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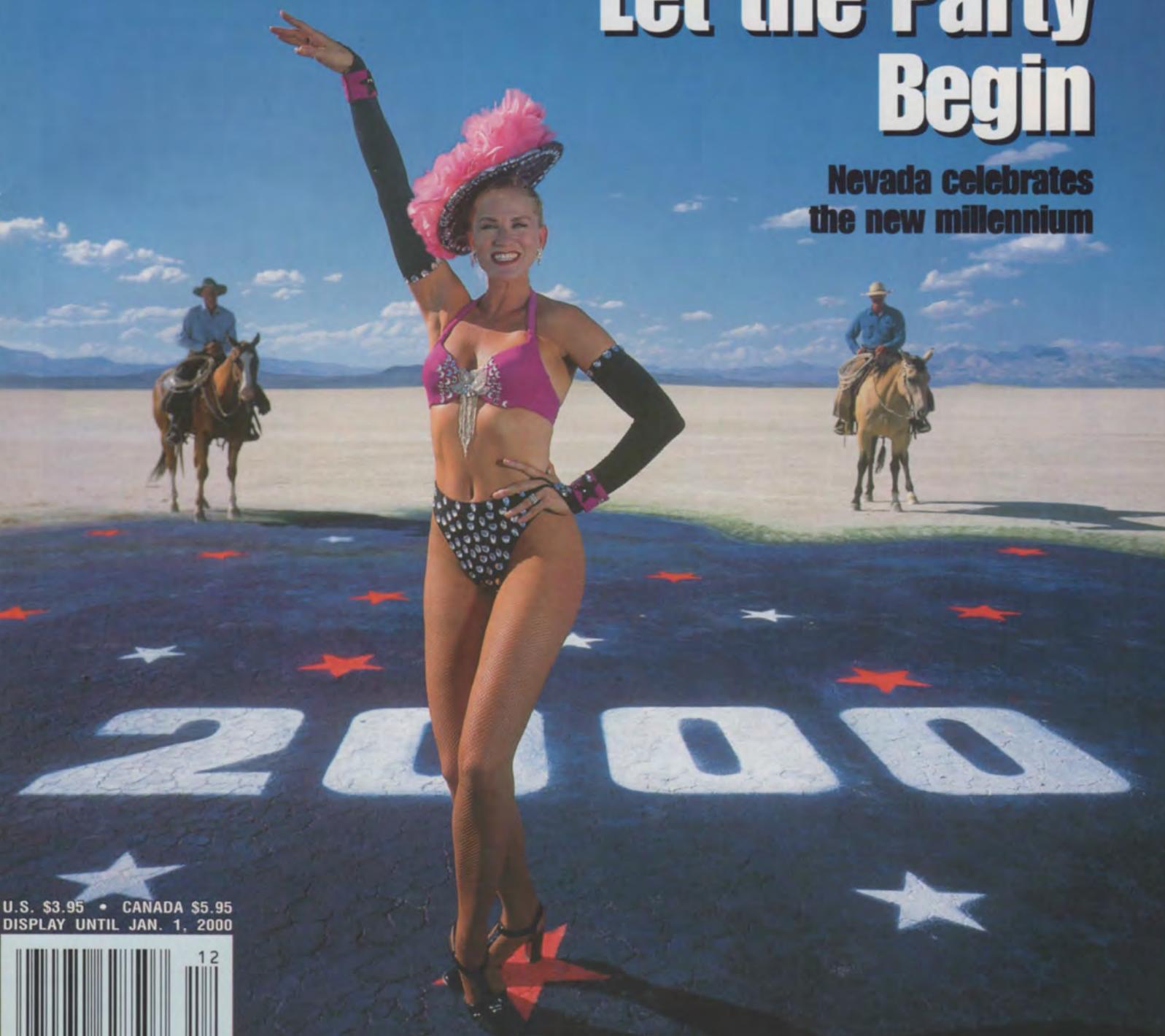
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Showgirl Nina of Harrah's Reno and Winnemucca cowboys John Bell (left) and Will DeLong greet 2000 on the Black Rock Desert.
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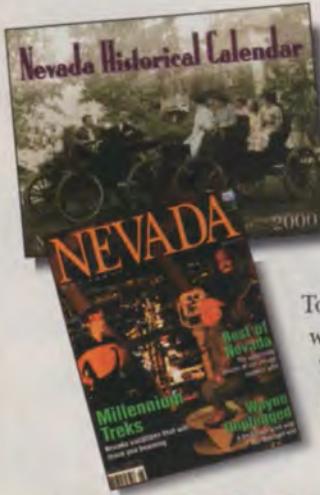
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Black Rock Man

Several people played major roles in the making of this issue's cover. Nina, a showgirl at Harrah's Reno, and Winnemucca cowboys John Bell and Will DeLong spent hours posing in the hot sun on the Black Rock playa. Artist Charlene Lowe of Hayward, California, sprayed welcome-to-the-millennium signs in biodegradable paint. Nevada art director Denise Evans helped orchestrate the action. At the center of the photo shoot, though, stood **Douglas Keister**, the Bay Area photographer whom Denise had asked to do the cover. The resulting image, as seen through his 4x5 Sinar, was uniquely Doug's.

"When Denise and I started talking about the cover, there were three things I envisioned, things that would reflect how I see Nevada," Doug says. "One was the rustic cowboy. The second was the state's glitz and glamour, especially in Las Vegas. The third was the wide-open spaces. There also was the idea of the millennium. I wanted to get all those things in one picture, and that's what we did."



Doug Keister faces his own lens with (from left) Black Rock models Nina and her husband Franz, Will DeLong and his girlfriend Katie Marvel, and John Bell with his wife Jhona and their sons Trase, two, and Quint, four months.

Doug has a special affinity for the location site. Besides holding the annual Black Rock Self Invitational Golf Tournament there, he also produced the book *Black Rock: Portraits on the Playa* (see *Nevada*, Sept/Oct '91) with friends and relatives as subjects. He says, "I love the Black Rock's simplicity and uncluttered landscape."

As a top architectural photographer, Doug has seen his photos appear in 11 books, including *Painted Ladies Revisited* and *The Bungalow: America's Arts & Crafts Homes*. His book *Going Out in Style: The Architecture of Eternity* led to the "Tomb of the Month" department he contributes to *American Cemetery Magazine*. Doug also wrote about this issue's cover shoot for the Web Photo School, an online instruction site. He recalls a scary moment when one of the horses, spooked by the balloons, took off with Nina in the saddle. Nina, an athlete, survived the unscheduled spill. "It was just like the movies," Doug marvels. "Nina was great, though. She got up, dusted herself off, and said, 'The show must go on!' So we got back to work." —David Moore

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Letters

Mark Twain, Success bubbas, and wrestling with women.

Mark Twain Mystery

I want to compliment you on "Mark Twain's Forgotten Tour" by Guy Louis Rocha in the Sept/Oct issue. This story brings to light a little-known aspect of Twain is that is all but familiar to moody history scholars and readers of Mark Twain's works and life.

John Johnson

Chico, CA



Mark Twain.

Bubbas of Success

"Bubbas"?! The article last issue titled "Success Story," written by the usual California-based "eco-explorers," struck a somewhat discordant note with me.

It's likely these "camouflaged bubbas" were some White Pine County locals out hunting who have growing weary of ill-prepared flatland tourists lacking in common sense, who venture into this rugged part of

Nevada in bad weather, disregard warnings, and get in a jam.

Then it's up to us local bubbas to bail them out, often without any thanks. Usually we do, often instead of what we planned. Two-wheel-drive rigs and long RVs do not fare well on backroads around here. The warning signs are there for a reason. This is particularly true in bad weather, with potentially serious consequences.

And yes, common, ordinary, respectable people do enjoy hunting around here in early winter. Camo clothes are both practical and comfortable—you know, just like shorts and polo shirts in other places.

This is a beautiful part of the Old West, and we welcome visitors and explorers. But we're not bubbas.

Bill Ott

Duck Creek Valley

High Rollers Only?

For years we have visited many places in Nevada and also gambled at various casinos. After reading "Millennium Treks" by Richard Moreno in the July/August issue, I can see that the casinos in Las Vegas are only interested in the high rollers, and so we will never go there again.

Then I read the slot-club article "Members of the Club" by Connie Emerson in the Sept/Oct issue, and the very first line, "High rollers, move over," is the biggest joke I have heard in some time. The amount you need to play in order to get worthwhile points is so large that only high rollers will get anything. As far as getting offers without using points—not true. I have five club cards from various casino and never have received an offer of any kind.

From my experience, it is very obvious that the state of Nevada is only interested in people who have a lot of money to

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Red Lion Roars

I have subscribed to your magazine for several years and am always looking forward to receiving a new issue.

I really enjoyed the "Members of the Club" article by Connie Emerson and the slot club guide in the Sept/Oct issue. The only thing wrong was that it did not list what I think is the best slot club in Nevada. You left out the Red Lion Casino in Elko. The perks and awards they offer either equal or exceed those offered by any of the casinos listed in the article.

Ben F. King
Elko

Another View

I disagree with Alma M. Franklin of Carson City in your Sept/Oct issue's "Letters" about all the advertising and too much on casinos. I like the advertising on all the casinos and what shows are playing. When I come to Vegas about once or twice a year, I like to know what is going on. I don't play slots all the time—there is so much to see and do in Vegas. Please keep the casino news and the advertising coming.

Elva Jean Curbello
Pasadena, TX

Too Little, Too Much

I just received my Sept/Oct issue and have to agree with the letters on "Too Much Advertising" and "Too Much Playgirl." I think you need to look at *Montana Magazine* or *Travelin'* and get some ideas on what a travel magazine is like. There is very little in your magazine about things like nature and historical sites, only casinos.

Conne Ness
Portland, OR

Wrestling With Gender

In high-school wrestling, it is worth remembering that teenage girls mature faster than boys of the same chronological age by some three years. Moreover, most boys would be hesitant to fight a female opponent with a maximum effort, and especially in our still prevailing culture wherein many boys learn, and are expected, to defer and generally be helpful (e.g. holding doors, helping with weightier packages) to the female.

Since the smiling champ in the piece "All the Right Moves" in the People Page

department last issue pinned her opponent, a boy, with apparent ease and sent him off the mat in tears with two broken ribs, one wonders why she didn't break a couple more since she's so good at it. Yet, it seems to me the event is characterized with almost a dismissive air of bemused approbation.

In an analogous, hypothetical match, genders reversed, if a boy had sent his female opponent to the locker room crying and with two broken ribs, he would likely have been cited for using cruel and excessive force and probably detained, if not jailed. No big triumphant smiles, either.

And please don't tell me to lighten up. Where the hell was the ref?

C.A. Ledfré
Madison, WI

Thanks for Openings

Just a note to let you know we enjoy your great magazine. It's always full of interesting articles and stories.

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Cindy Bilansky
Gowanda, NY

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Sheri Meadows, owner of **Giddyup And Go Sleigh Rides**, serves as hostess and driver during the half-hour, horse-drawn tour. Riders have a number of sleigh options, from a two-seater to a nine-passenger sleigh. Meadows also can arrange weddings and group excursions.

Meadows says the horses are almost as much of an attraction as the sleighs. The palomino Belgian draft and black Percheron horses each weigh about 2,500 pounds and stand 17 to 18 hands high. Candy and Suzy, a pair of sister Belgians, are both expecting foals this spring.

Rides are offered from late November through March, weather permitting. Special holiday jaunts, complete with beverages, are conducted on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. New this year will be sleigh rides with Old Saint Nick while caroling and sipping hot cocoa.

Nonholiday rides are \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Children ages two and under ride free. Sleigh rides with Santa will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. December 17-23, 2 p.m. to midnight on Christmas Eve, and noon to 4 p.m. on Christmas Day (cost is \$20). New Year's Eve rides are 2



Draft horses take sleigh passengers over the hills and into the snow-covered meadows at Squaw Valley.

p.m. to midnight; it's noon to 4 p.m. on New Year's Day (cost is \$50). Reservations are recommended. Call the concierge at Squaw Creek, 530-581-6610, for reservations.—Shannon Montana

Four Seasons for Tea

LAS VEGAS—It's tea time in the **Verandah Lounge** of the Four Seasons Hotel at

Mandalay Bay. Tables are clothed in starched white linen and set with fine china and silver. A man in a tuxedo plays show tunes on a grand piano. The conversation is subdued—far more so than around most other tables on the Strip.

Afternoon tea at the Four Seasons, patterned after the traditional English repast, offers a pleasing pause in the day. Delicacies served on three-tiered silver trivets include scones with Devonshire cream, raspberry preserves and

lemon curd, a selection of finger sandwiches (the asparagus and ham is especially nice), mini-tarts, and other sweets. The selection of teas—from standards like orange pekoe and darjeeling to exotic varieties like golden jasmine blossom—are properly poured through silver strainers.

"We make sure that our teas are as traditional as we can make them," says Linda Kennedy, the Verandah Cafe's manager. "When we have British guests, we are especially interested in their reactions. We don't have many criticisms, but when one woman said British sandwiches were larger, I talked to the *garde-manger*, and we increased the size of ours."

Kennedy says about 90 percent of the hotel's tea-time guests are from the Las Vegas area. "We've had little girls' birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, and people celebrating other occasions," she says. Most of the guests, however, simply come to sample the delightful ambiance and extraordinarily good refreshments.

The Four Seasons is located in Mandalay Bay on the Las Vegas Strip. Tea is served from 2 to 5 p.m. daily. Phone 702-632-5000 for more information. Reservations are suggested for large groups or on holidays.—Connie Emerson



The Four Seasons' Verandah Lounge serves a proper afternoon tea.



Toni Navone has cats in trees and stockings at her Toni Cats and Company.

Christmas for Kitties

LAS VEGAS—For people who don't consider the holidays complete without buying a gift for Fluff, Puff, or Garfield, **Toni Cats and Company** at the Riviera on the Strip will have you scratching at the door.

The store's shelves and tables display hundreds of cat-related items, ranging from holistic medicine for stressed-out pets to umbrellas in pussycat patterns. It's the sort of place that takes time to explore. If you're rushed, you just might miss the leopard-patterned socks (\$10 per pair), kitty-shaped guest soaps (three cats for \$4), lucite soap dishes (\$15), stained-glass cats (\$125), and tote bags with feline designs (various prices).

Kids will zero in on the wooden kitty chairs for little tots (\$75). Each chair's back is shaped like a cat's head and neck, the seat is like its body, and the legs are painted to look like a cat's. One chair represents a black cat; another a stylized tiger. Other items include brightly colored cat houses and several litters of stuffed felines.

Owner Toni Navone got her inspiration for Toni Cats and Company by traveling the cat show circuit with her prize-winning cat, Q (among other honors, Q has won Best of Show in the Grand Premier Class at the big Madison Square Garden show). Wherever she went, Navone says, she saw "marvelous cat-related products that people made." Among those products are kitty clothes such as festive cat hats (\$7) and decorated sombreros (\$20). People accessories include beaded kitty evening bags (\$39) and Kitty Guardian Angels custom-designed by Susie Fraser.

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Beer Steins and Stogies at Bogie's on the Boardwalk

VIRGINIA CITY—Beer aficionados will find a hundred bottles and cans of beer on the wall at **Bogie's Brew and Collectibles** in Virginia City. Collectors can bring their thirst for antique advertising items and let Bruce "Bogie" Bogaert help locate rare items.

His small shop overflows with beer cans and bottles, neon signs, clocks, beer steins, shot glasses, coasters, pool table lights, and posters. "Ad collectibles are very hot right



Bruce "Bogie" Bogaert (right) brews up a discussion on beer memorabilia with customer Reg Pearson at Bogie's Brew and Collectibles in Virginia City.

buy a Fandex cat identifier, a series of rectangular cards that fan out when opened. Each die-cut card depicts a breed of cat and includes information about it.

Navone constantly replenishes her inventory. "I shop internationally, and the merchandise is continually changing," she says. In addition to cat-themed items, Navone

carries a number of articles with dog and horse motifs. She says that some of her best customers in February are veterinarians in town to attend their annual convention.

Toni Cats and Company is located poolside at the Riviera Hotel, 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South (Monaco Tower); phone 702-734-7447. The store is open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.—Connie Emerson

now," Bogaert says. "Just an old Coca-Cola cardboard cutout in mint condition may be worth \$10,000. Remember the old Hamm's Beer signs? The ones that showed a revolving scene of a campfire by the river? Those go for about \$600." Bogaert offers Bogie's Old Style Stogies, a cigar that is the same type Comstock miners smoked 120 years ago. You can purchase a vintage butane lighter to go with it.

Customers range from casual browsers to serious collectors, Bogaert says. "Some people will come in with a collector's price guide and sit right down on the floor and spend hours checking bar codes on the old Coke bottles."

Since the shop opened in 1995, Bogie's has attracted beer-minded customers from around the world. "A lot of Germans love this place. My German customers will get home and send me beer mats and signs," Bogaert says. "I've traded bottle caps with a 14-year-old German boy and beer tappers with a man named Wolfgang for over two years."

Bogie's Brew and Collectibles, open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., is located at 888 C Street across from the Wagon Wheel restaurant. Call 775-847-9300 for more information.—Shannon Montana

History in the Air

LAS VEGAS—On May 5, 1920, Las Vegas was introduced to aviation. That day Jake Beckley, a local businessman, convinced barnstormer Randall Henderson to fly him from Blythe, California, to Las Vegas. Henderson stayed a week, selling rides in his plane for \$10.

Visitors can learn about this story and others at the **Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum** at McCarran International

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The museum recognizes Southern Nevada aviation figures like Howard Hughes and Pat McCarran. Hughes, known for his aviation records, bought the North Las Vegas Airport in the late 1960s. McCarran, a Reno native and a U.S. Senator from Nevada from 1933 to 1954, is the namesake of the Las Vegas airport.

"Women in Aviation in Las Vegas Before World War II" explains how Las Vegas saw its first female commercial airline passenger on June 6, 1926. Although Maude Campbell made her flight sitting on mail bags in an open-cockpit plane, her feat signaled that flying was not just for men—a milestone in the 1920s. Moreover, when Las Vegas got its first flight-training school in 1931, the only plane at the field was owned by sisters Connie and Bernice Elkins.

Allow 20 to 30 minutes to stroll through the displays. The free-standing exhibit is part of a partnership with the Clark County Departments of Aviation and Parks and Recreation. Admission to the museum is free. Call 702-455-7968 for more information.—Katherine McDonnell

Viva la France

Paris Las Vegas brings another famous city to the Strip.

By Carolyn Graham

Visitors can enjoy some French *joie de vivre* at Paris Las Vegas, the newest themed resort to open on the Strip. The \$760-million hotel has done its best to capture the essence of Paris, France, most notably with its half-scale Eiffel Tower rising 540 feet next to the hotel.

Driving up to Paris, you can't miss the tower soaring above the casino and hotel. When you pull into valet parking, attendants greet you with "bon jour" as you alight next to a replica of the Arc de Triomphe. It doesn't take long to realize that Paris is the latest legendary locale to rise amid the Strip's romanticized versions of Venice, New York, Egypt, the French Riviera, and the South Seas.

Inside the casino, the blue sky and puffy clouds on the ceiling contrast with the clatter of slot machines. There are few quiet nooks in which to escape, but the



Visitors encounter the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, and other French landmarks at Paris Las Vegas.

busy pace seems fitting for the re-created Rue de la Paix shopping district next to the casino. There you can munch on a French pastry at Jean Jaques' Boulangerie, shop for lingerie at La Vogue, or purchase a case of French wine at La Cave. Peddlers sell fresh French baguettes, and a strolling accordionist creates a romantic mood. You might encounter an artist (wearing a beret, of course) perched in front of an easel. Life-sized bronze statues, like the couple embracing near the hotel elevators, lend an artistic touch and photo opportunity.

While the casino might be too hectic for complete suspension of belief, the restaurants are another matter. Elegant, authentic French cuisine fills every menu of the eight restaurants. Even Le Village Buffet is French right down to the peasant dresses worn by the waitresses. Le Café ile St. Louis serves bisque, *coq au vin*, and *foie gras*, and the *pommes frites* (French fries) are made from potatoes imported from France. Le Provençal is an Corsican-style restaurant with an open kitchen, singing servers, and wine decanted from oak barrels. The Mon Ami Gabi steakhouse offers outdoor seating and a superb view of Bellagio's

fountain show across the street. The hotel's most elegant eatery is the Eiffel Tower Restaurant on the tower's 11th story. Visitors beware: Make sure you're dressed for an evening at a fancy restaurant, or the maitre'd will send you back to your room to change.

Napoleon's is the most peaceful and elegant retreat in Paris. While you relax in a burgundy leather chair, you can sip Courvoissier or a Napoleon cocktail, smoke a cigar, and listen to live piano music. If you want to be closer to the action, Gustav's bar is tucked into a leg of the Eiffel Tower and features photographs of the actual tower as it was being built.

The Las Vegas tower was built using the real one's plans—only at half the size. The quick ride up 50 stories in the glass elevator can be hair-raising for acrophobes, but the platform provides a windswept view of Paris' third-floor swimming pool as well as the dancing fountains of Bellagio, the understated lights of the Monte Carlo, and the Statue of Liberty at New York-New York, only an ocean of lights away. ▀



The casino's cobblestone walkway is filled with bread peddlers, accordionists, and other reminders of a Parisian street scene.

The New Millennium: It's About Time

When the last millennium ended a thousand years ago, those early Nevada residents who lived in the Lost City pueblos along the Muddy River didn't give the YIK rollover much notice. However, that won't be the case at the end of the current millennium. As we bid adieu to 1999, Nevadans and visitors will be celebrating the arrival of the year 2000 in style from Las Vegas to Reno, Laughlin to Jackpot. The beginning of the new millennium offers a chance to salute our past as well as contemplate the future. Where will each of us be throwing confetti this New Year's Eve? What will Nevada be like in the year 2040? Only time will tell.



Harrah's showgirl
Nina and cowboy John Bell
of Winnemucca salute the millennium.

Border Parties

Why would anyone
drive a hundred miles across
an empty desert just to toast
the dawn of a new millennium?
Because at the Border Inn
you can do it twice.

BY RICHARD MENZIES

Although Las Vegas has been proclaimed the number-one city in America to ring in the new millennium, the savvy celebrant would be wise to shop around before confirming that New Year's Eve reservation. Resorts and roadhouses along Nevada's eastern boundary will be hopping with excitement—some of them hopping early, or even twice,

thanks to the fact they stand near the border of the Pacific and Mountain time zones.

Let's say, for example, you have difficulty staying up late, in which case you might want to break away from the herd and reset your course for Wendover. Although half the town lies within Nevada and the Pacific time zone, all the resort casinos and associated nightspots remain in sync with Utah and operate on Mountain time. In other words, by the time the Vegas crowds begin singing "Auld Lang Syne" on Fremont Street, revelers along Wendover Boulevard will be struggling to remember the third verse.

A similar time warp occurs in Jackpot, which also observes Mountain time, in deference to a customer base whose biological clocks are mostly calibrated to Idaho time. This sometimes confuses visitors attending meetings and high-school basketball games in Jackpot, but celebrants at Cactus Petes' casino will greet the new millennium precisely at midnight Mountain time with champagne and indoor fireworks.

Laughlin stands across the Colorado River from Bullhead City, Arizona, where

clocks remain on Mountain Standard Time year-round. Thus, in winter Laughlin is an hour behind Bullhead, offering folks an opportunity to witness the total eclipse of the 20th century twice. "I've never looked at it that way," confessed a receptionist at the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce.

But Denys Koyle has thought about it, and she thinks it's a nifty idea.

"We have two New Year's Eve parties," boasts the owner of the Border Inn, an establishment on U.S. 50 that straddles the Nevada-Utah line near Baker. "We pop the champagne twice because the property spans two time zones." In addition to the bubbly the Border Inn will feature live music and dancing on New Year's Eve. Celebrants are expected to arrive from as far away as Delta, Utah, about a hundred miles east, and as close as Baker, six miles to the southwest.

Jarbridge, by contrast, isn't close to anywhere else, but that doesn't mean there won't be plenty of whooping and hollering in Nevada's far northeastern territory come midnight, December 31. Both the Red Dog Saloon and the Outdoor Inn will be open for business, even though Jarbridge's win-

tertine population typically numbers no more than 30 residents.

"Normally we would close after the end of the deer season," explains Jennifer Creechley of the Outdoor Inn. "But this year will be an exception. We'll have a live band, a buffet on Friday night, and free champagne at midnight."

Although Jarbidge lies half a dozen miles inside the Pacific time zone, clocks there all run an hour faster—"because everything we do comes out of Twin Falls," Jennifer explains. The Famous Potato State will account for most of the party guests as well, although a handful of hardy revelers are expected to make it up from Elko and other points south. Jennifer's advice? "Call first for road conditions. And go slow."

How slow can you go? Of all the borderland Nevadans we polled, none is anticipating the dawn of the new millennium with less enthusiasm than Claudia Elordi, owner and chief executive officer of the Say When Casino in McDermitt, 73 miles north of Winnemucca.

"I'm too goddamned old," she declares, "I'm 69, and I don't wanna go to 2000!"

Although her roadside establishment is open for business around the clock, Claudia confesses she generally turns in at eight. Even on New Year's Eve she doesn't expect she'll be breaking her date with Mr. Sandman.

"We usually have a few people come in, we hand out the hats, that's about it."

Those who do pop in for free hats are mostly long-haul truckers, road weary and famished for human companionship. If so inclined they, too, could ring in the new year more than once—the first time at Burns Junction, Oregon, a wide spot on U.S. 95 that lies at the ragged western edge of the Mountain time zone. In theory, one could pull over and party hearty under the stars in the company of jackrabbits and coyotes and then proceed south at a legal speed to arrive at the Say When Casino in time to shout, still again, "Happy New Year!"

But do try to keep it down. Remember, the proprietor is trying to catch some Z's.

Richard Menzies reports that he plans to spend New Year's Eve in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Land That Time Forgot.

Y2Kaos: Drink of the Millennium

Three Cocktail Goddesses create a drink fit for a new age.



Cocktail Goddesses Linda Ervolino, Juanita Newhouse, and Tamara Hickmann (from left) invented the "Y2Kaos," Caesars' official millennium beverage.

BY CONNIE EMERSON

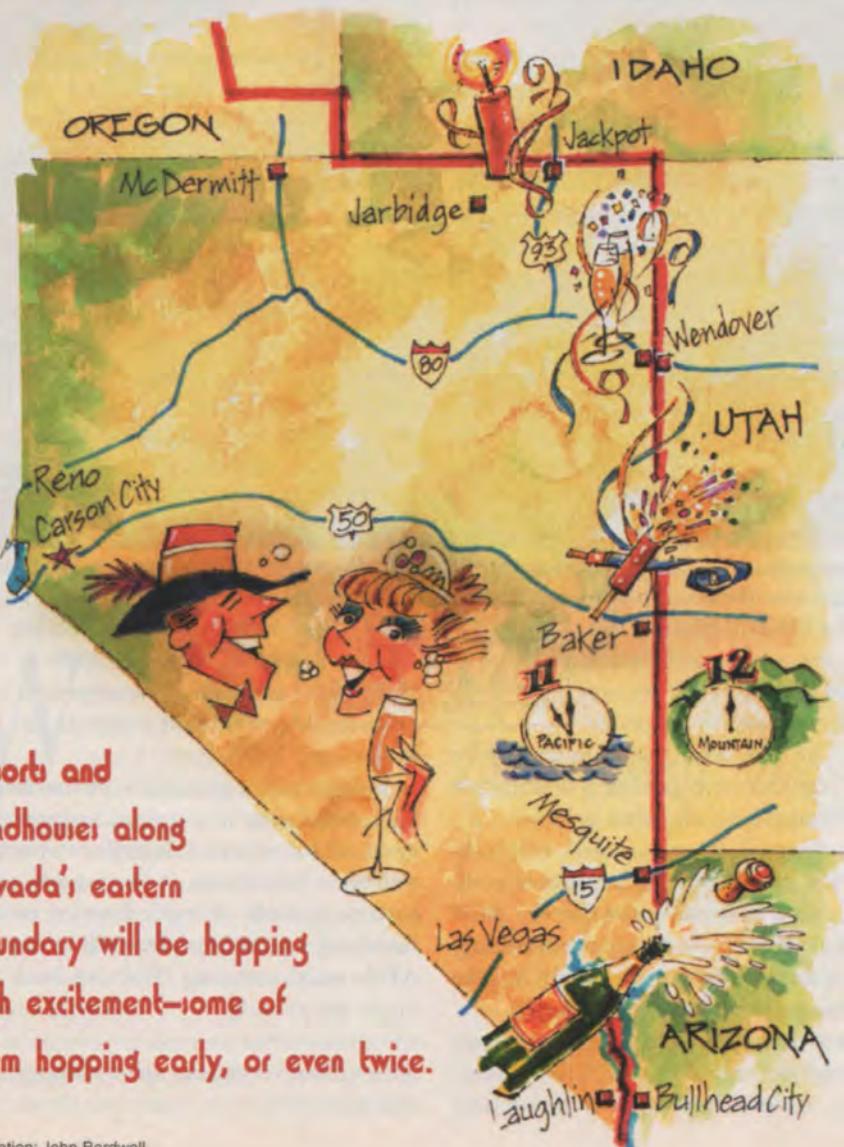
When Caesars Palace beverage manager Glynda Jenkins announced a contest to create a Drink of the Millennium, it seemed a sure bet that the grand prize, a day off and a \$100 Caesars gift certificate, would be won by a bartender at the Las Vegas resort.

Fate, however, poured an unexpected winner. On the last day of the competition a bartender asked Cocktail Goddess Tamara Hickmann for help in naming his drink recipe. Afterward she talked to sister Goddesses Linda Ervolino and Juanita Newhouse.

"Hey, we ought to be entering this," Hickmann said. Just 10 minutes under the wire, the trio submitted what turned out to be the winning entry, a drink they called "Y2Kaos."

Newhouse came up with the name. "There's going to be a lot of chaos around here, since any year it's the busiest weekend," says Newhouse, looking ahead to the long-awaited Millennium New Year's Weekend.

The nectar of the Goddesses contains one ounce each of chambord and peach schnapps, a split of champagne, and two



ounces each of fresh pineapple and orange juices. The drink is served over ice in a 12-ounce glass. Y2Kaos will be served in commemorative glasses except on New Year's Eve, when a Las Vegas ordinance prohibits serving beverages in glasses. Since the entry was a collaborative effort, each Cocktail Goddess received the grand prize.

Y2Kaos appears to be the product of experts. Newhouse has worked at Caesars 10 years, Hickmann 11, and Ervolino more than 17.

"When you've worked that long, you get to know what goes into a lot of drinks," Ervolino explains.

"Sometimes the bartenders are new and don't know how to make drinks customers ask for," Newhouse adds. "We have to know so we can tell them."

Connie Emerson once won a Tropicana Twister beverage contest by inventing a holiday drink, the Mardi Gras Mango Mint Twister.

Y2K OK?

Millennium New Year's partiers hope the Y2K change doesn't bug their celebrations.

BY SHARON CARTER

Before Nevada's clocks strike midnight on December 31, casino-goers painting the town red may wonder about the Y2K bug. Will the dreaded computer glitch shut down elevators, dim lights, or even worse, confuse slot-machine jackpots when 1999 turns to 2000?

The celebration of the century should proceed uninterrupted, according to hotel officials.

"We're 99.999 percent confident," says Bob Deering, information-system director at the Riverside Resort in Laughlin. "Rather than just patching and doing repairs, we bit the bullet and replaced every PC and operating system in the place."

Most of Nevada's 430 casinos and gaming manufacturers recently responded to a state query about Y2K.

"We're still in the process of gauging the casinos' Y2K efforts, but it looks like many are fully compliant or soon will be," says Gregg Gale, the Nevada Gaming Control Board's audit division chief in Las Vegas. Gale's primary concerns are maintaining



Gaming and hotel officials expect Y2K compliance. Above: A Mandalay Bay player pulls for a smooth rollover.

the gaming industry's integrity and making sure no tax data is lost.

The key moment will come when time-based computer systems, many of which use the last two digits of the year, flip over to the year 2000 on January 1. Some experts fear machines and programs could interpret the year as 1900, causing networks to fail.

Experts also are concerned about machines that have built-in ("embedded") software programs, which cannot be checked in advance. The troubleshooters have focused on slots and other electronic games built around 1995.

"Machines made before 1995 aren't likely to be a problem. They didn't have embedded controllers with dates," Gale says. "And all but a few manufactured since 1996 use four-digit years. So our main concern is with 1995 and early-1996 machines."

Since last summer, Gale says, state gaming employees have been testing networks of progressive slots and player clubs for Y2K compliance. "We don't want the progressive signs to go dark for even a minute or players to lose game points," he says. "Our goal is to make sure public confidence in gaming is maintained and no cause for complaints occurs."

The board has encouraged hotels to check for possible glitches in other computer-related systems—reservations, food service, heating and air-conditioning, smoke alarms, elevators—especially if there are chips with embedded software.

And if things go a bit out of whack on New Year's morning?

Many casinos have backup generators

that can kick in if the power fails. Harrah's Lake Tahoe actually feeds any excess emergency electricity it generates into the public-utility grid. Some casinos, like the Carson City Nugget, connect their kitchen stoves to auxiliary propane tanks, so if natural-gas deliveries stop, customers will still get those perfectly crisped hash browns at breakfast.

"While we have no control over public utilities and other external things, inside our walls we're more than ready," says Harrah's Reno spokeswoman Kerri Garcia. "We're confident that everything from our regular desktop computers in the offices to our hotel, casino paging, and slot data systems are Y2K compliant."

Because Mandalay Bay opened in 1999, spokesman Gordon Absher says he foresees no rollover problems at the Las Vegas resort. "Everything here is brand-new, so we're 100 percent ready," says Absher.

Still, many hotel employees plan to work on New Year's Eve. The Riverside's Bob Deering says he'll be there "just in case something unexpected"—or embedded—"sneaks in the back door."

Visitors wishing to relax in the face of Y2K speculation might want to keep their gas tanks full or schedule airline departures well after the rollover. It also wouldn't hurt to have a stash of bottled water, protein bars, and even some extra cash in case the ATMs need resetting. Then sit back and enjoy the party. ■



Sharon Carter is stocking up on champagne for New Year's Eve.

From *Broadway* to **Basketball**



More Broadway musicals like Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats" may appear in specially built hotel theaters.

While virtual casinos, holographic blackjack, and inter-space hotels are at least a few years away from reality, the next wave of Nevada resorts and tourist attractions is already on the drawing boards. In the next decade, a visitor to the Silver State may arrive by super-speed magnetic-levitation train, spend the night in a Broadway musical-themed luxury hotel, and attend an NBA game in a state-of-the-art sports arena.

On the eve of the new millennium, the following are a few of the proposals, ideas, and trends that may—or may not—define

Nevada resorts and attractions during the next few years.

Broadway West

A look into Nevada's crystal ball reveals that officials of several hotel-casinos plan to transform Las Vegas into the 42nd Street of the West. Some new resorts like Mandalay Bay, which houses the Broadway play "Chicago," and Paris, which presents the American debut of the successful French musical, "Notre Dame de Paris," opened with large theaters designed for musicals.

A peek into Nevada's crystal ball finds themes, sports, and musicals as the century turns.

By Richard Moreno

Hotelier Steve Wynn, who owns the Bellagio, Treasure Island, Golden Nugget, and Mirage, has predicted that Las Vegas will one day have a theater district that rivals any in the world, offering revivals of Broadway shows and original plays and musicals. "Entertainment is the key to the vitality of resorts," Wynn said recently. "It's a primary motivating factor in drawing people to Las Vegas."

Toward that end, Wynn has built theaters at the Mirage for illusionists Siegfried and Roy and impressionist Danny Gans. Now he plans to build a 1,500-seat theater, to be completed in 2001, that will house



Resorts like Mandalay Bay, Bellagio, the Venetian, and Paris have set high theme standards.

an original musical, "Miss Spectacular."

Additionally, the new 2,600-room Aladdin, set to open in mid-2000, will have its 7,000-seat Theater of the Performing Arts. Although specific shows haven't been announced, the Arabian Nights-themed resort plans to schedule Broadway productions in the theater.

The Las Vegas-Broadway connection could be further strengthened if composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, who created "Cats," "Evita," and "Phantom of the Opera," erects a musicals-themed hotel in the city. Webber claims he has already picked out a location for such a resort. "I am now in a very good position to go forward with it," he told the *Telegraph of London*. "It might be an impossible dream, but now at least I can spend some money on it, and get some architects working on it."

Of course, this isn't the end of the traditional Las Vegas-style revue. The "Folies Bergere" at the Tropicana recently celebrated its 25,000th performance—and has no plans for closing anytime soon.

and the Parisian Sidewalk Cafe, where special effects will make diners feel as if they're in a quaint Paris restaurant.

In downtown Reno, Harrah's has purchased the vacant Harolds Club and Nevada Club and plans to demolish both. Officials have intimated they will build something "spectacular." One rumor has Harrah's, which recently bought the tropical-themed Rio Suites Hotel in Las Vegas, building a "mini-Rio" on the site.

With a plethora of resorts offering faux versions of Paris, New York, and Venice, Las Vegas is perhaps the most themed city in America—and there's more to come. Developers have floated such ideas as a San Francisco-themed hotel, a 1,000-room *Playboy Magazine*-themed resort, a music and movies-themed hotel affiliated with Planet Hollywood, and a resort operated by the Black Entertainment Television network. Previously announced plans for a World Wrestling Federation-themed hotel-casino, however, appear to be on hold (pun intended).

The Sahara Hotel plans a race car-oriented expansion that will include an official NASCAR cafe, casino, shops, and a roller coaster that will head south along Las Vegas Boulevard through a 110-foot tunnel before shooting up a 244-foot vertical tower. Additionally, Mandalay Bay has announced plans for a 3,000-room sister hotel—no theme announced yet—as well as a 320-unit timeshare property. Steve Wynn's Mirage Resorts plans a fifth megaresort, as yet unthemed, on the Strip south of the Bellagio.

Farther into the future, Harveys, Lake Tahoe's largest hotel, plans to expand into Las Vegas with a 2,500-room hotel-casino. The MGM Grand, the world's largest hotel, expects to erect a second hotel next to its convention center.

Far from the Strip and downtown are two fast-growing resort areas, Henderson and Summerlin. Lake Las Vegas, near Lake Mead in Henderson, will eventually include several upscale properties such as a 496-room, Mediterranean-themed Hyatt Regency. Summerlin, in the northwest Las Vegas Valley, is the site of several medium-size hotel-casinos, including the 216-room Sun Coast and the 600-room Resort at Summerlin.

When Themes Come True

During the next decade themed hotel-casinos will multiply throughout the state. In Reno, actor-turned-developer Max Baer Jr., who played Jethro on *The Beverly Hillbillies*, is lining up financing for a *Hillbillies* themed resort. Boasting a giant flaming oil derrick and a shopping mall, the proposed resort will incorporate elements of the popular 1960s television comedy.

Meanwhile, the Atlantis Resort in Reno recently built a multimillion-dollar, glass-and-steel sky bridge—with giant columns that periodically erupt with flames—to link its main hotel to vacant land across a street. The resort, which also added restaurants and expanded its buffet, has plans to construct 500 rooms on the empty site.

Upcoming expansions at the Peppermill in Reno will include a 632-room tower

Sporting News

Big-time sports is another emerging trend in the state. The ubiquitous Steve Wynn is angling to attract Nevada's first major professional sports team to Las Vegas by land-



Expansions are on the rise at such Reno hotels as the Peppermill, Harrah's, and Atlantis (above).

ing National Basketball Association and National Hockey League franchises. A committee of Las Vegas political and business leaders is studying the feasibility of building a sports and performing arts arena. The preferred site is former Union Pacific Railroad property near downtown.

In the meantime, Caesars Palace plans to erect a major sports arena. The new arena would provide a permanent venue for the hotel's popular championship boxing matches, which have been held in a temporary facility.

The Routes Most Traveled

In the future, getting to Nevada—as well as getting around once you're here—may be faster and easier than ever. The California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission, a group attempting to build a high-speed, magnetic-levitation (maglev) train line between Las Vegas and Anaheim, has been allocated funds for preliminary studies of the \$6.8-billion, 272-mile project. If the train becomes a reality, it will be capable of traveling more than 300 miles per hour—meaning it would take about an hour to ride from Disneyland to Las Vegas.

Visitors arriving in Las Vegas the old-fashioned way—by airline—may find new ways to reach their hotels. In the next decade, Las Vegas could see construction of a 15.6-mile, fixed-rail transit system connecting McCarran International Airport with downtown via the Strip. Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan has developed technology and financing plans for the transit system.

But Wait, There's More . . .

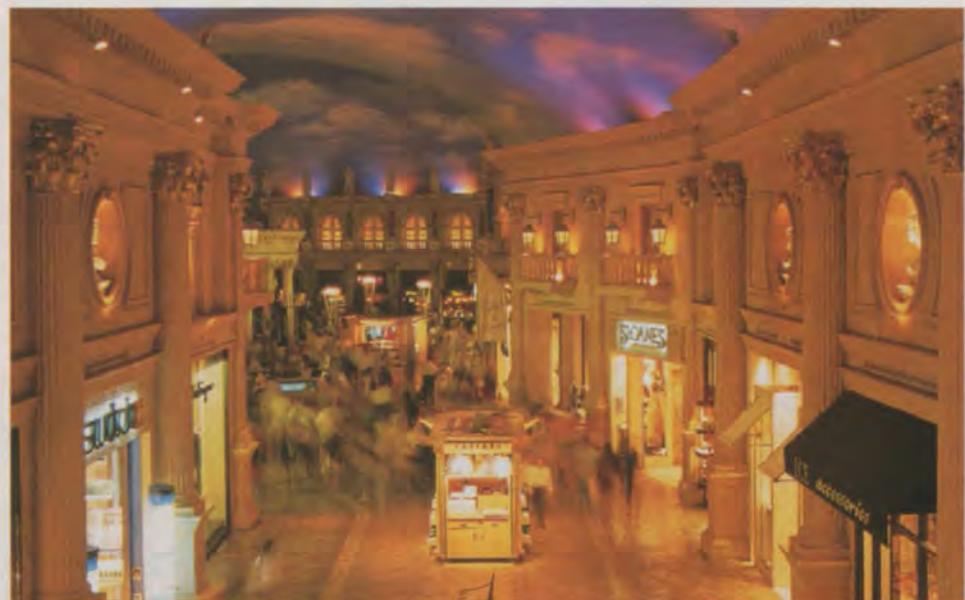
Nevada's future, however, isn't only about theme hotels and transportation—it's also about shopping. Retail experts predict that early in the 21st century the Las Vegas Strip will have nearly four million square feet of new retail space—about two-thirds the size of the Pentagon.

The first half-million square feet of that space has already opened at the upscale Grand Canal Shoppes at the Venetian. Next will be 80,000 square feet of shops at Paris, followed by the 500,000-square-foot Desert Passage Mall at the Aladdin next year, a 500,000-square-foot expansion of the Forum Shops at Caesars, a million-square-foot expansion at the Fashion Show Mall, and a 1.3-million-square-foot mall between Mandalay Bay and Luxor.

In Reno, the city and San Diego developer Oliver-McMillan are building a multiscreen movie-theater complex on the Truckee River. The developer also plans to attract small shops and restaurants to the river.

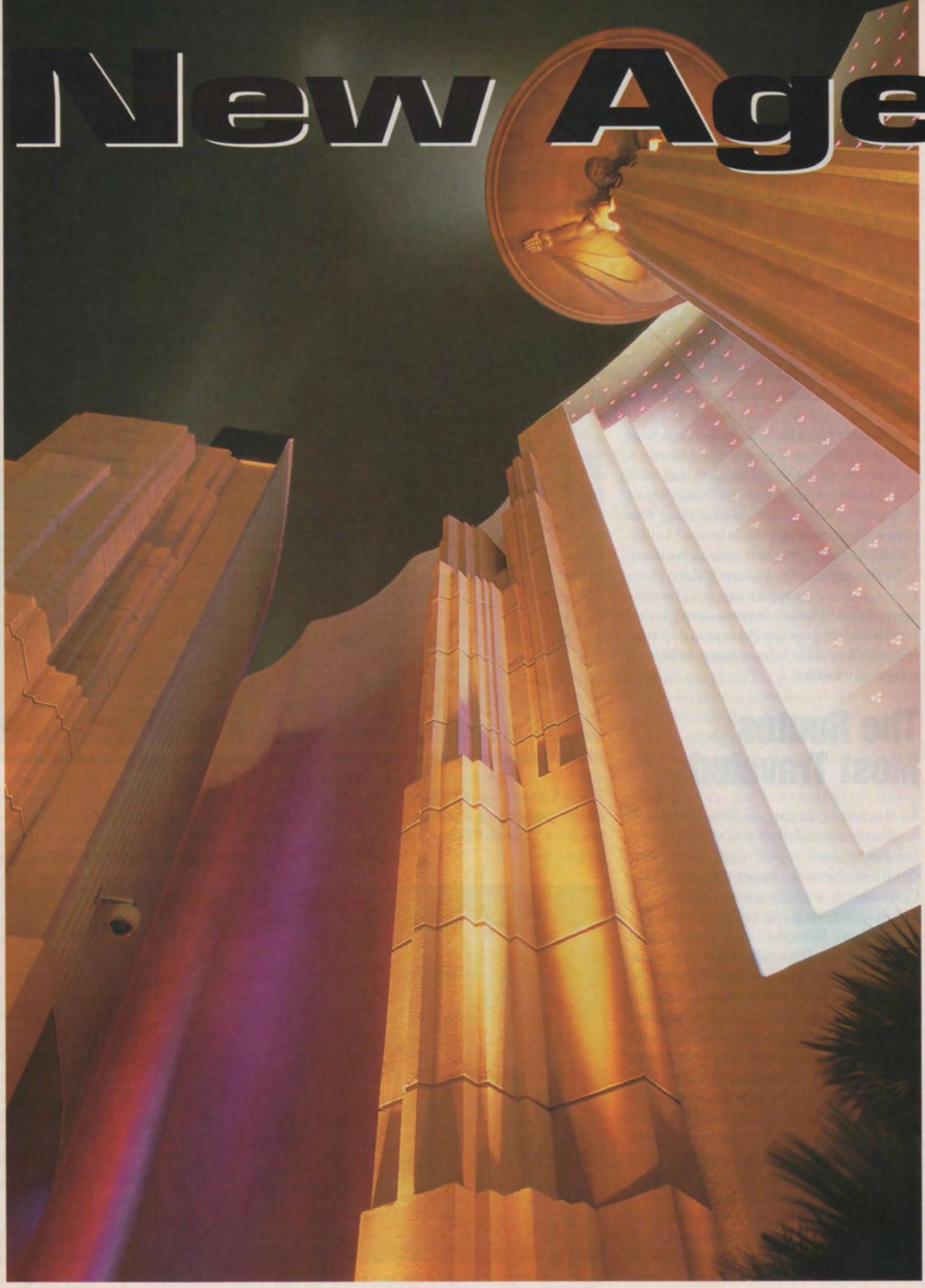
Will all these things really happen? Just remember, in 1947 people scoffed at gangster Bugsy Siegel when he spent millions to build a three-story hotel-casino along U.S. 91, seemingly in the middle of nowhere. Today, that area is known as the Las Vegas Strip. ▀

Richard Moreno is Nevada's publisher. He hopes someone builds a hotel with an X-Files theme someday because the truth really is out there.



The Forum Shops at Caesars are part of a retail row that soon could fill most of the Pentagon.

New Age



Nevada

Las Vegas in the year 2040 will be the biggest, most glamorous, and most curious traveler's destination on the planet.

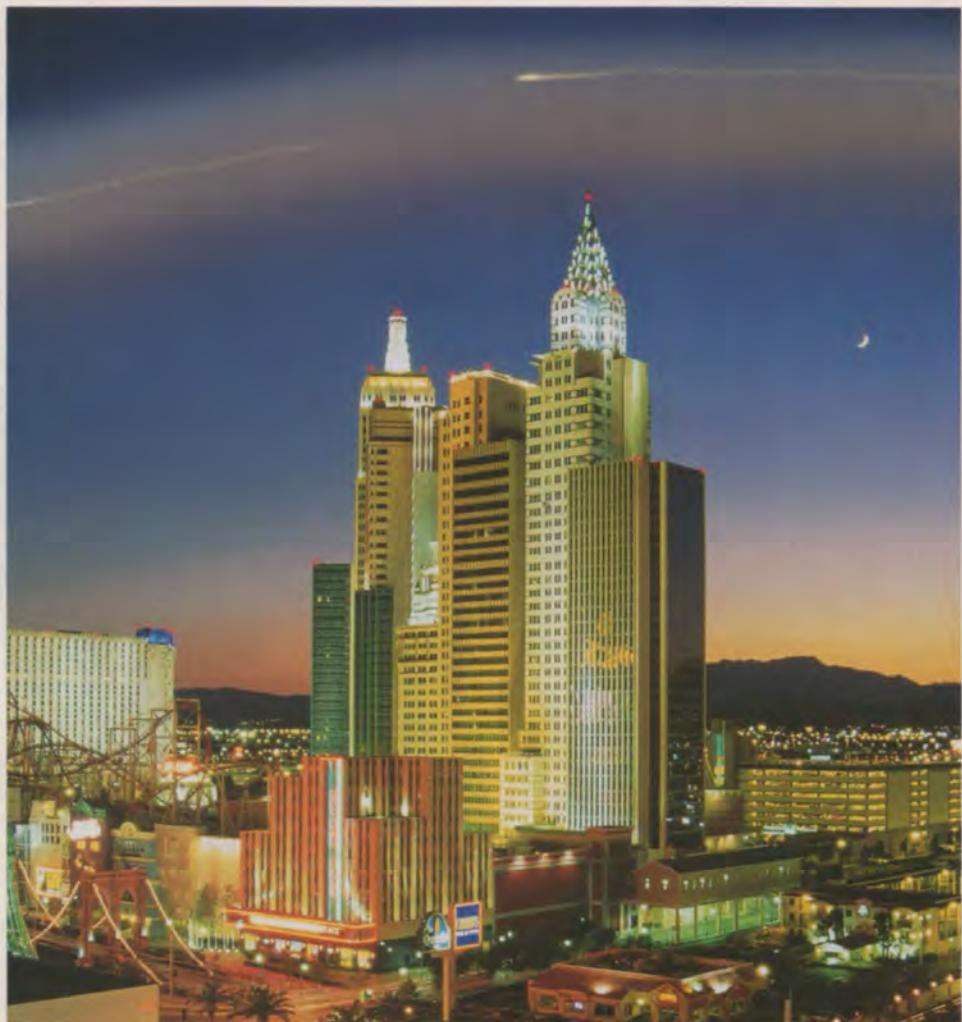
Not a single science-fiction fantasy has ever been published about Las Vegas or Nevada. Not one major work of future history has attempted to predict what this place will be like two or three generations hence.

This is an amazing omission, given that Las Vegas in particular, and Nevada by extension, are so clearly the prototype of a city-state in a George Jetson-type world. Just drive into Las Vegas at night to experience the Oz of the future—towers and spires and domes and pyramids gleaming against the black desert night, arriving airliners perpetually stacked five deep, monorails slithering among megaresorts, and a mass of humanity cruising the most glamorous Strip in the world.

So the question remains: What will Nevada look like when today's toddlers' children come of age? How will my great-grandchildren experience Las Vegas if it continues on its straight, fast road to becoming the ultimate resort destination on the planet?

Let's take a look in the crystal ball ... where Las Vegas appears as it might in the year 2040. Consolidation of casino corporations has created three metaresorts, each consisting of two or more megaresorts, in a row, connected by tunnels and sidewalks, owned and operated by the same colossal company. One metaresort is located downtown. The other two cover the entire east and west sides of the Strip. The Stratosphere Tower has expanded up, up, up till it now stands half a mile high. It is the tallest building in the world.

Here, two 21-year-old Australian women, Dex Dundee and Jaylene Blair, enter the crystal ball, arriving in Las Vegas on a Nevada Air suborbital airliner from Sydney. The aircraft flies in a parabolic arc over the Pacific, reaching an apogee of 120,000 feet; at the arc's vertex, the passengers experience zero gravity for a full minute and a half. The trip takes two hours, and the sub-lands at McCarran International Airport within 17 seconds of its scheduled arrival time at 10:00:17 a.m. PST. But because it's 17 seconds late, air



traffic control has to cut the Nevada Air flight from London into line ahead of it, delaying Dex and Jaylene by a further 13 seconds, which allows a flight from Bombay to land at 10:01, exactly on time.

The never-ending procession of ramjets, scramjets, rocketplanes, and suborbitals from every city on the planet lands with military precision at more than 200 gates at McCarran. A more concentrated collection of ethnicities cannot be found anywhere. Folks from any tribe you can name, and many you can't, ride sidewalks through the terminals. Announcements are broadcast in a continuous babel, from English to Greek, Spanish to Finnish, Japanese to Balinese, Swahili to German.

Dex and Jaylene follow the signs to the

Fordor station. Dex swipes her Nevada Air Vacation Card in the door lock of a narrow-lane UltraLight, one of the ubiquitous electric subcars available to Fordor subscribers at transit points throughout the world. They drive to the Mirage garage, where they return the vehicle to a valet-parking attendant; Dex will be charged one dollar for the rental.

From the garage, they ride a chairlift to the hotel lobby. The grounds of the 50-year-old resort were expanded to twice their original size in 2029 after Mirage officials finally imploded Treasure Island. Having enjoyed half a century of ornamental horticulture, the Mirage has evolved a mini-ecology all its own. Its 160 acres host a 100-acre rainforest with an

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elaborate system of misters, heat lamps, and fans that keep the microclimate warm and humid year-round. There's a 60-acre salt water bay complete with waves, dolphins, sailboats, and thatched huts. The three-wing hotel tower, which opened at 3,000 rooms, has been downmodeled to 1,500 for exclusivity.

Dex and Jaylene check in and take their places among guests strolling the trails that wind around the grounds, watching for exotic birds and butterflies. The dress code is beach resort—bathing suits, T-shirts, and zoris—and the culture is faux South Seas. The simulation is near total; this is the easiest place in Las Vegas to forget that you're in one of the most inhospitable deserts in the world.

For the rest of the morning, our two Australians-on-holiday soak, swim, sunbathe, and stretch on the beach at the bay. In the early afternoon they get scrubbed, rubbed, wrapped, oiled,

masked, and muddled at the spa in a re-created longhouse.

Then it's time for a late lunch, so they hop on a sidewalk that moves southward to the Monte Carlo. This conveyor is made of Gruvium, a liquid rubber spread on a plasteel base. The polarized vectors cause the sidewalk's rigidity (which diminishes) and velocity (which increases) to vary as riders move from the slow lane to the fast. At the outer edge the Gruvium is solid and slow. Little old Boomers with walkers hobble right on. Nearer the middle, speeds reach six miles per hour, and the surface jiggles like jello. At the speedy tremulloid center, it's like standing on inch-thick moss—at 15 miles per hour. Mostly teenagers ride the fast lane, and they never use the handrail.

Dex and Jaylene hop off at Caesars Palace. This resort-casino, rethemed in 2038, now re-creates the collapse of the Roman Empire. The whole 40-acre property is suspended on a series of motion-

The Eye-D Security Laser checks the women's retinal patterns.

simulating hydraulic platforms. Frequently throughout the day and evening, somewhere in the large public area of restaurants, shops, and fountains, an earthquake occurs.

Dex and Jaylene are having a good time gorging themselves with power bars, vitamin pills, and liquid-protein shakes at Caesars' Power Buffet when the floor starts to roll. Tables rattle, fake beams fall, flames erupt from hidden gas jets. After a few minutes the reeling and rolling cease, although aftershocks are not uncommon. Dex and Jaylene finish their lunch, congratulating each other on having survived a "natural disaster."

Later, Dex and Jaylene slide over to the Stratosphere Tower, where they're whisked up to the observation pod on the 240th floor. They pay their \$5 and get in line for the Gravivator. This thrill ride is loved and feared far and wide. It begins with a leap down a 10-by-10 hole in the floor that drops into a 2,500-foot-deep electromagnetic force field. The EM dynamics confine jumpers to a perfectly vertical descent and regulate their velocity. A 10-foot-thick slab of hyperfoam absorbs the impact at ground zero. Gravivoids can dive-bomb at a screaming 100 percent free-fall for nine seconds, or at 50 percent of free fall, which takes nearly half a minute. This being their first Gravivator experience, Dex and Jaylene opt for the slow setting.

The young Australians dust themselves off and return to the Mirage. At the elevators the Eye-D Security Laser checks the women's retinal patterns, unique as thumbprints but easier to access, which were recorded automatically at check-in. Now a beam from one of the thousands of eye-dentification lasers emplaced around town can instantaneously eye-identify any individual who happens to be in the resort corridor at the time. It happens so fast and unobtrusively that the person is barely aware of it: just a tiny flash on the eyeball.



Up in the room, Dex sets the Enviro. Because it's a gorgeous sunset over the desert, she blacks out the windows, switches on the wallscreen, and activates the panorama macam. True members of their generation, Dex and Jaylene would rather view the scenery through a lens projected onto a screen than look out the window. Of course, they also get to interact with the sunset, programming the colors, movement, and detail till they've created a work of fine art, temporary though it may be.

Dex goes into the bathroom and pees. The toilet announces, "PH neutral; urea, sodium chloride, and phosphoric acid normal; urine slightly concentrated. Drink more water."

"Hey, it's a desert out there," Dex replies. She steps into the shower and switches it to the ultrasound setting. All 1,500 rooms in the Mirage have been retrofitted with waterless showers, so guests have their choice: soap and water, which are known to be harsh on skin and unkind to hair, or an ultrasonic scrub, which vibrates away dirt and tension.

Jaylene dresses for dinner and activates the mimigraph to see how she looks. The multilaser-imaging system synthesizes an exact hologram of her. Jaylene is eyeing the 3-D image critically, as if it's a different person, when Dex emerges from the bathroom. They stand together in the center of the mimigraph, freeze the image in a 2-D holo as a souvenir, and head down to dinner.

They peruse the menu at the Mirage's new Montezuma Room, which serves authentic Aztec food: grilled nopal leaves, roasted honey ants, rose-petal salad, corn-fungus tacos, and fermented cactus

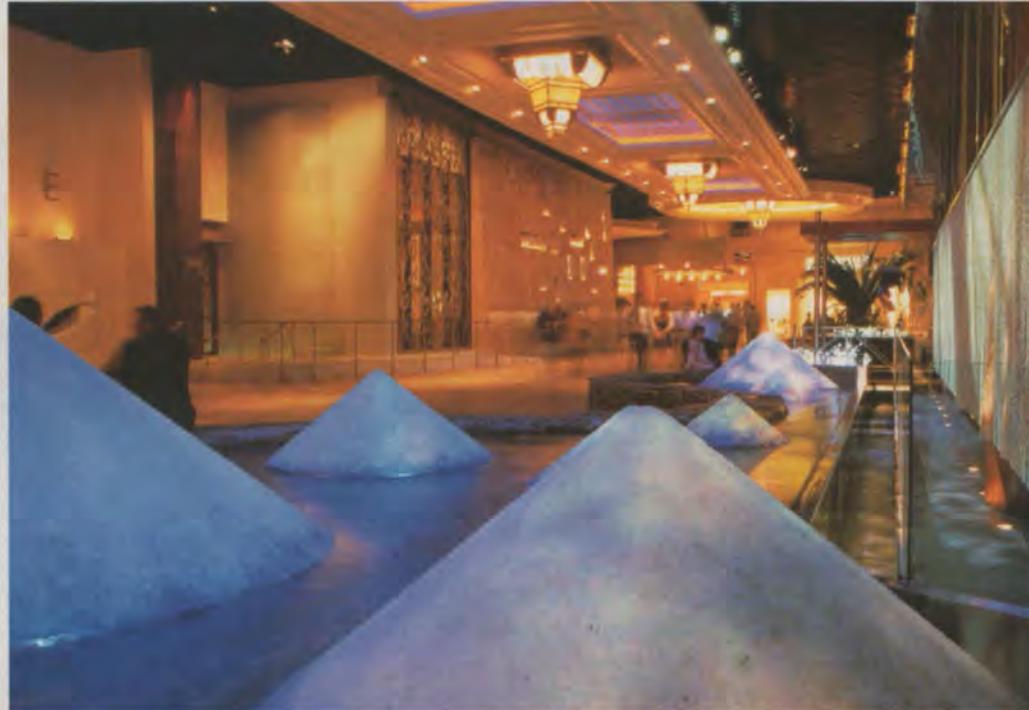
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pulque. They pass on the Aztec and instead opt for a real prime-rib dinner—authentic meat carved right off a cow—although it's served with mashed tofu and synthetic carrots.

After dinner Dex and Jaylene stroll

through the casino and check out the new gambling tech. They watch a three-armed, one-eyed robot deal blackjack. They see self-rolling dice, slot machines the size of spaceships, and Five Hundred Play video poker machines. In the sports book bettors sit at terminals that take bets on a vast array of real-time propositions, the odds continuously changing as the games are played.

The two women sit down at a GameNet terminal and join a virtual race in jet cars—



20-foot-long bullets that streak along simulated salt flats at 800 mph. Jaylene places in two of the five races, so she loses only \$20, but Dex loses all five races and \$50.

Finally, they return to their room and get ready for bed. Jaylene activates the room's ultrasonic transmitters and sets them to vibrate at the frequency that stimulates the brain's pleasure centers. Then she adjusts the noise vider, which cancels out street sounds. That way they fall asleep, awaking late the next morning, rested and refreshed.

After a quick cup of caffix in the Mirage bakery, Dex and Jaylene grab a Fordor from a stall in the parking garage and head out to the Bullet station in North Las Vegas. The Bullet is a high-speed train that employs 50-year-old magnetic-levitation technology to zip commuters into Las Vegas from feeder bedroom communities such as Beatty, Tonopah, Caliente, and Ely. Because the Bullet travels up to 400 mph, the commute time from Tonopah to Las Vegas is a mere 30 minutes.

Our Australians want to see a little of the Nevada countryside, so they catch the Bullet up to Pahrangat Valley and hop off at Alamo, a thriving company town swarming with agricultural technicians. At the pharms, the techs experiment with gengineered crops and transgenic animals: two-ton cows, wolves that herd reindeer, and 70-pound salmon.

After their tour of the pharms, Dex and Jaylene catch the next Bullet up to Ely, with its huge factories that supply Las Vegas

with the lion's share of its fast food. One operation converts single-cell protein—algae, fungi, bacteria, and yeasts cultured from processed sewage—into everything from broccoli to bacon and eggs.

At free-sample counters Dex and Jaylene spy a food that warms the hearts of Australians the world over: emu burgers. They chow down a late lunch of broiled chop meat from Australia's national bird, fries cut from spicy potatoes grown at the pharm, and Dr. Peppers. Thus reminded of home, they catch the Bullet back to Vegas, return to the Mirage, check out, grab a Fordor to the airport, and end their overnight adventure in the great state of Nevada in the year 2040. ▀

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Farewell to Borrasca

As the last century ended, Nevadans sought to put their boom-and-bust heritage behind them.

By Bill Rowley

Today Nevadans move into the new millennium with great confidence. At the turn of the last century, however, the same could not be said. Twenty long years of mining depression had gripped the state by 1900, and a national depression from 1893 to 1897 had further tarnished the Silver State's economy.

So bad were affairs in Nevada that the *Chicago Tribune* urged Congress to end Nevada's statehood. The *Tribune* explained, "The silver mines which made her all she was have been exhausted. She has no other mineral wealth. She has no agricultural resources. She has nothing to attract people, and as a consequence, she is flickering out."

If the immediate past offered a clue to the future, the state's prospects in 1899 were not bright. Four decades earlier Nevada had begun well with the booming Comstock Lode. Congress approved state-

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hood in 1864, making Nevada the third far-Western state after California in 1850 and Oregon in 1859. When the Comstock mines started to fail in 1877, the once lively lode towns of Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City slid into "borrasca"—out of luck and out of ore. By 1900 Nevada's popula-



The rush to Tonopah (above in 1903) led to Goldfield's discovery and Nevada's revival.

tion, barely 40,000, was less than that of present-day Sparks, having declined from a high of nearly 80,000 in the bonanza days of the mid-1870s. The entire state bore the burden of the Comstock's boom-and-bust history. Surely the new century promised more.

Without rich gold and silver mines Nevada became a hard place to live. By the end of the century Nevadans were a ragtag group of hangers-on, hoping against hope for better times. They had tried many gimmicks to bring back the good times, with some schemes still in the offing, but depression had tightened its grip.

Meanwhile, residents suffered the scorn of Eastern editors who saw Nevada as "flickering out" as a state. Even California newspapers considered the state beyond the Sierra an outstanding example of a Western "rotten borough." That phrase, which U.S. Senator William M. Stewart of Nevada called an "onerous epithet," referred to the British practice of allowing

representation in Parliament from boroughs that had little or no population. The members' continued election was assured by their influence, usually through wealth, over the borough's handful of voters. Californians also employed the term "pocket borough" to describe the state as "in the pocket" of whatever rich Californian decided to cross the mountains to buy a U.S. Senate seat from Nevada.

With an electorate of merely 12,000 to 15,000 male voters, the sovereign state of Nevada still persisted, but many questioned it. The Eastern press suggested abolishing Nevada statehood by either converting it back to a territory or divvying it out to neighboring states. Why should the tiny Nevada electorate have equal representation in the U.S. Senate with the millions from Ohio or New York? In 1897, William Sellsworth Smythe, a journalist and articulate champion of Western irrigation, grappled with the Nevada question



Las Vegas was a sleepy outpost before William A. Clark (waving) built his railroad in '05.

in a *Forum Magazine* article entitled, "Shall Nevada Be Deprived of Statehood?" He proposed the nation look to Nevada as the laboratory to solve the arid West's general state of depression. Here the national government should initiate irrigation projects "to make the desert bloom as the rose." Success in Nevada would lead to other projects throughout the West.

Other defenders of Nevada believed the attacks on Nevada's statehood were attempts to punish Nevada for embracing the silver cause. Indeed, by 1900 Nevadans were licking their wounds suffered in the campaign for silver money in the previous decade. Silver-money coinage had assumed messianic powers to bring Nevada and other Western mining states out of depression—a cure-all for the ills of collapsed mining economies. The silver cause stood for the free and unlimited coinage of silver and called for the U.S. treasury to buy up silver produced by Western mines on the basis of one part gold to 16 parts silver. The subsequent rise in the price of silver, advocates argued, would stimulate new investment and lead to new ore strikes, possibly as rich as the Comstock.

The cause took on aspects of a religious crusade in the state. In 1892 Nevada silverites formed a third party that attracted more support than the two established parties. Nevadans cheered when William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska led the Democratic Party to support silver in 1896 and enthralled the party convention with his famous "Cross of Gold" speech. Great was the wailing when Bryan lost the presidential election to Republican William Mc-

Kinley, who supported the gold standard.

Although defeated, silver remained the fondest of causes in Nevada. When the national Democratic Party adopted silver, the Democrats suddenly became more popular than the Republicans. As a result Nevada entered the new century generally loyal to the Democratic Party—a sharp break from its staunch Republican support since the Civil War.

The passing of the silver craze forced the state to look carefully at other paths to recovery. Nevada Congressman Francis G. Newlands thought he had the answer. He was a California transplant or, as some preferred to say, a carpetbagger, who moved to Nevada in 1888, taking advantage of the state's weak and pliable political structure. Newlands also was helped by his great wealth, inherited from his father-in-law, William Sharon, a Comstock financier and banker.

Newlands believed the future of Nevada rested with its irrigated agricultural lands, not with silver. He foresaw a stable small-farmer society as the answer to the hazards and injustices, such as great disparity in wealth, caused by the boom-and-bust cycles of a mining society. He believed one of the first steps toward righting the ship of state in Nevada must be the removal of the Southern Pacific Railroad as the major player in Nevada politics. Power in the future should rest upon the shoulders of an industrious farmer population as Nevada became a part of a "back to the land" movement that encouraged city dwellers to seek relief from the struggles of urban life on small farms.

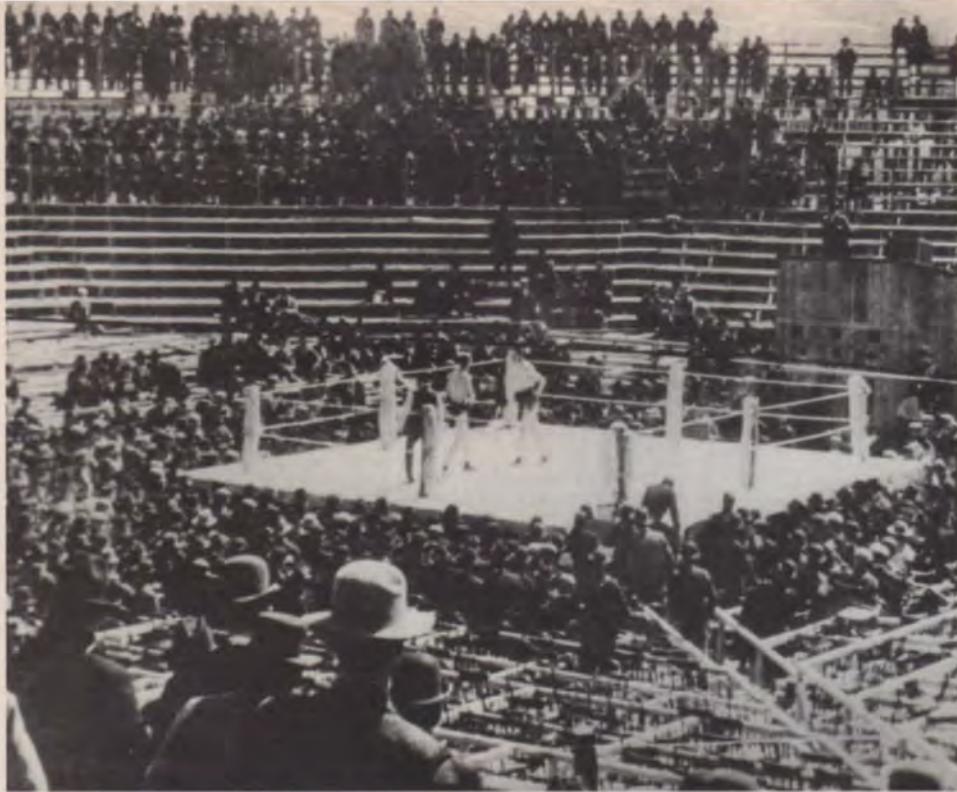
By 1900 Newlands realized that aid from the national government must be sought. He began to refer to irrigation as "reclamation." He portrayed a noble project that would reclaim the wastes of the American desert for the gardens of civilization. In 1902, as a congressman from Nevada, Newlands was instrumental in the passage of the National Reclamation Act that brought federal aid to Western irrigation projects. The next year he achieved his political goal of a U.S. Senate seat, which he held until his death in 1917.

While Newlands plotted and planned, other events beyond his control released new energies in Nevada. It was in 1900 that erstwhile rancher-prospector Jim Butler made important silver and gold discoveries at Tonopah, to be followed two years later by rich gold-ore finds 25 miles to the south at Goldfield. These two discoveries began Nevada's 20th-century mining boom and rescued the state from its prolonged depression. Meanwhile, large corporations invested in copper mining and smelting near Ely in response to demands for copper created by the new electrical age of the 20th century.

While many despaired of Nevada as 1899 turned into 1900, the new century brought hope and renewal for the state. The town that was perhaps most confident and forward-looking was Reno. It had continued to grow after the failure of the Comstock mines. Built on the site of the major depot for the transcontinental railroad, Reno drew its life from the railroad



Jim Butler, who discovered ore at Tonopah in 1900, made most deals on a handshake.



The Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout in 1897 was the first great Nevada "boomer" fight.

and from the ranches and farms of the Truckee Meadows and the wider ranges of Nevada. Reno, with a growing population of 3,500, contrasted sharply with the abandoned mining towns scattered throughout the state.

Las Vegas was not yet a town but a gathering of several ranches in that faraway midpoint between the Mormons of Salt Lake City and the burgeoning population of Southern California. It took the building of the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad by promoter-entrepreneur William A. Clark in 1905 to create the town of Las Vegas. By 1910 new railroads, including the Western Pacific across Northern Nevada, further indicated the revival of Nevada's economy.

In most respects Reno was the crucible of the new Nevada at the beginning of the century—a Nevada soon to say good-bye to the borrasca and rotten borough images of the 19th century. Reno life reflected hope for the state's future and harbored the vices that eventually shaped Nevada's economic life in the new century. Gambling in the hurdy-gurdy houses and saloons was already widespread. The beginnings of matrimonial economics emerged under permissive marriage and divorce laws. The state also looked tolerantly on glove contests, or boxing matches, that drew out-of-state tourists. At the same time Reno became the center of a progressive reform element that decried vice and advocated a "model commonwealth" with irrigated small farms, trade, and manufacturing centers. This progressive

element staged a dramatic victory in 1909 when it persuaded the state legislature to ban gambling.

Easy divorce in Nevada first attracted wide publicity in 1899 when the English peer the Second Earl Russell obtained a Nevada divorce under the liberal divorce laws in place since the territorial period of the early 1860s. Over the years the legislature had not tightened the laws, as had other states faced with increasing incidents of divorce in an industrializing and urbanizing nation. Few could predict that by 1910 Reno would be recognized as the divorce capital of the United States, cele-

brated in song by Billy Murray on a popular record, "I'm on My Way to Reno." Its second verse declared:

*I'm on my way to Reno,
I'm leaving town today.
It's liberty or death with me,
My hair is turning gray.
Reno life is simply great,
They grant divorces while you wait.
Shouting the Battle Cry of Freedom.*

Marriage, too, was an emerging industry. By 1897 California, in an attempt to discourage divorce, made it illegal to marry less than one year after obtaining a divorce. Not so in Nevada. Between 1897 and 1900 many couples made their way to Reno to say their wedding vows to new spouses. Matrimony, in both its initiation and its abrupt end, brought revenues to Nevada from outside the state, foreshadowing Nevada's early 20th-century reputation as the nation's divorce center.

Tourism became Nevada's most important source of outside wealth in the early 1900s. Boxing events drew crowds to Nevada as no other events had since the early gold and silver rushes. The Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, which earned wide publicity when it was staged in Carson City in 1897, was an outstanding example. Nevada welcomed glove contests, generally frowned upon in other states. Large, free-spending crowds came to the fights. Contests at new town sites helped promote the sale of lots and mining shares. In the first decade of the century Nevada earned a national reputation for the fights it staged, particularly under the guiding hand of promoter Tex Rickard, who later ran Madison Square Garden in New York.



Lahontan Dam near Fallon was part of Francis Newlands' dream of a small-farmer society.



Nevada's financial and social center, Reno in 1910 (above) boasted more than 10,000 residents as it grew into Nevada's largest city.

Rickard's most famous Nevada fight was the Jeffries-Johnson bout, staged in Reno on July 4, 1910.

These activities, shunned by other states as socially unacceptable and harmful, appeared to be desperate attempts by a failing state to garner revenue from whatever unsavory source. Some called upon Nevadans to seek nobler paths to economic recovery. President Joseph E. Stubbs of the University of Nevada denounced the presence of legalized prostitution in Reno and urged male students to seek "systematic manhood." Reno's clergy opposed the city's hosting of prizefights. The Reverend L.H. Burwell of Reno's Methodist church said it brought "disgrace" to Reno and attracted "riffraff."

In 1905, Newlands, who clung to his ideals about fostering the growth of a small-farmer society in Nevada, cheered the completion by the Reclamation Service of the Derby Diversion Dam on the Truckee River east of Reno. The dam would launch the Truckee-Carson Project and lead to the creation of the farming community of Fallon. Newlands and other Renoites, such as suffragette Anne Martin and land promoter Robert Fulton, believed the project would open the door to Nevada's

agricultural future. It foretold the transformation of Nevada into a "model commonwealth"—the home of families instead of a wandering homeless population of men.

The federal dollars spent on the reclamation project, the new boom in mining,

Nevada would become the home of families instead of a wandering homeless population of men.

and a surge in railroad building all added up to a prosperous Nevada in the first decade of the new century. Nevada's rejuvenated economy and blooming fields shamed those who had demanded the termination of statehood.

At the same time, these developments made Nevada ripe for the reform impulses of the Progressive movement that swept the nation as the century began. Reno residents, especially those associated with the

university and church communities, embraced the movement. It envisioned reform of the political system toward more democracy, restrictions on the activities of corporations in American life, and finally social uplift and the protection of weaker members of society, especially women, children, and injured workmen (but not minorities). The progressive reformers criticized boxing, the loose attitudes toward marriage and divorce, the presence of open prostitution in Nevada's towns, the ever-present saloon in Nevada's mining society, and the ongoing practice of gambling in the saloons, which the reformers brought to a temporary halt by 1910.

As Nevada entered the new century, these competing visions vied openly. The decades ahead would reveal that Nevada was to follow the rollicking pathways staked out by its 19th-century open-door saloon and mining society. ▀

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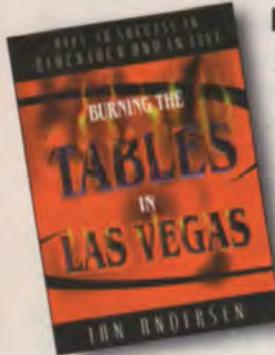


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Recent releases for the holidays.

The First 100: Portraits of Men and Women Who Shaped Las Vegas

by A.D. Hopkins and K.J. Evans. Huntington Press, 3687 S. Procyon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103. 288 pages, \$34.95, published in hardcover. Earlier this year the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* embarked on an ambitious project to commemorate the end of the millennium by compiling profiles of 100 people who helped to shape Southern Nevada. Published in three special sections, the stories covered not only the 19th-century explorers like John C. Fremont but also modern business figures like banker E. Parry Thomas and builder Del Webb. This coffee-table book, lavishly illustrated with more than 500 historic photographs, collects the features written and edited by A.D. Hopkins and the late K.J. Evans, both past editors of *The Nevadan*, the *Review-Journal*'s former Sunday magazine.



Burning the Tables in Las Vegas: Keys to Success in Blackjack and in Life

by Ian Andersen. Huntington Press, 3687 South Procyon Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103. 305 pages, \$27.95, hardcover (ISBN 0-929712-83-8).

In the mid-1970s Andersen wrote *Turning the Tables on Las Vegas*, one of the first books to reveal how to make money at casino blackjack. Now he has written a sequel that updates and expands his philosophy. The book describes basic blackjack strategies (when to double down, when to split) and how the game has changed over the years (the introduction of multiple decks). Andersen focuses on blackjack's psychological aspects and how to improve one's health and happiness. Think of it as Zen Blackjack.

Guide to Fly Fishing Pyramid Lake

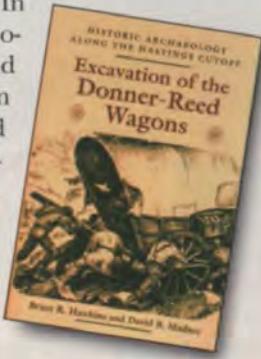
by Terry Barron. David Communications, 6171 Tollgate, Sisters, OR 97759. 52 pages,

\$15.95, paper (ISBN 0-9637256-3-7). Veteran Reno fly fisherman Barron has fished Pyramid for nearly three decades. Here he offers a brief history and geology of the lake before tackling such topics as proper equipment, when and where to fish the lake, favorite flies for Pyramid trout, and angling techniques. The well-illustrated book is aimed at the experienced fly fisherman looking for an edge.

Excavation of the Donner-Reed Wagons: Historic Archaeology Along the Hastings Cutoff

by Bruce R. Hawkins and David B. Madsen. University of Utah Press, 1795 E. South Campus Dr., Suite 101, Salt Lake City, UT 84112-9402. 178 pages, \$14.95, paper (ISBN: 0-87480-605-4). In 1986, archaeologists Hawkins and Madsen began excavating and preserving the remains of wagons abandoned near the Great Salt Lake in 1846 by the ill-fated Donner-Reed

Party. The team had limited time because the dig site was going to be destroyed by the construction of evaporation ponds. The book offers a brief overview of the Donner-Reed Party and is illustrated with maps, drawings, site plans, and photographs of the discovered artifacts.



Nevada Post Card Album: Views of Photographic Nevada, 1903-1928

by Robert Greenwood. Fred Holabird Americana, 701 Gold Run Court, Reno, NV 89511. 220 pages, \$24.95, paper (ISBN 0-9664632-0-X). Las Vegan Robert Greenwood has collected the images of nearly 400 rare photographic postcards produced in the early 20th century. The black-and-white photos, most of which have never been reproduced before, offer fascinating glimpses of dozens of Nevada towns and mining camps. Some of the postcards capture events such as a spectacular fire on Reno's Commercial Row in 1909 and Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Reno in 1912.

Windshield Adventuring in Southern and Central Nevada

by Russell and Kathlynn Spencer. Self-published, 3600 S. Harbor Blvd., No. 338, Oxnard, CA 93035. 90 pages, \$15.95, published in paperback. The Spencers, who wrote a similar

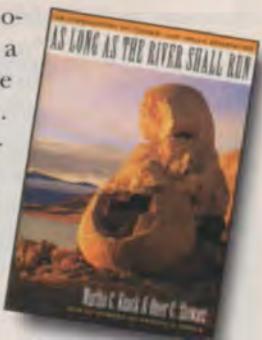
book about the Mojave Desert, have produced a folksy Nevada guidebook with six suggested itineraries, each of which take about a day. For instance, the Day One trip includes visits to Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Valley of Fire, and the Desert Valley Museum in Mesquite.

Preserving the Glory Days: Ghost Towns and Mining Camps of Nye County, Nevada

by Shawn Hall. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557-0076. 320 pages, \$21.95, paper (ISBN 0-87417-317-5). Hall, author of *Old Heart of Nevada: Ghost Towns and Mining Camps of Elko County* and *Romancing Nevada's Past: Ghost Towns and Historic Sites of Eureka, Lander, and White Pine Counties*, both published by University of Nevada Press, has produced a greatly expanded version of a Nye County ghost town book that he published in 1981. Hall has meticulously researched the histories of 175 communities and assesses the condition of any structures still standing. *Preserving the Glory Days* features more than 100 historic and contemporary black-and-white photos.

As Long as the River Shall Run: An Ethnohistory of Pyramid Lake

by Martha C. Knack and Omer C. Stewart with a new afterword by Martha C. Knack. University of Nevada Press, Reno, NV 89557-0076. 488 pages, \$19.95, paper (ISBN 0-87417-334-5). Originally published in 1984, *As Long as the River Shall Run* is considered one of the most comprehensive historical, cultural, and economic studies of a Great Basin tribe ever produced. UNLV anthropology professor Martha C. Knack and anthropologist Omer C. Stewart, who compiled research for more than four decades, document the conflicts and challenges faced by the Pyramid Lake Paiutes during the last century on issues like land use and water rights. This new edition updates the story and traces recent litigation involving the tribe.—Richard Moreno



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Countdown to Millennium Eve

Getting ready for Nevada's biggest party in 1,000 years.

By Connie Emerson

As Father Time checks the second hand on his wristwatch, Nevada casinos and communities are completing plans for Millennium Weekend events. Although only \$2,500 tickets may be left for Barbra Streisand's MGM Grand concert and some room rates remain high, other entertainment—some pricey adult

extravaganzas, others inexpensive or family-oriented—offer additional ways to spend your Nevada Millennium Eve.

Large crowds are anticipated in Las Vegas. Among the 500,000 people expected to party on the Las Vegas Strip will be the gamblers invited to a V.I.P. weekend of parties and concerts by big-name entertainers. The high rollers will be joined



Bette Midler greets the new age at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

by paying guests who have coughed up rather large sums to buy the hotels' millennium packages.

Revelers without reservations will find that the Mirage properties—Bellagio, Mirage, and Treasure Island—and some other Strip hotels will either close their doors to nonguests in the early evening or have restrictions. For example, nonhotel guests are welcome at Caesars Palace, but only those who are in cocktail attire will be admitted. Caesars also plans to fence the property and have security guards patrolling to prevent damage to the statuary and grounds. A word of advice from hotel officials: Plan to arrive early.

At the downtown Las Vegas party, there'll be dancing in the streets at the big Fremont Street Experience. Entertainment on two stages begins at 7 p.m. The price tag is \$100 per person.

In Reno and Sparks, casino festivities will range from free noisemakers and champagne at midnight to special showroom entertainment and V.I.P. parties. Outside the Cal-Neva's Virginian, a video-sign countdown as well as midnight fireworks will herald the coming of the new millennium in downtown Reno.

Carson City's special countdown celebration encompasses the last five days of 1999, with each day's exhibits and activities



New Year's partiers will pay \$100 admission at the Fremont Street Experience in downtown Las Vegas.



Tony Bennett opens the century at the Desert Inn.

themed to a period in the area's history from "Prelude to Statehood, 1800-1864" on December 27 to "The Next Millennium" on December 31. Other millennium events in the state capital include

a "Millennium Blast for Kids" at the Community Center Gym.

At Lake Tahoe, plans are being made for all-night skiing at Squaw Valley U.S.A. On the other side of the lake, Heavenly is offering millennium packages valid December 26-January 2 so skiers can "kick-off to a new millennium at high altitude."

Rooms and Showrooms

Room reservations are advised, but room availability and rates at Nevada's big-city hotels come December 31 can't be predicted. Las Vegas observers say that after an initial rush on pricey packages, the demand tapered off. Since room rates are always fluid because they depend on supply and demand, those who are still looking for holiday lodging may be in luck. One tourism expert says, "Las Vegas is going to be full. It's just a question of when people are going to book and what the rooms will go for at the time." Too, hotels in Las Vegas, Reno, Tahoe, and Laughlin that have reserved rooms for invited guests will undoubtedly have some cancellations. Traditionally, these rooms are released to the public around Thanksgiving, and the

situation is evaluated periodically after that.

"Three or four days before New Year's, don't be shy about phoning hotels if you don't have a room," says Kerri Garcia of Harrah's Reno. "That's really when things happen and people cancel or change plans."

Among the hotel packages, the Desert Inn's "Millennium Madness" (\$2,000 a night plus tax, three-night minimum) includes a suite plus two tickets to see Don Rickles. Tony Bennett, who is performing at a private party for Desert Inn guests on New Year's Eve, will appear January 1-2 in shows open to the public at \$129 per person.

Other headliners playing Las Vegas on New Year's Eve include Hall and Oates at Caesars Palace, Pat Benatar at the Las Vegas Hilton, and Bette Midler at Mandalay Bay.

Just in case you have \$150,000 to spare, Paris Las Vegas will arrange dinner for you and 32 guests atop the hotel's Eiffel Tower replica. The deal includes a luxury suite for the host and a guest, three days of "feasting" for two people, limo, unlimited



Party-goers at the Eldorado in Reno can combine a performance of "Spirit of the Dance: The New Millennium" with dinner at one of the hotel's gourmet restaurants.

pampering at the spa, logo robes, and champagne flutes.

The Eldorado in Reno plans dinner packages in its four fine-dining restaurants that can be combined with the Irish-dance show "Spirit of the Dance: The New Millennium." The rock group Steel Breeze will play in the Brew Brothers microbrewery, and there will be a 1 a.m. dance party in the Eldorado's convention center. A lim-

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ited number of "all access" passes for \$150 are available to the various parties.

Willie Nelson will perform two shows in the Celebrity Showroom at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks on December 31 (\$60 to \$100 for the 8 p.m. show, \$100 to \$150 for the 11 p.m. show). Dave Martin's House Party Band will play for a dinner-dance in the Nugget's Rose Ballroom; \$149 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, sit-down dinner, and drinks.

Reno Hilton "Blues Traveler" packages, including a room for three nights, dinner for two at Andiamo or the Steak House on December 31, and two tickets to each of the December 30 and 31 Blues Traveler shows, cost \$1,600. Fitzgeralds in Reno offers a "Big Screen Buffet" for \$14.95 per person and free entertainment throughout the casino all night long.

If you don't need the money for a down payment on a house, you might decide to spend \$7,500 on a "Regal Millennium Wedding Package" offered by Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. You'll get a two-night stay in a deluxe room with spa tub, champagne and champagne glasses, chocolate-dipped strawberries, breakfast buffet, and two tickets to the December 30 Elton John and Tina Turner concert, plus a wedding with special touches.

Las Vegas neighborhood casinos are planning parties, most of them less expensive than those on the Strip. For example, Texas Station is offering five-day, four-night packages with accommodations and two tickets to the Club Millennium 2000 party for \$1,999. At the Showboat, a

ballroom party featuring dinner and dancing to the Bobby Morris Orchestra costs \$119 per person.

New Year's for the Kids

Las Vegas youngsters and visiting kids can celebrate, too. Opportunity Village is sponsoring "First Night Las Vegas 2000," a family affair featuring children's games in the gym and dancing to the music of a live band.

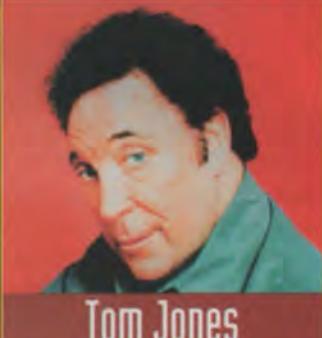
"It will be nothing like the Strip," says Angela Hicks, special events coordinator. "Our Magical Forest will be open for strolling, too." One of the top Las Vegas

holiday attractions, the urban forest's centerpiece is Santa's Castle, sponsored by FAO Schwartz.

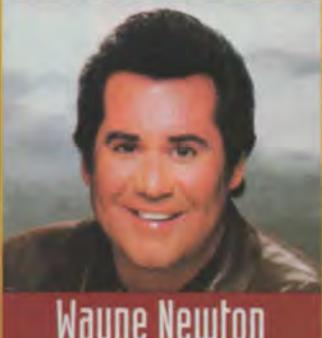
The Lied Discovery Children's Museum "Millennium Sleepover" begins with a kid-pleasing buffet with macaroni and cheese and chicken nuggets (sparkley jello squares and brownies for dessert). After-dinner activities include face painting, movies, and dance-freeze contests with a live DJ.

The annual "All-Night Skate" is scheduled for the Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex in Las Vegas. Manager Teresa Newmiller says, "Kids

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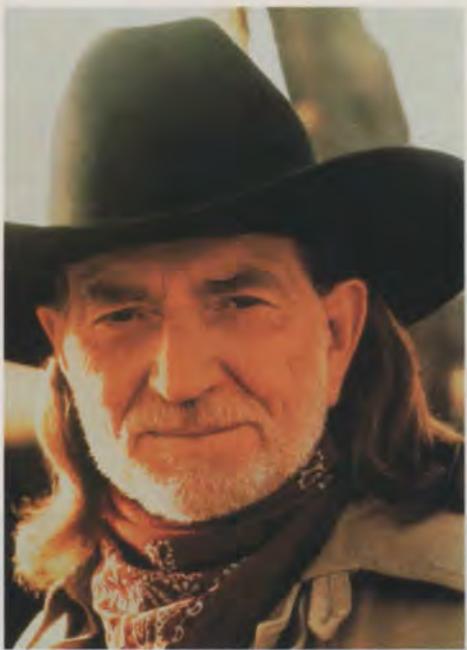
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Willie Nelson performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget.

should bring sleeping bags and pillows. If they want to sleep, they find places on top of and under the tables, but about 90 percent of them stay up all night."

Rural Extravaganzas

In Pioche, the big event will be a prime-rib buffet at the Grubsteak Restaurant after midnight, complete with souvenir plates and champagne flutes.

"Along with the prime rib, we'll serve our customers' favorite desserts—bread pudding, cheesecake, coconut cream pie, and chocolate pecan torte," says Judee Joseph, the Grubsteak's owner. "The room will be gaily decorated with balloons and



Pat Benatar headlines at the Las Vegas Hilton.

everything." Since the party will be the Pioche equivalent of a black-tie affair, remember to shine your cowboy boots.

In Mesquite, Jerry Joyce, president of the town's events board, says, "Usually, when we have fireworks, like on Fourth of July, they start at dark-thirty. But since on New Year's there's a lot of dark between dark-thirty and midnight, we're going to have some kind of party so people will have something to do." Joyce says festivities probably will include kids' games and food booths.

Jack Saunders, owner of Pahrump Valley Winery, plans a first-come, first-served party. "We're going to clear the win-



Families can spend New Year's Eve at Opportunity Village's Magical Forest in Las Vegas.

ery out and have a big dance," Saunders says. The \$100 per person price includes dinner with wines and dancing to a live band. Saunders will also do a millennium release of four new wines.

In Caliente, RSVP and the Senior Centers of Lincoln County are sponsoring a millennium potluck party. Alma Shafer, event chairman, says, "Anyone can come, and it's all free. Everybody brings just what they want to bring to the potluck, and it turns out right every time." There will be live entertainment and fireworks.

Folks in Fallon are planning a bell-ringer of a Millennium Weekend. Kicking off the community celebration will be an after-dark snake dance around a giant bonfire at the Churchill County Fairgrounds

"We'll ring every bell we can get a hold of in the valley."

on December 30; Fallon Naval Air Station personnel started saving wood for the bonfire last summer.

The next night, the first round of fireworks will begin about 5:30 p.m. At 9 o'clock, a hangar at the Naval Air Station will serve as the venue for a big community dance with a live rock 'n' roll band. At midnight, more fireworks will be accompanied by the ringing of bells—church bells, school bells, cowbells.

"We'll ring every bell we can get a hold of in the valley," says Anne Pershing, a planning committee member. "When people ask me what to do with the kids, I say to wake them up and bring 'em. It's something they'll remember all their lives."

Making New Year's Plans

See this issue's "Millennium Countdown Calendar" and "Showguide" for further details on New Year's community events and casino headliner shows.

For information on Las Vegas room reservations call 800-332-5333. For Reno-Sparks accommodations call 800-FOR-RENO. General information can be found on Las Vegas' Web site, www.lasvegas24hours.com. Reno's Web address is www.playreno.com.

Connie Emerson is a Reno-based travel writer.

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Millennium Countdown

CALENDAR

Nevada, with its glittering resorts, friendly small-town festivals, and scenic and man-made attractions, is planning a once-in-a-lifetime celebration for the millennium. Instead of one party, one night, Nevada welcomes visitors to 15 months of festivities from Nevada Day weekend, October 30-31, 1999, to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, 2001. Following is a statewide day-by-day guide to events and entertainers. Dates are subject to change, so it is wise to confirm dates and times. Each event is color-coded to the Nevada Territory Map.

October 1999

- **27-31 Nevada Day Celebration:** Parade on Sat., Oct. 30, plus a carnival, entertainment, booths, arts and crafts, and dances launch Nevada's 15-month millennium celebration. Carson City, 775-882-2600.
- **30 Fallon Millennium Kick-Off:** Parade, carnival, art show, food, entertainment. Convention Center, Fallon, 800-874-0903.
- **30 Nevada's Millennium Celebration Kick-Off Festivities:** Fireworks and state millennium kick-off festivities will take place at the Ormsby House as part of Nevada Day weekend. Carson City, 775-882-1890 ext. 3301

November 1999

- **1-3 Pennzoil World of Outlaws:** Sprint cars race on one-half-mile dirt track, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4443.
- **1-7 National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals:** The nation's top cowboys and cowgirls, 40 and older, compete in all the traditional rodeo events. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-323-8842 or 775-688-5751
- **1-7 "Rent":** Broadway musical plays at the Las Vegas Hilton, 702-732-5735 or 800-222-5361
- **1-10 Michael Martin Murphey** headlines at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300 or 800-843-2427
- **1-14 Circles of Art:** Exhibit and sale of wreaths to benefit Very Special Arts Nevada, Lake Mansion, Reno, 775-826-6100.
- **1-14 Marc Chagall Exhibition:** Exhibit of 50 paintings by Russian-born artist. Las Vegas Art Museum, 702-360-8000.
- **2 Voices of the African Diaspora:** Discussion of the history and customs of African cultures. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211
- **2-7 The Righteous Brothers** headline at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111
- **2-7 Louie Fontaine and the Rockets** perform classic rock and roll at the Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777
- **3-6 Williams and Ree** appear at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.
- **4 Best of Tahoe:** Food and wine tasting. Harrah's Tahoe, Stateline, 775-588-4804.
- **4-6 Western Heritage Festival:** Cowboy poetry gathering featuring chautauquas, Western music, entertainment, vendors, arts and crafts, pickup truck dis-



Nevada Territory Map

To assist you in your travels through Nevada, the state has been divided into the following territories:

- Reno-Tahoe Territory
- Cowboy Country
- Pony Express Territory

- Pioneer Territory
- Las Vegas Territory
- Indian Territory

play, and hot-air balloons. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-658-4679.

- **4-7 Howie Mandel** headlines at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544.
- **4-7 Dennis Miller** appears at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, 702-733-4566 or 800-634-6900.
- **4-7 The Everly Brothers** are booked into the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.
- **4-7 Squaw Valley Film Festival:** Preview ski and snowboard films. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.
- **4-17 George Carlin** headlines at Bally's, Las Vegas, 702-967-4567 or 800-237-SHOW.
- **5 Beer Tasting and Auction:** Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.
- **5 Wild Mango** performs Latin music at the Cal-Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, 530-546-4602.
- **5-6 Rhymer's Rodeo Poetry:** Tales of

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the trail and Western lore. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.

• **5-7 "Boys and Ghouls Together":** Campy farce with mayhem, potions, and crocodiles. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877.

• **5-7 Christmas Gift and Craft Show:** Cashman Center, Las Vegas, 702-798-4944.

• **5-7 Japan Festival:** Music and performances Nov. 5-6, Fremont Street Experience. Exhibits, food fair, and theater Nov. 6-7 Charleston Heights Center, 702-736-1515.

• **5-7 Native American Arts and International Film Festival:** Parade, golf tournament, art and food booths, film festival. Las Vegas, 702-365-5686.

• **5-7, 12-14, and 19-20 "Love, Sex, and the IRS":** Comedy of false and mistaken identities. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-558-7275.

• **5-7, 12-14, and 19-21 "Annie Get Your Gun":** Musical performed by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

• **6 Storytelling:** Stories of African-American culture and history told through drama and song. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

• **6 International Drum Festival:** West Las Vegas Library, 702-647-8169.

• **6 National Automobile Museum's 10th Anniversary Celebration:** Free admission. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

• **6 Doll and Teddy Bear Show:** Juried show and displays by professionals and amateurs, antique and modern dolls. Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8877.

• **6 Oak Ridge Boys** appear at the CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

• **6 Living History Program: Old Bill Williams, Mountain Man:** First owner of the Spring Mountain Ranch in the early 1840s. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

• **6 Festival Americana:** Native American and pioneer crafts, demonstrations, entertainment, and food. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

• **6 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• **6 U of N, Reno Wolf Pack v. Idaho:** Football. Mackay Stadium, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

• **6 Veterans Day Celebration and Concert:** Civic Center Plaza, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

• **6 Fashion Show:** Fashions by Chanel and dinner. Bellagio, Las Vegas, 702-434-2666.

• **6 Ruby Mountain Symphony Concert:** Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091.

• **6 Craft and Business Bazaar:** Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091.

• **6 NASCAR Late Model Open Competition Race:** 3/8-mile paved oval. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-632-8422.

• **6 John Nilson Concert:** Pianist. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **6-7 Vienna Choir Boys:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801.

• **6-7 Antique and Collectible Show:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-382-7043.

• **6-7 Etta James and the Roots Band** perform at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 800-HARRAHS.

• **6-7 and 12-14 "Guys and Dolls, Broadway Junior Version":** Stage Kids production. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **7 Concert 76 Plus 4 Trombones:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **7 Tour Las Vegas: Ride of the Century:** Fully supported bicycle tour that begins on the Las Vegas Strip. Rides are 10, 40, and 60 miles through such areas as Red Rock, Green Valley, and Boulder City and along the shoreline of Lake Mead. 775-588-9658.

• **7 Living History Program: Jim Wilson:** Story of the one of the first pioneers in the Las Vegas Valley. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

• **7 Coffee Shop Sundays: Sierra Winds:** Hot java, edibles, and chamber music. Silver Springs Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

• **7-8 Keno Tournament:** Eldorado, Reno, 800-777-5325.

• **7-9 \$1 Slot Marathon:** John Ascuaga's Nugget,

• **10 UNLV Community Band Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **10 Pablo Cruise** appears at Arizona Charlie's, Las Vegas, 702-258-5100.

• **10 Todd Green Concert:** Multi-instrumentalist, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **10-13 Huey Lewis and The News** headlines at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544.

• **11 Veterans Day Parade:** Historic town's salute to the military. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **11 Pomegranate Art Festival:** Arts and crafts, pomegranate jelly, entertainment. Art Gallery, Overton, 702-397-8323.

• **11 Veterans Day:** Patriotic programs at the Veterans Cemetery, Boulder City, 702-486-5920.

• **11-12 Tom Jones** headlines at John Ascuaga's



University of Nevada football fans will crowd Reno's Mackay Stadium November 20 for the Utah State game.

Sparks, 800-843-2427

• **7-9 Blackjack Fever Tournament:** Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777

• **7-10 2001 Slot Odyssey:** Slot tournament has a \$1,000 entry fee, \$30,000 top prize. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-891-1111

• **8 Meet the Winemaker:** Dinner and wines from the featured winery. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611

• **8-14 PageNet Championship:** LPGA players compete in a \$1-million tournament. Desert Inn Golf Course, Las Vegas, 702-733-GOLF.

• **9 The Cashore Marionettes:** Pennsylvania-based artists pull strings in Nevada. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **9-14 49er Encampment:** 50th anniversary celebration includes family events, reenactments, gold panning, cowboy poetry. Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, 760-786-2345.

• **9-14 Debbie Reynolds** performs at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

• **9-14 An Acoustic Evening With Dan Seals:** Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

• **9-14 The Checkmates** perform at River Palms, Laughlin, 702-298-2242.

• **9-14 The Everly Brothers** headline at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111

Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300 or 800-843-2427

• **11-12 Ricky Martin:** The crazy life comes to the Events Center, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 702-632-7580 or 702-474-4000. (Sold out on Nov. 12.)

• **11-14 PageNet Tour Championship:** Top 30 LPGA golfers compete in a season-ending tournament for a \$1-million purse. Desert Inn Golf Club, Las Vegas, 888-254-4653.

• **11-14 The Temptations** headline at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, 702-733-4566 or 800-634-6909.

• **11-14 Reba McEntire** performs at the Las Vegas Hilton, 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361

• **11-24 Lou Rawls and Michael Pace** appear at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300 or 800-843-2427

• **12 Camelot for Kids:** Fashion show of kids' fashions from Neiman Marcus and an Italian dinner to benefit Opportunity Village. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3741

• **12-13 Las Vegas IMCA Modified Race:** 1/2-mile clay oval. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-632-8422.

• **12-13 The Righteous Brothers** headline at the Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-329-4777 or 800-687-7733.

• **12-13 Pair-O-Dice Square Dance Club Fall Jamboree:** Square and round dancing, work-

Season Tip-Offs

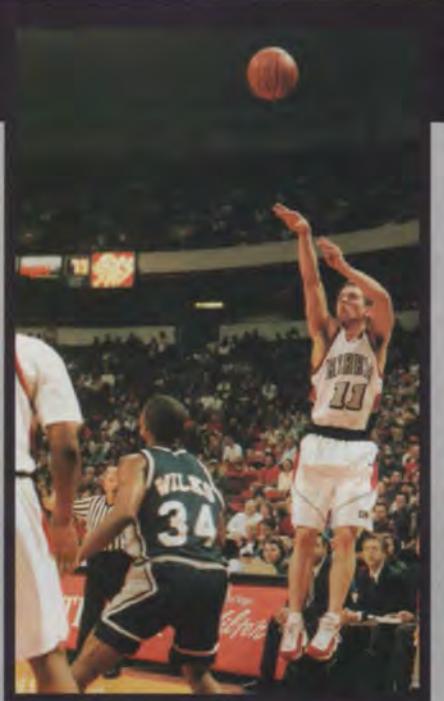
Basketball fans can greet the new millennium with lots of hoop action as Nevada's university and pro teams play their 1999-2000 home schedules:

Las Vegas

UNLV Men's Basketball: The Runnin' Rebels play Nov. 21 v. Fairfield, Nov. 24 v. U of N, Reno Wolf Pack, Nov. 28 v. Georgetown, Dec. 15 v. Austin Peay State, Dec. 18 in Las Vegas Shootout v. Oklahoma State (other game: Arizona v. Nebraska), Dec. 21 v. Cal Poly, Dec. 28 v. Eastern Kentucky, Jan. 4 v. High Point, Jan. 10 v. BYU, Jan. 22 v. San Diego State, Feb. 5 v. Utah, Feb. 10 v. Colorado State, Feb. 12 v. Wyoming, Feb. 22 v. Florida Atlantic, Feb. 26 v. Air Force, March 4 v. New Mexico, March 9-11 Mountain West Conference Basketball Tournament. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-UNLV.

UNLV Women's Basketball: The Lady Rebels play Nov. 23 v. Southern Utah, Nov. 27-28 in the UNLV Tournament with Louisiana Tech, Southeast Missouri State, and Weber State, Dec. 28 v. Cal State Fullerton, Jan. 4 v. Navy, Jan. 8 v. Valparaiso, Jan. 13 v. BYU, Jan. 15 v. Utah, Feb. 3 v. Colorado State, Feb. 5 v. Wyoming, Feb. 17 v. Air Force, Feb. 19 v. New Mexico, Feb. 26 v. San Diego State, March 8-11 Mountain West Conference Tournament. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-UNLV.

Las Vegas Silver Bandits: Team plays its first International Basketball League season. Nov. 26 v. San Diego, Dec. 22 v. St. Louis, Dec. 26 v. New Mexico, Jan. 12 v. Cincinnati, Jan. 15 v. Baltimore, Jan. 28 v. New Mexico, Feb. 2 v. Baltimore, Feb. 7 v. St. Louis, Feb. 8 v. San Diego, Feb. 13 v. Cincinnati, Feb. 14 and 16 v. Trenton, Feb. 19, 20, and 27 v. St. Louis, March 1 and 4 v. Richmond, March 5 and 14 v. Baltimore, March 19 v. San Diego, March 27 and 29 v. Trenton, March 31-April 1 v. San Diego, April 7 and 9 v. Cincinnati, April 11 v. New Mexico, April 12 v. Richmond, April 15 v. San Diego, April 28 and 30 v. New Mexico. Games at Thomas



Cross-state rivals UNLV and Nevada-Reno meet November 24 in Las Vegas.

and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-9881.

Reno

University of Nevada Men's Basketball: The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 19 v. Washington State, Nov. 21 v. San Francisco, Nov. 26 v. Sacramento State, Dec. 18 v. College of Notre Dame, Jan. 8 v. Santa Clara, Jan. 13 v. UC Irvine, Jan. 15 v. Cal State Fullerton, Feb. 3 v. New Mexico State, Feb. 5 v. North Texas, Feb. 17 v. Utah State, Feb. 19 v. Long Beach State, March 2 v. Boise State, March 4 v. Idaho, March 9-11 Big West Conference Tournament. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

University of Nevada Women's Basketball: The Lady Wolf Pack plays Nov. 26-27 in the Nevada Classic with Texas-El Paso, Villanova, and Cal State Northridge, Dec. 7 v. Pepperdine, Dec. 11 v. UNLV Lady Rebels, Dec. 15 v. Western Michigan, Dec. 22 v. Idaho State, Dec. 30 v. Northern Arizona, Jan. 21 v. Long Beach State, Jan. 23 v. Pacific, Jan. 27 v. New Mexico State, Jan. 29 v. Cal Poly, Feb. 11 v. Idaho, Feb. 13 v. Boise State, March 4 v. North Texas, March 8-11 Big West Conference Tournament. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

shops, dinner. Elks Lodge, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• 12-13 Blues and BBQ's: Free music and entertainment. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777

• 12-14 Golf Tournament: Pioneer Hotel, Laughlin,

702-298-2442.

• 12-14 and 19-21 "David and Goliath in America": Playwright Nick Zagone deals with William Kuntzler and the Chicago Seven. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• 12-21 "The Last Night of Ballyhoo": Tony

Award-winning romantic comedy dealing with being Jewish in the South. Summerlin Library Performing Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-647-7469.

- 12-14 Keno Tournament:** John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427
- 13 Children's Art Museum of Nevada:** Museum opening and cocktail party, St. Jude's Ranch for Children, Boulder City, 702-294-7100.
- 13 Test and Tune Bracket Race:** Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 775-867-2570.
- 13 Mining Traditions:** Writers and performers of works that reflect the mining experience. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.
- 13 Nurse of the Year:** March of Dimes awards banquet. Stardust, Las Vegas, 702-732-9255.
- 13 Hidden Cave Tour:** Guided tour of archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677.
- 13 Harvest Festival:** Cultural and natural history demonstrations, crafts. Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, 12 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-363-1922.
- 13 Coffee Seminar:** Discussion about the types of coffee beans, roasting styles, brewing methods, flavored coffees, espressos. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 800-321-6983, ext. 679.
- 13 Carson Valley Sertoma Fall Barn Dance:** Country music. Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-1939.
- 13 Sandstone Canyon Hike:** Three-mile moderate to strenuous hike. Bring water and snacks. Small children not advised. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.
- 13 Fall Dance Forum:** Lombardi Recreation Building, U of N, Reno, 775-784-4041 ext. 240.
- 13 University of Nevada Football:** Wolf Pack vs. Utah State. U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.
- 13 Mesquite Veterans Day:** Parade, stunt flyer, displays, vendors at the Elementary School Park. Golf tournament Nov. 14 at Palms Golf Course. Mesquite, 702-346-7240.
- 13 Carnegie Hall Jazz Ensemble:** Artemus Hall Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- 13-14 Veterans Day Celebration:** Parade, barbecue, chili and enchilada cook-off, games, entertainment, swap meet. Community Center, Amargosa, 877-693-1979.
- 14 Nevada Chamber Symphony Master Classics II:** Featuring works by Genzmer, Arensky, and Chadwick. Clark County Library Theater, Las Vegas, 702-433-9280.
- 14 World Famous Ink Spots:** Perform at the Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 800-321-6983, ext. 679.
- 14 Coffee Shop Sundays: Tony Branco Trio:** Coffee and jazz. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367
- 14 Creed:** performs at the House of Blues, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 702-474-4000.
- 14-16 Slot Tournament:** Peppermill, Wendover, 775-664-2255.
- 16 Reno Philharmonic Concert:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.
- 16 Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge:** Teams from the PGA, Senior PGA, and LPGA tours compete in a made-for-television event. Reflection Bay Golf Club, Las Vegas, 702-565-7400.
- 16-17, 19-21 Natalie Cole:** appears at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 800-445-4544.

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- **16-20 Christmas Tree Festival:** Displays of home-made trees and decorations. Recreation Center, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.
- **16-21 Jack Jones** appears at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.
- **16-21 and 23-25 Exile** appears at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.
- **17 Faustwork Mask Theater:** Dance and theater performance using masks and precise movements. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 800-233-8928.
- **17 Kelly Joe Phelps Concert:** Singersongwriter performs at the Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.
- **18-21 Laughlin Team Roping Finals:** The best USTRC team ropers compete for more than \$200,000 in prize money. Special Events Arena, Laughlin, 800-4-LAUGHLIN.
- **18-21 Gladys Knight** performs at the Desert Inn, Reno, 775-686-6600 for information.



The Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade in December 4 kicks off the holiday season in the Reno area.

- Las Vegas, 702-733-4566 or 800-634-6909.
- **19 Gary Puckett** headlines at Palace Station, Las Vegas, 702-367-2411.
- **19 Organ Concert:** Frederic Swann, organist at the Crystal Cathedral and Los Angeles First Congregational Church. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-784-6847.
- **19 Trout Fishing in America** appears at the Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.
- **19 An Elegant Affair:** Sample food and wine from Lake Tahoe restaurants. Boatworks Mall, Tahoe City, 530-546-4770.
- **19-20 Hotel California:** A Salute to the Eagles appears at the Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 800-321-6983, ext. 679.
- **19-20 Andrew Dice Clay** performs at the Las Vegas Hilton, 800-222-5361.
- **19-20 BLT 32 Keno Tournament:** Peppermill, Reno, 775-826-2121.
- **19-20 Mireille Mathieu** performs at Paris Las Vegas, 800-237-SHOW.
- **19-21 Holiday Gift and Craft Extravaganza:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-616-3951 for event information.
- **19-21 "Fame":** New musical based on the movie and television show. Pioneer Center for the Performing

- Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600 for information.
- **19-21 Frankie Laine** headlines at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.
- **19-21 Valhalla Holiday Faire: A Dickens Experience:** Crafters, artists, and boutiques for shopping, carolers, holiday treats, Father Christmas, and characters from Charles Dickens. Taliac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.
- **19-21 Pahrump Valley Powwow:** Indian village, demonstrations, craft and food booths, Pueblo singers, dancers. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.
- **20 Big Band Dance: Jim Maffet and his Orchestra:** Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.
- **20 U of N, Reno Wolf Pack v. Utah State:** Football. Mackay Stadium, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.
- **20 UNLV Rebels v. San Diego State:** Football.

- mated figures, and gingerbread houses. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-225-TREE.
- **21 Holiday of Lights:** Tree lighting in the park, singing, entertainment, and a visit from Santa. Municipal Park, Wells, 775-752-3540.
- **21 Thanksgiving Turkey and Ham Shoot:** Flying Saucer Trap Club, Lovelock, 775-273-0745 for event information.
- **21 UNLV Orchestra Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801.
- **21 Coffee Shop Sundays:** Cindy Pearson: Coffee and contemporary music. Silver Springs Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.
- **21 Turkey Trot:** 10K, 5K, and one-mile fun run. Sam's Town, Las Vegas, 702-367-1626.
- **21-22 National Chrysanthemum Society Convention and Show:** Circus Circus, Las Vegas, 702-396-4944.
- **21-22 Turkey Trot Slot Tournament:** Peppermill, Reno, 775-826-2121.
- **24 U of N, Reno Wolf Pack v. UNLV Runnin' Rebels:** Men's basketball. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 775-895-UNLV.
- **24 UNLV Jazz Ensemble Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801.
- **24 Tree-Lighting Ceremony:** The Country Holiday Festival begins at the Fremont Street Experience. Las Vegas, 702-678-5777 for event information.
- **24-28 Willie Nelson** performs at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.
- **25-28 Tower of Power** performs at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 800-HARRAHS.
- **25-Dec. 1 Aaron Neville Quintet featuring Charles Neville** performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427.
- **26 Shoshone Christmas Craft Bazaar:** Native American arts, crafts, food. Shoshone Indian Colony, Ely, 775-289-3013.
- **26-27 'N Sync** performs at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-474-4000.
- **26-27 Johnny Mathis** headlines at the Las Vegas Hilton, 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361.
- **26-27 Los Angeles-to-Barstow-to-Vegas Motorcycle Tour:** AMA-sanctioned dual sport motorcycle tour rather than a race. For participants only. Call 626-446-7386.
- **26-27 Wayne Newton** appears at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300 or 800-843-2427.
- **26-27 Air Supply** performs at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.
- **26-27 Turkey Nationals:** Drag races. Top Gun Raceway, Fallon, 775-423-0223.
- **26-27 Patricia Kaas** performs at Paris Las Vegas, 800-237-SHOW.
- **26-28 Antique and Collectible Show:** Jackie Gaughan's Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-382-7043.
- **26-28 "Nutcracker Ballet":** Traditional holiday play. Community Center, Carson City, 775-882-6748.
- **27 Fisherman's Holiday Fish Derby:** Cash prizes for anglers with the big catch. Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.
- **27 Rebel Football:** UNLV v. Colorado State. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.
- **27 UNLV Rebels v. Colorado State:** Football. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-895-UNLV.
- **27 Hidden Cave Tour:** Guided tour of archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677.

Millennium Throughout

Fireworks light up the canopy for thousands of celebrants at the Fremont Street Experience.

Las Vegas Area

Arizona Charlie's: Party with Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie and The Checkmates in the Naughty Ladies Saloon on New Year's Eve; tickets \$50. 702-258-5200.

Caesars Palace: Elton John and Tina Turner perform Dec. 30 at Thomas and Mack Center. 702-895-3900. Daryl Hall and John Oates headline at Caesars Dec. 31-Jan. 2. 702-731-7333.

Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex: All-night skate Dec. 31 7 p.m.-7 a.m., ages seven and older, about \$20 per child. Extra security hired for event. 702-253-9832.

Desert Inn: The King of Insult, Don Rickles, headlines Dec. 29-31. Tony Bennett performs Jan. 1-2. 702-733-4444.

Fremont Street Experience: Music and entertainment, Dec. 30-31. 702-678-5777.

Jackie Gaughan's Plaza: "Kenny Kerr Show" and the Sunspots: Reflections of Time headline Dec. 31. 702-386-2444.

Lake Mead Cruises: Cruise to Hoover Dam includes entertainment on Dec. 31 with dessert and other festivities on land, 6-9:30 p.m., \$60 adults, \$30 children. New Year's Day brunch cruise, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$32 adults, \$12 children. Desert Princess, Lake Mead Cruises Landing, Boulder City. 702-293-6180.

Las Vegas Art Museum: New Year's Eve

Millennium 2000: Gourmet dinner, dancing, entertainment, 6 p.m.-3 a.m. \$750 (Silver), \$1,000 (Gold), \$1,500 (Platinum). A portion of ticket price is tax deductible to benefit the museum. Dress is black-tie, trendy, or costume. 702-433-0111.

Las Vegas Hilton: Pat Benatar rings in the new millennium Dec. 31-Jan. 1. 800-222-5361.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum: Millennium sleepover Dec. 31 6 p.m.-9 a.m., children six to 12 years; \$250 per child; limited to 250 and 300 children; staffed entirely by children museum

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Nevada communities, casinos, and special-event producers have a smorgasbord of events planned for the Millennium New Year's Weekend.

professionals. For information 702-382-3445.

Luxor: "Imagine: A Theatrical Odyssey" runs through Jan. 1 in the Luxor Theatre. Lasting Impressions with Bill Acosta (7:30 p.m.) shows concurrently with "Midnight Fantasy" production revue (10:30 p.m.), 702-262-4822.

MGM Grand: Barbra Streisand performs Dec. 31 Rodney Dangerfield, Dec. 24-Jan. 1. Studio 54 Nightclub: Party Dec. 31 with DJs, 10 p.m. "EFX" starring Tommy Tune, 10:15 p.m. New Year's Eve show is \$99 and includes champagne and favors. 800-929-1111.

MGM Grand Millennium Wedding Package: For \$3,000 couples can be married between 11:30 p.m. and midnight on New Year's Eve. 800-929-1111.

Mandalay Bay: Bette Midler performs Dec. 31-Jan. 1. 877-632-7520.

Monte Carlo: During millennium week, Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Master Magician Lance Burton performs at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$59.95 main floor and \$54.95 balcony. 877-386-8224.

Mesquite: New Year's Eve fireworks and party. 702-346-1935. The Flying Elvi parachute into Si Redd's Oasis on Jan. 1. 702-346-4031.

Opportunity Village: First Night Las Vegas 2000: Dec. 31 6 p.m. to midnight. \$25 adults, \$15 children. 702-225-TREE.

The Orleans: The Smothers Brothers headline Dec. 29-31. Their New Year's Eve show will include champagne, drinks, and party favors. Las Vegas. 702-365-7075.

Rio Suite Hotel: Rod Stewart headlines Dec. 31. 702-252-7777.

Riviera: On Dec. 31 the new edition of the production show "Splash" will have one show at 10:30 p.m. Royale Pavilion: Frankie Avalon, the Tokens, and the Shangri-Las appear Dec. 30-31. Top of the Riv: Comedy show. La Cage Theater: The Salsa Machine. Grande Ballroom: Dance

party. Le Bistro Lounge: Spiral Staircase plays Dec. 28-Jan. 2. Las Vegas. 702-794-9433.

Sahara: The Platters, the Marvelettes, and Billy Guy's Coasters perform at 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Tickets are \$99.99, which includes champagne and party favors. 702-737-2111.

Star Trek: The Experience: Las Vegas Hilton. Millennium party 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Live band, DJ, buffet, open bar, unlimited rides on the Voyage Through Space until 11 p.m., live countdown on large screen in Deep Space Nine Promenade. Tickets \$300 if reserved before Dec. 15, \$350 after. 702-697-8702.

Texas Station, North Las Vegas: Club Millennium 2000 is a "nightclub of the future" with acrobats, jugglers, stilt walkers, and dancers for the party. Dec. 31. Loveshack and Jonathan and Music Magic play for dancing on two floors. 702-631-8104.

Tropicana: Branscombe Richmond and the Renegade Posse perform Dec. 31. His 13-piece big band moves into the main showroom with celebrity motorcycles, including Peter Fonda's from *Easy Rider* and Lorenzo Lamas' from *Renegade*. The "Folies Bergere" will be dark Dec. 31. 702-739-2222.

Laughlin

Colorado Belle: Ring in 2000 on the Belle: Lowering of the New Year's ball, bands 9 p.m.-until. 702-298-4000.

Edgewater: Jumpin' Jimes play swing music Dec. 31-Jan. 1. 800-677-4837.

River Palms: The Edge performs Dec. 28-Jan. 2. 702-298-2242.

Riverside: Debbie Reynolds headlines Dec. 29-Jan. 1. 800-227-3849, ext. 616.

Reno-Sparks

Atlantis: Siren performs Dec. 28-Jan. 2. 775-825-4700.

Boontown, Verdi: The Lelands headline Dec. 28-Jan. 2. 775-345-8680.

Eldorado: New Year's Eve "Spirit of the Dance" performance can be combined with dinner packages. Brew Brothers: Steel Breeze performs Dec. 31 plus a 1 a.m. dance party Jan. 1. 775-786-5700.

Fitzgeralds: Joey Carmon plays Dec. 27-Jan. 2. 775-785-3312.

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks: David Martin's House Party plays Dec. 31 in the Rose Ballroom. Willie Nelson headlines Dec. 31-Jan. 1. 800-843-2427.

Reno Hilton: Blues Traveler appears Dec. 30-31 in the Reno Hilton Pavilion. The Miracles are the headliners for a dinner show in the Hilton Theater. 775-789-2000.

Lake Tahoe

Harrah's Lake Tahoe: Mitch Woods Orchestra, John Carleton Orchestra, and Rick Michel headline New Year's Eve. 800-HARRAHS.

Heavenly Ski Resort: Millennium packages valid Dec. 26-Jan. 2 include four to seven nights'

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lodging and three to five days' skiing, starting at \$528. 775-586-7000.

Kirkwood Ski Resort: Torchlight parade, live music by Street Heart, fireworks Dec. 31. 209-258-6000.

Northstar-at-Tahoe: The ski resort will have parties and fireworks Dec. 31. Full Moon Cross-Country Ski Tour on Jan. 1. 530-562-1010.

Squaw Valley: 24 Hours of Squaw Valley USA. The resort stays open all night Dec. 31 so that skiers can ski or snowboard into the millennium. 530-583-6985.

Carson City

Carson Nugget: New Year's Eve Party. Nugget Show Bar: David Proud. Nugget Ballroom: The Motifs. Carson City. 800-426-5239.

Carson Station: Stew Stewart headlines Dec. 31 in the Cabaret Lounge. 775-883-0900.

Countdown to the Millennium Celebration: Festivities on Dec. 26-31 include nightly fireworks, parades, ice-carving contest, street dance, antique slot machine exhibits, Taste of Downtown food specials, strolling musicians, magicians. Carson City. 800-426-5239.

Millennium Blast for Kids: Carson City Community Center Gym. 8 p.m.-9 a.m., children 7 to 18 years; \$15 in advance at the Boys and Girls Club or \$20 at the door. Food, swimming, games, movies, and other "safe" fun. Children should bring pillows and sleeping bags. 775-887-2290.

Piñon Plaza: The Buddy Balue Band appears Dec. 29-Jan. 1 in the Lizard Lounge. Convention Center: The Zella Lehr Show plays Dec. 31. 775-885-9000.

Carson Valley

Carson Valley Inn: The Palmores appear Dec. 28-Jan. 9. 775-783-6679.

Sharkey's Casino: Once in a Lifetime Event, Dec. 31 at Sharkey's Casino, Gardnerville. Dancing 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., buffet breakfast, 1 a.m. \$55 per person, with drinks extra; seating is limited. Reservations necessary. 775-782-3416 or 775-265-5402.

Rural Nevada

Caliente: Millennium party on Dec. 31. RSVP and Senior Centers of Lincoln County, Olson Senior Center. 775-726-3126.

Ely: Volunteer Firemen's New Year's Eve Ball at the Convention Center. 775-289-3720.

Fallon: Hay rides, bonfire, snake dance, music on Dec. 30. Pancake breakfast, vintage car parade, New Year's Eve dance, fireworks on Dec. 31. Singers and dancers, clock dedication, time capsule burial on Jan. 1. 775-423-4556.

Jackpot: Joe Diffie headlines at Cactus Petes on Dec. 31-Jan. 1. 800-821-1103.

Jarbridge: New Year's Eve party, dance, buffet Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Outdoor Inn. 775-488-2311.

Pioche: Grubsteak Restaurant. Party starts at 10 p.m. on Dec. 31. Seating limited to 80. For price call 775-962-5527.

• **27 Annual Black Doll Show:** History, making, and collecting of Black dolls. West Las Vegas Art Center, 702-647-2242.

• **27 Christmas Tree Lighting:** Musical program. Frank Crowe Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **27 "Asia":** Vietnamese-language variety show. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-731-7333.

• **27-28 O Tannenbaum Christmas Tree Festival:** Holiday bazaar. Mesquite, 702-346-EVNT.

• **28 East Fork Gallery Christmas Reception:** Designer cards and ornaments. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-7269.

• **28 Coffee Shop Sundays:** Rocky Top Cafe: Coffee and vocal acoustic group. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **29-Dec. 2 Festival of Trees:** Decorated trees, centerpieces, gingerbread houses, and wreaths auctioned for charity. Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091

• **29 Bakra Bata:** Steel Drums, Dance, and Masquerade: Performance based on African cultures. Pershing County High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 775-273-1614.

• **30 Mariposa Trio Recital:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **30 Blackjack Tournament:** \$25 entry fee. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711

• **30 Small Potatoes Concert:** Contemporary singers-songwriters. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **30-Dec. 5 Stars in Concert** appear at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

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• **1 Deck the Halls of Valhalla:** Bring an ornament for a Christmas decorating party. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **1 Earl Wild Concert:** Chopin's 150th anniversary and Gershwin's centennial. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801 for event information.

• **1-12 Ricky and the Redstreaks** make an NFR appearance. Stardust, Las Vegas, 702-732-6325 or 800-824-6033 ext. 6325.

• **1-31 The Magical Forest:** The annual winter wonderland of lights, toy train, candy canes, and gingerbread houses entertains holiday visitors. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.

• **1-31 Hidden Valley Christmas Parade of Lights:** Homeowners competing for prizes present their lavishly decorated houses. Hidden Valley, Reno, 775-857-4382.

• **2 Downtown Hoedown:** Pre-National Finals Rodeo party with music and entertainment. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777

• **2 Christmas at the Liberace Museum:** Entertainment and a Santa clad in a gold lamé suit. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595.

• **2 Silver and Snowflakes Festival of Lights:** Traditional tree-lighting. Downtown, Carson City, 775-882-1565.

• **2-4 and 9-11 Carson High School Christmas Production:** Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **2-5 Las Vegas Civic Ballet: "Holiday Collage '99":** Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211

• **2-5 Vince Gill** headlines during NFR. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 800-445-4544.

• **2-11 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:** More than 500 exhibitors display Western gifts during NFR week. North Hall, Las Vegas Convention Center, 702-260-8605.

• **3 Evening With the Artists:** Meet and greet local and national artists. Art Encounter, Las Vegas, 702-227-0220.

• **3 Spaghetti Feed/Christmas Tree Bingo:** CVIC Hall, Gardnerville, 775-782-3416.

• **3 Lighting of Minden Park:** Food, music, and Santa. Minden, 775-782-2444.

• **3-4 Terrible's Town 250:** Offroad race begins with pre-race festivities Dec. 3, race day on Dec. 4. Terrible's Town Casino, Pahrump, 702-457-5775.

• **3-4 Alabama** performs at the Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-329-4777 or 800-687-7733.

• **3-5 Homes for the Holidays:** Decorated homes in the Caughlin Ranch/Juniper Trails area open for an evening tour Dec. 3. Shuttle leaves from Cafe Soleil. Day tours are Dec. 4-5. Reno, 775-787-9411

• **3-5 Lorrie Morgan** appears at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111

• **3-5 Slot Tournament:** \$499 entry fee, \$12,500 grand prize. Excalibur, Las Vegas, 800-633-7777

• **3-5 Jingle Bucks Slot Tournament:** \$10,000 prize. Gold Strike Hotel, Jean, 800-634-1359.

• **3-5 Jeff Foxworthy** headlines at the Las Vegas Hilton, 800-222-5361

• **3-5 Blackjack Tournament:** John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427

• **3-5 and 9-12 "Meet Me in St. Louis":** Musical about a family's anticipation of the 1904 World's Fair. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6553.

• **3-5 and 10-12 "Edward II":** Christopher Marlowe's tragedy about the downfall of a king. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3662.

• **3-6 Slot and Video Poker Tournament:** Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849.

• **3-11 Nightly National Finals Rodeo Dance Parties:** Hotel San Remo, 702-739-9000.

• **3-12 National Finals Rodeo:** World's top rodeo athletes compete for \$4.2 million in prize money. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

• **3-12 Downtown Rodeo Stampede:** Western music and entertainment in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777

• **4 Christmas Home Tour:** Tour six homes decorated for the holidays. Art Gallery, Overton, 702-397-8323.

• **4 Christmas Craft Fair:** Douglas High School, Minden, 775-782-4631

• **4 Don Williams** headlines at the CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

• **4 Christmas Ghost Train Ride:** Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

• **4 Wade Hayes** appears at Boulder Station, Las Vegas, 702-432-7575.

• **4 Christmas on the Comstock:** Parade of lights and fireworks. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **4 The Flying Santas:** Parachute jump at 3pm. Si Redd's Oasis, Mesquite, 702-346-4031

• **4 UNLV Winter Choral Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **4 Parade of Lights:** Gardnerville and Minden, 775-782-8777

• **4 Christmas Parade:** Santa arrives at Bicentennial

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Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **4 Crafters Christmas Bazaar and Parade:**

Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8261

• **4 Festival of the Trees:** Craft fair and traditional Christmas events. Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

• **4 Parade of Lights:** Annual parade of 50 highly decorated boats starts at Lake Mead Marina at 6pm and travels south along the public viewing areas on Boulder Beach, Special Events Beach, and Hemenway Harbor. Lake Mead Marina, 322 Lakeshore Road, off U.S. 93, Boulder City, 702-457-2797

• **4 Sparks Hometowne Christmas:** Colorful 13th annual parade with Santa, holiday music, unique arts and crafts, and a tree-lighting ceremony. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

music, chili, and hot chocolate. Kimberly Nurseries, Elko, 775-738-8011

• **5 RSVP Christmas Show:** Holiday musical variety show. Community Center, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **5 Gallery of Trees and Holiday Open House:**

Third annual tree-decorating contest, with trees on display through December. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

• **5 Victorian Home Christmas Tour:** Carson City, 775-882-1565.

• **5 Desert Cruisers Toy Run:** Charity fundraiser. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-7205.

• **5 Leslie Nielson as Clarence Darrow:** One-man play. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **5-31 Festival of the Trees:** Entertainment, children's activities, street performances, Christmas crafts, holiday lights, and the arrival of Santa. Downtown Reno, Wingfield Park, and along the Truckee River, 775-334-2417

• **6 Pioche Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa**

Visit: Christmas tree lighting, bonfire, hot chocolate, Santa, and gifts for all the children present. Pioche,

• **9-11 Waylon Jennings** performs at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111

• **9-12 Squaw Valley Anniversary Celebration:** 50th birthday gala at Squaw Valley USA. Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6955.

• **9-12 Clint Black** appears at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544.

• **9-12 Martina McBride and Bill Engvall** appear at the Las Vegas Hilton, 800-222-5361

• **10 Luminaria:** Nativity procession, Christmas music, candle decorations in Bicentennial Park. Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **10 Toby Keith** headlines at Texas Station, North Las Vegas, 702-631-1001

• **10 Trees of the Season:** Exhibit of decorated trees. Sierra Arts Center, Reno, 775-329-2787

• **10-11 Kansas** appears at Sunset Station, Henderson, 702-547-7777

• **10-11 Christmas Indian Market:** Sale of Southwestern art, Indian arts, crafts, and baskets. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, 775-425-3439 for information.

• **10-11 and 14-19 "Inspecting Carol":** A bumbling actor is mistaken for a government informer. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877

• **10-12 Ramada Express International Rally:** U.S. and international championship endurance rally over back roads of Nevada and Grand Canyon West. Activities at the Special Events Arena. Laughlin, 702-298-8171

• **10-12, 14-19, and 21-23 "A Christmas Carol":** Fresh adaptation of the classic Dickens story. Summerlin Library Theatre, Las Vegas, 702-647-7469.

• **11 Children's Christmas Parade:** Kids lead Santa to his home in front of the Convention Center. Henderson, 702-565-8951

• **11 Christmas Celebration on Main Street:** Parade, tree-lighting ceremony, and caroling. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

• **11 Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration:** Roving carolers, make-and-take ornaments, sing-along, craft and goodie sale. Reservations required for dinner. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

• **11 Hidden Cave Tour:** Guided tour of archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677

• **11 UNLV Lady Rebels v. U of N Lady Wolf Pack:** College basketball game between Nevada's two universities. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

• **11 Winter Wonderland:** Celebration for needy children. Community Center, Wendover, 775-664-3414.

• **11-12 Santa Train:** Ride with Santa on a steam train. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

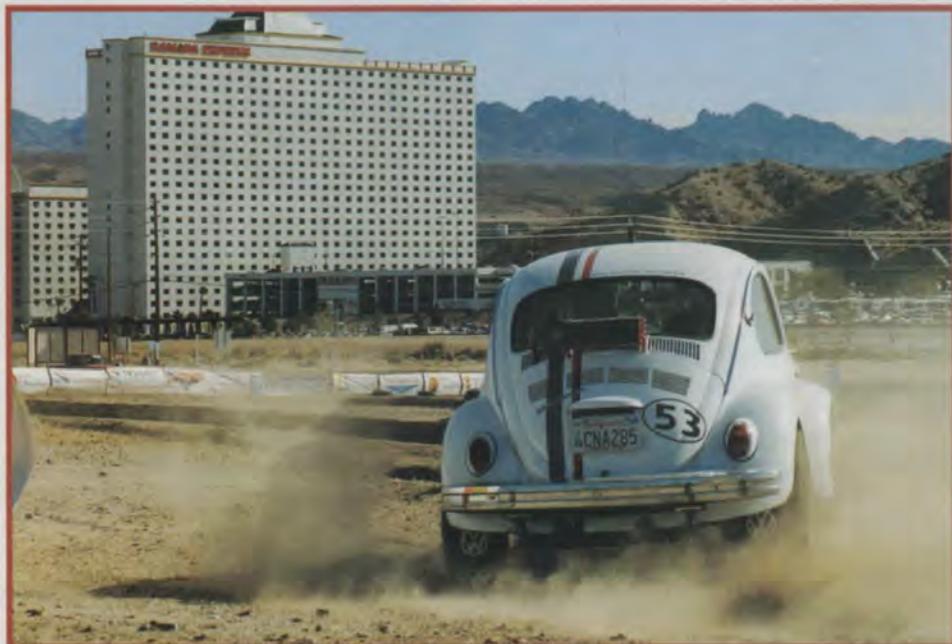
• **11-12 Handel's "Messiah":** Reno Chamber Orchestra performance. Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• **11-12 \$28,000 Fill Your Socks Slot Tournament:** \$199 entry fee. Silver Legacy, Reno, 702-329-4777

• **12 Las Vegas Woodwind Quintet:** Holiday concert. Reed Whipple Center, 702-229-6211 for information.

• **12 Holiday Treat Concert:** The Carson City Symphony presents seasonal favorites with the Carson Chamber Singers. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **12 Holiday Tradition:** Family Christmas party with



The Ramada Express International Rally sends racers around Laughlin and Grand Canyon December 10-12.

• **4 Spirit of the Season:** Reno Philharmonic concert. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

• **4 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Rio Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-252-7777

• **4 Greg Brown Concert:** Contemporary singer-songwriter. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

• **4 Demo Day and Beer Tasting:** Test ski equipment and sample brews. Alpine Meadows Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 800-441-4423.

• **4 Piccadilly Antique Show:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-365-2176.

• **4 Doodle Bug Bazaar:** Holiday gift and craft show. Recreation Center, Boulder City, 702-293-1386.

• **4 Eric Burdon and the New Animals** headline at Sunset Station, Henderson, 702-547-7777

• **4-5 Genoa Christmas Faire and Cafe:** Arts and crafts fair, with Christmas carols and appetizers on Friday. Genoa Town Hall and Fire Bay, Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

• **5 Christmas in the Nighttime Skies:** Fireworks,

775-962-5544.

• **6 Holiday Happenings With Walt Boenig:** Big Band plays holiday music. Nicholas Horn Theatre, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

• **6-8 Robert Earl Keen** headlines at the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111

• **6-11 CineVegas International Film Festival:**

Movie premieres, film competitions, achievement awards. Various hotels, Las Vegas, 702-477-7530.

• **7 South of the Season:** Traditional holiday music performed by the Henderson Civic Symphony. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **7-12 Stars in Concert** headline at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

• **7-19 The Twelve Days of Christmas:** Musical groups perform daily. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595.

• **8 Billboard Music Awards:** Music performers of the year are announced. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-474-4000.

• **9 Ty Herndon** headlines at Boulder Station, Las Vegas, 702-432-7575.



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Santa, cookies, cider, costumed characters, singers, dancers, magician, face painting. Emerald Bay Trading Co., South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-2945.

• **12-15 Huckleberry Win:** Slot tournament has a \$1,000 entry fee, \$20,000 top prize. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-891-1111.

• **13-21 US Freestyle Team Selection:** Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

• **14-16 Celebrating Kwanzaa in the Home:** Series of classes on the history, principles, symbols, and ceremonies of Kwanzaa. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

• **14-19 Dino Casino's Rock 'n Swing Revue** ap-

785-7915 for further information.

• **17-20 Jingle Bell Slot Tournament:** \$15,000 top prize with cash prizes paid through 250 places. Entry fee \$750. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 888-927-2758.

• **18 Big Band Dance:** Walt Boenig Little Big Band: Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

• **18 Red-Hot Fiesta Festival:** Music, food, entertainment. Boulder City. Internet information hooverdam2000.com.

• **18 Christmas Booksigning and Sale:** Local authors sign books. Tea and cookies, holiday music. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

• **18 Las Vegas Shootout:** Collegiate basketball doubleheader featuring Arizona v. Nebraska and Oklahoma State v. UNLV. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

• **18 Las Vegas Bowl:** College football's first post-season game featuring the Mountain West and



Hidden Valley homeowners turn on the lights in December in Reno.

pears at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

• **15-17 Ski Clinics:** Workshops to improve technique, style, and confidence. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-2470.

• **16-20 Let It Ride Gaming Tournament:**

Guaranteed prize pool of \$50,000. Flamingo Hilton Laughlin, 800-435-8469.

• **16-22 "The Boy Scrooge":** Nevada Theatre Company production. Clark County Library Theatre, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

• **17 Ho Ho Homewood Toy Drive:** Bring a new unwrapped toy to Homewood Mountain Ski Resort and get an all-day adult lift ticket for \$5. Homewood, Lake Tahoe, 530-525-2992.

• **17-18 Holiday Wishes Slot Tournament:**

Peppermill, Reno, 775-826-2121.

• **17-18 Roch Voisine** headlines at Paris Las Vegas, 800-237-SHOW.

• **17-19 Don Ho** brings Hawaii to the Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.

• **17-20 "Nutcracker":** International cast and the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra. Nevada Festival Ballet, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-

Western Athletic conferences. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

• **18 Sweet Tooth Extravaganza:** Christmas sale. Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8877.

• **18-19 Johnny Moseley Invitational:** Freeskiers compete head-to-head. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

• **19 Flying Saucer Trap Shoot:** Sport shooting at the Flying Saucer Trap Club. Lovelock, 775-273-0745.

• **21-26 and 28-30 Buck Ram Platters** appear at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

• **22 "Nutcracker Ballet":** Performance by the Nevada Festival Ballet. Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091.

• **22 Dionne Warwick, Peabo Bryson, Deniece Williams, and James Ingram** perform "Colors of Christmas" at the Riviera, Las Vegas, 702-734-5110.

• **22-25 Christmas Festivities:** Fun races, Santa on skis, storytelling, Christmas Eve worship. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **24 Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade:** Squaw Valley Ski School lights up the night with a torchlight parade. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

• **26-31 Countdown to the Millennium Celebration:** Nightly fireworks, parades, ice-carving contest, street dance, antique slot machine exhibits, Taste of Downtown food specials, strolling musicians, magicians. Carson City, 800-426-5239.

• **26-30 Danny Marona** headlines at Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 800-HARRAHS.

• **26-Jan. 15 100-Year Anniversary of the**

Invention of the Slot Machine

Carson City Countdown to the Millennium Celebration exhibit of 25 slot machines from the collection of Marshall Fey, grandson of Charles Fey, the inventor of the original three-reel Bell slot machine. Assembly Chambers of the Capitol, Carson City, 800-NEVADA-1.

• **27-Jan. 2 Joey Carmon** performs at Fitzgeralds, Reno, 775-785-3312.

• **28 Blackjack Tourney:** \$25 entry fee. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 ext. 711 or 800-321-6983.

• **28-29 The Eagles** appear at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 877-632-7000.

• **31 New Year's Eve Celebrations:** See page 38 for information on events and shows on Millennium New Year's Weekend in Nevada.

January 2000

• **1 Millennium Brunch and Cruise:** Sightseeing trip aboard the Desert Princess paddlewheeler to celebrate New Year's Day 2000. Lake Mead Cruises at Lake Mead, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

• **1 Debbie Reynolds** performs at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

• **1 Joe Diffie** headlines at Cactus Petes, Jackpot, 800-821-1103.

• **1 The Flying Elvi:** Si Redd's Oasis, Mesquite, 702-346-4031.

• **1 Full Moon Cross-Country Ski Tour:** Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **1-2 Tony Bennett** performs at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, 702-733-4444.

• **1-2 Daryl Hall and John Oates** headline at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 800-445-4544.

• **1-2 Jarbridge New Year's Eve Party:** Dance, live music, buffet. Celebration runs through Sun., Jan. 2. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311.

• **2-9 Carl Hurley** appears at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

• **5-7 Golden Star's Ski Clinic:** For skiers age 60 and over. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-2470.

• **6-9 Extreme Team Clinic:** The techniques of freeskiing. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 800-X-TEAM-70.

• **7-9 Learn Right From Wong:** Ski clinic taught by freestyle skier Wayne Wong. Diamond Peak, Incline Village, 775-831-3537.

• **8 Hidden Cave Tour:** Guided tour to archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677.

• **8-9 Millennium Mud Mania:** Racers plow through mud to victory. Fairgrounds, Mesquite, 702-346-3766.

• **9 USASA Snowboard Competition:** Slalom and half-pipe competition. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **9-15 PBA Senior Tour Doubles:** Tournament play at the National Bowling Stadium. Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• **9, 16, and 23 Coffee Shop Sundays:** Music, hot java, and edibles. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Jan. 9; Silver Springs Recreation Center, Jan. 16; Valley View Recreation Center, Jan. 23. Henderson, 702-565-2367.

• **9-28 Carnivale of Poker Tournament:** Harrah's Las Vegas, 888-475-6661.

• **10 Chutal Kritzer Duo: Sweet Love Doth Now Invite:** Valentine concert. Community Center, Lovelock, 775-273-2197.

• **14-15 Dockers Big Air:** Skier and boarder big air competition. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-

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- **15 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:**

Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

- **15-16 Ray Charles** headlines at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427

- **15-17 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration:**

Events will take place in Las Vegas and Reno/Sparks.

- **16 Far West Junior Olympic Qualifier:**

Diamond Peak, Incline Village, 775-832-1176.

- **16-17 Magic of Jay Owenhouse:**

Benefit for the Elko County Sheriff's Posse. Convention Center, Elko, 775-744-4334.

- **16-17 Ultracross:** Teams of two racers compete head-to-head. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

- **18 Alpine Meadows Borecross Series:**

Mass-start race. Alpine Meadows Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 800-441-4423.

- **18 Thomas Jefferson Chautauqua:**

Taping of Clay Jenkinson's National Public Radio program, *The Thomas Jefferson Hour*. It will be broadcast from the only operational round courthouse in the U.S. Pershing County Courthouse, Lovelock, 775-273-2197.

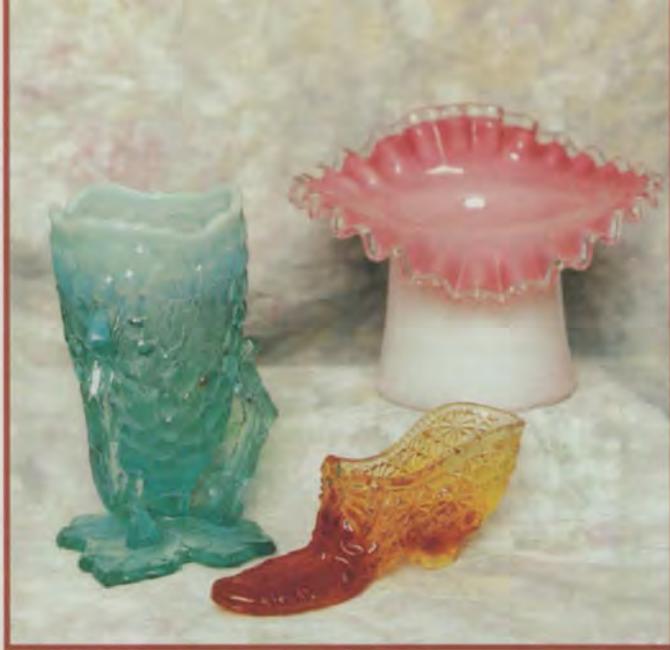
- **18-20 An Edgewater Odyssey Slot Tournament:**

Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777

- **20-23 Laughlin Desert Challenge:** Off-road race around the Colorado River community. Laughlin, 800-452-8445.

- **20-Feb. 2 Mel Tillis** performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427

- **21 Organ Concert:** Arthur Johnson and Mark Lord



The Twentieth Century Art and Decorative Glass exhibit appears at the Clark County Heritage Museum in Henderson through November 14.

perform. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-784-6847

- **22 Itzhak Perlman:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **22 Hidden Cave Tour:** Guided tour to archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677

• **22-23 Paul Mitchell American Snowboard Tour:** Giant slalom and half-pipe competitions for pro riders. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **22-29 Cowboy Poetry Gathering: Cowboys and Ranching Culture at the Millennium:** Poetry readings,

music, blacksmithing, ranch photography, Dutch-oven cooking, and the role of the cowboy on horseback in the 21st century. Elko, 775-738-7508.

- **23 Fantasy Wedding Faire:** Exhibit by 85 businesses of wedding services and products. Reno Hilton, 775-322-7065.

- **23 Drummers of West Africa:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **25 Reno Philharmonic Concert:**

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

• **27-29 "Show Boat":** Broadway musical tells the story of the Cotton Blossom floating theater and its family of actors. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

- **28-Feb. 6 "Our Town":** University Theatre. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **28-30 and Feb. 4-6 "Angels in America: Millennium Approaches":** Tony Kushner's play explores the future through magical realism. Judy Bayley

Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3662.

- **28-30 and Feb. 4-6 "Don't Mention My Name":** A case of amnesia causes chaos at a bed-and-breakfast inn. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877

February 2000

- **3-16 Mickey Gilley** appears at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427

- **3-26 Nevada Shakespeare Festival:**

Performance of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Java Jungle, Reno, 775-324-4198.

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• **5 Valhalla Winter Microbrew Festival:** Brew tasting, music, and food. Must be 21 or older to attend the brew festival. Harrah's Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **5-6 African-American Cultural Arts Festival:** Music, dance, poetry, plays. Doolittle Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-647-2242.

• **6 Las Vegas International Marathon and Half-Marathon:** More than 7,500 runners from 50 states and 40 countries compete in the 34th annual 26.2- and 13.1-mile races. Event includes a 5K "friendship" run on Feb. 5, and on race day an international food festival and health and fitness expo. Las Vegas, 702-240-2722.

• **8 Betty Buckley's Broadway Theater:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **11-12 Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance:** Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

• **11-13 and 17-20 Nevada Stories:** Storytelling and music for entire family, tales based on actual events. Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6553.

• **12 Valentine's Ball:** Volunteer Fire Department, Dayton, 775-246-0161

• **12 Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.

• **14 Valentine's Day Race:** Fun ski race open to all skill levels. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

• **14 Ballet de l'Opera de Bordeaux:** "Romeo and Juliet." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **14 ESPN's ESPY Awards:** Ceremony honoring the best performers, performances, and highlights in sports. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 702-891-1111

• **15-20 Mel Tillis** headlines at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

• **18 Organ Concert:** John Fenstermaker of San Francisco's Grace Cathedral performs. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-784-6847

• **19 Affair of the Heart Mardi Gras Gala:** Black tie evening with dinner and dancing to support the American Heart Association. Peppermill Hotel, Reno, 775-322-7064.

• **19 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• **19-21 Walker Lake Fishing Derby:** Competition for cash prizes. Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **22-24 Card Sharks Video Poker Tournament:** Edgewater, Laughlin, 800-289-8777

• **22-27 Roy Clark** appears at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

• **24 and 26 "Don Giovanni":** Nevada Opera presentation of the sin-steeped story of love and revenge. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-4046.

• **24-27 Annual Shooting Weekend:** Sporting clays, five-stand and trap, plus optional pheasant hunting day. Red Hills Gun Club/Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.

• **27 Carson City Symphony Concert:** Selections by Tchaikovsky and Suk. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **29 "Bandanna":** UNLV orchestra and opera concert. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

March 2000

• **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• **2-4 Ford Downhill Series:** Head-to-head competition. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985

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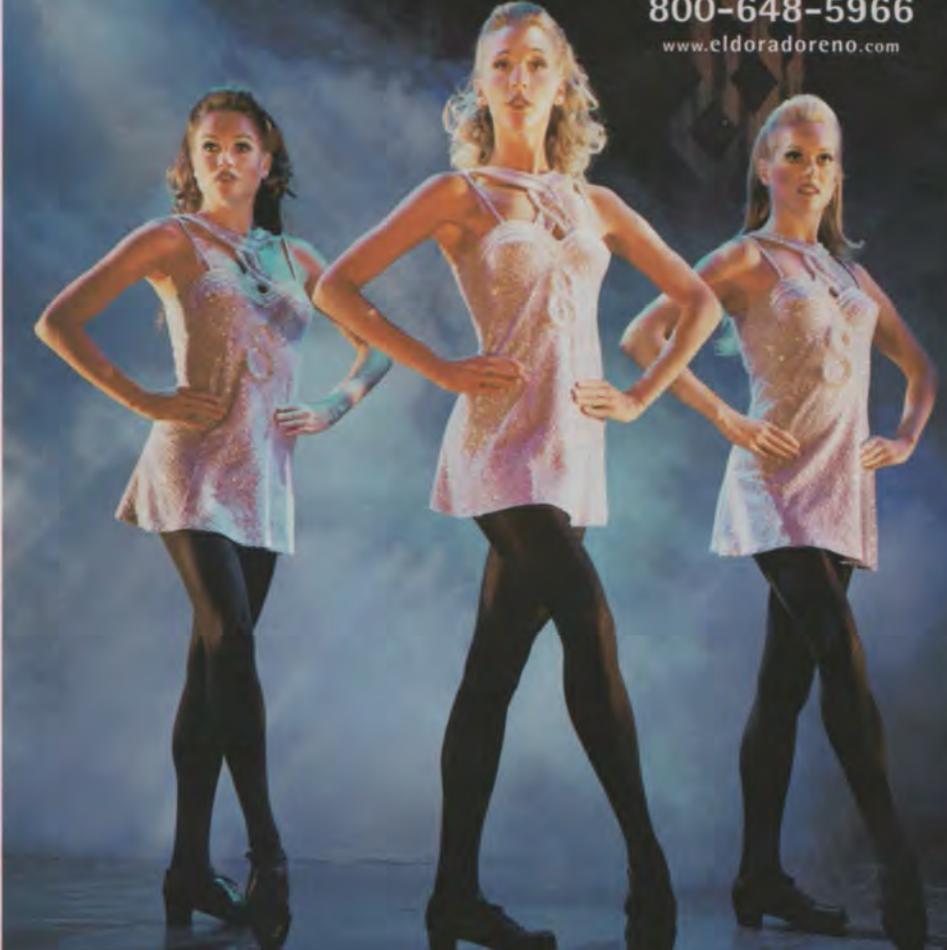
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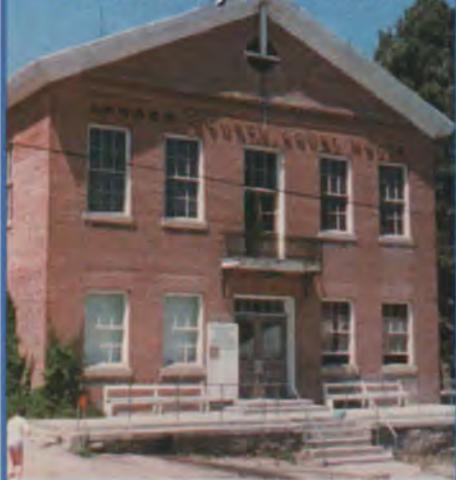
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- 2-16 **Roy Clark and Tony D'Andrea** headline at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427
- 3 **Snowfest Opening Ceremonies**: Torchlight parade, fireworks, and laser light show opens the annual snow carnival. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 775-832-7625.
- 3 **Mariposa Trio Recital**: Black Box Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 3 **St. Paul Chamber Orchestra with Andre Watts**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 3-5 and 10-12 **"Dream Lover"**: Football widow Emily daydreams herself an attentive Latin lover and the fun begins. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877

- 3-12 **"Angels in America"**: University Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 3-12 **Snowfest Winter Carnival**: 20th annual Mountain Mardi Gras with serious and off-beat ski races, outdoor parties, concerts, parades, bonfire, ice carvings, snow sculptures, polar bear swim, snowshoe races, and torchlight parade. Area ski resorts, North Lake Tahoe, 775-832-7625.

- 5 **Sierra Winds Recital**: Black Box Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 5 **UNLV Orchestra Concert**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 7 **Reno Philharmonic Concert**: Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

- 8-11 **Mountain West Conference Basketball Tournaments**: Men's and women's college basketball. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-UNLV.

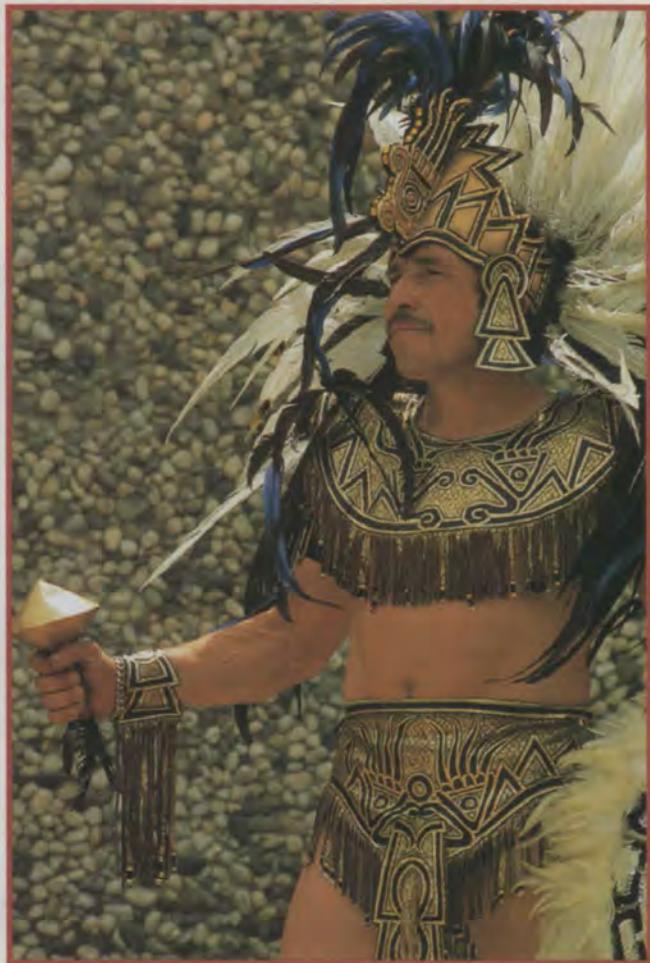
- 8-11 **Big West Conference Basketball Tournaments**: Men's and women's college basketball. Lawlor Events Center, U of N, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

- 11 **Mountain Oyster Cook-Off**: Creative cooking and festive booths and clothing. Virginia City, 775-847-0311
- 11 **Cowboy Jubilee and Poetry**: Benefit for Carson-Tahoe Hospital Auxiliary. Carson City, 775-883-1532.

- 11-13 and 17-20 **"Nevada Stories"**: Musicals based upon historical events. Reed Whipple Cultural Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6553.
- 12 **St. Patrick's Day Parade**: Wearing and sipping of the green in the historic Comstock mining town. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- 12 **SSEA Fiber Art Show**: Quilt and fiber arts show, includes demonstrations and related art and educational displays. Silver Springs Elementary School Multipurpose Room, Silver Springs, 775-577-3424.
- 16 **Four Shadows**: A cappella group performs. Pershing County High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 775-273-2082.

- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Race**: Fun race open to all skill levels. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-



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- 17-**March 1 Louise Mandrell** headlines at John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 800-843-2427

- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Bingo**: Catholic Church, Caliente, 775-726-3752.

- 18-19 **Heuga Snow Express**: Three-person team, skier, snowboarder, or telemarker, race in fun event to raise funds for Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis. Squaw Valley USA, 530-587-2434.

- 19 **Reno Academy Awards Party**: Dinner, art, and the Oscars. Peppermill Hotel, Reno, 775-329-1324.

- 24 **UNLV Chorale Concert**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 25 **British Rock Symphony**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 26 **UNLV Jazz Ensemble Concert**: Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 26 **Les Ballets Trocadero**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 28-**April 1 Roger Whittaker** headlines at the Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849 ext. 616.

- 29-**April 2 "Inherit the Wind"**: Western Nevada Theatre Company production, Black Box Theatre, Carson High School, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

- 31 **UNLV Opera Performance**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- 31 **Organ Concert**: Kei Kojo of the Lausanne Conservatoire of Music in Switzerland performs. Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, 775-784-6847

- 31-**April 2 Invitational Native American Arts Festival**: Demonstrations, dance and music performances, lectures and films, outdoor Native American arts and crafts market, food vendors. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

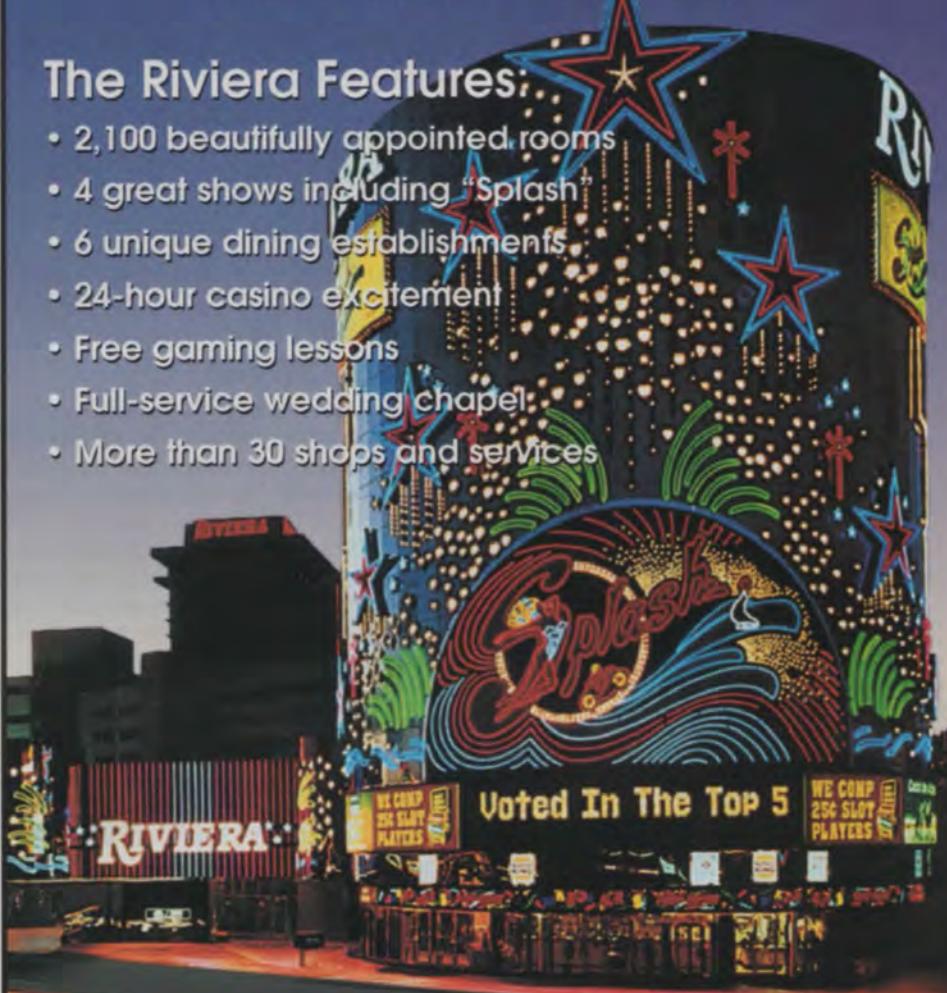
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- **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament**: Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.
- **2 "Macbeth"**: Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **3-4 FWSA Championships**: Giant slalom and slalom competition. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-7270.
- **4-22 Nevada Shakespeare Festival**: Performance of "Come Back, Little Sheba" by William Inge. Einstein's Quantum Cafe, Reno, 775-324-4198.
- **5-9 Summerlin Street Fair**: Carnival, food festival, arts and crafts, home exhibits, and vendors. Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.
- **5-9 Laughlin Rodeo Days**: PRCA rodeo, entertainment, vendors. Special Events Arena, Laughlin, 702-298-2214.
- **6-9 Clark County Fair and Rodeo**: PRCA rodeo, concert, entertainment, carnival, junior livestock judging and auction, juried art show, and antique farm equipment displays. Fairgrounds, Logandale, 888-876-FAIR.
- **7-9 NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series**: New race complex debuts. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4443.
- **7-9 Desert Quilters**: Show and sale. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-437-2768.
- **7-9 NHRA Winston Drag Races**: New facility opens for NHRA national event. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4444.
- **7-15 Henderson Heritage Days**: 50th anniversary celebration includes a parade, carnival, talent show, picnic in the park, chili cook-off, car show, dance, barbecue, softball tournament, and beauty pageant. Henderson, 702-565-8951.
- **8 Hatchery Open House**: Tour of the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery south of Gardnerville on U.S. 395, 775-265-2425.
- **8 Gymkhana**: Female competitors, food, entertainment. Caliente, 775-726-3203.
- **8-9 Skiercross World Championships**: Four racers compete simultaneously on a course with gates, banks, and tabletop jumps. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.
- **11 Reno Philharmonic Concert**: Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.
- **14-16 Las Vegas Gem Club**: Show and sale. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-566-1698.
- **14-16 (tentative) Spring Fling**: Carnival in the park and a senior pro rodeo. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-727-8195 or 775-727-1555.
- **15 Chili Cook-Off and Craft Fair**: Cooking competition with more than 40 cooks. Live music, entertainment, arts and crafts, and chili tasting. Topaz Lodge, Topaz Lake, 775-266-3468.
- **15 Ski Sail Regatta**: Competitors race on the waters of Lake Tahoe and slopes of Squaw Valley. 530-525-SAIL.
- **15-16 Annual Fly Fishing Festival**: Demonstrations, classes, and exhibits. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-265-2626 or 775-782-2522.
- **15-16 Loon Festival**: Boat tours of Walker Lake

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- **18 UNLV Jazz Combos Concert:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **19-23 World Cup 2000:** American hunter-jumper horse show. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.
- **20 UNLV Wind Symphony Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801
- **21-23 Las Vegas Governor's Cup Regatta 2000:** Nevada State Powerboat Championship, Ms. Regatta Queen Contest. Boulder Beach, Lake Mead, 702-393-6163.
- **21-23 Nevada 200 Trail Ride:** Motorcycle race. Caliente, 702-457-5775.
- **22 Rotary Club Easter Egg Hunt:** Prizes, gifts, games. Caliente, 775-726-3171
- **22-23 Spring Jam III:** Big air, skiercross, and boardercross competition, music, and prizes. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.
- **23 UNLV Orchestra Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801.
- **23 Easter Social:** Egg hunt, lunch, and Easter bonnet contest. Community Hall, McDermitt, 775-532-8742.
- **26 UNLV Community Band Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **27-30 Laughlin River Run:** The West Coast's largest motorcycle event featuring displays, trade show exhibits, custom bike show, and concerts. Laughlin, 800-357-8223.

• **28 UNLV Chorus:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **28-30 RSVP Spring Fun Fair:** Carnival, food booths, arts and crafts, entertainment, games, contests, and dances. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **28-30 and May 5-7 "Strange Snow":** Drama about the aftermath of a friend's death in Vietnam. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877

• **28-May 6 "Crazy for You":** University Theatre, Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **29-30 Clark County Art Show:** Outdoor fine art only event. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-6284.

• **30 Carson City Symphony:** Concert features Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

May 2000

• **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

• **2 UNLV Chamber Chorale Concert:** Black Box Theater, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **4 UNLV Wind Orchestra Pops Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

• **4 and 6 "H.M.S. Pinafore":** Nevada Opera presents the story of what happens when good girls turn bad. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-4046.

• **5 Derby Day:** Buffet lunch, mint juleps, live and

silent auction, viewing of the Kentucky Derby to benefit the Reno Chamber Orchestra. Hidden Valley Country Club, Reno, 775-348-9431

• **5-6 Cinco de Mayo:** Food, arts and crafts, live music, and a parade down Wendover Boulevard. Scobie Park, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• **5-7 Silver State Square and Round Dance Festival:** Styles include square, round, clogging, and country-western dancing. Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, 775-673-2557

• **5-7 Spring Dance Concert:** Redfield Theatre, U of N, Reno, 775-784-4041 ext. 240.

• **5-7 Pioche Heritage Days:** Local actors present humorous and heartwarming true stories from the past. Town Hall, Pioche, 775-962-5308.

• **6 Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off:** Cooking and tasting of the spicy frontier dish. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **6 Jewel in the Desert 5K:** A 5K run around Toana Vista Golf Course. Wendover, 775-664-3289.

• **6-7 Spring Jamboree:** More than 125 craft booths, food, music, entertainment, and a car show. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **6-7 Third Annual ArtFest of Henderson:** Arts, crafts, and music. Water Street, Henderson, 702-566-2681

• **6-7 The X Rides:** Fully-supported bicycle rides include an evening ride to Area 51 mailbox, a mountain bike ride to Area 51 gate, based at Little A 'Le' Inn, Rachel. Call 775-588-9658.

• **12-14 Nevada Open Road Challenge:** Car race against the clock on S.R. 318 from Lund to Ely. Pre-race activities in Ely. 775-289-8877

• **12-14 and 18-21 "South Pacific":** Western

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The competition is drenching July 22-23 during the Fireman's Muster 2000 in Virginia City.

Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents the Broadway musical. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-3115.

• **13-14 Art Faire:** Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-4771

• **13-14 Western States Racing Association Grand Prix:** Motorcycle race around the hills of historic Virginia City. 775-847-0311

• **13-14 Art Faire:** Fine art, crafts, entertainment, booths. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-4771

• **13-21 Northern Nevada Senior Olympics:** Variety of competitive events to participate in or watch. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828 or 775-782-8165.

• **18-21 Comstock Historic Preservation Week:** Theatrical presentations, lectures, guided tours, demonstrations, costume ball, fireman's muster, and parade. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **20 Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert:** Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

• **20-21 Armed Forces Day:** Salute to the military features a parade, displays, open house at the Hawthorne Army Depot, stock car races, dances, kids' games, barbecue, and horseshoe tournament. Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **20-21 Fly-In and Air Show:** Demonstrations, fly-by's, hotair balloons, model airplanes, static displays. Fernley, 775-463-2245.

• **26-28 Snow Mountain Powwow:** Tribal songs and dances, arts, crafts, and foods. Paiute Indian Reservation, U.S. 95 North, Las Vegas, 702-386-3926.

• **27 Henderson Memorial Day Celebration:** Branches of the service will be recognized for their part in protecting the nation and freedom. Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **27-28 Portuguese Festival and Parade:** Food and dancing. Community Center, Lovelock, 775-273-2566

• **27-29 Lincoln County Homecoming:** Ball games, barbecue, dances, scavenger hunts. Caliente, 775-726-3129.

• **28 Memorial Weekend Barbecue:** Barbecue pork ribs and all the trimmings, bingo, and live music. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• **31-June 4 Reno's Historic Motor Sports Festival:** For 1954 cars and older, on rural roads. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

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June 2000

• **1-July 1 WIBC National Tournament:** Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL

• **2-4 Railroad Days:** Historical festival featuring a train display, parade, car show, talent show, and vendors. Beatty Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

• **2-4 and 9-11 "Jake's Women":** Neil Simon's story about a novelist who is more successful with fiction than real life. Reno Little Theater, Sparks, 775-331-1877

• **3-4 Celebrate the River:** Entertainment, arts and crafts, food and beverages, and children's activities. Downtown Reno, 775-334-2417

• **3-4 Portuguese Celebration:** Dance, parade, Mass, sopas Lunch, auction. Yerington, 775-463-2763.

• **3-4 Spring Fling Car Show:** Classic cars, show-and-shine, cruise, poker run, crafts, food. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

• **3-4 and 10-11 Valhalla Renaissance Festival:** Knights in armor, jousting, musicians, jugglers, 100 vendors. Historic Camp Richardson Resort, Highway 89, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **3-17 Model Train Expo:** Display and sale. East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, Ely, 775-289-8877

• **4 America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride:** Bicycle ride around Lake Tahoe offers a combination boat cruise and ride and 72- and 100-mile courses. Lake Tahoe Horizon, Stateline, 775-588-9658.

• **4-5 Kids Fishing Derby:** For ages three-12. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.

• **9-10 High School Rodeo:** All-round events. Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 775-273-2968.

• **9-11 Carson City Rendezvous:** Civil War re-enactment and living-history camps. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

• **9-11 Long Steel Rail Festival:** Hobo jungle, vendors, folk-era entertainment, storytelling, dancing in the railroad tradition. East Ely Railroad Depot Museum and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-8877 for event information.

• **9-11 National Wild Horse and Burro Show:** Wild horse adoption; mustang and burro competition in English, Western, and timed events; demonstrations; vendors. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-687-1400.

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• **10 Rock Point Mill Site:** Park rangers will give a tour of the historic 1860s mill and its importance in the development of the Comstock and Tonopah and Goldfield mining booms. Free admission. Dayton



Traditional dances, games, and food highlight Basque festivals in Elko, Winnemucca, Las Vegas, and Reno.

State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **10 Gymkhana:** Caliente, 775-726-3203.

• **10-11 Lincoln County Groundshakers**

Motorcycle Race: Caliente, 775-962-5245.

• **10-11 Carson Valley Days:** Arts and crafts, food, rodeo, dance, and millennium parade. Downtown, Gardnerville, 775-265-2021

• **10-11 Valhalla Renaissance Festival:** Knights, jousting, musicians, jugglers, jesters, dancers, plays, vendors. Camp Richardson Resort, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

• **11 Washoe Indians:** Lectures and demonstrations about the Washoe people, their customs, and foods. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **11-17 PBA Reno Stadium Open:** Senior professional bowlers and players with more than a 220 average compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL for more event information.

• **15-18 14th Annual Farwest Regional and International Wheelchair Tennis Championship:** Competition among 14 divisions of men, women, juniors, and seniors. Plumas Tennis Center, Washoe County Tennis Courts, Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-852-7077 or 530-587-2108.

• **16-18 Gridley Days and Rock and Bottle Show:** Parade, entertainment, exhibits, crafts, vendor booths, barbecue, pancake breakfast, and mountain bike rally commemorate the town's famous 1864 election bet, for which Reuel Gridley carried a sack of flour. Austin, 775-964-2200.

• **16-18 Quinn River Father's Day Open Rodeo:** Horse roping Friday, open rodeo Saturday and Sunday. Fort McDermitt Pai-Sho Indian Reservation, McDermitt, 775-532-8304.

• **17 Coyote Chase:** 5K and 10K runs, breakfast, entertainment, crafts. Wellington, Smith Valley, 775-465-2147

• **17 Chautauqua: Colonel John Reese:** Story of the founder of Mormon Station. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **17-18 VC Hillclimb: Audi Quattro:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **17-25 Reno Rodeo:** Major PRCA rodeo with a cattle drive, parade, carnival, entertainment. Livestock

• **30-July 2 37th National Basque Festival:** Entertainment, games of skill and strength, dancing, food and drink. Fairgrounds and City Park, Elko, 775-738-7135.

• **30-July 2 Fourth of July Powwow and Rodeo:** Native American dancing and traditional rodeo events. Celebration Campgrounds, Owyhee, 775-757-3080.

• **30-July 4 RSVP Cavalcade of Spectaculars:** Fireworks, dance, carnival, midway games, arts and crafts, food booths, and entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

July 2000

• **1-2 37th National Basque Festival:** Traditional dances, games, food, drink, and contests of strength and skill. Fairgrounds and City Park, Elko, 775-738-7135.

• **1-4 RSVP Cavalcade of Spectaculars:** Fireworks, dance, carnival, midway games, arts and crafts, food booths, and entertainment. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

• **1-4 White Pine High School All-Class Reunion 2000:** Games, music, displays, picnics, and barbecues involving 60-70 years of graduates. Ely, 775-289-8877

• **1-31 Uptown Downtown ARTown:** Summer arts festival with performances and exhibits citywide. Reno, 775-329-1324.

• **1-Sept. 3 Nevada Shakespeare Festival:** Performances include Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Gilbert and Sullivan's, and "The Pirates of Penzance." Two shows daily except Mon. at 1 and 4 p.m. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-324-4198.

• **3-4 Freedom Fest 2000:** Parade, barbecue, arts and crafts, live music, and fireworks. Scobie Park, Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.

• **4 Independence Day Celebration:** Anything that floats can compete in the Liar's Boat Race, plus games, food, and water sports. Cliff House Beach, Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **4 Pops in the Park:** The Sierra Philharmonic performs holiday music. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **4 Mason Valley Fourth of July:** Barbecue, crafts, entertainment, fireworks. Mt. View Park, Yerington, 775-463-2245 for further event information.

• **4 Damboree:** Old-fashioned celebration with parade, games, patriotic program, food, and fireworks. Central Park, Boulder City, 702-293-9256.

• **4 Parade and Fireworks:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311 for further event information.

• **4 Henderson's July Fourth Celebration:** Family event highlighted by an evening of fireworks. Henderson, 702-565-2367

• **4 Jarbridge's Fourth of July Celebration:** Live music, bingo, barbecue, and parade. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• **4 (tentative) Berlin Centennial Celebration:** Featuring an open house, guest speakers, and exhibits. Berlin Ichthyosaur State Park, 23 miles east of Gabbs, 775-538-7321

• **4 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July:** Parade, family events, and fireworks. City Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

• **4 Rockets Over the River:** 22-minute fireworks display over the Colorado River. Laughlin, 702-298-2214.

• **4 Fireman's Celebration:** Fireworks, parades, ball games, kids games. Caliente, 775-726-3317

• **6-9 Silver State International Rodeo:** High



Taking a practice run for the Fallon All-Indian Rodeo and Powwow. Next year's event is July 14-16.

school champions from the U.S. and Canada. Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4674.

• **7 Stargaze:** Night stargazing led by experts from the Fleischmann Planetarium at U of N, Reno. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **7-8 Millennium Music at Sand Harbor:** Well-known jazz and acoustic-guitar performers offer their musical salute to the millennium with Lake Tahoe as the background. Sand Harbor State Park, Incline Village, 775-832-7625.

• **7-9 Traditional Fandango:** Games, gambling, dancing, free admission. Ely Shoshone Reservation,

Ely, 775-289-3013.

• **7-9 Celebrity Golf Championship:** Sports and entertainment stars compete in golf tourney. Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline, 530-544-5050.

• **8 Birds of Prey:** Slide show on native and migratory birds and how animals and birds are rescued, rehabilitated, and released. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **8 Fireman's Barbecue and Dance:** Smith Valley, 775-463-2245.

• **8 Gymkhana: Caliente, 775-726-3203.**

• **8-10 White Pine 4x4 Rally:** All four-wheel-drive vehicles invited. Full- and half-day runs in White Pine

County. Ely, 775-289-6798.

• **8-15 Nevada 2000:** A 2,000-mile off-road race loops around the state to celebrate the millennium. The start and finish will be in Las Vegas. Best in the Desert Racing Assn., 702-457-5775.

• **9-10 Nevada 2000 Off-Road Race:** Competitors stop at the Convention Center. Ely, 775-289-8877.

• **9-12 Lincoln County Fair:** Talent show, rodeo, entertainment. Caliente, 775-729-2514.

• **11-Sept. 3 Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival:**

The Bard's plays are presented on the beach with Lake Tahoe as a backdrop. Sand Harbor, Incline Village, 800-74-SHOWS.

• **14-16 Storey County Fair and Carnival:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **14-16 Fallon All-Indian Rodeo and Powwow:**

Rodeo, Native American dancers, handgames, arts and crafts, dance, parade, and food booths. Annual rodeo and gathering takes place at Regional Park, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

• **15 Topaz Golf Tournament:** Limited to 120 entrants. Carson Valley Golf Course, Gardnerville, 775-782-7917

• **15-16 Squaw Valley World Cup Downhill:**

World Cup mountain bike race featuring pro racers from 40 nations. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-582-8900.

• **16 Nevada Raptors:** Lecture by Nancee Goldwater on birds found in Northern Nevada. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **21-23 Virginia City Rodeo 2000:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **22 Chautauqua:** Dr. Eliza Cook: First female doctor in the Carson Valley. Mormon Station State Historic

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Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

- **22 Mountain Run I:** The 3.6-mile uphill course follows the 1960 Olympic downhill ski route to the High Camp facility. Event includes an alternate fitness walk. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-550-0885.

- **22-23 Fireman's Muster 2000:** Virginia City, 775-847-7500.

- **23 Celtic Festival at Valhalla:** Traditional music, dance, crafts, food, and ale from Ireland and Scotland. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

- **26 Ice Cream Social:** Old-fashioned gathering. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191

- **26-29 Land Speed Opener:** World-class racing to set land speed records on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Wendover, 801-785-5364.

- **28-30 Lovelock Frontier Days:** Games, barbecue, vendors, arm wrestling, horseshoes, home arts. Court House Park, Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

- **28-30 Jim Butler Days:** Annual town party will celebrate Tonopah's founding in 1900. Tonopah, 775-482-3558.

- **29 Water Olympics:** Children seven to 14 years learn about the properties of water. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

- **29 Valhalla Brews and Blues Festival:** Unlimited tasting of 150 brews from 80 microbreweries and distributors. Admission includes a souvenir beer glass and a concert. Must be 21 or older to attend. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

- **29-30 Goldfield Days:** Parade, 10K run, bike race, horseshoes, gold panning, food and vendor booths, miners breakfast, arts, crafts, chili cook-off. Goldfield, 775-485-6365.

- **29-30 Renaissance Fair:** Arts and crafts, antiques, actors, jugglers, jousters, and rapier fighters. Antiques Plus, Genoa, 775-782-4951 or 775-782-2893.

- **30-31 Children's Festival:** Mask making, T-shirt printing, and papermaking. Location TBA, North Lake Tahoe, 530-546-4602.

- **31-Aug. 5 Hot August Nights:** Hot rods, music of the '50s and '60s, dances, and concerts. Reno and Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-356-1956.

August 2000

- **1-5 Hot August Nights:** Hot rods, music of the '50s and '60s, dances, and concerts. Reno and Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291

- **1-Sept. 3 Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival:** The Bard on the beach at Lake Tahoe. Sand Harbor, Incline Village, 800-747-SHOWS.

- **5 Basque People of Nevada:** Slide show on the Basques and why they immigrated to Nevada. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

- **5 Valhalla Summer Gala:** Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, dancing. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

- **5-6 Arts in the Park:** Show and sale, food booths. County Park, Ely, 775-289-8877

- **6 Logging in the Sierra:** Lecture and video presentation about the Tahoe Basin in the 1800s. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

- **9-13 Northern Nevada Living History Festival:**

Civil War camps, mountain man rendezvous, pow-wow, pro rodeo, carnival. Fernley, 775-575-4459.

- **11 Mule Deer:** Lecture about the social structure, physical features, and roaming area of the animal in Northern Nevada. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

- **11-12 Concours d'Elegance:** On-the-water boat show featuring more than 125 antique and wooden boats dating back to the 1800s. Show includes tented exhibits, presentations, clinics, food and beverages, and live music. Proceeds benefit Lake Tahoe charities. Sierra Boat Company, Lake Tahoe, 530-581-4700.

- **11-13 Fantasy Car and Truck Show:** Antique automobiles on display, games, parade. Ely, 775-289-8877

- **11-13 Jarbridge Days:** Live music in the bar on Friday and outdoor music on Saturday afternoon. Arts and crafts and food and drink booths. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

- **12 Mule Deer in Nevada:** Slide show on mule deer population trends and habitat. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

- **12 Las Vegas Music Festival Concert:** Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-3801

- **12-13 Junior High Rodeo:** All-around rodeo events. Rodeo Grounds, Lovelock, 775-273-2968.

- **12-14 Santa Maria Days:** Italian harvest festival with music, parade, games, horseshoes, food, crafts. Volunteer Fire Department, Dayton, 775-246-0161

- **13-15 Pony Express 100:** Open road race from Austin to Battle Mountain also has a car show, dance, and parade. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

- **17-20 Lyon County Fair and Rodeo:** Rodeo, carnival, parade, tractor pull, hay boom, dance, demolition derby. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

18-20 Annual Valley Cruisers Main Street

Event: Car show open to all vehicles 1969 and older. Steak dinner, dancing in the street, and pancake breakfast also featured. Minden and Gardnerville, 775-265-2256.

- **19 Candle and Soap Making:** Lecture on how pioneers made the household essentials. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

- **19 Railroads of Nevada:** Slide show on railroads significant to the development of Nevada during the Comstock and Tonopah-Goldfield booms. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

- **19 Outhouse Races:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **19-20 White Pine County Fair and Horse Races:** Fair with displays, vendors, games, rides, food booths, parimutuel betting. Fairgrounds, Ely, 775-289-8877

- **19-25 Bonneville National Speed Week:** Largest and most popular event on the Bonneville Salt Flats featuring straight-track racing against the clock, with times expected in the 500-600 mph range. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.

- **20 Reggae Sunday on the Valhalla Lawn:** Music, food, and beverages on the large grassy lawn of Valhalla. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

- **21-27 Reno-Tahoe Open:** Golf tournament featuring top PGA players. Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, 775-322-3900.

- **23-27 (tentative) Nevada State Fair:** Livestock exhibits and auction, creative living competition, food booths, carnival, and entertainment. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 775-688-5767

- **24-27 Mineral County Fair:** Carnival, bike and



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foot races, food, crafts. Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.

• **25-27 Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow:** Native American dance, food, arts, crafts. Yerington, 775-463-2350.

• **26 Canning by the Early Pioneers:** Lecture about

how the pioneers preserved their food. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-2590.

• **26 Star Gaze:** Astronomers from the University of Nevada, Reno will guide viewers through the major constellations and explain astrological myths. Free admission. Dayton State Park, Dayton, 775-687-5678.

• **26 Sertoma Truck Pull:** Food, drinks, and T-shirts. Fairgrounds, Gardnerville, 775-782-4437

• **26-Sept. 4 Elko County Fair:** Quarter horse and thoroughbred racing, working cow horse competition, team-branding contests, 4-H livestock shows and sale, arts and crafts, food booths, dancing, and a carnival. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

• **27-29 Valhalla Fine Quilt Exhibit:** Historic and modern quilts, demonstrations, workshops. Valhalla Estate, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

September 2000

• 1-4 Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival:

Fallon, 775-423-2544.

• **1-4 Elko County Fair:** Quarter horse and thoroughbred racing, working cow horse competitions, team-branding contest, 4-H livestock show and sale, home art exhibits, food booths, carnival, and dances. Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

• **1-4 Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off:** A

world-class event featuring the West's best rib cookers competing for fame and the crowd's acclaim. Also featured are nightly entertainment and an arts and crafts fair. Victorian Square and John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-353-2291

• **1-4 Pioche Labor Day Celebration:** Mining events, parades, contests, booths, dancing, and arts and crafts. Pioche, 775-962-5544.

• **2-3 Annual Corn Feed:** Potluck dinner, live music in the bar on Saturday, and bingo in the Town Hall on Sunday. Proceeds go to community needs. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• **2-3 Ultra Lite Fly-In:** Air show, hot-air balloon rides, Ultra Lite flights for the public. Yelland Air Field, Ely, 775-289-4687

• **6-15 (tentative) Snaffle Bit Futurity Horse Show:** This prestigious horse show, expected to draw 15,000 spectators, features competitors from around the world competing for more than \$700,000 in prize money. Livestock Events Center, Reno, 559-992-9396.

• **8-9 Boulder City Chautauqua:** History comes alive as scholars portray historical characters. Event includes arts and crafts, food booths, and musical entertainment. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-294-4365.

• **8-10 Virginia City International Camel Races:** Camel, ostrich, and water buffalo races, specialty acts, daily parades, and food. Camel Arena, Virginia City, 775-847-0311 or 775-329-7469.

• **8-10 Great Reno Balloon Race:** A top ballooning event that draws 120,000 people. The early morning rally has been voted as one of Northern Nevada's best events. Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno, 775-826-1181 for further balloon race information.



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- **9 Gymkhana:** Caliente, 775-726-3203.
- **9-10 Fine Arts and Crafts Street Celebration:** Annual arts and crafts fair features live entertainment and food booths. Downtown Minden, 775-324-6435 or 775-782-8144.
- **9-10 Nevada State Museum/Carson City Mint Coin Show:** More than 35 dealers from across the U.S. showcase coins, collectibles, historical papers, books, stamps, jewelry, and medals. There will be free appraisals and free admission. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810 ext. 221
- **10 Sundae in the Park:** Art and food festival with locally produced quilts, crafts, foods, and art. Entertainment and free ice cream. Yerington, 775-463-1783.
- **14-17 National Championship Air Races:** Four classes of racers—Unlimited, Formula One, AT-6, and Biplane—plus military displays and aerobatics. Reno, 775-972-6663.
- **15-16 Sierra Folklife Festival:** Nevada's cultural heritage is celebrated by 60 local groups with entertainment, crafts, food. Wingfield Park, Reno, 775-329-1324 for further festival information.
- **15-17 Silver State Classic Challenge:** Ninety-mile open road car race against the clock on S.R. 318 from Lund to Hiko. Pre-race activities in Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **15-17 Dayton Valley Days and Rodeo:** Country fair, crafts, entertainment. Dayton, 775-246-3378.
- **15-17 Pahrump Harvest Festival and Rodeo:** Entertainment, PRCA rodeo, vendors, dancing under the stars, deep-pit barbecue, and fair exhibits. Also includes the Tod Canada Memorial Race, with 10K, 5K, and one-mile walk. Fairgrounds, Pahrump, 775-727-8195 or 775-727-1555. Tod Canada Race, 775-751-8382.
- **16 Horseback Endurance Ride:** Annual 100-mile ride in 25-mile loops around the hills of the Comstock mining town and scenic areas such as Washoe Lake. Virginia City, 775-847-0311
- **16 Tahoe Rim Trail Annual Hike-A-Thon:** Tahoe Rim Trail, 775-588-0686.
- **16-17 Dayton Valley Days:** Craft fair, parade, od, senior pro rodeo, cowboy poetry, and art show. Old Town, Dayton, 775-246-3378.
- **17-19 Meadow Valley Days:** Poker run, horse-shoes, baseball, barbecue. Caliente, 775-726-3129.
- **20-24 Las Vegas Street Fair/San Gennaro Feast:** Featuring an Italian food festival, carnival, live bands, and more than 80 vendors. Corner of Flamingo Road and Valley View, Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.
- **21-23 World of Speed:** Land speed time trials and record runs. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-785-5364.
- **21-24 Street Vibrations Music, Metal and Motorcycles Festival:** Motorcycle tours, entertainment, ride-in shows, a parade, poker run/walk, vendors, and concerts. Various community locations, Reno, 775-329-SHOW or 800-200-4557
- **22-24 Annual Nevada Shakespeare in the Park:** Outdoor presentation of plays by the Bard. Henderson, 702-565-2367
- **23 Dash for Cash:** Gymkhana, Caliente, 775-726-3203.



It's a sweet opportunity for shoppers as they browse through fine art and crafts offered by more than 300 vendors during the Candy Dance in Genoa. Next year's event is September 23-24.

- **23 Great Basin Book Festival:** Authors, publishers present readings and book events. Reno, 775-784-6587
- **23 Starving Artists Sale:** Nothing over \$100. Sierra Arts Center, Reno, 775-329-1324.
- **23-24 Ferrari Club of America Hillclimb, Parade, and Car Show:** Time trials. Virginia City, 775-847-0311
- **23-24 Genoa Candy Dance:** 80th annual arts and crafts fair featuring more than 300 fine arts and

crafts booths. Dinner and dance held on Saturday night. Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

- **23-24 High Desert Classic Softball Tournament:** Coed softball tournament. Event held at Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-9828.
- **24 Mountain Run II:** This event includes a 10K run and a four-mile fitness walk on a high mountain loop course following dirt roads and trails from Roller Pass and the Pacific Crest Trail. Lake Tahoe, 530-550-0885.

- **24 Stew-Doo:** Stew-cooking contest, food, arts and crafts, and a classic car show. Penny Park, Silver Springs, 775-577-3424.

- **24-30 America's Loneliest Bike Tour:** Annual camping-style ride across Nevada on U.S. 50 from Lake Tahoe to Great Basin National Park. Call 775-588-9658.

- **29-Oct. 1 Annual Tahoe Donner International Wheelchair Tennis Sectional Championship:** More than 80 players are expected in the 14th annual event. Tahoe Donner Tennis Club, Truckee, 530-587-2108.

- **30-Oct. 1 Yerington Airport Fly-In:** Poker run, war bird display, static displays. Municipal Airport, Yerington, 775-463-3511

October 2000

- **1 Smith Valley Fun Days:** Show-and-shine, food, arts, crafts, Smith Valley, 775-465-2354.

- **1-31 16th Annual Comstock Art Show:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311

- **3-8 Las Vegas International Bike Festival and Expo:** Racing, motocross, stunt shows, rock concerts, a world land speed record. Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

- **7 Art and Earth Festival:** Art, food, crafts. Hawthorne, Walker Lake, and Schurz, 775-945-5896.

- **7-8 Art in the Park:** More than 300 booths featuring fine art and crafts for sale and browsing. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-294-1611

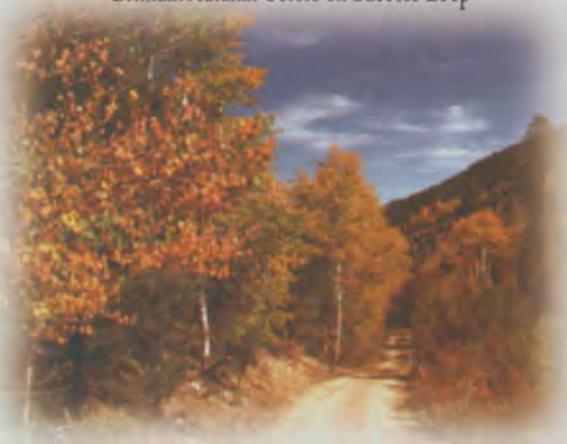
- **7-8 Valhalla Book Fair:** Used books sale, children's storytelling, a book appraiser, and book signing. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Twentieth Century American Art and Decorative Glass: Mine to Masterpiece: Thru Nov. 14, 1999. Exhibit on the art of glass-making. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

The Altered Landscape: A Focus Collection of the Nevada Museum of Art: Thru Dec. 5, 1999. The works of more than 60 contemporary landscape photographers. Reno, 775-329-3333.

Jill Atkins: Fiber and bead purses. Gregory Van De Rostyne: Chomographic prints. Thru Dec. 10, 1999. C.I.T.Y. 2000 Gallery, Reno City Hall, 775-329-2787.

Wild About Plants: Thru Dec. 31, 1999. Children are invited to touch, smell, and watch plants. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Path of the 49ers: Photos of the Trail Today: Thru Dec. 31, 1999. Photographer David Lincoln traces the pioneer trail. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Corvair: An American Car in Controversy: Thru Jan. 29, 2000. Exhibit on the small car and the uproar it unleashed. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Elko County Art Club Exhibit: Nov. 1-Dec. 10, 1999. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Adolph Sutro and the Western Frontier: Nov. 1-Dec. 30, 1999. Exhibit showcases Adolph Sutro, builder of the Sutro Tunnel below Virginia City and mayor of San Francisco. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Rink on the River: Nov. 1999-Feb. 2000. Outdoor ice-skating rink offers lessons, rentals, and food. Downtown Reno, 775-334-2417.

Western National Antique Shows: Nov. 6-7 1999; Jan. 29-30, Feb. 12-13, April 22-23, July 7-8, Nov. 25-26, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-382-7043.

Coffee Shop Sundays: Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 1999. Music, hot java, and edibles. City recreation centers, Henderson. Call for locations, 702-265-2367.

Great Nevada Picture Hunt: Nov. 15-Dec. 20, 1999. Nevada Magazine photo contest winners. Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 775-887-3000.

Fiber Arts Exhibits: Nov. 19-Dec. 22, 1999, and Aug. 1-31 and Nov. 17-22, 2000. Gourds, basketry, weaving. Silver State Gallery, Reno, 775-324-2323.

2,000 Years on the Job and Still Going Strong: Nov. 20, 1999-March 5, 2000. Exhibit of yesterday's tools and their modern equivalents. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Great Basin Basket Makers: Dec. 13, 1999-Jan. 13, 2000. Exhibit by artist Mary Lee Fulkerson of Reno. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Westward Bound: An Exhibition of Book Art From the West: Dec. 13, 1999-Jan. 21, 2000. Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno, 775-329-2787.

Mary Street: Linocut print and acrylics on canvas. Dec. 13, 1999-March 31, 2000. C.I.T.Y. 2000 Gallery, Reno City Hall, 775-329-2787.

Pueblo Grande de Nevada: The Only City in Nevada a Millennium Ago: Jan. 2-Dec. 31, 2000. Exhibit highlights life of Pueblo people in Southern Nevada. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Piccadilly Antique Shows: Jan. 15-16, Feb. 26-27, Dec. 2-3, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 813-345-4431.

Voices From the West: Jan. 15-April 15, 2000. Art and artifacts from the American West and Mexico. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.

Siginiq: Under the Same Sun: Jan. 18-April 11, 2000. Children's exhibit related to the Inuits of Canada's eastern Arctic. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

American Indian Jewelry and Art Shows: Jan. 21-24 and Oct. 20-23, 2000. Convention Center, Henderson, 520-526-9232.

Nevada Wide: Panoramic Photography in the Silver State: Jan. 21-May 12, 2000. Pioneer photographers such as Carleton Watkins, Charles Gallagher, E.W. Smith, and Al Smith. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

Elizabeth Ingraham: The Skin Series: Jan. 31-March 10, 2000. Life-size female sculpture. Sierra Arts Gallery, Reno, 775-329-2787.

Erik Lauritzen: Silver gelatin prints. Feb. 7-March 31, 2000. C.I.T.Y. 2000 Gallery, Reno City Hall, 775-329-2787.

WIBC National Tournament: March 1-July 1, 2000. Female amateur bowlers compete. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.

Women of the Land: Images of Native Americans: March 11-May 7, 2000. Photogravures from Edward Curtis' North American Indian series combined with basketry, pottery, weavings, and beadwork. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Sidne Teske: Pastel, gourds, and furniture. April 3-May 26, 2000. C.I.T.Y. 2000 Gallery, Reno City Hall, 775-329-2787.

Roberts House Crafts Sale: First Sat. and Sun. of each month, May-Oct. 2000. Roberts House Park, Carson City, 775-882-1805.

Chagall for Children: May 2-Aug. 11, 2000. Exhibit teaches children about art. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Apron Strings: Ties to the Past: May 15-Aug. 13, 2000. Aprons chronicle the changing

views of women and domestic work. Free recipes. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Tonopah and Beyond: May 18, 2000-May 17, 2001. Exhibit on the centennial of the founding of Tonopah and the mining towns that followed. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Humboldt River Canoe Trips: June-Aug. 2000. Rangers lead boaters on a nature tour along 10 miles of the Humboldt River below Rye Patch Dam. Participants must bring own canoes or other boats. Event dates may depend on water flow. Rye Patch State Recreation Area, Lovelock, 775-538-7321.

Sparks Hometown Farmer's Market: Thurs. evenings from June 15-Aug. 31, 2000. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

Super Summer 2000: "Fiddler on the Roof": June 14-17, 21-24, 28-July 1, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Valhalla Arts and Music Festival: July and Aug. celebration includes fine art, photography, potter's studio, and Boathouse Theatre productions. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Super Summer 2000: "Grease": July 12-15, 19-22, and 26-29, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Super Summer 2000: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat": Aug. 9-12, 16-19, and 22-26, 2000. Outdoor picnic performance of Broadway plays. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 18 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-594-PLAY.

Minerals Go to War: Aug. 19-Oct. 29, 2000. Exhibit of World War II posters and wartime materials. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Busy Town: Sept. 30, 2000-Jan. 7, 2001. Interactive math and science exhibit for preschoolers based upon the books of Richard Scarry. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Around the World in 170 Days: Oct. 11, 2000-March 5, 2001. Exhibit on 1907 Thomas Flyer, the car that won the 1908 New York to Paris race. Workshop, Oct. 14. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Las Vegas History of Entertainment IV: Nov. 4, 2000-April 1, 2001. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Nevada 2001: A Photography Odyssey: Jan. 19, 2001-June 15, 2001. Pioneer photographers including James H. Crockwell, Al Smith, E.W. Smith, P.E. Larson, and "Northeast" Johnson. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191.

- **7-8 Great Italian Festival:** Activities include a grape-stomp, spaghetti-eating contest, Italian food booths, and entertainment. Eldorado Hotel, Reno, 775-786-5700.
- **8 Las Vegas Basque Festival:** Authentic Basque food, dancing, exhibitions, including weightlifting and wood chopping. St. Viator Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-361-6834.
- **13-15 Gem and Mineral Fair:** Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.
- **15 Harvest Farm Auction:** Antique sale. Smith Valley, 775-465-2353.
- **15-Nov. 30 ABC/WIBC Festival of Bowling:** Amateur bowlers compete at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.
- **18-21 World Finals:** Cars and motorcycles try one last time in the year 2000 to set new land speed records. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 805-526-1805.
- **18-22 "Steel Magnolias":** Western Nevada Theatre Company. Black Box Theatre, Carson High School, Carson City, 775-887-3115.
- **19-21 Gem and Mineral Fair:** Demonstrations, sales of minerals, fossils, and rocks, silent auction. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.
- **19-22 Henderson Expo:** Art show, food booths, carnival, and businesses exhibit. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-8951.
- **20-21 Deer Widows Weekend:** Non-deer-hunting spouses head to Wendover for the weekend. Wendover, 800-426-6862 or 775-664-3414.
- **20-22 Elka Te-Moak Powwow:** Tribal Gym, Elko, 775-753-5055.
- **21-22 Fort Churchill Living History:** Troop forma-

tions, apple butter making, spinners, camp cooking, and crafts. Fort Churchill State Historic Park, 775-358-2284.

- **22 Carson City Symphony:** Classical music concert. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.
- **24 Shoshone Christmas Craft Bazaar:** Native American arts and crafts, food booths. Shoshone Indian Colony, Ely, 775-289-3013.
- **24-31 Nevada Day Celebration:** Parade, carnival, midway games, entertainment, food booths, arts and crafts, and dance bands. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680 for further event information.
- **25-26 Haunted Grand Hall at Valhalla:** For children under 12. Valhalla Grand Hall, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.
- **28 Black and Black Ball:** Ghosts, ghouls, live music, appetizers, and potions. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.
- **28 Pig Roast/Halloween Party:** Pig roasted on a spit on Saturday afternoon with a bake auction by Jarbridge School following the barbecue. There will also be a costume party on Saturday night. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311
- **28 Burro Races:** Race against time to pack and unpack an uncooperative burro. City Arena, Beatty, 775-553-2424.
- **30 Kids Carnival:** Games, costumes, entertainment. Caliente, 775-726-3422.

November 2000

- **1-30 ABC/WIBC Festival of Bowling:** Amateur bowlers compete at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 800-304-BOWL.
- **3-5 Western Heritage Festival:** Cowboy poetry

gathering featuring chautauquas, Western music entertainment, vendors, arts and crafts, pickup truck display, and hot-air balloons. Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-658-4679.

- **3-5 Rhymer's Rodeer Cowboy Poetry:** Tales of the trail and Western lore. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983.
- **3-5, 10-12, and 16-19 "My Fair Lady":** Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents the musical comedy. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-3115.
- **4 Festival Americana:** Native American and pioneer crafts, demonstrations, entertainment, and food at the home of the Anasazi Indians. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.
- **5 Tour Las Vegas: Ride of the Century:** Fully-supported bicycle rides around Las Vegas. 775-588-9658.
- **6 Veterans Day Celebration:** Annual salute to the military. Henderson, 702-565-2367.
- **11 Veterans Day Parade:** Patriotic pride on the Comstock. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.
- **13 St. Anne's Holiday Bazaar:** Local crafters sale and display. Catholic Center, Yerington, 775-463-3842.
- **17-19 Valhalla Holiday Faire: A Dickens Experience:** Holiday crafters, artists, boutiques, carolers, holiday treats, Father Christmas, and characters from Charles Dickens. Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.
- **24-26 "The Nutcracker":** Tchaikovsky's holiday ballet performed by the Pinkerton Dance Company. Community Center, Carson City, 775-882-3054.
- **25 Fisherman's Holiday Fish Derby:** Anglers compete for cash prizes. Walker Lake, Hawthorne,

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Fallon Air Show w/Blue Angels, May 1-2

Spring Wings Bird Festival, May 14-16

Silver State Int'l Rodeo, July 1-4

All Indian Rodeo & Pow Wow, July 16-18

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- **25 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner:** R.S.V.P. and Senior Center, Caliente, 775-726-3129.
- **26-27 Scrooge's Craft Fair:** Homemade crafts, food. Caliente, 775-726-3649.
- **29 Deck the Halls of Valhalla:** Bring a non-breakable ornament for the annual Christmas decorating party. Valhalla Grand Hall, South Lake Tahoe, 530-542-4166.



Santa dons his gold lamé suit to pose with Lee-Bear-Achee during tree-lighting festivities December 2 at the Liberace Museum in Las Vegas.

• 30-Dec. 9 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:

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December 2000

• **1-9 NFR Cowboy Christmas Gift Show:** About 500 exhibitors sell their cowboy trappings. North Hall, Las Vegas Convention Center, 702-260-8605.

• **1-10 National Finals Rodeo:** Top 126 rodeo contestants compete for more than \$4.2 million in prize money. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

• **1-30 The Magical Forest:** Holiday lights and decorations create the annual winter wonderland. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.

• **2 Crafters Christmas Bazaar:** Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-8261

• **2 Christmas on the Comstock:** Parade of lights and fireworks. Virginia City, 775-847-0311

• **2 Christmas Ghost Train Ride:** Holiday excursion aboard steam-powered train. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

• **2 Christmas Parade:** Santa arrives at Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

• **2 Parade of Lights:** Annual parade of 50 decorated boats on Lake Mead. The parade starts at Lake Mead Marina at 6pm and travels south along the

public viewing areas on Boulder Beach, Special Events Beach, and Hemenway Harbor. Lake Mead Marina, 322 Lakeshore Road, off U.S. 93, Boulder City, 702-457-2797

• **2 Sparks Hometowne Christmas:** 14th annual parade with Santa, holiday music, arts and crafts, and a tree-lighting ceremony. Sparks, 775-353-2291

• **2-3 Festival of Trees:** Area businesses decorate trees in three themed categories for prize money. Wingfield Park and the Truckee River, Reno, 775-334-2417

• **2-3 Genoa Christmas Faire:** Arts and crafts fair, with Christmas carols and appetizers on Friday. Town Hall and Fire Bay, Genoa, 775-782-TOWN.

• **4 Pioche Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa Visit:** Christmas lighting, bonfire, hot chocolate, Santa arrives with gifts for all the children. Pioche, 775-962-5544.

• **8-9 Christmas Indian Market:** Indian arts, crafts, baskets, and Southwestern art. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, 775-425-3439.

• **9 Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration:** Historic decor, craft and goodie sale, roving carolers, sing-along. Dinner reservations required. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

• **9 Country Christmas:** Santa visit and tree-lighting. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

• **9 Children's Christmas Parade:** Santa meets and greets children after parade through town. Convention Center, Henderson, 702-565-8951

• **10 Holiday Treat Concert:** The Carson City Symphony presents seasonal favorites with the Carson Chamber Singers. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

• **10 Christmas Celebration on Main Street:** Parade, tree-lighting ceremony, and caroling. Yerington, 775-463-2245.

• **16 Christmas Booksigning and Sale:** Local authors autograph books. Tea and cookies, music. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1191

• **24 Christmas Eve Torchlight Parade:** Squaw Valley's ski school lights up the night with a torch-light parade. Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6955.

• **31 Jarbridge New Year's Eve:** Party, dance, buffet featuring live music and dancing. Outdoor Inn, Jarbridge, 775-488-2311

• **31 New Year's Eve Celebrations:** Watch here for more information.

January 2001

• 13-15 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Celebration: Events will take place in Las Vegas and Reno/Sparks.

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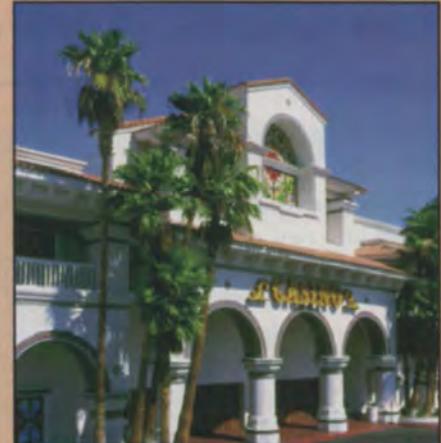


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Skiing Into 2000 at Lake Tahoe

Lake Tahoe ski resorts are greeting the new millennium with faster chairlifts, new runs, and more options for snowboarders. Also, skiers this winter can consult a new Reno-Tahoe Web site, ski.renolaketahoe.com. The site will have links to Lake Tahoe-area ski resorts as well as information about Reno attractions, ski packages, and daily shuttles to Tahoe. Following are updates on resort improvements, starting at Tahoe's south shore.

Heavenly in recent years has invested millions of dollars in high-speed chairs, a new mountain lodge, a day-care facility, and other improvements. Snowboarders will enjoy a new snowboard-cross trail and snowboard park.

Diamond Peak has completed the first phase of a snowmaking master plan to bring more snow to remote locations on the mountain. The rental shop has been renovated, and new bindings have been added to skis and snowboards.

Mount Rose/Ski Tahoe, with a base elevation of more than 8,260 feet, is usually one of the first area resorts to open. Improved snowmaking on the lower altitude terrain and increased snowmaking capability may result in an even earlier opening.

Northstar-at-Tahoe is cutting four new expert runs on Lookout Mountain. The Summit Deck and Grille has been rebuilt to include indoor seating. Polaris Park featuring snow toys such as snowbikes, snowscoots, and ski foxes will be open weekend evenings and holiday periods. For high-adrenaline activity, one can climb into a nine-foot-high plastic ball, the "Zorb," and roll down a specially designed track. Also new this year are free skill-improvement lessons for intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders.

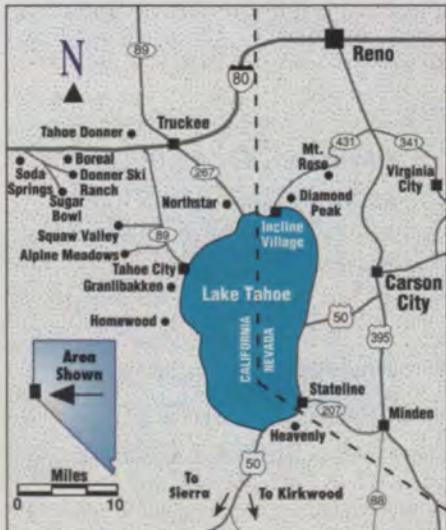
Alpine Meadows offers the new Gravity Cavity half pipe and Roo's Ride in the Terrain Park for snowboarders and skiers. Alpine also presents an upgraded



A Lake Tahoe snowboarder catches air at Squaw Valley USA.

lift system, more ski lesson options, and other capital improvements.

Squaw Valley USA, celebrating its 50th-anniversary winter season, is installing two high-speed six-passenger detachable chairlifts, known as "six-pacs," and bringing back a retrofitted classic, the Olympic Lady double chair on the resort's historic 8,200-foot KT-22. A total of 29 lifts will access six peaks and 4,000 acres of ski terrain. Squaw Valley is adding four grooming machines, bringing the North Tahoe resort's total to 23.



Sugar Bowl celebrates its 60th anniversary this season with the completion of \$4 million in capital improvements. Mount Disney will have a new high-speed quad chair. A new beginner quad chair will be in operation at the new main lodge, and five new trails will be cut on Mount Judah.

Boreal is the site of Boreal Mountain Playground, which caters to beginners and has expanded its beginner terrain. New state-of-the-art snowmaking systems will improve conditions in the early season.

Soda Springs continues to offer two snow-tubing lifts with added sculpting for more bank turns and expanded terrain features for all skiers, tubers, and snowboarders.

Tahoe Donner has new snowbikes for rent. The newly re-decorated lodge has warm drinks and cafeteria food selections.

Sierra at Tahoe offers new snow toys including skifoxes, snowbikes, snowscoots, and ski boards. Also new at Sierra at Tahoe is the Family Pack-a package for up to four family members who want to learn together to ski or snowboard. Lessons are private and available by appointment.

Kirkwood visitors will find improvements to the ski resort's lift system, mountain village, food service, and valley system. The new Mountain Village has a pedestrian plaza with shops and restaurants. Sleigh rides are available.

—Carol Tanis, Reno News Bureau

More Skiing Information

For more information, room reservations, or a free copy of the latest *Reno-Tahoe Visitor Planner*, call the **Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority**, 800-FOR-RENO, or visit the Web Site www.playreno.com. Other winter-sports information sources are the **Lake Tahoe, Incline Village/Crystal Bay VCB**, 800-GO-TAHOE, www.gotahoe.com, and the **Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority**, 800-AT-TAHOE, www.virtualtahoe.com.

Skiing Around the State

A Guide to Nevada and Tahoe Basin Ski Areas.

1999-2000 Downhill Skier's Guide

Area	Website	Phone	Top Elevation	Vertical Feet	Lifts	Rating Bg-Int-Adv	Lift Price Adult/Child	Rental Adult/Child
TAHOE BASIN								
Alpine Meadows	www.alpineski.com	530-583-4232	8,637	1,800	12	25-40-35	\$48/\$10	\$15
Boreal	www.skiboreal.com	530-426-3666	7,700	500	9	30-55-15	\$31/\$10	\$23/\$13
Diamond Peak	www.diamondpeak.com	775-831-3211	8,540	1,840	6	18-46-36	\$38/\$14	\$20/\$14
Donner Ski Ranch	www.donnerskiranch.com	530-426-3635	7,751	750	6	25-50-25	\$25/\$18/\$10	\$18/\$10
Granlibakken		530-583-4242	6,480	280	2	50-50-0	\$15/\$8	\$15/\$12
Heavenly	www.skiheavenly.com	775-586-7000	10,040	3,500	27	20-45-35	\$54/\$44/\$25	\$25/\$12
Homewood Mountain	www.skihomewood.com	530-525-2992	7,880	1,650	8	15-50-35	\$38/\$25/\$9	\$23/\$13
Kirkwood	www.skikirkwood.com	209-258-6000	9,800	2,000	13	15-50-35	\$46/\$35/\$7	\$20/\$14
Mount Rose/Ski Tahoe	www.mtrose.com	775-849-0704	9,700	1,440	5	30-35-35	\$42/\$35/\$10	\$25/\$15
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.skinorthstar.com	530-562-1010	8,600	2,200	12	25-50-25	\$49/\$39/\$10	\$28/\$16
Sierra at Tahoe	www.sierratahoe.com	530-659-7453	8,852	2,212	12	25-50-25	\$46/\$36/\$8	\$24/\$16
Soda Springs	www.skidosasprings.com	530-426-1010	7,352	652	4	30-50-20	\$20/\$16/\$10	\$20
Squaw Valley	www.squaw.com	530-583-6955	9,050	2,850	30	25-45-30	\$52/\$26/\$5	\$25/\$13
Sugar Bowl	www.sugarbowl.com	530-426-9000	8,383	1,500	13	17-43-40	\$48/\$39/\$10	\$25/\$15
Tahoe Donner	www.tahoedonner.com	530-587-9444	7,350	600	4	40-60-0	\$26/\$12	\$20/\$15

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LV Ski and Snowboard (Mount Charleston)	702-385-2754	9,510	1,000	3	20-60-20	\$28/\$21	\$16
Elko Snobowl	800-428-7143	7,000	650	2	20-60-20	\$15/\$10	
Ruby Mountains (Elko)	www.helicopterskiing.com	775-753-6867	Ruby Mt. Heli-Skiing	offers back country helicopter skiing; \$2,600 per person			

1999-2000 Cross-Country Skier's Guide

Area	Website	Phone	Trail (km)	Trail Fee Adult/Child	Rental Adult/Child	Lessons Adult/Child	Day Lodge
TAHOE BASIN							
Clair Tappaan Lodge	www.sierraclub.org	530-426-3632	14	\$7/\$3.50	\$13/\$9	\$14	✓
Diamond Peak	www.diamondpeak.com	775-831-3211	35	\$14/\$9	\$15/\$7	\$34*	✓
Hope Valley		530-694-2266	100	none	\$14/\$8	\$28/\$20	✓
Kirkwood	www.skirkwood.com	209-258-7248	80	\$16/\$12/\$5	\$16/\$10	\$36/\$30/\$20*	✓
Lake Tahoe Basin	www.fs.fed.us/5/lbtmu	530-573-2600	The U.S. Forest Service has brochures on many forest areas.				
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.skinorthstar.com	530-562-1010	65	\$19/\$10	\$19/\$11	\$25/\$15	✓
Royal Gorge	www.royalgorge.com	530-426-3871	330	\$21/\$8.50	\$17.50/\$9.50	\$20/\$12	✓
Spooner Lake	www.spoonerlake.com	775-887-8844	91	\$15/\$9/\$3	\$15/\$9/\$4	\$34/\$25/\$18*	✓
Resort at Squaw Creek	www.squawcreek.com	530-583-6300	18	\$12/\$8	\$13/\$9	\$35*	✓
Tahoe Donner	www.tahoedonner.com	530-587-9484	100	\$17/\$14/\$9	\$16/\$15/\$9	\$38/\$30*	✓

AROUND THE STATE

LV Ski and Snowboard (Mount Charleston) www.fs.fed.us/r4/h-t	702-385-2754 702-873-8800 (USFS)	The Ski Chalet offers x-country suggestions The U.S. Forest Service has info on camping and avalanche conditions
Spring Valley (Eureka)	775-237-5280	Ron Carrion at the Owl Club provides directions and information
White Pine (Ely)	www.nv.blm.gov/ely www.fs.fed.us/r4/h-t	775-289-1800 (BLM) 775-289-3031 (USFS) Ward Mt. and Loop Trails info. available from the BLM and U.S. Forest Service

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Nevada Showguide

Where the stars and shows are playing in November and December.



Musical Gumbo at Tahoe

Wild Mango performs flamenco, Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, reggae, and jazz during its concert November 5 in the Frank Sinatra Celebrity Showroom at the Cal-Neva Resort in Crystal Bay. Wild Mango's Lake Tahoe appearance will benefit Arts for the Schools.

Nevada clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. This winter, Natalie Cole will appear at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Lou Rawls performs at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, and Tower of Power headlines at Harrah's Tahoe in Stateline. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performers. Showrooms often fill

fast, so call for show times and reservations. Las Vegas Territory's area code is 702; the rest of the state is 775.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Hacienda (formerly Gold Strike Inn) • Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam, 293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Closed until mid-November.

HENDERSON

Joker's Wild • 564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.
Reserve • 558-7000: Wasimba's Lounge: Bands play Wed.-Sun.

Sunset Station • 547-7777: Club Madrid: Eric Burdon and the New Animals, Dec. 4. Kansas, Dec. 10-11. Disco Inferno, 10:30pm-2:30am Fri. and Sat. Sunset Brewing Co.: bands play Tues.-Sat. Kroakies Karaoke, Mon.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands play at the hotel (dark Tues.).

Nevada Landing • 387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Bands appear

nightly except Wed. in the hotel-casino off Interstate 15.

LAS VEGAS

Arizona Charlie's • 258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Bands play nightly. Palace Grand Theatre: Pablo Cruise, Nov. 10.

Bally's • 739-4567 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" (dark Tues. and Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 2, 4, and 10-11, second show dark Nov. 4-17 and 27). George Carlin, Nov. 4-17. Lou Rawls/5th Dimension, Nov. 26-27. Kenny Chesney, Dec. 3-4. Charlie Daniels, Dec. 10-11.

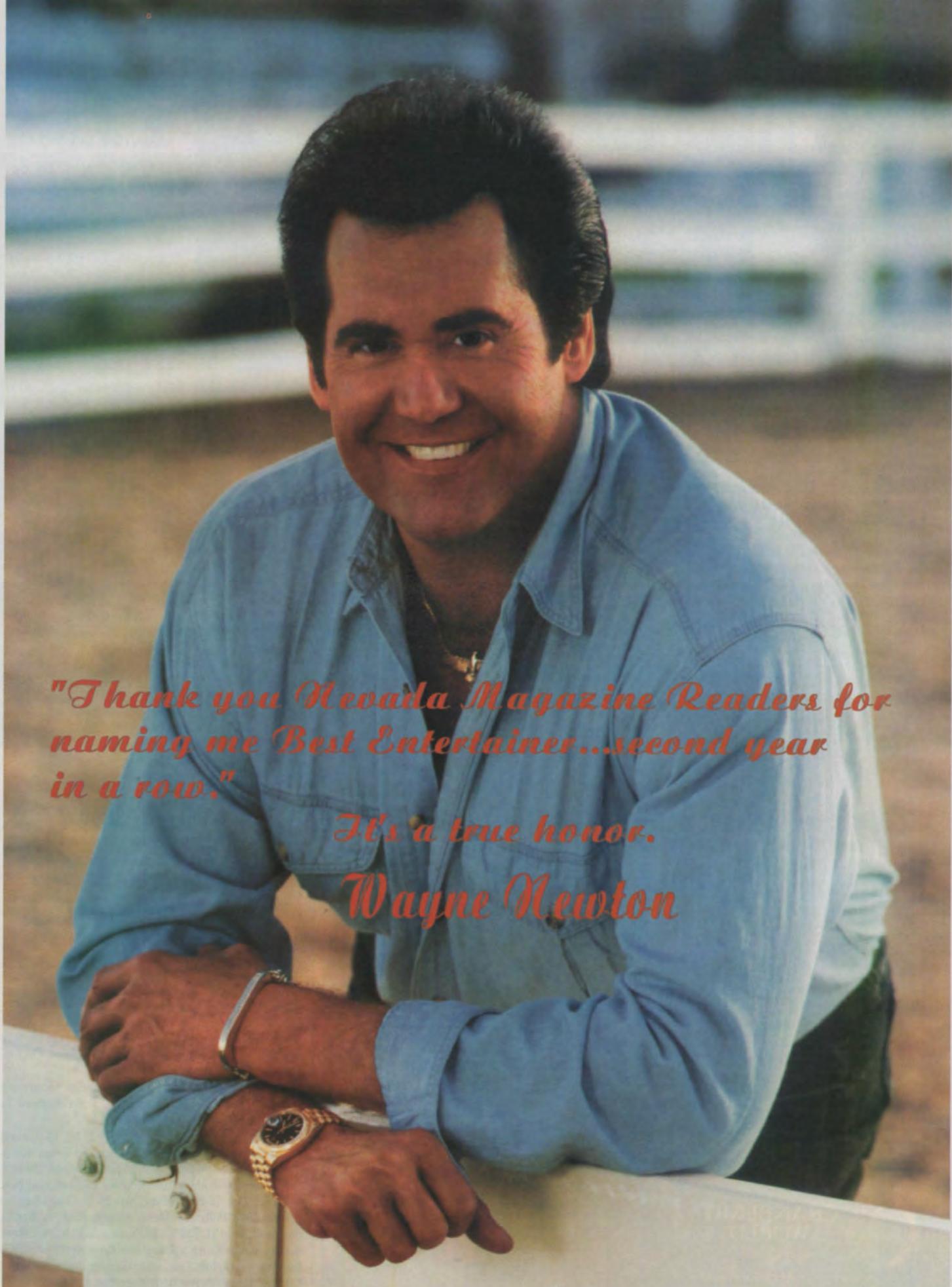
Barbary Coast • 737-7111: Bands play nightly except Mon.
Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf. (dark Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 10-23 and 29-30).

Boulder Station • 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: Railhead Lounge: Wade Hayes, Dec. 4. Ty Herndon, Dec. 9. Bands play nightly. Blues, 8-11pm Mon. Karaoke, Fri.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 737-7200: Bourbon Street Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Caesars Palace • 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Circus Maximus: Howie Mandel, Nov. 4-7. Huey Lewis and the News, Nov. 10-13. Natalie Cole, Nov. 16-17 and 19-21. "Asia," Nov. 27. Vietnamese-language variety show. Vince Gill, Dec. 2-5. Clint Black, Dec. 9-12. Daryl Hall and John Oates, Dec. 31-Jan. 2. Bands play in the Forum and La

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Piazza lounges, Palace Court and Terrazza restaurants, and Cleopatra's Barge. Piano music in the Galleria Bar. Magicians perform Tues.-Sat. in the Secret Pagoda and Sultan's Palace theaters at Caesars Magical Empire. **Casino Royale** • 737-3500: Volcano Room: TBA.

Circus Circus • 734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts from 11am to midnight.

Desert Inn • 733-4566 or 800-634-6909: Crystal Showroom: Dennis Miller, Nov. 4-7. Temptations, Nov. 11-14. Gladys Knight, Nov. 18-21. Don Rickles, Dec. 29-31. Tony Bennett, Jan. 1-2. Starlight Lounge: "The Rat Pack Is Back," tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Joey Bishop, and Sammy Davis Jr. is being extended on a month-to-month basis.

Excalibur • 597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings," music-dinner show. Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers 10am-10pm. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands and dancing. Music in the Lance-a-Lotta Pasta and Camelot Casual Dining restaurants.

Fitzgeralds Holiday Inn • 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Casino Stage: Entertainers appear nightly.

Flamingo Hilton • 733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: "The Great Radio City Spectacular" starring the Rockettes (dark Fri.). Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "Forever Plaid," '50s musical revue (dark Mon.).

Four Queens • 385-4011 or 800-634-6045.



'N Sync With Las Vegas

'N Sync performs the pop music group's hits including "I Want You Back" and "Tearin' Up My Heart" November 26-27 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

Four Seasons • 632-5000: Entertainment nightly in the Lobby Lounge and Club Bar on the ground floor. Four Seasons hotel occupies upper floors at Mandalay Bay.

Gold Coast • 367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Kinda Dixie Jazz Band, noon to 6pm Mon.-Fri. Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke nightly in the West Lounge. Gold Coast Showroom: "A Tribute to Patsy Cline," starring Sharon Haynes and The Jordanaires, thru Dec. 2 (dark Mon.-Tues.). Tropical

personator revue (indf.).

Key Largo • 733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: Bands provide live entertainment.

Lady Luck • 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theater: "Steve Wyrick: World Class Magician" (dark Mon.).

Las Vegas Hilton • 732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: "Rent," Broadway musical, Oct. 27-Nov. 7. Reba McEntire, Nov. 11-14. Andrew Dice Clay, Nov. 19-20. Johnny Mathis, Nov. 26-27. Jeff Foxworthy, Dec. 3-5. Martina McBride and Bill Engvall, Dec. 9-12. Pat Benatar, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. The NightClub: Louie Louie.

Luxor: Luxor Theatre: "Imagine" thru Jan. 1; Blue Man Group opens in March. Luxor Live Theatre: Lasting Impressions with Bill Acosta, 7:30pm. "Midnight Fantasy," production show at 10:30pm.

Main Street Station • 387-1896 or 800-713-8933: 777 BrewPub: Shuffleaires, Tues. and Fri.-Sat.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre:

Latin Heartthrob

Ricky Martin's November 12 show date at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas was an immediate sellout, so a second concert was added on November 11. For the two people who have never heard of Martin, he is known for his signature song about living the crazy life.

"Chicago," Broadway musical, matinee Sunday, 4pm. (dark Mon.). Mandalay Bay Events Center: Ricky Martin, Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 (sold out). The Eagles, Dec. 28-29. Bette Midler, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. House of Blues: Creed, Nov. 14. Al Green, Dec. 30. Bands play in the Island, Orchid, and Coral Reef lounges.

Maxim • 731-4300 or 800-634-6987: Maxim Showroom: "Comedy Max," comedy nightclub. Entertainment in Cloud Nine Lounge, Tues.-Sun.

MGM Grand • 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Hollywood Theatre: Tom Jones, thru Nov. 3. Penn and Teller, Nov. 4-17. Rodney Dangerfield, Dec. 25-Jan. 1. Grand Theatre: "EFX" starring Tommy Tune (dark Sun.-Mon. and Nov. 14-22 and Dec. 12-20). 'N Sync, Nov. 26-27. Grand Garden Arena: 1999 Billboard Music Awards, Dec. 8. Barbra Streisand, Dec. 31. ESPN's ESPY Awards, Feb. 14. Center Stage Lounge: Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club. Studio 54: Dancing nightly. Live entertainment in the Show Bar Lounge, Brown Derby, Betty Boop Bar, and Gatsby's.

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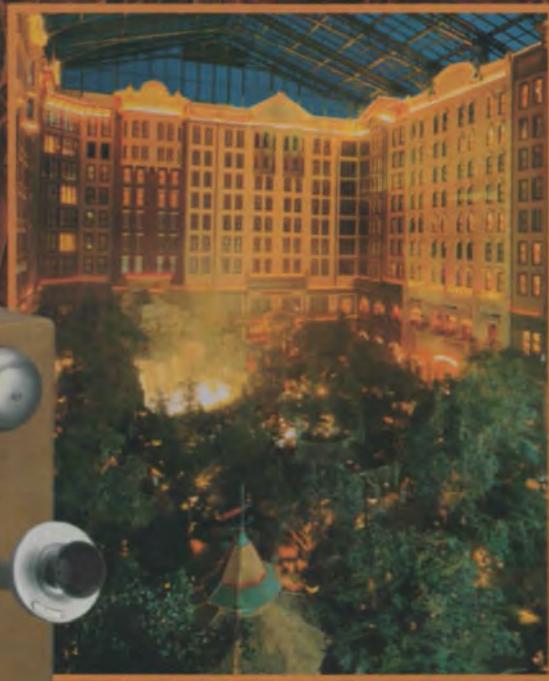
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The Mirage • 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theater: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular (dark Wed.-Thurs. and Nov. 26-Dec. 24). Bands play in the Lagoon Saloon and Baccarat Bar (piano bar).

Monte Carlo • 730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician" (dark Sun.-Mon. and Dec. 12-25). Top 40, disco, country, and classic-rock dance music nightly in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery.

New Frontier • 794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Gilley's All-Star Band. **New York-New York** • 740-6969: Broadway Theatre: "Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance" (dark Sun.-Mon. and Dec. 13-27). Bands play in the Empire Bar. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play 8pm-2:15am nightly in the Bar at Times Square.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Showroom: Righteous Brothers, Oct. 26-Nov. 7 (dark Nov. 1). Everly Brothers, Nov. 9-14. Frankie Laine, Nov. 19-21. Willie Nelson, Nov. 24-28. Lorrie Morgan, Dec. 3-4. Robert Earl Keen, Dec. 6-8. Waylon Jennings, Dec. 9-11. Don Ho, Dec. 17-19. Smothers Brothers, Dec. 29-31. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Bands play nightly (dark Mon.).

Palace Station • 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Trax Nightclub: Gary Puckett, Nov. 19. Bands play nightly in Trax and Fri.-Sat. in the Palace Saloon. **Paris Las Vegas** • 800-237-SHOW: Le Theatre de Arts: Mireille Mathieu, Nov. 19-20. Patricia Kaas, Nov. 26-27. Roch Voisine, Dec. 17-18. "Notre Dame de Paris" production show opens late Jan. Paris Ballroom: TBA. Entertainment in Le Cabaret Show Lounge. Paris Theatre: Alain Choquette, thru Dec. 20, magic show.

Rio Suite • 252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Copacabana Entertainment Complex: Impressionist

Holiday Concert

"Colors of Christmas" starring Dionne Warwick, Peabo Bryson, Deniece Williams, and James Ingram plays December 22 at the Riviera in Las Vegas. The concert is expected to be one of the hottest shows of holiday season, so early reservations are suggested.

Danny Gans (dark Mon. and Thurs.). Masquerade Show in the Sky: Carnival-themed parade with exotic floats and costumes above the casino, every two hours beginning at 2pm Sun.-Tues. and 1pm Thurs.-Sat. (dark Wed.). Rio Bamba Cabaret Earl Turner. Live entertainment in the Ipanema Piano Bar and Voodoo Lounge. Club Rio: Dance-video nightclub Wed.-Sat.

Riviera • 794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash," nightly except Nov. 11-Dec. 24. Royale Pavilion: "Colors of Christmas" with Dionne Warwick, Peabo Bryson, Deniece Williams, and James Ingram, Dec. 22. Frankie Avalon, the Tokens, and the Shangri-las, Dec. 30-31. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue (dark Tues., Nov. 15-18 and Dec. 13-Jan. 7). Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls:



Unforgettable Natalie

Natalie Cole performs November 16-17 and 19-21 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. The daughter of Nat King Cole, Natalie won seven Grammy Awards for a critically acclaimed tribute to her father, "Unforgettable, With Love." And, like Nat King Cole, Natalie considers herself a storyteller, not just a singer.

"Sensuality and Passion," adult revue (dark Mon., Nov. 13-18 and Dec. 12-Jan. 6). "Crazy Girls Fantasy Revue," Nov. 13-18. "Riviera Comedy Club," comedians appear nightly. Le Bistro Lounge: "Tribute to Elvis" with Billy Ortiz from 4:30pm Sat.; Jazz on the Strip, Mon.; Lon Bronson's All-Star Band, Fri. and Sat. at 1am; bands play Tues.-Sun. Top of the Riv: Bobby Slayton and Robert Schimmel, Jan. 1. **Sahara** • 737-2515: Congo Showroom: The Platters, Drifters, and Billy Guy's Coasters in Concert, Nov. 1-Dec. 12. The Platters, Marvelettes, and Billy Guy's Coasters in Concert, Dec. 27-Jan. 2. Bands play in the Casbar lounge. **Sam's Town** • 454-8048: Western Dance Hall: Bands play 9pm-3am. Roxy's Saloon: Entertainers play daily 4pm-6am. Mystic Falls Park: "Festival in the Park," artists, musicians, variety acts, and strolling performers, 11am-5pm Sat.-Sun.

San Remo • 739-9000 or 800-522-7366: Parisian Cabaret: TBA. Bon Chance Lounge: Entertainers perform nightly.

Santa Fe • 658-4900: Groups perform nightly in the Ice Lounge. Pavilion: Jazz music Wed.-Sat. and Sun., noon-3:30pm, and piano Sun.-Tues.

Showboat • 383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Masquerade Room: Interactive murder mystery dinner theater Thurs.-Sat. Mardi Gras Room: Ron Knight and Fabulous Daze Revue (dark Mon.).

Silverton • 263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Rattlesnake Rickey's Saloon: Bands play nightly.

Stardust • 732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Stardust Theatre: "Enter the Night," production show (dark Fri.). Stardust Ballroom: Ricky and the Redstreaks, Dec. 1-12. Bands play in the Starlight Lounge.

Stratosphere • 382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Broadway Showroom: "American Superstars," impersonator revue

(dark Thurs.). "Viva Las Vegas," musical revue 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Entertainment in the Top of the World and Oasis lounges.

Treasure Island • 894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère" (dark Mon.-Tues. and Dec. 8-21). Music in Captain Morgan's piano bar.

Tropicana • 739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "The Best of the Folies Bergere...Sexier Than Ever" (dark Thurs. and New Year's Eve). Branscome Richmond and the Renegade Posse, Dec. 31. "The Magic of Rick Thomas," 2 and 4pm daily except Fri. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly. Bands play in the Atrium Lounge. Free Wildlife Walk at the Tropicana includes live birds.

Vacation Village • 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Koo Koo's Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Venetian • 733-5000: C2K Showroom: André Philippe-Gagnon, impressionist, indf. Entertainment daily in the Rialto Bar and La Scena Lounge.

Westward Ho • 731-2900: Westward Ho Lounge: Entertainment nightly.

Wild Wild West Gambling Hall • 736-8988. Loose Trax Sports Lounge: Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

World Trade Center • 369-5750: International Showroom: Michael La Rocca Show, indf. (dark Nov. 25 and Dec. 24-25).

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Avi • 535-5555: Bands play nightly.

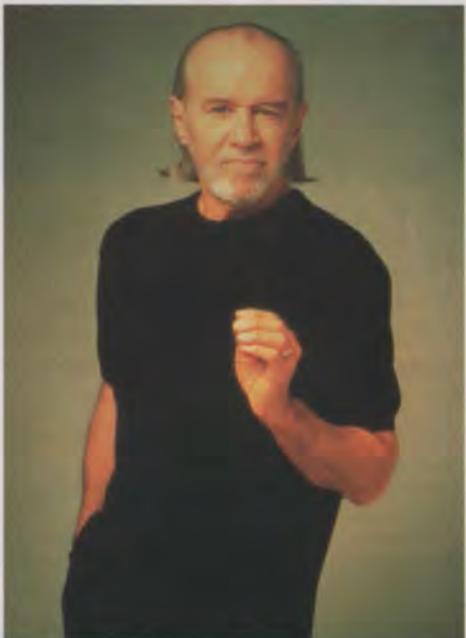
Colorado Belle 298-4000: "D" Deck: Riverboat Ramblers, strolling musicians. Boiler Room Brew Pub: Bands play Fri. and Sat., karaoke, Thurs.

Edgewater • 298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Bands like Cornell Gunter's Coasters, Billy Erickson and the Bandits, and Louie Fontaine and the Rockets perform. Jumpin' Jimes plays swing music Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Flamingo Hilton Laughlin • 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: Silver Bullet Showroom: "Dancing to the Hitz," musical revue (dark Fri.).

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Harrah's Laughlin • 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta Showroom: Ronn Lucas Show thru Nov. 27 (dark Thurs.). "Swing, Swing, Swing," production show opens Dec. 26.



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George Carlin, creator of such characters as the Hippy Dippy Weatherman, unloads on audiences November 4-17 at Bally's in Las Vegas. Carlin's routines are irreverent and known for their sharp edge.

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Ramada Express • 298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theater: Entertainment TBA. Back to the 1940s Speakers, Tues. at 1:15pm, free. "On the Wings of Eagles: A Tribute to American Heroes," multimedia show, daily on the hour beginning at 9am. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke Madness, Mon. Swing and Latin dance contests, 5pm daily. Train rides also are available.

River Palms • 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Crystal Sands Showroom: TBA. DJ music or bands like Sneak Preview and The Checkmates perform nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke with Don West, Wed. 4-7pm. The Edge appears Dec. 28-Jan. 2.

Riverside Resort • 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: "Shogun," revue, indf. Everly Brothers, Nov. 4-7. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 9-14. Jack Jones, Nov. 16-21. Phyllis Diller, Nov. 25-28. Western Celebrity Holiday Party, Nov. 30-Dec. 3. "Nutcracker" ballet, Dec. 3-5. Debbie Reynolds, Dec. 28-Jan. 1. Carme Pitrello, Dec. 31. Carl Hurley, Jan. 2-9. Osmond Brothers,

Jan. 12-16. McGuire Sisters, Feb. 1-6. Al Martino, Feb. 8-13. Mel Tillis, Feb. 15-20. Roy Clark, Feb. 22-27. Roger Whittaker, March 28-April 1.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Theatre: Oak Ridge Boys, Nov. 6. Don Williams, Dec. 4. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the Cascades Lounge; piano bar is scheduled for afternoons.

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NORTH LAS VEGAS

Fiesta Casino • 631-7000: Entertainment in the Cantina

Bar; Mariachis, 10:30am-2:30pm Sun.

Jerry's Nugget • 399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Dance bands play Fri.-Sun.

Texas Station • 631-1000: South Padre: Toby Keith, Dec. 10. Armadillo Lounge: Dancing to Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm; bands play nightly.

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Reno-Tahoe Territory

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John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Rose Ballroom: Tom Jones, Nov. 11-12. Wayne Newton, Nov. 26-27. David Martin's House Party, Dec. 31. Ray Charles, Jan. 15-16. Celebrity Showroom: Michael Martin Murphey, Oct. 28-Nov. 10. Lou Rawls and Michael Pace, Nov. 11-24. Aaron Neville Quintet Featuring Charles Neville, Nov. 25-Dec. 1. Willie Nelson, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Mel Tillis, Jan. 20-Feb. 2. Mickey Gilley, Feb. 3-16. Louise Mandrell, Feb. 17-March 1. Roy Clark with Tony D'Andrea, March 2-16. Bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's restaurant.

Peppermill • 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Convention Showroom: Trout Fishing in America, Nov. 19. Bands like Sam Butera and Raised on Radio play in the Cabaret Lounge.

Rail City Casino • Sparks, 359-9440: Entertainers play on weekends in Rail City's Side Track Lounge.

Ramada Inn and Speakeasy Casino • 329-7400: Pretty Boy Floyd's Bar features live entertainment.

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Carson Station • Carson City, 883-0900: Bands play in the casino lounge nightly. Stew Stewart, Dec. 31.

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Shannon Ballroom: The World Famous Ink Spots, Nov. 14. Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles, Nov. 19-20. Bands like Shake, Rattle, and Roll and City Zu play in the Cabaret Lounge for dancing nightly except DJ night on Mon. The Palmores appear Dec. 28-Jan. 9.

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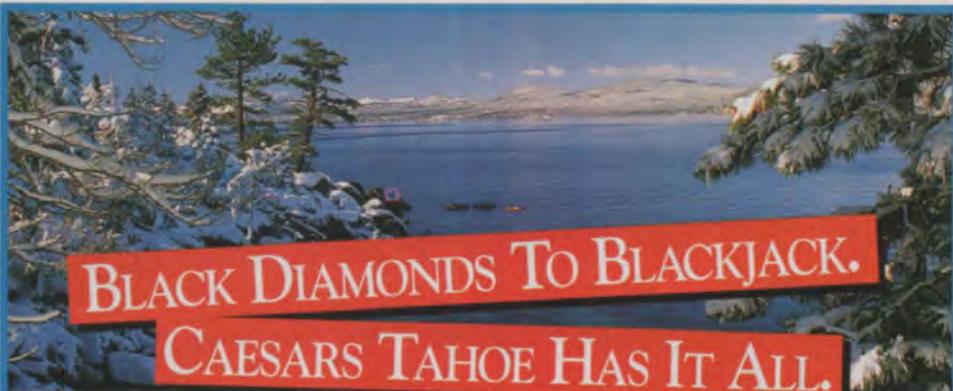
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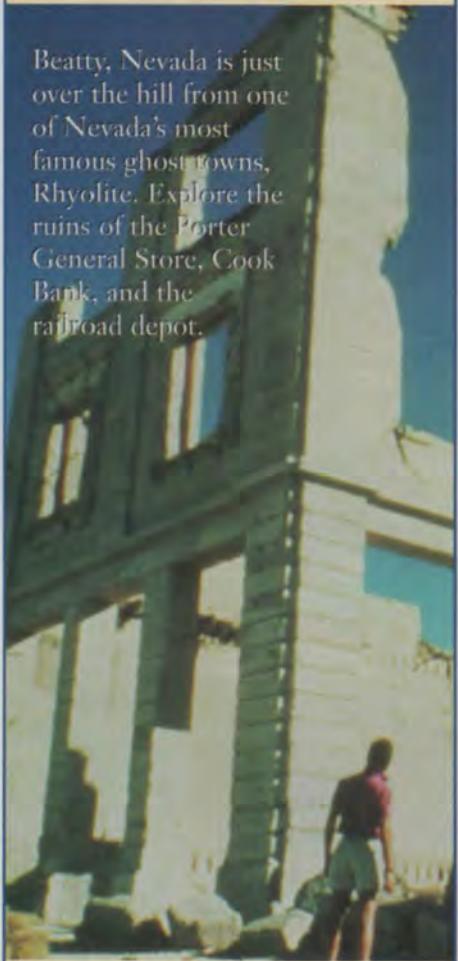
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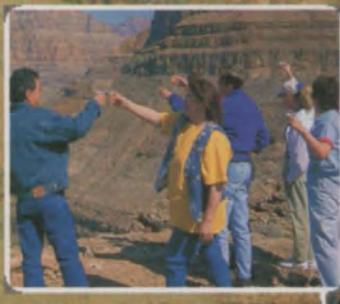


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Marona Meets the Millennium

Danny Marona reflects on three decades of performing in Nevada. **By Kim Pryor**

As 1999 turns to 2000, Danny Marona will celebrate his own milestone—30 years of performing in Nevada showrooms. The singer-comedian played his first casino engagement over the holidays in December 1969 at the Sahara Tahoe (now the Lake Tahoe Horizon). As a budding entertainer, Marona was forced to find his own lodging, so he stayed at a South Lake Tahoe motel. There was no phone in his room, and every time Marona received a call, he had to trudge through the snow to the office.

During one snowstorm, Marona had to put chains on his car. As he lay next to his car in the motel's driveway, two people walked past. One of them called out, "We saw your show last night. It was pretty good." Marona still appreciates the irony.

"It's funny. When you can't afford rooms, that's when you have to rent a room," Marona muses. "And then when you can afford rooms, they give you suites."

Now Marona is staying in suites, and he's one of Nevada's most popular acts. One moment he is a sharp-witted joke teller, the next a singer or piano player with a musical range from Beethoven to old-time rock 'n' roll. His three-dimensional performance is one reason why Reno's *Fun & Gaming* named him Entertainer of the Year in Reno-Tahoe for seven consecutive years.

Marona, who appears in the South Shore Room at Harrah's Lake Tahoe December 26-30, enjoys the high-country winter at holiday time. For a man who describes himself as "still like a little kid," there's no better place to spend the week after Christmas than Lake Tahoe.

"In Northern Nevada there's a real briskness in the air and snow on the ground, and it's everything you imagined

Christmas to be," Marona says. "I live in Arizona, and there's something almost sacrilegious about seeing people put Christmas trees on top of their cars while wearing Bermuda shorts."

When performing at Harrah's Lake Tahoe during the holidays, Marona usually

watch the other acts and go, 'Oh, my God, can I do this?'

Marona usually began his act at 4 p.m., so he sometimes played to an empty lounge. One afternoon the Sahara Tahoe's general manager noticed Marona's depression over the lack of an audience.

"They're not supposed to see your show," he explained. "The purpose of your show is to let everybody know that it's getting towards evening time. It's time to go shower, change clothes, and come downstairs for all the night-time festivities."

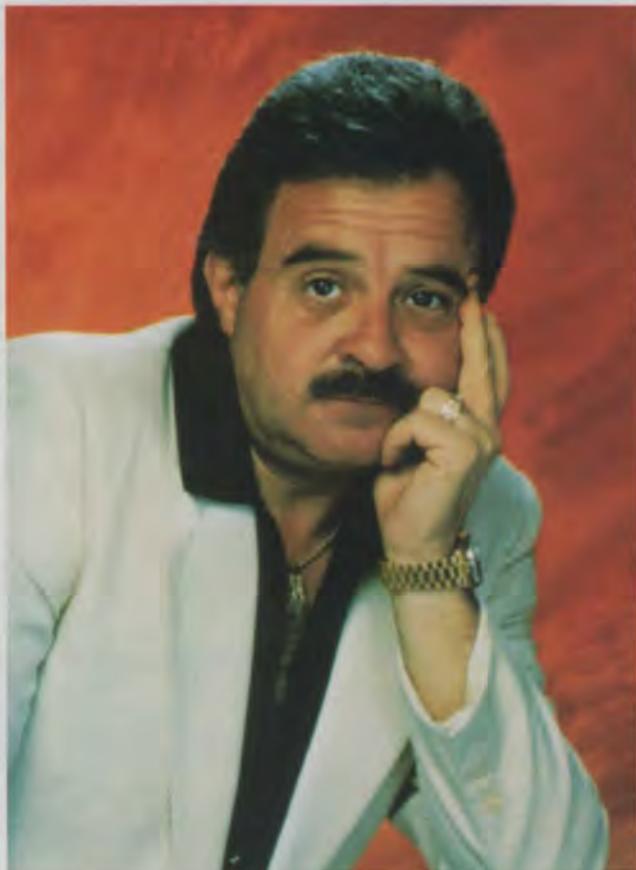
Marona looked at him, amazed. "That's my job?"

"Hey, you gotta pay your dues," the executive told Marona. "When you work yourself into the headline spot, then people will come on purpose to see your show."

Marona enjoys playing Tahoe over the holidays, but his passion for golf lures him to the area in spring and summer, too. Edgewood Tahoe is one of his favorite courses. He also likes the links at Genoa Lakes, Incline Village, and Glenbrook. In Reno, Marona plays Hidden Valley and Lakeridge, where he enjoys going up against No. 15, a 205-yard par-three with an island green.

"Golf is a big part of my life," says Marona. "I have a lot of friends that live in Reno and Tahoe, and Tahoe is so beautiful—if you just went out and stood in the middle of the street, there's plenty of beauty to look at. But when I'm in a place like Atlantic City, boy, getting up early in the morning and heading for the golf course saves my sanity."

Marona has favored some hangouts away from the fairways. When in Reno, every Thursday the performer used to join friends at the Coffee Grinder to celebrate Turkey Day, when the restaurant serves its weekly Thanksgiving meal. "We used to



Danny Marona, the son of a vaudeville performer turned traveling preacher, has won numerous Northern Nevada Entertainer of the Year awards. Marona appears December 26-30 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

spends Christmas with his daughter, Michelle, a dance instructor who lives in El Dorado Hills, near Sacramento. Then he departs for Tahoe the day after Christmas.

Marona recalls performing as a newcomer at the Sahara Tahoe's Juniper Lounge. He shared the bill with five other acts, among them Bill Medley and Fats Domino.

"I was intimidated by everybody," Marona admits. "I'd stand backstage and

O.D. on turkey, mashed potatoes, and cranberry sauce," Marona says. "That became kind of a ritual."

A self-proclaimed sentimental guy, Marona enjoys reminiscing about Nevada and world events. Recently, he listened to a 15-cassette series on the 20th century, and the sections on the '50s and '60s turned him into "a ball of mush," he says.

"A very wise, old entertainer taught me years ago don't try to manufacture a personality on stage. Just try being an extension of who you really are, and hopefully the audience will warm to that," Marona says. "I have a tendency to wax sentimental to begin with, and with the millennium approaching, I think you would have to be just vacant of thought to not spend a lot of time reminiscing about each of our individual parts in this 20th century. On the last week of this millennium it's important to do a recap. So I think I'll be doing that comedically as well as musically in the show at Harrah's."

Those musical reminiscences will likely include a tribute to Louis Prima. Marona says that when he sings "Just a Gigolo," he remembers watching Prima sing that song in the old Casbar Lounge at the Sahara in Las Vegas. Marona says he admired Prima's pacing and talent.

"It was all I could do to keep from drooling," Marona recalls. "I wanted to be that kind of performer. And I guess if our show emulates anything, we're kind of a throwback to that era. What's really amazing is a lot of college kids come to the show and seem to enjoy it. To them it's like a new discovery. To me it's pure sentiment."

As Marona looks back on his dues-paying years, he says he realizes putting chains on his car in a snowstorm was a step in a larger process.

"I think it's necessary to go through all those steps," Marona says. "I almost pity the people who can put themselves in the classification of an overnight success, because I think those steps are what shape and mold you and build you into what you ultimately become."

Show Notes

Danny Marona appears in the South Shore Room at Harrah's Lake Tahoe in Stateline December 26-30. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$22.50, which includes tax but not drinks. Call 800-HARRAHS for reservations.

Kim Pryor first heard Danny Marona perform "Just a Gigolo" in the High Sierra's cabaret in Stateline in 1988. Previously, she naively thought the song was a David Lee Roth original.

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Casino Notes

News from hotel-casinoland. **By Elizabeth Baker-Nielsen**

Las Vegas Territory

New Brew: The Colorado Belle in Laughlin has added hand-crafted root beer to the list of brews offered at the Boiler Room Brew Pub. Brewed in small batches, the root beer is more flavorful, and a little stronger, than mass-produced versions. A mug of the foamy libation sells for \$1.50.

D.I.'s Honors: Two restaurants in the Desert Inn have been recognized in the 2000 Zagat survey of Las Vegas restaurants. The Portofino Italian Steakhouse, which serves Mediterranean-influenced cuisine in a candle-lit atmosphere overlooking the casino, scored 27 out of a total 30 points. The Monte Carlo, a Four-Diamond restaurant serving classic French dishes on china place settings by Fabergé, scored 26 out of 30. The restaurants were rated on food, decor, and service.

Winning Chip: The Excalibur in Las Vegas won "Chip of the Year" honors for its eighth anniversary gaming chip. The chip, which featured artwork depicting Merlin the Magician, was recognized by the Casino Chip and Gaming Tokens Collector's Club.

Drive-Through Betting: With football season in full swing, sports bettors can use the drive-up windows at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas and the Fiesta in North Las Vegas.

New Games: The Golden Nugget in Laughlin has added two slot machine games, Bingo Bonus Slots and Sneak Peek Poker. Bingo Bonus is a video reel machine that combines slots with traditional bingo. Sneak Peek deals five cards plus the first card of the draw hand, allowing the player to get a peek at what the draw results might be.

Big Turney: Harrah's Las Vegas will host the third annual Carnivale of Poker Tournament on January 9-28. The event is expected to draw the world's top players to vie for \$4 million in prizes. There is a \$5,000 buy-in, and players will receive a special room rate of \$79 Sunday through Thursday and \$99 Friday and Saturday.

Gans Moving: Impersonator Danny Gans is leaving the Rio Suite Hotel and will open in April in a specially designed 1,260-seat theater at the Mirage.

This Little Piggy: Palace Station in Las Vegas has a new Sunday Pig Roast Buffet from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Guadalajara Bar and



Singing bartender Pete Carter of the Three Tenders shakes drinks while entertaining customers at the New Harbor Bar at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas. The two other members of the Three Tenders are Mercedes Fenyves and Phil Phillips.

Grille, the hotel's Mexican restaurant. In the Guadalajara Cantina, a happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. has new appetizer and drink specials.

Prime Rib Night: Saturday is prime rib night at the Feast Gourmet buffets at the Boulder and Palace Stations in Las Vegas. The new special is \$9.99 and is served from 4 to 10 p.m.

Cassidy Moves In: Former Partridge Family member and "EFX" headliner David Cassidy will create and star in a new production at the Rio Suite Hotel in Las Vegas. The show is scheduled to open in January after Danny Gans completes his engagement at the Rio.

Marino Chosen: Frank Marino, who stars as Joan Rivers in the Riviera's "An Evening at La Cage," was inducted recently into the Nevada Casino Hall of Fame at the Tropicana in Las Vegas. Marino has starred in "La Cage" for 11 years, chalking up 14,000 performances. "I change my clothes 17 times per show," says the female impersonator. "I've made 238,000 costume changes. My dry-cleaning bill is the biggest on the Strip."

Adult "Splash": The aqua-revue "Splash" at the Riviera has returned to an adult format of two topless shows nightly at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. No one under 18 years of age is admitted. The schedule will be in effect through

November 10, when the current version of "Splash" closes for major revamping. "Splash" will reopen December 25.

Singing Bartenders: The Three Tenders—Pete Carter, Mercedes Fenyves, and Phil Phillips—sing and pour at the New Harbor Bar at the Tropicana. The trio belts hit songs while serving 150 different types of drinks. The bartenders perform daily from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Atlantis Contest: Festivities at last summer's Hot August Nights in Reno produced a new hula hoop record, set at the Atlantis by Lori Lomeli of Southern California. Lomeli twirled 82 standard hoops between her neck and knees for three-and-one-half complete revolutions.

Deal 'Em: As part of its \$75-million expansion, the Atlantis has opened a new poker room. Games begin daily at 9 a.m. in the room, which features a state-of-the-art smoke extraction system.

Best of Tahoe: Harrah's Lake Tahoe garnered 13 Best of Tahoe awards from readers of the *Tahoe Daily Tribune*. The honors include Friendliest Casino Employees, Loosest Slots,

Best Place to Play Blackjack, Best Cocktail Service, Best Place to Eat If Someone Else Is Paying (Best Gourmet Restaurant), Best Place for a Romantic Evening (the Summit Restaurant), Best Desserts (the Summit), Best Buffet, and Best Valet Parking. The hotel's Friday's Station Steak and Seafood Grill was named for Best Steak, Best Wine List, Best Martini, and Best Appetizers.

Excellent Wine: The *Wine Spectator* magazine has given the White Orchid restaurant at the Peppermill in Reno the Award of Excellence for having "one of the most outstanding restaurant wine lists in the world." The White Orchid has more than 9,500 bottles in its wine cellar, and there are 18 different varieties on the wine list.

Good Deals

River Mini-Vacation: Through December 23, the Colorado Belle in Laughlin is offering "Relaxin' on the River," a mini-vacation package that includes a three-day, two-night stay, a cruise on the Colorado River, two cocktails, and a \$5 gift certificate for any Colorado Belle restaurant. The price is \$15.75 per person, per night, Sunday through Thursday, and \$21.25

on Friday and Saturday. The package is based on double occupancy and is not available during holidays and special event periods.

Ski Fantasy: A ski package at the Fantasy Inn at Lake Tahoe includes a room with a whirlpool spa, two all-day lift tickets at Sierra-at-Tahoe ski resort, continental breakfast, wine, and ski shuttle. The price is \$129 per

The eighth anniversary gaming chip issued by the Excalibur in Las Vegas was named "Chip of the Year" by the Casino Chip and Gaming Tokens Collector's Club.



couple, per night, Sunday through Thursday.

Early Bird Wins: The Steak House at the Peppermill in Reno has an early-bird special from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays. The dinner is \$12.95 and includes soup or salad, T-bone steak, baked potato, vegetables, and dessert.

Casino Promotions

Buck and Benz: The Eldorado in Reno is giving away cars, cash, and prizes during its Bucks and Benz promotion. Prizes include a Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen Beetle, 10 Princess cruises, 50 television sets, 10 CD players, 20 VCRs, and 10 \$500 Eldorado credits.

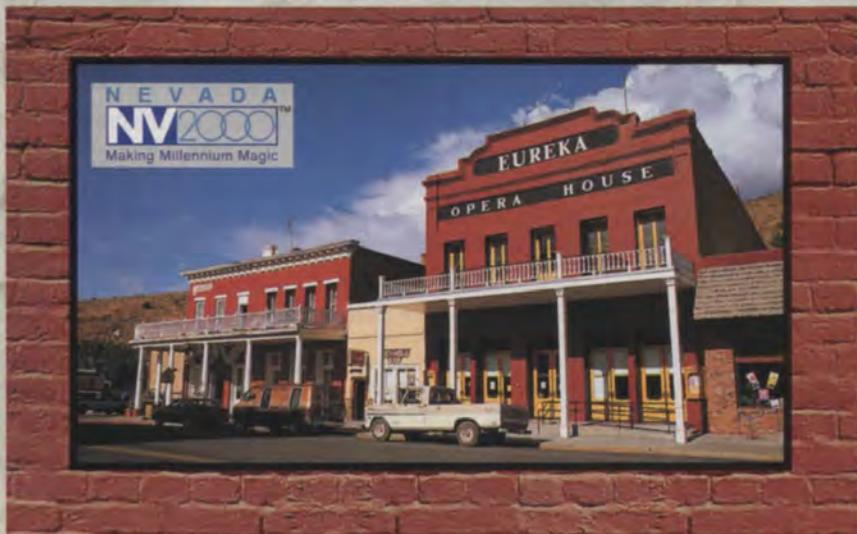
Lady Luck: The Lady Luck in Las Vegas is holding a \$500,000 prize giveaway that involves matching three symbols to win cash, show tickets, logo jackets, and other prizes. Players can also collect the letters to spell out Lady Luck and win \$1,000.

Monday Night Football: The Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay will offer a \$400 free-entry cash prize pool during its Monday Night Football event. Participants receive two drawing tickets every week. Prizes include Oakland Raiders tickets and T-shirts.

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Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Black Canyon River Raft Tours • 293-3776.

Boulder City Historic District • Walking tour. 1305 Arizona, 293-2034.

Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum • Displays and books on the dam's construction in 1930s. 1305 Arizona, 294-1988.

Boulder Dam Hotel • 1305 Arizona, 293-7731.

Hoover Dam and Visitor Center • Tours, theaters, exhibit hall. U.S. 93, 294-3515, 293-8367, 293-8000.

Lake Mead Cruises/Desert Princess • Excursion on Lake Mead, 293-6180.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area • 601 Nevada Hwy., 293-8906.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children • Children's Art Museum, artifacts, tours. 100 St. Jude's St., 294-7100.

HENDERSON

City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve • Self-guided or guided tours for more than 10 people of the 80-acre preserve. 2400 Moser Street off Sunset, Henderson, 565-4264.

Clark County Heritage Museum • 1830 S. Boulder Hwy., 455-7955.

Cranberry World West • Tours of Ocean Spray facility. 1301 American Pacific Dr., 566-7160.

Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden • Tours. 2 Cactus Garden Dr., 458-8864.

Mountasia Family Fun Center • 2050 Olympic, 898-7777.

Ron Lee's World of Clowns • 330 Carousel Pkwy., 434-1700.

LAS VEGAS

AdventureDome • Adventure park with rides and attractions. Next to Circus Circus, 800-444-CIRCUS.

A.J. Hackett Bungee • 810 Circus Circus, 385-4321.

All-American Sportpark • Golf, baseball, in-line skating, and NASCAR racing, corner of Las Vegas Blvd. and Sunset Road, 798-7777.

Bellagio • Art gallery, choreographed fountain shows at the Strip entrance, 693-7111.

Caesars Palace • Dining, magic shows, and special effects at Caesars Magical Empire, 731-7333.

Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex • 9295 W. Flamingo, 253-9832.

Excalibur • Dragon battle in front moat, motion simulators, 597-7777.

Flamingo Hilton • Wildlife sanctuary, 733-3111.

Floyd Lamb State Park • Picnicking and fishing. 9200 Tule Springs Rd., 486-5413.

Flyaway Indoor Skydiving • 200 Convention Center Dr. 731-4768.

Forum Shops at Caesars • Animatronic attractions, "Race for Atlantis" IMAX 3D motion simulator. Caesars Palace, 893-4800.

Fremont Street Experience • Light show on the hour from dusk to midnight. Downtown Las Vegas, 678-5600.

Gameworks • Climbing wall and arcade. Showcase Mall, 597-3122.

Guinness World of Records Museum • 2780 Las Vegas Blvd. S., 792-3766.



Three-Dimensional Action

Showgoers are drawn into the action at the IMAX Theatre at the Luxor in Las Vegas. *Mysteries of Egypt* is now appearing on the theater's screen, which is seven stories high.

Harley-Davidson Cafe • Motorcycle memorabilia, Harleys and other items on display. The Las Vegas Strip, 740-4555.

Holy Cow! Casino • Brewery tours, 732-2697.

Horseshoe Casino • \$1 million on display, 382-1600.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection • Classic and antique vehicles, 794-3174.

Laser Quest • Hide and seek with special effects. 7361 West Lake Mead, Las Vegas, 243-8881.

Las Vegas Art Museum • 9600 W. Sahara Ave., 647-4300.

Las Vegas Club • Sports memorabilia. Downtown, 385-1664.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum • From dinosaurs to desert creatures. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 384-DINO.

Liberace Museum • Pianos and memorabilia. 1775 E. Tropicana, 798-5595.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum • Science and other learning exhibits. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., 382-KIDS.

Luxor • Motion rides, IMAX Theatre, and King Tut's Tomb and Museum, 262-4000.

M&M's World • Collectibles and candy. Showcase Mall, 736-7611.

Mandalay Bay • Coin and paper money museum, 632-7777.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History • 4505 Maryland Pkwy., UNLV, 895-3381.

MGM Grand • Lion habitat open daily. Theme park closed for winter, 891-7979.

Mirage • Dolphin habitat, volcano, and Secret Garden with tigers, elephant, lions, and panthers, 791-7111.

Motown Cafe • Memorabilia and entertainment, New York-New York, 740-6440.

Mount Charleston • Recreation info., 222-1597.

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society • Lorenzi Park, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., 486-5205.

New York-New York • Roller coaster, 740-6969.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Historic State Park • Site of 1855 settlement. 908 Las Vegas Blvd. North at Washington Avenue, 486-3511.

Omnimax Theatre • Caesars Palace, 731-7900.
Rainforest Cafe • Bird habitat and animated creatures. MGM Grand Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip, 891-8580.
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area • 363-1921.
Rio Suite Hotel • Free carnival-themed sky parade, 252-7777.

Sahara Hotel • Virtual reality Indy car racing, 737-2735.
Sam's Town • Water and laser show, 456-7777.
Santa Fe Hotel • Ice arena, 4949 N. Rancho Dr., 658-4993.
Shelby American • Shelby Cobra auto museum and factory tour. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 643-3000.

Southern Nevada Zoological Park • Home of 150 species, from apes to peacocks. 1775 N. Rancho Dr., 648-5955.
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park • Red Rock Canyon, 875-4141.

Star Trek: The Experience • Las Vegas Hilton, 697-8751.
Stratosphere • Roller coaster and Big Shot ride, 380-7777.
Treasure Island • Sea battle every 90 minutes from 4 to 11:30 p.m., 894-7111.

Tropicana • Birds, tiger habitat, and gambling museum, 739-2222.

Venetian Hotel • Madame Tussaud's Celebrity Encounter wax museum, gondola rides. Las Vegas, 733-5000.

Walker African-American Museum and Research Center • Exhibits and records, open by appointment only, 647-2242.

Wet 'n Wild • Water theme park closed for the season, 734-0088.

World of Coca-Cola • Museum. Showcase Mall, 270-5985.

LAUGHLIN

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area • Nature and water sports, four miles south of Laughlin, 298-1859.

Boiler Room Microbrewery • Colorado Belle, 298-4000.

Colorado River Museum • Arizona Hwy. 95, 520-754-3399.

Del Rio Beach Club • Colorado River sightseeing boat tour, 298-6828.

Davis Dam • Self-guided tours, 298-2214.

Grapevine Canyon • Seven miles west of Laughlin. Inquire about road conditions, 298-2214.

Lake Mohave Resort • 602-754-3245.

Laughlin River Tours • Colorado River, 298-1047.

Ramada Express • WWII museum and multimedia tribute to American war heroes, 298-4200.

Riverside Resort • Classic cars, river tour boat, and bowling center, 298-2535.

MESQUITE

Desert Valley Museum • 346-5705.

Si Redd's Oasis • Gun club, hayrides, ATV and horseback rides, 346-5232.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

The Planetarium • Community College of Southern Nevada, 651-5059.

OVERTON

Lost City Museum of Archaeology • Pueblo culture, 397-2193.

Valley of Fire State Park • 397-2088.

PRIMM

Primadonna Resorts • Roller coaster, water flume, cyber coaster, and Turbo Drop rides at Buffalo Bill's; cars belonging to Bonnie and Clyde and Dutch Schultz and Clyde's bullet-riddled shirt at Whiskey Pete's, Primm, on the Nevada-California border, 382-1111.

SEARCHLIGHT

Searchlight Gallery • 297-1540.

Searchlight Historic Museum • 455-7955.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

CARSON CITY

Brewery Arts Center • 449 W. King St., 883-1976.

Carson and Mills Park Railroad • Mills Park, 887-2523.

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada • Museum has educational exhibits, 813 N. Carson St., 884-2226.

Kit Carson Trail • Walking tour. 687-7410 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.

Nevada Supreme Court • Tours. Stewart St., 687-8616.

Roberts' House Museum • 1207 N. Carson St., 882-1805.

Stewart Indian Museum and Cultural Center • 5366 Snyder, 882-6929.

Warren Engine Co. No. 1 Museum • 777 S. Stewart St., 887-2210.

DAYTON

Dayton State Park • 687-5678.

GARDNERVILLE

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center • Old Douglas County High School on U.S. 395 S., 782-2555.

Sharkey's Nugget • Boxing, rodeo memorabilia. 782-3133.

GENOA

Genoa Courthouse Museum • 782-4325.

Mormon Station State Historic Park • 782-4325, 687-4379.

Walley's Hot Springs • 2001 Foothill Rd., 782-8155.

LAKE TAHOE

Hard Rock Cafe • Harveys, Stateline, 588-2411.

Heavenly Aerial Tram • Seasonal. Stateline, 586-7000.

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park • Sand Harbor, 2005 Hwy. 28, Incline Village, 831-0494.

M.S. Dixie II Sternwheeler • Zephyr Cove, 588-3508.

Ponderosa Ranch • Ranch closes for winter Nov. 1. Incline Village, 831-0691.

Tahoe Gal Paddlewheeler • Tahoe City, 530-583-0141.

Tahoe Rim Trail • 150-mile system, 588-0686.

Tallac Historic Site • Tours daily Memorial Day through Sept., South Lake Tahoe, 530-544-3029.

U.S. Forest Service Visitors Center • Stream-profile chamber, 530-573-2600.

Vikingsholm • Tours, 530-525-7232.

Zephyr Cove Resort • Cruises, boat rentals. 588-5021.

RENO

Animal Ark • 10 mi. north of Reno, then 12 mi. on Red Rock Road to reach Animal Ark, 969-3111.

Bartley Ranch Regional Park • Hiking, horse arena, and one-room Huffaker schoolhouse. Reno, 828-6612.

Earth Window Museum • Native American artifacts, 100 N. Sierra St., Town Center Mall, 333-2828.

Fleischmann Planetarium • Stargazing programs, U of N, 784-4811.

Galena Creek Regional Park • Mount Rose Hwy., 785-4319.

Liberty Belle Slot Collection • Liberty Belle Saloon, 4250 S. Virginia St., 825-1776.

National Automobile Museum (the Harrah Collection) • 10 Lake St. S., 333-9300.

National Bowling Stadium • Tournaments and IMAX theater. 300 N. Center St., 334-2695.

Nevada Historical Society Museum • 1650 N. Virginia St., 688-1190.

Nevada Museum of Art, E.L. Wiegand Gallery • 160 W. Liberty St., 329-3333.

Playland • Rides, picnicking. Idlewild Park, 329-6008.

Raymond I. Smith Truckee River Walk • 334-2077.

Reno Hilton • Water golf, Ultimate Rush thrill ride, putting course, 789-2000.

Reno Tahoe Gaming Academy • Tours. 215 S. Wells Ave., 329-5665.

Sierra Arts Center Gallery • Gallery and offices, 200 Flint St., 329-1324.

Sierra Safari Zoo • 10 mi. north of Reno at Red Rock Rd., 677-1101.

Silver Legacy • Giant mining and laser shows every hour, 325-7396.

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.

PYRAMID LAKE

Numana Hatchery Visitors Center • 574-0290.

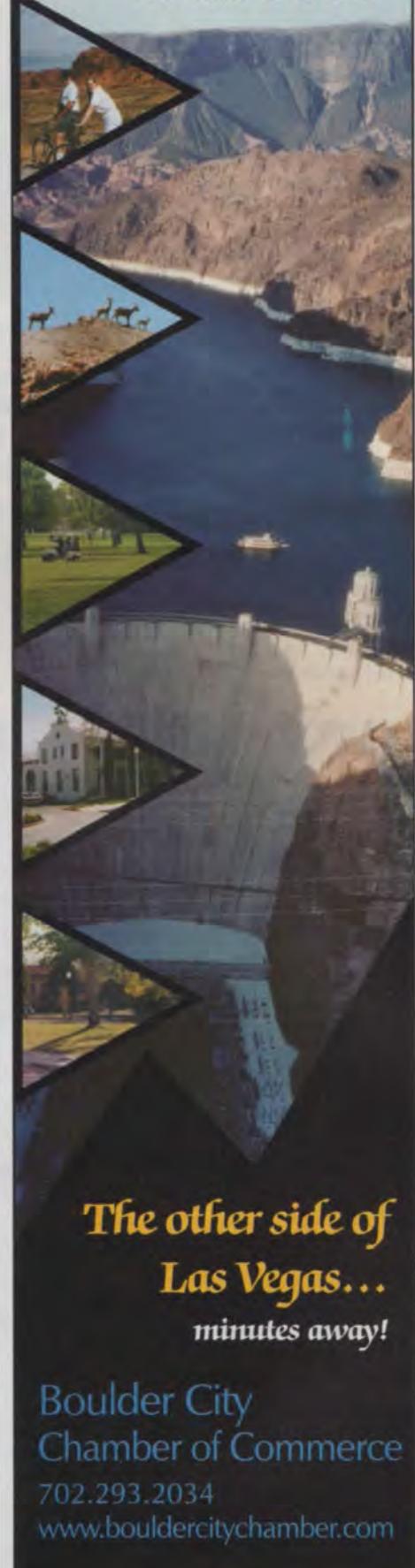
SPARKS

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Elephant mascots train in their arena, 356-3300.

Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum • 355-1144.

Wild Island • Water park closed for winter, miniature golf and raceway open year-round. Off I-80, 359-2927.

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VIRGINIA CITY

Assay Office Museum • 847-0777.
The Castle • 847-0275.
Chollar Mine • Tours of workings, 847-0155.
Fourth Ward School Museum • 847-0975.
Julia C. Bulette Red Light Museum • 847-9394.
Liberty Engine Co. No. 1 Comstock Firemen's Museum • 847-0717.
Mackay Mansion Museum • 847-0173.

Mark Twain Museum of Memories • 847-0454.

Nevada Gambling Museum • 847-9022.
Piper's Opera House • 847-0433.
Ponderosa Mine • Tours, 847-0757.
Territorial Enterprise Mark Twain Museum • 847-0525.
Virginia and Truckee Railroad • 847-0380.
Virginia City Radio Museum • 847-9047.
Virginia City Tours • 786-0866.
Way It Was Museum • 847-0766.

Wild West Museum • South C Street, 847-0400.

VERDI

Boontown Family Fun Center • Motion theater, Ferris wheel, and miniature golf, 345-8668.

WASHOE VALLEY

Bowers Mansion Park • Seasonal, historic mansion of Comstock millionaires, 849-1825.
Davis Creek Park • 849-0684.
Washoe Lake State Park • East Lake Blvd., 687-4319.

Cowboy Country

BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Trail of the 49ers Interpretive Center • Pioneer exhibits, research room, 453 N. Second St., 635-5720.

ELKO

Jarbridge Wilderness Area • North of Elko, 208-543-4129.
Northeastern Nevada Museum • 1515 Idaho St., 738-3418.
Western Folklife Center • 501 Railroad St., 738-7508.
Wild Horse State Recreation Area • 65 miles north of Elko, 758-6493.

LOVELOCK

Giant Tufa Park • West of Lovelock, 273-7213.
Pershing County Marzen House Museum • Lovelock-area history, 273-7213.

WENDOVER

Bonneville Salt Flats • 801-977-4300.

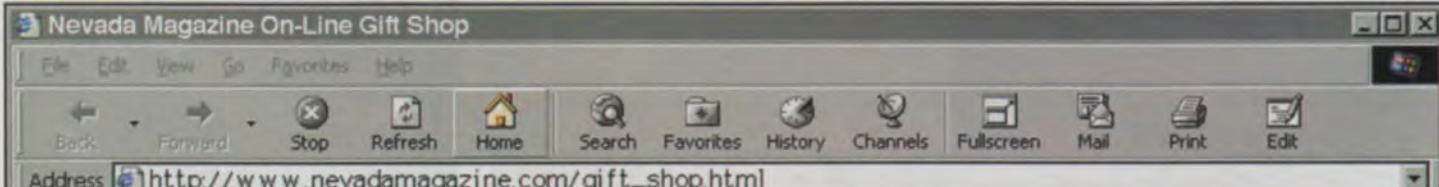
WINNEMUCCA

Buckaroo Hall of Fame • 623-2225.
Humboldt Museum • Winnemucca-area history, 623-2912.

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East Ely Railroad Depot Museum • Tours, 289-1663.

Great Basin National Park • Tours of Lehman Caves, Baker, 65 miles east of Ely, 234-7331.

McGill Historical Drug Company • Call for tours of an old-fashioned drug store. McGill, 775-235-7082.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum • Train rides on historic locomotives. 1100 Ave. A, East Ely, 289-2085.

Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Site • 16 miles (11 dirt) south of Ely, 728-4467.

White Pine Public Museum • Exhibits on history of Ely area. 2000 Aultman St., 289-4710.

EUREKA

Eureka Opera House • Open Mon.-Fri. or by appointment, tours, 237-6006.

Eureka Sentinel Museum • 237-5010.

FALON

Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave • Tours. 1050 S. Maine St., 423-3677.

Fort Churchill State Historic Park • 30 miles west of Fallon at Silver Springs, 577-2345.

Nevada Maze • Tours of one mile of trails in a corn field at Lattin Farms, Aug.-Oct. Fallon, 867-3750.

Sand Mountain • Unusual giant sand dune. 20 miles east of Fallon, 885-6000.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge • 15 miles east of Fallon, 423-5128.

Pioneer Territory

BEATTY

Beatty Museum • Mining exhibits, 553-2424.

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Beatty, 619-786-2331.

Rhyolite Bottle House Historic Site • Four miles west of Beatty, 553-2424.

GABBS

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park • Dinosaur fossils, 23 miles east of Gabbs, 964-2440.

HAWTHORNE

Mineral County Historical Museum • 400 10th St., 945-5142.

Walker Lake State Recreation Area • Fishing, camping, and birdwatching, 945-5896.

PAHRUMP

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Pahrump, 619-786-2331.

Pahrump Valley Winery • Tours. 3810 Winery Rd., 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE.

PIOCHE/CALIENTE

Cathedral Gorge State Park • South of Pioche, 728-4460.

Kershaw-Ryan State Park • South of Caliente, 728-4460.

Lincoln County Historical Museum • Main Street, Pioche, 962-5207.

Million Dollar Courthouse • Pioche, 962-5207.

Spring Valley State Park • 728-4460.

Stone Cabin Living History Museum • One mile north of Eagle Valley Reservoir near Pioche, seasonal, 728-4460.

ROUND MOUNTAIN

Smoky Valley Museum • 1935 schoolhouse and assay equipment. Open second Wednesday of the month and by appointment, 377-2243.

TONOPAH

Belmont Courthouse State Historic Site • 50 miles north of Tonopah, 867-3001.

Central Nevada Museum • Artifacts and photographs on Tonopah-area history, 482-9676.

Tonopah Historic Mining Park • 482-9274.

YERINGTON

Lyon County Museum • Exhibits and photos on the history of the Yerington area, 463-2245.

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Statewide Information

Nevada Commission on Tourism: Capitol Complex, Carson City, NV 89710; www.travelnevada.com; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8 anywhere in U.S. and Canada.

Las Vegas Territory

African American Activities: 3898 Raymert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-456-3838.

Boulder City C of C: 1305 Arizona, Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-293-2034.

Boulder City Visitor Center: 100 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; 702-294-1252.

Henderson C of C: 590 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson, NV 89015; www.hendersonchamber.com; 702-565-8951.

Henderson Convention and Visitors Bureau: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89015; 702-565-2171.

Hoover Dam Visitors Services: Box 60400, Boulder City, NV 89006; www.hooverdam.com; 702-294-3523.

Jean Visitor Center: Interstate 15 South, Exit 12, Jean, NV 89019; 702-874-1360.

Las Vegas C of C: 3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109; lvchamber.com; 702-735-1616.

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority: 3150 Paradise, Las Vegas, NV 89109; www.lasvegas24hours.com; 702-892-0711.

Latin C of C: 829 S. Sixth St., Las Vegas, NV 89125; [LasVegasLatincc.com](http://www.Latincc.com); 702-385-7367.

Laughlin C of C: Box 77777, Laughlin, NV 89028; www.laughlinchamber.com; 702-298-2214 or 800-227-5245 outside Nevada.

Laughlin Visitor Center: 1555 Casino Dr., Laughlin, NV 89029; www.visitlaughlin.com; 702-298-3321 or 800-4LAUGHLIN.

Mesquite Area C of C: 850 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027; 702-346-2902.

Mesquite Visitor Center: Interstate 15 Exit 122, 460 Sandhill Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027; 702-346-2702 or 877-MESQUITE.

Moapa Valley C of C: Hwy. 169, Box 361, Overton, NV 89040; 702-397-2160.

North Las Vegas C of C: 2290 McDaniel, North Las Vegas, NV 89030; www.vegas.com/nlvcofc; 702-642-9595.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Carson City C of C: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701; carsoncitychamber.com; 775-882-1565.

Carson City Convention and Visitors Bureau: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 200, Carson City, NV 89701; www.carson-city.org; 775-687-7410 or 800-NEVADA-1 in U.S.

Carson Valley C of C and Visitors Authority: 1512 Hwy. 395, No. 1, Gardnerville, NV 89410-5283; www.carsonvalley-nv.org; 775-782-8144 or 800-727-7677 in U.S.

Dayton Area C of C: 15 Main St., Box 2408, Dayton, NV 89408; 775-246-7909 (open Thurs.-Sun.).

Greater Reno-Sparks C of C: 405 Marsh Ave., Reno, NV 89505; www.reno-sparkschamber.org; 775-686-3030.

Incline Village/Crystal Bay C of C: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451; www.laketahoechamber.com; 775-831-4440.

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89451; www.gotahoe.com; 775-832-1606 or 800-GO-TAHOE anywhere in U.S.

Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority: 1156 Ski Run Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; www.virtualtahoe.com; 530-544-5050, 800-AT-TAHOE in U.S.

North Lake Tahoe C of C: 245 N. Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, CA 96145; 530-581-6900.

North Lake Tahoe Resort Association: Box 5459, Tahoe City,

CA 96145; www.tahoefun.org; 530-583-3494 or 800-824-6348 for travel information on the North Lake Tahoe area.

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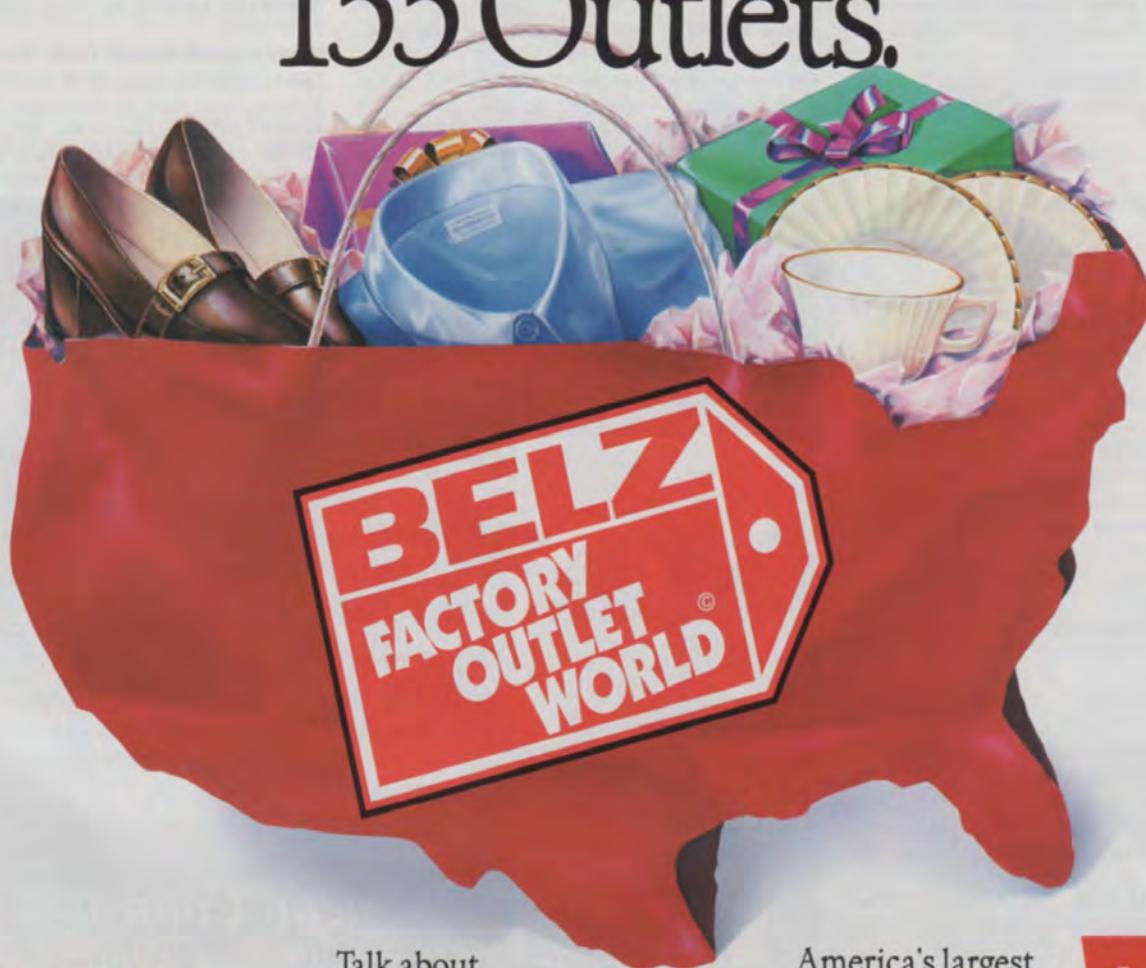
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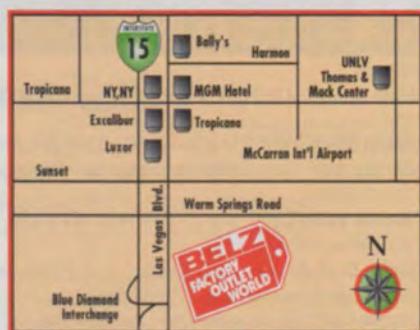
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Imperial Palace/Emperor's Buffet—731-3311. Carving station, roast baron of beef. B, L, D, \$, major.

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Monte Carlo/Buffet—730-7777. Exhibition-style kitchen. B, L, D, \$, major.

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CONTINENTAL

Peppermill/White Orchid—Reno, 826-2121. Filet mignon, seared ahi, medallions of elk. D. \$\$\$, major.

ITALIAN

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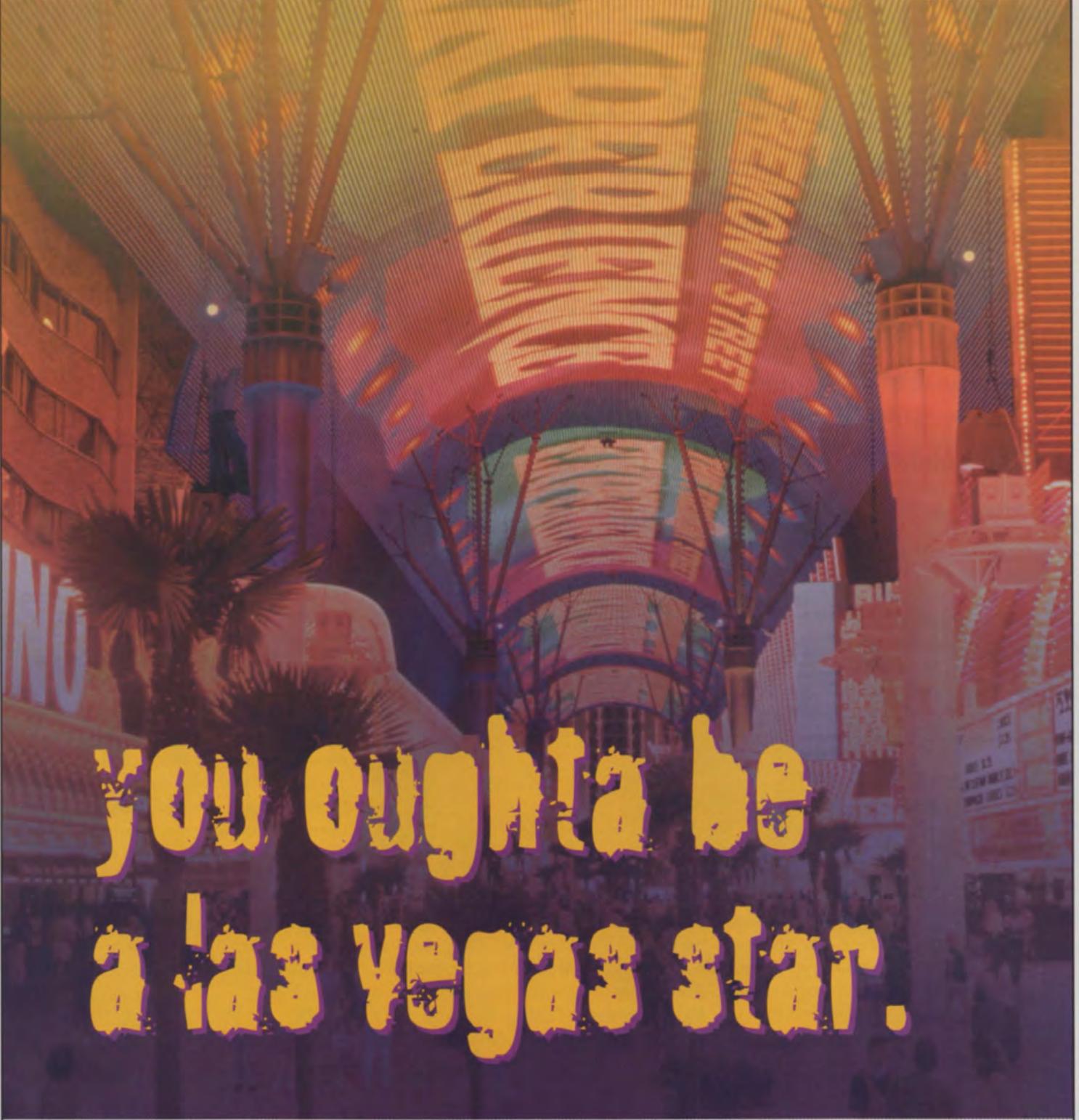
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Macho Medieval Mayhem

Good battles evil during "Tournament of Kings" at the Excalibur.

By Ann Henderson

At a time when the world looks ahead to a somewhat uncertain new era, the Arthurian-themed "Tournament of Kings" at the Excalibur in Las Vegas is an uncomplicated send-up of a legendary time when good was good and evil was really rotten.

Set about 600 A.D., when King Arthur and his knights were doing good deeds in the mythical kingdom of Avalon, "Tournament of Kings" has a simple and sometimes contrived plot. This lack of substance could be a problem for another production, but "Tournament of Kings" has much more going for it: jousting, pyrotechnics, and excellent stuntwork. Overall, it's great fun.

When the show managers say that "Tournament of Kings" starts at 6 p.m., believe it. That's when waiters serve dinner, which consists of a pewter bowl of chicken soup and a main course of Cornish game hen, broccoli, baked potato, and, for dessert, an apple turnover. The meal is served medieval-style—no silverware. While you're getting used to negotiating broccoli with your fingers, the wizard Merlin (Doug Baker) and the Jester (Vern Ursenbach) explain that audience members are expected to be loud, boisterous, and bang on the table during the show. In other words, forget everything your mother told you.

While you're eating dinner, King Arthur



introduces the other European kings, who have been invited to a jousting competition in honor of Arthur's son, Christopher. The "kings" of Austria, France, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Russia, and Spain enter on horseback, each taking his place before the section that is flying his banner.

The audience joins the kings in a simple drinking song. During the refrain Arthur sings, "Is it good?" Showgoers lift their tankards and respond, "Yes, yes, yes." "Is it bad?" he asks. "No, no, no," they respond. It's corny, but it works to get the crowd, particularly the children, involved.

Eyes grow wider when the jousting tournament begins. First the kings race to grab ribbons. Then they see who can lop off a mannequin's head with a sword and throw a javelin at a target—all at a full gallop. During the joust lances splinter and break, and "bodies" are carted off by some very muscular squires. When the jousts end in hand-to-hand combat, the arena rings



The evil Fire Wizard, Modred (Paul Fidler), bursts through flames during "Tournament of Kings" at the Excalibur in Las Vegas. A jousting tournament entertains showgoers while they eat dinner sans silverware.

with the clang of weapons against shields.

The teamwork between man and horse is excellent and the stunts crowd-pleasing. Thom DuPont, who plays the King of France, says once the cast learns the stunts, little practice is required. "Unless we have a new person or we're learning a new role, we don't rehearse too much," says DuPont, who joined the production nine years ago, when it was called "King Arthur's Tournament." "Most of us have been doing this for so long, we can often improvise."

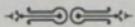
When the show ends, don't leave immediately. After the last bow is taken by the cast, the kings and their horses greet showgoers. The kings answer questions and pose for pictures, and each horse waits to be petted. It's a good moment.

Show Notes

Tournament of Kings" plays nightly in King Arthur's Arena at Excalibur in Las Vegas. Show times are 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$34.95 plus tax and include dinner served medieval style. Cocktails are extra. Showgoers with respiratory ailments should be aware of the dirt arena. Call 702-597-7600 for reservations.

Ann Henderson is Nevada's entertainment and events editor.

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Don Plumridge

This Las Vegas artist keeps his eyes on the skies.

I've been a painter all my life, in various stages," says Las Vegas artist Don Plumridge. His latest stage began two years ago when he settled in Southern Nevada, where he could keep his eyes on the ever-changing skies.

"Here I'm able to search out more subjects to paint than I ever have," Plumridge says. "I'm largely a cloudscape painter and a landscape painter. This area is unlike anything I've encountered in the past."

Plumridge was born in London, Ontario, and graduated from the Ontario College of Art in Toronto. After stints designing television commercials and owning a graphic-design studio, Plumridge bought a 34-room mansion in Massachusetts and operated it as an inn and restaurant. After selling the inn, he and his wife, Maxine, tossed their belongings into a motorcoach "to search the country for a final place to focus on painting," he says.

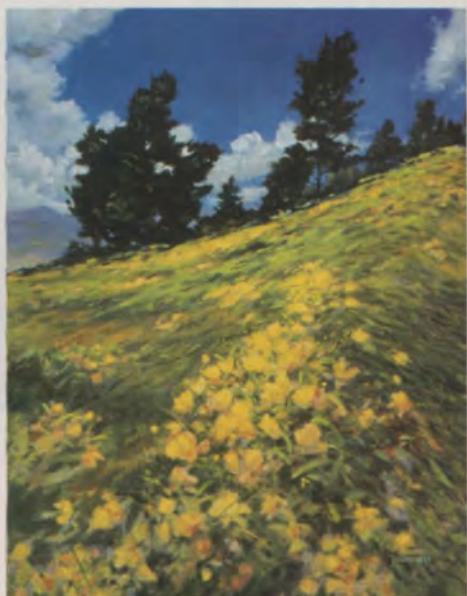
He found his place in Las Vegas. "This

area is an entire flip change of terrain, a much quieter pace, compared to the East Coast." Plumridge says he especially enjoys the solitude of such areas as Red Rock Canyon and Valley of Fire, where he can take his sketchbook and a camera and capture the brilliantly colored sandstones and bright-blue skies.

"My style is realist impressionism," Plumridge says. "The photographs get me started. I sometimes pull elements from three or four parts of different photographs."

Plumridge uses oils to create his colorful textures. "Oils are very challenging. It's with oils that I can gain the most rich and true colors."

Plumridge's work is on display at his studio and gallery, Accents, at 1958 Village Center Circle in Summerlin. Call 702-228-6101 for information. His paintings also appear on the Web at www.artencounter.com. —Carolyn Graham



Flowers on Hillside: "The image, shot in Central Nevada, is just a field of flowers blowing and flashing in the wind. I wanted to capture the motion."



Red Rock Canyon: "This is one of my favorites—and one of the most popular. I wanted to capture the clouds. I was shooting photos like crazy so I could get it back on canvas."



Red Blaze Sunset: "This one is a total imagination—there was no photo reference. It was just my love of skies and my desire to create one of my own, all seen and imagined by what I'm seeing in Nevada."



Lorraine Di Felice and "Cowboy George" Bendinskis, publisher and editor of the *Ghost Town Gazette*, mine Pioche and other communities for true tales of the Old West. The couple's operations base is the Mountain View Hotel (right), located near the Million Dollar Courthouse and other landmarks.

The way Lorraine Di Felice likes to tell it, she found her future husband at a yard sale. "I came up to Pioche for my sister's wedding," she recalls. "I met Cowboy George my second day here, and it was love at first sight."

That was three years ago, and today "Cowboy George" Bendinskis continues to traffic in antiques and collectible Western Americana. According to his business card, he's also the person to call if you're in the market for a pony ride, hay ride, or old-fashioned chuck-wagon barbecue. Four years ago George, previously a Pioche resident, moved back to Pioche from Las Vegas. He says, "I had too many horses for Las Vegas, and they was givin' me the big old skidoo like they do everybody else that has too many critters."

Lorraine, too, hails from Las Vegas, where until recently she ran her own publishing business, knocking out such publications as self-help astrological guides on a half-million-dollar Xerox machine—"the one that can make a book in 30 seconds."

Something else the couple have in



common is a keen interest in history, in particular the American West of the late 19th century, an era during which Pioche sprang into being and blossomed into one of Nevada's most colorful mining camps. Small wonder, then, that the two feel right at home inside the historic Mountain View Hotel at the north end of Pioche's hillside business district. Eventually they'd like to transform the three-story structure into a bed-and-breakfast inn, but for now it looks more like a combination curio shop, salvage yard, and dog pound.

And newspaper office. Three years ago the union of Lorraine and George produced the *Ghost Town Gazette*, a quarterly newspaper that celebrates the history, legends, and ghost towns of the Old West. Featuring banner headlines such as "600 Die at Gold Mine" and "Wild Mustangs Save Baby's Life," the publication might best be described as a cross between a dime novel and a supermarket tabloid.

Love Among the Ruins

In Pioche, yesterday's news is still good reading.
Story and Photos by Richard Menzies

Chief correspondent George mines oral histories on file at the Lincoln County Library for much of his material. In addition, older readers are encouraged to submit reminiscences, and the couple is looking to start a Writer's Club of Pioche—and thus establish a regular contributor pool of ghost (town) writers. The two uncover other stories in the course of their peripatetic travels back and forth across the Great Basin.

"We ask around," explains George. "Who's the person who knows the most? Who's been here the longest? Who's the oldest person in town?"

"We've met a lot of old-timers," adds Lorraine. "We'll go on a trip as antique buyers. Once we were headed for San Francisco, but we didn't make it out of Ely for hours, and then we ended up in Reno. George talked to every old person along the way."

"We started out slow, and now we have subscribers in just about every state," George continues. The



Di Felice and Bendinskis fill the *Ghost Town Gazette* with all the history fit to print.

Gazette even enjoys a worldwide following, thanks to the newspaper's Web site, designed and maintained by the computer-literate Lorraine.

"People love our Internet stories and pages," she declares. "We get hits from Japan, Russia, China—every country you can think of visits our Web site. And we're getting letters from all over the world from people who say they've been to Pioche or they used to live in Pioche, and they want to subscribe because they used to live here."

www.ghosttowngazette.com has also begun to draw visitors to Eastern Nevada who wouldn't otherwise be able to pronounce Pioche (it's "Pee-ohch"), let alone find it on a map. Recent arrivals include a young man from Switzerland, four guys from Australia, a married couple from Austria, and one very enthusiastic Japanese tourist who continues to keep in touch.

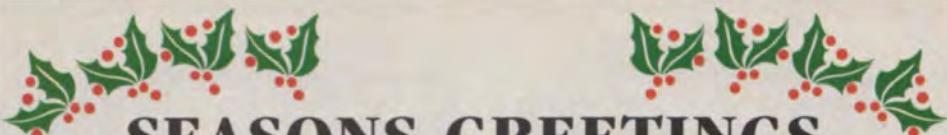
"There's a lot of people into the Old West stuff," declares George. "You know, it was such a short era in history, only like 60 years from 1850 until like 1910, and then it was over. It was such a short era and such a crazy time."

Looking at Cowboy George, it's hard to believe the wild and crazy era has in fact ended. Take away his TV set, his wife's computer, and the massive Xerox machine, and his environment is pretty much the same as the rough-and-tumble frontier he likes to write about. A hundred years ago the streets of Pioche were probably crawling with Cowboy George look-alikes—yet the contemporary incarnation insists he's glad he wasn't one of them.

"Naw, I've had too many medical problems," he explains. "I've had cancer and broken shoulders and broken knees, and I'd been gone a long time ago. They got me all tied together now. I can work every day, keep up with the young guys, and I'm doin' good."

"But the wonderful thing is, we can read a story and put ourselves in the 1850 era without gettin' the crap shot out of us, or gettin' knifed in a bar for no reason. But yes, I suppose I would like to go there just for a while."

Richard Menzies goes from town to town in hopes of finding a bar where he won't get the crap shot out of him or be knifed for no reason. Lorraine Di Felice and "Cowboy George" Bendinskis publish the Ghost Town Gazette four times per year; annual subscriptions cost \$8. The Gazette also has a back-issue package for \$22. Write Box 55, Pioche, NV 89043; phone 775-962-5542. The newspaper's Web site is www.ghosttowngazette.com.



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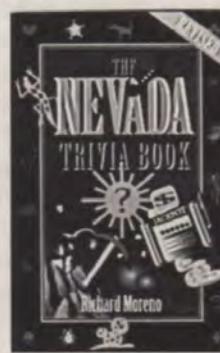
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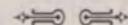
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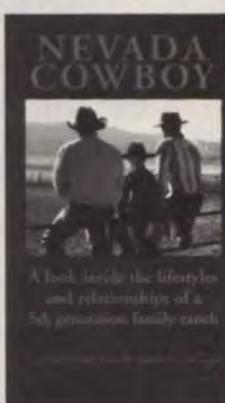
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Mining Camp Santa

A struggling family helps a young miner find the Christmas spirit.

By Phillip I. Earl

The following story has been handed down by Nevada miners and journalists for many holiday seasons. It may have taken place in Aurora or some lesser camp in the Sierra. Certain details may have changed over the years, but the names have remained the same in the retelling.

Like many Nevada mining camps, the town was laid out along a creek, and the dwellings consisted of rough sod dugouts and log cabins chinked with mud. Most were bachelor dens since women were scarce, but near the upper end of town stood the rude cabin of Mary Stewart and her two children, Toddy, five years of age, and little three-year-old Benny. It was Christmas Eve.

Mary sat gazing into the fire, lost in thought as she faced their second Christmas without Alexander, her husband, who had been killed in a mine explosion. She had earned a precarious living taking in sewing and washing for the miners, fully aware that only her toil stood between her darlings and the gaunt wolf of starvation.

Just at that moment Jack Dawson, a young miner, passed the cabin on his way home from the diggings. He heard Toddy's voice in the clear night air and could not resist the temptation to stop and listen.

"Before Papa died, we always had Christmas, didn't we, Mama?" the girl asked. Mary replied, "Yes, darling, but



Papa earned enough money to make his children happy, at least once a year. You must remember that we are very poor, and although Mama works very hard, she can scarcely supply us with food and clothing."

Benny then raised his curly head. "Jes wait till I git to be a man," he said, "an' oo won't have to wort. I'm goin' to be a great big miner and git 'oo ever so much money."

"Why, bless my little man," Mary exclaimed. "What a brave future he has planned."

"We hung up our stockings last

Peering in the window of the cabin, Dawson saw the young widow weeping.

Christmas, didn't we, Mama?" Toddy piped up.

"Yes, but we were poor then, and Santa Claus never notices real poor people. He gave you a little candy because you were such good children."

"Are we poorer now, Mama?" Toddy asked.

"Oh, yes, much poorer," her mother replied. "He will never notice us at all now."

"I am going to hang up my stocking any-

way," Toddy said. "Maybe Santa will come, just because we try to be good children."

"It will be no use, my darlings. I am sure he will not come," Mary said as tears gathered in her eyes.

"I don't care, I'm going to try anyway. Get me one of my stockings," Toddy declared.

"Your clean stockings are on the line outside and I cannot go out on this bitter cold night. You may hang up your old ones, but, oh, darling, let it go until next Christmas, and then we may be richer."

Dawson's heart swelled as he heard the children scamper across the cabin floor, hunting for their stockings. Both children said their prayers before Mary tucked them in for the night. Toddy concluded, "And oh, Lord, please tell Santa Claus that we are very poor but that we love him as much as rich children do, amen."

Peering in the cabin window, Dawson saw the young widow weeping. On a peg over the fireplace hung two little patched and faded stockings. Backing away, he noticed two newer stockings fluttering on a clothesline. Removing one, he tucked it into his overcoat pocket as he trudged downtown.

A few minutes later, Dawson stood on a chair in Henry Hawk's saloon and called for attention. As the click of ivory chips and the hum of voices quieted, he told the assembled miners what he had seen and heard, repeating every word of Mary and her children. "Boys," he said, "I know just

what kind of mettle yer made of. I've got an idee that Santa Claus knows whar' that cabin is situated, and I've an idee he'll find it afore morning." Dawson held up the stocking, dropped in a \$20 gold piece, and laid it on a faro table.

"Hold them checks o' mine," a miner told the dealer as he got up from the table and dropped another double eagle in the stocking. The miners passed the child's stocking around, and every man put in a coin or two until it bulged at the seams. Someone brought out a Wells Fargo coin bag and put the stocking inside.

Dawson carried the bag to other saloons. Soon clothing, provisions, and toys in endless variety began to pour in. Dawson borrowed a buggy and delivered everything to Mary's doorstep. On top of the heap he left a note: "Santa Claus doesn't always give poor folks the shake in this camp."

Mary arose a few hours later. A shade of pain crossed her face as she saw the empty stockings above the fireplace. Glancing toward the bed where Toddy and Benny lay sleeping, she whispered to herself, "Oh, God, how bitter is poverty." After preparing a frugal breakfast of fatback and mush, she woke the children with a kiss.

Toddy ran to the fireplace, only to turn away sobbing as though her heart would break. Mary hugged the girl and said in a choking voice, "Never mind. Next Christmas I am sure Mama will be richer and Santa Claus will bring us lots of nice things."

"Oh, Mama," Benny shouted as he opened the door. Mary stared at the pile of gifts as Dawson watched from behind a juniper tree. A moment later he sneaked off up the canyon, great crystal tears chasing each other down his face.

The tale of Dawson's stocking and the miners' generosity soon reached Mary's ears, but Dawson avoided her. She finally caught him on the way to work a few days later and made him listen to her tearful thanks. The tears were not all hers, however, as the young miner mumbled, "It warn't nothing."

To make a long story short, Mary Stewart became Mary Dawson four months later. Each evening when Jack returned from his labors to his comfortable and happy home, Toddy and Benny would climb upon his knee and smother him with kisses, calling him "our Santa Claus Papa."

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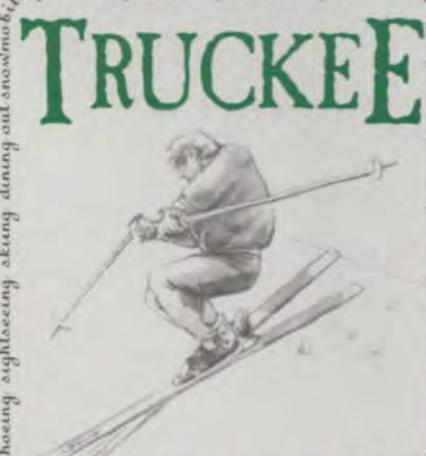
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Top Runs

Two Lake Tahoe skiers present some of their favorite
leg-burning runs and views from the slopes.

Story by John Stearns, Photos by Tim Dunn



Skiers heading down the Crystal Ridge run at Diamond Peak, the Incline Village ski area, find great panoramas that take in the north end of Lake Tahoe.

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he Lake Tahoe area has some of the best and most beautiful skiing terrain that Mother Nature can dish out in one geologic scoop. Tahoe boasts North America's largest concentration of ski resorts, with 15 downhill ski areas, most of them within 40 miles of Reno. In fact, there's so much good skiing and snowboarding on the Nevada and California sides of Tahoe that you'll wonder why they even need states like Colorado and Utah. Those of us who ski Tahoe have favorite runs that offer the lake's best moods and a sense of personal challenge. Whether you are a Tahoe regular or planning your first visit, the following runs—most of them for intermediate skiers and snowboarders—will appeal to your wild side, visual senses, and craving for fun.

Best Views of Lake Tahoe

1 Ridge Run at Heavenly. On the California side of Heavenly, this intermediate run offers perhaps the best overall view of the Tahoe Basin from its south-shore vantage point more than 3,000 feet above lake level. You can reach the run from the Sky Express, Ridge, or Canyon chairs, but take Sky Express. The lake view from the top of the chair is outstanding. Heavenly offers other stellar views of Tahoe from runs on its California and Nevada sides, but Ridge seems to be the signature view run, and it's terrain that most skiers and boarders above beginner level should be able to handle.

2 Crystal Ridge Run at Diamond Peak. The intermediate run at the Incline Village resort offers incredible views of Lake Tahoe's north end as you ski west toward the water. Photo opportunities abound on a clear day. Bonus view: Before skiing off the top of the Crystal quad chair, ski straight ahead a few yards for a good look into Nevada over Washoe Lake and Carson City and south toward the Pine Nut Mountains.

3 Homewood Ski Resort. It's hard to pick a favorite lake-view run at Homewood since so many of its runs face the water. Noonchester Traverse and Rainbow Ridge are vantages worth checking at this little-known gem on the West Shore. Don't let the limited view of the resort from Highway 89 fool you—there's a lot of great terrain on the upper mountain.

Best Leg-Burners

1 Iron Horse at Northstar-at-Tahoe. Although it has a black-diamond (expert) rating, this run on Northstar's back side would be a challenging intermediate at most resorts. Skiing from top to bottom, Iron Horse will get your heart pounding. Small pitches will surprise you if you approach them too fast. Scope out the run slowly on your first attempt. Then let it fly. Ski Iron Horse in the late morning or early afternoon after the sun has softened the north-facing slope. Northstar's backside has 1,860 feet of nonstop downhill—this is the place to log the vertical.

2 Olympic Downhill at Heavenly. Heavenly is loaded with long, intermediate cruising runs, but Olympic Downhill on the resort's Nevada side is the gold-



Heavenly's Sky Express quad takes skiers above the clouds to the top of Ridge Run, presenting views of Tahoe's south shore and leading to both the Nevada and California sides of the resort.

KT-22's various runs are sure to stoke thrill-seekers who also are advanced boarders and skiers.

medal winner for uninterrupted skiing and boarding. Start at the top and ski non-stop to the Stagecoach Lodge, and you'll cover two and a half miles of real estate. You'll feel like a World Cup star, and if your legs aren't burning at least a little bit, you're in too good shape.

3 Sierra-at-Tahoe. Check out the intermediate runs off the West Bowl Express chair at Sierra-at-Tahoe, including Clipper, Dogwood, Powder Horn, and Bashful. This is a resort where you can log some serious mileage.

Best Raise-the-Hair-on-the-Back-of-Your-Neck Terrain

1 KT-22 at Squaw Valley USA. Squaw Valley is one big, challenging hunk of granite. There's more adrenaline-pumping, fear-generating terrain here than just about anywhere in the region, except at parts of Alpine Meadows and Kirkwood. KT-22's various runs are sure to stoke thrill-seekers who also are advanced riders and skiers. Early-morning conditions can be icy and runs bumpy, so be careful.

2 The Wall at Kirkwood. As the name indicates, this run isn't gentle. In the first few yards there's usually a difficult, icy ledge to negotiate before dropping into the heart of the run. Again, know what you're doing—this run also can be icy and extremely bumpy. Kirkwood has plenty of other tough terrain, too.

3 Quail Face, Homewood. It can take an effort to traverse to the open face and to get back to the lifts after you ski the run, but Quail Face is a must-do for any expert skiing Homewood. Use caution. The face can be icy, and patrols in the area are limited. The views of Lake Tahoe are stun-



Squaw Valley's KT-22 represents one of Tahoe's top challenges. The awe-inspiring mountain hosted slalom events during the 1960 Winter Olympics at Squaw. The emphatic sign at left warns skiers at the Wall at Kirkwood.



Skiers on Washoe Zephyr and other runs at Mount Rose-Ski Tahoe note the scenic contrast between snowy slopes and Washoe Lake and the desert below.

ning—but keep your eyes on the terrain.

Honorable Mention: Killebrew and Mott canyons on Heavenly's Nevada side are narrow, expert-only runs that often are closed if conditions aren't just right. The Palisades at Sugar Bowl are great for super-steep chutes when conditions allow the area to be open.

Best Views of the Nevada Desert

1 **Washoe Zephyr at Mount Rose-Ski Tahoe.** This is one of the most unusual and stunning views in the Tahoe area because of the sensation you get from atop the run as the white slopes descend steeply below your feet against the arid backdrop. With Washoe Lake visible to the right, you almost feel a sense of imbalance from the conflicting geography and colors. The skiing is superb upper-intermediate to advanced. All of the East Bowl of Mount Rose-Ski Tahoe offers great views over Nevada. It's the place to

ski in the morning for sun and softer conditions. On the other side of the mountain, check out the view of Reno over your left shoulder while riding the Northwest Passage chair to the top.

2 **Top of Dipper Express chair at Heavenly.** The Dipper Express chair on Heavenly's Nevada side serves a wide variety of intermediate and advanced terrain. Exiting to the right off the chair, you'll catch a great view of Lake Tahoe to

the left and the Nevada desert to the right. The advanced Milky Way Bowl and numerous other runs off the chair offer stunning Nevada views. ■

John Stearns covers gaming, tourism, and the airlines for the Reno Gazette-Journal and co-authors a ski column with colleague Tim Dunn each winter. Dunn, who is in charge of the newspaper's photo department, contributed to this story and provided the photographs.

Skiing the State

Alpine skiers and snowboarders will find 15 ski areas in the Lake Tahoe region. Southern Nevada skiers can schuss the slopes at the Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort in Lee Canyon. Elko Snobowl is located outside Elko, while Ruby Mt. Heli-Ski offers long, long powder runs near Lamoille. Also, cross-country skiers will find numerous Nordic resorts at Tahoe and trails around Nevada. For details on vertical, rates, and rentals see the guide "Skiing Around the State" on page 61 in this issue's Nevada Events and Shows.



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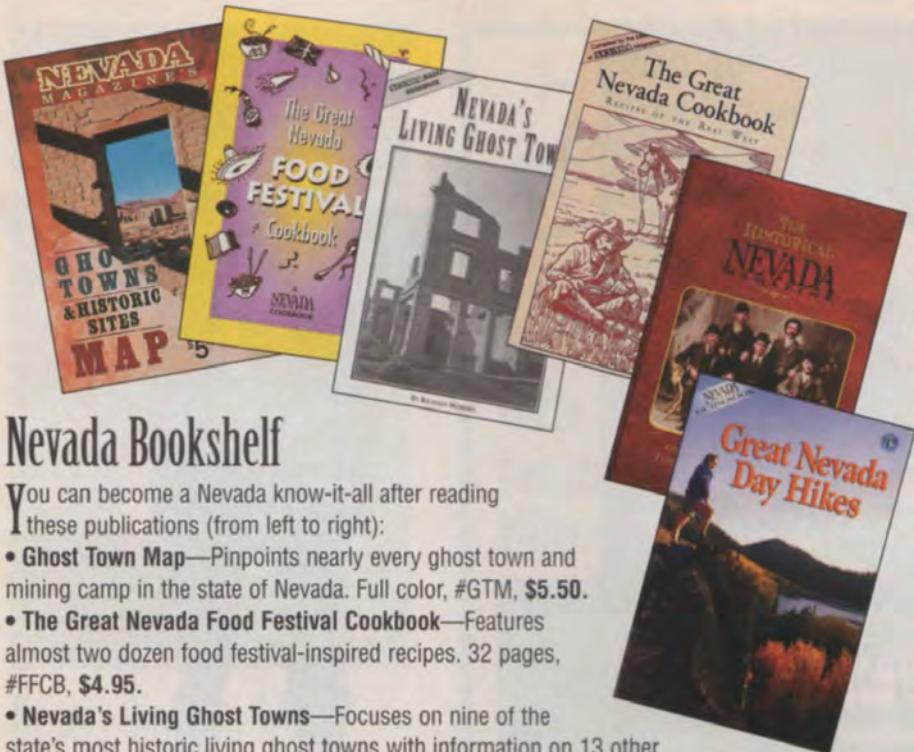
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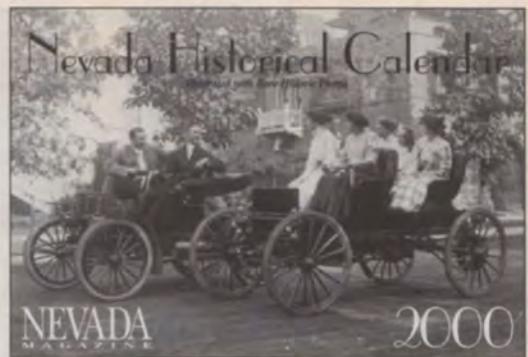
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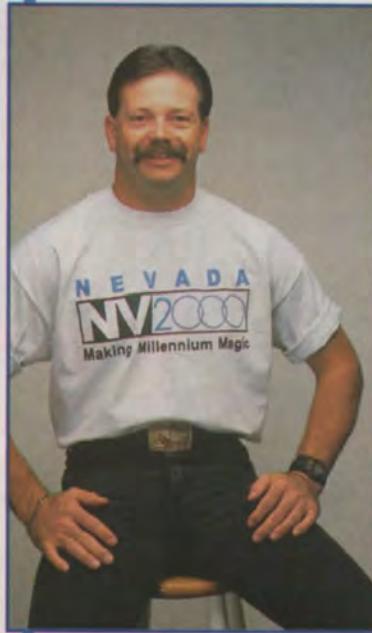
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Image Makers

Photographers clicked with the Silver State in this year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt.



FIRST: "Black Rock Desert, End of the Line" • **R.A. Griffiths**, Las Vegas

I'm not a professional, but I'm a serious amateur," R.A. Griffiths jokes. The Las Vegas photographer placed first in the 1999 Great Nevada Picture Hunt after taking a photographic expedition to the Black Rock Desert. Like other winners in *Nevada*

Magazine's annual photo contest, he used a mixture of skill, planning, and luck to produce his winning image.

"When I found that area, it was getting about sunset," he says. "I just waited until the sun got right and took the picture." The result was his vibrant image, "Black

Rock Desert, End of the Line." Griffiths also won Best Scenic with "Cinnamon Tops," taken at Valley of Fire. He says, "I've been shooting for about 40 years now. When I was seven years old, my uncle gave me a Brownie box camera. I wore that camera out. Of course," he says with a



SECOND: "Teepee Scene" • **Joe Royer**, Lamoille



THIRD: "Stagecoach Hotel-Casino, Beatty" • **Robin Daugherty**, South Lake Tahoe, CA



FOURTH: "I Survived Highway 50" • Carolyn Fox, Jackson, CA

laugh, "back then you could afford film."

Joe Royer, a professional photographer and owner of Ruby Mountain Helicopter Skiing in Lamoille, won second place with "Teepee Scene," a color slide shot in Elko County. "I was out filming wild horses and set this shot up for the full moon to come up right over it. I waited and waited, but the moon never showed up. I'm pretty good at directions, but when I pulled my compass out, sure enough, the moon was still behind a hill in the other direction," Royer says, adding that no matter the direction, he enjoys shooting Nevada subjects. "We have mountains to 11 or 12,000 feet, great sunrises and sunsets, and great weather. It's a photographer's dream."

Robin Daugherty, a travel writer and photographer, snapped "Stagecoach Hotel-Casino, Beatty" while on assignment for the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. "Nevada is entirely unique," says Daugherty, who lives in

South Lake Tahoe, California. "It still has the pioneer spirit. There are so many eccentric people. There's just something about the people that I love." While in Beatty, Daugherty visited the Sourdough Saloon. "I saw this man all grizzled and slumped over the bar. He was smoking a cigarette *in his ear* and blowing the smoke out *through his nose*. Now that's Nevada."

Carolyn Fox of Jackson, California, captured fourth place with her photo "I Survived Highway 50." Her husband, Larry Angier, is also a winner in this year's contest. "I only got this shot because Larry didn't see it first," she laughs. "We both love that peely-paint stuff. Larry and I try to beat each other to the best shots. Sometimes I'll set my tripod up right next to his."

Angier took his fifth-place photo under uncertain conditions. "I was on my third or fourth drink and close to seeing God," says

Angier, recalling how he snapped "Nevada Table Dance, Winnemucca Hotel" during a *Shooting the West* photo convention. Not only were the conditions right; so was the subject—*Range Magazine* publisher C.J. Hadley. He says, "C.J. was in her element and talking up a storm to those folks." Angier noted that "years back," when Hadley was publisher-editor of *Nevada Magazine*, she was one of the first in the business to publish his photos.

More than 400 prints and slides from amateurs and professionals were entered in *Nevada Magazine's* 22nd annual photo contest. "There was some great stuff. It was difficult to narrow it down to just a few images," says Kit Miller, a Washoe Valley writer-photographer who judged entries with Reno wildlife photographer Bob Goodman and *Nevada* art director Denise Evans.

"We were looking for that unique view



FIFTH: "Nevada Table Dance" • **Larry Angier**, Jackson, CA

of Nevada, the photos that avoid the cliché image," Evans says.

"There were a lot of great photos that didn't make the cut because they were out of focus or some other technical reason," Goodman noted. "The ones that did win had that extra special combination of magic and great technique."

The winning photographs will tour the state in the Great Nevada Picture Hunt Show, and its visits to galleries and museums will be noted in the Nevada Events and Shows section in upcoming issues of *Nevada Magazine*. The images also will appear on *Nevada Magazine's* Web page, www.nevadamagazine.com. —Shannon Montana

1999 Great Nevada Picture Hunt Winners

FIRST: R.A. Griffiths, Las Vegas, "Black Rock Desert, End of the Line," Color Transparency (\$200)

SECOND: Joe Royer, Lamoille, "Teepee Scene," Color Slide (\$100)

THIRD: Robin Sparks Daugherty, South Lake Tahoe, CA, "Stagecoach Hotel-Casino, Beatty," Color Slide (\$75)

FOURTH: Carolyn Fox, Jackson, CA, "I

Survived Highway 50," Color Transparency (\$50)

FIFTH: Larry Angier, Jackson, CA, "Nevada Table Dance, Winnemucca Hotel," Color Print (\$25)

Category Awards

BEST BLACK AND WHITE: Richard Elloyan, Dayton, "Awaiting the Match"

BEST CASINO: Larry L. Cantrall, Newberg, OR, "Riverside," Color Slide

BEST ENHANCED: Zoe Sideri, Vacaville, CA, "Mitchell's Mercantile, Gold Point," Hand-Painted Infrared Print

MOST HUMOROUS: Tom Jones IV,

Las Vegas, "Sphinx Blinx," Color Slide

BEST PORTRAIT: Patrick Kennedy, Virginia City, "Elko Poetry Gathering," Color Slide

BEST SCENIC: R.A. Griffiths,

Las Vegas, "Cinnamon Tops," Color Transparency

BEST SUNSET: Barry Melvin Glazier, Round Mountain, "Manhattan Church," Color Transparency

BEST WILDLIFE: Peggy Hamlen,

Las Vegas, "Desert Tortoise," Color Slide

Merit Awards

Larry Angier, Jackson, CA, "Circular Windows at Cement Plant Ruins," Color Slide

Alyce E. Arnold, La Crosse, WI, "On the Way to the Dam," Digital Color Print

Louis Basso, Reno, "Willow Round Corral, Spanish Ranch," Color Slide

Larry L. Cantrall, Newberg, OR, "Union Pacific," Color Slide

William Carr, New Harmony, UT, "Carson Valley," Color Slide

Jim Galli, Tonopah, "Train at Ely Station," Black and White Print

Lorraine Giurlani, Winnemucca, "Pam Primping," Color Slide

Jerome Hamilton, Las Vegas, "Like Walking on the Sun," Black and White Print, and "Vegas Heat," Color Slide

Peggy Hamlen, Las Vegas, "Greater Roadrunner," Color Slide

Steve Johns, Carson City, "Old Latch, Virginia City," Color Print

Tom Jones IV, Las Vegas, "Stella Lake," Color Slide

John P. Kallestad, Incline Village, "Land Sailing, Black Rock Desert," Color Slide

Dave Kelley, Incline Village, "Where the Road Ends and the West Begins," Color Slide

Tola M. Nelson, Lions Bay, British Columbia, Canada, "Gold Hill Cemetery," Color Print

Jens Peerman, Carson City, "Reflection of the Past," Color Slide

Joe Royer, Lamoille, "Round-Up," Color Slide

Peter Slingland, Reno, "Lightning on Demand Display," Color Transparency, and "View from Winnemucca Mountain No. 1," Color Slide

Barbara Thomas, Minden, "UFOs," Color Print

Mona Whalen, Elko, "Connected," Black and White Print

Ralph Willits, Reno, "Winnemucca Ranch, Dog Skin Mountain," Color Print

Rhonda Wilson, Reno, "Cow Camp," Color Slide



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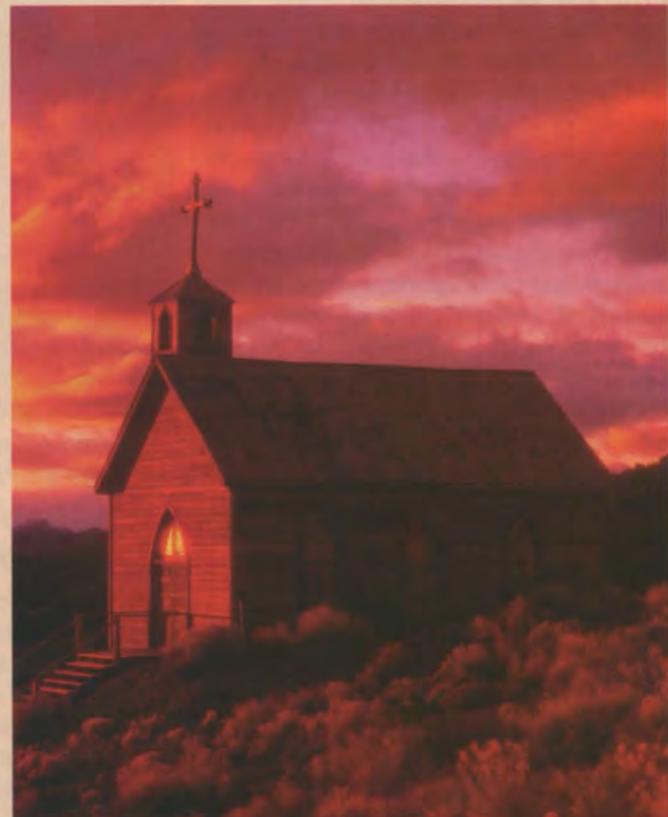
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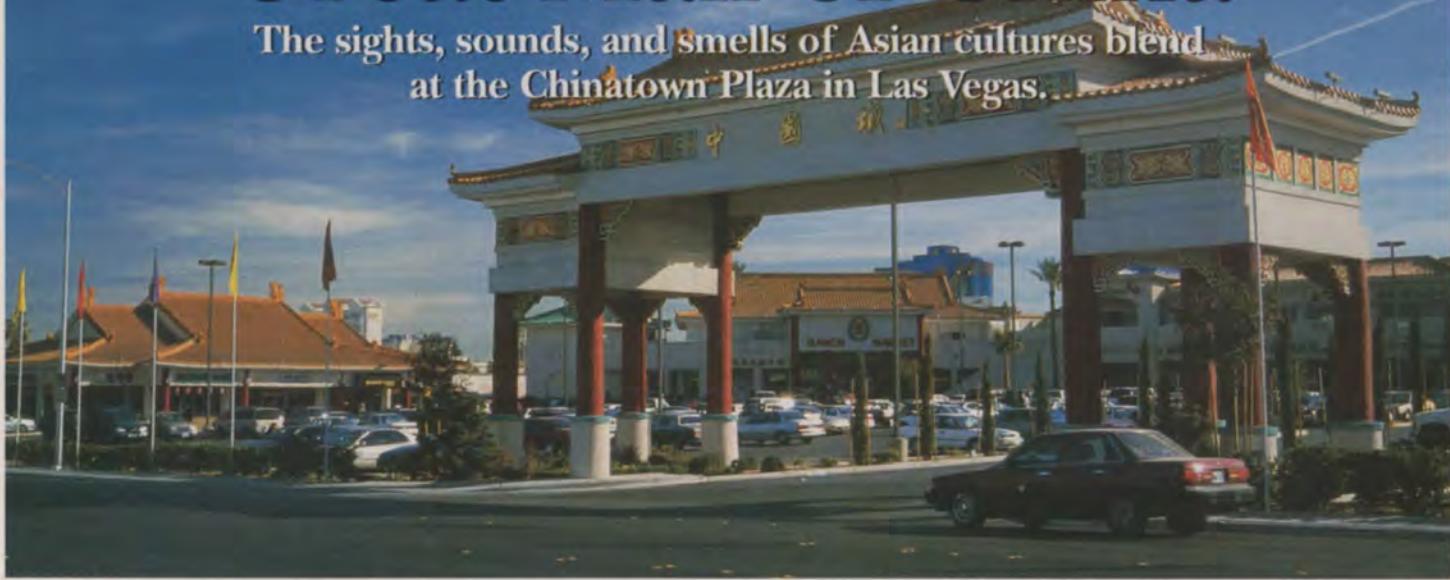
MERIT: "Cow Camp" • **Rhonda Wilson**, Reno



BEST SUNSET: "Manhattan Church" • **Barry Melvin Glazier**, Round Mountain

Great Mall of China

The sights, sounds, and smells of Asian cultures blend at the Chinatown Plaza in Las Vegas.



The shops and restaurants at Chinatown Plaza in Las Vegas offer a taste of the Orient.

By Connie Emerson

Unlike most of Las Vegas' themed attractions, Chinatown Plaza, with its red-and-gold pagoda motif, is just what it appears to be—a shopping center filled with Asian-owned businesses catering to the city's more than 60,000 Asian residents and the 800,000 Asian tourists who visit Southern Nevada each year.

Chinatown Plaza offers a blend of East and West, a place where Asians can buy traditional products and Occidentals can experience a culture that's different from their own. A traditional Chinese gate stands at the main entrance of the two-story complex, which stretches along three sides of the center's parking lot. Amid the sounds of assorted Chinese dialects and other Asian and European languages, Chinese music wafts through the covered walkways outside the shops (a misting system keeps it cool in summer). Framed posters along the walk's interior walls illustrate Chinese customs, arts, and entertainment, while open shop doors beckon visitors with intriguing glimpses and aromas of the Orient.

The shops carry merchandise that appeals to visitors of all cultures. In the produce department at Ranch Market (702-364-8899), bitter melon, chive buds, gai choi, and Vietnamese spinach are a few of the exotic fruits and vegetables for sale. Counters brim with ready-to-bake rice dumplings wrapped in banana leaves, canned lichees, and mooncakes for up-

coming festivals. Visitors often come to the market and plaza to shop for special items during Chinese holidays.

"We buy a mooncake or two and a higher quality tea than usual, then go with our family and relatives to a park or someone's backyard," says David Liao, who has worked at the market for five years. "Every Chinese holiday we stick close to our family."

According to store manager Alex Castro, who is Japanese and Filipino, the best sellers at Chong Hing Jewelers (702-871-8881) are jade jewelry and 24-karat gold statues. The statues range in size from inch-high pigs, rabbits, monkeys, and other animals of the Chinese zodiac (about \$250) to a large statue of Kuan Yin, the goddess of mercy and compassion (\$10,000). Valley Oriental Art Works and Paintings (702-365-9228) features calligraphy, silk art, porcelain, paintings, and sculpture by Asian artists. Rosewood furniture and household accessories such as vases and statues—all made in mainland China—are on display at Marco Polo Furniture (702-277-8988). "About 20 to 40

percent of our customers are Chinese," says employee Kathryn Zhao. "It's amazing. Some people even come from Europe."

Great Wall Book Store (702-876-8875) specializes in Chinese magazines and books, traditional toys, and CDs, including works by contemporary artists as well as Chinese opera singers. Chinatown Florist's (702-364-9600) arrangements of bamboo are spectacular, and T&T Ginseng (702-368-3898), an herbalist-health food shop, is a repository for remedies such as dried sea horses (they're good for the kidneys), herbs, shark fins, and teas.



A customer examines the vases and tables at Marco Polo Furniture.

The Double Happiness Wedding Chapel (702-252-0400) offers a choice of three ceremonial settings, including a Chinese Buddhist temple complete with a statue of Kuan Yin flanked by two prayer towers. At ceremony's end, newlyweds step outside to strike the five-foot-high bell.

Besides shopping and weddings, visitors will find another good reason to visit Chinatown Plaza—the food. Several restaurants offer a variety of Asian cuisines. You can savor everything from Vietnamese spring rolls and Peking duck to 30 kinds of dim sum at the Plum Tree Inn (702-873-7077). Chinatown Express (702-364-1122) is a Mandarin-style food court with good people watching.

If you're hungry for Shanghai cuisine and dumplings, you can try the 168 Shanghai Restaurant (702-365-9168). It's not fancy but usually is packed with diners. Pho Vietnam Restaurant (702-227-8618) specializes in noodle dishes. Kapit Bahay Filipino Fast Food (702-889-4922) offers favorites from the Philippines, and about four dozen varieties of sushi are on the menu at Dragon Sushi (702-368-4328).

Chinatown Plaza is a good place to ring in the Chinese New Year. The community's Chinese New Year celebration will honor of the Year of the Dragon on February 13. Held in conjunction with the Las Vegas Asian Food Festival, the event features a day-long marathon of entertainment at the plaza. "There's the traditional Lion Dance, Japanese Taiko drummers, Chinese and Hawaiian dancers, and lots more," says Ramon Lester, plaza operations manager.

The festivities include food vendors who sell a Far East smorgasbord of dishes, from Korean kim chi to East Indian curry, with specialties from the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and various regions of China. Representatives of Oriental food manufacturers are on hand to dish out samples. Other attractions include a Chinese fortune teller and a feng shui expert, who gives advice on propitious arrangements of furniture for the coming year. □

Reno writer Connie Emerson was born during the Chinese Year of the Horse and believes every fortune cookie she opens.

The Road to Chinatown

Chinatown Plaza is one-and-a-half miles west of the Las Vegas Strip at 4215 Spring Mountain Road. Most shops and restaurants are open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For details call 702-221-8446, fax 702-221-8394, or log on www.lvchinatown.com.

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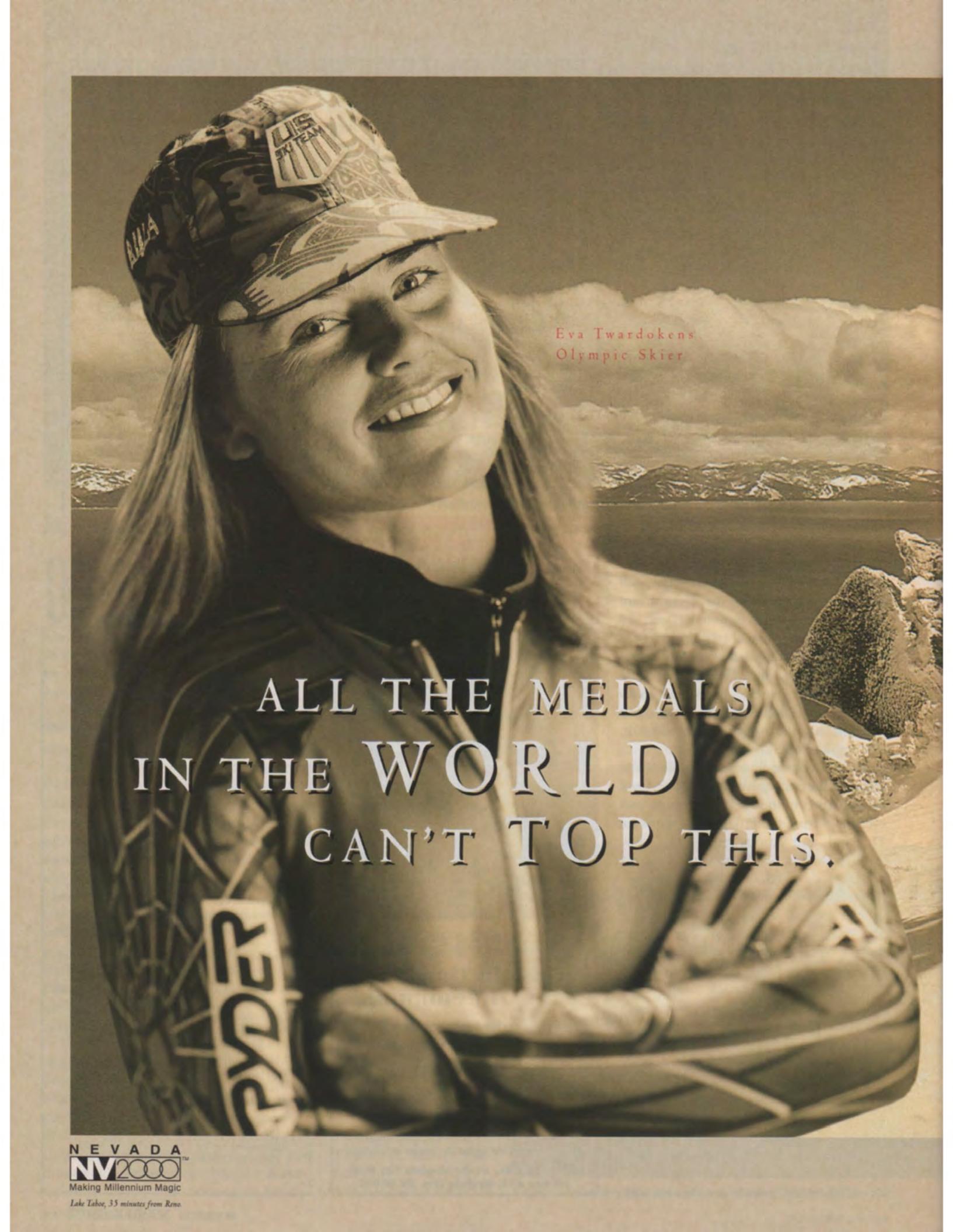


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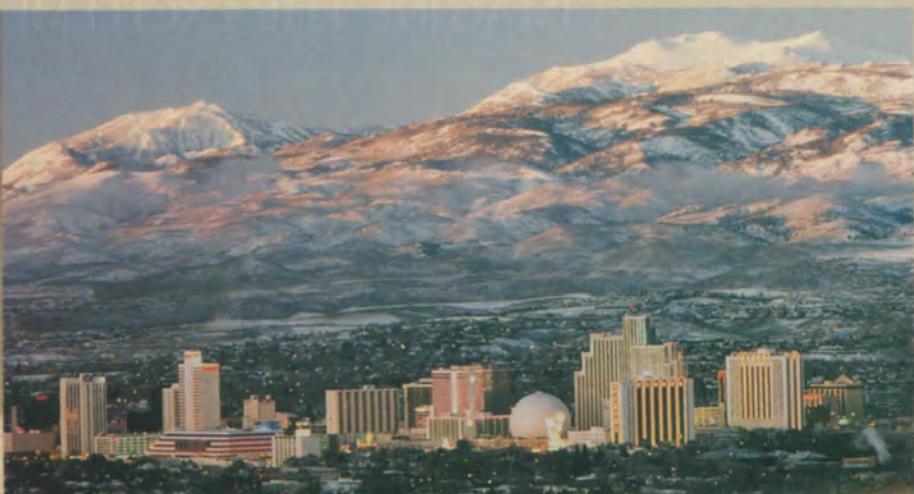
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