's, and so have local miners and buckaroos, never famous for their dainty appetites.

The menu has 13 kinds of sandwiches—pastrami is a specialty—and the pricing is simple. A six-incher, ample for most appetites, costs \$3.95. For \$6.95 you get a

foot-long sandwich, enough for you and a hungry St. Bernard. Rolls and turnovers are baked fresh each morning.

The Tognonis have set a new standard for compact, portable breakfasts with their \$2.25 breakfast burrito. Forget those bland little cylinders sold at convenience stores and fast-food chains. Luigi's breakfast burrito is a big fistful of warm flour tortilla filled with a mixture of egg, potato, and spicy chorizo sausage, topped with a pungent chili sauce concocted on the premises. There are Ely residents who drive 77 miles on Saturday morning to get their mitts on one of these delicacies.

At Luigi's you also can pick up a moveable feast to fortify yourself for a walking tour of historic Eureka.

—K.J. Evans

Luigi's Deli: One-half mile east of the Eureka County Courthouse, one block south of U.S. 50. (Going east, if you reach the ball fields, you've passed it.) Phone 702-237-5477 □



The author pauses near Great Basin National Park (left). The cyclists cruised 425 miles on Highway 50 across the state.

Range Riders

It really was one awesome tour across the Big Empty.

Story and Photos by Richard A. Lovett

One morning last year I joined 35 other cyclists in a parking lot in South Lake Tahoe, a few hundred yards from the Nevada state line. Dressed in light riding gear, we shivered in the cool, crisp air of the mountains, but the bright sunshine promised plenty of warmth in the lowlands near Fallon, where we would be spending the night, 91 miles away.

We were ready to embark on an adventure called OATBRAN, held annually in late September. OATBRAN stands for "One Awesome Tour: Bike Ride Across Nevada." It might have been called BRAN, but that name was already taken by a similar event in Nebraska. Ride organizer Curtis Fong added the phrase "One Awesome Tour" because, he joked, "We couldn't come up with enough letters to spell RAISIN." But awesome is an appropriate description. In the next five days we

would see wild horses, hillsides of aspen in peak autumn glory, the snows of Nevada's only glacier, and an endless progression of mountains and desert.

The route was dead simple: Get on U.S. 50, the desert highway roughly paralleling the path used by the Pony Express 130 years ago, and follow it until we emerged at the Utah state line near Great Basin National Park, 425 miles and 12 mountain passes later.

Day two ended in Austin
at the base of a switchbacking
1,000-foot climb the
riders jokingly called the
Austin Alps.

Our group was comprised of seven women and 29 men. We came from all walks of life—doctors, lawyers, scientists, a plumber, a wine maker, a chef. We ranged from 26 to 67 years of age.

Our reasons for touring Nevada by bicycle were equally varied. "Because I felt like a lazy pig," one rider had written in a notebook of biographical sketches compiled at a pre-ride party. Combined with Polaroid snapshots, "the book," as it came to be known, assured that everyone quickly got to know everyone else. Other riders expressed different motivations: "To get some miles in before winter," "Stress relief," and "Why not?"

For those of us intrigued by Highway 50, once hailed by *Life* magazine as "The Loneliest Road in America," OATBRAN was a dream come true. By bicycle, as by car, the road immersed us in a sprawling landscape of sagebrush

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and mountains. But by bicycle we saw things one could never see by car, as every rock and every plant took on its own identity.

The first day's ride was a warm-up, downwind and mostly downhill into one of the state's richer agricultural districts. In Fallon we gorged on some of the best cantaloupe—vine-ripe, sweet, and juicy—any of us had ever tasted.

Day two was the grunt day, 113 miles from Fallon to the historic mining town of Austin. It was a long ride, the kind that would separate those who had trained from those who hadn't. We all passed the test, but not without effort.

The day began with 20 miles of terrain that fits the rest of the world's image of Nevada: flat bottom land, salt-pan desert, and the giant sand dune known as Sand Mountain, all flanked by barren mountains. It ended in Austin at the base of a switchbacking 1,000-foot climb the riders jokingly called the Austin Alps. That night—as on each evening during the tour—a local service club fed us dinner, and we retired to our camp in the park on the east (uphill) end of town.

As we pushed on toward Eureka and Ely, the flavor of the ride again changed. The distances between overnight stops contracted to less than 80 miles, which gave us time to discover Nevada without having to worry about running out of daylight before getting to camp.

I had expected to spend the trip absorbed in history and spectacle. Instead I found myself pedaling in silence as the spirit of the region I thought of as the Big Empty soaked my soul like a balm. Prophets and mystics have long found inspiration in the desert, and at the gentle pace of a bicycle, the effect was similar. It helped that we had nothing to worry about other than pedaling. Food, baggage transport, lunch, water stops, and sag wagons (on which we could hitch a ride if we or our bicycles sagged) were provided by the tour.

The tour mixed camaraderie and individualism. On the road, 36 people can spread out pretty thinly over the course of a day. Some cycled in small groups. Others chose to cruise the desert solo. Meals were group affairs, and except for a few people who stayed in motels, most of us camped as a group in city parks or on school lawns.

Each day's ride fell into a rhythm. First, a gentle climb would carry us from sagebrush desert to a realm of junipers, scattered piñons, and aspen-



Sunscreen, water and Fallon cantaloupes were among the support services.

clad mountains. Then we would sweep down into the next basin, sometimes reaching speeds of 30 to 40 miles per hour. This region is known as the Basin and Range, and by bicycle you become intimately familiar with every basin and every range across the state.

In the afternoon, the highest temperature we encountered was in the low 80s, but it was hot enough to blue the images of the farthest mountains and make the sweat run more freely. The act of pedaling became an almost mystical experience as we half-dozed through the day and the gradual progression of scenery.

It seemed endless, but it was a cycle that I could repeat forever: hills, trees, swooping descent, and then the vast spiritual crossing of yet another basin. Twice, wild horses stared at me as I coasted by, then tossed their heads and cantered away into the sage.

Trans-Nevada Ride

This year's One Awesome Tour: Bike Ride Across Nevada (OAT-BRAN) will be held September 25 to October 1. The registration fee of \$475 includes meals, camping, return bus transportation, T-shirt, cycling jersey, and hotel room the night before the ride. The group may be considerably larger than last year; the registration limit is 250 riders. For further information contact Curtis Fong at TGFT Productions, Box 5123, Stateline NV 89449; phone 702-588-9658, fax 702-588-9660.

Please note that this is not a tour for beginners. U.S. 50 may be the Loneliest Road in America, but parts of it aren't so lonely. Participants should have experience riding with traffic as well as being trained for 425 miles and a total of 17,000 feet of climbing.

—Richard A. Lovett

And yet there were changes. The summits grew higher, as did the basins. Near Ely, our fourth overnight stop, the mountains became bigger, broader, and taller. They towered to 11,000, 12,000, and ultimately 13,000 feet, hemming in the basins until they acquired the feel of deep montane valleys—the part of the state, Fong quipped, that puts the “awe” in “awesome.”

One afternoon, taking advantage of the fact that my bicycle had wider tires than most of my companions', I ventured down a gravel side road, away from the highway that slices through this region like a narrow ribbon of civilization. Three quarters of a mile later I stopped on the crest of a low hill. The wind rippled through the bushes while an upland valley, once the site of a 10,000-resident mining town, Hamilton, spread before me. Occasionally, I could hear a car on the highway, but other than that, I was as alone as the Pony Express riders who once galloped across the desert.

I had set out to cross the state border to border. But in doing so, I had crossed time as well as space. Here time was not measured by the artificial demarcation of hours, minutes, and seconds but rather in rhythms of basin and summit, sage and juniper, dawn, sunset, and ultimately the seasons themselves. Five days had been enough to taste both infinity and eternity.

Our sojourn ended with a tour of Lehman Caves in Great Basin National Park and a night of camping on a ranch with a view toward the distant crags of Wheeler Peak.

The next day we rode a bus back across the distance we had pedaled. En route to Lake Tahoe, we napped or visited with comrades who in the course of less than a week had become old friends.

Outside, the scenery steadily unfolded. It was beautiful, and soothing, as we moved in air-conditioned comfort, covering each day's ride in less than a couple of hours. It was still the desert, still mystical and endless. But by bus it wasn't the same. One rider expressed our collective sense of accomplishment when he said, “I bet we don't see a single bicycle the whole way back.” □

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1994 Nevada RV Guide

A roundup of Nevada's RV campgrounds.

Nevada's wild extremes are fun for exploring in a recreational vehicle. RVers can roll out the astroturf far from civilization or just a few steps from the hotel-casino swimming pool.

Following is a guide to RV campgrounds in Nevada, including state and national parks. Most campgrounds are open year-round. As noted, children and pets are usually allowed (expect a small charge). Tent camping is generally OK unless otherwise noted. Prices (some include sales tax) are for two people per vehicle. Some campgrounds offer discounts (Good Sam, AAA, seniors), so it's worth asking about them.

The guide includes the following information: Whether the park has flush toilets (FT) or vault toilets (VT), heating and air-conditioning allowed (H/AC), laundry (L), LP gas refill (LP), showers (S), and sewage disposal (SD). Reservations are recommended, especially during summer holidays. Rates and information are subject to change, so it's wise to call ahead when making your RV vacation plans.

Las Vegas Area

BOULDER CITY

Canyon Trail RV Park—1200 Industrial Rd., Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-293-1200. 156 sites with full hookups, 86 pull-throughs, seasonal sites, no tents. FT, L, S, SD. Rec room, some RV parts, children's area, one small pet allowed. \$15 (\$90 wk., \$265 to \$275 mo.).

HENDERSON

Desert Sands RV Park—1940 N. Boulder Hwy., Henderson, NV 89015; 702-565-1945. 300 sites with full hookups, 75 pull-throughs, no tents, 45 ft. max. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Mini-mart, RV supplies, rec room, pool, jacuzzi, sauna. \$14.50 (\$90 wk., \$215 mo. with electricity deposit).

LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Boulder Beach Campground—Two miles from visitor center on Lakeshore Rd., write Lake Mead NRA (National Park Service), 601 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-293-8906. 154 sites, no hookups. FT, SD. \$8.

Callville Bay Campground—NPS, Northshore Rd., 702-293-8906. 80 sites, no hookups. FT, L, S (pay). \$8.

Callville Bay Trailer Village—22 miles north-east of Henderson on Northshore Rd., Box 100, HCR 30, Las Vegas, NV 89124; 702-565-8958. 6



RVers can lounge poolside at Circusland RV Park in Vegas.

sites with full hookups, no tents. L, S, SD. \$17

Cottonwood Cove—(see Lake Mohave).

Echo Bay Campground—NPS, 23 miles south of Overton; 702-293-8906. 155 sites, no hookups. FT. \$8.

Echo Bay Trailer Village—23 miles south of Overton; 702-293-8906. 58 sites with full hookups. FT, LP, S, SD. \$18.

Hemenway Harbor—NPS, Lakeshore Rd.; 702-293-8906. 158 sites, no hookups. FT, SD. \$8.

Lakeshore Trailer Village—268 Lakeshore Rd., Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-293-2540. 80 sites with full hookups, 34 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S. One pet allowed. \$14 (\$80 wk., \$276 per mo.).

Las Vegas Bay Campground—Lakeshore Rd.; 702-293-8947. 86 sites, no hookups. FT, SD. \$8.

Overton Beach—(see Overton).

Valley of Fire—(see Overton).

LAKE MOHAVE

Cottonwood Cove Campground—NPS, 14 miles east of Searchlight on State Route 164; 702-293-8906. 145 sites, no hookups. FT, SD. \$8.

Cottonwood Cove Marina and Resort—14 miles east of Searchlight on State Route 164, Box 1000, Cottonwood Cove, NV 89046; 702-297-1464. 75 sites with full hookups, 16 pull-throughs, seasonal sites, no tents. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, gasoline, marine gas, motor boat rentals. \$17 to \$20 (\$92 wk., \$250 mo.).

LAS VEGAS

American Campgrounds—3440 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89115; 702-643-1222. 19 sites with full hookups. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Rec room, playground. \$13.80 (\$75 wk.).

Boomtown RV Park—Three miles south of Tropicana Ave., 3333 Blue Diamond Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89139; 800-588-7711. 460 sites with full

hookups, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S, SD. Swimming pool, jacuzzi, clubhouse, store, shuttle, next to casino. \$12-\$16.

Boulder Lakes RV Resort—6201 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89122; 702-435-1157. 417 sites with full hookups, seasonal sites, no tents or tent trailers. FT, L, S. Small grocery store, rec rooms, four swimming pools, playground, four tennis courts. \$17.82 per day (\$106.92 wk., \$301 mo.).

California Hotel RV Park—Box 1440, Las Vegas, NV 89125; 702-388-2602. 222 sites with full hookups, 100 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Small store, RV supplies, swimming pool, whirlpool, adjacent to casino. \$12.

Circusland RV Park—500 Circus Circus Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-734-0410 or 800-634-3450 (reservations).

375 sites with full hookups, some pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, S, SD. Grocery store, RV supplies, swimming pool, sauna, whirlpool, playground, children's pool, adjacent to Circus Circus. \$12.96 to \$22.

Hitchin' Post RV Park—3640 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89115; 702-644-1043. 200 sites with full hookups, 85 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. RV supplies, tables, swimming pool, rec room, cable TV. \$13 (\$95 wk.).

Holiday Travel Park—3890 Nellis Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-451-8005. 402 sites with full hookups, 100 pull-throughs, seasonal sites, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S. Swimming pool, spa, rec hall. No children or pets. \$14 (\$220 to \$240 mo.).

King's Row Trailer Park—3660 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-457-3606. 150 sites with full hookups, 105 pull-throughs, 30 ft. max. FT, H/AC, L, S. Swimming pool, rec hall. \$9.72 (\$51 wk. plus tax and electricity).

KOA-Las Vegas—4315 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-451-5527. 200 sites with full hookups, 236 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S, SD. Grocery store, RV supplies, rec hall, two swimming pools, whirlpool, playground, shuttle to Bob Stupak's Vegas World, some RV parts. \$27.77 (\$166.92 wk., \$270 mo. plus electricity).

Nevada Palace VIP Travel Trailer Park—5325 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89122; 702-451-0232. 168 sites with full hookups, all pull-throughs, no tents. FT, L, S. Swimming pool, rec room, adjacent to casino. \$12 (\$90.72 wk.).

Riviera Travel Trailer Park—2200 Palm St., Las Vegas, NV 89104; 702-457-8700. 136 sites with full hookups, 13 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S. Swimming pool, whirlpool. No children, one pet allowed. \$14.84 (\$91.04 wk.).

Road Runner RV Park—4711 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-456-4711. 200 sites with

full hookups, 133 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Swimming pool, whirlpool, rec room. \$16.20 (\$97.70 wk.).

Sam's Town RV Parks—5225 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, NV 89122; 702-454-8055. 500 sites with full hookups, 107 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S. RV supplies, two swimming pools, two spas, rec rooms, adjacent to Sam's Town. Nellis Park has phones and cable. \$15.10 at the Nellis Park, \$12.96 at the Boulder Park.

LAUGHLIN

Riverside Resort RV Park—Box 500, Laughlin, NV 89029; 702-298-2535. 800 sites with full hookups, 100 pull-throughs, no tents, all spaces 50 ft. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S. Video arcade, two swimming pools, some RV parts, adjacent to Riverside Resort. \$14 (\$80 per wk.).

MESQUITE

Si Redd's Peppermill Oasis Resort RV Park—Box 360, Mesquite, NV 89024; 702-346-5232. 91 sites with full hookups, pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S, SD. Grocery store, use of resort amenities including six swimming pools, health club, tennis courts. \$12.50.

MOAPA

Warm Springs Resort—702-865-2780. 50 sites with hookups, pool, SD, S, \$7/person plus \$15.

MOUNT CHARLESTON/LEE CANYON

Dolomite Campground—Lee Canyon, 45 miles NW of Las Vegas, USFS, Las Vegas District, 2881 S. Valley View, Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102; 702-873-8800 (info.) 800-280-CAMP (res.). 31 sites with no hookups, 32 ft. max. FT/VT, potable water. Open May 15-Oct. 15, weather permitting. \$8.

Fletcher View Campground—Mount Charles-

ton, 32 miles NW of Las Vegas; 702-873-8800 or 800-280-CAMP (reservations). 12 sites, no hookups. VT. Open April-Nov., weather permitting. \$8.

Hilltop Campground—Closed this season for renovations. 36 sites.

McWilliams Campground—Lee Canyon, 45 miles northwest of Las Vegas; 702-873-8800 (information) or 800-280-CAMP (reservations). 42 sites with no hookups, 32 ft. max. FT/VT. Open May 1-Oct. 15, weather permitting. \$8.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Mahoney's Silver Nugget—2236 Las Vegas Blvd. N., North Las Vegas, NV 89030; 702-649-7439. 152 sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Swimming pool, spa, cable TV \$11.25 (\$78.75 wk., \$257 mo.).

VERTON

Overton Beach Marina—11 miles south of Overton, Overton, NV 89040; 702-293-8906 (NPS) or 702-394-4040 (campground). 53 sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, L, S, SD. RV supplies, store. \$15.90 (\$95.40 wk., \$210 mo., plus electricity).

Valley of Fire State Park—Box 515, Overton, NV 89040; 702-397-2088. 49 sites, no hookups. FT/VT, S (cold). \$7 (\$3 day-use fee).

PAHRUMP

Pahrump Station RV Park—Box 38, Pahrump, NV 89041; 702-727-5100. 43 sites with full hookups, all pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S. \$13.78 (\$60 wk., \$195 mo.).

Seven Palms RV Park—HCR 73, Box 28050, Pahrump, NV 89041; 702-727-6091. 59 sites with full hookups, 49 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S. RV parts. \$12.72 (\$69.96 wk., \$153.70 first mo., \$145 thereafter, electricity separate).

STATE LINE

Primadonna RV Village—45 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15, Box 95997, Las Vegas, NV 89193; 702-382-1212 or 800-248-8453. 199 sites with full hookups, 163 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. RV supplies, mini-mart, swimming pool, spa, rec room, playground, casino shuttle. \$12.

Reno/Tahoe Area

CARSON CITY

Camp-N-Town—2438 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; 702-883-1123. 74 sites with full hookups, 38 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. RV supplies, rec room, cocktail lounge, swimming pool. \$16.50 per night (\$97 wk., \$300 mo.).

Comstock Country RV Resort—5400 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; 702-882-2445. 153 sites with full hookups, 130 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Grocery store, RV supplies, rec room, swimming pool, whirlpool, shuffleboard, tennis courts, cable TV \$18 (\$300 mo.).

Oasis Trailer Haven—4550 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. 702-882-1375. 20 sites with full hookups, 18 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Cable TV and phone hookups. \$15.60 (\$93 wk., \$265 mo.).

CARSON VALLEY

Carson Valley Inn RV Resort—1627 U.S. 395 North, Minden, NV 89423; 702-782-9711. 60 sites with full hookups, 26 pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Store, spas, RV parts, adjacent to casino. \$16.50 (\$69 wk., off season).

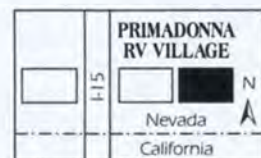
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Pyramid Lake Marina RV Park—Box 309, Exit 43, Wadsworth, NV 89424; 702-476-1156. 44 sites with full hookups. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies. \$10 (\$150 mo.). Lakeside camping, \$5.

RENO

Chism's Trailer Park—1300 W. Second St., Reno, NV 89503; 702-322-2281. 50 sites with full hookups, 15 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. On the Truckee River. \$14.45 (\$94.50 wk.).

Four Seasons RV Park—13109 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89511; 702-853-1423. 38 sites, 30 full hookups, 17 pull-throughs, 35 ft. max. FT, L, S. \$18.58 (\$92.65 wk., \$250 plus utilities per mo.).

Green Acres Trailer Park—501 W. Moana Lane, Reno, NV 89509; 702-827-2482. 22 sites with full hookups, no tents, 30 ft. max. FT, L, S. No dogs. \$11 (\$66 wk., \$190 plus electricity per mo.).

Keystone RV Park—1455 W. Fourth St., Reno, NV 89503; 702-324-5000. 104 sites with full hookups, pull-through sites, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, H/AC, L, S. \$17 (\$102 per wk., \$295 plus electricity per mo.).

Reno Hilton Camperland—2500 E. Second St., Reno, NV 89595; 702-789-2147 800-648-5080 (reservations). 265 sites with full hookups, 42 pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, H/AC, S, SD. Store, RV parts, swimming pool, bowling alley, movie theater, adjacent to casino. \$17.

Reno RV Park—735 Mill St., Reno, NV 89502; 702-323-3381. 46 sites with full hookups, no pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, H/AC, L, LP S. Some RV parts. \$17.50 (\$120.17 wk., \$330 mo.).

Rivers Edge RV Park—1405 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks, NV 89431; 702-358-8533, 800-621-4792 (reservations). 164 sites with full hookups, 93 pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, L, LP S, SD. Swimming pool, some RV parts. \$18.36.

Shamrock RV Park—260 E. Parr Blvd., Reno, NV 89512; 702-329-5222. 131 sites, 121 full hookups, 75 pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, L, LP S, SD. RV supplies, rec room, swimming pool, playground. \$19 (\$119 wk.).

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United Campground of Reno—2220 Clear Acre Lane, Reno, NV 89502; 702-329-0688. 110 sites with full hookups, some pull-throughs, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, L, LP S. \$16 (\$75 wk., \$235 mo.; electricity separate).

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Topaz Lodge and Casino RV Park—Box 187 Gardnerville, NV 89410; 702-266-3338. 36 sites with full hookups, six pull-throughs, no tents. FT, LP S, SD. Store, swimming pool. \$15.

VERDI

Boomtown RV Park—Box 399, Verdi, NV 89439; 702-345-6000. 203 sites with full hookups, 132 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, adjacent to casino. \$15.60.

VIRGINIA CITY

Virginia City RV Park—Box 846, Virginia City, NV 89440; 702-847-0999. 50 sites with full hookups. FT, L, LP S, SD. Store, RV supplies. \$16 to \$18 (\$67.50 wk., \$250 mo.).

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Washoe Lake State Park—4855 East Lake Blvd., Carson City, NV 89704; 702-687-4319. 49 sites with no hookups. \$7 \$3 per vehicle day use.

ZEPHYR COVE

Elks Point Campground—Box 964, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448; 916-544-5994 (U.S. Forest Service), 702-588-5562 (campground), 800-280-2267 (reservations). 54 sites, no hookups, 30 ft. max. FT. Open May-Oct. \$16 per night, day use \$3.

Zephyr Cove RV Park—Box 830, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448; 702-588-6644. 155 sites, 105 full hookups. FT, L, LP S, SD. General store, fire rings, wood, dock, boat ramp. \$23 (\$145 per wk.).



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BEATTY

Burro Inn RV Park—Box 7 Beatty, NV 89003;

702-553-2225 or 800-843-2078. 43 sites with full hookups, all pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Generators allowed, hardware store. \$10 (\$50 wk., \$175 mo., includes utilities).

Rio Rancho RV Park—Box 905, Beatty, NV 89003; 702-553-2238 or 800-448-4423. 46 sites with full hookups, seasonal sites available, all pull-throughs, no tents. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Small grocery store, some RV parts. \$14 (\$84 wk., includes utilities, \$150 mo. plus utilities).

Space Station RV Park—Box 655, Beatty, NV 89003; 702-553-2401. 24 sites, 19 full hookups, 18 pull-throughs with full hookups, 6 sites with no hookups, 12 ft. wide max. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Grocery store, some RV parts. \$12 (\$70 wk., \$220 mo., includes utilities).

CALIENTE

Beaver Dam State Park—Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042; 702-728-4467. 42 sites, no hookups, 22 ft. max. VT, potable water, reservoir. \$3 to \$6.

Cathedral Gorge State Park—Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042; 702-728-4467. 22 sites, no hookups. FT, S, SD. \$3-\$7

Young's RV—Box 80, Caliente, NV 89008; 702-726-3418. 27 sites with hookups. FT, S, SD. \$12.

ELKO COUNTY

Best Western Gold Country Motor Inn and RV Park—2050 Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-8421. 26 back-in sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, L, S, SD. Swimming pool, lounge. \$16.

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Ruby Marsh Campground—65 miles south of Elko near lake and wildlife refuge, Humboldt National Forest, 976 Mountain City Hwy., Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-5171. 35 sites, no hookups, 22 ft. max. SD, VT. Open May 20-Nov. 1. \$6.

Ryndon Campground—13 miles east of Elko, 303-11 Ryndon, Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-3448. 86 sites with full hookups, 20 with water and electricity, 50 seasonal sites. FT, L, LP, S. Grocery store, RV supplies, rec room, swimming pool, playground, river fishing. \$14.50-\$16.50.

Valley View RV Park—HC 34, Box 1, Elko, NV 89801; 702-753-9200. 100 sites with full hookups, seasonal sites, no tents, 36 ft. max. FT, L, S. Playground. \$14 (\$97.20 wk., \$275 mo.).

Wild Horse Crossing Campground—60 miles north of Elko on State Route 225, Humboldt National Forest, 976 Mountain City Hwy., Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-5171. 37 sites, no hookups. VT. \$4.

Wild Horse Ranch and Resort—62 miles north of Elko, HC 31, Box 213, Elko, NV 89801; 702-758-6472. 34 sites with full hookups, all pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, bar, restaurant, gasoline, diesel, hunting/fishing licenses, bait. \$14 (\$70 wk., \$225 mo.).

Wild Horse State Recreation Area—60 miles north of Elko on State Route 225, Humboldt National Forest, 976 Mountain City Hwy., Elko, NV 89801; 702-738-5171 or 702-798-6493. 33 sites with no hookups. FT/VT, S, SD. \$4.

ELY

Cave Lake State Recreation Area—15 miles SE of Ely, Box 761, Ely, NV 89301; 702-728-4467. 37 sites, no hookups, reservoir. FT, S, SD. \$3-\$7.

KOA-Ely—Three miles SE of Ely on the Pioche Hwy., HC 10, Box 10800, Ely, NV 89301; 702-289-2622. 100 sites, 37 with full hookups, 45 with water and elec., seasonal. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, gas and diesel, group tenting, rec room, some RV supplies. \$18.50 (\$75 wk., \$185 mo., plus elec.).

Rainbow RV Park—1011 Pioche Highway, Ely, NV 89301; 702-289-3413. 10 sites with full hookups, 30 ft. max. FT, S. \$9 (\$47 wk.).

Valley View RV Park—Box 33200, Ely, NV 89301; 702-289-3303. 46 sites with full hookups, 12 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Small grocery store, RV supplies. \$12.96 (\$70 wk., \$200 mo.).

Ward Mountain Campground—Eight miles west of Ely on U.S. 6; c/o Henry Hickerson, Box 539, Ely, NV 89301; 702-289-3031. 29 sites, no hookups. VT. Open May 21-Sept. 15. \$4.

Whispering Elms RV Park—Box 686, Ely, NV 89301; 702-234-7343. 16 sites with full hookups. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Open May 1-Oct. 1. \$15.

FALLON

Fallon RV Park—5787 Reno Hwy., Fallon, NV 89406; 702-867-2332. 45 sites with full hookups, 20 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, gasoline and diesel, rec room. \$18.19 (\$109.14 wk. pull-throughs, less for back-ins).

Fort Churchill State Historic Park—35 miles west of Fallon, Silver Springs, NV 89429; 702-577-2345. 20 sites with no hookups. VT, SD. \$6.

The Hub Total—4800 Reno Hwy., Fallon, NV

89406; 702-867-3636. 44 sites with full hookups, 44 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. RV supplies, tables, rec room. \$14.70 (\$85 wk., \$195 mo. plus \$50 electricity deposit, cable TV extra).

Lahontan State Recreation Area—10 miles west of Fallon, 16799 Lahontan Dam, Fallon, NV 89406; 702-867-3500. 41 sites, no hookups, 30 ft. max. FT/VT, S, SD. \$7.

GABBS

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park—20 miles east of Gabbs, HC 61, Box 61200, Austin, NV 89310; 702-964-2440. 14 sites with no hookups, 25 ft. max. VT, SD, potable water. \$6.

HAWTHORNE

Desert Lake Campground—Walker Lake (12 miles north of Hawthorne), Box 647, Hawthorne, NV 89415; 702-945-3373. 25 sites with full hookups. FT, L, S. Grocery store. \$10 (\$60 wk., \$125 mo.).

Scotty's RV Park—Box 1137, Hawthorne, NV 89415; 702-945-2079. 14 sites with full hookups, seasonal sites, no tents. FT, L, LP, S. Store, RV supplies, gasoline. \$12.50 (\$70 wk., \$240 mo.).

JACKPOT

Cactus Petes RV Park—Box 508, Jackpot, NV 89825; 702-755-2321 or 800-821-1103. 52 sites with full hookups, no tents, 40 ft. max. FT, H/AC, L, S, SD. Swimming pool, tennis, hot tub. \$8-\$12.

Spanish Gardens RV Park—Box 390, Jackpot, NV 89825. 702-755-2333 or 800-422-8233. 37 sites with full hookups, 21 pull-throughs. FT, L, S, SD. Tables, patios, cold storage game lockers for hunters. \$12.95 (\$65 wk., \$210 mo.).

LAMOILLE

Thomas Canyon Campground—976 Mountain City Hwy., Elko, NV 89801. 702-738-5171. 42 sites, no hookups, 22 ft. max. VT, potable water. Open May 26-Sept. 30. \$6.

LOVELOCK

Rye Patch State Recreation Area—22 miles northeast of Lovelock, 2505 Rye Patch Reservoir Rd., Lovelock, NV 89419; 702-538-7321. 44 sites, no hookups, 40 ft. max. FT/VT, SD. \$6.

MINA

Sunrise Valley RV Park—Located on U.S. 95 at south end of town, Box 345, Mina, NV 89422; 702-573-2214. 27 sites with full hookups, 15 pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, LP, L, S. Grocery store, some RV parts. \$13.80 (\$82.80 wk.).

PIOCHE

Echo Canyon State Recreation Area—12 miles east of Pioche, Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042; 702-962-5103. 34 sites, no hookups. FT, SD, potable water, reservoir. \$3-\$6.

Pioche Municipal RV Park—Box 127, Pioche, NV 89043; 702-962-5544 (C of C). 10-20 sites with water-sewer hookups. FT, L, SD. Closed during winter. Free, seven-day limit.

Pioche RV Park—Box 93, Pioche, NV 89043; 702-962-5245. 10 sites with full hookups. L, SD, cable TV. \$8.40 (wk. and mo. avail.).

Spring Valley State Park—21 miles east of Pioche, Box 176, Panaca, NV 89042; 702-962-5102. 37 sites, no hookups, reservoir. FT/VT, S, SD. \$7.

Westside RV Park—Box 596, Pioche, NV 89043; 702-962-5349. 5 sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, L. \$10 (wk. and mo. avail.).

YERINGTON AREA

Greenfield RV Park—500 W. Goldfield Ave., Yerington, NV 89447; 702-463-4912. 24 sites with full hookups. FT, H/AC, L, LP, S, SD. RV supplies, restaurant. \$14 (\$24 wk.).

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Walker River RV Resort—20 miles south of Yerington, 1 Hudson Way, Box 90, Smith, NV 89430; 702-465-2573 or 800-446-2573. 130 sites, 64 with full hookups, 56 with water and elec., all pull-throughs. FT, H/AC, LP, S, SD. Store, some RV parts, bar, swimming pool, jacuzzi, clubhouse. \$16 full hookups, \$14 water/elec., \$10 water only, \$8 dry.

Wellington Station Resort—Box 36, Wellington, NV 89444; 702-465-2304. 22 sites with full hookups. FT, H/AC, LP, S, SD. \$11 (\$66 wk., \$145 mo., plus utility deposit).

TONOPAH

Station House RV Park—Box 1351, Tonopah, NV 89049; 702-482-9777. 19 sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, L, S. Grocery store. \$12.

WADSWORTH

I-80 Smoke Shop Campground—Box 309, Exit 43, Wadsworth, NV 89424; 702-574-1022. 21 sites with full hookups, 21 pull-throughs. FT, S. Grocery store. \$15 (\$80 wk., \$210 mo.).

WELLS

Chinatown RV Park—Box 96, Wells, NV 89835; 702-752-2101. 18 sites with full hookups, 15 pull-throughs. FT, LP, S, SD. Grocery store. \$12.95 (\$75 week, \$175 per mo.).

Mountain Shadows RV Park—405 S. Humboldt, Box 362, Wells, NV 89835; 702-752-3525. 38 sites, 33 with full hookups, 13 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies. Open March 1-Nov. 15. \$13.50

Welcome Station RV Park—Box 340, Wells, NV 89835; 702-752-3808. 13 sites with full hookups. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Open May 1-Nov. 1. \$15 (\$50 wk., \$175 plus electricity per mo.).

WENDOVER

Stateline RV Park—Box 789, Wendover, UT 84083; 702-664-2221. 56 sites with full hookups, no tents. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, swimming pool, spa, two tennis courts. \$16 (\$97 wk.).

Wendover KOA—Located on Camper Dr., Box 2379, Wendover, NV 89883; 702-664-3221. 102 sites, 46 sites with full hookups, 80 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, playground, swimming pool, pet run, horse corral, casino shuttle. \$18.55 (\$71.42 wk., \$225 mo.).

WINNEMUCCA

Hi-Desert RV Park—5575 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 702-623-4513. 137 sites, 132 sites with full hookups, 72 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Store, RV supplies, rec hall, swimming pool, playground. \$19 (\$105 wk., \$250 mo.).

KOA Winnemucca—5255 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 702-623-5797. 84 sites with full hookups, 74 pull-throughs. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Grocery store, RV supplies, swimming pool. \$18.50 (\$129.48 wk.).

Model T RV Park—1130 W Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 702-623-2588. 56 sites with full hookups, 42 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, L, LP, S, SD. Small store, RV supplies. \$17.

Westerner Trailer Lodge—800 E. Fourth St., Winnemucca, NV 89445; 702-623-2907. 20 sites with full hookups, 10 pull-throughs, no tents. FT, L, S, SD. Free casino shuttle, some RV parts. \$13.

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NEVADA NOTES

Gourmet food and fine swine.



Oink if You Love Buffets

Everyone is into recycling these days, which draws happy snorts and grunts from 6,000 members of the Las Vegas pig population.

Every day Clint Combs, co-owner of R.C. Farms, picks up about 30 tons of leftovers from the area's hotels and confection factories to be gobbled up by the pigs. Combs says the farm, located a few miles north of Las Vegas, has been producing porkers since 1963.

Casino food seems to suit the porcine palate just fine, he says. Halloween and Valentine's Day are the pigs' favorite holidays since the oinkers are crazy about pumpkins and chocolates.

"Pigs are picky eaters," Combs says. "They especially don't like citrus fruit." And they sometimes have problems with ice cream.

"We have to be careful the ice cream doesn't sit too long because it will ferment," he explains, "and then the pigs get drunk."—Ann Henderson

Commercial Fame

He's not a famous lounge singer—or even a chef, for that matter—but Las Vegas Ernie Baffa found his name in lights on the Strip last spring. The reason? His Cornish game hen à la Snapple.

"They put me on the marquee at the

Sands," Baffa says. "And lo and behold, I saw my name larger than Wayne Newton's."

Baffa wrote the Snapple Beverage Corporation last year about a recipe he developed using Snapple's Mango Madness flavor in his Cornish game hen dish. His letter and recipe were a hit with the Snapple people, and Baffa became one of the folks featured in the company's offbeat TV ad campaign.



Gail Stedino (right) is the toast of a Snapple party.

"It was the shock of my life," says Baffa, a 69-year-old retiree originally from Rome, Italy. He admits he's not sure why Snapple works so well in the recipe, adding, "I just say, Ask the bird."

Gail Stedino of Sparks also discovered fame this summer after appearing in a Snapple commercial. She runs a beauty salon at the Oddfellows Sierra Retirement Home in Reno, and she wrote a letter on her clients' behalf asking if the company "would be kind enough to flavor their taste buds." As a result, Stedino and the retirees were treated to a lively Snapple party.

Both commercials will air through the end of the year.—Carolyn Graham



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register with the computer that drives the rides. Chris was just heavy enough to make the cut and had no apparent problems with the virtual reality experience.

Grand Slam Canyon at Circus Circus is a fuchsia-colored dome enclosing a vest-pocket amusement park. It is a fascinating environment, a puzzle to find your way around at first, but friendly and fun.

If parents are comfortable about the way their kids handle themselves, they can be just as comfortable sending the kids here as sending them to the hotel pool. This is a thoroughly kid-friendly environment. John and Allie rode the double-loop, double-corkscrew Canyon Blaster Roller Coaster, accelerating to 55 mph. But they thought the Rim Runner boat ride was scarier. The roller coaster goes so fast you're through the turns almost before you know it, but the big barge tips over the lip of a water flume high up in the dome, to careen down, down, down to a monster splash landing.

Chris gamely confronted the park's height requirement, but by the time we got to Grand Slam Canyon his cowlick had flattened. He was standing a little high at the heel and was detected. "Look at him!" cried the gate gestapo. "He's standing on his tippy toes! No way he's tall enough!"

Best things about Grand Slam Canyon:

Chris: The dinosaur babies and the big splashes.

Allie: Canyon Blaster Roller Coaster.

John: Canyon Blaster.

Rachel: Canyon Blaster.

Robin: The liberal attitude toward ticket collection.

Me: The architecture and engineering.

Entry fees: An all-day pass is \$10. Or you can pay \$3 for admission, and rides are \$2.50 a la carte.

We missed a lot of great things in our five days. We didn't get to the Cirque du Soleil's "Mystère" at Treasure Island or to "Starlight Express," the Andrew Lloyd Webber show on roller skates at the Hilton. We didn't even get to Wet 'n Wild, the landmark kid place on the Strip. John and I



Rachel plays an oldfangled game at Luxor.

spent our first Las Vegas outing there, and the joy he experienced all those years ago still brightens his life: in the kids' pool, grasping the controls of a large-caliber water gun and squirting Dad in the face. Come early to get your choice of picnic places, and bring shoes or your feet will burn up.

Because our focus was on the kid's stuff on the Strip, we took only one excursion out of the bright lights, to Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. On a different trip we would visit the Lied Discovery Children's Museum and the Museum of Natural History, or even go ice skating at the Santa Fe Hotel. We'd

have spent an afternoon at FunTazmic and perhaps have spared Chris his big blow-up. We could easily have stayed two weeks without exhausting the possibilities.

Five days was enough to exhaust us, though. Here's what our team members liked best about the new Las Vegas we discovered:

At 17, Rachel is only barely a kid anymore. She enjoyed the various entertainments, but she almost always did double-duty as Big Sister and Assistant Grown-up. She enjoyed the rides, and the base-

ball game we attended, but on her own, her favorite activity was shopping.

Actually, all the feminine members of our troupe enjoyed the shopping throughout our visit. Especially favored: the Factory Outlet Stores 'way out on Las Vegas Boulevard South (where Robin found a leather purse she couldn't resist and Allie got a pair of sandals). Also earning attention were Walmart, Phar-more, and the 99¢ Stores. We didn't get to the Forum Shops at Caesars, an omission that still irritates us. The Forum Shops are high on any serious shopper's agenda, and I—no shopper—will go to the Forum Shops any time just for the

the measurements in advance.

7 For every surge of high-energy excitement, give some time to powering down. Take a cruise on Lake Mead, hike in Red Rock, or visit the museums and other calmer attractions.

7a The most important piece of paper for a parent to have in Las Vegas is the brochure from M.A.I.N. (Museums and Attractions in Nevada), which is distributed free in racks. (Or write M.A.I.N., 3005 W Spring Mountain Rd., No. 60, Las Vegas, NV 89102.) It's your best guide to non-casino kid activities in and out of town.

8 Do anything to avoid driving in this town. Traffic is thick, and driving is hard work in Las Vegas these days. We spent whole lifetimes at intersections while hungry kids interacted in the back seats. Take a cab when you need wheels, or take kids by the hand and walk their little legs off. As *Time* magazine pointed out, Las Vegas may be the only city in America where it's safe to walk with kids along the "main street" at night. The Strip is well lighted and policed. Downtown is just as well-mannered, and even brighter—your perfect family environment, in other words. —David W. Toll

Travel Tips for Parents

1 Bring your bucks. Including our hotel rooms (two of them for the six of us) we spent about \$200 a day taking in the attractions.

2 And be sure to bring your credit cards, too.

3 With four kids, our biggest expense—many times bigger than gambling—was food. Dining out as a group was hugely time-, money-, and energy-consuming, so we packed groceries in ice chests and picnicked. We made dining out a special treat.

4 When you reserve your hotel rooms, be aware some don't have tubs for the little guys—showers only.

5 Scout the hotel for side exits so you don't have to troop the whole length of the place every time you go out.

6 The rides at MGM and Grand Slam Canyon have height requirements of 42 inches for the sissy rides and 48 inches for the ones I won't go on. You'll avoid disappointments by preparing for

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Chris plays the weight-guessing game at Excalibur.

pleasure of being there.

John was a big enthusiast for rides of all kinds, but his clear favorite was In Search of the Obelisk, Pyramid Trilogy Part I, at the Luxor. He was also fond of the jousting and other chivalric hacking and whacking.

The highlight of my visit was an exhibition baseball game between the San Diego Padres and the San Francisco Giants that Rachel, John, and I took in at Cashman Field, home of the triple-A Las Vegas Stars. Pads 6, Giants 4, dang it. Cashman Field is built to a more intimate scale than the grand structures of the big leagues, and we had great seats behind home plate—close enough to see Matt Williams' expression change when the Padres' Archi Cianfrocco hit a sizzling rope straight at him. But even when Matt Williams and Barry Bonds are back at Candlestick, the games are great at Cashman Field. Kevin McReynolds, Sandy Alomar, and John Kruk played for the Stars on their way to the bigs, and at \$5, a bleacher seat at a Stars game is one of the best bargains in Las Vegas.

Robin's fave was watching the H.M.S. Britannia engage the pirate ship Hispaniola from the Battle Bar at Treasure Island. By the time the performance is about to begin, the sidewalks out front and the gangway to the casino entrance are a solid mass of humanity, so she developed this strategy: Immediately after a performance go to the Battle Bar overlooking Buccaneer Bay. Take a table on the left so you get a good view of the pirate ship. Sip cool drinks for 90

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minutes and watch the SRO audience accumulate on the sidewalk and gangway. The *Britannia* will come around the point on your left, bombard the brigands with cannonades, and then explode and sink right before your eyes. Very satisfying.

Allie's biggest favorite was "just seeing Las Vegas at night."

Chris liked everything.

We left Las Vegas at mid-morning, heading westward out Blue Diamond Road toward Pahrump, Shoshone, and Death Valley. Our experts had been away from home for six long days. In Las Vegas we had ranged freely from one extravagant experience to another, but now, minus Rachel, who'd already flown home, we were cooped together in a metal box on wheels rolling endlessly through the desert. Without Rachel to enforce the rule of law, someone touched someone. Someone yelled. Someone else yelled. Everyone yelled!

By the time we reached Shoshone the van had shrunk alarmingly small. We pulled up across from the post office, where a little patch of grass had been fitted out with a rickety swing made with a bald tire. A sprinkler was squirting water eccentrically around, and for 10 minutes John, Allie, and Chris ran in circles squealing with excitement, the three of them creating virtual reality together the old-fashioned way.

But when they got back among their friends at school by the jungle gym at recess, did they tell them excitedly about the sprinkler at Shoshone? Nah. It was all Luxor, Excalibur, MGM Grand, Canyon Blaster Roller Coaster and *H.M.S. Britannia*, taxi rides, and baseball games.

Kids can have a good time almost anywhere. In Las Vegas they can have the time of their lives. □

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Photographers are invited and encouraged to enter their finest Nevada photos in *Nevada Magazine's* 17th annual Great Nevada Picture Hunt. 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 15, 1994.

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, suspenders, or two historical calendars.

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George Strickland of Las Vegas won third place overall in the 1993 Great Nevada Picture Hunt for his photo "A Side For Laughter A Side For Crying."

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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. Drop-offs will not be accepted

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

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Marlene Corpus displays a mixed fruit tart on Bavarian cream at Josef's Vienna Konditorei Bakery in Reno.

A Fine State of Eclairs

When it comes to pastry pleasures, Nevada's bakeries take the cake.

By Connie Emerson

Maybe you grew up eating cannoli or Bienenstich or challah, so you know that raised doughnuts, eclairs, and Danish pastries aren't the only treats that come from bake shops. But maybe you didn't know that you can find a United Nations of ethnic treats, as well as out-of-the-ordinary American creations, at Nevada's bakeries.

Like **Freed's Boulevard Bakery** in Las Vegas (4780 S. Eastern Ave., 702-456-7762). There's nothing fancy about the place. It's small, with stacks of wedding-cake decorations in plastic-windowed boxes on the shelves and a couple of formica tables and chairs for customers who can't wait until they get home to eat their goodies.

But who needs ambiance? After all, Hungarian cheesecake, poppyseed strudel, French pastries, braided Jew-

ish challah bread, and the honey-pecan bars known as Bienenstich are just a point of the finger away.

When Milton Freed opened his bake shop in 1959, he had never been in the bakery business. A musician by trade, he had worked a route for a pie com-

pany and owned a restaurant in New Jersey. But over the years, master businessman Freed hired master bakers from such places as Germany, Hungary, Austria, and Poland, and each of them added recipes to the bakery's continental menu.

Freed, who turned 80 last July 24, and his wife Esther have moved to Florida. The youngest of their five children, Joni, now runs the bakery. After 34 years in the business, she is proud of Freed's sales to generations of repeat customers.

"We've done wedding cakes for the children whose parents we made wedding cakes for. Maybe even grandparents," Joni says. "And when someone tells you that every birthday cake she's ever had has come from Freed's, that really feels good."

Unlike Freed's, the **City Cafe Bakery** in Carson City (701 S. Carson St., 702-



Braided challah bread from Freed's.

882-2253) is a relative newcomer to the bake-shop scene, having opened two years ago in a former ice-cream parlor across from the Ormsby House. Like many of its contemporaries around the country, the City Cafe presents a European coffee-house flavor, serving 18 choices of fresh-ground coffees—Latin American, African, and Guatemalan—to go with the pastries, muffins, and homemade-bread sandwiches. (The formula seems to work. Last spring a second City Cafe opened at 8195 S. Virginia in Reno.)

The atmosphere at the Carson bakery-cafe is upbeat—tile floors, wooden coffee case, contemporary chairs and tables inside, with umbrella tables and flower boxes outside. The baked goods are calculated to please palates of the '90s, too—awfully good but wholesome. Breads are hearty, with sourdough wheat and walnut, squaw, and nine-grain among the best sellers.

Of course, there are sweet temptations like the blueberry cream-cheese coffee cake, pecan rolls, and streusel-topped cobbles. But don't worry about that "moment on the lips, lifetime on the hips" problem, since applesauce substitutes for fat in many items. The nonfat muffins are highly popular.

Baking at the City Cafe goes on nearly 'round the clock, according to in-store manager Barbara Fiesler. "Everyone wants the warm, fresh products, so the bakers are extremely busy in the mornings," she says. "And we don't sell anything that's day-old. It goes to five local charities."

Most bakeries are open until late afternoon, but if you're in Incline Village, you need to get going early to catch the raspberry Danishes and cinnamon rolls at the **Snowflake Donut Shop** (Christmas Tree Village, 702-831-4700). You see, it's a morning thing. Opens at 7 a.m., closes at noon.

Owned by David and Margaret Martini since 1992, the Snowflake has been in existence for a decade and a half. David was working as an accountant and Margaret as a real-estate agent when the previous owner, Jason Ryu, suggested to Margaret that they buy the business.

"I was a regular customer," Margaret says, "and that night I told David what Jason had said. I didn't take it seriously, but David did. He bought the bakery the next week."

Now David develops the recipes and bakes the muffins, croissants, and doughnuts while Margaret bakes the pastries. David's standout recipe so far



Cake decorator Lori Giuliano (left) and owner Joni Freed present some of their mouth-watering creations at Freed's Boulevard Bakery in Las Vegas.

is his apricot puff, a croissant-based treat that—clichés aside—really does melt in your mouth.

Between her duties as baker and mother of two young children, Margaret works on the bakery's decor. She has stenciled ivy on the walls, painted shelves sage green, and even put the Snowflake's price list in a sage-green frame.

Like the Martinis, Janet Williams Dietz and Ron Dietz were newcomers to the bakery business when they started **Mrs. Williams Diabetic Delights** in Las Vegas (3466 S. Decatur Blvd., 702-362-1243) from scratch in 1991. When they met five years ago, Janet was a bookkeeper and Ron a contractor who indulged in sweets despite his diabetes. "I love sweets, so she started baking for me," says Ron, whose slogan appeals to diabetics: "Sweets so you don't have to cheat."

Janet began experimenting with sugar-free treats such as Dutch apple pie,

strawberry cheesecake, and cinnamon cookies. After testing Janet's recipes for a year and a half, the Dietz duo decided to go into the bakery business. They opened Mrs. Williams (using Janet's maiden name) with eight varieties of goodies. Now, more than two dozen kinds of sugar-free pies, cakes, coffee cakes, muffins, and cookies—all baked on the premises—as well as cake mix and topping are shipped to customers around the world. Mrs. Williams' sugar-free desserts appear in the Las Vegas Hilton and Palace Station buffets. The couple also offer a full line of sugar-free chocolates and hard candy.

When they opened their shop on April 1, 1991, the Dietzes were so busy they didn't notice what day it was. That is, until a sugar-conscious customer said, "This has to be an April Fool's joke. I can't eat all of this stuff, can I?" After being assured that all the shop's baked goods were sugar-free, the happy man left with his arms full of bakery boxes.

From its sidewalk tables to the pine cupboards and painted lamp shades inside, **Josef's Vienna Konditorei Bakery** in Reno (Moana West Shopping Center, 702-825-0451) looks like an Austrian travel poster. Behind the glass counters are delicacies you find in the coffee houses along Vienna's fabled Kartnerstrasse—apricot tascherln, cocos cupels, rye breads, breakfast pastries, and napoleons.



Arlene Damele (left) presides at Dameli's, where Twyla Wharton and Sarah Komorowski visit.

Talk about culinary dazzle! Ten different kinds of cakes are made with chocolate—like chocolate raspberry, chocolate truffle, and an unforgettable Black Forest torte with six layers of cake, cherries, whipped cream, Bavarian cream, and lip-smacking pleasure. There's also a white chocolate ribbon cake, featured on the cover of *Bon Appetit* in June 1992.

As you've probably guessed, the shop's owner, Josef Pasa, is from Austria. (Although his wife Sonja painted alpine motifs worthy of an Austrian artist on the bakery furniture Josef built,

she is Dutch-Indonesian.) In 1992, the couple added a European-style konditorei next door, where breakfast, soups, salads, and sandwiches are served. And, of course, pastries.

From Here to Biscotti: More Pastry Palaces

Following are eight other shops to round out a baker's dozen pastry palaces around the state.

Albina's Italian and American Bakery in Las Vegas (3035 E. Tropicana Ave., Suite A-2, 702-433-5400) is a family af-

fair. Vito Masi and son Joey preside over the ovens, creating such Italian specialties as cannoli (they're chocolate and vanilla shells with cannoli cream filling), pasticcotti (a pastry with vanilla custard), and sfogliatella (a flaky shell with Italian cheese and citrus fruit) while Vito's wife Albina, their daughter Toni, and daughter-in-law Lauren work the counter.

Dameli's in Las Vegas (6382 W Sahara Ave., phone 702-252-8362, fax 252-7057) has trendy black-and-white dotted wallpaper, black-and-white striped curtains, and checkerboard floor, thus treating the eye as well as the palate. Two featured gourmet coffees each day go well with the apple puffs, gourmet cinnamon rolls, and six kinds of biscotti (a traditional Italian cookie). This is a great place for noshing on Saturday mornings. Owner Arlene Damele also has a 2,400-square-foot bakery where she produces biscotti for such restaurants as Bertolini's in the Forum Shops in Las Vegas, the Eldorado Hotel in Reno, and Adele's in Reno and Carson City.

Galleria Cakery in Las Vegas (4300 Spring Mountain Rd., 702-364-2253) specializes in cakes made to order. The cakes and frostings—from traditional to exotic and erotic—come in a wide variety of flavors. There are 20 different fillings, too.

Harrie's Bagelmania in Las Vegas (855 E. Twain Ave., phone 702-369-3322, fax 369-4995) sells about 150 dozen bagels a day, ranging from standards like egg and pumpernickel to the more unusual jalapeño-cheese and the combination (an everything-but-the-kitchen-sink affair that is Harrie's best seller). They also make terrific bialy, sort of a cross between a bagel and an English muffin.

Konig's Bakery in northwest Reno (3683 Kings Row, 702-746-2555) is an old-world delight of gingerbread houses, marzipan cookies, and crusty bread made in the traditional European style. Konig's is tucked in a corner of the Viewcrest Shopping Center. Among other items, the hazelnut cookies, apple strudel, peanut-butter sandwiches, and cream-cheese Danish deserve raves.

Polly Ann Bakery (55 W Arroyo St., 702-329-5364) is an old-time Reno favorite, dating back to 1948. The baked goods aren't fancy, but they taste great. Crowds overflow the shop before major holidays as customers pick up the Dutch crunch rolls, scones, pies, and pastries they've ordered in advance. To keep up with demand, proprietors Wayne and Bridget Tuma recently opened Polly's Corner four blocks south

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Connie Emerson of Reno is an author, food critic, and bakery denizen.

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Short, narrow, underwater—Nevada's historic railroads had unusual claims to fame.

By Richard Moreno

The completion of the transcontinental railroad 125 years ago linked Nevada and the West to the rest of the United States and spurred the building of more than 50 railroads in the Silver State. The following are notable facts about the iron horses that helped to build Nevada.

1 First Train: The first locomotive to enter Nevada was a Central Pacific Railroad engine that crossed the Nevada-California state line west of Reno on December 13, 1867. Starting from Sacramento in 1863, it had taken crews four years to lay tracks over the Sierra Nevada.

2 Longest Route: The Central Pacific's 453-mile stretch across Nevada, built between December 1867 and February 1869, was the longest in the state. On May 10, 1869, the Central Pacific reached Promontory Point, Utah, where it linked with the Union Pacific to complete the transcontinental railroad.

3 Briefest Operation: The state's shortest-lived railroad was the Nevada Railroad Company. The eight-mile line ran northwest from Wadsworth to the gold-mining town of Olinghouse for a little more than a year (1907-08).

4 Most Popular Name: The name Nevada Central Railroad was used by two different railways. It was first applied to a short line between Pioche and Bullionville that ran from 1872 to about 1881. A longer lasting Nevada Central operated from 1880 to 1938 between Battle Mountain and Austin.

5 Longest Narrow Gauge: The Carson and Colorado Railroad was 293 miles long, with 182 miles located in Nevada. Built in the early 1880s, the C&C connected the Owens Valley of Eastern California with the Central Pacific in Reno. As a narrow gauge, its rails



All aboard: Virginia and Truckee Engine No. 11, the Reno, about 1885.

were three feet apart instead of the standard four feet, eight-and-a-half inches. In 1900 the railroad was sold to the Southern Pacific and mostly converted to standard-gauge track.

6 Strangest Name: "Mules' Relief" was a 2.8-mile steam line in Austin that replaced a mule-powered trolley system. Mules' Relief ran from 1881 to 1889 and made Austin the only town in the state with a steam railroad running on its main street.



A sampling of Nevada's early railroads includes the Central Pacific, Nevada Central, and Carson & Colorado lines.

7 First Train Robbery: On November 4, 1870, six men robbed a Central Pacific train at Lawton Hot Springs, six miles east of Reno. The crime was perpetrated by "Smiling Jack" Davis, a Virginia City stable manager who moonlighted as a stagecoach robber. The thieves made off with \$41,600 but were captured within a few weeks.

8 Shortest Short Line: The tiny Eureka Mill Railroad, only 1.12 miles long, operated from 1872 to about 1906. It connected the Eureka Mill on the Carson River, about 10 miles east of Carson City, with the Virginia and Truckee Railroad. The mill line had an unusual two-and-a-half-foot gauge, nearly half the width of standard tracks.

9 Crookedest Railroad: The Virginia and Truckee Railroad was so called because of its winding route between Virginia City and Gold Hill. The line, which began regular service between Carson City and Gold Hill in November 1869, was also called "the richest short line in the world" because it transported vast amounts of silver and gold ore from the Comstock mines. The Virginia and Truckee, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, also served Reno and Minden.

10 Busiest Railroad: The Six Companies, Inc. Railroad ran around the clock to carry gravel from pits on the Colorado River to Hoover Dam's construction site. Between 1932 and 1935 this 29-mile railroad hauled 139,952 cars filled with nine million tons of gravel used in making the concrete dam. Six Companies also was Nevada's only self-liquidating railroad—today its railbed lies under Lake Mead. □

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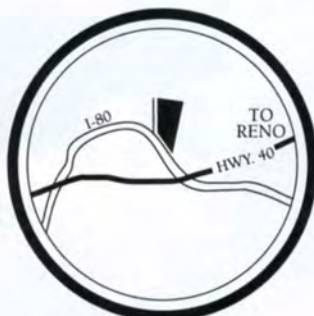
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A BASQUE PRIMER

As Elko hosts its 31st National Basque Festival, here's how to make your Basque Experience an authentic one.

BY LIN ANDERSON

The two-volume *Funk and Wagnalls Standard Desk Dictionary* defines "basque" as "a woman's closely fitting bodice." I cite this definition to gain that all-important reader interest right at the outset.

Fortunately for our purposes, *Funk and Wagnalls*—made famous by *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*—goes on to define "Basque" as "one of a people of unknown origin living in the western Pyrenees in Spain and France." It is those people who celebrate in Elko annually, the first weekend in July, when the National Basque Festival fills the city with color and pageantry and, to be honest, more than a few closely fitting bodices.

For 31 years, Basques from all over the U.S. and the world have flocked—sheepherding being a major part of their culture—to Elko to eat, drink, play games, and renew old acquaintances. And while the Basques have a great time, non-Basques do, too. The festival provides a swell opportunity for increasingly stuffy Americans to let their hair down, put on a beret, and dance the *jota*.

The following is a guide to the Basque Experience as it will be played out in Elko July 1-3. Bring a camcorder, a healthy appetite, and your best *irrintzi*. Don't know what an *irrintzi* is? Let's start there.

The Irrintzi: Useful as a war cry, exclamation of joy, or appropriate response to the IRS, the *irrintzi* is many things, and all of them are quite loud. During the weekend, you will hear this call many times, probably when you least expect it.

To get an idea of the *irrintzi*, do this now at home: Think of the televised public service announcement featuring Sally Struthers about which you have recently declared, "If I see that



A Boise dance group performs the basket dance at Elko's National Basque Festival.

again, I'm going to scream!" Then do so, but follow this pattern, beginning softly and working up to a crescendo: Eeeeeee! Yi! Yi! Yi! Yi! Yi! Yi! Yiiiiiiiiiii! If your neighbor's schnauzer isn't prone on the lawn yet, repeat.

An *irrintzi* contest will be held July 3, during the Basque picnic at Elko City Park with prizes for the best calls.

The Bota: The National Basque Festival is a time for red wine—or, to

be more precise, might-as-well-be-purple wine—and the more of it the better. Certainly, this sort of admonition is not politically correct these days, but one reason ethnic festivals are so important is that they allow Americans to hang out with people who still remember how to have fun.

The wine acquired, it is important to drink it correctly. Sure, testing the varietal grape from the bottle may be de rigeur at your place, but that simply won't do at the National Basque Festival. Here, you must drink from a *bota*, a bladder made from the skin of an animal.

The wine is introduced to the *bota* by removing the *bota's* cap and carefully pouring from a gallon jug directly into the bag. You will know it is full when the wine spurts out the top of the *bota*, staining the bladder with a rich purple hue. This is important, as Basque Festival veterans look upon

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the person carrying the unmarked *bota* much as cowboys do the tenderfoot with the pristine Stetson.

Then replace the cap and tilt the *bota* at about a 60-degree angle, pointing toward your thirsty mouth. Now squeeze the bag. See what happened? A thin stream of the darkest wine on the continent just spritzed all over your new Perry Ellis shirt.

Like the *irrintzi*, the *bota* takes practice, ideally in a painting smock, until you can get the stream right into the facial porthole on the first shot. (Experienced *bota* baggers can catch the vint from 10 feet or more without spilling a drop.)

The Jota: Once you have practiced your *irrintzi* and *bota* technique, it is time to perform the *jota*, a Basque dance of joy. Real Basques know the intricate steps of this dance, but for your purposes a few rudimentary instructions will do:

Place your hands above your head, about the level at which it would be comfortable to stick your thumbs in your ears. Next, twiddle your fingers as if there were castanets attached. Smile.

Then begin kicking your feet, first right, then left. Do not kick as if for a field goal but as if warding off a gaggle of hungry kittens. Now spin. Now repeat. Now perform an *irrintzi*. Now drink from the *bota*.

The Kickoff: The traditional beginning of the National Basque Festival will be Friday, July 1, at 7 p.m. in front of Stockmen's Motor Hotel in downtown Elko. You will see *jotas*, hear *irrintzis*, watch *bota* professionals, and get your first hint of what you'll see at the Basque Games the following day.

Later the scene switches to the Elko Convention Center for *Erakuskutxatila* (Basque talent night) where singing, dancing, and traditional music are the order of the evening.

The Eating: All this activity making you hungry? Luckily, Elko thoughtfully provides four Basque restaurants: the Star, Biltoki, Toki Ona, and the Nevada Dinner House. All feature some of the best steak and seafood you have ever eaten, and all serve meals family-style.

During the meal you will have the opportunity to order a picon punch. Do so. This is the official drink of Elko's Basques, and they know how to make it. From downtown's Clifton

Club (another Basque Festival must) comes this recipe: Fill a "fancy glass" about halfway to the top with ice, pour in a bit of grenadine, and then fill to about an inch of the top with picon liqueur. Next, either add a shot of brandy, top with soda, stir, and garnish with a lemon peel, or add the soda, float the brandy shot, and top with the peel. You make the call.

And after a few of these you will be making the call—to Elko Taxi.

The Parade: Saturday morning, July 2, get down to Idaho Street by 11 a.m. when the Basque Festival Parade gets under way. The parade is a bright mixture of ethnic flair and patriotism—the kind of small-town spectacle Americans don't get to see much anymore. Basque dancers and musicians will perform along the route. *Irrintzis* will be heard constantly.

The parade winds its way to the Elko County Fairgrounds for one of the festival's highlights:

The Basque Games: They'll start about 1 p.m., and you have never seen anything like them. Essentially, competitors take part in contests that mirror ancient chores: lifting weights, chopping logs, and carrying big loads long distances.

Here is perhaps your only opportunity to see a big, strapping man lift a 250-pound cylinder or a 225-pound granite ball several times in succession. Similarly, you don't often have the chance to see an individual walk several hundred feet while carrying two 104-pound weights at his sides. The record here is 1,700 feet.

But the most dangerous event (to my eyes, anyway) is the woodchopping contest. This is no backyard gotta-feed-the-woodstove process. These guys straddle massive logs and chop—between their legs—to see who can finish off his log the fastest. That's

BASQUEING IN NEVADA

The remaining 1994 Basque festivals in the state include the National Basque Festival in Elko July 1-3 (702-738-7547), Reno Basque Festival in Sparks on August 20 (702-785-3350), and the Las Vegas Basque Picnic on October 15-16 (702-256-6219). Winnemucca hosts its Basque Festival every June.



Basque festivals are family affairs where even the youngest dancers perform.

enough to coax an *irrintzi* out of anybody.

Beyond its obvious appeal to Lorena Bobbitt, this startling display keeps the crowd on the razor's edge of its collective seat.

While the lifting and chopping are going on at the fairgrounds, the fronton in Elko City Park will be alive with the clonk-clonk of handball as some of the West's best players gather for the annual tournament. And, speaking of tournaments, Basque card sharks will be playing *mus*, an old-country card game similar to poker except played by partners.

The Picnic: Activities Sunday, July 3, begin at 11 a.m. with a traditional Mass in Elko City Park followed immediately by the high point of the National Basque Festival, the Festival Meal, at the same venue. For \$10 (\$5 for children 12 and under), you'll be treated to succulent outdoor-cooked lamb and steak with all the trimmings, including freshly baked sheepherder's bread. And wine, of course.

While you dine, dancing groups will entertain, the *jota* and *irrintzi* contests will be held, and *botas* will be everywhere. Here is your opportunity to demonstrate all you have learned to an appreciative crowd, as a friend dutifully records your performance on the camcorder for future blackmail purposes.

Ongi etorri!

Lin Anderson, an Elko writer and radio man, is highly skilled with a bota.



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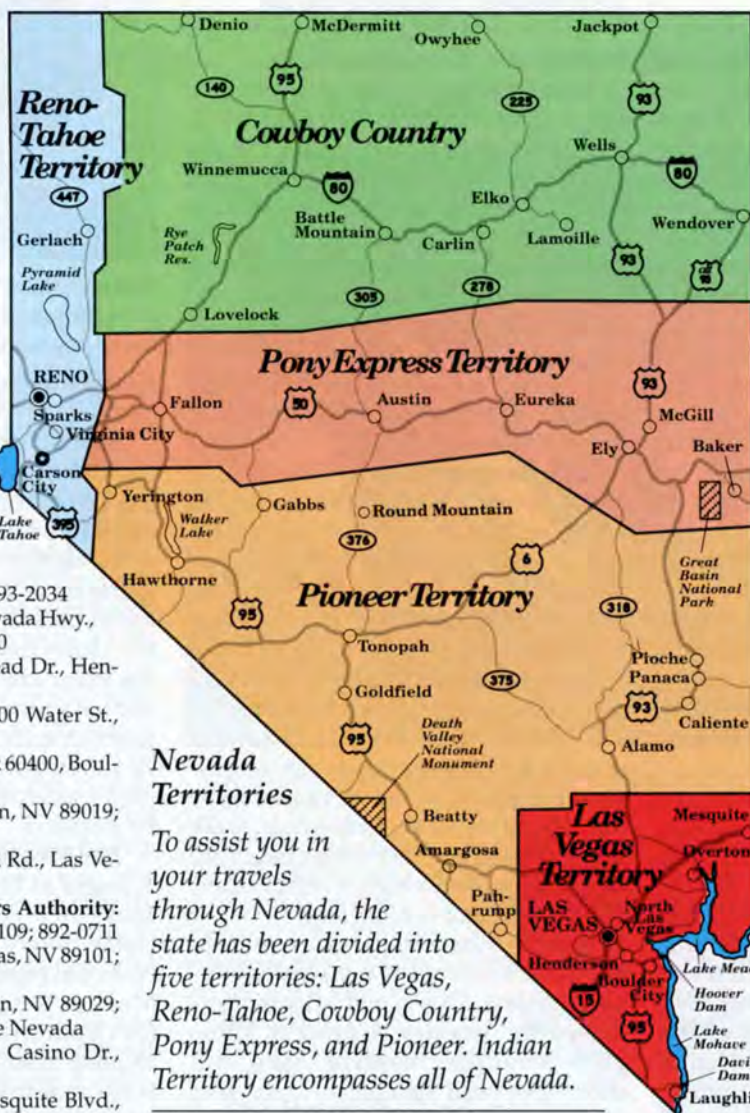
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Pioche C of C: Box 127 Pioche, NV 89043; 962-5544

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

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, Tonopah, NV 89049; 482-3558

Indian Territory

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: 806 Holman Way, Sparks, NV 89431; 355-0600

Indian Territory Chair: Stewart Indian Museum, 5366 Snyder, Carson City, NV 89701; 882-1808

State and National Parks

Death Valley National Monument: Death Valley, CA 92328; 619-786-2331

Great Basin National Park: Baker, NV 89311; 234-7331

Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 293-8907

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EVENTS

July

The Black West: The Unrecorded Truth, thru July 5, artist Harold Bradford's work shows the role of African-Americans in settling the West, Laughlin Library, Laughlin, 298-1081

Art Show, thru July 10, works by Arthur Chivis, Spring Valley Library, 368-4411

Contemporary Arts Collective Art Show, thru July 13, Green Valley Library, Henderson, 435-1840

Manpower Australia: Thunder From Down Under, thru July 17, all-male striptease revue, Stardust, 732-6111

Nevada Biennial '94 Art Show, thru July 17 NICA Gallery, 434-2666

Art Show, thru July 17 West Charleston Library, 878-3682

Art-A-Fair '94 Winners Show, thru July 20, Sunrise Library, 435-1104

Nevada Pen Women Members Art Show, thru July 20, Summerlin Library, 265-5111

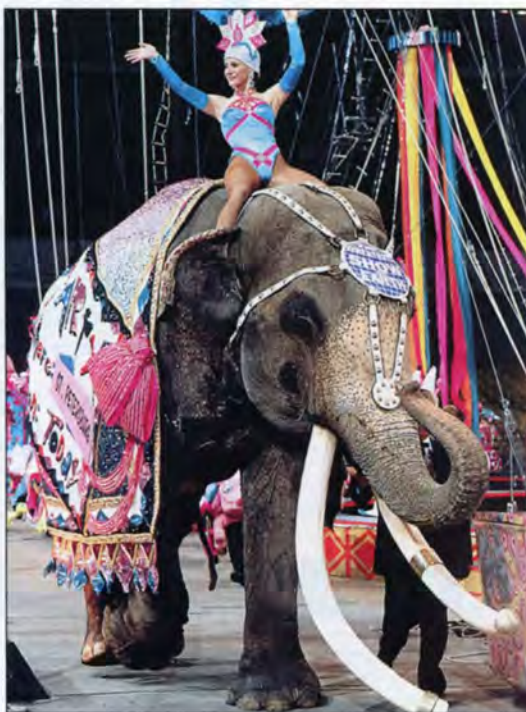
Nevada: View of Two, thru July 31, watercolors and acrylics of Nevada scenes by Dottie Burton and Linda Savage, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, 486-5205

Friends of Red Rock Canyon Juried Photography Exhibit, thru July 31, Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center, 363-1921

Desert Photographs, thru July 31, by Charles Morgan, Whitney Library, 435-2266

Photograph Show, thru Aug. 9, by Rick Holmes, Rainbow Library, 645-7500

Talking Pictures: The Dawn of Sound, thru Aug. 21, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, 382-3445



The Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus is coming to Las Vegas July 6-10.

Smithsonian Institution Exhibit, thru Aug. 21, on business management in the U.S., Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

Elvis Sightings Art Show, thru Aug. 30, drawings by James Pink, Barrick Museum, UNLV 895-3381

Concerts in the Vineyard, thru Oct. 1, Sat. nights, 7:30-9pm, Pahrump Valley Vineyards,

Pahrump, 727-6900

Art Show, June 26-Aug. 3, collages-monotypes by Sandria Hu, Charleston Heights Arts Center, 229-6383

Valley High School Student Artwork Exhibit, June 28-Aug. 1, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Nevada Watercolor Society Summer Show, June 28-Aug. 1, reception July 3, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Best of Nevada Camera Club '93 Photo Show, June 28-Aug. 21, West Las Vegas Library, 647-2118

High Roller Bowling Tournament, June 29-July 7, first-place prize is \$200,000, Showboat, 385-9123

Carnival, July 1-4, Boulder City's old airport site, 293-9256

Willden's Pride Dodge Night of Fire, July 2, jet dragsters, fireworks, Las Vegas Speedway Park, 643-3333

Fourth of July Fireworks, July 2, Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 731-7110

Willow Peak Hike, July 2, Sierra Club, 293-5563

All-American Picnic and Americana Concert, July 2, patriotic tunes by the Myron Heaton Chorale, fried chicken and apple pie, outdoors, Pahrump Valley Vineyards, Pahrump, 727-6900

Picnic Pops Concert, July 2, John Philip Sousa music, Las Vegas Pops, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 792-4337

Damboree, July 4, 9am parade starts at Bicentennial Park, followed by program in Central Park with food and games, band concert, children's activities, and patriotic speakers, fireworks and carnival at Boulder City's old airport, Boulder City, 293-9256 or 456-6695

Las Vegas Fireworks Display, July 4, 9pm, 43rd annual, Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 895-3900

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 Flash: Roller Hockey International, July 3 v. Calgary Radz, July 14 v. Anaheim Bullfrogs, July 15 v. Oakland Skates, July 19 v. San Diego Barracudas, July 21 v. Edmonton Sled Dogs, July 26 v. Los Angeles Blades, Aug. 7 v. Phoenix Cobras, Aug. 10 v. San Diego Barracudas, Aug. 14 v. Los Angeles Blades, Thomas and Mack Center, UNLV, 895-3900

Las Vegas Posse: Canadian Football League, July 16 v. Saskatchewan Roughriders, July 23 v. Sacramento Gold Miners, Aug. 6 v. Baltimore Colts, Aug. 20 v. British Columbia Lions, Sept. 10 v. Shreveport Pirates,

Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, 242-4200

Las Vegas Stars: Triple-A baseball, San Diego Padres farm club playing in the Pacific Coast League, June 30-July 3 v. Phoenix Giants, July 14-17 v. Edmonton Trappers, July 26-29 v. Vancouver Canadians, Aug. 8-11 v. Tucson Toros, Aug. 20-23 v. Albuquerque Dukes, Aug. 29-Sept. 1 v. Salt Lake Buzz, 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

Swensen's Fireworks Spectacular and Demolition Derby, July 4, Las Vegas Speedway Park, 643-3333

July Fourth Celebration, July 4, pancake breakfast, games, Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 397-8088

World Junior Frisbee Competition, July 6, Las Vegas, 459-0201

"Gypsy," July 6-9, 13-16, and 20-23, outdoor musical, bring blanket or chair, admission \$2-\$6, children six and under free, Super Summer Theatre program, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-7529

Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, July 6-10, Thomas and Mack Center, UNLV, 895-3900

Las Vegas 100, July 9, sportsman, bomber, and mini stock car races, Las Vegas Speedway Park, 643-3333

Mount Charleston Peak Hike, July 9 and 16-17, Sierra Club, 433-6278

Piano Recital, July 10, Jordan Marcks of Nevada School of the Arts, 2pm, Summerlin Performing Arts Center, 739-3502

Spring Mountain Foothills Hike, July 10, 6-8pm, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Griffith Peak Hike, July 10 and 16, panoramic view of Las Vegas Valley, Sierra Club, 433-6278

Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, July 14, Mirabelli Community Center, 229-6359

"Li'l Abner," July 14-16 and 21-23, musical, Actors Repertory Theatre, Rainbow Library Outdoor Theater, 647-7469

Green Valley Concert Under the Stars, July 16, Nevada Chamber Symphony 8pm, bring blanket and picnic supper, Green Valley Civic Center, Henderson, 458-8855 ext. 400

Movie Night, July 16, film and short subjects centered on the work place, Depot Theater, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

Mrs. USA Pageant, July 16-17, Cashman Field, 386-7110

Nike National Prep Basketball Tournament, July 16-23, 120 teams, 300 college coaches, play is at several Las Vegas high school gymnasiums, 731-2115

Southern Nevada Photography Exhibit, July 20-23, Ranch House, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

Leo Kottke Concert, July 22, guitarist, Twilight Park Concert Series, The Hills Park in Summerlin, 456-6695

Elvis Performers International Showcase and Festival, July 22-24, fifth annual, includes show starring 50 of the top Elvis performers in the country, exhibitors selling Elvis jump-suits, belts, and Karaoke tapes and CDs, awards ceremony on Fri. for three inductees into the Elvis Performers Hall of Fame, Imperial Palace, 714-991-1103

Picnic Pops Concert, July 23, Broadway hits, Las Vegas Pops, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 792-4337

"Camelot," July 26-Aug. 7, Baci Management production, Cashman Field, 386-7110

Las Vegas, USA!, July 28-Sept. 14, art show at Nevada Institute for Contemporary Art, auction of the works on Sept. 16 at the Rio Suites Casino, 434-2666

Friday Knight at the Fights, July 29, choreography from the National Stage Combat Work-

PREVIEW



Racing fans enjoy the fast lane every weekend at the Las Vegas Speedway Park.

Speed Racers

BY KATE BUTLER

You don't have to be a gearhead to appreciate the excitement at the Las Vegas Speedway Park. Cars race at high speeds within inches of each other, and dragsters rocket from the starting line amid clouds of billowing smoke.

For about \$20 per family of four, an evening at the Speedway can be cheaper than a night at the movies. Children 12 and under are admitted free, and families can bring their own food if they wish.

Most races at the Speedway Park are held in the evening. Once the sun goes down, temperatures drop to 80 to 85 degrees—comfortable for both racers and spectators.

Every weekend there are usually two or three different types of events. The park has an off-road motocross track, mini-kart track, 1.6-mile road course, quarter-mile dragstrip, and a three-quarter-mile paved oval track. A 100-yard sand dragstrip was added recently, and a new children's area is planned.

The season lasts through early November. Highlights include the

Willden's Pride Dodge Night of Fire on July 2 (high-speed jet car race and a fireworks show), Fox Hunt-Funny Car Fever on August 13, and the Gambler Nationals September 28-October 1.

Highlights of the oval-track schedule include the July Fourth Swensen's Fireworks Spectacular and Demolition Derby, the second annual Las Vegas 100 on July 9, the Season Championship Spectacular on September 3, the Las Vegas 200, the Speedway's first NASCAR Winston Transcontinental Series event, on September 17, and the American IndyCar Series on November 1-2.

Prices for Speedway events on the oval track and dragstrips range from \$10 per person 13 and older to \$15 for special events. Seniors and military are half-price. Pit passes are an additional \$5. The Las Vegas Speedway Park is located two miles north of Nellis Air Force Base on Las Vegas Boulevard. For more information call 702-643-3333.

Kate Butler is a Las Vegas freelance writer-photographer and funny car fan.

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NASCAR Winston Racing Series, July 30, sportsman, IMCA modified, hobby stock, and bomber car races, Las Vegas Speedway Park, 643-3333

Green Valley Concert Under the Stars, July 30, country music by Jumpin' Boots, 7pm, bring blanket or lawn chair and picnic supper, Foxridge Park in Green Valley, Henderson, 458-8855 ext. 400

"Julius Caesar," July 30-31 and Aug. 3-6, bring blanket or chair, admission \$2-\$6, children six and under free, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-7529

August

Art Shows, Aug. 2-29, all-floral art competition show by Nevada artists, heroic-sized portraits in oil by Diane Remick of California, Las Vegas Art Museum, 647-4300

Picnic Pops Concert, Aug. 6, Rodgers and Hammerstein hits, Las Vegas Pops, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 792-4337

Bridal Show, Aug. 6-7, Cashman Field, 258-0188

Gran Prix de Darts, Aug. 8-10, dart tournament featuring world-class players from the U.S., Canada, and Europe, Ramada Express Pavilion, Laughlin, 298-4200

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Aug. 11-13, 17-20, and 24-27, bring blanket or chair, admission \$2-\$6, children six and under free, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 594-7529

Brave Combo Concert, Aug. 12, dance music, dubbed "the party band with a purpose" by the *Chicago Tribune*, Twilight Park Concert Series, The Hills Park in Summerlin, 456-6695

Bunkerville Quilt Fair, Aug. 12-13, Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 397-8088

Nevada Rally, Aug. 12-20, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop, race starts Aug. 14 in Las Vegas and finishes in Las Vegas on Aug. 20, tech inspection in Las Vegas from Aug. 12-13, other towns visited by racers include: Tonopah (Aug. 14-15), Fallon (Aug. 15-16), Elko (Aug. 16-17), Ely (Aug. 17-19), and Mesquite (Aug. 19-20), 597-7777 or 619-562-1440

Fox Hunt/Funny Car Fever, Aug. 13, alcohol funny cars, Las Vegas Speedway Park, 643-3333

Creation Star Trek Convention, Aug. 13-14, appearance by John DeLancie ("Q" from *The Next Generation*), auction, costume contest, movie previews, merchandise, Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, 818-409-0960 or 386-2110

Men's Masters Over-40 Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament, Aug. 18-21, Cheyenne Sports Complex, 731-2115

Nevada Rally Visits Mesquite, Aug. 19-20, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 14-20), racers also visit Tonopah, Fallon, Elko, and Ely, 597-7777 or 619-562-1440

Green Valley Concert Under the Stars, Aug. 20, Nevada Chamber Symphony, 8pm, bring blanket and picnic supper, Green Valley Civic Center, Henderson, 458-8855 ext. 400

Picnic Pops Concert, Aug. 20, jazz and pop music, Las Vegas Pops, The Hills Park at Summerlin, 792-4337

Desert Landscape Photo Exhibit, Aug. 24-27, Ranch House, Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, 875-4141

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"You're the Top," Aug. 25-27 and Sept. 1-3, musical, Actors Repertory Theatre, Rainbow Library Outdoor Theater, 647-7469

Green Valley Concert Under the Stars, Aug. 27 jazz, 7pm, bring blanket and picnic supper, Foxridge Park in Green Valley, Henderson, 458-8855 ext. 400

25th Anniversary of Nevada Association of Latin Americans Celebration, Aug. 27 banquet, \$25 tickets must be purchased by Aug. 15, Rio Suites Casino, 382-6252

Minerals of the Great Basin Exhibit, Aug. 27-Oct. 16, Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 455-7955

COMING EVENTS

Four Queens Summer Classic \$2 Million Poker

Tournament, Sept. 5-20, Las Vegas, 385-4011

Chautauqua, Sept. 9-10, Boulder City, 294-6224

Green Valley's Shakespeare in the Park, Sept. 16-18, 456-6695

Mexican Fiesta, Sept. 17 Las Vegas, 229-6729

KNPR's Artworks, Sept. 24-25, Green Valley, 456-6695

Las Vegas Jaycees State Fair, Sept. 30-Oct. 9, 457-8832

Art in the Park, Oct. 1-2, Boulder City, 293-2034

Las Vegas Blues and Heritage Festival, Oct. 8, 455-8200

Las Vegas Indian Days, Oct. 14-16, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society Lorenzi Park, 486-5205

Las Vegas Balloon Classic, Oct. 21-23, Silver

PREVIEW

Pigskin Posse

Last summer the fastest growing city in the United States became the home of the Las Vegas Posse, a Canadian Football League team. The Posse is one of four CFL teams in the U.S.

The team's name was chosen in a contest won by Janet Negrete of Las Vegas. More than 1,200 people sent in more than 2,000 name suggestions, including six for Posse. Negrete won because she also picked the Posse's official colors—desert sand, black, and white. Negrete said she liked the name Posse because when she moved to Southern Nevada 32 years ago from Toronto, Las Vegas "was just a cowboy town."



The team's head coach is Ron Meyer, who compiled a 27-8 record while coaching at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 1973 to 1976. Meyer later was the head coach of the New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts.

The Posse began its first training camp in May at the Riviera Hotel at a practice field just half a block off the Strip. The team begins the regular season July 8 in Sacramento in the first-ever all-American CFL game. The Posse's first home game will be July 16 at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl against the Saskatchewan Roughriders. For tickets and information call 702-242-4200.

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Bowl Park, 434-0848 ext. 3800
Henderson Expo, Oct. 21-23, 565-8951
Mesquite Sky Festival and Hot-Air Balloon Classic, Nov. 18-20, 346-5295
National Finals Rodeo, Dec. 2-11, Las Vegas, 731-2115
North Las Vegas Holiday Parade of Many Cultures, Dec. 3, 642-9595
Las Vegas Bowl III, Dec. 15, football, 731-2115

SHOWGUIDE

Jean

Gold Strike Hotel, 477-5000: Sound Chaser, July 6-18; Ron Devon, July 20-Aug. 8; Stolen Faces, Aug. 10-29
Nevada Landing, Jean, 387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Entertainment TBA

Las Vegas

Aladdin, 736-0240: "Country Tonite," revue, indf. (dark Tues.); *Theatre for the Performing Arts*: Jan and Dean/Surfaris/Shantays/Kingsmen, July 15; Supremes/Shirelles/Marvelettes/Dixie Cups, July 30; Steve Miller, Aug. 16; Spin Doctors/Gin Blossoms/Cracker, Aug. 24
Arizona Charlie's, 258-5200: Showroom closed for remodeling thru Sept.



Artist Linda Savage's painting of Virginia City's Savage Mansion is featured in a Nevada State Museum and Historical Society art show in Las Vegas through July 31.

Bally's, 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: *Jubilee Theater*: "Jubilee!" indf. (dark Fri.); *Celebrity Room*: Paul Anka, thru July 13; Penn and Teller, July 14-20; George Carlin/Dennis Blair, July 21-27; Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, July 28-Aug. 3; Engelbert Humperdinck, Aug. 4-17; George Carlin/Dennis Blair, Aug. 18-24; Andrew Dice Clay, Aug. 25-31; *Catch a Rising Star*: comedy/variety club, indf.; *Panda Lounge*: live entertainment
Boomtown, 875-4040: *Opera House Theatre*: "Direct From Opryland: Nashville U.S.A.," musical production, indf. (dark Tues.);

Rattlesnake Ricky's Lounge: Randy Anderson, thru July 11; Don Holiman, thru July 25; Tammy Pemberton, July 12-24; Electric Cowboy Band, July 26-31; Gypsy Sky, July 27-Aug. 8; John Wills, Aug. 2-28; Mark O'Toole, Aug. 10-Sept. 5; Don Holiman, Aug. 25-Sept. 20
Boulder Station, 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Entertainment TBA
Bourbon Street, 737-7200: Entertainment TBA
Caesars Palace, 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Howie Mandel, thru July 3; Reba McEntire, July 6-11; Dionne Warwick/Burt Bacharach, July 15-17; Natalie Cole, July 28-31; Julio Iglesias, Aug. 2-7; David Copperfield, Aug. 9-31 (dark Aug. 16 and 24)
Circus Circus, 734-0410: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight
Continental, 737-5555: Deuces Wild, July 1-9; Amore, July 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 and 19-26; Kandells, July 11-16 and 18-23; Kevin Baker, July 26-30, Aug. 2-6, 8-13, and 16-20; Cook E. Jarr and the Krums, July 27-30, Aug. 3-6, 10-13, and 17-20; Amore, July 31-Aug. 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21, 23-28, and 30-31
Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Hotel, 733-2243 or 800-633-1777: Debbie Reynolds featuring the Uptown Country Singers, Tues.-Sat. and Sun. matinee at 3 p.m.

NIGHTLIFE

All That Organ Jazz

By BILL WILLARD

Ever since the dynamic debut of the Las Vegas trio called the Jazz ORGANization last August, the group has appeared weekends at the Sahara Hotel.

In fact, the hotel's execs make regular announcements that the ORGANization's successful run in the Casbar Lounge "has been renewed indefinitely." Sahara entertainment director Ron Andrews and resort owner Paul Lowden, one-time organist for Ann-Margret and former bandleader for the Flamingo and Silver Slipper orchestras, have been two of the trio's biggest fans.

The three members of the Jazz ORGANization are veterans of local venues, showroom orchestras, and nationally known ensembles.

Hammond organist Vincent Falcone developed the idea of a jazz trio to bring back the sound of that venerable electric instrument. He was house pianist at Caesars Palace and later

played with Pia Zadora, Tony Bennett, and Paul Anka.

Guitarist Joe Lano's career included tours with Lena Horne, Frank Sinatra, and Pia Zadora, plus local showroom and other engagements where his imaginative guitar ideas flourished.

Drummer Tommy Check was a child prodigy. He played with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Tony Bennett, Perry Como, Dean Martin, Debbie Reynolds, and Barbra Streisand, all the while maintaining a Las Vegas base for more than a decade with the Las Vegas Hilton's showroom orchestra.

Falcone expressly takes a different approach on the Hammond organ than the early hard-driving rhythm-and-blues wallops. Hot blasts of Jimmy Smith, Jack McDuff, Shirley Scott, Ray Charles, and "Wild Bill" Davis are historically enshrined, not to forget Thomas "Fats" Waller, who



Joe Lano, Tommy Check, and Vincent Falcone of the Jazz ORGANization.

played the Hammond and pipe organ, or Count Basie, Waller's pupil on organ.

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Eldorado, Henderson, 564-1811: Fast Company, thru July 3; Against All Odds, July 6-10; Dave Coady, July 13-17; Real Class, July 20-24 and 27-31; Don Holiman, Aug. 3-7 and 10-14; Pam Nickels, Aug. 17-22; Desert Wind, Aug. 24-28; Stolen Faces, Aug. 31-Sept. 4

Excalibur, 597-7600: "King Arthur's Tournament," indf.; *Wild Bills Saloon and Steakhouse*: Paradise Motel, thru July 24 (dark Mon.); Don Holiman, July 26-Aug. 21 (dark Mon.); Country Knights, indf. (dark Tues.); Jumpin' Boots, Mondays only; *Minstrel's Theatre Lounge*: "Sooper Dogs," 2 p.m. Mon.-Fri., noon and 2 p.m. Sat.-Sun. (dark Wed.); Tony Tillman, thru July 10; Far East, thru July 9

Fitzgeralds, 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Don Cloe and Laura Garlick/Anthony Micco and Peggy Micco, indf. (dark Thurs.)

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

Four Queens, 385-4011 or 800-634-6045: Monday Night Jazz, indf.; Four Aces/Four Lads, thru July 10; Original Drifters, July 12-31; The Platters, Aug. 2-14; Paul Casey Sings "Elvis," Aug. 16-21; Kingston Trio, Aug. 23-Sept. 4

Gold Coast, 367-7111: *East Lounge*: Sorta Dixie Jazz Band, indf. (dark Mon.); Capone, thru July 10; Gary Paul and Legacy, July 12-24; Fast Company Aug. 9-21; *West Lounge* (dark

Tues.): Jason Lugo, July 13-25; Wanted, July 27-Aug. 8; *Dance Hall*: Jumpin' Boots, thru July 4; Gold Coast Orchestra, July 6-18; Touch of Country, July 20-Aug. 1; Randy Anderson, Aug. 3-22; Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Aug. 24-Sept. 5

Gold Strike Inn, Boulder City, 293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Metro, July 1-10; KCB, July 14-31; Sound Splash, Aug. 4-7; Sound Chaser, Aug. 11-28; Metro, Sept. 2-18

Hacienda, 739-8911: Lance Burton: World Champion Magician, indf. (dark Mon.)

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

Imperial Palace, 794-3261 or 800-351-7400: "Leg-

ends in Concert," indf. (dark Sun.); Hawaiian Hot Luau, buffet and "Drums of the Island" revue poolside on Tuesdays

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, 386-2464 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): "Hot Rock 'N' Country," adult revue, indf.

Joker's Wild, Henderson, 564-8100: Stolen Faces, thru July 3 and 6-10; Wanted, July 13-17 and 20-24; Fast Company July 27-31, Aug. 3-7; Pam Nickels, Aug. 10-14; Desert Wind, Aug. 17-21; Melody Lane, Aug. 24-28 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4

King 8 Hotel, 736-8988: Huck Daniel's Revue/Real Class, thru July 3; Area Code 402/Fast Company, July 5-10; Diamondhead, July 12-17; Fast Company, July 12-24

afternoon at the Sahara. It was taped "live" in the Casbar Lounge and presents smart ensemble work spiced with nifty solos, all in the elevated spirit of jazz.

The near-70-minute CD allows some stretch to numbers such as "I Concentrate on You," "You Must Believe in Spring," "Yesterdays," and the incendiary finishing touch of "Sleepin' Bee." The selection follows Falcone's jazz intentions, although included are a couple of nods to the rhythm-and-blues genre that made the Hammond organ famous, such as "Blue Funk," and another that may be in denial, "No More Blues/Donna Lee."

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The Jazz ORGANization appears from 2 to 5 p.m. most Saturdays and Sundays through mid-August at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. Please call ahead to confirm the group's schedule at 702-737-2515.

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Luxor, 262-4000 or 800-288-1000: "Winds of the Gods," musical production, indf. (dark Sun.); **Nefertiti's Lounge**: Next Movement, thru July 9; **Straight From the Heart**, thru July 10

Maxim, 731-4300 or 800-634-6987: "Comedy Max," comedy nightclub

MGM Grand, 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: **Hollywood Theatre**: Rita Rudner/Dennis Miller, July 7-13; **MGM Garden**: Whitney Houston, July 19; Phil Collins, July 30

The Mirage, 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy, magic spectacular, indf. (dark Wed. and also July 13-20 and Aug. 17-24); Bill Cosby/Clint Holmes, July 15-17

Nevada Palace, 458-8810: **Silverado Saloon and Dance Hall**: Live country music and free dance lessons (open Thurs.-Sat.)

Palace Station, 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: "Roby Turner's All Star Variety Show," Mon. nights; **Naked Alley/Sidro's Armada**, thru July 10; **The Treniers/Far East**, July 12-24

Rio Suites Casino, 252-7776 or 800-888-0400 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): **Copacabana Supper Club Theater**: "Conga," musical, indf.; **Poolside**: Beach Party Concert: David Lee Roth, July 1

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 Passion, and Pudgy!" revue, indf. (dark Mon.); "An Evening at the Improv," comedians, indf.

Sahara, 737-2515: "Boylesque," starring Kenny Kerr, indf. (dark Thurs.); **Pacific Rim Restaurant**: "Island Magic," Hawaiian revue, indf. (dark Wed.)

Sam's Town, 456-7777: **Roxy's Saloon**: Live entertainment daily beginning at noon; **Western Dance Hall**: Live country music and free dance lessons nightly

San Remo, 597-6028 or 800-897-SHOW: "Outrageous," adult cabaret show, indf. (dark Wed.)

Sands, 733-5453 or 800-446-4678: **Grand Ballroom**: Elayne Boosler, thru July 9 and Sept. 1-10; Wayne Newton, Aug. 1-31 (dark Sun.); **Winners Circle Lounge**: "Viva Las Vegas!" indf. (dark Sun.)

Santa Fe, 658-4900: **Ice Lounge**: Dummkopfs, July 4, 11, 18, 25; **Smokey River Band**, July 5-9; Randy Anderson Band, July 12-23 (Tues.-Sat.); **Jumpin' Boots**, July 26-30 and Aug. 2-6; **Smokey River Band**, Aug. 9-20 (Tues.-Sat.)

Sheraton Desert Inn, 733-4566 or 800-634-6909 (U.S. outside Nevada): **Crystal Room**: Everly Brothers/Rita Coolidge, thru July 24; The Smothers Brothers, Aug. 2-7; Gladys Knight, Aug. 9-21 (dark Mon.); **Starlight Theatre** (dark Mon.): Buddy Greco, thru July 17; Keely Smith, Sam Butera and the Wildest, July 19-Sept. 4

Showboat, 385-9123 or 800-634-3484 (U.S. outside Nevada): Sergio Alberti/David St. David, July 12-24; Dusty Barron, July 18-Aug. 14; Freddie Bell, July 25-Aug. 7; Pam Nickels, Aug. 22-Sept. 11

Stardust, 732-6111 or 800-824-6033 (U.S. and Mexico): "Enter the Night," stage show, indf. (dark Tues.); "Manpower Australia: Thunder From Down Under," male strip-tease revue, thru July 17

Treasure Island, 894-7111: "Mystère," circus the-



Singer Reba McEntire performs at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas July 6-11 and at Caesars Tahoe July 13-18.

ater, indf. (dark Mon. and also July 18-21 and Aug. 15-18)
Tropicana, 739-2411: "Folies Bergere," indf. (dark Thurs.); "Comedy Stop," indf.
Vacation Village, 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Entertainment TBA
Vegas World, 383-5264: Bob Anderson, singing impressionist, indf. (dark Thurs.); "Memories of Elvis," indf. (dark Thurs.)
Westward Ho, 731-2900: "Hurray, America," variety revue starring Robbie Howard and Red Hot Mama and the Goodtime Jazz Band, indf. (dark Wed.)

Laughlin

Colorado Belle, 298-4000: Will Kiefer, July 5-Sept. 4 (dark Mon.)
Edgewater, 298-2453: Entertainment resumes in fall
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 '94," adult comedy revue, indf. (dark Tues.); Louie Fontaine and the Rockets, thru July 9; Coates Twins, July 12-24; Diamondhead, July 18-30; Melissa Spangler, July 26-Aug. 7; My Brother and Me, Aug. 1-14; Santa Fe, Aug. 15-27; Party Company, Aug. 16-28
Golden Nugget Laughlin, 298-7175 or 800-237-1739 (U.S. outside Nevada): Live entertainment, Top 40 bands, Tues.-Sun.
Harrah's Laughlin, 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Mariachi Estrella, strolling musicians, daily, indf.; *Club La Bamba*: Nightly except Mon.
Ramada Express, 298-4200: Live entertainment Tues.-Sun.; karaoke Mon.
Regency, 298-2439: Entertainment Wed.-Sun.
Riverside Resort, 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616 (U.S. outside Nevada): "Legends in Concert," thru Sept. 26 (dark Tues.)

Mesquite

Si Redd's Peppermill Oasis Resort, 346-5232: Touch of Country/David Proud, July 4-10 and 11-17; The Lelands, July 18-31; Greg Peterson, Aug. 1-14; Touch of Silk, Aug. 8-21
Virgin River, 346-7777: Music Tues.-Sun.

State Line

Primadonna, 382-1212 or 800-826-4471: Phyllis

Diller, July 29-30; Marshall Tucker Band, Aug. 26-27
Whiskey Pete's, 382-1212 or 800-367-7383: Paul Revere and the Raiders, July 1-3; Oak Ridge Boys, July 9; Fabulous Thunderbirds, July 15-16; Spinners, July 22-23; Ronnie Milsap, Aug. 5-6; Three Dog Night, Aug. 12-13; Kris Kristofferson, Aug. 19-20

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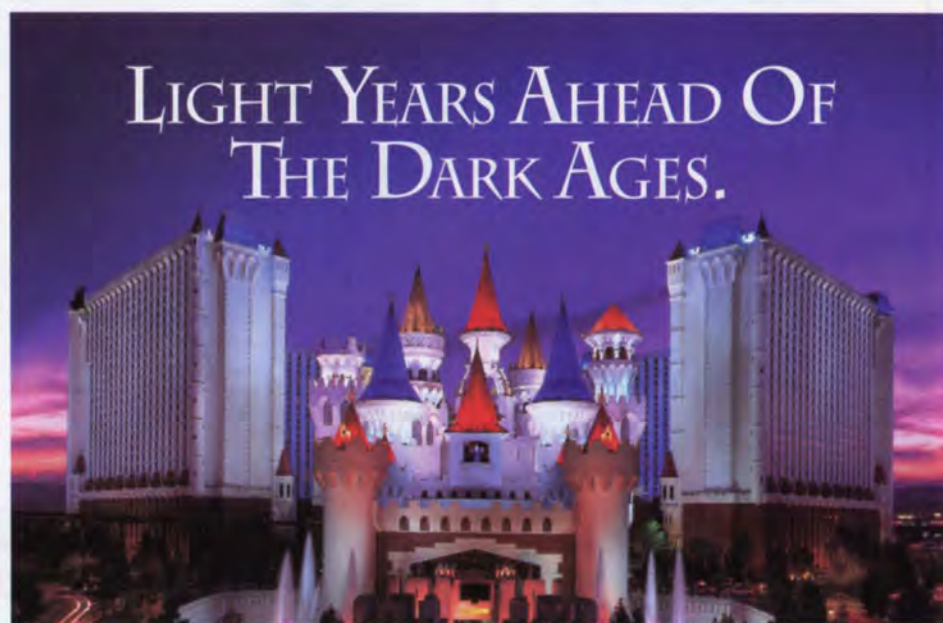
July

Video Poker, June 26-29, Caesars, 731-7865

Slots, June 27-29, Binion's Horseshoe, 382-1600
Slots, July 10-13, Imperial Palace, 794-3160
Slots, July 11-12 and 18-19, Flamingo Hilton, 733-3117
Keno, July 11-13, Sam Boyd's Fremont, 385-3232
Craps, July 16-18, Four Queens, 385-4011
Slots, July 18-21, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, July 28-31, Sands, 733-5121

August

Video Poker, Aug. 2-4, Ramada Express, Laughlin, 298-4200
Keno, Aug. 5-7 Excalibur, 597-7777
Video Poker, Aug. 14-17 Bally's, 739-4441
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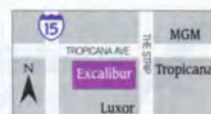
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Blackjack, Aug. 22-25, Stardust, 732-6111
Slots, Aug. 28-31, Sheraton Desert Inn, 733-4444

ATTRACTIONS,
TOURS & MUSEUMS

Boulder City

Black Canyon Raft Tours: 1297 Nevada Hwy.,
293-3776
Boulder City Historic District: Walking tour,
1497 Nevada Hwy., 293-2034
Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum: 444 Hotel
Plaza, 294-1988
Bruno Liguori's Turquoise and Indian Museum: 1306 Nevada Hwy., 293-4865
Hoover Dam: Tours, Bureau of Reclamation,
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. Boul-
der Hwy., 455-7955
Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden:
Tours, 2 Cactus Garden Dr., 458-8864
Green Valley Outdoor Sculpture Museum
Information Center: Self-guided driving
tour, Sunset Rd. and Green Valley Pkwy.,
458-8855
Kidd Marshmallow Factory: Tours available,



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Dam with a parade July 4.*

8203 Gibson Rd., Henderson, 564-3878

Las Vegas

American Museum of Historical Documents:
3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., private, 731-0785
Bonnie Springs Old Nevada: Bonnie Springs
Ranch, Red Rock Canyon, 875-4191
Desert Demonstration Gardens: Tours, 3701 W.
Alta, 258-3205
Floyd Lamb State Park: Ponds, 9200 Tule
Springs Rd., 486-5413
FunTazmic: 4975 Polaris, 795-4FUN
Grand Slam Canyon: Adventure park, next to
Circus Circus, 800-444-CIRCUS

HOTELS

Casino Notes

• **Buffalo Bill's Resort and Casino**
opens this summer at State Line, 40
miles south of Las Vegas on Interstate
15. The \$130-million western-themed
property will have a
water-flume ride and the
Desperado, the world's
tallest roller coaster.

• **Caesars Palace** and
the **Golden Nugget** have
been awarded the *Mobil*
Travel Guide's Four-Star
rating for 1994.

• **Caesars Palace** has
received the American
Automobile Association
Four Diamond Award
for the 18th consecutive
year.

• A 51-foot, fire-breathing dragon
has taken up residence at the **Excali-
bur's** outdoor moat. You can watch
Merlin the Magician try to eliminate

the unwelcome beast every hour on
the hour from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., weath-
er permitting.

• New performers have joined the
"American Superstars"
show at the **Flamingo
Hilton Laughlin**. New to
"Superstars" are look-alikes
of Whitney Houston, Roy
Orbison, Charlie Daniels,
Janet Jackson, and the Blues
Brothers.

• This spring illusionist
Lance Burton received the
Mantle of Magic award for
his philanthropic work with
young magicians. Burton
has been appearing for
three years in his own show

at the **Hacienda**.

• Michael Crawford of "Phantom
of the Opera" will star in the **MGM
Grand's** \$30-million show "EFX"



*The Excalibur has a
resident dragon.*

Guinness World of Records Museum: 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-0640 or 792-3766 (bus.)
Hard Rock Cafe: Rock 'n' roll memorabilia and music, 4475 Paradise Rd., 733-8400
Imperial Palace Auto Collection: 731-3311
King Tut's Tomb and Museum: Reproduction of tomb, Luxor, 795-8118
Las Vegas Art Museum: Lorenzi Park, 3333 W. Washington Ave., 647-4300
Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix: 1401 N. Rainbow Blvd., 259-7000
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
MGM Grand Adventures: Theme park, 891-7979
Magic and Movie Hall of Fame: Located above O'Sheas, 792-0788
Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: UNLV 739-3381
Mirage Dolphin Environment: The Mirage Hotel, 791-7111
Mount Charleston Area: Recreation information, 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), state historic park, 486-3511
Omnimax Theatre: Caesars Palace, 731-7900
Red Rock Canyon Recreation Area: 363-1921
Scandia Family Fun Center: 2900 Sirius Ave., 364-0071

opening this fall at the resort.

- Next-door to Buffalo Bill's at State Line, the **Primadonna RV Village** opened earlier this year with 199 full-service hookups. It has a swimming pool, jacuzzi, picnic area, volleyball court, and playground.

- **Railroad Pass Hotel** is holding its Founder Day Bash July 22-23.

- The supper clubs of the 1940s are back in fashion at the **Rio Suites Casino** where you can dine and dance to a big band orchestra every Sunday at the Copacabana Entertainment Complex.

- The **Rio Suites Casino** is adding a third hotel tower with 550 suites, 10,000 square feet of casino area, a larger buffet, and a parking garage. The \$75-million project should be completed by next spring.

- At the **Riverside** in Laughlin, construction is under way on a new tower that will house 792 rooms and an antique-car collection. A December completion date is expected. The property is celebrating its 28th anniversary July 31-August 2 with parties, tournaments, and special events.

Southern Nevada Zoological Park: 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 648-5955
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park: Red Rock Canyon, 875-4141
Wet 'n Wild: 2601 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 737-3819

Laughlin

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

Mesquite

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

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

Overton

Lost City Museum: 397-2193
Valley of Fire State Park: 55 miles north of Las Vegas, 397-2088

Searchlight

Searchlight Historic Museum: Community Center, 455-7955

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, please use the phone number listed with each event. Remember, starting in July, when calling long distance within the state, you must dial "1" followed by Nevada's area code (702) and then the seven-digit number. For hotels' toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212.



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PREVIEW



The annual Hot August Nights classic-car parade is on Sunday, August 7

Cruising Through Time

Many things are possible during Hot August Nights, including time travel.

On August 3-7 Reno and Sparks will be propelled back to the 1950s and become a mecca for classic V-8s, blue-suede shoes, and old-time rock 'n' roll. Last year a classic-car fan drove his 1931 Ford sedan 3,000 miles from Key West, Florida, to Reno for the event.

Musical groups from the 1950s and '60s will perform at several Hot August Nights events this year. The formal prom on opening night will offer a sea of white tuxedo jackets, hoop skirts, and bouffant hairdos. Several headliner shows at Victorian

Square in Sparks will have live music. If you're in the market for winged sunglasses and hula-hoops, you can check out the swap meet and nostalgia fair August 5-7 at the Reno Livestock Events Center.

Daily auto events include auctions, parades, and show and shines. More than 3,500 classic cars are expected to enter this year's events, and the spots fill up fast.

Rooms go fast, too, so make reservations early. For Hot August Nights information and registration call 702-829-1955. Call 800-FOR-RENO for room reservations and a free copy of the Reno-Tahoe Visitor Planner.—Matt Bonaudi

EVENTS

July

Carson Valley Art Show, thru July 14, Genoa Courthouse Museum, Genoa, 265-2850

Nevada Museum of Art Second Annual Cowboy Show, thru July 24, 20 works from the Harmsen Collection of Western Americana, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Contemporary Master Prints From Eastern Europe, thru July 24, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Painting: An Asian-American Perception, thru July 24, features works by artists Norman Gee, Betty Nobue Kano, Biensien Lee, Hung Liu, Ji Young Oh, and Yueon-Gayh Yehp (Bill Leaf), Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Rainforest: An Amazon Adventure, thru Sept. 15, re-created waterfall, live Amazonian animals, May Center, Rancho San Rafael Park, 785-5961

Valhalla Summer Arts Music Festival, thru Sept. 15, Tue. night concerts, Thurs. night jazz, microbrew fest, Native American festival, South Lake Tahoe, call for schedule, 916-541-4975

Celebrate the River, thru Sept. 30, concerts at Wingfield Park Amphitheater Thurs. and Sun., concerts at Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk Fri. and Sat., 334-2077

Photography Show, thru Oct. 14, black-and-white prints taken in Nevada by photographer Brigitta Wolman, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

The Forgotten Art of Redwork, thru Oct. 22, turn-of-the-century embroidery, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Beyond Gum San: The Chinese in Nevada, thru April 30, 1995, exhibit details the importance of Chinese immigrants in the development of Nevada, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 687-4810

Carson City Fourth of July Carnival, June 30-July 4, Mills Park, Carson City, 687-4680

"The Scarlet Pimpernel," July 1-2, 6-7 and 8-9, 8pm, Nevada Repertory Company, Redfield Studio Theatre, U of N, 784-6847

Cribbage Classic, July 1-4, Sands Regency, 348-2200

Great Nevada Picture Hunt Winners Show, July 1-27, exhibit of Nevada Magazine's 16th annual photo contest winners, Tallac Historic Site, three miles north of South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-4975

Clay Arts Guild Show and Sale, July 1-28, Artists Co-Op Gallery, 322-3083

Art Show, July 1-30, large-scale murals and works on paper, McNamara and Front Door galleries, U of N, 784-4046

Pottery Show, July 1-30, Artists Co-Op Gallery, 322-3083

Wheels in the Wildland Exhibit, July 1-Sept. 30, motor vehicles on public lands, Smokey Bear memorabilia, Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators, National Automobile Museum, 333-9300



A Fancy Dancer (above) and other performers bring Native American traditions to Reno and Sparks during Numaga Indian Days, September 2-4.

Sawtooth Ridge Mountain Bike Race, July 2, 20-mile cross-country mountain bike race, Northstar, 916-587-0280 or 916-562-1010

Truckee Fire Protection District Centennial Celebration and Fourth of July Festivities, July 2-3, parade, chili challenge, firefighting equipment, arts and crafts fair, food, barbecue, beer garden, softball tournament, street dance, fireworks, Truckee, 916-582-7850

Dealers Cup Cross-Country and Downhill Bicycle Races, July 2-3, on Sat. night live music, on Sun. a wheelchair showdown, fireworks, Donner Ski Ranch, 916-367-2818

Steam-Up, July 2-4, 16-17 and 30-31, steam-up and operation of historic steam locomotive on one-mile loop of track, 10am-4pm, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-6953

Kit Carson Trail Walk, July 2-23, Sat. only, guided tours around historic Carson City, first tour starts at 10am at the Nevada State Museum, 687-7410

Fireworks at Kings Beach, July 3, north shore of Lake Tahoe, 916-546-7248

South Lake Tahoe Fourth of July Fireworks, July 3, 9pm, Stateline, 588-2411

Truckee Camel Races, July 3-4, McIver Arena, 916-582-3909

HOT LINES

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

University of Nevada Music Dept.: concerts, recitals, 784-6145

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

Arabian Horse Show, July 3-9, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Carson City Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, carnival, boxing matches, old-time fiddlers contest, crafts, concerts, food, fireworks on July 4, Mills Park, Carson City, 687-4680

Virginia City Fourth of July, July 4, parade, mining contests, picnic at Miners Park, fireworks, 847-0311

Fourth of July Pops in the Park, July 4, begins at 3pm, free Reno Philharmonic concert at 5pm, auction with chances to conduct the orchestra, bring blanket and picnic supper, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 267-3427

Skyfire Fireworks Display, July 4, Reno Hilton, 789-2000

Carson Youth Powwow, July 4, Pony Express Pavilion, Mills Park, Carson City, 885-6939

Free Band Concerts and Watermelon, July 6, 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3 and 10, Reno Municipal Band, 6pm, Quadrangle, U of N, 784-4046

Photos of Pyramid Lake, July 6-29, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Sports Cars and All That Jazz, July 7-10, car rallies, big-name entertainment, downtown Reno, 800-367-7366

West Coast Scabble Championships, July 7-10, Sands Regency, 348-2200

Isuzu Celebrity Golf Championship, July 7-10, Edgewood Tahoe, 588-3566

Pinkerton Dance Studio Program, July 8-9, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Truckee Optimist Cannibal Cruise Car Show, July 8-10, Truckee, 831-2829

"Oliver," July 8-17 8pm Fri.-Sat., 2pm Sun., Western Nevada Community College Performing Arts, Carson City Community Center, 887-3153

Carson Valley Heritage Day, July 9, chili cook-off and arts and crafts fair, Minden Park, 782-2211

The Death Ride: Tour of the California Alps, July 9, one of the top 10 bike rides in the U.S., 130-mile course includes five mountain passes, Markleeville, 916-694-2571

Mountain Man Interpretive Day, July 9, Eagle Valley Muzzleloader Club demonstrates the lifestyle of the pioneer mountain man and trapper, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2592

Tahoe ARTour '94, July 9-10, self-guided tours of artists' studios in the North Lake Tahoe and Truckee area, 916-581-3554

Nevada Landmarks Society Yard Sale, July 9-10, 8am-5pm, Roberts House Museum, Carson City, 747-3684

Antique Gun Show, July 9-10 and Aug. 13-14, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Chamber Music Series, July 9, 12, 14, and 16, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, U of N, 784-6847

North Lake Tahoe Symphony Assn. Summer Music Series, July 9, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, 14, and

21, free classical-music concerts, on the Village Green July 9, remaining concerts at The Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024

Mexican Rodeos, July 10 and Aug. 21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

JFK Assassination Seminar, July 11, \$10, Lake-side Inn, Stateline, 916-544-7515

Art Show, July 12-17 works by Nevada artists, Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 847-0159

Kayak Demo Days, July 13 and Sept. 9, try out a variety of boats, free, Kayak Tahoe, Camp Richardson Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 916-544-2011

Lake Tahoe Summer Music Festival, July 13, 15, 19, 20-23, 31, and Aug. 6, 13, and 14, concerts at various locations in the North Lake Tahoe area, call for schedule, 916-583-3101

Ostrich and Emu Auction, July 13-17, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5751

Tahoe Biltmore's Midway of Fun Carnival, July 13-17, Crystal Bay, 831-0660

U of N's Comstock Archaeological Field School Tours, July 14-Aug. 9, 10am-4pm weekdays, site of the dig is 372 C St., Virginia City, 847-0281

"Curse of the Hanging Tree," July 15-16, drama recounts the court hearing of 13 vigilantes,

TERRITORY MAP



NIGHTLIFE

George in His Prime

BY GUY RICHARDSON

If Nathan Birnbaum had any enemies when he started in show business, they are all dead now

Birnbaum, as some of you may already know, changed his name to George Burns for the stage.

As some of you may not know, he started in show business when he was eight, which was in 1904.

In 1904 the longest airplane flight was a few hundred feet. Pictures had yet to move, much less speak. New Yorker Birnbaum couldn't ride the subway to work since there wasn't a subway yet in New York. Even the Great San Francisco Earthquake was two years in the future.

Some of those facts sound as if they would fit into Burns' current act: "I couldn't ride the subway to work," pause, tap ashes off cigar "They hadn't built it yet."

Burns will do many lines like that on stage at Caesars Tahoe July 8-10. "I'd go out with women my age," he'll say, "but there are no women my age." It's the little pause that gets you. Comics call it timing. Burns is a comic artist.

He'd tell you he wasn't much of an artist, comic, or hoofer (yes, he was a dancer) when he started. "I flopped till I met Gracie when I was 27," he said. That doesn't mean he didn't work. No, no, no. Today a bright young comic faces the merciless glass eye on Letterman or Leno, and if he



George Burns will turn 100 at Caesars.

or she takes a dive on national TV, it's time to start thinking about selling shoes.

In vaudeville, though, all you needed was a halfway decent 15 minutes. "If you played every theater in the U.S.," Burns said, "you could take five or six years without repeating one."

Then he met Gracie Allen. Every comedienne working the airhead shtick today owes something to Allen, except no one does it as well. Betty White on *Golden Girls* comes the closest—a seemingly silly person who occasionally hits a Zen-like

piece of wisdom.

Gracie would have an answer to "If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, does it make a sound?"

"Well, George," she'd say, "who would know?"

Perfect.

Gracie retired in 1958 (and died six years later). When she retired, George began working in one, as they used to say in vaudeville. Retirement was for people "who want to play with their cuticles," he said.

On his first tour in 1958, he appeared at Harrah's Tahoe with the DeCastro Sisters and Bobby Darin, another generation he's outlasted.

Burns just keeps going. He has a contract to appear in Vegas in two years, when he hits five score on January 20. (He'll perform at Caesars Palace January 17-21 and at Caesars Tahoe January 26-28.) On his 100th birthday, George Burns will put on his toupee—"If I wasn't in show business I wouldn't wear one"—look out at the audience and say, "It's nice to be here," pause, tap cigar. "At my age it's nice to be anywhere."

The audience will roar. Nathan Birnbaum will be off and running into his second century.

George Burns appears at Caesars Tahoe July 8-10.

Guy Richardson is an editor and entertainment writer for the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Genoa Courthouse Museum, 782-4325

Return to Woodstock Concert, July 15-16, musicians perform Woodstock tunes in an outdoor mountain setting, Northstar, 916-587-0280

Sand Harbor Concert, July 15-16, headliner TBA, fundraiser for Tahoe Rim Trail, Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, south of Incline Village on Hwy. 28, 916-577-0676

Murder Mystery at the BAC, July 15-16, 22-23, and 29-30, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Architectural Ornaments of Louis H. Sullivan, 1893-1924, July 15-Aug. 26, Nevada Historical Society, 688-1190

Ramblin' Wheels Hoot Owl Run, July 16, route TBA, Reno and Sparks, 972-8311

Birdwalk and Mountain Man Interpretive

Event, July 16, birdwalk with members of the Dept. of Wildlife and Division of State Parks, also Eagle Valley Muzzleloader Club demonstrates the lifestyle of pioneer mountain men, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2592

Ice Cream Socials, July 16-17, National Automobile Museum, 333-9307

Air Minden '94, July 16-17 air show with skydiving, military-style aerobatics and dogfight, military tank rides, tethered balloon rides, craft fair, and jet-powered funny car, Douglas County Airport, Minden, 883-6035

Creation Star Trek Convention, July 17, appearance by James Doohan (Scotty from the original *Star Trek*), slide presentations, trivia contest, auction, costume contest, movie pre-

views, merchandise, 11am-6pm, Flamingo Hilton Reno, 818-409-0960 or 322-1111

Sports Car Club Autocross, July 17 Reno Live-stock Events Center, 626-9013

Nature Photo Workshop, July 17-19, Sorensen's Resort, Hope Valley, 916-694-2203

Jazz Concerts, July 20-21, 8pm, Nightingale Hall, U of N, 784-6847

July Jubilee, July 20-24, carnival, exhibits, arts and crafts, food, Round Hill Mall, South Lake Tahoe, 687-4680

Gourmet Garlic Gathering, July 21, second annual, sample Reno-area chefs' garlic appetizers, entrees, and desserts, \$15 advance, \$17 at door, charity benefit, Remede's Restaurant, Washoe Medical Center, 323-5855

International Music Festival, July 22-23, music

of Russia and Eastern Europe, Nightingale Hall, U of N, 746-1809

NSHA Horse Show, July 22-24, Reno Livestock Events Center, 852-3011

Moonlight on the Links, July 23, night golf, barbecue, tee prizes, glow-in-the-dark golf balls, 6pm hors d'oeuvres, 7pm barbecue, 9pm full-moon tee-off, Carson Tahoe Hospital Auxiliary benefit, Eagle Valley Golf Course East, Carson City, 882-4116

Sierra Sage Clog Dance, July 23, Reno Livestock Events Center, 825-2273

Topaz Sertoma Charity Golf Tournament, July 23, ninth annual, Carson Valley Golf Course, Gardnerville, 782-7917

Lunar Lunacy 5K and 10K, July 23, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 782-9828

Microbrewery Tasting and World Music Festival, July 23, domestic and imported beers, music by Queen Ida and Her Zydeco Band and Sukay, music of the Andes, author-lecturer Leo Buscaglia, 1-6pm, Harveys, State-line, 588-2411

Kirkwood Climb Mountain Bike Race, July 23, four-mile uphill race, 10am start, Kirkwood Ski Resort, 916-582-4435

Kids Day in the Park, July 23 and Sept. 27 petting zoo, bounce house, face painting, clowns, live entertainment, Wingfield Park, 334-2077

Kirkwood Red Cliffs Classic, July 24, cross-country mountain bike race, Kirkwood Ski Resort, 916-582-4435

Great Basin Chautauqua: Desert Travelers, July 25-28, presentations by scholars in character such as Meriwether Lewis, Kit Carson, and Brigham Young, Rancho San Rafael Park, 784-6587

North American Shuffleboard Championships, July 25-31, Sands Regency, 348-2200

"Sound of Music," July 27-30, Aug. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, 24-27 and Sept. 2-3, Tahoe Mountain Musicals, outdoor amphitheater, North Tahoe Regional Park, Tahoe Vista, 916-581-4323

Shakespeare at Sand Harbor Festival, July 28-Aug. 20, Shakespeare's comedies "As You Like It" and "Twelfth Night," the play "Tom Jones," and a children's performance of "Robinson Crusoe," Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe State Park, 832-1606

Plantation Station's Annual Show 'n' Shine, July 29-30, classic car show, '50s hop, Papa Clutch and the Shifters concert, contests, free, Plantation Station, Sparks, 359-9440

Capital City Fair, July 29-31, carnival, 4-H exhibits, petting zoo, food booths, arts and crafts, Fuji Park, Carson City, 882-4460

Nevada Regional Peruvian Paso Show, July 29-31, Reno Livestock Events Center, 475-0551

Wa She Shu Edch (Washoe People's Land), July 29-Aug. 3, Native American arts, traditional dances, basketweavers' market, crafts, fine arts, children's theater group, and handgame tournament, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, Tallac Historic Site, three miles north of South Lake Tahoe, 916-541-4975

Richard Guy Walton: Virginia City Photographs, July 29-Sept. 5, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

1994 Biennial Nevada Artist Competition Exhibition, July 29-Sept. 5, Nevada Museum of Art, 329-3333

Euro-Brit Motorcycle Show and Swap, July 30, Minden Park, 267-2103

Antique Bottles and Collectibles, July 30, Reno Livestock Events Center, 746-0922

Children's Festival, July 31-Aug. 1, fifth annual,

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August

Sierra Watercolor Society Art Show, Aug. 2-31, Artists Co-Op Gallery, 322-8896

Hot August Nights, Aug. 3-7 celebration of America's love affair with cars and rock 'n' roll features concerts with top entertainers from the '50s and '60s, classic car events include an auction, poker run, and parade, various locations, Reno and Sparks, 829-1955

Tahoe Wooden Boat Week, Aug. 4-11, Over-the-Bottom regatta, tours of Sierra Boat Company's restoration shops, cruise to Emerald Bay, Concours d'Elegance on Aug. 5-6 includes in-the-water show of wooden boats dating from the turn of the century
Carnelian Bay Lake Tahoe, 916-525-5225

Sands Regency Street Dance, Aug. 4, celebration of the '50s, live music, Sands Regency 348-2200

Bananafish Concert, Aug. 5, Seattle acoustic duo, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Stargaze, Aug. 6, representative from Fleischmann Planetarium will be on hand, telescopes provided, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2592

Black Bear Park Program, Aug. 6, Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 782-2592

Mountain Run at Squaw Valley, Aug. 6, Squaw Valley, 916-426-9559

Contra Dance, Aug. 6, traditional line and circle dancing, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Arts and Crafts Fair, Aug. 6-7, The Village Green, next to the Hyatt, Incline Village, 831-1834

Nevada Landmarks Society Yard Sale, Aug. 6-7 8am-5pm, Roberts House Museum, Carson City, 747-3684

Carson Valley Junior Rodeo, Aug. 6-7 fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 465-2393

Kit Carson Trail Walk, Aug. 6-27 and Sept. 3, Sat. only, guided tours around historic Carson City, first tour starts at 10am at the Nevada State Museum, 687-7410

North Lake Tahoe Symphony Assn. Summer Music Series, Aug. 7, 14, and 21, free classical music concerts, The Chateau, Incline Village, 831-4024

Invitational Celebrity Team Penning, Aug. 12, McIver Arena, Truckee, 587-0780

Youth Drama Workshop Performance, Aug. 12-13, the Rhymes and Mimes of Mother Goose, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

Bowers Mansion Old-Time Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 13, Washoe Valley, 882-6013

Homewood Hillclimb, Aug. 13, mountain bike race, Ski Homewood, 916-582-4435

Northstar Run, Aug. 13, 5K and 10K running race for all ages, Northstar, 916-587-0280

Steam-Up, Aug. 13-14 and Sept. 3-5, steam-up

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

Truckee Championship PRCA Rodeo, Aug. 13-14, 20th annual, McIver Arena, Truckee, 587-0780

Comstock Firemen's Muster, Aug. 13-14, 9am parade Sat., state championship events Sat.-Sun., Virginia City, 847-0955

Pyramid Lake Triathlon, Aug. 14, 11th annual, 1.5K swim, 40K bike, and 10K run, Pyramid Lake, Sutcliffe, 30 miles north of Reno, 786-5593

Blackwood Backwood Challenge, Aug. 14, mountain bike race, Homewood, 916-582-4435

"Fiddler on the Roof," Aug. 17-18 and 20-21, Tahoe Players' Assn., theater under a tent, Ponderosa Ranch, Incline Village, 831-0379

Baxter Black Does Douglas, Aug. 18, cowboy poetry reading, Shannon Ballroom, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

House and Garden Tour, Aug. 18, visit lakefront and lakeview homes, wine and cheese tasting, North Lake Tahoe Historical Society, west shore of Lake Tahoe, 916-583-1762

"Broadway Bound," Aug. 18-20 and 25-27 E Theater production, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 883-1976

International Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, Aug. 18-21, Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 265-2410

Sharon Camarillo Barrel Racing Classic, Aug. 19-21, fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 916-895-1852

Country Celebrity Golf Tournament, Aug. 19-21, participants include Kris Kristofferson, Larry

Gatlin, Glen Campbell, and Merle Haggard, Resort at Squaw Creek, Squaw Valley, 916-583-6300

America's Mountain Bike Championships, Aug. 19-21, open to all racers, Squaw Valley, 916-583-8900

Comstock Silver Century: Nevada's Historic Bicycle Tour, Aug. 20, tour starts and ends in Carson City, bicyclists tour Virginia City, Geiger Grade, Mount Rose, Incline Village, Spooner Summit, and Genoa, 882-1565

Jeep Posse Barbecue, Aug. 20, Ice House, Virginia City, 847-0757

Reno Basque Festival, Aug. 20, traditional dancing, weight-lifting and weight-carrying contests, *irrintzi* (yelling contest), Basque food, Victorian Square, Sparks, 785-3350

Cruze-Ins, Aug. 20 and Sept. 17, classic cars, '50s hop with DJ, costume contest, hula-hoop and yo-yo contests, look-alike contests, Plantation Station, Sparks, 359-9440

Carson Valley Fine Arts and Crafts Street Celebration, Aug. 20-21, Minden Park and surrounding streets, 782-8144 or 324-6435

Ice Cream Socials, Aug. 20-21, National Automobile Museum, 333-9307

Mountain Man Rendezvous and Civil War



Visitors can see artwork like Suzanne Riley's "Quiddity" (above) during North Lake Tahoe's ARTour July 9-10.



Contestants pump up for the Carson City Invitational Handcar Races August 20-21.

Carson City Invitational Handcar Races, Aug. 20-21, 11am time trials Sat., 10am finals Sun., Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 687-4811

Reno 500 and National Truck Week, Aug. 22-28, desert off-road race near Pyramid Lake, parade through downtown Reno, 827-7603

Nevada State Fair, Aug. 24-28, carnival, livestock, home arts, pig races, lumberjack show, destruction derby, music, strolling acts, go-cart races, food court, beer garden, Reno Livestock Events Center, 688-5767

"Annie," Aug. 24-28, Tahoe Players' Assn., theater under a tent, Ponderosa Ranch, Incline Village, 831-0379

Summer Carnival, Aug. 24-28, rides, games, and food booths, Homewood Ski Area, Lake Tahoe, 916-581-6900

Holiday Festival on Ice II, Aug. 26-28, with Olympic skating stars such as Kristi Yamaguchi and Paul Wylie, will be taped for TV Lawlor Events Center, U of N, 827-7603

Lake Tahoe Dragon Boat Festival, Aug. 26-28, Asian celebration features dragon boat races, dragon dancers, ancient art, handicrafts, music, poetry, Zephyr Cove, 916-544-5050

Valley Cruisers Main Street Event, Aug. 26-28, automobiles made in 1969 or before, show 'n' shine, cruise, oldies dance, and poker run, Valley Cruisers Car Club, Lampe Park, Minden and Gardnerville, 265-7074

Pro-Am Golf Tournament, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Reno location TBA, host hotel is Eldorado, 789-0490

"The King and I," Aug. 30-Sept. 4, Tahoe Players' Assn., theater under a tent, Ponderosa Ranch, Incline Village, 831-0379

Reenactment, Aug. 20-21, blackpowder shooting, hatchet-throwing, arts and crafts, Nevada Civil War Volunteers will re-create a Civil War encampment, Virginia City, 847-0311 or 358-2284

Sports Car Club Autocross, Aug. 20-21, Reno Livestock Events Center, 626-9013

Reno Renaissance Fair, Aug. 20-21, Living History Company of Nevada will present a Renaissance Village in downtown Reno, includes parades, jousting, archery, arts and crafts, entertainment, and an evening performance of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," downtown Reno, 686-3047

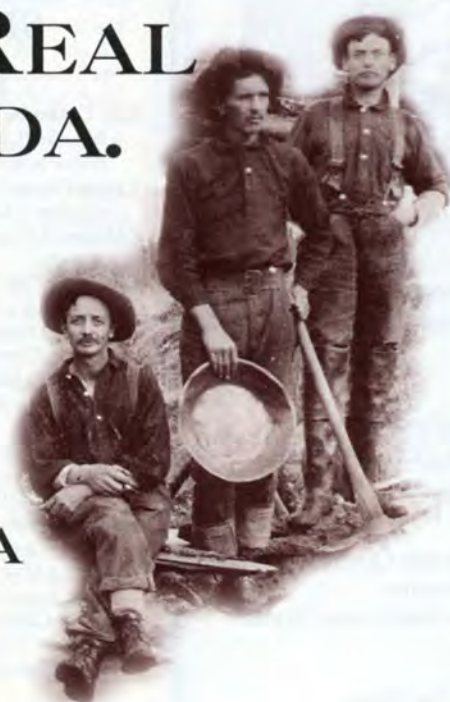
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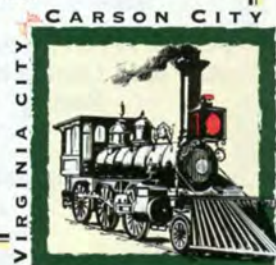
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COMING EVENTS

Numaga Indian Days Celebration Powwow, Sept. 2-4, Reno and Sparks, 329-2936
The Nugget Best in the West Rib Cook-Off, Sept. 2-5, Sparks, 356-3300
Virginia City International Camel Races, Sept. 9-11, 847-0311
Great Reno Balloon Race, Sept. 9-11, 826-1181
Reno National Championship Air Races, Sept. 15-18, 972-6663
Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Event, Sept. 23-25, Reno/Sparks, 329-7469
Genoa Candy Dance Fair, Sept. 24-25, 782-8696
World Championship Chili Cook-Off and Americana Food Festival, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Reno, 829-2810
Snow Dance Festival, Oct. 1-3, Incline Village, 468-2463
Italian Festival, Oct. 8-9, Reno, 786-5700
Wa She Shu Powwow, Oct. 28-30, Carson City, 883-6431
Pyramid Lake Open Rodeo, Oct. 29-30, Nixon, 574-1000
Nevada Day Parade, Oct. 31, Carson City, 882-2600
Celtic New Year Celebration, Nov. 4-6, Reno, 786-3030
National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals, Nov. 7-13, Reno, 688-5751
Rhymer's Rodeer Cowboy Poetry, Nov. 11-13, Minden, 782-9711
Christmas on the River, Nov. 26, Reno, 334-2077
Silver and Snowflakes Tree Lighting, Dec. 1, Carson City, 885-0411
Sparks Hometowne Christmas, Dec. 3, 353-2338
Native American Christmas Arts and Crafts Market and Powwow, Dec. 9-10, Reno, 786-7029
Cowboy Poetry and Jubilee, March 11, 1995, Carson City, 883-1532

SHOWGUIDE

Reno/Sparks

Bob Cashell's Horseshoe Club, 323-7900: Boots Bar, Grill, and Dance Hall: DJs nightly, free dance lessons Tues.-Sat.
Circus Circus, 329-0711 or 800-648-5010: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight
Clarion, 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Bands play nightly
Eldorado, 786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada), or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Cabaret: Eddie Dunbar, thru July 3; Donna Fargo, thru July 3; Classic Rock All Stars, July 5-17; Rob Hanna's Salute to Rod Stewart, July 12-31; Doug Kershaw, July 19-31; Danny Marona, Aug. 2-28
Fitzgeralds, 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): David Proud, June 27-July 3; Tammy Allen/RSVP, June 27-July 10
Flamingo Hilton Reno, 785-7080: Flamingo Showroom: "American Superstars," indf. (dark Tues.); Showspot Lounge (dark Mon.): Billy Jay, thru Aug. 1; Sonny Turner, Aug. 2-14
Harolds Club, 786-2222 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Dick Clark's American Bandstand Club: DJ and live bands alternate, Tues.-Sat.
Harrah's Reno, 788-3773 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: Greg Thompson's "Hit City" and "High Voltage Ilxs," thru July 7 (dark Tues.); Floyd Cramer, June 28-July 10;

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July 3 & 4 - Ranch Hand Rodeo -
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July 6-9 Superior Livestock Auction
July 10 - 14- IFCA World
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July 30 - Good Times Street Drag
July 31 - Aug. 2 - Hot August
Nights Winnemucca
August 19-21- Hot Air Balloon
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Rip Taylor (above) and Juliet Prowse star in "Sugar Babies Act II" at Harrah's Lake Tahoe through September 5.

Phyllis Diller, July 12-24; Coasters/Drifters/Bob Sarlatte, July 26-Aug. 7; Bill Medley, Aug. 23-28; Jack Jones, Aug. 30-Sept. 4

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177 (U.S. and West Canada): *Rose Ballroom*: Paul Anka, July 14-15; *Celebrity Showroom*: Juice Newton/The Walkers, thru July 6; Ray Price/The Jovers, July 7-20; Sha Na Na, July 21-Aug. 3; Brenda Lee, Aug. 4-17; Charo/Mario and Daniel, Aug. 18-31; Marilyn McCoo, Michael Marlin, Sept. 1-14; *Casino Cabaret*: Touch of Silk/Carmon and Duchane, thru July 3; Flashback, indf.

Peppermill, 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Jerry Zu/Freddy Powers, thru July 3; Power House, July 4-10; Double Edge, July 4-17; Vince Cardell, July 7-9; Summit, July 11-24; Dynatones, July 18-24; Madison Avenue, July 25-31; Gene and Brenda/Jerry Zu, July 25-Aug. 7; Johnny Baron, Aug. 1-7; Freddy Powers, Aug. 8-14; Cheryl Cotten, Aug. 8-21; Tommy Bell, Aug. 8-28; Zella Lehr, Aug. 15-21; Cameron/David Proud, Aug. 22-Sept. 4; Lelands, Aug. 29-Sept. 11

Reno Hilton, 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): *Hilton Theatre*: Jeff Kutash's "Splash," indf.; *Summer Outdoor Concert Series*: John Denver, July 13; Yes, July 16; Kenny Loggins/Michael McDonald, Aug. 26; Vince Gill, Sept. 2; *Just for Laughs Comedy Club*: comedians perform nightly, indf.

Reno Hotel, 788-2000

Silver Club, Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): Edy Gainer and Dezire/Sierra, June 27-July 3; Gary Eavner, June 27-July 17; Marty Davis, July 4-10; Silk, July 4-17; Mike Reali, July 18-31; George Pickard, July 25-31; Tony Vee and Bodacious, July 25-31; Shake, Rattle, and Roll/Dynatones, Aug. 1-7; Paradise, Aug. 8-14; George Pickard, Aug. 8-21; Carmon and Duchane, Aug. 15-28; Slick Gypsy, Aug. 29-Sept. 4; Cheryl Cotten, Aug. 29-Sept. 11; Tammy Allen and RSVP, Sept. 12-18

Western Village, Sparks, 331-1069 or 800-648-1170: Eddie Dunbar, June 20-July 3

Carson City/Carson Valley

Carson City Nugget, 882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): The Four

Tunes, July 5-17; The Act, July 19-24; Get Ready Show, July 26-Aug. 14; Big Tiny Little, Aug. 16-Sept. 4

Carson Station, Carson City, 883-0900: Whiskey Ridge, July 19-31; David Proud Show, Aug. 9-14; Freddy Powers Show, Aug. 16-28; Entertainment Committee, Sept. 6-18

Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983 (continental U.S. outside Nevada): The Act, July 1-2; Bonnie Sue and Outlaw, July 18-23; Tony Vee and Bodacious, July 25-30; Lelands, Aug. 1-13; Gary and Sandy, Aug. 15-20; Southern Reign, Aug. 29-Sept. 10

Sharkey's Nugget, Gardnerville, 782-3133

Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, south of Gardnerville, 266-3339

Lake Tahoe

Bill's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-2455

Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 586-2044 or 800-648-3353: *Circus Maximus*: George Carlin, July 1-3; George Burns, July 8-10; Reba McEntire, July 13-18; Diana Ross, July 20-25; Howie Mandel, July 28-30; David Copperfield, Aug. 1-7; Julio Iglesias, Aug. 12-14

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

Crystal Bay Club, Crystal Bay, 831-0512: Live entertainment Tues.-Sun.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 588-6606 or 800-HARRAHS: *South Shore Room*: "Sugar Babies Act II," thru Sept. 5, starring Juliet Prowse, Rip Taylor; "Spellbound," Sept. 23-Dec. 5

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Harveys, Stateline, 588-2411 or 800-553-1022: *Emerald Theater*: "A Blast From the Past," revue, thru Oct. 2; *Emerald Party Lounge*: Art Vargas and Two Sweet/Inside Out, June 27-July 10; The Zippers/Reta and the Wizz Kidz, July 11-24; Sweet Louie/Checkmates/The Act, July 25-31; Louie Fontaine/Fabulous Chevelles, Aug. 1-14; Mirage/Stinger, Aug. 15-Sept. 4; *Llewellyn's*: Ron Rose Sound, indf.

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, 832-1234: Tommy Bell, June 29-July 3; Herb McQuay Four, July 5-10; Surprise Package, July 12-17; Get Ready, July 19-24; Paradise, July 26-31; St. Romain, Aug. 2-7; Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Aug. 9-14; The Act, Aug. 23-28; Tommy Bell, Aug. 30-Sept. 4

Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 588-6211 or 800-322-7723 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainment TBA

Lakeside Inn, Stateline, 588-7777: Entertainment TBA

Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 831-0660 or 800-BILTMOR: Bands play Tues.-Sun.; nightly dancing



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GAMING TOURNAMENTS

July

Keno, thru July 4, Silver Club, Sparks, 358-4771

Blackjack, June 28 and July 26, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

Keno, July 6-8, Fitzgeralds, 786-3663

Keno, July 6-8, Harolds Club, 329-0881

Keno, July 8-9, Peppermill, 689-7290

Slots, July 8-10, Riverboat, 323-8877

Slots, July 10-11 and July 31-Aug. 1, Peppermill, 689-7282

Keno, July 15, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

Blackjack, July 15-16, Clarion, 825-4700

Blackjack, July 22-24, Harolds Club, 329-0881

Slots and Blackjack, July 22-24, Riverboat, 323-8877

Keno, July 23-24, Clarion, 825-4700

Slots, July 24-25, Clarion, 825-4700

Keno, July 31-Aug. 1, Eldorado, 789-0490

August

Slots, Aug. 2, Peppermill, 689-7282

Blackjack, Aug. 7-9, Peppermill, 689-7100

Slots, Aug. 8-9 and 21-24, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300

Slots, Aug. 12-14, Riverboat, 323-8877

Keno, Aug. 19, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

Keno, Aug. 20-21, Clarion, 825-4700

Slots, Aug. 21-22, Clarion, 825-4700

Video Poker, Aug. 21-22, Peppermill, 689-7275

Slots, Aug. 21-23, Eldorado, 348-9273

Blackjack, Aug. 26-28, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 356-3300

Blackjack, Aug. 30, Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 782-9711

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Carson City

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Casino Notes

• Planet Hollywood, a restaurant chain owned by actors Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Sylvester Stallone, appears to be covering the planet—or at least Nevada. Planet Hollywood Lake Tahoe, scheduled to open in early July in **Caesars Tahoe**, will be the first of three Planets to open in the Silver State. The second will be in Las Vegas, expected to open in mid-July, and the third in Reno this fall. Each restaurant will have movie and television memorabilia and movie previews.

• Four hotels in Northern Nevada have been awarded *Mobil Travel Guide's* Four-Star rating for 1994. The hotels are **Harrah's Lake Tahoe**, **Harrah's Reno**, **Harveys**, and **Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe**. The properties represent the top two percent of 20,000 dining and lodging establishments in the United States and parts of Canada.

• The **Holiday Inn Reno Downtown** has refurbished its bar and

lounge. Incorporating a University of Nevada, Reno sports theme, the Wolf Pack Den features U of N sports memorabilia and opponents' pennants. Future plans call for interior and exterior upgrading of the hotel. A \$1-million renovation of guest rooms and lobby already has been completed.

• The new 1,250-car parking garage east of **John Ascuaga's Nugget** hotel tower in Sparks will be completed by the end of summer. The garage will have two elevators, decorative planters, and sky walks across 11th Street.

• The Race and Sports Book at **John Ascuaga's Nugget** in Sparks has been enlarged to more than triple its original size. Walls are lined with TVs tuned to live sporting events. An electronic reader board provides up-to-the-minute scores. The new Gabe's Pub and Deli is located within mustard-squirting distance of the betting counters.



Bruce Willis is all smiles about the new Planet Hollywood Lake Tahoe.

• The **Peppermill** in Reno recently reopened its remodeled Fish Bar. Larger fish tanks and beer on tap are a few of the new features in the bar. Green and blue Tivoli lighting illuminates a reflective ceiling that resembles waves. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres are served from 4 to 8 p.m.

Carson City Children's Museum, 813 N. Carson St., 884-2226
Great Basin Wildlife Center: 3770 Butti Way, 887-2172
Kit Carson Trail: Self-guided walking tour, 882-1565 or 800-638-2321
Nevada State Capitol: 687-5030
Nevada State Library and Archives: State Constitution exhibit, 100 Stewart St., 687-5210
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: 777 S. Stewart, 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

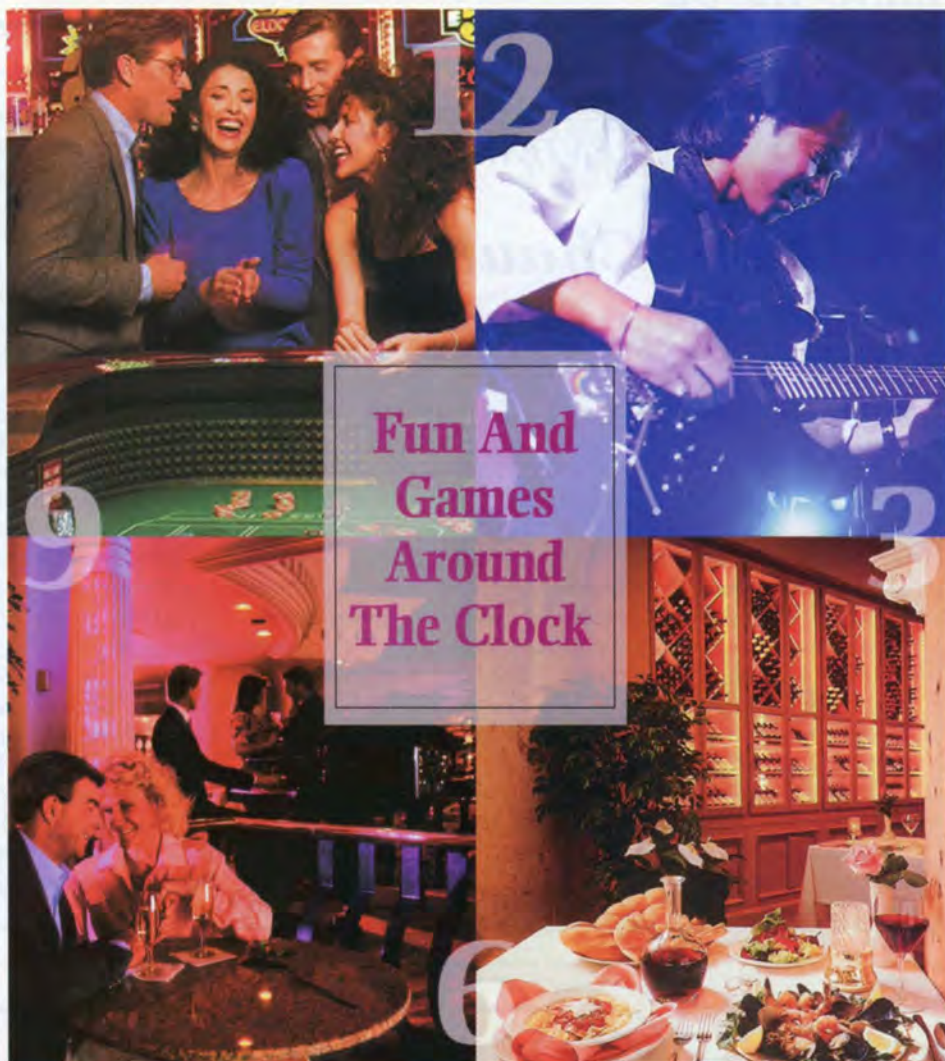
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Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park: 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494
M.S. Dixie II Sternwheeler: Zephyr Cove, 588-3508
Ponderosa Ranch: Seasonal, Incline Village, 831-0691

• **Project C** has yet to receive its official name, but work has already started on the 1,700-room themed resort. Located in downtown Reno, Project C will feature a family entertainment center housed inside a 200-foot diameter dome, three hotel towers, restaurants, parking, and more. The resort is a joint project of Circus Circus Enterprises and the Eldorado Hotel.

• The **Reno Hilton's** \$86-million renovation is ongoing. Work has been completed on all of the hotel rooms and is in progress on the 100,000-square-foot casino floor and restaurant area.

• The **Riverboat Hotel's** new Food Court is designed to resemble a Southern plantation house and veranda. The food stations are surrounded by tile walls and French doors that look out onto the Terrace Bar. The dining area has brass chandeliers, floral-patterned carpet, louvers, and columns. The Food Court has pizza, pastas, hamburgers, hot dogs, and desserts as well as Louisiana fish and chips, Southern fried chicken, Andouille sausage (a Cajun hot link), garlic chicken pizza, and other unusual selections.



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PREVIEW

A Desert Chautauqua

A giant tent will be hoisted over the Great Basin Chautauqua July 25-28 at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. This year's event features "Desert Travelers" such as Meriwether Lewis, Kit Carson, and Brigham Young.

The Great Basin Chautauqua will include presentations by scholars in character, followed by question-and-answer periods. Scholars then step out of character and offer cultural and historical insights.

The third-annual event is under the direction of Clay Jenkinson, a founder of the modern Chautauqua movement. A University of Nevada lecturer in Western Traditions, Jenkinson entertained last year's audiences as Thomas Jefferson. He recently portrayed the third president at a black-tie dinner in Washington, D.C., for President Clinton and a host of Jeffersonian scholars in honor of his 250th birthday.

In Southern Nevada, Jenkinson will perform as John Wesley Powell when the Boulder City Museum presents "Trailblazers" under its Chautauqua tent September 9-10 in Bicentennial Park.

In Reno, Jenkinson will portray Meriwether Lewis and serve as master of ceremonies. He will be joined by veteran Chautauquans William Chrystal, Minister of the First Congregational Church in Reno, portraying Lansford W. Hastings; David Fenimore of UNR as Horace Greeley; Fred Krebs of Overland Park, Kansas, as Kit Carson; Jennifer Lightfoot of Sparks as Virginia Reed of the Donner Party; and Kathleen Worley of Portland, Oregon, as Jessie Benton Fremont. Newcomers include Doris Dwyer of Fallon, who will portray an overlander, Fred Horlacher of Reed High School in Sparks as Brigham Young, and Doug Mishler of UNR as P.T. Barnum.

For more information on the Great Basin Chautauqua contact the Nevada Humanities Committee at 702-784-6587. For details on the Boulder City Chautauqua contact Ihla Crowley at 702-294-6224. —William Chrystal



Clay Jenkinson was Thomas Jefferson at 1993's Chautauqua.



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Liberty Belle Slot Collection: 4250 S. Virginia St., in Liberty Belle Saloon, 825-1776
Mackay School of Mines Minerals Museum: U of N, 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
U of N Anthropology Dept. Research Museum: U of N, 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., 333-9300

Sparks

Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum: 820 Victorian Ave., 355-1144
Wild Island: Wild Island, Adventure Golf and Raceway, 250 Wild Island Ct., 359-2927

Virginia City

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

A Reminder: To confirm dates and times, please use the phone number listed with each event. Remember, starting in July, when calling long distance within the state, you must dial "1" followed by Nevada's area code (702) and then the seven-digit number. For hotels' toll-free phone numbers, call 800-555-1212.

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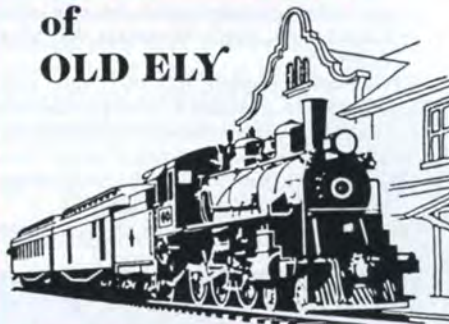
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July
Art Show, thru July 26, oils and watercolors by Don Farmer of Lower South Fork, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418
Art Show, thru July 26, pencil, pen and ink, and watercolors by Toni and John Schutte of Oasis, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418
National Basque Festival, July 1-3, 31st annual, on Fri. 7pm kickoff in front of Stockmen's Motor Hotel followed by Basque Talent Night at the Elko Convention Center; on Sat. 11am parade down Idaho St., 1pm weightlifting and wood-chopping competitions at fairgrounds, handball competitions at Elko City Park; on Sun. 11am Mass in Elko City Park followed by the Festival Meal and dance exhibitions, Elko, 738-7547
Jarbridge Fourth of July Celebration, July 1-3, on Fri.-Sun. dancing to live bands, on Sat.-Sun. foot races, on Sun. noon parade and barbecue, Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 488-2311
Winnemucca Junior Rodeo, July 1-4, fairgrounds, 623-2653
Duck Valley Open Rodeo, July 1-4, Owyhee, 757-3211
Cactus Petes Fourth of July Celebration, July 2-4, Jackpot 200 off-road race on Sat., Carl Hayden Writers Contest awards banquet on Sat., homebuilt airplane race from Jackpot to Wells and back on Sun.-Mon., Jackpot, 755-2321
Virgin Valley Opal Auction, July 2-3, opal viewing Sat. and Sun., auction Sun., Denio Junction, 941-0371 or 503-479-2906
Bingo, July 2-3, Jarbridge Town Hall, 488-2311
Wild Horse Ranch and Resort Fourth of July, July 2-4, fishing derby Sat.-Sun., barbecues Sun. and Mon., 62 miles north of Elko, 758-6471 or 758-6472
July Fourth Powwow, July 4, Te-Moak Shoshone, Lee (Elko), 744-4273
Wendover Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, 10:30am parade, races, barbecue, and fireworks, 664-3414
Lovelock Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, children's parade, fireworks at McDougals Ballpark, Lovelock, 273-7213
Jazz Festival, July 4, on lawn, Northern Nevada Community College, Elko, 753-2246
Superior Livestock Auction, July 7-9, Winnemucca Convention Center, 623-5071
Art Show, July 8-Aug. 30, silversmithing by Mark Dahl of Halleck, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418



Mountain bikers will take a jaunt through history on the August 6-7 Austin-Eureka Pony Express Ride.

International Feedlot Cowboy Assn. World Champion Feedlot Roping, July 11-14, 20th annual, team roping, fairgrounds, Winnemucca, 623-5071
Safety Olympiad, July 13-16, competition between mine crews on safety techniques and rescues, Elko Convention Center, 738-4091
Battle Mountain Mining Madness and Bed Races, July 15-16, bed-racing teams, mining madness games, firemen's muster, motorcycle rodeo, parade on Sat., booths, music, Elquist Park, Battle Mountain, 635-8564 or 635-8245
Silver State Stampede, July 15-17 6pm kickoff party on Fri. at Machi's, 11am parade on Sat., rodeo, western art show, dance, fairgrounds, Elko, 738-7135
Art in the Park, July 16-17 10th annual, arts and crafts fair, City Park, Elko, 738-5025
Pony Express Trail Walk, July 19-Aug. 16, histo-



Winnemucca's first Hot-Air Balloon Rally gets off the ground August 17-21.

rian Joe Nardone will walk the Nevada section of the trail July 19-Aug. 16 on his way from St. Joseph, MO, to San Francisco, for updated recording of his progress call 916-456-7404

World Land Speed Open-er, July 21-24, 17th annual, open to all vehicles, speeds range from 70 to 400 mph, Utah Salt Flats Racing Assn., Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414

Native American Festival, July 22-24, Elko, 753-3794

Art Show, July 26-Aug. 31, oil paintings by Jo Billings of Unionville, Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 738-3418

Cactus Petes Idaho State Open Championship, July 29-31, \$50,000 in prize money, benefit for Southern Idaho Region-

al Cancer Center, Jackpot Golf Club, Jackpot, 755-2260

Winnemucca's Hot August Nights, July 31-Aug. 2, on Sun. poker run from convention center to Paradise Valley; on Mon. show 'n' shine and contests from 2-8pm, Hot August Nights Reno Dancers at 7:30pm, classic-car parade 8-9pm, on Tues. Early Bird Cruisin' to Hot August Nights in Reno with departure at 10am, '50s and '60s bands at Model T and Winners Hotel, 623-5071

August

Lovelock Frontier Days, Aug. 5-7, contests, flea market, Sat. concert with Seattle acoustic duo Bananafish, 273-7213

Lovelock Junior Rodeo, Aug. 13-14, rodeo grounds, 273-2968

Nevada Rally Visits Elko, Aug. 16-17 off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 14-20), racers also visit Tonopah, Fallon, Ely and Mesquite, 597-7777 or 619-562-1440

Winnemucca Hot-Air Balloon Rally, Aug. 17-21, on Wed. 7am media flight, on Thurs.-Sun. 7am balloon launches, on Sat. 7:30pm balloon demonstrations and 9:45pm Night Glow Winnemucca, 623-5071

Cactus Petes Ronald McDonald Charity Golf Tournament, Aug. 19-21, Jackpot Golf Club, Jackpot, 755-2260

Race to the Angel Hill Climb, Aug. 20, 13-mile paved hill climb, starts in Wells, runs through Humboldt National Forest, and ends at Angel Lake, divisions for runners, walkers, road and mountain bikes, Wells, 752-3267

Bonneville Speed Week, Aug. 20-26, land-speed racing, Southern California Timing Assn.,

Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414
Lander County Fair and Mosquito Festival, Aug. 27-28, parade, pie-eating contest, chili cook-off, pet and horse show, children's games, volleyball tournament, festival celebrates the fact that Battle Mountain has no mosquitoes, Battle Mountain Civic Center and Elquist Park, 635-5213

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY



July

All-Alumni Reunion, July 1-2, open to anyone who ever attended school in Wells, Wells Alumni Assn., Wells Park, 752-3323

Austin Fourth of July Celebration, July 2-4, roping events at Cass Alworth Arena, parade down Main St. on Mon., Austin, 964-2626

Fernley July Fourth Celebration, July 4, 10am parade down Main St., arts and crafts, band, barbecue, greased pig contest, kids' games, horseshoe tournament at Out-Of-Town Park, fireworks at dusk, Fernley, 575-4459

Ely Kiwanis Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, parade, kids and adult games, fireworks, Broadbent Park, Ely, 289-8877

Fireworks Train, July 4, train ride on the Hiline Route, barbecue, Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 289-2085

Silver State International Rodeo, July 7-10, rodeo for high school reserve champions from 37 states and three Canadian provinces, carnival, concessions, dances, trade show, queen contest, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-4674

Mud Bog and Monster Truck Showdown, July 9, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

Hidden Cave Tours, July 9 and 23, 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Fort Churchill Celebration, July 9-10, Nevada Civil War Volunteers perform living-history presentations, battle reenactments, and fashion show, and Pony Express Assn. will ride a relay, on Sat. dedication of Fort Churchill's new expansion showing commanding officers' headquarters and a jail cell, Fort Churchill State Historic Park, eight miles south of Silver Springs, 577-2345

Junior Rodeo, July 9-10, Fernley, 575-4459

All-Indian Rodeo, Stampede, and Powwow, July 15-17, Indian hand games, arts and crafts, and Native American foods, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-4556 or 423-6075

HOT LINES

Nevada Division of State Parks: District III office in Fallon: 867-3001; District IV office in Elko County: Northfork 6493; District V office in Panaca: 728-4467

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PREVIEW

Classic Pioche

There's civilized golf. There's elegant golf. And there's the kind of golf played during the Pioche Labor Day Celebration, September 3-5.

The Pioche Desert Golf Classic is part of the community's 88th tribute to working men and women that is pure small-town fun.

The Golf Classic, which made its debut last year, will be played this year on a new nine-hole layout that "may have some grass by September," according to course designer and local gas-station owner Jim Chavis. He describes the playing field as native ground (translation: plenty of scrub brush). Golf balls in decorator colors are suggested.

The field is limited to 54 competitors, who will ante up \$15 to play in the 18-hole tourney. The entry fee includes a piece of playing turf—to hit your ball from.

Other weekend events include mining and mucking contests, street dances, softball games, a parade, Dutch Oven dinner, pancake breakfasts, and mountain-bike



The clubhouse and the course may be a little rough, but resourceful golfers do well in the Pioche Desert Golf Classic.

rides. There is a performance of the town's heritage plays and lots of activities for kids, including swimming and games in the park.

For information call the Pioche Chamber of Commerce at 702-962-5544. Pioche is located 150 miles north of Las Vegas on U.S. Highway 93.—Ann Henderson

White Pine Picnic, July 23, first annual, barbecue, live music, dance, Broadbent Park, Ely, 289-3720

Dayton's Antique Beer Can Collectors Swap Meet, July 30, 11th annual, Dayton State Park, Dayton, 687-5678 or 246-0142

Lower Carson River Canoe Trip, July 31, guided trip down Carson River from Lahontan Dam to Diversion Dam, water and weather permitting, meet at Churchill Beach River Camp, Lahontan State Rec. Area, 867-3500

August

Bristlecone Arts in the Park, Aug. 6-7 County Park, Ely, 289-8877 or 289-2671

Austin-Eureka Pony Express Ride, Aug. 6-7 Nevada's Wild West Mountain Bike Tour, bicycle tour between Austin and Eureka on the Pony Express Overland Stage Trail, 588-9858

Eureka County Fair, Aug. 12-14, saddle and buckle series team roping, kiddie carnival, quilt show, on Sat. Western States Commercial Replacement Ewes Futurity, quality alfalfa hay contest, barbecue, and open-air pavilion dancing to live band, fairgrounds, Eureka, 237-5270

Santa Maria Day, Aug. 13, Dayton, 246-7909 or 246-3993

Fallon Air Show, Aug. 13, military flight demonstrations, civilian aerobatics, vintage and experimental military planes on display, free, Naval Air Station Fallon, 423-4556

Hidden Cave Tours, Aug. 13 and 27 9:30am, Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 423-3677

Nevada Rally Visits Fallon, Aug. 15-16, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 14-20), racers stop in Fallon Aug. 15-16, also visit Tonopah, Elko, Ely, and Mesquite, 597-7777 or 619-562-1440

Nevada Rally Visits Ely, Aug. 17-19, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 14-20), racers also visit Tonopah, Fallon, Elko, and Mesquite, 289-8877 or 619-562-1440

Tabu Ley Rochereau Et Orchestre Africain Internationale, Aug. 19, 160-member dance music group from Zaire, Fallon Convention Center, 423-1440

Cantaloupe Festival, Aug. 19-21, arts and crafts, food, concerts, kids' activities, exhibits, fairgrounds, Fallon, 423-2544

Pony Express Horse Racing, Aug. 20-21 and Aug. 27-28, parimutuel betting, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-8877

White Pine County Fair, Aug. 27-28, 4-H exhibits, livestock sale, booths, fairgrounds, Ely, 289-6614

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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

Caliente Fourth of July Celebration, July 1-4, parade, rodeo, games, motorcycle races, live music, fireworks, 726-3129

Fly-In '94, July 2, paragliders and hang gliders fly over Walker Lake, barbecue, Cliff House Lakeside Resort at Walker Lake, 945-5253

Saturday Night Park Programs, July 2-Sept. 10, slide shows, stargazing, moonlight hikes, free, Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles north of Panaca via Hwy. 93, 728-4467

Pahrump Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, Unhorse Derby with jockeys on stick horses, arts and crafts booths, barbecue, fireworks, Community Park, Pahrump, 727-5800

Tonopah Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, parade, rodeo, barbecue, swim races, fireworks, 482-3859

Mineral County Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, beach volleyball, live music, line dancing, barbecue, tug of war, kids' games, arts and crafts booths, demo rides on water-skis and seadoos, dunk tank, horseshoe tournament, fireworks, Cliff House Lakeside Resort at Walker Lake, 12 miles north of Hawthorne, 945-5253

Belmont Courthouse Open House, July 9, tour interior of historic courthouse, 11am-2pm, Belmont, 867-3001

VFW Chili Cook-Off, July 16, games, food, live music, VFW Hall, Hawthorne, 945-2313

Motorcycle Rodeo, July 22-24, live music, rodeo grounds, Hawthorne, 945-5365

Panaca Pioneer Day, July 23, sunrise breakfast, parade, games, barbecue, Panaca, 962-5202

Pioche Heritage Days, July 28-30, performances of plays written and produced by local residents, art show, drawing for locally made quilt, talent show Pioche Town Hall, 962-5245

Yerington Classic, July 29-31, motorcycle touring and racing rally, Richest Poker Run in the West, sponsored by Performance Productions, Yerington area, 463-2245

Rummage Sale, July 30, 21st annual, benefit, Smith Valley Community Hall, Wellington, 465-2304

August

Lincoln County Fair, Aug. 12-20, fairgrounds, Panaca, 726-3333

Nevada Rally Visits Tonopah, Aug. 14-15, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 14-20), racers also visit Fallon, Elko, Ely and Mesquite, 597-7777 or 619-562-1440

Lyon County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 18-21, fairgrounds, Yerington, 463-2245

Nevada Rally Visits Pioche, Aug. 19, off-road motorcycle race on 1,700-mile loop starting and finishing in Las Vegas (Aug. 13-20), on Aug. 19 there will be a two-hour stopover on Main Street in Pioche, racers also visit Tonopah, Fallon, Elko, Ely, and Mesquite, 962-5245 or 619-562-1440

Mineral County Fair, Aug. 19-20, baked and canned goods, handcrafted items, quilts, vendors, Hawthorne Convention Center and Ladybird Park, 945-5854

Classic Desert Nights, Aug. 19-21, classic-car show, parade, poker run, barbecue, dance, Tonopah, 482-6221 or 482-6752

Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow, Aug. 26-28, competitive dancing, arts and crafts, Pat Peoples Softball Field, Yerington, 463-5834 or 463-2350

COMING EVENTS

Pioche Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 2-5, 962-5544

Elko County Fair, Sept. 2-5, 738-3616

Railfair, Sept. 3-4, Ely, 289-2085

Winnemucca Rodeo and Tri-County Fair, Sept. 3-5, 623-2225

Firefighters/Police Demolition Derby, Sept. 10, Elko, 738-3636

Parimutuel Racing and Nevada Open Horse Show, Sept. 10-11 and Sept. 17-18, Winnemucca, 623-2225

BluBlocker Silver State 100, Sept. 16-18, auto race, host city is Ely, 289-8877

Pahrump Valley Harvest Festival and Fair, Sept. 16-18, 727-4319

Pine Nut Festival, All-Indian Rodeo, and Honoring Our Elders Powwow, Sept. 16-18, Schurz, 773-2048 (powwow) or 773-2306 (festival)

Dayton Valley Days, Sept. 17-18, 246-3281

Ranch Hand Rodeo, Sept. 17-18, Winnemucca, 623-2225

World of Speed, Sept. 21-25, Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414

Nevada State 4-H Expo, Sept. 21-25, Winnemucca, 784-6206

Meadow Valley Days, Sept. 23-24, Caliente, 726-3333

Wendover Air Show, Oct. 1-2, 664-3901

Fernley Frontier Days Rodeo and Fair, Oct. 1-2, 575-4459

Bonneville World Finals, Oct. 14-16, Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 664-3414

Veterans Powwow, Nov. 11-13, Duck Valley Reservation, Owyhee, 757-3161

Walker Lake Fishing Derby, Nov. 25-27, Hawthorne, 945-5896

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JULY

Elko: National Basque Festival
Art in the Park, Native American Festival
McDermitt: Ranch Hand Rodeo
Jackpot: Carl Hayden Daze
Jarbridge: Nevada Days
Winnemucca: IFCA World Championship Roping
Wendover: Bonneville Land Speed Opener
Battle Mountain: Mining Madness & Bed Races

AUGUST

Wendover: Bonneville Speed Week
Winnemucca: Hot August Nights, Hot Air Balloon Festival
Battle Mountain: Lander County Fair
Elko: Silver State Stampede & Rodeo
Lovelock: Frontier Days, IPRA Rodeo
Wells: Nevada Rally, International Off-Road Motorcycle Race

LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Elko: County Fair & Livestock Show & Pari-Mutuel Racing, Western Art Show & Auction

LABOR DAY EVENTS CONT.

Winnemucca: Buckaroo Heritage Western Art Roundup, Tri-County Fair & Winnemucca Rodeo

SEPTEMBER

Wells: Race to the Angel
Wendover: World of Speed
Winnemucca: Thoroughbred, Quarterhorse & Mule Pari-Mutuel Racing, Ranch Hand Rodeo, Nevada Open Horse Show
Elko: Morroder's Car Show

OCTOBER

Wendover: World Finals Speed Racing, National Hare and Hound Motorcycle Race, Wendover Air Show & Races
Elko: Te-Moak Youth Pow Wow

NOVEMBER

Winnemucca: Inaugural Pony Express 100 Classic Car Race

DECEMBER

Elko: Festival of Trees

Write or Call: Nevada's Cowboy Country, 50 West Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca Nevada 89445 (702) 623-5071 1-800-WMCA-NEV (1-800-962-2638)

RURAL EVENTS

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: Freddy Fender, July 1-3; Sons of the Pioneers, July 5-10 and 12-14; Suzanne Somers, July 15-16; Danny Marona, July 17 and 19-31. 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): Party Company June 27-July 10; Valentino and Sol, July 5-17; Tammy Allen and RSVP, July 19-31; Impact, July 26-Aug. 7; The Act, Aug. 2-14; Inside Out, Aug. 9-21; Area Code 402, Aug. 23-Sept. 4; Touch of Silk, Aug. 30-Sept. 11. 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 800-354-3671: Nightly entertainment. State Line, 664-2221 or 800-648-9668: Nightly entertainment
Winnemucca: Winners Hotel, 623-2511

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Ely: Nevada Hotel, 289-6665: Marshal Law, July 4-Sept. 30
Fallon: Bonanza Inn, 423-3111 ext. 47 Fallon Nugget, 423-3111

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Beatty: Stagecoach, 553-2419 or 800-4BIGWIN (outside Nevada)
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: Karaoke, indf. Dini's Lucky Club, 463-2868

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
Jarbridge Wilderness Area: 208-543-4129
Marzen House Museum: Marzen Ln., Lovelock, 273-7213
Northeastern Nevada Museum: 1515 Idaho St., Elko, 738-3418
Western Folklife Center: Elko, 738-7508
Wild Horse State Recreation Area: 65 miles north of Elko, 758-6493

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Belmont Courthouse Historic Site: 867-3001
Berlin-Ichthyosaur Park: 22 miles east of Gabbs, 964-2440 or 867-3001

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Cathedral Gorge State Park: Panaca, 728-4467
Central Nevada Museum: Logan Field Rd., Tonopah, 482-9676
Death Valley National Monument: Via Beatty, 619-786-2331
Lincoln County Museum: Main St., 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 Vineyards: Winery tours, 3810 Winery Rd., 727-6900
Rhyolite Bottle House and Historic Site: 553-2424
Spring Valley State Park: Pioche, 962-5102
Walker Lake Recreation Area: Hawthorne, 945-5896

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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 Opera House: Open Mon.-Fri. or by appointment, tours available, 10201 Main St., Eureka, 237-6006
Eureka Sentinel Museum: Eureka, 237-5010 or 237-5484
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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The Mystique of 'Mystère'

BY ART NADLER

When the French-Canadian performance troupe Cirque du Soleil premiered "Mystère" at Treasure Island earlier this year, the company's founding creator, Guy Laliberté, rose from the audience and graciously thanked Steve Wynn, chairman of Mirage Resorts, Inc., which owns the hotel. Now, Laliberté said, the world-famous circus troupe had its own theater, one in which the troupe's members could perform feats they'd only dreamed about since the group's conception 10 years ago.

With that, the lights dimmed and the 1,538-seat theater was transformed into a surrealistic world where strange creatures danced and swayed to composer René Dupéré's New-Age jazz score. Japanese Taiko drummers descended from the 80-foot ceiling. A 36-foot circus ring broke off from the main stage and sank as if swallowed by an earthquake. An oversized vaudevilian character resembling Baby Huey appeared and started taunting the audience.

Las Vegas has seen some rather incredible acts through the years, but the Cirque du Soleil has brought a pool of talent never before seen on the Strip. Indeed, assistant director Pierre-Philippe Guay sees "Mystère's" 70 artists—which include acrobats, clowns, comedians, actors, dancers, singers, and 10 musicians (no taped music here)—as one glorious celebration of art. This canvas, or *tableau* as he calls it, unfolds before you like a beautiful French impressionist painting.

Cirque du Soleil may be a big-top production that has gotten a little bigger, but it hasn't let audience members forget that they are as much a part of the performance as the characters on



Dexterous acrobats amaze audiences in Treasure Island's "Mystère."

stage. Intimacy is the most important ingredient in Cirque du Soleil's *tableau* of colors.

The 90-minute performance is non-stop. As one act ends, another immediately begins. The theater's stage and ceiling are constantly transformed, stretching your peripheral vision to its limits. Set designer Michel Crête's massive, 72-foot-wide trapezoid platform drops, revolves, and spits out new acts on command.

During one segment, Chinese poles drop from above, and a cast of 20 colorfully dressed chameleon characters

slither on stage. Grasping the cylinders, they ascend in chorus-line perfection, at times hanging upside-down and sideways. Their precise gymnastic movements leave the audience astonished.

"We try to accumulate different languages of the body," assistant director Guay says of "Mystère's" visual impact. "The stage is always moving. Everything changes night by night."

"Mystère's" bungee-trapeze performance is mind boggling. High-wire aerialists attached to bungee cords literally fly over the audience. At times the performers resemble children playing on backyard swing sets while executing

near-misses that would make fighter pilots wince.

The Korean plank, or teeter, act has been carried over from the Cirque's earlier production, "Nouvelle Experience." The act involves three-man jumps with a fourth person appearing in a grand finale.

"It took us two months of practice just to be able to jump up and down straight on the teeter," says Cirque gymnast Michael Rice of Las Vegas. "On a trampoline you use your own power, but on the Korean plank you have to use someone else's power."

After a rousing Taiko drum bash, a giant caricature of a snail creature rolls on stage to close the "Mystère" spectacle. The lights come up, and the entire cast appears and waves to the audience.

Unlike most stage productions in Las Vegas that let you know you are the audience and they are the stars, Cirque du Soleil makes you feel as though you're family. It's hard to let the cast go.

Art Nadler is a feature writer for the Las Vegas Sun.

Joining the Circus

"Mystère" plays at Treasure Island in Las Vegas at 7:30 and 10:30 nightly dark Monday. Tickets are \$42 (plus tax) for adults and \$21 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the Cirque du Soleil ticket booth at Treasure Island and The Mirage, or call 702-894-7722 or 800-392-1999. The theater is equipped for wheelchairs and has a sound system for the hearing impaired.

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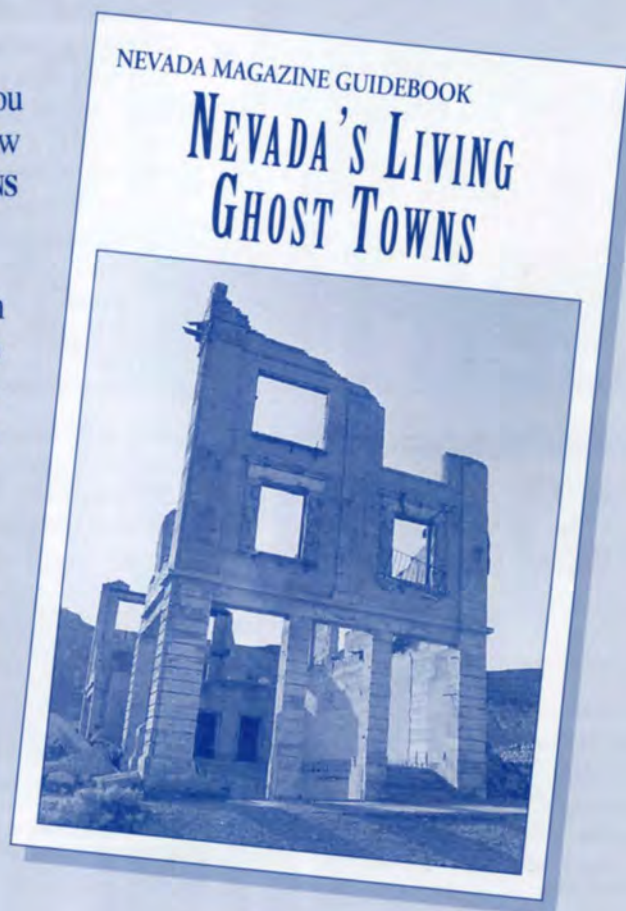


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