

NEVADA

M A G A Z I N E

February 2001

Inside:
NEVADA
Calendar
of Events and Shows

65th Anniversary Issue

Nevada Covers Nevada

The magazine
celebrates its
65th anniversary

Reno's Dining
Renaissance

Joe Goodman and
Mark Twain

Nevada's Secret
Slopes

Wedding Wonderland

Nevada's wedding locales
and themes offer exotic
ways to say 'I do'

U.S. \$3.95 • CANADA \$5.95
DISPLAY UNTIL MAR 1, 2001





VOTED RENO'S BEST PLACE TO GAMBLE



World-Class Casino

- Tropical themed casino with indoor water features
- Northern Nevada's newest and hottest slot and video machines
- Named "Reno's Best Video Poker of the Millennium"
- Named one of the top ten casinos in America where you are "More Likely To Win"

Uncommonly spacious, airy and elegantly appointed Concierge Hotel Tower Guest Rooms

- Exclusive 25th floor Concierge Lounge with full-service bar and spectacular views
- VIP Check-in, personalized butler service and nightly turndown
- Complimentary continental breakfast and afternoon hors d'oeuvres
- Upgraded amenities, luxurious lounging robes, and daily newspaper

Luxury Hotel Tower

- 1,000 of the newest, most spacious, luxurious and beautifully appointed guest rooms and Jacuzzi® suites
- Full-service health spa, indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, and massage therapy
- Majestic views of the Sierra Nevada mountains and dazzling city lights
- Courtesy airport and downtown shuttle

Legendary Skiing

- World-class skiing less than an hour away
- We offer individual packages

Award-winning dining, seven exceptional choices

- Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grille, voted "Reno's Best Buffet"
- MonteVigna Italian Ristorante, 4000-bottle wine cellar
- Atlantis Seafood Steakhouse, Award of Excellence by Wine Spectator Magazine
- Oyster Bar on the Sky Terrace
- Purple Parrot, 24 hour Restaurant
- Café Alfresco, wood fired brick-oven pizza
- Java Coast Espresso Lounge and Pastry Bar

FREE live cabaret entertainment

- Dancing in the state-of-the-art Atlantis nightclub
- Games for kids of all ages in the Entertainment Fun Center

Courtesy airport & downtown shuttle

- Minutes from the airport, downtown and the National Bowling Stadium
- Directly across the street from the Reno/Sparks Convention Center and shopping

Atlantis
CASINO RESORT • RENO
Every Players Paradisesm

(800) 723-6500 • www.AtlantisCasino.com



On the Cover:
Kyle and Amy Hege of Houston, Texas, marry at the Cal-Neva Resort above Lake Tahoe's north shore.

Photo by Peter Spain/
Cal-Neva Photography

Features

12

State of Matrimony

Nevada has a romantic reputation for both traditional and themed weddings, from white lace to Elvis, that cater to couples' imaginations.

By Kim Pryor

16

Joe Goodman, In His Own Write

The *Territorial Enterprise* editor, a friend and mentor of Mark Twain, was himself a keen and witty observer of early-day Nevada.

By Lawrence I. Berkove



Reno's Dining Renaissance: Page 80

20

Backcountry Snowriders

Savvy skiers and snowboarders find solitude in Nevada's remote mountain ranges.

By Charles Luce

78

Nevada Covers Nevada

Celebrating our 65th anniversary.

By Richard Moreno

80

New Tastes of the Town

Great restaurants have mushroomed all over the Biggest Little City.

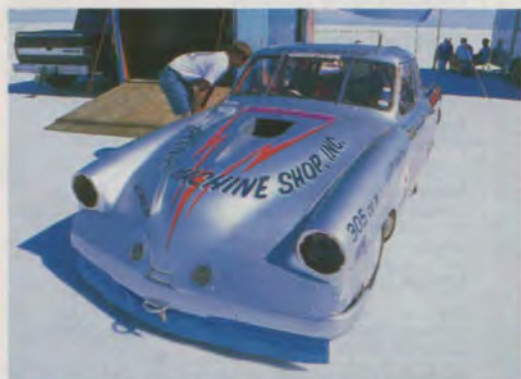
By Kathleen Stebbins

Departments

- 5 **Editor's Note** Lawrence I. Berkove describes his work on 19th-century Comstock literati.
- 6 **Letters** Dreams of Lake Mead, the view from Paris, and the Lost City.
- 8 **Roadside Attractions** Exploring the Shark Reef and fishing Pyramid Lake.
- 68 **People Page** A preacher on the Strip, an Olympic gymnast, and a TV vet.
- 70 **Gallery: Spirits of Eureka** Photographer Denise Tracy captures a few ghosts in the historic mining town.
- 72 **Nevada Art & Artists: Bleach Boys and Dancing Wolverines** Karen Wheeler overcomes her physical limitations with a unique artistic outlook. By Joan Patterson
- 86 **Side Trip: Animal House** Amid lions and tigers, Northeastern Nevada Museum visitors can go on safari in Elko thanks to a collector's gift. By Lin Anderson



Elko on Safari: Page 86



12 Months of Sports: Page 25

Nevada Calendar

- 25 **The Year in Sports** Fans of major sports and exotic contests will find a lot to cheer about in the Silver State throughout 2001. By David Moore
- 29 **Nevada Events** A winter events guide to Nevada.
- 43 **Nevada Showguide** Where the stars and shows are playing.
- 50 **Show People** During the daytime female impersonator Frank Marino is merely flamboyant. At night he's outrageous. By Kathy Espin
- 58 **Casino Notes** News from hotel-casinoland. By Ann Henderson
- 64 **Review** "That Sentimental Swing!" at Laughlin's Ramada Express. By Wendy Miller

This is what quiet looks like.



Naturally. With just 122 homesites spread among more than 1,080 heavily forested acres, it's a community so natural, so untouched, it can't really be called a "development." Discover the joy of living. Discover Job's Peak Ranch.

A Passion for Privacy.

JOB'S PEAK
RANCH

Exclusively represented by Sierra Nevada Realty Group

Homesites from \$245,000. Nine miles from Lake Tahoe, just inside the Nevada border.

Toll Free 1-888-577-2624 • www.jpranch.com



May include a one year Family Membership for golf at The Golf Club at Genoa Lakes or a Family Ski Pass at Heavenly Lake Tahoe



NEVADA MAGAZINE

401 N. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701-4291

(775) 687-5416 • Fax (775) 687-6159

e-mail: editor@nevadamagazine.com

Web site: www.nevadamagazine.com

Subscriptions and Customer Service:
Call toll-free 1-800-495-3281

Publisher: Richard Moreno

Editor: David Moore

Art Director: Denise Evans

Associate Editor: Carolyn Graham

Production Manager: Gary Elam

Production Assistant: Melissa Loomis

Circulation Manager: Debi Frame

Retail Coordinator: Isabel Espinoza

Accountant: Jacqueline Morgan

Circulation Support: Dorothy Porter

Editorial Assistants: Shannon Montana,

Wilma LaRocca

Special Assistance: Nevada State Library

and Archives,

Nevada Historical Society

Printing, Pre-Press: Banta Publications Group

Events Office

Events Editor: Ann Henderson

Assistant Events Editor: Joyce Hudson

555 E. Washington, Suite 5600, Las Vegas, NV 89101

(702) 486-2433, fax (702) 486-2789

e-mail: ann@nevadamagazine.com

Main Advertising Office

Advertising Director: Patty Noll

Advertising Assistant: Susan Wunsch

Advertising Support: Ruth Buechel

401 N. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701-4291

(775) 687-5888, fax (775) 687-6159

Las Vegas Advertising Office

Advertising/Marketing Rep: Lu Ann Terrell

555 E. Washington, Suite 5600, Las Vegas, NV 89101

(702) 486-2434, fax (702) 486-2789

e-mail: luann@nevadamagazine.com

Kelley-Rose, Inc.

Cynthia Kelley

1105 Terminal Way, Suite 202, Reno, NV 89502

(775) 322-7770, fax (775) 322-1719

Nevada Magazine is a division of the Nevada Commission on Tourism

STATE OF NEVADA

Governor: Kenny C. Guinn

Commission on Tourism

Chairman: Lt. Governor Lorraine T. Hunt

Members: Manuel J. Cortez, John Farahi, Van V. Heffner,

John F. Marz, Punam Mathur, Ray Pearson, Chuck Scharer,

Ferenc Szony, Claudine Williams

Executive Director: Thomas G. Tait

Magazine Advisory Committee

Myram Borders, Phil Cooper, Jim King,

Robert Laxalt, Warren Lerude

All rights reserved. Reproduction of editorial content without written permission is prohibited.

Submissions: Nevada Magazine assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of material submitted for publication. A stamped self-addressed envelope must be included.

Subscriptions/Customer Service: Write to Nevada Magazine Subscriptions, P.O. Box 726, Mount Morris, IL 61054-7652, or call 1-800-495-3281. Please allow at least six weeks for subscription fulfillment or change of address. Nevada Magazine is published bimonthly. Subscriptions are \$16.95 per year. Add \$6.00 per year for foreign and Canadian.

Requests to be removed from mailing list sales can be sent to Nevada Magazine Mailing List, 401 N. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701-4291.

Disclaimer: Advertisements in this publication do not constitute an offer for sale in states where prohibited or restricted by law.

Postmaster: Send address changes to Nevada Magazine, P.O. Box 726, Mount Morris, IL 61054-7652.

Printed in U.S.A.

Our Best Wishes for the New Year

The staff of NEVADA MAGAZINE hopes you have a year filled with exciting travels—and that we can help you plan your next visit to the Silver State. Please note the following tips so that we may serve you even better in the coming year.

Subscription Services: To subscribe to NEVADA MAGAZINE, or if you have a question about your NEVADA MAGAZINE subscription, please call our toll-free customer service number, 1-800-495-3281. Or write NEVADA MAGAZINE Subscriber Services Department, P.O. Box 726, Mt. Morris, IL 61054.

Web Site: Check out the magazine's web site at www.nevadamagazine.com for travel information and our online gift shop for Nevada merchandise.

Change of Address: To change your address, just call our toll-free number, 1-800-495-3281, or write the Subscriber Services Department (see above) as soon as you know your new address. We will need both your old and new address, as well as the effective date of the change.

NEVADA MAGAZINE is Bimonthly: NEVADA MAGAZINE is published six times per year. Issues are Jan/Feb, March/April, May/June, July/August, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec. The second month is indicated on the cover.

Travel Hot Line: The Nevada Commission on Tourism also provides travel information: 1-800-NEVADA-8, 775-687-4322, or www.travelnevada.com.



NEVADA
MAGAZINE

Where to Buy NEVADA MAGAZINE: The magazine is available on newsstands and in gift shops throughout Nevada. To order issues by mail call the magazine, 775-687-5890, and ask for single copy sales.

No Ordinary Joe

As editor of Virginia City's *Territorial Enterprise* in 1862, Joe Goodman gave Mark Twain his first reporting job. The two men remained close friends for the rest of their lives. Goodman never found Twain's level of fame but still deserves our attention, asserts

Lawrence I. Berkove in this issue's feature "Joe Goodman, In His Own Write." Larry notes that Goodman was a versatile writer who achieved much success as an editor, a playwright, and, amazingly, an interpreter of Mayan hieroglyphics.

A professor of American literature at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Larry has written or edited nearly 30 articles and books relating to Goodman and other Comstock writers. The entire Fall 1997 issue of the *Mark Twain Journal* carried his presentation of Goodman's 1870 travel letters. Through the Great Basin Press of Reno, Larry is presenting an edition of "The Psychoscope," a scandalous play that Goodman and *Enterprise* colleague Rollin Daggett coauthored in Virginia City in 1871.

In addition, Larry's book *The Devil's in the Details* is forthcoming from the University of Nevada Press. Larry says, "It's an edited series of Comstock memoirs written for the *Nevada Mining News* of 1908-1909 by the best surviving writers of the Comstock, including Goodman, Sam Davis, and C.C. Goodwin. I think this is the most important thing I've ever uncovered. The



Lawrence I. Berkove has a large Comstock section in his library.

writing is wonderful, the narratives flow—the details revealed about the Comstock are fascinating." Larry points out that Goodman was an outstanding writer who, unlike his pal Twain, told it straight. "Joe Goodman is one of those Western authors that, when I read him, I'm ready to bank on his accuracy," Larry says. "Sam Davis said Goodman had a character defect—he was 'unable to veer from the truth.'"

Also with this issue, two notable changes have taken place at *Nevada Magazine*. Readers will notice that the title of the "Nevada Events and Shows" center section has changed to "**Nevada Calendar**." The new moniker recalls the past year's "Millennium Countdown Calendar" and marks *Nevada Magazine's* 65th anniversary (see "Nevada Covers Nevada" by publisher **Richard Moreno**). Additionally, production manager **Gary Elam**, a key member of the magazine's staff for the past eight years, has departed for the green valleys of Oregon. We miss Gary's computer memory and calm demeanor in the face of daunting deadlines, and we wish him all the best in rain country.—*David Moore*

CARSON CITY DRIVE-UP PARTY PACKS!

Best Western
Carson Station
★ Hotel Casino
www.carsonstation.com

#1

**1 NIGHT DELUXE
HOTEL ROOM for 2**

\$10 FREE FOOD
Station Restaurant

2 FREE COCKTAILS

\$2 NICKELS

**FREE HOT DOG OR
SHRIMP COCKTAIL**

LUCKY BUCK

900 S. Carson St.
Carson City, NV

\$39
per couple

#2

Best Western

**PIÑON
PLAZA
RESORT**

www.pinonplaza.com

**1 NIGHT RESORT
HOTEL for 2**

\$10 FREE FOOD
Branding Iron Cafe

2 FREE COCKTAILS

2 FREE GAMES BOWLING

\$2 NICKELS

10% GIFT SHOP DISCOUNT

\$44
per couple

2171 Hwy 50 East, Carson City, NV
Reservations & Information
(877) 519-5567

* Subject to availability, offer may be cancelled at management discretion valid 11/1-3/31/01. Some blackout dates apply. Must be 21 years or older. Maximum stay on package 2 nights. Make reservations in advance, directly with hotel. Please bring coupon at check-in.



Letters

Dreams of Lake Mead, the view from Paris, and the Lost City.

The Preservation Dimension

"The Lost City" by Dennis McBride in the Nov/Dec issue captures the intriguing history of the Moapa Valley in a fascinating manner. While we are most familiar with early Pueblo people and inundation by Lake Mead, Dennis McBride's account of Governor James Scrugham's zealous preservation efforts in the 1920s and '30s adds a new dimension to this history. It's obvious that gaming was not the first big-time promoter in Nevada.

Julian F. Rhinehart
Boulder City

Young Voice From the Past

Dennis McBride's story "The Lost City" in Nov/Dec is the best and most comprehensive piece I've seen on that subject.

When Mike Land and I were working on our *Short History of Las Vegas*, I read



Reconstructed Pueblo buildings at the Lost City Museum in Overton.

three of McBride's books on Boulder City and Hoover Dam and found them full of fascinating detail. So I tracked him down through the Boulder City Museum and telephoned him. A dim photo facing page one of *In the Beginning: A History of Boulder City* had led me to expect to hear the quavery voice of an octogenarian. The photo showed a young man standing beside an old car and was captioned, "Author D.R.

McBride on the Road to Boulder Canyon, 1922." But the voice on the phone was young—very young! OK, I was taken in by his little joke with the photo, but the young McBride was one of the most helpful and generous sources for our book.

The Editor's Note quotes Dennis' feeling that "I believe I have lived here before." So maybe that "old" photo isn't a joke, after all.

Barbara Land
Reno

Lost City Revisited

I enjoy, spending so much time in Washington, *Nevada Magazine*. But I especially appreciated Dennis McBride's piece on "The Lost City" in the last issue. I love the study of history, and I therefore enjoy the historical bent of the magazine.

Harry Reid
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

FULL SERVICE CASINO • Your choice of
restaurants, 75 rooms & 58 pull-thru spaces.

Your Fun Place!

MODEL T

CASINO RV HOTEL

Winnemucca, Nevada

1130 W. Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, Nevada

(775) 623-2588

Hotel Res: (800) 645-5658

www.modelt.com



LOUIS & LORRAINE ERREGUIBLE'S

LOUIS' BASQUE CORNER



Since 1967
Where The
Locals Go

**AUTHENTIC BASQUE FOODS
SERVED FAMILY STYLE**

Lunch: Tuesday thru Saturday,
11:30a.m.-2:30p.m.
Dinner: Served Nightly,
5:00p.m.-9:30p.m.

BANQUET ROOMS FOR SPECIAL PARTIES

Major Credit Cards Accepted

For Reservations
PHONE 323-7203

301 EAST FOURTH STREET
FREE PARKING • JUST 3 BLOCKS FROM CASINOS
ONE BLOCK FROM NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM

"RENO'S MOST UNIQUE
DINING EXPERIENCE"

Lake Mead Dreams

I have just completed reading my first issue of *Nevada Magazine*. The magazine was a delight and made me even more homesick for my beloved Nevada. Born and raised in the Sparks-Reno area, I return every chance I get.

My last visit to Nevada was to Lake Mead, so Joe Zentner's article "A House Afloat" (Sept/Oct 2000) was indeed timely. I didn't have the opportunity to enjoy Lake Mead on a houseboat, but I will put that one on my "dream list" for the future.

Patti (Parent) Evans
Hilliard, OH

Wisconsin to the Strip

I'm so sorry to hear that Lee A. Counsell will not be renewing his subscription "as it reflects today's Nevada" and has left Nevada and is now living (do you have a good grip on your chair?) in Racine, Wisconsin. We lived there 35 years and couldn't wait to get out.

We have renewed our subscription. Thanks for the tip on the Lion Habitat at MGM Grand in the March/April issue. We were in Las Vegas last week and had our picture taken with a lion cub at the habitat. They are so very beautiful and we are so very lucky to be able to pet one. Fantastic! Enjoyed the newest resorts. At Paris the view from the top of the Eiffel Tower was special. At the Venetian we enjoyed watching a wedding on the bridge over the water. The Desert Passage mall next to the Aladdin was magnificent. Spent a whole day there—belly dancers to entertain the boys while the girls shopped. We usually stay at Monte Carlo—elegance at a reasonable price.

We look forward to each issue of *Nevada Magazine* and share it with friends.

Joan Fancher
Holmen, WI

Kansas to Nevada

I specialize in travel to Las Vegas and Reno, and giving my Midwestern clients a copy of your wonderful magazine is the best way I know of introducing them to the diversity of Nevada. I recommend *Nevada Magazine* to all of my regular clients.

Linda Epperson
Las Vegas Express
Wichita, KS

Station Date

The story "Antique Station" by Bob Barnes about the Main Street Station in Sept/Oct was great, but I noticed an error.

The story referred to two opening dates, 1994 and 1996. By the way, I enjoy the magazine and in particular the articles about eating choices.

Howard Payne
Pacheco, CA

Howard, thanks for your comment. Main Street Station in downtown Las Vegas was re-opened by Boyd Gaming in 1996.—Ed.

Bonny Nevada

Last year we were on a motorhome holiday in California when we drifted into Nevada. Firstly Reno: great! Then Lake Tahoe: brilliant! In Lake Tahoe we met the

Tedesco family from Carson City. We became great friends and now keep in touch with them on the Internet.

Although we say Nevada is a beautiful place, we feel it is your turn to see our beautiful place, the land of bonny Scotland. Lang may yer lum reek,

Helen and Alex Wilson
Dundee, Scotland

How to Submit Letters: Readers are encouraged to send letters regarding stories and photos in the magazine. Write "Letters to the Editor," *Nevada Magazine*, 401 N. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701-4291. Fax 775-687-6159. E-mail editor@nevadamagazine.com.

DINNER AND "LEGENDS" SHOW PACKAGES NOW AVAILABLE

*The original and largest
celebrity tribute spectacular.*



Legends
IN CONCERT

IMPERIAL PALACE
HOTEL & CASINO • CENTER • "STRIP"

Show Reservations **702-794-3261**
Toll Free **888-777-7664**

\$3 OFF Legends show for everyone in your party. Redeem this coupon at the Show Reservations desk on the Main Casino floor when you purchase your tickets. Offer not valid with packages. Other restrictions may apply. NM

May & Murray



Las Vegas'
top entertainers
now appearing
at the
Kabuki Lounge.

Check listings for
current entertainment.

IMPERIAL PALACE
CENTER "STRIP" LAS VEGAS

Room Reservations

800-634-6441

www.imperialpalace.com



Roadside Attractions

Exploring the Shark Reef, fishing Pyramid Lake, and climbing in Sparks.

Fish Tales

LAS VEGAS—At Mandalay Bay, a resort filled with water-themed amenities, visitors will find a new attraction that really bites. The **Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay**, which opened last June, features a frenzy of the ominous carnivores in a 90,560-square-foot aquarium.

The Shark Reef contains more than 2,000 water-dwelling denizens. The 11 species of sharks—from the dangerous and deadly to the benign and beautiful—include sand tiger, sandbar, nurse, lemon, black-tip, white-tip, bamboo, Port Jackson, bonnethead, zebra, and leopard. A naturalist guides visitors through the attraction via an audio wand, narrating the exhibit areas, which range from a section resembling ancient Mayan temples to an underwater see-through tunnel.

Naturally, the stars are the sharks, which visitors can view through the tunnel. Nearby in Treasure Bay the larger specimens swim amid a sunken shipwreck. The exhibit offers a 360-degree view through big windows built into the hull of a ship, complete with a see-through bottom where visitors can spy a treasure and the bones of a pirate. The sand tiger, sandbar, lemon, and nurse sharks lurk in this area.

There are no signs or other impediments to viewing the animals—all the information is provided through the audio



Visitors can tunnel into the new exhibit at Mandalay Bay, which houses several species of sharks.

wand. Although the wands are a bit awkward, you gain intriguing details such as the fact that lemon sharks are not aggressive toward humans.

The Crocodile Pit is the domicile for three rare golden crocs, which have yellowish skin and eerie yellow eyes. The crocodiles lounge in an area made to resemble a long-lost temple buried in a tropical rain forest. Visitors walk through a fog fed by misters that help nourish orchids and other tropical foliage. Also here is the Lizard Lounge, home to the attraction's water monitor lizards.

At the touch pool, visitors can pet baby zebra sharks, stingrays, and horseshoe crabs. In the Phantoms of the Sea exhibit, beautiful West Coast sea nettles (otherwise known as jellies) pulsate in the black-lit cylindrical tank. The narrator reveals that a group of sea jellies is known as a "smack." Visitors often find themselves lingering in the Black Reef Ruin Tunnel, where a coral reef shelters tropical fish such as colorful damselfish, angel fish, and puffer fish. The narrator points out the numerous forms and colors of the

coral. A tropical treat is the moray eel, which bares its fangs to passersby as it sniffs the water for food.

The Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay is open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Tickets cost \$13.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children ages five to 12, and free for children under five. Call 702-632-4555.—Carolyn Graham

Soup and Shoe

LAKE TAHOE—After a few hours of trudging through the snow in the Sierra, there's no better reward than views of a winter wonderland and a bowl of hot soup.

That's the philosophy behind the Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area's **Soup and Shoe**, a guided snowshoe trek through the snowy hills south of Lake Tahoe. The monthly hike follows cross-country trails through Carson Pass to a ridge overlooking the lake. Weather permitting, snowshoers perch along the crest and enjoy the views while chowing down on bowls of hot soup and bread. Other lunch-stop options include warming huts and an old barn along the trail. The four-hour excursions, which include some steep climbs, are open to snowshoers of all levels.

Kirkwood offers a tasteful tour of Tahoe.





Will Jones tests his shoulders on the boulders at Rocksport Indoor Climbing Center in Sparks.

This year's Soup and Shoe dates are December 31, January 28, February 25, and March 25. The hikes begin at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes a trail pass, snowshoe rental, and soup and bread. Reservations are required. Kirkwood also offers guided snowshoe and cross-country skiing tours during full moons. Call 209-258-7248 for details.—Carolyn Graham

Climbing the Walls

SPARKS—Aspiring rock climbers can practice their techniques with experienced trainers at the recently expanded **Rocksport Indoor Climbing Center**. The state-of-the-art facility includes two bouldering caves and more than 7,500 square feet of climbing area.

"The climbing gym is just that: a gym where climbers can practice incredibly specific training," says gym manager Dave Schuller. "It's a haven for experienced climbers who need to keep their skills up to date, but it's also a great introduction into the sport for a lot of climbers."

Climbers use paths on the walls with specially designed holds. But getting to the top isn't necessarily the mark of a good climber. Watching a good climber can be a lot like watching a well orchestrated ballet that takes place on the side of a solid granite wall. "It's a serious sport that involves intense mental and physical training. People need to be properly trained before they try this stuff," Schuller cautions.

Special features can make the routes easy or challenging. Routes are rated on

the degree of difficulty with a 5.0 being easier and 5.13 being very difficult. The routes are changed every couple of months. "I've had some routes up that only a few people have finished," tells Schuller. He adds that most of the routes fall in the middle range.

Rocksport recently added a 1,000-square-foot bouldering cave. Here, climbers can practice strength and agility moves that allow them to climb the tough stuff more efficiently. The cave mimics the three-dimensional reality of outdoor climbing by providing lots of different angles, hollows, bumps, and knobs.

Climbers are instructed in the proper use of equipment and in the safety and etiquette of the sport. If you have a buddy to climb with, you can stop in anytime to climb. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Solo climbers can sign up for a partner, have an instructor help, or use the bouldering caves.

Rates are \$12 for adults for a full-day pass and \$8 for equipment rental. Rocksport offers a two-for-\$20 special that includes equipment from 5 to 10 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday nights women can climb for \$10, including equipment. Major

credit cards are accepted. Climbing fans can watch climbers for free during regular business hours or check out the new climbers' pro shop inside Rocksport. Rocksport is located at 1901 Silverada Boulevard in Sparks. Call 775-352-7673 or visit www.mountaineering.com for more information.—Shannon Montana

Winter Catch

SUTCLIFFE—Anglers from around the world are drawn to **Pyramid Lake** each year by the mystique and primitive beauty of its emerald-green waters. Most of them, however, are focused on a single goal—landing a trophy-size Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Winter is prime time for landing a cutthroat weighing more than 10 pounds at Pyramid, located 33 miles northeast of Reno. Many anglers take advantage of two full-time professional fishing guides who offer half-day and full-day trips for up to five people. Their 25-foot boats are equipped with heated cabins, which are greatly appreciated in the constantly changing conditions at the lake. Prices range from \$75 to \$125 per person, and all equipment is furnished.

The combination of cold water and cold

Don't Miss The World Famous LIBERACE MUSEUM

*See the glittering costumes,
dazzling jewels, spectacular
pianos, exotic cars and rare
antiques at one of the most
popular attractions in
Las Vegas!*

"A Las Vegas Must Do"
Newsweek Magazine

Open Monday thru
Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 1 - 5



1775 E. Tropicana • Las Vegas, NV 89119
(702) 798-5595 • www.liberace.org



Cydney Harding (left) reels in her catch on Pyramid Lake with the help of guide George Molino.

weather at the lake has evolved into a unique fishing technique for many fly- and spin-casting anglers. The most productive anglers use short stepladders or milk crates to elevate themselves above the frigid water. Other specialized winter-fishing equipment includes insulated chest waders. Anglers will need a heavy coat, warm hat, and insulated or neoprene gloves on all but the warmest days.

A recommended guidebook is Terry Barron's *No Nonsense Guide to Fly Fishing Pyramid Lake*. Barron has fished Pyramid for 37 years, and his booklet is available at most Reno-area bookstores and bait-and-tackle shops.

The lake's native Lahontan cutthroat trout were once fished to near extinction. When the first wave of white settlers came in the late 1800s, commercial fishermen would harvest 100 tons of trout in six months. Celebrities like Clark Gable were photographed in the '20s and '30s landing huge cutthroats, and groups of Nevadans are shown peering out from behind curtains of fish that stretch up to eight feet. But by the 1940s, the cutthroats were gone. Restocking began in the early 1950s, and today five- to 10-pound fish are not uncommon.

The lake's fishery is now managed by the Pyramid Lake Paiutes, who have imposed special regulations to ensure the fishery will continue to expand. The season is open from October 1 to June 30 annually, and fishing permits cost \$6 per day or \$32 per season.

Tours are given at the tribe's Sutcliffe fish hatcheries. There also is a marina and visitor center with an impressive photographic exhibit devoted to the history of

the lake. Pyramid Lake abounds with opportunities for sightseers and photographers as well as fishermen. In 1996 the Pyramid Lake Scenic Byway was designated a National Scenic Byway, one of the first in the nation and the only one sponsored by Native Americans.

The lake's Anaho Island, a national wildlife refuge, is the breeding ground for the largest colony of American white pelicans. The pelicans thrive on the big cutthroat, and the voracious birds eat tons of fish annually. Pale-brown and creamy-white tufa formations dot the shores and take unusual forms. These curious structures form spires, gigantic bowls, baskets, and sphinx-like figures. One of the most photographed structures is the Stone Mother and Her Basket, which is located

near the landmark pyramid off the southeastern shore.

Camping fees are \$5 a day or \$35 for 10 days, and there are plenty of parking sites for motor homes. To book a guided fishing trip, contact George Molino at the Pyramid Lake Store at 775-476-0555 or Lex Moser, Pyramid-Tahoe Fishing Charters, 775-852-3474.—Paul G. White

The Shoe Tree

MIDDLEGATE—Driving east of Fallon on U.S. 50 you may notice a large tree standing on the north side of the Loneliest Road in America. Look upward, and you're likely to see scores of shoes hanging from the branches. Known as the Shoe Tree, the 30-foot-tall cottonwood is filled with more shoes than Imelda Marcus' closet, more sneakers than Footlocker.

Since it began sprouting shoes about five years ago, the tree has displayed a remarkable array of footwear. Recently there were high heels, Nike cross trainers, roller blades, Converse basketball shoes, snow boots, hiking boots, motorcycle boots, rubber boots, flip flops, and old wing tips rustling in the breeze. Nearly all the shoes hung in pairs, like the red cowboy boots and black figure skates that dangled near each other on a long, droopy limb.

The Shoe Tree stands next to a dirt pull-out 53 miles east of Fallon and two miles east of Middlegate. If you stop to admire the tree, you might be moved to do as others have. Take an old pair of tennis shoes from the trunk and tie the laces together. Then, crouching in a discus thrower's stance, fling the shoes like a bola onto the branch of your choice.—David Moore



The roadside Shoe Tree near Middlegate is laced with loafers, pumps, sneakers, and other footwear.

s t . g e o r g e a r e a

PARADE OF HOMES

FEBRUARY 16 - 25, 2001

PRESENTED BY



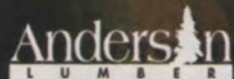
11th ANNUAL

St. George
AREA

**PARADE
OF
HOMES**

Expand Your Horizons...
Explore Southern Utah Living

Photo Artwork by Michael Fatali



Boulevard
Home Furnishings

QUESTAR
Gas



Simmons
RADIO GROUP



THE COLOR COUNTRY
SPECTRUM

For further information, call 435.674.1400 or visit our website at www.paradehome.com.
For lodging, call Travel Utah reservations at 800.259.3343 or email at uttravel@infowest.com

State of Matrimony

Nevada has a romantic reputation for both traditional and themed weddings that cater to couples' imaginations

By Kim Pryor

*S*uzanne Nielsen and Dave Anderson, co-owners of the Wedding Chapel at Caesars Tahoe, have seen a lot of weddings, but one they'll always remember is that of the couple who collected Disney characters. After the bride and groom exchanged vows and kissed, they turned and stared in surprise at their 25 cheering guests—each of whom had sprouted a pair of Mickey Mouse ears. "The guests had kept the hats underneath their shirts," explains Nielsen.

Like many Nevada wedding coordinators, Nielsen has learned to expect the unexpected. That is because, in Nevada, there is no such thing as a typical wedding. Every couple has unique requests, regardless of whether they plan to say "I do" in a church, chapel, gondola, or hot-air balloon. Nevada-style quickie weddings still exist for couples who want to be married quickly and cheaply, but the state is increasingly known for formal ceremonies, theme weddings, and the ability to cater to every couple's needs.

In 1999, Nevada's romantic reputation attracted 116,000 sweethearts to Las Vegas and other Clark County towns while 24,406 walked down the aisle in Reno, Incline Village, and other Washoe County locales. Hundreds more are hitched each year in rural Nevada. The ceremonies are as diverse as the settings.

"There are a million brides who have a million ideas of what they want their wedding to be," says Beverly Bedard, executive director of the North Lake Tahoe Wedding and Honeymoon Association. "Nevada seems to be able to rise to every couple's vision."

If their vision includes a European or



Angie and Brad Wolf of Oceanside, California, enjoy a moment of release at Lake Tahoe's Cal-Neva Resort.



The Wedding Chapel at Caesars Tahoe offers a church-like setting (above). Elvis (Norm Jones) sings for Christian and Mannela Horst at Graceland Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas (right).

theme wedding, the bride and groom can tie the knot at one of several resorts on the Las Vegas Strip. At the Venetian, couples may marry aboard a white gondola cruising the hotel's canals as gondoliers sing Italian love songs. At Paris Las Vegas, couples can say "I do" atop the resort's replica of the Eiffel Tower.

At Treasure Island, the bride, groom, and guests may dress in pirate costumes while a minister clad as an English sea captain performs the ceremony. Marriages can take place on the *H.M.S. Britannia*, the British frigate in the nightly Buccaneer Bay pirate show. In the hotel's chapel, couples have wed while posing as Madonna, Pamela Anderson, and other celebrities. The process of creating just the right ceremony and theme takes months for some brides and grooms.

"Their only limit," points out Diana Ritchie, the wedding chapel manager at

Treasure Island, "is their imagination."

Nevada's role as the State of Matrimony dates back to 1912, according to historian Phillip I. Earl of Reno. That year California passed its "Gin Law," which required couples to wait three days after obtaining a marriage license before exchanging vows in order to prevent inebriated couples from marrying under the influence. Because Nevada did not offer the same restriction, lovebirds flocked to the state. The Gin Law was repealed during World War II, but Nevada's reputation remained.

The fact that, after 1931, couples could get a divorce after residing in Nevada for only six weeks was another advantage. "People used to come to Nevada to get a divorce and bring the person they intended to marry with them," Earl says. "Ten minutes after their divorce, they'd get married to somebody else."

Joe Melcher, owner of the Park Wedding Chapel in Reno, recalls, "In the past, a large number of people came to Nevada because of the lack of impediments to getting a license, like a blood test or a waiting period. Over recent years most of our adjoining states have dropped those requirements. People now pretty much come up to include a vacation, or they want the image of being married in Reno or Vegas."

Furthermore, with an abundance of attractions, outdoor sports, and fine dining, a Nevada ceremony offers a built-in honeymoon. Some hotels offer honeymoon as well as wedding packages. The Cal-Neva Resort at Lake Tahoe, for instance, allows





The traditional Park Wedding Chapel stands on an island of green across from the courthouse in Reno (top left). Lake Tahoe provides scenic nuptials, as in the McGowens' ski ceremony coordinated by the Dream-Maker of Incline Village (top right). The Corley Ranch near Gardnerville offers Western weddings (above).

honeymooners to join a club that covers room, rental car, and activities.

Another advantage of Nevada nuptials is the low cost. Gordon Gust, owner of the Candlelight Wedding Chapel and the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, recalls a man who arranged the weddings of two of his eight daughters in Los Angeles. "He said by the time all the relatives got into it and by the time he signed the check, it cost him about \$15,000—he was ready to go insane," Gust says. "So he brought five of the other six daughters up to Las Vegas, and he spent a couple hundred dollars on each of them. He said, 'You made it so easy for us, and you made it so beautiful, I just wish I would have known it sooner.'"

Many chapels and hotels bundle flow-

ers, rooms, garters, videos, and photos into packages tailored to a range of budgets. Excluding the marriage license, which can be purchased for \$35 to \$42 at county offices, the cost of a typical Nevada wedding package ranges from \$100 to several thousand dollars, with customized weddings costing more.

Family and friends unable to attend the wedding may be able to watch the special moment live on the Internet. The Little White Chapel in Las Vegas, the Wedding Chapel at Harveys Lake Tahoe, the Cal-Neva Resort, and Love's Lake Tahoe Wedding Chapel have or will soon have the ability to broadcast weddings live in cyberspace.

Nevada's rural counties have their own marriage attractions. Brides and grooms

who marry in Lovelock's round courthouse are lured by the town's name, hoping they will be forever locked in love. In Elko, Marie's Wedding Chapel attracts last-minute couples from Utah and Idaho, where licenses are not issued on weekends.

Couples who marry in rural Nevada towns often are attracted to their history and Old West atmosphere. Juanita Colvin, justice of the peace of Esmeralda County, is based in Goldfield. She marries couples in Gold Point, a former mining camp, or inside Goldfield's 1907 courthouse.

Many couples prefer a simple but traditional wedding. In Reno, Joe Melcher's Park Wedding Chapel stands across the street from the Washoe County Courthouse. "Ours is a very traditional-looking wedding chapel. The people we get typi-

cally are looking for a nice wedding experience rather than something that's a little more bizarre," he says.

For decades celebrities have eloped to Nevada because of the speed, ease, and, if they wish, privacy of a Vegas or Reno wedding. Las Vegas' celebrity unions have included Clara Bow and Rex Bell, Betty Grable and Harry James, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, Elvis Presley and Priscilla Beaulieu, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, and Billy Bob Thornton and Angelina Jolie. Barbra Streisand and Elliott Gould were wed in Reno. Tom Selleck and Jillie Mack married at the Dream-Maker in Incline Village.

To guide couples on their journeys to wedlock, most Nevada chapels and marriage-minded hotels have wedding coordinators on staff. These experts help plan color schemes, floral arrangements, hotel reservations, sightseeing, hair appointments, and the menu and music for the reception.

"The role of a wedding coordinator is to take away the stress and to coordinate the best services for the budget we're given," says Lynne Barth, who owns My Wedding Planner in Lake Tahoe with her minister husband, David. "On the wedding day we coordinate the flowers, pin the flowers on, make sure the mothers have their corsages, get guests seated. We make sure everything runs smoothly so the bride and groom don't have anything to worry about."

Wedding coordinators often customize ceremonies. During outdoor weddings at Tahoe's Cal-Neva Resort, a flock of "love doves" can be released to fly over the guests after the groom kisses the bride. For second marriages, the couple's children often take part. At the Wedding Chapel at Harveys and at Love's Lake Tahoe Wedding Chapel, children may repeat their own set of vows to indicate the two families are now one. After the ceremony Reverend Ron Sayed, co-owner of the Harveys chapel, introduces the group as Mr. and Mrs. "and family" to the guests. "We offer as much customizing as a bride and groom want," says Sayed. "It's their day and their ceremony."

Most Nevada chapels are church-like rooms filled with silk flowers and plants (which can be replaced with fresh flowers for an extra charge). The chapels seat from 20 to 300 people and range in decor from casual to elegant. The Wedding Chapels at the Bellagio feature an antique Italian décor and amethyst chandeliers with gold leaf that were hand-blown in Venice, Italy. At Love's in Lake Tahoe, the bride and bridesmaids descend a wooden staircase twinkling with lights.

Many couples prefer to marry outdoors.

Sweetheart Deals

At most Nevada chapels, wedding coordinators are ready to help plan the event. The coordinators, most of whom are women, sometimes get so involved in their work that they feel like surrogate mothers.

"You get real attached to the brides and grooms," says Suzanne Nielsen, owner and coordinator at the Wedding Chapel at Caesars Tahoe. "They're like your children. I remember them for a long time. Years after the wedding, they'll walk in to say hi, bring us their babies."

Still, the bride and groom need to give the coordinator concise and informed directions. Following are several matters that lovebirds should keep in mind.

- ♥ Bring cash to buy your marriage license, which is available at the county courthouse of your choice. A license costs \$35 in Clark and Washoe counties. Clark (Las Vegas) accepts traveler's checks, but in Washoe (Reno and Incline Village) they'll tell you, "No checks, chips, or plastic." In Las Vegas, marriage licenses are available from 8 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday and 24 hours on Friday, Saturday, and holidays (702-455-4416). Reno's marriage license bureau is open 8 a.m. to midnight daily (775-328-3275). In Carson City the marriage office is open daily, and a license costs \$42, including a framable copy and small gift. Lake Tahoe has two Nevada marriage bureaus. The Douglas County office in Stateline is open daily; a license costs \$42 (775-586-7290). In Incline Village, the Washoe County office issues licenses for \$35, same as Reno (775-832-4166).
- ♥ A Nevada marriage license is good for one year, and you can use it to be married anywhere in the state.
- ♥ Make arrangements with your chosen chapel and wedding coordinator several months in advance, if possible. Advance notice is particularly important if you wish to be wed at busy times such as Valentine's Day in Las Vegas or a summer weekend at Lake Tahoe.
- ♥ Prepare questions to ask the wedding coordinator, suggests Jacqueline Montoya, the Bellagio's chapel manager. "And communicate to us your expectations. For example, do you want us to call every month, or are you going to call us?"
- ♥ Call the coordinator two weeks to a month before the wedding, even if everything was arranged in your first conversation. Kathi Lewis, wedding chapel manager at Le Chapelles de Paris inside Paris Las Vegas, says this allows you to go over the checklist and tell the coordinator where you're staying.
- ♥ Check into the hotel the day before your wedding, Lewis advises. Arriving early gives you time to see the chapel in person, meet your coordinator, dress unhurriedly for the ceremony, and determine the time it takes to get to the chapel from your room. Lewis points out, "You don't want any surprises on the day of your wedding."
- ♥ If you're marrying outdoors, have a backup plan and dress for the weather, says Lynne Barth of My Wedding Planner at Lake Tahoe. For instance, hot-air balloon weddings often require warm clothes and may be postponed if winds are unfavorable.
- ♥ Finally, Diana Friedlander, wedding director at Cal-Neva Resort at Lake Tahoe, says brides and grooms should try to relax when the big day arrives. "Stop planning and stressing, and stop trying to meet everybody else's needs," she says. It's your wedding. Enjoy it.—Kim Pryor

In winter, Heavenly Ski Resort is a popular wedding site. There, couples can wed under a rose-covered gazebo or on the ski slopes against the blue backdrop of Lake Tahoe. For small wedding parties, a butler dressed in tuxedo and top hat skis down to the wedding party, carves a table and benches out of snow, and serves champagne and a wedding dinner.

Juliette Howell, owner of the Dream-Maker, an Incline Village chapel and wedding-coordinator service, has planned many ski weddings. Beforehand, a florist decorates the bride's ski poles with garland and ribbon. After the slope-side vows, the guests form a line and raise their ski poles in a salute.

Howell once arranged a wedding for a bride who had never skied. The woman took a quick lesson at Diamond Peak and then insisted on using an advanced ski hill for the ceremony. Dressed in a veil, ski outfit, and garter, the bride skied as planned under the guests' uplifted poles—but, unable to stop, she shot right past the groom and barreled down the hill, leaving her new husband to follow madly in pursuit. Howell recalls, "The one thing the ski lesson didn't teach her was how to stop."

Theme weddings are another option. Western-minded couples can marry inside an old-fashioned chapel at the Ponderosa Ranch, the *Bonanza* theme park in Incline

(Continued on page 74)

JOE GOODMAN, *In His Own Write*

The ***Territorial Enterprise*** editor, a friend and mentor of Mark Twain, was himself a keen and witty observer of early-day Nevada.

By Lawrence I. Berkove

Among the distinguished Comstock writers who have been largely eclipsed by the shadow of Mark Twain is Joseph Thompson Goodman, the remarkable editor of Virginia City's *Territorial Enterprise* and a genius in his own right. For too long, he has been remembered by literary scholars and historians, if at all, simply as Twain's editor. Only recently has the process begun of restoring him to his own place in the sun.

Goodman's connection to Twain is important, but it is not his only distinction. Born in Masonville, New York, on September 18, 1838, Goodman moved west with his father and brother sometime in the 1850s. His formal schooling ended once he left for the West, but like many other accomplished men of his time, including Twain, Goodman was self-taught and eager to learn about the world. He worked several years as a typesetter on San Francisco's famous literary journal, the *Golden Era*, and saved his money. In 1861 he and his friend Denis McCarthy moved to Virginia City on the newly discovered Comstock. They bought the *Territorial Enterprise*, a struggling weekly, and set about turning it into a first-class daily. Several years later, Goodman became sole owner and publisher of the *Enterprise*.

Goodman was a Renaissance man. In addition to his career as a newspaper editor, he found success as a travel writer, dramatist, poet, author, and archaeologist. His relationship with Twain was lifelong. From the time he hired Twain as a reporter

in 1862 until Twain's death in 1910, Goodman was his friend, mentor, counselor, and model.

Except for a few personal details, all that is known about Goodman relates to his work and his friendships. Information on Goodman's private life is especially sparse. He married Ellen "Maggie" Wells, a native of Ireland, in Virginia City sometime in the mid-1860s. Almost the only information we have about her is that Twain did not like her because he felt that she was beneath Goodman in intellect and understanding. The couple had no children, and Maggie

**After their duel
Goodman took Fitch
to Lake Tahoe to
recuperate, and the two
men became friends.**

died in 1893. Goodman married again, late in life, and had four daughters with Mary, his second wife. He wrote extensively and penetratingly about his Comstock associates but almost nothing about his family. Similarly, those who wrote about him were silent about his marriages and children. Indeed, he has been remembered not for himself but for his influence on others. Goodman's biographer, Eva Adams, later an important Nevada political figure and director of the U.S. Mint, made him

the focus of her master's thesis at Columbia University in 1936, describing Goodman as "the man who made Mark Twain."

That is a bit of an exaggeration, but Goodman was definitely one of the more influential people in Twain's life. Even though Goodman was three years younger than Twain, Goodman was more mature when they met, more self-confident and more stable. Twain credited Goodman with teaching him the fundamentals of good journalism. In *Roughing It* (1872), Twain quoted some of Goodman's instruction:

"Never say 'We learn' so-and-so, or 'It is reported,' or 'It is rumored,' or 'We understand' so-and-so, but go to headquarters and get the absolute facts, and then speak out and say 'It is so-and-so.' Otherwise, people will not put confidence in your news. Unassailable certainty is the thing that gives a newspaper the firmest and most valuable reputation."

The subject of Goodman's influence on Twain is still being assessed. It may be that some of Twain's forcefulness, and his tendency to write forthright sentences that need little qualification, derived from this early indoctrination. Clearly, Twain remembered the admonition and respected its source.

Goodman also gave Twain moral support at critical points in his life. In 1863, when enraged Comstockers who fell for Twain's sly hoax, "A Bloody Massacre Near Carson," shook the young reporter with their denunciations, Goodman stood by Twain and reassured him. Several years later, when a foreman on his newspaper

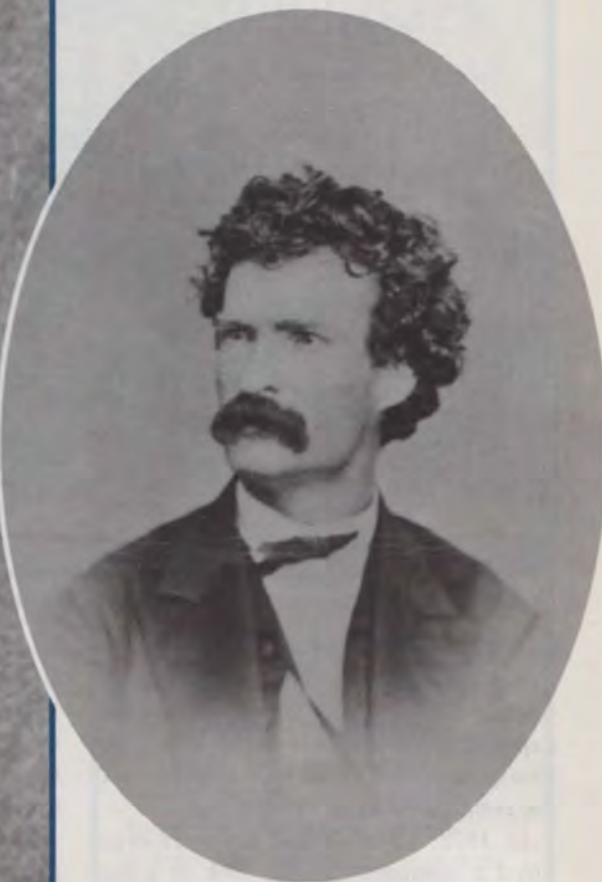


warned Goodman of possible repercussions if he printed Twain's exposé of San Francisco police corruption, Goodman said, "Let it go in, every word. If Mark can stand it, I can." Goodman visited Twain in Elmira, New York, while the latter was writing *Roughing It*. Twain was racked with doubts about its quality, but Goodman restored his spirits by calling it "the best thing you have ever written ... a great book."

However, in at least one instance Twain followed Goodman's example unwisely. In 1863, Goodman fought a duel with Tom Fitch, editor of the rival *Virginia Daily Union*, over an insulting article about Fitch that had appeared in the *Enterprise*. Goodman had not written the story, and in

fact regarded it as unjust, but he accepted responsibility for it as a matter of honor. Just before the two men took their paces, Goodman learned that Fitch was a poor shot, so Goodman, who was a crack shot, aimed at Fitch's knee to end the duel without killing him. Goodman immediately went to the wounded Fitch, who was grateful to be alive, and apologized to him. Goodman took Fitch to Lake Tahoe to recuperate, and the two men became friends.

In 1864, when Goodman left Virginia City for a trip, he appointed Twain acting editor. Twain soon wrote an insulting piece about another editor. The editor replied, and the matter rapidly escalated to the point where Twain, probably attempt-



Goodman (left) was there when Twain (above) needed him, once when readers tried to run Mark out of town and later when he wrote *Roughing It*.

ing to live up to Goodman's example, issued a public challenge. It was accepted—to Twain's consternation, for he was not a good shot. At the duel site, however, the other editor was misled about Twain's marksmanship and backed down. But Nevada had grown more strict about enforcing laws against dueling, and Twain was advised to be out of town before the next day. He took the advice and left for California. Goodman returned to the *Enterprise*, minus its most famous reporter, and resumed his editorial duties in his own inimitable way.

As the driving force behind the *Territorial Enterprise* Goodman made it one of the outstanding newspapers west of the Mississippi by paying top wages to his employees, offering complete and reliable coverage of mining news, and giving free rein to the genius of talented writers like Twain, Dan De Quille, and Rollin Mallory Daggett. Goodman contributed a good deal of his own writing to the paper, including a set of nine lively travel letters he sent to the *Enterprise* during his 1870



Virginia City was a mining capital in the 1860s and '70s when Goodman was the *Enterprise's* driving force.

visit to France and Italy. As an editorial writer Goodman displayed a forceful integrity. Early in his Nevada career, he exposed the corruption of the entire territorial Supreme Court bench and forced the resignation of all its members.

In 1872, when several investors organized a company to sell stock in a diamond-mining project in Arizona, Goodman recognized it as a hoax and said so, bluntly, in an editorial. One of the organizers, William Lent, was a wealthy San Francisco merchant who invested heavily in Nevada mining companies. When Lent initiated a lawsuit, the *Enterprise* not only refused to back down but also mocked the man with exquisite irony:

"All acquainted with Mr. Lent know him to be incapable of a dishonest action. He is a model of virtue and integrity, and God-fearing mothers point to him as an example for their children.... Mr. Lent a swindler! Wm. M. Lent a party to fraud of any kind! Bill Lent a corrupt and dishonest man! Perish the thought, and with it the recollection that it has ever been entertained. His character is as pure as the lily of the Sierras, which grows amidst perpetual snows and dies with the breath of summer."

Comparing Lent's character to a mythical plant neatly implied that his virtue was also mythical. The suit was soon withdrawn when the geologist Clarence King visited the site of the so-called diamond mine and found it barren of native diamonds but "salted" with imported stones.

Goodman's most telling editorial, however, was his 1872 attack on William

Sharon, the rich and ruthless financier who was running for U.S. Senator from Nevada. Almost all other Comstock editors truckled to the powerful Sharon, but Goodman stuck with the truth when he wrote an open letter to Sharon:

"You are probably aware that you have returned to a community where you are feared, hated, and despised ... Your career in Nevada for the past nine years has been one of merciless rapacity. You fastened yourself upon the vitals of the State like a hyena, and woe to him who disputed with you a single coveted morsel of your prey ... You cast honor, honesty, and the commonest civilities aside. You broke faith with men whenever you could subserve a purpose by so doing."

The editorial destroyed Sharon's hope of winning that election.

Virginia City residents loved the theater, and Goodman involved himself in it as both a critic and a playwright. When Adah Isaacs Menken upset Virginia City theatergoers by simulating nudity in one of her plays, Goodman wrote a spirited defense of the actress, comparing her act to "painting and sculpture, and the other arts which have developed their most beautiful and divine conceptions in ideal likenesses of the human form." This would still be an extremely liberal position today, but in 1864 it was generations ahead of its time.

From criticism Goodman turned to writing plays. During his early days in Virginia City he produced a play—a burlesque of serious drama—that featured warriors, armed with kegs of beer, drenching other actors, the orchestra, and the au-

dience with the malty brew. The play was a wild success with Comstock miners, but its run was ended to allow the theater to dry out. Goodman wrote another play, "The Woodhunters," in collaboration with his *Enterprise* associate, Rollin Mallory Daggett. The play was a political burlesque of county commissioners who bilked the county with extravagant bills for "hunting" wood for fuel. The actors did such a good job that the culprits were recognized, laughed at, and forced out of office. As late as 1883, Goodman wrote a draft of a play entitled "Hamlet's Brother," a takeoff on Shakespeare in which Goodman inserted a new character and some speeches into the text of "Hamlet." He sent that draft to Twain, who also tinkered with it. It is possible that some of Shakespeare's influences on *Huckleberry Finn* came by way of Goodman's burlesque.

In 1871, Goodman unexpectedly made theater history when he and Daggett collaborated on a remarkable original play. It was called "The Psychoscope," after an invention that could project mental pictures on a screen. "The Psychoscope" combined science fiction, psychology, and detective motifs—all new literary developments in those days—but its most astonishing fea-



Goodman wrote two plays with Rollin Mallory Daggett (above), an *Enterprise* colleague.

ture was its use of raw realism two generations ahead of its time. The play included several scenes set in a brothel and portrays prostitutes rolling a john. When the play was produced in 1872, it ran only five times between August 15 and 18 to full houses. However, it faced a storm of newspaper protests about indecency and suffered sabotage from the acting company, whose ac-

tresses feared acquiring loose reputations. Indecency in Virginia City, 1872! The town's red-light district was only a short walk from the theater, and many of the male theatergoers occasionally patronized it. Goodman and Daggett were offered \$10,000 for the rights to the play, but, knowing that it would be bowdlerized, they refused and never produced it again.

When they weren't collaborating on the newspaper or a play, Goodman and Daggett engaged in a friendly rivalry as poets. Both wrote poems that were popular in their time and still have the power to move. Goodman's best was his poem "Virginia City," a heartfelt lament on lost youth (see sidebar).

In 1874, worn out by his uphill struggles against Comstock venality, Goodman sold the *Enterprise* to his archenemy, William Sharon, for \$50,000—a substantial sum, worth more than half a million dollars in today's currency—and left Virginia City for San Francisco. There he briefly worked as a broker, then as the owner-publisher of the *San Franciscan*, a short-lived but distinguished literary magazine. Having gone through most of his money, Goodman invested in a Fresno Valley raisin ranch and made it profitable.

In his spare time he wrote short stories and articles. From this period one delightfully humorous short story, "The Trumpet Comes to Pickeye," has survived as a minor classic. A satire on an intimidated newspaper editor in a Western mining camp, "The Trumpet Comes to Pickeye" is a worthy companion to Twain's "Journalism in Tennessee."

A more challenging activity—one that unexpectedly brought him international recognition—came to Goodman's attention in 1893. A friend told him about the Mayan ruins being excavated in Central America and how the ruins were covered with glyphs that could not be read. Goodman became obsessed with the inscriptions. From his home in Alameda he undertook to work out their meanings. It took him more than 12 years, but he finally deciphered the glyphs relating to the Mayan calendar. This was a major breakthrough and opened the way to interpret the rest of the glyphs. Because he was an amateur, American archaeologists at first rejected Goodman's work but relented when his study, *The archaic Maya inscriptions*, was published in England in 1897 to acclaim. To this day his work remains valid, and Goodman's name is respected among Meso-American archaeologists.

In the last decade of his life, Goodman

was plunged into financial difficulties as a result of the earthquake and ensuing fire that struck San Francisco in 1906. To earn income he contributed to a series of Comstock memoirs published in Reno by a trade newspaper, the *Nevada Mining News*. The essays he contributed are as good as anything he ever wrote and rich in information never before printed. Those essays alone would have earned Goodman, who died in Alameda on October 1, 1917, a place in literary history.

Goodman was not the first author, and will not be the last, to achieve a delayed fame. Today, the term "Comstock literature" is a mystery to most students of American literature. Even few Mark Twain scholars know much more about the Comstock than the fact that Twain lived in Nevada and later wrote about the experience in *Roughing It*. The Comstock was an intense but brief event in American history, lasting a quarter century from the late 1850s to the mid-1880s. The region's population largely dispersed when the mines closed, so no living tradition of local writers was established. This is one of the two reasons why Joe Goodman has been overlooked. The other is that Mark Twain was so awesome a writer and the scholarly interest in him so engrossing that almost all of his contemporaries have been cast into his shadow and ignored. This neglect, however, is happily coming to an end.

Goodman succeeded impressively, and sometimes brilliantly, as an editor, travel writer, poet, playwright, short-story writer, memoirist, and archaeologist. The exact importance of his relationship to Mark Twain has yet to be determined, but even if Goodman had not known Twain at all, he would have earned a lasting reputation on his own merits. As Comstock literature emerges from unjust neglect, Joe Goodman is certain to be one of its luminaries. ▀

Lawrence I. Berkove is a professor of American literature at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has written extensively on Western authors such as Mark Twain, Ambrose Bierce, Jack London, and the authors of the Comstock Lode: Dan De Quille, Sam Davis, and Joe Goodman. He presented Goodman's 1870 travel letters in the Fall 1997 issue of the Mark Twain Journal. Berkove's edition of "The Psychoscope," the play that Goodman and Rollin Daggett co-authored, recently was published by the Great Basin Press of Reno. Also, his book, The Devil's in the Details, an edited series of Comstock memoirs that appeared in the Nevada Mining News in 1908-1909, is forthcoming from the University of Nevada Press.

A Comstock Looks Back

Besides his work as an editor, playwright, and essayist, Joe Goodman was known by his contemporaries as a poet. It is not known what year Goodman wrote the following poem, "Virginia City," but it reflects the spirit of both man and place.

Virginia City

In youth when I did love, did love
(To quote the sexton's homely ditty),
I lived six thousand feet above
Sea level, in Virginia City;
The site was bleak, the houses small,
The narrow streets unpaved and slanting,
But now it seems to me of all
The spots on earth the most enchanting.

Let Art with all its cunning strive,
Let Nature lavish all her splendor,
One touch of sentiment will give
A charm more beautiful and tender;
And so that town, howe'er uncouth
To others who have chanced to go there,
Enshrines the ashes of my youth,
And there is Fairyland, or nowhere.

Who tends its marts, who treads its ways,
Are mysteries beyond my guessing;
To me the forms of other days
Are still about its centers pressing:
I know that loving lips are cold,
And true hearts stilled—ah, more the pity!
But in my fancy they yet hold
Their empire in Virginia City.

Unhallowed flames have swept away
The structures in which I delighted,
The streets are grass-grown, and decay
Has left the sunny slopes benighted—
But not for me: to my dimmed sight
The town is always like the olden,
As to the captive Israelite
Shone aye Jerusalem the Golden.

I would not wish to see it now;
I choose to know it as I then did,
With glorious light upon its brow
And all its features bright and splendid;
Nor would I like that it should see
Me, gray and stooped, a mark for pity,
And learn that time had dealt with me
As hard as with Virginia City.

—Joseph Thompson Goodman

Backcountry

Savvy skiers and snowboarders are finding solitude and untracked slopes in Nevada's remote mountain ranges. **By Charles Luce**

Most of Nevada's snow-draped mountains offer the sort of dilemma that irritates many skiers and snowboarders. On the one hand, ranges like the Toiyabes and Rubies are full of slopes that look perfect for skiing and riding. On the other hand, those mountains are too far from large cities to lure ski-resort developers.

As a result, the state whose name means "snow-covered" basks in wintertime anonymity. Dependent on chair lifts and lodges, skiers are marginalized to the state's western edge, where the big resorts lie. All that skiers and boarders can do is drool over dozens of remote Nevada peaks, knowing they will stay undeveloped and therefore be forever untracked.

Oh?

According to a small but enthusiastic population of winter adventurers, Nevada is one of the best places to practice America's coolest emerging snow sport,

backcountry skiing and snowboarding. For this crowd, a great snow experience involves climbing a mountain—and then swooshing down it. Eschewing chair lifts, helicopters, and snowmobiles, these snow sliders hike, sometimes for days, to the top of powder-covered slopes. Then they charge downhill, losing all their gained ground in a matter of minutes.

As backcountry skiing—or *glissé*—catches on, rural Nevada ranges are getting better known. The buzz among backcountry buffs is that Nevada is one of the last, best places to enjoy one of the sport's best attractions—absolute solitude.

Just ask some of the sport's practitioners, like Las Vegas resident Roger Morse. The 37-year-old Morse, a science teacher at Desert Pines High School, began backcountry skiing in the late 1970s in Allegheny State Park, near his birthplace, Bradford, Pennsylvania. When he moved to Southern Nevada with the U.S. Air Force (he was a Stealth bomber test pilot)

in 1989, one of his first investments was serious backcountry-ski gear. Soon he headed into the Spring Mountains, exploring Mount Charleston above Kyle Canyon with telemark skis and a mountaineer's rope. Having bit into Nevada's backcountry, he never looked back.

In March 1998 Morse and two friends went backcountry skiing at Great Basin National Park near Ely. They climbed the Lehman Creek Trail, only to begin a glissé adventure that was redirected twice by uncooperative weather.

"We set up camp in what we later discovered was a parking lot," Morse recalls. "It stormed every day. We had planned to ski a ridge line off Wheeler Peak, but that was avalanching, so we stayed lower, in the trees." A detour to Mount Moriah, to the north in the Snake Range, was called off because the road was blocked by snow. So Lehman Creek it was. "Although we had to stay in the trees, it was still fantastic—really great snow!"



Snowriders

Backcountry skiers and snowboarders find solitude and untracked powder in Nevada's rural ranges. Winter-sports lovers in the Las Vegas area can trek in the Spring Mountains (left) while central and eastern ranges like the Rubies (above) also offer pristine conditions.

Morse's experience is emblematic of the draw and the drudgery of backcountry glissé. Skiers and riders have to really love the mountains to suffer through route finding, miles of climbing (no small trick on skis or carrying a snowboard), skiing glissé with a heavy backpack, winter camping, and constantly watching for avalanche danger. Asked to explain this tolerance, many probably would agree with Marcel Barel, longtime ski-school director at the Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort on Mount Charleston. A backcountry skier for more than 30 years, Barel says, "What appears to be work to some people may not be a four-letter word to us. It's hard to explain. It's pushing your envelope to see how far you can go—and it's fun."

Equally compelling is the mountains' solitude. While backcountry skiers in other states fill wilderness-access parking lots like Christmas shoppers at the mall, many of Nevada's mountains remain

unskied. "There's only a handful of backcountry skiers in the whole state," says Morse, who recalls seeing no other skiers or tracks in the white spectacle of Wheeler Peak's nearly perfect basin.

Other members of that "handful" confirm Morse's observation. Tahoe City resident Doug Read has skied much of Central and Eastern Nevada in the past 15 years (his adventures were chronicled in "Ski Nevada" by David Fenimore in *Nevada*, Jan/Feb '89). Read points out, "It is as lonely out there now as it was 10 years ago."

At Great Basin National Park, for instance, a few skiers hike into the snow-filled backcountry, but the numbers have been so small that the park hasn't bothered to regulate, or even monitor, their activities. The park's backcountry list showed just 47 self-registered visitors from December 1999 to April 2000. Compare that to a single summer month: In July 2000 the same backcountry scored an

estimated 1,500 hikers. Ranger Abby Wines says, "There's a couple of places that people go to ski. About two times a week folks go up the Lehman Creek Trail. More rarely, the Baker Creek Trail is used." But there's hardly a wintertime crowd tramping the park's peaks.

Other attractively skiable mountains are little used by skiers or snowboarders. Recently a query about skiing in the Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak Wilderness produced puzzled stares and dead silence in a U.S. Forest Service office in Winnemucca. "Well," a ranger finally said, "I think someone from Oregon once asked us about skiing Granite Peak, but I don't know if he did."

All this solitude can lead to the snowrider's equivalent of the holy grail: scoring a "first descent." Doug Read says he knows of no one keeping track of such statistics for Nevada but adds, "I'm sure I've gone up and down some peaks that no one's skied before." Read points out that the Independence and Bull Run ranges south of Owyhee are rarely, if ever, skied. Read says he's never seen a backcountry snowboarder, not even in such accessible places as Star Peak, one of his favorites, which looms over Interstate 80 near Rye Patch State Recreation Area.

Marcel Barel notes that his favorite backcountry-skiing places—all virtually within sight of downtown Las Vegas—are so uncrowded he can enjoy them over and over and still feel he's discovering them for the first time. In fact, he asserts he has never felt compelled to ski much beyond the Spring Mountains. He describes dozens of runs in the Mount Charleston area, including a favorite that usually involves rappelling a frozen waterfall—"except one winter when there was so much snow I could just free-fall it."

Skiers and riders have to really love the mountains to suffer through miles of climbing, skiing with a heavy backpack, and constantly watching for avalanche danger.



Glissé skier Marcel Barel doesn't need a lift to reach many of Mount Charleston's remote, snowy slopes.

To be fair, Nevada does have mountains that see extensive glissé use. The Sierra Nevada backcountry around Lake Tahoe has steep gullies and reliable snow, factors that bring skiers and snowboarders in considerable numbers. Still, most of the state's snow country is as devoid of people as the Gobi Desert, a fact that, while compelling, makes experienced skiers pause a little before drooling.

"It's not often that I ski anything real, real steep in Nevada," says Read. "Out there you don't want to do anything real risky 'cause there's nobody who's going to come and haul you away if you get hurt. In fact, it's real dumb to even try."

Thus, if deep and untracked powder is a skier's goal, the rules of pursuit must include precautions. As Abby Wines and Doug Read hasten to point out, the mountains are hazardous places, especially in winter. "Hypothermia and altitude sickness are big threats" on even the easier slopes in Great Basin National Park, Wines says. "Wheeler Basin is at 10,000 to 11,000 feet, and it can get really cold." Steeper slopes offer greater dangers, she adds. "Wheeler Peak is so windswept you probably can't ski it, and there is a real avalanche hazard."

Avalanches are significant threats in Nevada. Several key avalanche ingredients can come together in desert ranges: a thin early-season snowpack, very cold nighttime temperatures, and high winds on exposed peaks. The shredded trees in avalanche-runout zones demonstrate the power of these slides. There are many runout scars

in the Toiyabe Range, where Read skis frequently. He notes, "It's easy to tell the avalanche history there from tree damage from previous years."

Experienced backcountry travelers talk about avalanches with respect and awe. Barel says, "We leave [to go spring skiing] at 2 a.m. so we are back in the car by noon because of soft-snow avalanche danger."

Fortunately, information on snow safety is increasingly easy to find. Avalanche awareness courses are offered in many

All this solitude can lead to the skier's equivalent of the holy grail: scoring a "first descent."

corners of snow country, and up-to-date conditions can be found at www.csac.org on the Web.

After safety skills, some snow lovers have acquired tricks and equipment to help them ride the backcountry. These can take mechanized forms. Read says, "When I've used ranch roads to access mountains, I've always gone up and talked to the ranchers. Several times they've offered me lifts to the snow line in their trucks, or even higher up in snowmobiles."

Once in deep snow, however, backcountry skiers and snowboarders are faced with the inevitable—climbing and flat-country travel. These forms require techniques not usually associated with downhill

skiing. To get up mountains and across the flats, skiers often switch to telemark or *randonnée* equipment that allows the heel to rise, permitting a natural stride. For climbing, some folks attach non-slip skins to their skis. Snowboarders usually travel on snowshoes. Many ski resorts offer instruction in these methods.

Finally, one must choose a mountain. While this is no small task in a state with thousands of snowy peaks, it's smart to begin in places that others have already tested. Those sites are more likely to be accessible from paved roads, relatively close to population centers (important for the post-glissé steak and shower), and not terrifyingly steep.

Although the following suggestions on backcountry skiing in rural Nevada probably won't satisfy skiers or riders looking for first descents or lengthy expeditions, they should help those starting to sample backcountry skiing and riding.

South: The Spring Mountains and their highest peak, Mount Charleston, tower above Las Vegas's glitter like white, ragged teeth. This range is full of glissé opportunity, according to both Maurice Barel and Roger Morse. Among Barel's favorite routes are the steep gorges and gullies, known as *coulours*, that drop from Griffith and Charleston peaks into Kyle Canyon, 40 miles northwest of Las Vegas by U.S. 95 and State Route 157. Barel recommends this slope for spring, not dead-of-winter, skiing.

Morse suggests an ambitious 12-mile, north-to-south traverse that visits Willow, Bonanza, McFarland, and perhaps Griffith peaks. Snow lovers looking for less of a workout might check Willow Peak, accessible from Wheeler Pass Road, which leaves U.S. 95 five miles north of the turnoff to Lee Canyon (State Route 156).

Driving and weather conditions can be checked at the USFS Office, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, 2881 South Valley View Blvd., Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102; 702-873-8800. Maurice Barel can be found at the Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort's ski school, 702-872-8462, in Lee Canyon.

North: Abutting Nevada's smallest wilderness area, Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak, stands Granite Peak, which has the double good fortune of being accessible by road and fun to ski. County Road 792, a graded gravel surface, crosses Hinkey Summit on Granite's eastern flanks, 62 miles north of Winnemucca. Although closed in the winter, 792 is usually open by May, granting

(Continued on page 67)

NEVADA *Calendar*

Nevada Magazine's Guide to Events and Shows in the Silver State

January/February 2001

The Year in Sports

Sports fans will find a lot to cheer about
in Nevada during 2001

Race fans attend
a NASCAR event at
the Las Vegas
Motor Speedway.

Allegiant Air Great Destinations!

Fresno • Lake Tahoe • Las Vegas • Long Beach • Portland • Reno



Allegiant Air

Call Your Travel Agent or Allegiant Air

TOLL FREE 888-594-6937

FRESNO AREA 454-7730

www.allegiantair.com

The Year *in Sports*



Skiers and boarders race head-to-head in Squaw Valley skier-cross events in January (above), while August is a time for speed on the Bonneville Salt Flats near Wendover (right).

Fans of major sports and exotic contests will find a lot to cheer about in the Silver State throughout 2001

By David Moore



John Elway signs autographs during last July's American Century Celebrity Golf Championship at Edgewood Tahoe.

As 2001 arrives, so begins another great year in sports. Basketball, golf, auto racing, baseball, football, basketball again—it is a cycle that is as reassuring to the sports fan as the national anthem. Throughout the year sporting enthusiasts in the Silver State can root for their favorite competitors in events ranging from NASCAR races to rock-drilling contests. Here is a month-by-month sampling of some of Nevada's prime spectator sports events. Information phone numbers are noted.

January: Ultra Snowsport

Fans of the sport of skiercross—think motocross on snow—can begin the year at

Squaw Valley USA. Twice in one week skiers and boarders will compete head-to-head at the Lake Tahoe resort, first during a qualifier for ESPN's Winter X Games on January 16-17 and then at the Red Bull Ultracross on January 19-20 (530-583-6985 for event information).

This is X-treme racing—groups of four skiers and then four snowboarders dash down the mountain, elbow to elbow, battling to gain the inside as they swoop around each gate. The annual Red Bull event draws 100 teams, each stoked to compete on a course featuring steep turns and long gaps to jump.

PLUS: Jumping also plays a role in the Laughlin Desert Challenge (800-452-8445). The January 18-21 off-road race in-

cludes the Laughlin Leap, in which trucks go airborne as far as possible off a ramp.

February: Pigskin Preview

Football in February? That's part of the appeal of the XFL, the new football league created by NBC and the World Wrestling Federation. The XFL will play from February to April, when football fans normally go into hibernation. The other attraction is the XFL's WWF-style vow to hit harder than those sissies in the NFL. If you believe the new league's preseason announcements, an XFL team's most valuable member might be the team doctor.

The Las Vegas Outlaws, one of the XFL's eight teams, are led by Jim Criner, former coach of the World League's



A bronc rider tries to hang on for the required eight seconds during the National Finals Rodeo (above) in Las Vegas. At right, Kaspars Kambala of UNLV's Runnin' Rebels makes a move.

Scottish Claymores. The Outlaws selected 70 players in the first XFL draft, or Player Allocation Selection System (PASS). The team's 11 territorial picks, from UNLV, BYU, and Nebraska, included former UNLV wide receiver Todd Floyd.

Playing in Sam Boyd Stadium, the Outlaws (702-242-5489) open at home on February 3 versus the New York/New Jersey Hitmen. The next home game is February 17 against the Los Angeles Xtreme, to be followed by visits from the Birmingham Bolts, San Francisco Demons, and Memphis Maniax.

The X factor for the XFL is how fans will relate to a league that emphasizes a punishing style of play. But once the season starts, who knows? There might be some good football to see at Sam Boyd Stadium this spring, and at \$25 for a seat on the 50-yard line, it's worth a look.

PLUS: The Las Vegas Marathon (702-876-3870) on February 4 annually attracts more than 8,000 runners. The course is 26.2 miles long, and the top finishers maintain a pace of under six minutes per mile.

March: Start Your Engines

The UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 on March 4 offers the chance to watch drivers like Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, and Jeff Gordon compete in a major NASCAR Winston Cup Series event at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway (702-644-4443). Last year, Jeff Burton won the 400-mile race in his No. 99 Ford, earning \$358,925 and a \$1-million series bonus. Drivers regularly reach speeds of 175 mph on the super-speedway's 1.5-mile track.

Since it opened in 1996, the Las Vegas



Motor Speedway has hosted NASCAR races, drag races, road races, and many other events. The speedway has a total seating capacity of more than 120,000. At last March's 400 race more than 135,000 fans jammed into the speedway, setting a single-day crowd record for a Nevada sporting event.

PLUS: The Chariot Races in Wells on March 9-11 present a Ben Hur spectacle in ranch country (775-752-3540). Each rider stands astride a home-built chariot rigged to a two-horse team. The winter sport originated as a way for ranchers to stave off cabin fever.

April: Play Ball

On April 5 the Las Vegas Stars (702-386-7200), the triple-A farm team of the Los Angeles Dodgers, open their season in the friendly confines of Cashman Field, a mile north of downtown Vegas. The stadium,

which seats 9,300 fans, has a natural-grass playing field and a big-league atmosphere. In fact, the Oakland Athletics opened the season at Cashman five years ago when construction delayed their use of the Oakland Coliseum.

Baseball fans will get a major treat during the last week in March when big-league teams play exhibition games at Cashman. Last year's teams included the Oakland A's and Chicago White Sox.

PLUS: The Las Vegas Senior Classic (702-242-3000) on April 18-22 attracts over-50 golf stars like Chi Chi Rodriguez, Hale Irwin, and Las Vegas' Jim Colbert.

May: The Open Road

On May 19-20 a procession of high-performance Corvettes, Mustangs, Aston Martins, Porphes, and more than a few pickup trucks will gather in Ely for the annual Nevada Open Road Challenge (775-289-8877). This 100-mile event is for average citizens with an above-average devotion to their cars. The event is open to anyone over 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and a roadworthy vehicle; entry fees start at about \$300. Each driver picks a speed and attempts to come as close as possible to his or her target average.

Friday evening drivers and their cars form a parade through downtown Ely. On Saturday racers and fans gather for a car show and barbecue at Broadbent Park, which is lined with food booths and auto-related vendors. On Sunday the action shifts to a closed section of State Route 318—100 miles

of blacktop from Lund to Hiko. Spectators can watch from the starting line at Lund, 35 miles south of Ely, or at the finish line in Hiko. The event also is held each fall.

PLUS: If you prefer your racing off-pavement, the VORRA Off-Road Race (775-463-2245) returns to the roads and hills around Yerington on May 26-28.

June: Bulls and Broncs

Ever since Will James drew the event's poster in 1919, cowboys and cowgirls have practiced the art of riding and roping at the Reno Rodeo (775-329-3877). This year's rodeo, on June 16-24 at the Reno Livestock Events Center, will draw top competitors in the sport's seven main events—saddle-bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, and barrel racing.

Many fans will watch for the finer points of scoring, such as whether the bareback

rider keeps his feet turned outward and sits straight. Other spectators will be more interested in Western fashions and the country singers who perform at night—all part of the festivities that turn Reno into a cowboy capital for a week.

PLUS: Each summer Basque festivals stage a series of traditional contests—some related to sheep herding, others harking back to the Old Country—that require great agility and strength. Popular events include wood chopping and weight carrying. These sports can be seen at the Winnemucca Basque Festival (775-623-5071) on June 9-10 and the National Basque Festival (775-738-7135) in Elko on June 30-July 1.

July: Tahoe to a Tee

John Elway and Charles Barkley might sign your autograph book. You might see Michael Jordan walking with a crowd of spectators on the first fairway of Edgewood Tahoe. Then you might spot Al Del Greco, the Tennessee Titans kicker who won last summer's American Century Celebrity Golf Championship (800-288-2463).

The tournament, scheduled for July 3-8, is a popular stop on the celebrity-golf circuit. The field is drawn from the ranks of club-swinging sports stars, actors, and other celebs. The quality of golf is sur-

prisingly high as many players, such as Del Greco, former pitcher Rick Rhoden, quarterback Trent Dilfer, and former hockey star Mario Lemieux, play at or near par on a long, difficult course. As a spectator you'll also find it a good way to get autographs in a beautiful setting.

PLUS: Fans of old-time Nevada sports will dig the mining contests at Jim Butler Days (775-482-3558) on July 27-29 in Tonopah. Events include mucking and both single-jack and double-jack drilling, which are miners' traditional techniques.

August: Fast on the Flats

The legendary flatness of the Bonneville Salt Flats attracts record chasers on several weekends each year. The biggest gathering is Speed Week, on August 11-17, when drivers, crews, cars, and fans congregate on the salt flats five miles east of Wendover (877-WENDOVER or www.scta-bni.org). The cars range from sleek, futuristic machines to hot rods and motorcycles. The time trials are conducted by the Southern California Timing Association, and speeds range from a mere 100 mph to more than 500 mph.

The speed track is located off Interstate 80 east of Wendover, where many fans find hotel rooms. Concessionaires sell sodas and sandwiches at the flats. Spectators

should bring folding chairs, shade umbrellas, sunscreen, water, and cameras.

PLUS: The Reno-Tahoe Open (775-322-3900) brings intense PGA golf competition to Montreux Golf and Country Club on August 20-26. You can walk the forested Reno course with PGA stars like Sergio Garcia, Craig Stadler, and Notah Begay III, who won the inaugural event in 1999.

September: Air It Out

The action at the National Championship Air Races (775-972-6663) is continuous. Four classes of racers—Biplane, AT-6, Formula One, and the mighty Unlimiteds—roar around the pylons at the Reno-Stead Airport in all-out competition. If the Blue Angels or other military aerobatic groups aren't flying in formation overhead, a sky-walking team might be curling the hair of awed spectators. Those with passes can stroll the pits where pilots and crews work on their aircraft.

This year's races take place September 13-16. Some air-race regulars go on qualifying days the preceding Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Admission is about \$5 then, and there's a good chance to chat with the pilots and crew members.

PLUS: Labor Day Weekend vacationers will find competition closer to the ground at two rural fairs. The Elko County Fair

Your direct connection to Lake Tahoe

14 daily round trips between the Reno/Tahoe International Airport and South Shore's Hotel/Casinos aboard the Tahoe Casino Express Luxury Shuttle.

Direct service to Caesars, Harveys, Harrah's, Horizon, Lakeside Inn, and Embassy Suites Resort, plus connections to other South Shore properties.

\$17.00 per person one way • \$30.00 round trip
Children 12 and under FREE

For ticket information and schedules call

800-446-6128

Tahoe Casino Express



For
lodging
reservations
and other
South Shore
information call
800-AT-TAHOE

Lake Tahoe
Above and beyond™



Suddenly the Middle of Nowhere Looks Pretty Good.



Nestled between the peaks of Lake Tahoe and the bustle of Reno lies the scenic landscape of Carson Valley. Our quiet, picturesque valley serves unlimited opportunities for rejuvenation. Unwrap a few of our recreational secrets:

- Famous championship golf courses and little-known links
- Hot air ballooning and glider rides
- Pheasant hunting and fly fishing
- Old West history and cattle ranches
- Trophy trout at beautiful Lake Topaz

Ready to unwind?
Call for a free brochure.
1-775-782-8144 or
1-800-727-7677

Carson Valley
Chamber of Commerce
& Visitors Authority
1512 Highway 395 North, #1
Gardnerville, NV 89410



www.carsonvalleynv.org



Who's boss is often unclear when human and burro contestants team up in the Beatty Burro Races.

(775-738-3616) hosts horse races at the fairgrounds in Elko, and the Tri-County Fair and Stampede (775-623-5071) in Winnemucca offers one of the state's oldest rodeos.

October: Burro Borough

On October 27, the Beatty Burro Races (775-553-2424) salute the Western prospector and his trusty burro in a series of keenly contested flapjack races. The annual '49er-style event allows contestants to match wiles and cooking skills not only with their opponents but also with their teammates—the burros.

For each competitor, the object is to pack the burro, tug it to a designated spot, build a fire, cook a flapjack, and feed it successfully to the animal as quickly as possible. Most burros like the taste of flapjacks, but moving the beast can be problematic. This is an event that anyone can enter, and the burros are provided.

PLUS: Pro golfers play five rounds in the Invenys Classic at Las Vegas (702-242-3000) on October 8-14. In 1996 Tiger Woods won this tournament for his first victory on the PGA Tour.

November: Hoops Time

As the college basketball season opens, you can catch early games in which Nevada's two university teams hope to begin the path to winning their conferences or catching the eye of the NCAA tournament selection committee. UNLV's Runnin' Rebels, led by coach Bill Bayno, play at Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas (702-895-3900). Competing in the Mountain West Conference, UNLV plays

such schools as Utah, New Mexico, and BYU. In Reno, coach Trent Johnson directs his University of Nevada Wolf Pack squad at Lawlor Events Center (775-348-PACK). The Wolf Pack plays Western Athletic Conference opponents like Texas-El Paso and Hawaii. Later in the season the two teams will play for bragging rights.

PLUS: Fans of women's basketball, who are growing in number in Nevada, also can catch the Lady Rebels of UNLV and the Lady Pack of Nevada-Reno as they begin play in November.

December: Rodeo's Super Bowl

The National Finals Rodeo is the hottest ticket in its sport. The NFR is rodeo's grand finale, a ride- and rope-off that brings together the year's top competitors, and the events at Thomas and Mack Center usually sell out months in advance. So now is the time to order tickets (702-260-8605) for the 2001 NFR, which is set for December 7-16.

Even if you can't see the rodeo stars in action, you might spot them at their host hotels. During NFR week the bull riders stay at one hotel, team ropers at another, and so on. The showrooms book country singers like Clint Black and Brooks and Dunn, and cowboy hats appear as part of casino-goers' evening formal wear.

PLUS: For a kick-back sports night, you can retreat to a comfortable chair at a casino sports book. Basketball, football, and hockey games will be continually broadcast on big screens, and you can start planning your big Super Bowl score. ▀

David Moore is editor of Nevada Magazine.

Photo: Richard T. Stephens



Nevada Events

January and February events in Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, and Rural Nevada.

Nevada communities offer a great variety of events throughout the year. This January and February many plays, concerts, and other cultural events are scheduled, such as the African-American Cultural Arts Festival and Charleston Heights Jazz Concerts in Las Vegas, the Vienna Boys Choir in Reno, and Winter Wine and All That Jazz in Carson City. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events schedule for January and February. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and times. Please note that the area code is 702 for Las Vegas Territory and 775 for the rest of the state.

Las Vegas Territory

New Year's Eve Celebration • Dec. 31 • Live entertainment. Admission \$25. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

A Family New Year's • Dec. 31 • A cruise aboard the Desert Princess paddlewheeler includes dinner, entertainment, and a party on the landing. Ring in the new

Welcome, 2001

Watch for fireworks in cities and towns throughout Nevada this New Year's Eve. There's entertainment planned for downtown Las Vegas at the Fremont Street Experience, and Elko has announced plans for a countdown. Parties range from a cruise aboard the *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler on Lake Mead to motocross races in Mesquite. Some casino celebrations are limited to invited guests, while others are open to the public, so call ahead when making New Year's plans.

year at 9pm, Pacific Time. Lake Mead Cruises, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

New Year's Eve Bash • Dec. 31 • Wild Cactus Club • The Sac Machine. Grand Canyon Ballroom • Smiley and the Majestics. Eureka Casino, Mesquite, 702-346-4600.

ZMA Motocross • Dec. 31-Jan. 1 • Outdoor MX style. Mesquite Raceway, Mesquite, 435-673-1956.

Gregory Hines • Jan. 5 • Tony and Emmy award-winning performer in concert. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Mexico Vivo Dance Company • Jan. 6 • Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.

Mud Mania Truck Races • Jan. 6-7 • Contestants plow through mud to victory. Mesquite Raceway, Mesquite,

Photo: Arthur Elgort



Making Music in Fallon

The Ahn Trio, which has performed at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, gives a concert February 9 at Churchill County High School in Fallon. The family ensemble includes three Ahn sisters: from left, Angella, violin; Lucia, piano; and Maria, cello.

702-346-3766 for further Mesquite racing information.

Carl Grove Combo • Jan. 13 • Dance to big band music. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

SNORE 2000 Race Series Awards Banquet • Jan. 13 • Event honors points champion and class winners. Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-452-4522.

Les Ballet Jazz de Montreal • Jan. 14 • Second Las Vegas appearance by the Canadian troupe. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Nevada Jazz Orchestra With Kim Richmond • Jan. 14 • Big band jazz. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

African American Cultural Celebration • Jan. 18 • Games, music, entertainment, and cultural foods. Cambridge Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7004.

Laughlin Desert Challenge • Jan. 18-21 • Off-road race includes the Laughlin Leap, a high-jump competition for trucks. Laughlin, 800-452-8445.

Black and White Ball • Jan. 20 • Black-tie event honors Debbie Reynolds and benefits Nevada Ballet Theatre. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-24-DANCE.

Stephen Schwartz and Debbie Gravitte in Concert • Jan. 21 • Composer and singer present Broadway music. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

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

"Time After Time" • Jan. 25-28 and Feb. 1-4 • Jack the Ripper materializes in modern-day San Francisco. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

David Burgess • Jan. 27 • Guitar concert. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.

Happy Birthday Mozart • Jan. 27 • Concert by Sierra Winds celebrates Mozart's 245th birthday. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Super Bowl Super Weekend • Jan. 28-30 • Free concert featuring Starship, and the game is broadcast on two giant screens. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Russian National Orchestra • Feb. 2 • First Russian orchestra to play at the Vatican and tour Israel. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

SNORE AVI 250 • Feb. 2-3 • Off-road race featuring trucks and buggies. Avi Casino, Laughlin, 702-452-4522.

"Jumping the Gun" • Feb. 2-4 and 8-11 • Comedy by Hungarian playwright Gorgey Gabor. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Liberace Memorial Mass • Feb. 3 • St. Viator's Church, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595, ext. 20.

Heart of Gold Ball • Feb. 3 • American Heart Association fundraiser. Aladdin, Las Vegas, 702-367-1366.

Awela Makeba • Feb. 3 • Storyteller uses African history, children's literature, and personal stories in her performance. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

African-American Cultural Arts Festival • Feb. 3-4 • Annual heritage celebration with artists, crafters, dancers, singers, rappers, poetry, and food. Event includes a gospel festival Feb. 4. Doolittle Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-647-2242.

Charleston Heights Jazz Concerts • Feb. 4 • Sponsored by Las Vegas Jazz Society. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-313-6778.

Las Vegas International Marathon • Feb. 4 • More than 8,000 runners from 50 states and 40 countries compete in the annual 26.2- and 13.1-mile races. Las Vegas, 702-876-3870.

Winter Desert Classic • Feb. 9-10 • ESPN-covered BMX race. Mesquite Raceway, Mesquite, 702-346-3654.
"All Aboard Rails West to Nevada" • Feb. 9-11 and 15-18 • Original music is featured in this tale of the transcontinental railroad. Reed Whipple Arts Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Major League Home Run Hitting Contest • Feb. 10-11 • Twelve top home-run hitters such as Sammy Sosa will compete in a home-run derby at Cashman Field, home of Las Vegas Stars, the triple-A farm team of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Las Vegas, 702-386-7200.

Classical Masterpieces • Feb. 11 • Henderson Civic

Home-Run Derby

Twelve of major-league baseball's most prodigious home-run hitters, such as Sammy Sosa and Gary Sheffield, will compete February 10-11 in a home-run derby at Cashman Field in Las Vegas.

Symphony with guest conductor Peter Aaronson. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Valentine's Day Dance • Feb. 14 • Dance to big band music. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Sabella • Feb. 15 • Trio plays contemporary and original selections. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

"Giselle" • Feb. 15-18 • Tragic story of unattainable love performed by the Nevada Ballet Theatre. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, 702-895-2787.

"Stop the World, I Want to Get Off" • Feb. 16-18, 23-25, and March 2-3 • Tale of a man's drive for fame and power. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-565-2367.

Give Me Gershwin • Feb. 17 • Concert. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.

Las Vegas Philharmonic • Feb. 17 • Pianist Santiago Rodriguez performs. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-2787.

Jazz and Arts Festival • Feb. 17-18 • Music, fine arts, crafts, and food. Mesquite, 702-346-6038.

Andrea Marcovicci • Feb. 18 • Cabaret performer's first Las Vegas concert. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Puttin' on the Ritz Slot Tournament • Feb. 21-24 • Westward Ho, Las Vegas, 702-731-2900.

St. Paul Chamber Orchestra • Feb. 23 • Bobby McFerrin, guest conductor and vocalist. Performing Arts Center, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Hoover Dam Weekend Dances • Feb. 23-24 • Square dance jamboree. Hoover Dam and Garret Junior High School, Boulder City, 702-293-1379.

Choreographers Showcase • Feb. 24-25 • Original dances in a variety of styles performed by professionals and students. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas,

Nevada Calendar
is a section of
NEVADA
MAGAZINE

For Subscriptions Call: 1-800-495-3281

702-229-6383 for more event information.

Lady Rebel Shootout • Feb. 24-25 •

Basketball tournament featuring UNC-Charlotte v. St. John's and UNLV v. Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3151.

A Waltz and a Polka • Feb. 25 • Las Vegas Master Singers concert. Clark County Library Theater, Las Vegas, 702-228-8316.

Las Vegas Woodwind Quintet • Feb. 25 • Free concert. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

New Year's Eve at Piper's Opera House •

Dec. 31 • Brian Farnon and his 18-piece big band orchestra. Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

New Year's Gala • Dec. 31 • Buffet and dance with the Motifs and a DJ. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-882-1626, ext. 250.

New Year's Eve With Cami Thompson and the Tony Savage Orchestra • Dec. 31 • Tahoe Biltmore Lodge, Crystal Bay, 800-BILTMORE.

Lori Line and Her Pop Chamber Orchestra • Dec. 31 • New Year's Eve show. Pioneer



Cultures on Display

The Living Legends' performance February 2 in Lovelock presents ancient and modern cultures in a 90-minute celebration of Native American, Polynesian, and Latin American music and dance. The Living Legends are a traveling troupe of BYU students.

Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-787-TIXS.

ABC Senior Masters Bowling Tournament

• Jan. 3-7 • The best pro and amateur bowlers over 50 compete for a purse worth \$150,000. National Bowling Stadium and Sands Regency, Reno, 775-348-2232.

Win 'n Smile Slot Tournament • Jan. 6-7

• Silver Legacy, Reno, 800-MUST-SEE.

Far West Masters Giant Slalom • Jan. 6-7

• Open to racers 35 or older. Kirkwood Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7389.

Sharkey's Serbian Christmas • Jan. 7 •

Annual free feast at Sharkey's Nugget. Gardnerville, 775-782-3133.

Snowshoe Hike • Jan. 7 •

Guided excursion. Kirkwood Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7389.

Cross-Country/Snowshoe Full Moon

Glide • Jan. 7 and 9 • Hope Valley, south of Lake Tahoe, 530-694-2266.

PBA National Senior Mixed Doubles

Bowling Tournament • Jan. 8-13 • National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 775-334-2600.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration • Jan. 12-15 •

Highlights include a dinner, guest speaker, and entertainment at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. 800-648-1177.

Winter Wine and All That Jazz • Jan. 13

Adventure Capital

Ski and Stay for 15% Less

Expand your frontiers when you stay in historic Carson City, a natural hub for worldclass skiing literally surrounded by world class ski resorts...Heavenly, Mt.

Rose and Kirkwood, to name just a few. And with a 15%* discount at Carson City's finest properties, stay and ski them all.

Call for reservations and list of discount properties

800.nevada.1

775.687.7410

or check for our on-line coupon at www.carson-city.org

*Must present coupon at check-in
Valid January 1, thru May 30, 2001
Holidays excluded.

CARSON CITY

ONGOING EVENTS

Nevada museums, galleries, and other organizations hold long-running events throughout the year. Exhibitions this winter include a Great Basin horse gear show at Elko's Western Folklife Center in Elko and paintings by Picasso, Degas, and others from the Phillips Collection of Washington, D.C., at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. It is always a good idea to confirm events using the information phone numbers listed.

Museums and Exhibits

Busy Town: Thru Jan. 7. Interactive math and science exhibit for preschoolers based upon the books of Richard Scarry. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Fall Art Show: Thru Jan. 15. Juried exhibit of works by Elko County Art Club members. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Artistry on the Rails: Thru Jan. 26. Model train exhibit. Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-4856.

Sheppard Family: A Legacy in Art: Thru Feb. 4. Works by Craig, Yolanda, and Sophie Sheppard. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

William Dasonville (1879-1957): Thru Feb. 4. First exhibition in more than 50 years of the California photographer's work. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Hot Art, Cold War: Thru Feb. 16. Russian non-conformist retrospective exhibit. Marjorie Barrick Museum Gallery, UNLV, 702-895-3381.

Historic NASCAR Exhibit: Thru Feb. 23. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Masterworks From the Phillips Collection: Thru March 4. Paintings by Picasso, Degas, Manet, Cezanne, and van Gogh from the Phillips Collection of Washington, D.C., Bellagio, Las Vegas, 702-693-7722.

Desert Sands Pottery: Thru March 11. The Evans Family potters in Nevada, 1936-1997. Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-294-1988.

Photography and the Old West: Thru March 26. Exhibit documents key events in the westward movement and everyday life. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Art of the Road by Cinkel and Hayes: Thru March 30. Exhibit of oil paintings that depict cars in their place in time and sculptures made from roadside objects. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Rosemarie Iliano Art Exhibit: Thru March 30. Boulder City artist works in watercolors. Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Las Vegas History of Entertainment IV: Thru April 1. Exhibition. Clark County Heritage Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Exhibit Handed Down: Nevada's Living Folk Arts: Thru April 30. Nevada State Museum and

Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Lost City, Nevada's Millennial City: 1,000 Years of Change: Thru June 30. Exhibit highlights the Pueblo people in Southern Nevada. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Great Nevada Picture Hunt Traveling Photo Show: Jan. 2-Feb. 16. Winning entries in Nevada Magazine's annual photography contest.

Society, Reno, 775-688-1191 for information.

Black History Month Art Exhibit: Jan. 22-March 2. Drawings and paintings by Edward Sheppard in various media. Western Nevada Community College, Carson City, 775-445-3238.

Buckaroos of the Great Basin: Jan. 22-June 1. Watercolor artist William Mathews chronicles life in the Great Basin. Western Folklife Center, Elko,



The Dan Bunch Collection of Desert Sands Pottery, on display through March 22, opened a new exhibit area at the Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum. The pottery was produced in Boulder City.

Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Valentine Exhibition and Auction: Jan. 16-Feb. 9. Annual benefit featuring more than 80 local and regional artists. Reception and auction will be held Feb. 9. Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, U of N, Reno, 775-748-6658.

Great Basin Gear Exhibit: Jan. 18-June 1. Features horse gear from the 19th and 20th centuries as well as contemporary pieces by regional craftsmen. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.

Nevada 2001: A Photographic Odyssey: Jan. 19-June 15. Pioneer photographers including James H. Crockwell, Al Smith, E.W. Smith, P.E. Larson, and "Northeast" Johnson. Nevada Historical

775-738-7508 for further show information.

Mel Pekarsky: Desert Abstractions: Feb. 9-April 15. Paintings focus on Great Basin topography. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Outsider Art from the House of Blues Foundation: Feb. 5-March 24. Three-dimensional ethnic and folk art. Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-4856.

Basque Painting/Works on Paper: Feb. 15-March 16. Collaboration of the Basque Studies Program and Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery. Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, U of N, Reno, 775-785-6658.

Cultural Events

Coffee Shop Sundays: Free music, coffee, and

edibles. Jan. 7 Silver Springs Recreation Center; Jan. 14, Valley View Recreation Center; Jan. 21 Black Mountain Recreation Center. Henderson, 702-565-2367

Sporting Events

Nevada's winter sports choices range from college basketball with the UNLV Runnin' Rebels and the University of Nevada Wolf Pack to the opening football season of the XFL Las Vegas Outlaws.

Downtown Ice Rink: Thru Feb. 28. Public skating sessions, lessons, and events at the outdoor rink. Harrah's Plaza at the Reno Arch, Reno, 775-334-2262.

UNLV Men's Basketball: The Runnin' Rebels play Jan. 3 v. Loyola Marymount, Jan. 8 v. Air Force, Jan. 22 v. New Mexico, Jan. 27 v. San Diego State, Feb. 10 v. BYU, Feb. 12 v. Utah, March 1 v. Colorado State, March 3 v. Wyoming. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

University of Nevada Women's Basketball:

The Lady Wolf Pack plays Jan. 5 v. Texas-El Paso, Jan. 7 v. Rice, Jan. 26 v. SMU, Feb. 2 v. San Jose State, Feb. 4 v. Hawaii, Feb. 16 v. TCU, Feb. 18 v. Tulsa, Feb. 25 v. Fresno State. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

UNLV Women's Basketball: The Lady Rebels play Jan. 6 v. UC Irvine, Jan. 11 v. Utah, Jan. 13 v. BYU, Feb. 1 v. Colorado State, Feb. 3 v. Wyoming, Feb. 15 v. Air Force, Feb. 17 v. New Mexico, Feb. 24 v. San Diego State. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-895-3900.

University of Nevada Men's Basketball: The Wolf Pack plays Jan. 11 v. SMU, Jan. 13 v. TCU, Jan. 20 v. Fresno State, Jan. 27 v. Texas-El Paso, Feb. 8 v. Hawaii, Feb. 10 v. San Jose State, March 1 v. Tulsa, March 3 v. Rice. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-348-PACK.

Las Vegas Outlaws: The team in the new football league, the XFL, plays Feb. 3 v. New York/New Jersey Hitmen, Feb. 17 v. Los Angeles Xtreme, March 17 v. Birmingham Bolts, April 1 v. San Francisco Demons, April 7 v. Memphis Maniax. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-242-5489.

Farmer's Markets

Seasonal produce, entertainment, and crafts are offered in Nevada farmer's markets.

Henderson Farmer's Market: Thursdays at Henderson Convention Center. 702-565-2181

Las Vegas Farmer's Market: Wednesdays at Bruce Trent Park. There will be no market in January. Las Vegas, 702-683-GROW.



Pahrump
welcome to our
valley

golf • gaming
land at affordable prices
60 miles west of Las Vegas

PAHRUMP VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 42 • Pahrump, NV 89041 • (775) 727-5800 • (800) 633-9378

NEVADA
NV2000
Making Millennium Magic

The shortest distance to Death Valley National Park and Furnace Creek, CA from Las Vegas is through Pahrump, NV - approximately 120 miles.

"The Gathering"



Awaken your imagination with poetry and song.
Where young and old meet to tell the tale.
A place to experience the craft and the dance.
The place is called Elko.

ELKO, NEVADA
Call for FREE visitors guide
800 248-3556



Cowboy Poetry Gathering
January 27 - February 3, 2001

© Joe Royer

• Music, wine, and finger food buffet. Casino Ballroom, Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-882-2512.

Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert • Jan. 13 • Nightingale Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-348-9413.

Washoe County Community Concerts • Tenor Rodrick Dixon • Jan. 13 • Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-7300.

Antique Show and Sale • Jan. 13-14 • Event includes an appraisal clinic. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-4951.

ESPN X-Games Qualifier • Jan. 16-17 • Men's and women's skicross and big air events. Winners earn an invitation to the 2001 Winter X-Games. Olympic Valley, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

French and Russian Fireworks Concert • Jan. 19 • Pianist Robin Stamper, maestro Martin Wright, and concert violinist Phillip Ruder perform. Nightingale

Hall, U of N, Reno, 775-786-4046 for information.

Red Bull Ultracross • Jan. 19-20 • Teams of two racers—one skier and one snowboarder—compete. Olympic Valley, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Turn of the Century Keno Tournament • Jan. 20 • Harrah's Reno, 800-HARRAHS.

Tahoe Snowboard Series • Jan. 21 • Amateur snowboarders welcome. Kirkwood Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 775-323-8883.

Master Classic Concert • Jan. 21 and 23 • Reno Philharmonic. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-787-TIXS.

Guy Davis • Jan. 26 • Blues musician shares the tradition and history of the Black experience in America. Celebrity Showroom, Cal Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, 530-546-4602.



C'mon, Be Happy

If your brain has ever been stuck in a groove singing, "Don't Worry, Be Happy," you're ready for the appearance February 23 of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at UNLV. Guest conductor and singer for the evening will be Bobby McFerrin, who is known for his funky wit and ability to replicate the sounds of musical instruments.

"Annie Get Your Gun" • Jan. 26-28 • Starring Marilu Henner. Broadway Comes to Reno series. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

Soup and Shoe • Jan. 28 • Guided snowshoe hike includes soup and bread dinner. Kirkwood Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Washoe County Community Concerts: Massler and Schneider • Feb. 3 • Guitar duo perform classical and acoustic jazz. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-7300.

Fat Choy Slot Tournament • Feb. 3-4 • Silver Legacy, Reno, 800-MUST-SEE.

Vienna Boys Choir • Feb. 6 • Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

Winter Challenge Horse Handicapping Tournament • Feb. 7-11 • Flamingo Reno, 775-785-7107.

Mad Mille Mademoiselle Race • Feb. 8-10 • Snowboard half-pipe competition, dual slalom race, race clinic. Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 775-586-7000.

Mount Gay Run Barbados Challenge Series • Feb. 10 • Area bartenders compete for prizes. Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 775-586-7000.

Valentine's Ball • Feb. 10 • Sponsored by Dayton Volunteer Fire Department. Dayton, 775-246-0161.

When is a ski getaway more than a ski getaway?

Ski Inn-Vite

\$84 per person
(Sun-Thurs arrivals)*
2 Nights accommodations
1 Kirkwood** lift ticket per person

Ski Vacation

\$169 per person (Sun-Wed arrivals)*
3 Nights accommodations
2 Kirkwood** lift tickets per person
2 dinner certificates per person



*Weekend rates slightly higher. **Heavenly Valley lift tickets available at additional \$15 each. Group packages available for 12 or more (all must be 21 or older). Packages available thru April 7, 2001. All rates per person, double occupancy, plus tax. Minimum of 2 people in room. 7 day advance reservations required. Dinner certificates are \$12 per person.

How lucky can you get.

1627 US Highway 395 N Minden, NV 89423 www.cvinn.com
Reservations: 800-321-6983 or 775-782-9711

Las Vegas/Reno

Visitors Hotel Hotline

• Most Hotels! • Up to 70% Off!

800-964-6835

www.180096hotel.com

A SERVICE OF
HOTEL
RESERVATIONS
NETWORK



Freestyle Aerial and Mogul Competition • Feb. 10-11

• Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Valentine Sweetheart Race • Feb. 14 • Winner receives a 14K-diamond pendant and ring.

Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 775-586-7000.

Patrick Ball • Feb. 16-17 • Celtic harpist and storyteller.

Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

"Sylvia" • Feb. 16-18 and 23-25 • A.R. Guthrie's play about a street-smart dog who disrupts a family.

Reno Little Theater, Reno, 775-329-0661.

"La Traviata" • Feb. 16 and 18 • Verdi's classic romance.

Nevada Opera, Reno, 775-786-4046.

"Bugsy Malone Jr." • Feb. 17-18 and 23-25 • Play presented by the Back Stage Kids.

Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Washoe County Community Concerts: Gus Giodance

• Feb. 22 • Jazz dance concert. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-7300.

Snowfest Opening Ceremonies • Feb. 23 • Torchlight parade, fireworks, and laser light show kick off the an-



Tales of My Dawg, My Horse, and My Guitar

Cowboy poets regale spectators with tales of life on the range set to rhyme during the Cowboy Poetry Gathering, January 27 through February 3, in Elko. The annual event, which has spawned similar gatherings across the country, attracts an international audience with workshops, Western art, and exhibits of buckaroo trappings. Hot, too, are the after-hours jam sessions in Elko casinos.

Photo: Charles Colvard

THEMED WEDDINGS & ROOMS!



CAMELOT • INTERGALACTIC • LAS VEGAS • VICTORIAN
50'S 60'S & DISCO • BEACH PARTY • GANGSTER • ROCK-N-ROLL
WESTERN • EGYPTIAN • GOTHIC • THE PHANTOM • TRADITIONAL
ALSO ASK ABOUT OUR SUPER STRETCH LIMO!

Featuring ELVIS / BLUE HAWAII
& THE FAIRY TALE WEDDINGS

Traditional Theme



Romance, Elegance, Beauty and Sophistication

All hallmarks of the wedding of your dreams

From Concept to Completion

limousines, flowers, photos,

soloists, musicians and our

new reception center.

Themed Rooms!



702-384-0771
800-574-4450

www.vivalasvegasweddings.com

www.vivalasvegasvillas.com

www.theelvisweddingchapel.com



Break Out the Energy Bars

Crossing the finish line is the goal of more than 8,000 runners coming from around the globe to compete in the 35th annual Las Vegas International Marathon and Half Marathon on February 4. Competitors can visit a runner expo and stoke up on the traditional plate of pasta the night before the race, which begins south of Las Vegas near Interstate 15 and ends at Sunset Park.

nual winter carnival. Olympic Valley, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-6985.

Ballet Folclorico de Brazil • Feb. 23 • Afro-Brazilian

ensemble combines dance, percussion, and singing. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-785-7915.

Annual Shooting Weekend • Feb. 23-24 • Sporting clays, five-stand, and trap, game feed, plus optional pheasant hunting day at Red Hills Gun Club. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 800-321-6983, ext. 625.

Snowfest Winter Carnival • Feb. 23-March 4 • Area ski resorts participate in the 21st annual Mountain Mardi Gras with serious and offbeat ski races, outdoor

Dance King

Tony and Emmy award-winner Gregory Hines appears January 5 in Artemus Ham Hall at UNLV. Hines began dancing at age three and spent his formative years touring with his show-business family. The dancer launched his movie career in Mel Brooks' *History of the World, Part I*, which led to a string of serious, semi-straight, and comedy films.

parties, concerts, parades, bonfire, ice carvings, snow sculptures, polar bear swim, snowshoe races, and torchlight parade. North Lake Tahoe, 775-832-7625.

International Pro Ski Series • Feb. 24-25 • International skiers compete in head-to-head races. Heavenly Ski Resort, Lake Tahoe, 775-586-7000.

Soup and Shoe • Feb. 25 • Guided snowshoe hike includes soup and bread dinner. Kirkwood Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Russian Spirit • Feb. 25 • Concert featuring pianist Alexander Tutunov and Carson City Symphony. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Soroptimist Savor the Flavor Wine and Beer Tasting

So Much To Do So Little Time...

Full of natural wonders, historic ghost towns, limitless outdoor activities, and the famous Extraterrestrial Highway, Pioneer Territory is the gateway to some of the most famous sights in the West.

For more information, write to Nevada's Pioneer Territory
P.O. Box 1958
Hawthorne, NV 89415
www.travelnevada.com



Historic Railroads

Cowboy Festivals

Wagon Trains

Water Skiing

Silver Mines

Auto Rallies

State Parks

Fly Fishing

Museums

Wildlife

Rodeos

Golf

*Pioneer Territory...
Nevada's heartland*



Rural Territories

Countdown in Downtown • Dec. 31 • The clock ticks toward midnight. Downtown, Elko, 775-738-2397.

Hidden Cave Tour • Jan. 13 and 27 • Guided tour to archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677.

Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 27-Feb. 3 • Soulful poetry and music performed by working cowboys. The event, which includes workshops, jam sessions, Western art, and buckaroo trappings exhibits, attracts an international audience. Elko, 775-738-7508.

Sherman Talent Round-up • Feb. 1-3 • Open mike, Western music, cowboy poetry, barbecue, carriage ride, hay rides. Sherman Station, Elko, 775-738-7135.

Living Legends • Feb. 2 • Tribute to the heritage of Native Americans, Polynesians, and Latin Americans by BYU performers. Pershing County High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 775-273-2082.

Copper Classic Ice Fishing Derby • Feb. 3 • Anglers fish for \$5,000 worth of tagged fish. Cave Lake State Park, south of Ely, 775-289-4422.

Crab Feed • Feb. 3 • Battle Mountain, 775-635-9228.

Ahn Trio • Feb. 9 • Violin, cello, and piano ensemble. Churchill County High School, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

Nevada Fur Trappers Sale • Feb. 10 • Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

Hidden Cave Tour • Feb. 10 and 24 • Guided tour to



A Perfect Winter Day for a Swim

The emerald waters of Lake Tahoe are chilly even during the heat of the summer. Tell that to the polar-bear swimmers who celebrate Snowfest, the area's winter carnival, by taking a dip in the frigid, icy, and downright cold lake (above). The more sane crowd this year will find serious and off-beat ski races, concerts, parades, ice carvings, and snow sculptures February 23-March 4 during Tahoe's Mountain Mardi Gras.

archaeological site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon, 775-423-3677.

Bull Wars • Feb. 17 • Bull-riding. Elko, 775-738-4091.

Sherman Box Lunch Social • Feb. 17 • Dance, lunch,

auction. Sherman Station, Elko, 775-738-7135.

President's Day Fishing Derby • Feb. 17-18 • Sportsman's Beach, Walker Lake, Hawthorne, 775-945-5896.



Ride...

©WP County Tourism & Recreation Board
150 6th Street, P.O. Box 958, Ely NV 89301
775-289-3720 Fax 775-289-6757



Recreate...

Cave Lake
State Park

Ward
Charcoal
Ovens

Explore
Lehman Caves

White Pine
Historical
Museum

Sponsored in part by the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

Great Basin
National Park

Ride the
Ghost Train
of Old Ely

NV Northern
Railway
Museum

White Pine
County
Golf Course

All Aboard!!
Ely, Nevada

For more information:

1-800-496-9350
www.elynevada.net



Relax!

PLANNING AHEAD

Following is a calendar of major Nevada community events through 2001 to help plan outings and vacations. Dates are subject to change, so when making travel plans it is a good idea to call ahead, using the information phone numbers.

March

- **1-3 Pennzoil World of Outlaws Race:** Las Vegas, 702-644-4443.
- **3 Sam's Town 300:** NASCAR Busch Series race. Las Vegas, 702-644-4443.
- **4 UAW-DaimlerChrysler400:** NASCAR Winston Cup Series, Las Vegas, 702-644-4443.
- **9-11 Shooting the West XIII:** Photography symposium. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.
- **9-11 Chariot Races:** Wells, 775-752-3540.
- **10 Cowboy Jubilee and Poetry:** Carson City, 775-883-1532.
- **14-17 "The Sound of Music":** Starring Corbin Bernsen. Reno, 775-686-6600.
- **17 St. Patrick's Day:** Communities and casinos celebrate.
- **17 Mountain Oyster Cook-Off:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

- **17 Spring Awakening Powwow:** Carson City, 775-882-6929.

April

- **5-8 Clark County Fair and Rodeo:** Logandale, 888-876-FAIR.
- **6-8 Invitational Native American Arts Festival:** Henderson, 702-455-7955.
- **18-22 Las Vegas Senior Classic:** Senior PGA Tour event. Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.
- **20-29 Henderson Heritage Days:** 702-565-8951.
- **21 Chili Cook-Off and Craft Fair:** Topaz Lake, 775-266-3468.
- **26-29 Laughlin River Run:** West Coast's largest motorcycle event. Laughlin, 800-357-8223.
- **28 Las Vegas City of Lights Jazz Festival:** 702-228-3780.
- **28-29 Clark County Art Show:** Boulder City, 702-293-2551.
- **29 Rattlin' Rails Hand Car Races:** Boulder City, 702-595-7223.

May

- **5-6 Spring Jamboree:** Car show. Boulder City, 702-293-2034.
- **12-13 ArtFest of Henderson:** 702-566-2681.

- **18-20 Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend:** Virginia City, 775-847-0975.
- **19-20 Fly-In and Air Show:** Fernley, 775-463-2245 for more information.
- **19-20 Portuguese Festa:** Fallon, 775-423-2223.
- **19-20 Nevada Open Road Challenge:** Car race. Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **25-27 Snow Mountain Powwow:** Las Vegas, 702-386-3926.

Summer and the Arts

The month of July in Reno is devoted to ARTown, a month-long arts festival that has received national recognition for its ambitious program of more than 200 events. Visitors can choose from an extensive program of music, dance, drama, and the visual arts.

- **26 Kit Carson Trail Wild West Tour:** Historic homes. Carson City, 775-687-7410.
- **26-27 Portuguese Festival and Parade:** Lovelock, 775-273-2566.
- **26-28 Lincoln County Homecoming:** Caliente, 775-726-3129.
- **26-28 VORRA Off-Road Race:** Yerington, 775-463-2245.

June

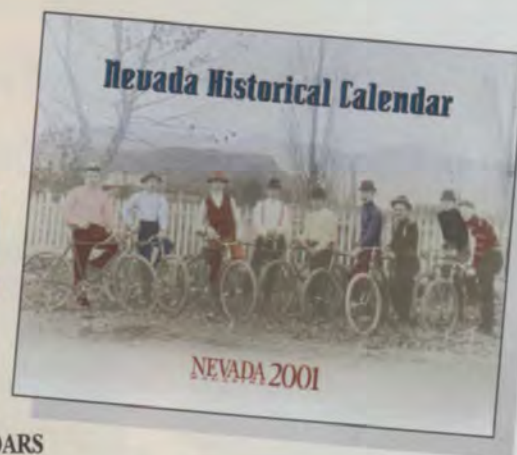
- **1-2 Spring Fling Car Show:** Yerington, 775-463-2245.
- **1-3 Railroad Days:** Historical festival. Beatty, 775-553-

Last Call for 2001 Historical Calendars!

It's a new year, but you still have time to order

NEVADA MAGAZINE'S 2001 NEVADA HISTORICAL CALENDARS

for friends, family, and yourself. Supplies are limited, so send your order with payment (\$10.25 each, which includes shipping and handling) soon to: NEVADA MAGAZINE CALENDARS, 401 N. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701-4291 Or order online at www.nevadamagazine.com—just click on the Nevada Magazine Online Gift Shop's calendar icon. Your calendars will be mailed promptly.





Shakespeare

Musicians entertain the audience during pre-play festivities at the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor State Park at Incline Village. This summer's festival is scheduled for July 21-August 26. Showgoers picnic and sit on blankets and folding chairs while they watch the evening's production. The stars and Lake Tahoe will continue to serve as a backdrop for the new stage unveiled last season.

2424 for further information on Beatty's Railroad Days.

- **2-3 Mule Show and Races:** Winnemucca, 775-623-2220.
- **2-3 Portuguese Celebration:** Yerington, 775-463-2763.
- **2-3 Street Fever/Ramada Inn Show and Shine:** Lovelock, 775-273-3151.
- **8-10 Carson City Rendezvous:** Civil War living-history camp. 775-687-7410.
- **9-10 Winnemucca Basque Festival:** 775-623-5071.
- **14-17 Farwest Regional and International Wheelchair Tennis Championship:** Reno, 775-852-7077.

Nevada on Film

The exhibition "Nevada 2001: A Photography Odyssey" opens January 19 at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno. The historical-photo show includes the works of Carleton Watkins and James H. Crockwell, who documented the Comstock in its heyday. Photos that captured boomtown life by Al Smith, E.W. Smith, P.E. Larson, and Northeast Johnson are also displayed. The exhibition runs through June 15.

- **14-Aug. 23 Sparks Hometown Farmer's Market:** Thursdays, 775-353-2291.
- **15-17 Fiddler's Contest:** Wells, 775-752-3540.
- **16-17 Gridley Days:** Historical festival. Austin, 775-964-2200.
- **16-17 Father's Day Steam-Up:** Train rides. Carson City, 775-687-6953.
- **16-24 Reno Rodeo:** 775-329-3877.
- **22-24 Run What Cha Brung:** Car show. Carson City, 775-883-0927.

Photos: Lonnie Peck/Reno News Bureau (top), Larry Taylor (bottom)

- **22-24 Tonopah 300:** Off-road race. 702-457-5775.
- **23-24 Snowshoe Thompson Festival:** Living-history festival. Genoa, 775-265-6097.
- **24 Lamoille Country Fair:** 775-738-4091.
- **27-July 1 HITS Tahoe I:** Hunter-jumper horse show. Minden, 775-783-8907.



Rolling to the Rendezvous

Teamsters head for the annual Carson City Rendezvous, June 8-10 in Nevada's capital city. The living-history festival includes a mountain man encampment with music, a Native American village featuring traditional dances, and events with gunfighters and Civil War volunteers.

- **30-July 1 National Basque Festival:** Elko, 775-738-7135.

July

- **1-31 ARTown:** Arts festival. Reno, 775-329-1324.
- **3-8 American Century Celebrity Golf Championship:** Lake Tahoe, 530-544-5050.
- **4 Fourth of July:** Celebrations statewide.
- **4-8 Silver State International Rodeo:** Fallon, 775-423-4674.
- **4-8, 11-15, 18-22, and 25-29 HITS Tahoe II:** Hunter-jumper horse show. Minden, 775-783-8907.
- **7-8 Reno Truck Fest:** Car show. 775-826-5337.
- **13-15 The Big Easy:** Mardi Gras-themed festival. Sparks, 775-332-3333.
- **13-15 Silver State Stampede Rodeo:** Elko, 775-738-3616.
- **13-15 Art in the Park:** Elko, 775-738-1553.
- **20-22 Fallon All-Indian Rodeo:** 775-423-2544.
- **21-22 Reno Basque Festival:** 775-787-3039.
- **21-Aug. 26 Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival:** 800-74-SHOWS.
- **27-29 Silver Dollar Car Classic:** Carson City, 775-687-7410.
- **27-29 Wells Fun Run Car Show:** 775-752-3540.
- **27-29 Fifties Fever:** Car show. Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.
- **27-29 Jim Butler Days:** Tonopah, 775-482-3558.
- **28-Aug. 5 Hot August Nights:** Music and cars festival. Reno and Sparks, 775-356-1956.

August

- **4-5 Arts in the Park:** Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **10-12 Eureka County Fair:** Eureka, 775-237-5263.
- **10-12 Fantasy Car and Truck Show:** Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **11 Santa Maria Day:** Dayton, 775-246-0161.

EXPLORE AUSTIN

*In The
Heart Of Nevada*



Taste the wide open spaces of the great outdoors and enjoy the authentic history of the American West

Nevada's Oldest Mining Camp on the Loneliest Road in America—U.S. 50

AUSTIN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☞ Annual Gridley Days & Rock and Bottle Show Father's Day Weekend
- ☞ Annual Claim Jumper Mountain Bike Race In August

For more information, write or call:
**Greater Austin
Chamber of Commerce**
P.O. Box 212
Austin, NV 89310
775-964-2200



In the

center of



family fun.

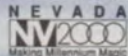


World-class birding and hunting, a mecca for the outdoor enthusiast, great special events, Pony Express history – all in Fallon, gateway to Hwy. 50, the loneliest road in America.

2000 EVENTS CALENDAR	
Fallon Air Show, TBA	
Spring Wings Bird Festival, May 12-14	
Silver State Int'l Rodeo, June 30-July 4	
Stampede & Pioneer Days Pow Wow, July 14-16	
Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, Sept. 1-4	
Wings Over the Valley Hunting Festival, Sept. 29-Oct. 1	



Stay. Play. Take home the memories.
Call 1-800-874-0903 for a FREE brochure.



- **16-19 Lyon County Fair and Rodeo:** Yerington, 775-463-2245.
- **17-19 White Pine County Fair and Horse Races:** Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **17-19 Main Street Event:** Car show. Gardnerville, 775-265-2256.
- **20-26 Reno-Tahoe Open:** PGA golf tournament. Reno, 775-322-3900.
- **22-26 Nevada State Fair:** Reno, 775-688-5767.
- **24-26 Spirit of Wovoka Days Powwow:** Yerington, 775-463-2350.

Hot Shots

Amateur and professional photographers gather March 9-11 in Winnemucca for Shooting the West XIII, one of the region's leading photography symposiums. Classes on technique, marketing, and other topics are taught by nationally ranked photographers, and attendees can join field trips and after-hours sessions.

- **25 Basque Picnic:** Battle Mountain, 775-635-9228.
- **25-Sept. 3 Elko County Fair:** 775-738-3616.
- **31-Sept. 2 Tri-County Fair and Stampede:** Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.
- **31-Sept. 3 Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off:** Sparks, 775-356-3300.
- **31-Sept. 3 Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival:** Fallon, 775-423-2544.
- **31-Sept. 3 Pioche Labor Day Celebration:** 775-962-5544.

September

- **1-2 Labor Day Steam-Up:** Train rides. Carson City, 775-687-6953.
- **7-9 Great Reno Balloon Race:** 775-826-1181.
- **7-9 Virginia City International Camel Races:** 800-200-4557.
- **9-15 America's Loneliest Bike Tour:** Across Nevada on U.S. 50, 775-588-9658.
- **13-16 National Championship Air Races:** Reno, 775-972-6663.
- **14-15 Boulder City Chautauqua:** 702-294-4365.
- **14-16 Silver State Classic:** Open road car race. Ely, 775-289-8877.
- **15-16 Dayton Valley Days:** 775-246-7909.
- **20-23 Street Vibrations:** Motorcycle festival. Reno, Lake Tahoe, Carson City, and Virginia City, 800-200-4557.
- **21-24 Civil War Re-enactment:** Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.
- **29-30 Genoa Candy Dance:** 775-782-TOWN.

October

- **6 Outhouse Races:** Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Nevada Calendar
is a section of
NEVADA
MAGAZINE

For Subscriptions Call: 1-800-495-3281



Ready for the downhill glide at Diamond Peak.

Snow Time

Skiers and snowboarders can choose from more than a dozen downhill resorts in Nevada and the Lake Tahoe Basin, while cross-country skiers can telemark at nine areas that offer miles of groomed trails.

For Nevada and Lake Tahoe Basin ski information and a free copy of the *Reno-Tahoe Visitor Planner*, call the **Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority**, 800-FOR-RENO, or visit www.renolaketahoe.com; its Web site www.ski.renolaketahoe.com focuses on Tahoe ski resorts, snow conditions, and ski packages. Other sources of winter-sports information are the **Lake Tahoe, Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors and Convention Bureau**, 800-GO-TAHOE or www.gotahoe.com, the **Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority**, 800-AT-TAHOE or www.virtualtahoe.com, and **Ski Lake Tahoe**, 800-588-SNOW or www.ski-laketahoe.com.



Photo: Larry Prosser

Skiing & Boarding Nevada

A Guide to Nevada and Tahoe Basin Ski Areas.

2000-2001 Downhill Guide

Area	Web Site	Phone	Top Elevation	Vertical Feet	Lifts	Rating Bg-Int-Adv	Lift Price Adult/Child	Rentals Skis/Board
TAHOE BASIN								
Alpine Meadows	www.alpineski.com	530-583-4232	8,637	1,800	12	25-40-35	\$52/\$40/\$10	\$26/\$31†
Boreal	www.borealski.com	530-426-3666	7,700	500	9	30-55-15	\$32/\$16/\$10	\$25/\$32†
Diamond Peak	www.diamondpeak.com	775-831-3211	8,540	1,840	6	18-46-36	\$41/\$33/\$15	\$20/\$32
Donner Ski Ranch	www.donnerranch.com	530-426-3635	7,751	750	6	25-50-25	\$28/\$21/\$10	\$18/\$28†
Granlibakken	www.granlibakken.com	530-583-4242	6,480	280	2	50-50-0	\$15/\$8	\$25/\$15
Heavenly	www.skiheavenly.com	775-586-7000	10,040	3,500	29	20-45-35	\$42/\$36/\$20	\$25/\$33
Homewood Mountain	www.skihomewood.com	530-525-2992	7,880	1,650	8	15-50-35	\$42/\$27/\$10	\$24/\$32†
Kirkwood	www.ski-kirkwood.com	209-258-6000	9,800	2,000	13	15-50-35	\$49/\$39/\$10	\$24/\$30†
Mount Rose/Ski Tahoe	www.skirose.com	775-849-0704	9,700	1,440	5	30-35-35	\$45/\$35/\$10	\$25/\$25†
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.sierratatahoe.com	530-659-7453	8,852	2,212	12	25-50-25	\$48/\$38/\$10	\$25/\$33†
Soda Springs	www.skisodasprings.com	530-426-1010	7,352	652	4	30-50-20	\$20/\$16/\$10	\$22/\$32†
Squaw Valley	www.squaw.com	530-583-6955	9,050	2,850	30	25-45-30	\$54/\$27/\$5	\$28/\$34†
Sugar Bowl	www.sugarbowl.com	530-426-9000	8,383	1,500	13	17-43-40	\$50/\$39/\$12	\$28/\$36†
Tahoe Donner	www.tahoe-donner.com	530-587-9444	7,350	600	4	40-60-0	\$26/\$12	\$20/\$28†
AROUND THE STATE								
LV Ski/Snowboard	www.skilasvegas.com	702-385-2754	9,510	1,000	3	20-60-20	\$28/\$21/\$12	\$16/\$25†
Elko Snobowl		800-428-7143	7,000	670	2	20-60-20	\$15/\$10	
Ruby Mountains (Elko)	www.helicopterskiing.com	775-753-6867	Ruby Mt. Heli-Skiing offers back country helicopter skiing; \$2,650/person					

2000-2001 Cross-Country Guide

Area	Web Site	Phone	Trail (km)	Trail Fee Adult/Child	Rental Adult/Child	Lessons Adult/Child	Day Lodge
TAHOE BASIN							
Clair Tappaan Lodge	www.sierracub.org	530-426-3632	14	\$7/\$3.50	\$13/\$9	\$14	✓
Hope Valley		530-694-2266	100	none	\$14/\$8	\$30/\$20	✓
Kirkwood	www.ski-kirkwood.com	209-258-7248	80	\$16/\$12/\$5	\$16/\$10	\$35/\$30/\$20*	✓
Lake Tahoe Basin	www.fs.fed.us/ltbmu	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	\$24.50/\$11.50	\$17.50/\$9.50	\$46/\$28*	✓
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	20	\$13/\$8	\$15/\$9	\$35*	✓
Tahoe Donner	www.tahoe-donner.com	530-587-9484	100	\$18/\$14	\$16/\$9	\$15	✓
AROUND THE STATE							
LV Ski and Snowboard (Mount Charleston)	www.fs.fed.us/htnf	702-385-2754	The Ski Chalet offers x-country suggestions				
		702-873-8800 (USFS)	The U.S. Forest Service has info on camping and avalanche conditions				
Spring Valley (Eureka)	www.eurekacounty.com	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/htnf	775-289-1800 (BLM) 775-289-3031 (USFS)	Ward Mt. and Loop Trails info. available from the BLM and U.S. Forest Service				

* Includes trail pass, equipment, and lessons.

† Resort has a halfpipe for snowboarders.

All downhill resorts have terrain parks unless otherwise noted.

All prices are subject to change. Call resorts for information about children's programs.

Winnemucca, NV



*Shooting
the
West XIII
March 9-11
2001*

*The Nevada
Photography Experience*

- ◆ Witness world class photographers as they present three full days of photographic excellence.
- ◆ Partake in the premier photography conference of the great American West. *And much, much more!*

For more information or a complete schedule of events:

800-962-2638 or www.winnemucca.nv.us



NEVADA
NM2000
Making Millennium Magic

Catch the Excitement

- 6-7 Art in the Park: Boulder City, 702-294-1611.
- 7 Smith Valley Fun Days: Car show. 775-465-2354.
- 8-14 Invenys Classic at Las Vegas: PGA golf tournament. 702-242-3000.
- 13-14 Renaissance Faire: Las Vegas, 702-455-8289.
- 19-20 High Desert Jazz Festival: Carson City, 775-883-1976.
- 26-28 Nevada Day: Nevada Day parade on Sat., Oct. 27. Carson City, 775-687-4680.
- 27 Burro Races: Beatty, 775-553-2424.

November

- 11 Pomegranate Art Festival: Overton, 702-397-8323.
- 11 Veterans Day Parade: Virginia City, 775-847-0311.
- 21-Dec. 31 The Magical Forest: Holiday wonderland. Las Vegas, 702-259-3700.

December

- 1 Parade of Lights: Lake Mead, 702-457-2797.
- 1 Christmas in the Nitetime Sky: Elko, 775-738-4091.

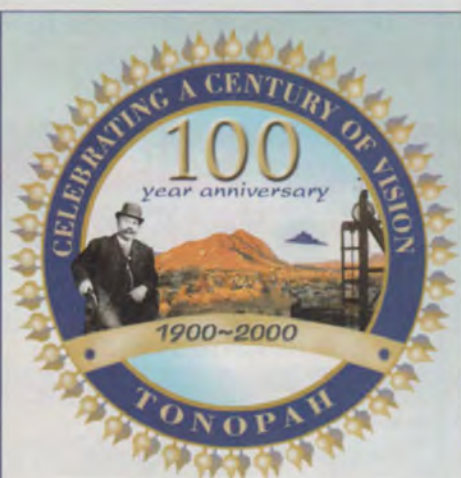


After Glow

Hot-air balloons put on a colorful show during the Great Reno Balloon Races, September 7-9, at Rancho San Rafael Park. The same weekend in Virginia City, camel-riding jockeys compete for bragging rights during the Virginia City International Camel Races.

- 1 Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade: 775-353-2291.
- 1-3 Las Vegas 200: Off-road race. 702-457-5775.
- 7-16 National Finals Rodeo: Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.
- 8 Old-Fashioned Christmas Festival: Henderson, 702-455-7955.
- 8 Country Christmas Celebration: Yerington, 775-463-2245.
- 8-9 Santa Train: Carson City, 775-687-6953.
- 16 Victorian Home Christmas Tour: Carson City, 775-882-1565.
- 31 New Year's Eve: Statewide celebration in hotels and communities.

Photo: Lonnie Peck/Reno News Bureau



Visit the
Historic Mining Park
&
Central Nevada Museum

TONOPAH

*"Come Celebrate
Our Rich Historic Past"*

For more information contact
the Tonopah Chamber of Commerce
at (775) 482-3859

**WINNERS
WIN in
Wendover**

Wendover Area Chamber
of Commerce & Tourism
PO Box 2468

West Wendover, Nevada 89883

1-877-WENDOVE(R) Ext. 308

775-664-2316

Fax: 775-664-3414

Email: wendovercc@lnett.com

Visit our website: www.wendover.org





Nevada Showguide

Where the stars and shows are playing in January and February.

Nevada clubs and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. During January and February, Kenny Rogers will perform at the Las Vegas Hilton, James Brown plays John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, and Willie Nelson appears at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. Here, *Nevada Magazine* presents a guide to featured performers. Showrooms often fill fast, so call ahead 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 • Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam, 293-5000 or 800-245-6380.

HENDERSON

Joker's Wild • 564-8100: Live entertainment Wed.-Sun.

Reserve • 558-7000: Wasimba's Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Sunset Station • 547-7777: Club Madrid: Eric Burdon and the New Animals, Jan. 19. Loverboy, Jan. 26-27. Paula Poundstone, Feb. 9. Taylor Dayne, Feb. 10. Ahmad Jamal, March 3. David Benoit, March 10. Hiroshima, April 6. Fattburger, April 14. Paula Poundstone, July 28. Louie Louie plays Wed. at 10pm and midnight, Fri.-Sat. at 11pm and 1 am.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands play nightly except Tues.

Nevada Landing • 387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Bands appear nightly except Wed.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 877-333-WISH: Theater for the Performing Arts: Entertainment TBA. Blue Note Jazz Club: Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Jan. 8-13. Regina Belle, Jan. 22-28.

Arizona Charlie's • 258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie, the Checkmates, thru Dec. 31. Bands play nightly.

Arizona Charlie's East • 951-5800: The Lounge: Michelle La Rae and Risque, thru Dec. 31. Denise Clemente, Jan. 2-7. Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie, the Checkmates, Jan. 9-21. Christy Bryant, Jan. 23-Feb. 4. Sonny Charles and Sweet Louie, the Checkmates, Feb. 6-18. Gregg Peterson, Feb. 20-25. The Fortunes, Feb. 27-March 4.

Bally's • 739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!" (dark Tues.). Indigo Lounge: Van McGlothen on piano nightly except Tues.

Barbary Coast • 737-7111: Bands play nightly. Karaoke, Mon.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf.



Letting It All Hang Out at Sam's Town

Big Fat Elmo accepts responsibility for its impressions of such stars as Mick Jagger, Rod Stewart, Jimi Hendrix, Peter Frampton, Tom Petty, and Buddy Holly. The musical-comedy show band plays Thursday through Saturday in Roxy's Lounge at Sam's Town in Las Vegas, where they are known for their low-budget kung-fu fight.

(dark Wed.-Thurs., and Feb. 19-20). Performers play in the Allegro, Petrossian, and Fontana lounges and the Baccarat Bar.

Boardwalk Casino Holiday Inn • 730-3194: Lighthouse Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Boulder Station • 432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The Railhead: George Duke, Jan. 13. Diane Schuur, Feb. 10. Merle Haggard, March 16-17. Chad Brock, March 23. Freddie Jackson, March 24. Jerry Vale, April 27-28. Don McLean, July 6-7. Najee, Sept. 15. Jerry Vale, Oct. 26-27. Bands play nightly. Karaoke, Fri.-Sat. KIXX: Rocco Barbato, 1-4pm Sun.; country music, Wed.; Tommy Rocker, Thurs.; Shooting Stars Karaoke, Yellow Brick Road, Fri.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 737-7200: Bourbon Street Theatre: Dr. Naughty, adult hypnotist show (dark Sun.-Mon.). "Naughty Bones," adult stand-up comedy (dark Fri.-Sat.).

"The Multiple Personalities of Billy Cage," impressionist, 2pm (dark Sun.-Mon.). "Applause" (dark Sun.-Mon.). Bands play in the lounge nightly except Sun. and Mon.

Caesars Palace • 731-7333 or 800-445-4544: Bands play in the Forum and La Piazza lounges, the Terrazza restaurant, 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: Cafe Trilussa: Piano music nightly (dark Tues. and Wed.).

Castaways (former Showboat) • 383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Mardi Gras Room: Entertainment TBA.

Circus Circus • 734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts from 11am to midnight.

Excalibur • 597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings," music-dinner show. Court Jesters Stage:

Nevada Calendar
is a section of
NEVADA
MAGAZINE

For Subscriptions Call: 1-800-495-3281

Strolling entertainers, 10am-10pm. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands and dancing. Music in the Lance-a-Lotta Pasta and Camelot restaurants.

Fitzgeralds Holiday Inn • 388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Michael Kennedy's "Tribute to Elvis," Thurs.-Sun. on the casino floor.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," musical comedy. "Bottom's Up," indf. Bill Acosta: Lasting Impressions (dark Fri.). Sunset Ballroom: America, Dec. 29-30. Silver State Ballroom: Tribute to the Supremes, Aretha Franklin, and Temptations, Dec. 31. Impersonator revue. Bugsy's Celebrity Theatre: "Forever Plaid," '50s musical revue, indf. (dark Mon.). "Hip-Nosis: Playin' With Your Head," starring Justin Tranz, R-rated comedy show, midnight Fri.-Sat., indf.

Flamingo O'Shea's • 737-1343: Comedy Theater: "Hip-Nosis: Playin' With Your Head," starring Justin Tranz, R-rated comedy show, 9pm Tues.-Sat.

Four Queens • 385-4011 or 800-634-6045.

Four Seasons • 632-5000: Piano entertainment during Traditional Afternoon High Tea in the Verandah restaurant, 2-5pm daily.

Gold Coast • 367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): East Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke nightly in the West Lounge. Gold Coast Showroom: "Honky Tonk Angels" with tributes to Dolly Parton, Reba McEntire, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Tammy Wynette, and Faith Hill, impersonator revue (indf.). Salsa All Stars, Sat. (indf.). Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor Tues. and Sun.

Golden Gate • 385-1906: Live piano, noon-midnight. Jazz trio Sun. and Wed. evenings.

Golden Nugget • 385-7111: Golden Nugget Showroom: David Brenner, thru Jan. 27. Bands play in the Oasis Lounge nightly except Mon.

Hard Rock Hotel • 226-4650: The Joint: Entertainment TBA.



Howie in Paris

Howie Mandel performs January 26-27 at Paris Las Vegas and March 17-18 at Caesars Tahoe. The comedian, who is known for his unpredictable style, was discovered after friends dared him to perform during amateur night at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 369-5111: Clint Holmes Theatre: "Takin' It Uptown," starring Clint Holmes, musical variety show. Improv Showroom: Comedy club nightly except Mon. "Skintight," musical production. Mac King Comedy Magic Show, 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Carnival Court: Bands play outdoors till midnight (seasonal). Music nightly in the La Playa Lounge and Range Steakhouse Lounge.

Imperial Palace • 794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert," celebrity impersonator show (dark Sun.). Kabuki Lounge: Bands play 4:30pm-1:40am.

Key Largo • 733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: Bands provide live entertainment.

Lady Luck • 477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theatre: "Stars of the Strip," comedy impersonators, 2 and 3:30pm Mon.-Fri. Fielding West: Magic and comedy show, Sun.-Thurs.

Las Vegas Hilton • 732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theatre: Kenny Rogers, Feb. 9-10. The Night Club: Scintas, Tues.-Sun. Jazz in the Benihana Lounge, 4-8pm Mon.-Fri.

Luxor • 262-4400: Luxor Theatre: "Blue Man Group: Live at the Luxor," percussion theater. Pharaoh's Theater: "Midnight Fantasy," production show at 10pm, also midnight Fri.-Sat. (dark Mon.). Ra Nightclub at Luxor: DJs Wed.-Sat. Nefertiti's Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Thursday.

Main Street Station • 387-1896 or 800-713-8933.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: Entertainment TBA. House of Blues: Gospel Brunch, 10 am and 1pm Sun. Live blues Thurs.-Sat. in the Courtyard. After-hours dancing begins at 11pm. Mandalay Bay Events Center: Journey and REO Speedwagon, Dec. 30. Bands play in the Island, Orchid, and Coral Reef lounges.

YOU COULD HAVE IT ALL!

Luxury And Convenience

Located on the
World-Famous Las Vegas Strip

The Riviera Features:

- 2,100 beautifully appointed rooms
- 4 great shows including "Splash"
- 6 unique dining establishments
- 24-hour casino excitement
- Free gaming lessons
- Full-service wedding chapel
- More than 30 shops and services

For Room Reservations
Call (800) 634-6753
(702) 734-5110
Fax (702) 794-9451
In Nevada

RIVIERA

Hotel & Casino
The Entertainment Center
of Las Vegas

The Alternative for Grown-Ups
On The Internet: www.theriviera.com

Nevada Travel Update

Inside

WHAT'S NEW

The latest developments in Nevada tourism. Page 2-3

ALLEGIANCY TAKES OFF

New Nevada routes serve Reno and Las Vegas travelers. Page 3

ADVENTURE TRAVEL

Reno Tahoe Sky Tours offer visitors unique aerial views. Page 4

Tourism Industry News • January/February 2001

Site Inspection

Peppermill: Big Changes for Reno Resort

The Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno has completed phase one of a three-phase, \$300-million expansion that capitalizes on views of the Sierra and the city lights. Visitors will find a new marquee lighting up the night sky, Jacuzzi suites, a high-limit slot area, theme restaurants, sports book, and video cube bar. Located four blocks north of the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, the Peppermill offers your clients several new amenities during their stay.

The resort now has 1,070 rooms, including 185 Jacuzzi suites. The rooms offer spacious floor plans, video check out, in-room

At the waterfall pool, a river cascades down a manmade mountain, on which several animals "come alive."

stocked refrigerators, and sitting areas. The Jacuzzi suites have king beds, Jacuzzis, steam showers, and minibars, plus phones with dataports and voicemail.

The Peppermill's proximity to the

Reno/Tahoe International Airport and the Reno-Sparks Convention Center makes it appealing for groups and conventions. The resort now offers 40,000 square feet of convention and meeting space.

Restaurants: The Steakhouse offers an extensive menu of steaks and seafood as well as special multi-course selections featuring regional produce and fine wines. The service is top-notch, and on Friday and Saturday nights a jazz pianist plays. Guests with an appetite for fresh seafood, pasta, and scaloppini, will enjoy the Romanza Ristorante Italiano. There, classical music fills the background as diners relax beneath a skydome, which drifts from sunset to starry night. The White Orchid restaurant features fine Continental cuisine including such entrees as lobster bisque laced with Cognac and white truffles, topped with a pastry dome, or medallions of elk with Maine lobster. Other dining choices at the Peppermill include the new Island Buffet,



The Peppermill, which has undergone a \$300-million expansion, offers guests central access to Reno/Tahoe International Airport, area shopping malls, and the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

the Coffee Shop, the International Food Court, and Cafe Espresso.

Entertainment: The Peppermill features (continued on back page)

Nevada's Beautiful Byways

Sightseeing in Nevada can be as easy as a leisurely drive on one of the state's beautiful scenic byways, roads that offer extraordinary panoramas for the traveler, each in a different way.

Recently, the four-mile Las Vegas Strip was named an **All-American Road**, a federal designation awarded only to the nation's finest byways. There are

only 15 All-American Roads in the country.

"All-American Roads are the 'best of the best,'" Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt, chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism, said at a special dedication ceremony. "We can be very proud that the Las Vegas Strip has received this distinction for its fabulous views after dark. Its towering themed resorts and amaz-

ing lights are famous worldwide."

Nevada also has two of the country's 41 **National Scenic Byways**. The state's two scenic byways are the 29-mile East Shore Drive at Lake Tahoe and the 37-mile Pyramid Lake Road, the only byway totally within an Indian reservation.

Furthermore, the Silver State has 11 routes designated as **Nevada Scenic Byways**, which

were chosen for their beauty and rich cultural and historic attributes. Visitors who travel the Nevada Scenic Byways will see the beauty of Lake Tahoe, Mount Rose, Pyramid Lake, the Las Vegas Strip, Mount Charleston, Valley of Fire State Park, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Angel Lake, Lamoille Canyon, and routes leading to Great Basin National Park.

What's New

The Latest Information on Travel Around the Silver State

LAS VEGAS TERRITORY

Budget Minded

The Colorado River gaming town of **Laughlin** and the **Orleans Hotel** in Las Vegas were recognized for their affordability in a recent issue of Arthur Frommer's *Budget Travel* magazine. Laughlin received the good-deal ranking behind Natchez, Mississippi; Pensacola, Florida; Kissimmee, Florida; and San Antonio, Texas. The Orleans rated third on the publication's list of America's 10 Best Budget Hotels behind the Hotel Harrington in Washington, D.C., and the Habitat Hotel in New York City.

Sporty Eatery

ESPNZone, a trendy sports restaurant themed after the ESPN television sports network, is scheduled to open this summer at **New York-New York** in Las Vegas. The eatery will have the décor of a broadcasting set and feature live games.

Going Vertical

The long-awaited **Neonopolis**, an entertainment complex planned at the Fremont Street Experience in downtown Las Vegas, has

announced a new completion date of February 2002. The 240,000-square-foot project, which will house restaurants, retail stores, and a movie theater, has been under development for four years, but according to developers is finally "going vertical."

New Hotel

A groundbreaking in October began construction of the \$265-million **Palms Hotel-Casino**, located across Flamingo Road from the Rio and Gold Coast resorts. Owners of the property are the Maloof family, who until recently owned the Fiesta in North Las Vegas. The Fiesta was sold to Station Casinos, which also owns the adjacent Texas Station. The 470-room Palms, which is scheduled to open in December, will offer a spa, movie theaters, 1,200-seat multi-use entertainment center, 10,000-square-foot conference facility, and a 95,000-square-foot casino.

Santa Fe Style

When Station Casinos purchased the Santa Fe last October, work began immediately on a \$40-million renovation and expansion at the Las Vegas hotel. Renamed **Santa Fe Station**, the property has since unveiled a new 100-seat race and sports book and its Capri Italian Ristorante, Taos Steakhouse, and a 24-hour café. The expansion of Santa Fe Station is scheduled for completion in mid-summer.

Expansion Plans

A \$600-million renovation and expansion are in the works for the 300-room **Silverton**, which is located two miles south of Mandalay Bay off Interstate 15. Phase one calls for owner Ed Roski to spend \$200 million on an additional 900 rooms, more than 30,000 square feet of casino space, and a multiscreen movie theater. Construction, which is due to start this year, will also add four restaurants and a 1,400-space parking garage.

Whodunit Dinner

Group rates are available at the comedy-murder-mystery-dinner show "Marriage Can Be



The \$265-million Palms is scheduled to open in December. The new Las Vegas resort will offer 470 rooms, a spa, movie theaters, a conference facility, and a 1,200-seat entertainment center at its Flamingo Road location.

Murder," the ongoing production at the off-Strip **Egg and I** restaurant. Dinner patrons become part of the show as they try to deduce the identity of the bad guys, who are regular members of the audience. Shows can be booked Thursday through Sundays. Call 702-616-3322 for further information.

RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY

Getting Bigger

The **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden expects to complete its 16,000-square-foot expansion this spring. The project will increase the size of the casino by 50 percent and add an enclosed swimming pool and fitness facility. The property, which features 153 hotel rooms and a 76-room motor lodge, opened in 1984.

Ski Groups

Two group ski packages are being offered this winter at the **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden. Groups of 12 to 18 skiers will receive a two-night stay, skiing at **Kirkwood** or **Heavenly**

Nevada Travel Update

Published by NEVADA MAGAZINE

in cooperation with:

the Nevada Commission on Tourism

(800-NEVADA-8, www.travelnevada.com),

the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

(702-892-0711, www.lasvegas24hours.com),

and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors

Authority (800-VIP-RENO, www.playreno.com).

Ann Henderson • Travel Update Editor

Las Vegas Editorial Office

555 E. Washington, Suite 5600, Las Vegas, NV 89101

702-486-2433 • Fax 702-486-2789

e-mail: ann@nevadamagazine.com

Web: www.nevadamagazine.com

ski resorts, and a private dinner. For groups of 20 or more, the package includes an arrival reception with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and a departure cocktail party and sit-down banquet. Bus transportation to Kirkwood can also be arranged. For information call 800-321-6983, ext. 614.

Snow Party

If your clients are looking to combine a ski vacation with a winter carnival, they might look at North Lake Tahoe's annual celebration, **Snowfest**, which runs February 23 through March 4. The festival begins with a torchlight parade at Olympic Valley on February 23, followed each day by activities at other Tahoe ski resorts. Among the events are serious and off-beat ski races, outdoor parties, concerts, parades, ice carvings, snow sculptures, and for the hardy, a polar-bear swim in the freezing waters of Lake Tahoe. Call 775-832-7625 for more information on Snowfest.

More Skiing

If your clients are looking for information on **Nevada's ski season**, refer to "Skiing Around the State: A Guide to Nevada and Tahoe Basin Ski Areas" in the current issue of *Nevada Magazine*. The ski and snowboard chart also can be found on the magazine's Web site, www.nevadamagazine.com. Additional information is available on www.travelnevada.com, the Nevada Commission on Tourism's Web site. Click on the site's news and media section, and see the feature story "Navigating Nevada's Powdery Scenic Slopes." Other Web sites for ski information include www.skilake tahoe.com and www.carson-city.org.

Allegiant Air Covers Nevada

Allegiant Air has entered Nevada in a big way. The Fresno-based airline recently began offering three daily flights between Las Vegas and Reno—and already has service from Reno, Las Vegas, and Lake Tahoe to other western cities.

Jim Patterson, president of Allegiant Air, says that his company was attracted to Nevada because he believes it has been under-publicized as a destination. He added that Allegiant is competitive on its airfares with the larger air carriers flying to Nevada because its smaller size allows it to operate with lower overhead costs.

"We've had our eye on Nevada for a long time," he said. "We look at Nevada as offering probably our greatest opportunity."

Allegiant, which flies 115-seat, DC-9 planes, began service into Nevada in 1998 with direct flights between Fresno and Las Vegas.

Patterson said that a large part of what distinguishes his company is that Allegiant offers its customers first-class seating and assigned seats. Additionally, on flights of more than 50 minutes all passengers are

served Starbucks' coffee and a chocolate chip cookie made by a Fresno cookie company, Dug-Out Cookies. In first class, passengers on Allegiant flights are treated to muffins, bagels, and fresh-squeezed orange juice.

Allegiant, which currently flies into Long Beach, Fresno, and Portland, is considering adding service to Reno and Las Vegas from several other communities, such as San



Allegiant currently flies 115-seat DC-9 planes. The airline has plans to acquire larger aircraft, which will allow it to fly longer hauls.

Diego, Seattle, St. Louis, and various Midwestern cities. To accommodate any added routes, the airline is also planning to acquire larger aircraft, such as MD-82s or MD-87s, which will allow it to fly longer hauls.

For Allegiant Airlines flight schedules and other information on the carrier call 888-594-6937.

Nevada Convention Update

To assist your sales and marketing efforts, the following guide lists upcoming major conventions booked for the Las Vegas and Reno-Sparks areas. (Abbreviations: LVCC = Las Vegas Convention Center, LVH = Las Vegas Hilton, RSCC = Reno-Sparks Convention Center, and Nugget = John Ascuaga's Nugget.) The number of attendees are noted.

For further information contact the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, 702-892-0711, or the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority, 775-827-7600.

Las Vegas Area

Snowsports Industries of America • March 9-13 • 25,000. LVCC and LVH.
Nightclub and Bar Convention and Trade Show • March 12-14 • 19,000. LVCC and multiple locations.
Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association • March 20-22 • 24,000. Sands Expo and Venetian.
National Association of Broadcasters • April 23-26 • 125,000. LVCC and LVH.
International Society of Cosmetic Laser Surgeons • April 27-29 • 300. Venetian.
U.S. Figure Skating Association • May 7-13 • 800. Alexis Park.

Electronic Distribution Show Corporation • May 15-17 • 10,000. LVCC and LVH.
International Council of Shopping Centers • May 20-24 • 30,000. LVCC and LVH.
Ice Skating Institute of America • May 28-31 • 1,000. Rio.
National Nutritional Foods Association • June 7-9 • 11,000. LVCC and LVH.

Reno-Sparks Area

American Bowling Congress Tournament • Feb. 10-June 18 • 150,000. National Bowling Stadium.
American Endurance Ride Conference • Feb. 27-March 6 • 1,000. Silver Legacy.
Clinic of Champions Annual Football Clinic •

March 2-4 • 1,500. Reno Hilton.
American Bowling Congress Convention • March 6-22 • 3,000. Reno Hilton and National Bowling Stadium.
California Medical Association • March 7-15 • 2,000. Reno Hilton.
Women in Aviation International • March 19-26 • 2,000. Reno Hilton.
American Bridge Association • April 12-22 • 1,800. Reno Hilton.
Aerospace Medical Association • May 3-11 • 2,200. Nugget.
Society of Decorative Painters • May 8-22 • 2,200. Reno Hilton and RSCC.
Creative Memories Sales Meeting • July 6-16 • 10,000. Reno Hilton, Silver Legacy, Nugget, and RSCC.

Reno's New Sky View From Circus Circus

BY SHANNON MONTANA

Y our adventure-loving clients can explore the Reno-Tahoe area from a helicopter cockpit during a Reno Tahoe Sky Tours outing. The excursions, inaugurated last summer by Skydance Helicopters, leave daily from the rooftop of Circus Circus in Reno. The trips visit Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, and the bright lights of Reno—unique aerial views that your clients just can't get from the ground.

Recently I took a trip with pilot Nick Lopes. After giving us a safety briefing and checking that our seatbelts were fastened, Lopes lifted off from the Circus Circus rooftop. He expertly turned the machine 180 degrees, just a few feet above the platform, and gracefully swept out over Reno. We were instantly afforded a grand vista of the city, cradled by 9,000-foot mountains. The view, so familiar on the ground, was suddenly new from the sky.

Pilot and passengers talked through headsets and enjoyed piped-in music during the flight. As we cruised above the Truckee River, Lopes pointed out that the territory we would cover in 20 minutes by helicopter would take a full day by car. We passed the sheer granite face of Slide Mountain, so named for the massive rock slides that have occurred there. Lopes told of the pioneers who crossed the region by wagon train.

The desert gave way to alpine forests and meadows. The drastic change from the endless desert landscape was startling from the air. Lopes explained how the wind pattern off the Sierra keeps the rainfall from reaching the other side towards Reno, resulting in the abrupt vegetation change. Lopes told us



Pilot Nick Lopes of Skydance Helicopters reviews pre-flight instructions with passengers Sierra Montana (left) and Taryn Olivera on the roof of Circus Circus in Reno. Skydance offers heli-sightseeing on several Reno Tahoe Sky Tours.

that his passengers often spot wild horses during the Mother Lode tour, which flies over Virginia City and Dayton Valley.

As we crested the mountain, the crystal blue waters of Lake Tahoe stretched before us. The helicopter turned for a better view of the shoreline near Incline Village, and we lingered for one last look before heading east again. We had reached our top elevation of 8,700 feet, and it was time to return to the landing pad.

On the return trip I asked Lopes what was his favorite part of his work. "I love meeting the people and introducing them to the thrill of the helicopter," he said. "I feel very fortunate to get to show people the beauty of this area each day."

Fast Facts: Reno Tahoe Sky Tours are pre-

sented by Skydance Helicopters. The FAA-certified company is new to Reno but has operated tours out of Sedona, Arizona, for six years. Tour prices: the Biggest Little City \$40, the Mother Lode \$78, Lake of the Sky \$90, the Jackpot \$160. Stack the Deck tours are custom itineraries chosen by your client and priced accordingly. Weddings, picnics, and heli-golf packages are available. Major credit cards are accepted. Tours operate year-round weather permitting, excluding some major holidays. Reservations are recommended. Call 775-323-2359 or 877-9-SKY-TOURS. The ticket counter at Circus Circus is located on the mezzanine level.

Shannon Montana is a Nevada Magazine editorial assistant.

Peppermill: Big Changes

(continued from page 1)

headliners such as Charlie Daniels, Jefferson Starship, and Emmylou Harris. There are free cabaret acts nightly and jazz on Friday and Saturday nights.

Amenities: Guests can select the items they want stocked in the in-room refrigerators. The work-out room is open to all guests. The Peppermill has two heated pools, a sauna, and a Jacuzzi. At the waterfall pool, a river cascades down a manmade mountain, on which a mechanical bear, coyote, and

bighorn sheep "come alive" for a special wildlife show that runs hourly from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. A small arcade is located on the main casino floor. A concierge is available to assist guests. There is free shuttle service to and from the airport.

Fast Facts: Standard-room rack rates at the Peppermill, which is located two miles south of downtown Reno, are \$49 to 149 a night. Jacuzzi suites are \$79 to \$309, and guests can choose views of the Sierra, the downtown city lights, or the waterfall pool. Floor plans range from the 400-square-foot Spa Suite to the 1,204-square-foot Penthouse. Off-season

rates are generally available from November through April. The Peppermill also has two theme suites reserved for high rollers. The Safari Suite occupies 5,000 square feet and is decorated with more than \$1 million in African furnishings, including life-size wildlife sculpture and Zulu artifacts. The Roman Super Suite has fine art, antiques, marble, and, in the master bedroom, cast-bronze lions. For reservations call the Peppermill, 800-648-6992 or 775-826-2121. Visit the hotel's Web site, www.peppermillcasinos.com, for further information.

—Shannon Montana

MGM Grand • 891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Hollywood Theatre: Entertainment TBA. EFX Theatre: "EFX," special-effects production show (dark Sun.-Mon.). Cabaret Theatre: Entertainment TBA. Grand Garden Arena: ESPY Awards, Feb. 12. Hollywood Theatre: Entertainment TBA. Studio 54: Dancing nightly. Live entertainment in the Show Bar Lounge, Brown Derby, Betty Boop Bar, and Gatsby's at the MGM Grand.

The Mirage • 792-7777: Siegfried and Roy Theatre: "Siegfried and Roy," magic spectacular (dark Wed.-Thurs.). Paul Anka, Dec. 30. Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans performs nightly (dark Fri.

Get Your Tickets

Stand-up comedienne Brett Butler makes a long-awaited appearance when she performs March 2-3 at the Riviera in Las Vegas. The Golden Globe nominee and star of TV's *Grace Under Fire* has kept a low professional profile while she dealt with personal matters. Her Nevada engagement is expected to be a sellout.

and Mon.). Bands play in the Lagoon Saloon and Corner and Baccarat bars (piano bar). Samba Grill: Brasilia 2000 Fri. and Sat.

Monte Carlo • 730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician" (dark Sun.-Mon.). Top 40, disco, country, and classic-rock dance music nightly in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery.

New Frontier • 794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Bands play nightly Tues.-Sat.

New York-New York • 740-6969: Broadway Theatre: "Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance" (dark Sun.-Mon.). 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: Smothers Brothers, Jan. 9-14. Debbie Reynolds, Jan. 18-21. Jerry Lewis, Jan. 24-27. Mel Tillis, Feb. 1-4. Connie Francis, Feb. 8-11. Neil Sedaka, Feb. 13-18. Righteous Brothers, Feb. 21-March 1. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Bands play nightly (dark Mon.).

Palace Station • 367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Sound Trax Nightclub: Entertainment TBA. Bands play Fri.-Sat. in the Palace Saloon.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Le Theatre de Arts: Don Rickles, Dec. 29-31. Howie Mandel, Jan. 26-27. Bands play in Le Cabaret Show Lounge (dark Tues.). Napoleon's Cigar Bar: Music from 9pm-1am (dark Mon.).

Regent Las Vegas • 877-869-8777: J.C. Wooloughan Irish Pub: Entertainment nightly. Addison's Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun. Round Bar: Jazz Fri.-Sun. Tazzas Lounge: Pianist Tues.-Sun.

Rio Suite Hotel • 252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Copacabana Entertainment Complex: "David Cassidy at the Copa," musical variety show, indf. De La Guarda Theatre: "De La Guarda," avant-garde off-Broadway interactive experience (indf.) 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.). Pavilion Theatre: Entertainment TBA. RioBamba Cabaret: Earl Turner. Live entertainment in the Ipanema

Nevada Calendar
is a section of
NEVADA
MAGAZINE

For Subscriptions Call: 1-800-495-3281

What makes the Eldorado the place to be?



A Hip Microbrewery

The Hottest Slots



Outstanding Restaurants

Reno's Friendliest Staff



All New Show



The Coolest Nightclub

All this and more!



It's all here!

ELDORADO
HOTEL • CASINO

1-800-648-5966
www.eldoradorenova.com



Northern Nevada:
Award winning.

Come vacation in Cowboy Country.
Enjoy outdoor scenic splendor and
indoor nightlife excitement.
If you're lucky, you might
even take home the gold.

Capture the Dream
COWBOY COUNTRY
call today for your dream catalog
and more event information.
(toll free) **1-877-626-9269** ext. 650
www.cowboycountry.org



Las Vegas Reno/Tahoe Laughlin
Never Sold Out!

- Discounted Hotel Accommodations
- Airline Ticketing & Car Rental
- Discounted Golf Rates & Tee Times
- Ski Packages Available in Reno/Tahoe
- Sightseeing Tours, Wedding Packages and More!

Book On-line: www.resplus.com

800-805-9528
702-261-0869
Fax 702-795-8767
E-Mail: resplus@pgi.com

RESERVATIONS PLUS
a PGI company
www.resplus.com

Piano Bar and Voodoo Lounge. Club Rio: Dance night-club open for late-night dancing Wed.-Sat. at the Rio.
Riviera • 794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash," production show. Top of the Riv: D.L. Hughley, Jan. 26-27. Brett Butler, March 2-3. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue (dark Tues.) Maynard Ferguson, Jan. 16. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls: Sensuality and Passion," adult revue (dark Mon.). "Riviera Comedy Club," comedians appear nightly. Le Bistro Lounge: "Tribute to Elvis" with Jim LeBoef, 4-7:30pm Fri.-Sun.; Jazz on the Strip, Mon.; Lon Bronson's All-Star Band, Sat.; bands play Tues.-Sun. in the lounge.
Sahara • 737-2515: Sahara Theatre: Magician Steve Wyrick, indf. Congo Room: "The Rat Pack Is Back," thru Feb. 17. Bands play in the Casbar Lounge.
Sam's Town • 454-8048: Sam's Town Live: Neal McCoy, Dec. 31. Gerald Levert, Jan. 12-13. Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Jan. 26-27. Roxy's Saloon: Bands play. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, 10pm.
San Remo • 739-9000 or 800-522-7366: Parisian Cabaret: "Les Trix," featuring the Showgirls of Magic and comedian Joe Trammel. Bonne Chance Lounge: Entertainers perform nightly.



Lance's Illusions

Master Magician Lance Burton combines Melaborate illusions and simple magic in his own 1,274-seat theater at the Monte Carlo. Before opening at the Monte Carlo in 1996, Burton spent nearly 15 years performing for Las Vegas audiences, first as a specialty act in the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere," followed by five years starring in his own show at the old Hacienda on the Strip.

Santa Fe • 658-4900: Lounge closed for remodeling.
Silverton • 263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Rattlesnake Rickey's Saloon: Peter Noone and Herman's Hermits, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Bands play nightly.
Stardust • 732-6111 or 800-824-6033: Wayne Newton Theatre: Wayne Newton, thru Jan. 7. Bands play in the Stardust 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.
Suncoast • 636-7111: Entertainment TBA.
Treasure Island • 894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère" (dark Mon.-Tues. and Jan. 28 and 31). Music in Captain Morgan's piano bar. Hideaway Lounge: Performers



A World of Entertainment

The Cirque Acrobats of China, seven performers from Peking, are among the international cast of entertainers featured in "One World," the new production show at the Eldorado in Reno. Following the Chinese troupe, other cast members present Celtic, Russian, Spanish, Australian, South American, and North American dance styles.

nightly in the lounge at Treasure Island on the Strip.

Tropicana • 739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "The Best of the Folies Bergere...Sexier Than Ever" (dark Thurs.). "The Magic of Rick Thomas," 2 and 4pm daily except Fri. Tropics Lounge: "The Birdman of Las Vegas," 11am, 12:30, and 2pm except Thurs. "T. Fox and the Fox City Show" (dark Mon.-Tues.). Celebration Lounge: Bands play nightly. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly.

Union Plaza • 386-2110 or 800-634-6575 (U.S. outside Nevada): Plaza Theatre: "Hot Trix" starring Karin Denise's Naked Angels with guest star Pete Barbutti (dark Mon.). "Houdini Lives Again," starring magician Dixie Dooley, 4pm Tues.-Sun. Omaha Lounge: Dusty Barron and the Sunspots play daily except Mon.

Vacation Village • 897-1700 or 800-658-5000: Koo Koo's Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Venetian • 733-5000: Showroom at the Venetian: Andre-Philippe, singing impressionist (dark Tues. and Thurs.). Melinda: First Lady of Magic (dark Wed.).

Westward Ho • 731-2900: Westward Ho Lounge: Crown Room: "Puttin' on the Ritz," Jan. 14-March 17, dinner show, Wed. and Sat. Bands play nightly except Sun. in the lounge.

Wild West Gambling Hall • 740-0000.

World Trade Center • 369-5750: International Showroom: Michael la Rocca Show, one-man musical review (indf.).

LAUGHLIN

Avi • 535-5555: Arrowweed Lounge: Bands play nightly. **Colorado Belle** • 298-4000: Bands play in the Boiler Room Microbrewery and Restaurant.

Edgewater • 298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: The Dimes play oldies, Jan. 5-6 and 12-13. Camilla, Jan. 19-20. Man

Almighty, Jan. 26-27. Karaoke, Wed.-Thurs.

Flamingo Laughlin • 298-5028 or 800-435-8469: Club Flamingo: "Dancing to the Hitz," revue (dark Fri.).

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Nightclub: Top 40 format dance bands play Thurs.-Sun. DJ Tues.-Wed.

Harrah's Laughlin • 298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Fiesta Showroom: "Ayala: The Time Is Now," magic production with illusionist Ayala, thru May 15.

Ramada Express • 298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: The Swing Sisters star in "Shout: A Tribute to the '50s" and "That Sentimental Swing! An American Variety Show," alternating shows; "Swing!" plays Jan. 14-17, "Shout" Jan. 29-31. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly

except Mon. Karaoke Madness, Mon. Swing and Latin dance contests, 5pm daily. Train rides also are available at the hotel.

River Palms • 298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Bands or DJ music nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke with Don West, 4-7pm Wed.

Riverside Resort • 298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616:

Don's Celebrity Theatre: The Osmond Brothers, Dec. 27-31. Carl Hurley, Jan. 7-11. Freddy Fender, Jan. 12-13. Charlie Prose, Jan. 14-Feb. 8. Ricky Van Shelton, Feb. 9-11. Debbie Reynolds, Feb. 13-18. Roy Clark, Feb. 20-25. Mel Tillis, March 6-11.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: A Tribute to Bill Haley, Jan. 20. Comedy shows Fri.-Sat. when there is no headliner. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the CasaBlanca Skydome Lounge. **Eureka Casino Hotel** • 346-4646: Wild Cactus Lounge: Karaoke, Tues. nights. Ladies night, DJ dance party, Wed. Entertainment Thurs.-Sun.

Explore the Old West's

PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY

along
America's
loneliest
highway



Pony Express Territory
P.O. Box 284
Eureka, Nevada 89316

1 800 NEVADA 8



Discover
Both Sides of
NEVADA

PERSHING COUNTY



In the heart
of Cowboy Country
Where Recreation
and Wildlife
Abound

Visit

Friendly Historic Lovelock

- Only Round Court House in the U.S.
- Marzen House Museum
- State-of-the-art Parks and Playgrounds

Rye Patch Reservoir

- Camping, Fishing, Boating
- Quality Motel, Casino, and Restaurants at Mill City

Historic Unionville
Black Rock Desert
Humboldt Sink
Famous Indian Caves



Stop by our Chamber of
Commerce office at the Marzen House
Museum for more information or call

775-273-7213



Heavy-Metal Action

A menacing Dragon Warrior, played by Chris Justis, prepares to dispatch King Arthur's son, Christopher. The drama plays out during "King Arthur's Tournament," the long-running production at the Excalibur in Las Vegas. The show features jousting and heavy-metal swordplay.

Si Redd's Oasis • 346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Redd Boot Saloon: Video and live DJ, Fri. and Sat. Sandy Hackett's Comedy Club on Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play.
Virgin River • 346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Bands like Wheels play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Fiesta Casino • 631-7000: Roxy's Theatre: Headliners TBA. Pipe organ music nightly. Silent-movie night on Thurs. Bands play nightly in the Cabo Lounge. Gardunos Restaurant: Mariachis play 10:30am-2:30pm Sun.
Jerry's Nugget • 399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Dance bands play Fri. and Sat.
Texas Station • 631-1001: The Armadillo: The Whispers, Jan. 20. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm Sun. Loveshack, 10pm-2am Fri. and Sat.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Entertainment TBA. Stage Bar: Bands play Thurs.-Sun. Carolee's Comedy Club: Guest comedians, Fri. and Sat. nights.
Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: The Piano Bar: Pianist Thurs.-Sun.
Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP: Entertainment TBA.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

CARSON AREA

Carson Nugget • Carson City, 882-1626 or 800-426-5239

(continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Bar: Bands like the Motifs, Blind Date, and White Wing play nightly except Mon.
Carson Station • Carson City, 883-0900: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Shannon Ballroom: Comedy Night Live, Jan. 12. Bands play in the Cabaret Lounge for dancing nightly except Mon.

Ormsby House • Carson City, 882-1890: Closed for remodeling.

Piñon Plaza • Carson City, 885-9000: Sports Book Lounge: Bands play Wed.-Sun.

Sharkey's Nugget • Gardnerville, 782-3133: Karaoke, Fri.-Sat. Also, extensive displays of boxing, circus, and rodeo memorabilia.

Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 266-3339: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands play nightly in the Center Stage Cabaret.

Boomtown • 345-6000: Boomtown Cabaret: Entertainers play nightly (dark Sun. and Mon.).

Club Cal Neva-Virginian • 323-1046, 877-777-7303. Bands play on Fri. and Sat.

Circus Circus • 329-0711: Free circus acts, 11am-midnight at the Reno hotel-casino.

Eldorado • 786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada). Eldorado Showroom: "One World," production show, indf. (dark Mon. and thru Jan. 11). Brew Brothers: Rock, blues, and swing bands play nightly at the microbrewery. Piano music in Bistro Roxy. BuBinga Lounge: Dance to DJs and live music.

Eddie's Fabulous '50s • 329-1950: Lounge entertainment. DJ music at Reno Live at Eddie's.

Fitzgeralds • 785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands perform nightly.

Flamingo Reno • 785-7080: Flamingo Showroom: New production show TBA. Showspot Lounge: Colin Ross Duo Thurs.-Sat., Nightflight Wed.-Sun. Entertainment at the Top of the Flamingo restaurant (dark Tues.).

Harrah's Reno • 788-3773 or 800-HARRAHS: Sammy's Showroom: "Dancin' in the Streets," revue, 7:30pm Sun.-Fri. and 7pm Sat. (dark Thurs.). "erocketica 2000.com," adult revue, 10pm Sun.-Fri., 9:30 and 11:30pm Sat. (dark Thurs.). The Plaza: Ice skating daily.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Celebrity Showroom: Etta James and the Roots Band, Dec. 31. Rose Ballroom: James Brown, Jan. 13-14. Bands play nightly in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's at the Nugget.

Peppermill • 826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Tahoe Grand Showroom: Oak Ridge Boys, Jan. 12. Larry Gatlin, Feb. 3. Merle Haggard, March 18. Don Williams, March 29. Bands 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 karaoke (Mon.) and live music at the Ramada.

Reno Hilton • 789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theater: Styx, Dec. 31. The Garage: Bands play nightly. The Improv Comedy Club: Stand-up comedy nightly except Mon.

Riverboat • 322-1671.



Keeping It Airborne

While the dancers take a breather during "Splash" at the Riviera in Las Vegas, the Richard Brothers demonstrate their juggling skills. The brothers, Ricardo (left), Manuel (tossing hats), and David (right), are part of a Mexican circus family and have been performing together since they were ages five, seven, and nine.

Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Empress Lounge: Entertainment nightly except Sun.-Mon. Comedians perform in the Just For Laughs Comedy Club (dark Mon.-Tues.).

Silver Club • Sparks, 358-4771 or 800-648-1137 (U.S. outside Nevada).

Silver Legacy • 329-4777 or 800-225-BASS (U.S., Canada, and Mexico): Grande Exposition Hall: Entertainers TBA. Comedians perform at the Catch a Rising Star comedy club (dark Sun.-Mon.). Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

Sundowner • 786-7050.

Western Village • Sparks, 331-1069 or 800-648-1170.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE
Bill's Lake Tahoe • 588-2455.

Caesars Tahoe • 588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: Charlie Daniels Band, Dec. 30-31. George Carlin, Jan. 12-13. KC and the Sunshine Band, Jan. 19-20. Howie Mandel, March 17-18. Nero's 2000 nightclub has live music. Cleo's Bar and Entertainment Lounge: Pianist Arthur Hervey appears indf.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: Four Tops, Jan. 19-21. Neville Brothers, Jan. 26-27. Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, Feb. 1-4. Willie Nelson, Feb. 23-25. Bands play nightly in Harrah's Casino Center Stage.

Harvey's • 588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Cabaret: "Passion 2000," adults only (dark Mon.).

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Carnival Cabaret," male celebrity impersonator revue. Comedy Showcase, stand-up comedians, midnight Thurs.-Mon. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge at the Stateline hotel-casino.

Lakeside Inn • 588-7777: Entertainment TBA.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 832-4000 or 800-225-6382: Frank Sinatra Celebrity Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Crystal Bay Club • Crystal Bay, 831-0512: DJ Wed.-Sun.

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe • Incline Village, 832-1234: Regency Ballroom: TBA. Lone Eagle Restaurant: Music, Wed.-Sat. Casino Stage Bar: Pianist, Wed.-Sun.

Jim Kelley's Tahoe Nugget • Crystal Bay, 831-0455.

Tahoe Biltmore • Crystal Bay, 831-0660: Bands play nightly.

Cowboy Country

ELKO

Commercial Hotel • 738-3181: Bands play nightly.
Gold Country • 800-621-1332: J.R.'s Lounge: Entertainment Tues.-Sat.

High Desert Inn • 738-8425: Comedy show Fri.
Red Lion • 738-2111 or 800-545-0044 (Western U.S. outside Nevada): Club Max Showroom: Bands play nightly.

Stockmen's Hotel • 738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Bands play in the Stockmen's Showroom.

JACKPOT

Barton's Club 93 • 755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom: Marshall Tucker Band, Dec. 26-31.

Horseshu Casino • 755-2321: Horseshu Cabaret: Entertainment TBA.

LOVELOCK

Ramada Inn • 775-273-2971: Center Club Showroom: Bands and karaoke are featured on weekends.

WENDOVER

Peppermill • 664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play nightly except Mon.

Rainbow Casino • 664-4000: Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Red Garter • 664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (continental U.S. outside Nevada).

Silver Smith • 664-2231 or 800-354-3671: Jim's Bar: Live entertainment nightly except Mon. at the Silver Smith.

State Line • 664-2221, 800-354-3671: Stateliner Lounge: Entertainment nightly.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 623-2511: Bands play nightly in lounge.

Model T Hotel • 623-2588: Bands play Wed.-Sun.
Holiday Inn Express • 775-625-3100.
Sundance Casino • 623-3336.
Red Lion • 800-633-6435.

Pony Express Territory

ELY

Hotel Nevada • 289-6665.

FALLON

Bonanza Inn • 423-6031.

Fallon Nugget • 423-3111.

Pioneer Territory

AMARGOSA VALLEY

Longstreet Inn • 372-1777: Weekend entertainment.

BEATTY

Stagecoach • 553-2419 or 800-4-BIGWIN (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play Fri.-Sat.

Exchange Club • 553-2368: Karaoke on Fri.

HAWTHORNE

El Capitan • 945-3322: Entertainment Wed.-Sun.

Joe's Tavern • 945-2302.

PAHRUMP

Mountain View Casino and Bowl • 727-7777: Bowling alley.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 727-1111.

TONOPAH

Banc Club • 482-5409: Bands play Thurs.-Sat.

Mizpah Hotel • 482-6200.

Station House • 482-9777: Shotgun Willie's Saloon: Bands play nightly except Mon.

YERINGTON

Casino West • 463-2481: Weekend music.

Dini's Lucky Club • 463-2868: Weekend music.

Beatty – Nevada's Gateway to Death Valley

Beatty, Nevada is four miles from one of Nevada's most famous ghost towns, Rhyolite. Only seven miles to Death Valley National Park.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Beatty Chamber of Commerce • 119 E. Main, Beatty, NV 89003 • 775-553-2424
www.governet.net/NV/AS/BEA • email: beattychamber@pahrump.com

Life Is a Masquerade

During the daytime female impersonator Frank Marino is merely flamboyant. At night he's outrageous.

By Kathy Espin

At age 35, Frank Marino is already thinking about retirement. The man who became famous by impersonating Joan Rivers in "An Evening at La Cage" at the Riviera says he plans to kick off his high heels, hang up his dresses, and put his wigs in storage a decade from now when his new, \$10-million contract is up.

"When 'La Cage' is done, I'm done," he says during a recent interview at his home on the western side of Las Vegas. "I'm at a point now where I just work for the fun of it. I would like to retire at 45. I want to be tri-coastal, have a house in New York, Las Vegas, and Florida."

Marino currently is building his dream home, a 12,000-square-foot mansion in one Las Vegas' older upscale neighborhoods. "It'll have a movie theater and all the toys I ever wanted," Marino says.

For now, he lives in the modest three-bedroom home he purchased when he moved to Las Vegas as a 20-year-old female impersonator from New York. The house may be modest, but the decor is not. Marino decorated the house himself, he points out, in flamboyant style. The family room and kitchen are done in Southwestern pastels. Whimsical touches include white art-deco palm trees and multicolored stick-figure picture frames. The small living room is decorated in black and white with a wall of mirrors reflecting a white baby grand piano. The master bedroom is frilly with an antique marble-and-wood mantle around a gas fireplace. The



Frank Marino relaxes at home amid art-deco palm trees. In "La Cage" he is the bejeweled, sequin-clustered Madame of Comedy, Joan Rivers.



huge walk-in closet is neatly packed to its 12-foot ceiling with men's clothes, shoes, and accessories.

During a tour of the house, Marino shows visitors his "trophy" room, a small guest bedroom filled with stuffed animals given to him by fans. He doesn't know how showgoers got the idea that he collected stuffed animals, but he has received so many that he has donated some to children's charities. The room also houses his "drag queen" collection of character dolls, including Dennis Rodman in his wedding dress and a likeness of Ru Paul.

The house is filled with flower arrangements from a party celebrating the 15th anniversary of "La Cage." The celebration was especially poignant for Marino, who for two years was unsure whether he would live to see the show's next anniversary.

"One day I woke up and couldn't say my name," Marino says, his hazel eyes growing

wide. He thought he had suffered a stroke but never received a clear diagnosis. "I went from doctor to doctor—literally a different doctor every day. When I got to the point that I had to have one of those toolboxes with the little drawers in it to hold all my medicine, I said, 'That's enough. I threw all the pills out.'" Finally a kinesiologist treated him holistically with herbs, diet, and body realignments.

"I can't say that I believe in this treatment or not, but I can say that, without it, I wouldn't be here talking to you today," Marino says. "To this day they [the doctors] have no idea what was wrong with me." Marino kept performing. "For two years, I made a new excuse every night, from having a tooth pulled to laryngitis. The audience was compassionate."

Asked to describe the impact his illness had on his life, Marino says, "There are no words. I thought I would die. It has changed my life and my whole attitude. I wake up every day and thank God for the day. Until you think you're going to die, you don't really realize that every single day is so precious. I believe the reason I got better was because I wasn't done saying what I had to say."

For the next 10 years he has a forum to say it: the Riviera's La Cage Theatre. As the star of "An Evening at La Cage" Marino imitates Rivers dressed in designer gowns, his own black hair covered with a series of blonde wigs. He delivers off-color monologues and introduces a series of male ac-

tors who impersonate famous women such as Judy Garland and Celine Dion. Marino's jokes poke fun at women, cross dressers, and gays. Heterosexual men escape relatively unscathed. The jokes are sexual and graphic, but Marino says he is careful not to offend showgoers. "I don't step over the line to be crude. I realize there are a lot of young adults in the audience. We don't want to shock people," he says.

Marino claims to have the largest repeat business in the Las Vegas entertainment scene. That claim is difficult to prove, but he certainly has some of the most loyal fans in the business. Three customers have seen his show a total of 1,100 times. Marino offers his explanation for the show's longevity: "First, it's because we are very reasonably priced, where you can bring a family of four to the show and not go bankrupt. Also, it's because I've got the ability to change the show so drastically. You can see it over and over again and not see the same show."

Marino tries to add one new element every week—a new line in his monologue, a new costume, a new wig. He says he writes all his jokes himself, relying on friends for material. "I have a lot of very funny friends. When they tell me something funny, I think, 'Why waste it? I'll make money from it.'"

That attitude gets to the heart of what Marino describes as the "real Frank." People who meet him off stage are surprised to find him a serious businessman. "I think most comedians are very serious. They have to take life seriously to be able to make fun of it. All day, I deal with lawyers, papers, costume designers, what have you. I spend a lot of time so when you see me on stage, it looks easy," he says.

The 15 years he has lived and worked in Las Vegas have been "like a dream," Marino says. "If I hadn't become an entertainer, I would have had to be the mayor because I promote the city so much."

Frank Marino for mayor? In Las Vegas, anything is possible.

Show Notes

Frank Marino stars as Joan Rivers in "An Evening at La Cage" in the Riviera Hotel's La Cage Theatre on the Las Vegas Strip. "La Cage" plays nightly except Tuesday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets, which include tax, gratuity, and premium drink, cost \$33.58 for general seating and \$44.58 for V.I.P. seating. Call the Riviera, 702-794-9301, for reservations. ▀

Kathy Espin is a Las Vegas entertainment writer.

A ROMAN THERAPY.



ALL THE PLEASURES OF ROME FOR ONLY \$89* PER NIGHT.

- SUPERIOR MID-WEEK ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ONE NIGHT
- ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BRUNCH BUFFET FOR TWO
- ASK ABOUT OUR WHIRLPOOL TUB ROOM UPGRADE
- RECEIVED HIGHEST RATING OF ALL LAKE TAHOE RESORTS IN THE 1999 ZAGAT U.S. HOTELS, RESORTS AND SPAS SURVEY

SUPERSTAR ENTERTAINMENT

GEORGE CARLIN
JANUARY 12-13

KC & THE
SUNSHINE BAND
JANUARY 19-20

HOWIE MANDEL
MARCH 17-18

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 1-800-648-3353.

CAESARS

TAHOE

www.caesars.com

*Plus tax, per night, double occupancy. Sun. thru Thurs. arrival. Limited to rooms available at this rate. Not available to groups. Excludes holidays and 12/19/00-1/3/01. Expires 5/31/01.

BALLY'S
CASINO HOTEL LAS VEGAS

LUXOR
HOTEL & CASINO

RIVIERA
HOTEL & CASINO

RISE
HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS

SAMARA
Las Vegas

CIRCUS
CIRCUS
HOTEL / CASINO LAS VEGAS

Flamingo
HILTON
LAS VEGAS

CAESARS
PALACE

Harrah's
CASINO HOTEL

EXCALIBUR
HOTEL / CASINO / LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas

CALL US FOR:

- GREAT ROOMS
- GREAT RATES
- GREAT SERVICE

Most Major Hotels & Motels
Reservations Guaranteed • Rooms Always Available

DISCOUNT ROOM RESERVATIONS



NATIONAL RESERVATION BUREAU, INC.

1-800-732-1185

Rooms Also Available in Reno, Tahoe, Anaheim & San Diego
Golf Reservations in Las Vegas: 1-800-627-4465
Visit our website at: nrblnc.com

Paris
HOTEL

THE VENETIAN
HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS

HOTEL SAN REMO
HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS

TROPICANA
HOTEL & CASINO

MGM GRAND
HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS

MANTOLAY BAY
HOTEL & CASINO LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas Hilton

ALADDIN
HOTEL & CASINO

NEW YORK
HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS



Attractions, Tours & Museums

Places to go and things to do around the Silver State.

Visitors can explore Nevada's diverse attractions when they visit the Silver State's many museums, resorts, and state and national parks. The area code for Las Vegas Territory is 702, while the remainder of the state is 775.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Black Canyon River Raft Tours • 293-3776 for information.
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.

Colorado River Tours • Gold mine, canoe, and kayak tours. 293-4422.

Hoover Dam and Hoover Dam Visitor Center • Tours, theaters, exhibit hall. U.S. 93, 294-3515, 293-8367, 293-8000.

Lake Mead Cruises/Desert Princess • Excursions on Lake Mead, 293-6180.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area • 293-8906.

Skydive Las Vegas.com • Tandem jumps, 293-1860.

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.

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 Bungy • 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 • Fountain shows, 693-7111.

Caesars Palace • Dining, magic shows, and special effects at Caesars Magical Empire, 731-7333.

Cowboy Trail Rides • Horseback riding, 387-2457.

Crystal Palace In-Line Skating and Hockey Complex • 9295 W. Flamingo, 253-9832.

Elvis-A-Rama Museum • 3401 Industrial, 309-7200.

Excalibur • Dragon battle in front moat, motion simulators, 597-7777.

Flamingo Las Vegas • Wildlife sanctuary, 733-3111.



The King's Things

Elvis fans will find a \$4-million collection of memorabilia belonging to the rock 'n' roll star at the Elvis-A-Rama Museum in Las Vegas. The museum's items include a 1955 Cadillac limo, a \$75,000 ruby ring, gas receipts, and underwear belonging to the King.

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 • "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.

Harley-Davidson Cafe • Motorcycle memorabilia, Harleys and other items on display. Las Vegas Strip, 740-4555.

Holy Cow! Casino • Brewery tours, 732-2697.

Howard W. Cannon Aviation Museum • McCarran International Airport. 455-7968.

Imperial Palace Auto Collection • Classic and antique vehicles, 794-3174.

Laser Quest • 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 Mini Gran Prix • 259-7000.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway • Guided tours. 644-4444.

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 for Luxor information.

M&M's World • Showcase Mall, 736-7611.

Mandalay Bay • Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay. Exhibit of sharks, sea predators, and aquatic creatures. Visitors can ask questions of divers. 632-7777.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History • 4505 Maryland Pkwy., UNLV, 895-3381.

MGM Grand • Lion habitat open daily, 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.

NASCAR Cafe • Race cars displayed. Sahara Hotel, 734-7223.

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society • Lorenzi Park, 700 Twin Lakes Dr., 486-5205.

Nevada Test Site History Center • Displays 50 years of nuclear testing. Open noon to 4pm, Tues.-Thurs. Building B-3, 2621 Losee Road, 295-3521.

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.

Race Rock Cafe • Race cars and monster trucks. Fremont Street Experience, 382-7223.

Rainforest Cafe • Bird habitat and animated creatures. MGM Grand, 891-8580.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area • 363-1921 for information.

Rio Suite Hotel • Free carnival-themed sky parade. 252-7777.

Nevada Calendar
is a section of
NEVADA
MAGAZINE

For Subscriptions Call: 1-800-495-3281

Sahara Hotel • Speed: The Ride roller coaster, NASCAR Cafe, virtual-reality car racing, 737-2735.
Sam's Town • Water and laser show, 456-7777.
Santa Fe Hotel • Ice arena, 4949 N. Rancho Dr., 658-4993.
Scandia Family Fun Center • 364-0070.
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, 697-8700.
Stratosphere • Roller coaster, Big Shot ride, and Strat-O-Fair midway, 380-7777.
Treasure Island • Sea battle every 90 minutes from 4 to 11:30pm, 894-7111.
Tropicana • Birds, tiger habitat, and gambling museum, 739-2222.
Venetian Hotel • Madame Tussaud's Celebrity Encounter wax museum, gondola rides, 733-5000.
Walker African-American Museum and Research Center • Exhibits and records, by appointment only, 647-2242.
Wet 'n Wild • Closed for the season, 734-0088.

LAUGHLIN

Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area • Nature and water sports, four miles south of Laughlin, 298-1859.
Colorado Belle • Cyber Roller Coaster and Boiler Room Microbrewery, 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.
U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds • Tour of demonstration squadron facility, 2pm Tues. and Thurs. Nellis Air Force Base, North Las Vegas, 652-4018.

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, 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.
Dayton Historic Society Museum • Open weekends in the 1865 Old Dayton Schoolhouse on Shady Lane.

GARDNERVILLE

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center • Old Douglas County High School on U.S. 395, 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.
David Walley's Hot Springs • 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 • Closed for the season, 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 • Closed for the season, 10 mi. north of Reno on U.S. 395, 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.

Boulder City Calendar of Events

April

Clark County Artist Show

May

Spring Jamboree & Craft Fair
Boulder City Folk Festival

July

Fourth of July Damboree

August

Street Party

September

Chautauqua
Rattlin' Rails Handcar Races
Wurstfest
Lake Mead Boat & Ski Races

October

Art In The Park
Country Store Sale
St. Jude's Ranch Celebration

November

Boulder City High School Rodeo
Community Tree Lighting

December

Doodlebug Bazaar Craft Sale
Christmas Parade & Santa's Party
Lake Mead Parade of Lights

**Boulder City
Chamber of Commerce**
702.293.2034
www.bouldercitychamber.com

**The other side of
Las Vegas...**
minutes away!

Earth Window Museum • Native American artifacts, 100 N. Sierra St., Town Center Mall, 333-2828.

Fleischmann Planetarium • Stargazing programs, U of N campus, 784-4811.

Galena Creek Regional Park • Mount Rose Hwy., 785-4319.
Harrah's Reno • Laser show nightly at the outdoor plaza, 786-3232.

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 IWERKS theater, 300 N. Center St., 334-2695.

Nevada Historical Society Museum • 1650 N. Virginia St., U of N campus, 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., 329-2787.

Sierra Safari Zoo • 10 mi. north of Reno at Red Rock Rd., 677-1101. Closed for the season.

Silver Legacy • Giant mining machine 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 • Ranchers' brands exhibit, 356-



Riches From the Earth

Visitors explore the Central Nevada Museum in Tonopah, examining artifacts and photographs from the region's rich mining history. Modern-day Tonopah reached fame, too, as the test range for the Stealth bomber. The Tonopah Historic Mining Park is another attraction for history buffs.

3300 for further information on the Sparks hotel-casino.

Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum • Local history, Southern Pacific train cars, 1864 Glendale School, Victorian Square, 355-1144.

Sparks Marina Park • Fishing, walking paths, 353-2376.

Victorian Square Fountain • Choreographed water shows.

Wild Island • Water park open in summer, miniature golf and raceway open year-round. Off I-80, 359-2927.

VERDI

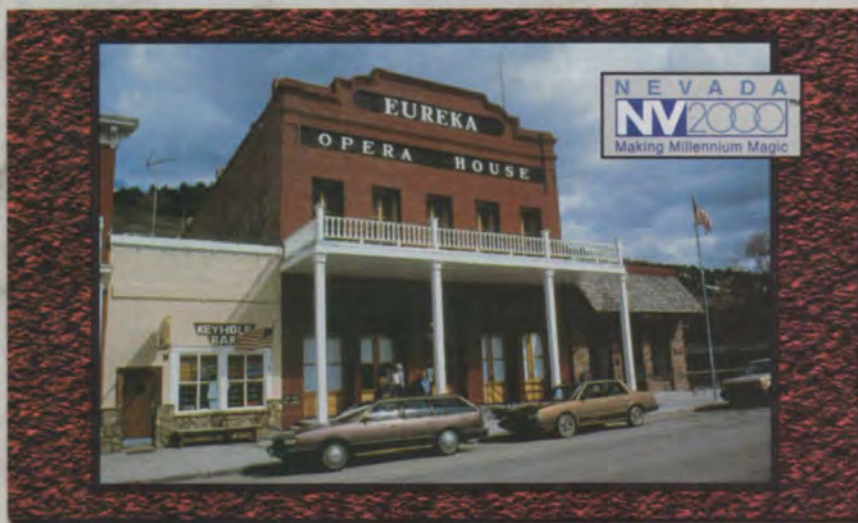
Boomtown Family Fun Center • Motion Theater rides,

Experience History Firsthand in

EUREKA

Pick up our self-guiding tour and discover dozens of historic buildings that will take you back 100 years!

*Visit the
Restored
Courthouse,
Eureka Opera
House, and
Eureka
Sentinel
Museum*



*The Best
Preserved
Historic
Mining Camp
on Highway 50,
the "Loneliest
Road in
America"*

For more information, write or call

Eureka Opera House, 775-237-6006, P.O. Box 284, Eureka, Nevada 89316

Ferris wheel, and miniature golf, 345-8668 for details.

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.

WASHOE VALLEY

Bowers Mansion Park • Historic mansion of Comstock millionaires, 849-1825.

Davis Creek Park • 849-0684.

Washoe Lake State Park • Birdwatching, windsurfing, fishing, 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 for more information.

ELKO

Jarbridge Wilderness Area • North of Elko, 752-3357.

Northeastern Nevada Museum • 1515 Idaho St., 738-3418.

Sherman Station Complex • Restored 1875 ranch, tours. Visitor information, 738-7135.

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.

Midas Schoolhouse • Call for tours of the two-room schoolhouse located in Midas, 46 miles by dirt road from the Golconda exit east of Winnemucca on I-80. 529-0302 for more information.

Pony Express Territory

AUSTIN

Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site • Self-guided tour with interpretive signs, 24 miles east of Austin on U.S. 50, 635-4000.

ELY/GREAT BASIN N.P.

Cave Lake State Recreation Area • 15 miles south of Ely, 728-4467.

East Ely Railroad Depot Museum • Tours, 289-1663.

Great Basin National Park • Hiking, camping, ancient bristlecones, and 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, 235-7082.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum • Train rides on historic locomotives. 1100 Ave. A, East Ely, 289-2085.

Ward Charcoal Owens 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.

FREE HOOVER DAM

• See Star's Homes

• Free Lunch Buffet

• Hoover Dam

• Ethel M's & More

BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

PAY \$33.95—SAVE \$33.95

Some Restrictions May Apply.

NV/MAG

FREE LAUGHLIN

The Boomtown on the Colorado River

Some Restrictions May Apply. Must be at least 21 years old.

INCLUDES

- Roundtrip Transportation
- Casino Fun Book
- Lunch Buffet & More!!

NV/MAG

FREE STATELINE

View the 3 Mega Resorts on the NV/CA Border.

Some Restrictions May Apply. Ages 2-20-\$15.00pp

INCLUDES

- Roundtrip Transportation
- Lunch Buffet • Casino Fun Book
- California Lottery Ticket Store
- National Vitamin Factory Tour (Free samples)

NV/MAG

FREE PAHRUMP

BINGO
AVAILABLE

Some Restrictions May Apply.
Must be at least 21 years old.

INCLUDES

- Roundtrip Transportation
- Lunch Buffet Included
- National Vitamin Factory Tour (Free samples)

NV/MAG

B2

DEATH VALLEY GRAND CANYON

(South or West) or

BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

INCLUDES

\$99.50 pp
FOR EACH TOUR

- Continental Breakfast
& Lunch Buffet

Some Restrictions May Apply.

SAVE
\$30.00
PER PERSON



NV/MAG

Call 24 Hours
for Information & Reservations

369-1000 or (800) 777-4697

GUARANTEED
TOURS

Nevada on My Mind



Subscribe Today!

NEVADA
MAGAZINE

Call 1-800-495-3281

or order online at www.nevadamagazine.com

Liberty Realty

For all Your Nevada Real Estate Needs

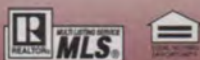


TRUST YOUR MOVE **ONLY** TO A RELOCATION SPECIALIST!

CALL NOW FOR YOUR FREE RELOCATION PACKAGE:

1-800-296-1802

residential, new or resale; land; commercial;
investment properties; business opportunities



NEVADA'S LARGEST NON FRANCHISE - FULL SERVICE BROKER

LIBERTY REALTY, 1301 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 160, Henderson, NV 89014

Jewel of the Desert



Making Millennium Magic
in Mineral County



Blue skies, golden sunsets, and reflections off Walker Lake capture all the natural beauty of Mineral County. Nestled within cascading mountains and pristine desert wilderness, Mineral County is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

With golf, water skiing, powerboat racing, fishing, historic mines, ghost towns, and rare fossil exhibits, the "Jewel of the Desert" is located along historic highway 95. And all within a short drive of Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Mineral County
Nevada's Best Kept Secret

For more information call

775-945-5896 or toll free 1-877-737-LAKE

Mineral County Chamber of Commerce

EUREKA

Eureka Opera House • Open Mon.-Fri. or by appointment, tours, 237-6006.

Eureka Sentinel Museum • 237-5010.

FALLON

Churchill County Museum and Hidden Cave • Tours. 1050 S. Maine St., 423-3677.

Fort Churchill State Historic Park • Eight miles south of Silver Springs, 577-2345.

Sand Mountain • Giant sand dune, 20 miles east of Fallon, 885-6000.

Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge • 15 miles east of Fallon, 423-5128.

SILVER SPRINGS

Fort Churchill State Historic Park • Eight miles south of Silver Springs, 577-2345.

Pioneer Territory

BEATTY

Beatty Museum • Mining exhibits, 553-2424.

Death Valley National Park • Park can be reached via Beatty, 553-2200.

Rhyolite • Historic bottle house and the Gold Well Open Air Museum sculpture exhibit, four miles west of Beatty, 553-2424.

GABBS

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park • Dinosaur fossils and ghost town, 23 miles east of Gabbs, 964-2440.

GOLDFIELD

Historic Buildings and Mining Tour • Telegraph Office, Florence Mine, and Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company Building, 483-3486.

HAWTHORNE

Mineral County Historical Museum • Exhibits on the history of the Hawthorne area, 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, 727-5880.

Pahrump Valley Winery • Tours. 3810 Winery Rd., 727-6900 or 800-368-WINE.

PIOCHE/CALIENTE

Box Car Museum • Railroad and local history, Caliente, 726-3129.

Cathedral Gorge State Park • South of Pioche, 728-4460 for information.

Elgin Living History Schoolhouse Museum • Open for week-end tours or by appointment. Located 21 miles south of Caliente via Rainbow Canyon. Write Lynn Wood, Box 266, Caliente, NV 89008.

Kershaw-Ryan State Park • South of Caliente, 728-4460 for more information.

Lincoln County Historical Museum • Pioche, 962-5207 for information.

Million Dollar Courthouse • Pioche, 962-5207.

Spring Valley State Park • 728-4460.

Stone Cabin Living History Museum • One mile north of Spring Valley State Park 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.

A Reminder: To confirm hours of operation, please use the phone number listed with each attraction. The area code is 702 in the Las Vegas area, and the rest of the state is 775.

READER SERVICES

You can receive FREE information from the NEVADA MAGAZINE advertisers listed below. Simply circle the number on the Reader Service Card that corresponds to those advertisers' products or services in which you have an interest. Then complete the name and address portion of the card and drop it in the mail. You will be sent free brochures loaded with information.

TOURISM AGENCIES

- 001 Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce
- 003 Beatty Chamber of Commerce
- 004 Boulder City Chamber of Commerce
- 007 Carson City Convention & Visitors Authority
- 008 Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce
- 013 White Pine County Fair & Rec. Board/Ely
- 015 Eureka Opera House
- 016 Fallon Convention & Tourism Authority
- 022 Elko Convention Center
- 025 Jackpot Tourism
- 027 Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority
- 035 Mineral County Chamber of Commerce
- 038 Nevada Commission on Tourism
- 041 Pahrump Chamber of Commerce
- 043 Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
- 045 Tahoe Casino Express/Tahoe Douglas
- 047 Tonopah Chamber of Commerce
- 048 Virginia City Convention & Tourism Authority
- 050 Wendover Convention & Visitors Authority
- 052 Winnemucca Convention & Visitors Authority
- 053 Pershing County Tourism Authority
- 055 Pony Express Territory
- 067 Primm Division/LVCVA

HOTELS/CASINOS

- 111 Carson Station/Piñon Plaza Resort/Carson City
- 113 Caesars Tahoe
- 116 Carson Nugget/Carson City
- 117 Carson Valley Inn/Minden
- 119 Atlantis Casino Resort/Reno
- 135 Eldorado Hotel/Reno
- 163 Imperial Palace/Las Vegas
- 198 Riviera Hotel & Casino/Las Vegas
- 207 Ramada Inn, Sturgeon's/Lovelock
- 240 Model T Casino/Hotel/RV/Winnemucca

GOLF

- 390 American Golf/Sierra Golf Ranch/Genoa

HOUSEBOAT RENTALS

- 396 Forever Resorts

ATTRACTIONS, GALLERIES & MUSEUMS

- 405 Liberace Museum & Foundation/Las Vegas

EVENTS

- 420 Pioneer Territory
- 429 Nevada's Cowboy Country/Winnemucca

WEDDING CHAPELS

- 455 Chapel of the Bells/Reno
- 457 Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel
- 458 The Dream-Maker/Incline Village

RECREATION

- 485 NDOT/Bicycle Safety
- 489 Lake Mead Cruises
- 493 Corley Ranch/Gardnerville

TOURS

- 567 Guaranteed Tours/Las Vegas

RESTAURANTS

- 653 Louis' Basque Corner/Reno

REAL ESTATE

- 701 Job's Peak Ranch/Minden
- 702 Parade of Homes/St. George, UT
- 731 Liberty Realty Relocation Division/Las Vegas

SENIOR RECREATION

- 751 Senior Silver Strike Club/Carson City Convention & Visitors Bureau

RETAIL SHOPPING

- 823 Casino News Newsletter/Slot Report
- 835 Gamblers General Store/Las Vegas

RESERVATIONS

- 875 Hotel Reservations Network/Las Vegas/Reno
- 881 Reservations Plus/PGI/Las Vegas
- 882 National Reservation Bureau/Las Vegas

NEVADA MAGAZINE

- 999 Nevada Magazine one-year subscription



INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO

Jean and Primm.

Don't let the names fool you. Jean and Primm aren't people, but they are a lot of fun. Just south of Las Vegas on Interstate 15, the towns of Jean and Primm have five resorts where friendly fun is the order of the day. Together they have more than 3,000 rooms, a special events arena, two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses, a designers' outlet mall and the world's fastest roller coaster. In other words - lots to see, lots to do, lots of fun. Jean and Primm. Get acquainted today. For more information call the Jean Visitors Center (702) 874-1360 or fax (702) 874-1757.



JEAN/PRIMM
NEVADA

vegasfreedom.com



Casino Notes

News from hotel-casinoland. By Ann Henderson

Las Vegas Territory

Tastes of the Pacific: Hawaiian and Euro-Pacific cuisine is the specialty of the new 8-0-8 Restaurant at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Chef Jean-Marie Josselin, who is regarded as one of the founders of Hawaiian regional cooking, uses Thai, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, and French elements in his dishes. The 8-0-8 menu offers seafood, veal, beef, chicken, and lamb entrees.

Almost a Dozen: Caesars Palace received the Gold Key Award for 2000 from *Meetings and Conventions* magazine. Worldwide, 213 hotels received the award, which is based on a property's overall professionalism and quality. In the award's 23-year history, Caesars Palace has won the award 11 times.

New Eatery: Ferraro's Restaurant, a name associated with Las Vegas since 1985, has opened a third location, Caffè Ferraro, in the Desert Passage, next to the Aladdin on the Strip. During the past 20 years, Ferraro's has earned a Five-Star Diamond Award and the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence and the Epicurean Award for Best Italian Restaurant in Las Vegas. Caffè Ferraro's menu and atmosphere are casual, offering sandwiches, salads, and pasta.

By the Sea: The Golden Nugget Laughlin's new Lobster Bar at Tarzan's offers traditional seafood and some new creations, such as lobster guacamole and flaming margaritas. The tropical-themed eatery opened last fall.

Dimensional Comedy: For the first time, computer-animation gets big-screen treatment in *Cyberworld 3D*, now appearing at the Luxor's IMAX Theatre. A collaboration of computer-animated films, *Cyberworld 3D* features Homer and Bart Simpson and the cast from *ANTZ*, who must battle three bad guys, Buzzed, Wired, and Frazzled, to save their world.

Get It Right: Couples can renew their wedding vows in one of two chapels that can ac-



An artist's rendering shows the Palms Hotel-Casino, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The Las Vegas hotel will have 470 rooms, a spa, movie theaters, and a 1,200-seat entertainment center.

commodate from two to 60 guests at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The "Encore" package at the Strip resort includes the ceremony, minister, pianist, photo package, flowers, and a \$100 dinner gift certificate. The price is \$529 per couple.

Good Brew: The Triple 7 Restaurant and Brewery in Main Street Station brought home the bronze medal in the 2000 World Beer Cup. The Las Vegas hotel, which competed against 1,127 entries, earned the third-place finish for its Royal Red Lager in the Vienna-style lager category.

New Hotel: December is the announced opening date of the new \$265-million Palms Hotel-Casino, which is being built across Flamingo Road from the Rio and Gold Coast resorts. The 470-room, off-Strip hotel will offer a spa, movie theaters, 1,200-seat multi-use entertainment center, 10,000-square-foot conference facility, and 95,000-square-foot casino.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Ski Deal: The Atlantis offers ski packages with a choice of two ski resorts, Squaw Valley USA or Mount Rose Ski Tahoe. The Reno hotel's basic ski package starts at \$99 per person midweek, based on double occupancy, which includes a two-night stay, one lift ticket, transportation to and from the slopes, and a dining credit for each person. Weekend packages begin at \$155 per person, double occupancy. Expanded ski packages are available.

Do It Yourself: Boomtown opened the first of two planned self-service coin-redemption machines, which automatically count coins and dispense cash. Gamblers simply pour their coins and tokens into a tray and push the start button. Boomtown is located nine miles west of Reno on Interstate 80.

Looking Good: Changes at the Club Cal Neva-Virginian in Reno include a new 6,400-square-foot San Francisco-style lobby with marbled walls

and floor-to-ceiling windows, a convention center, wedding chapel, entertainment lounge, and exterior sign.

Ski Packages: The Eldorado in Reno offers a choice of four ski areas including Northstar-at-Tahoe, Squaw Valley USA, Mount Rose Ski Tahoe, and Heavenly Ski Resort. Midweek price is \$107 per person, based on double occupancy, which includes a two-night stay, buffet, show ticket, and one lift ticket. The offer is good through March 31. Weekend packages are available.

Ski Reno-Tahoe: Harrah's Reno offers a choice of four ski resorts, Squaw Valley USA, Mount Rose Ski Tahoe, Northstar-at-Tahoe, and Heavenly Ski Resort. The cost midweek is \$79 per person, based on double occupancy, which includes a two-night stay, one lift ticket, \$10 food credit, complimentary show ticket, and transportation. The package is higher on weekends and is available through April 30.

Ski Packages: Harvey's at Lake Tahoe fea-



The Club Cal Neva Buffet was remodeled during a major renovation at the Club Cal Neva-Virginian in downtown Reno. The buffet was enlarged, and more specials and entrees were added to the selection.

tures a choice of five resorts, Squaw Valley USA, Heavenly Ski Resort, Sierra-at-Tahoe, Kirkwood, and Alpine Meadows. Midweek packages range from one to seven nights, include from one to five lift tickets, and cost \$99 to \$799 per person, based on double occupancy. Dining credits are available on some packages. The expiration date is April 30.

Good Deals

Sign Up: The Carson City Nugget has introduced a new rewards-based player's club that enables gamblers to earn food, lodging, and comps. There is no charge to enroll.

Kick-Off Time: Super Bowl Sunday is Nevada's biggest day at casino race and sports books. In keeping with that tradition, on January 28 hotels across the state will sponsor Super Bowl parties offering food and drink specials, giveaways, cheerleaders, and former football greats. For example, the Riviera has drafted former NFL players Gayle Sayers, Roman Gabriel, Ben Davidson, and Wendell Tyler to sign autographs and watch the game on big-screen TVs with the Las Vegas crowd.

Freebie Alert: The Santa Fe Station in Las Vegas offers free ice skating for children 12 and under on all major holidays except New Year's Day. Designated holidays for the remainder of the year are Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Free skate time is from 2 to 4 p.m.

Entertainment Notes

S&R Magic: Visitors often ask if it's worth \$95 a ticket to see illusionists Siegfried and Roy

weave their magic at the Mirage in Las Vegas. The answer is: It depends on your taste and pocketbook. The illusions performed by Siegfried and Roy are not unique, but they are uniquely spectacular—each one dressed in a big-budget spectacle. The effect is impressive, and so is Siegfried and Roy's family of white tigers. Toward the other end of the scale, you can spend \$49.95 or \$54.95 to catch the magic and affable charm of Lance Burton, who has his own showroom at the Monte Carlo and has starred in his own TV specials, or Rick Thomas, who presents an underrated afternoon show at the Tropicana that is priced at \$17.95 and \$22.95.

Dine and Dance: "Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance" at New York-New York in Las Vegas has dinner packages that include the show and a choice of three restaurants. Menu items are pre-set. Prices range from \$61 to \$76, depending on restaurant and day of the week. "Lord of the Dance" with its flashy footwork continues to enjoy the rise in popularity of Celtic music, dance, and celebrations that Flatley and others helped launch.

The Great Life: Ricky Martin impersonator Michael Colby has become a permanent groover in "American Superstars" at the Stratosphere in Las Vegas. The celebrity tribute show has been headlining at the Space Needle-shaped hotel since 1996 with a core of look-alike performers who portray Elvis, Gloria Estefan, Madonna, Michael Jackson, and Charlie Daniels, who is played by Reno native Johnny Potash. With few exceptions, the cast gives strong copycat performances, and the show's staging makes it seem a larger-scale production. In all, "American Superstars" is light, fun, and priced at \$26.95 for adults and \$21.95 for children ages five to 12.

Good Times

GET-AWAY FOR TWO

It's a Capital Idea
and it's yours for just

\$46

PER COUPLE!
Second night room only \$35,
plus room tax.

	VALUE
2 \$7 Restaurant Coupons	\$ 14.00
4 \$1.50 Keno Credits	\$ 6.00
4 Cocktails	\$ 8.00
4 Lucky Bucks	\$ 4.00
4 \$1 Gaming Tokens	\$ 4.00
Deluxe Motel Room	\$ 46.33
(One night per couple)	
TOTAL RETAIL VALUE	\$82.33
YOUR PRICE ONLY	\$46.00

- Call 1-800-338-7760 for your room reservation and mention "GOOD TIMES."
- Present this certificate to the City Center Motel, to receive your Carson Nugget coupons.
- Redeem those coupons for:

**FINE FOOD
GAMING
COCKTAILS
ENTERTAINMENT**

Enjoy Our New Clean Air System!

**CARSON
NUGGET**
Carson City

775-882-1626
507 N. Carson Street

Limit: One GET-AWAY PACKAGE per couple per week. Both must be 21 years of age. This offer, in all or part, is subject to cancellation or revision at any time by Carson Nugget management. Rooms subject to availability.

CITY CENTER MOTEL
1-800-338-7760
800 N. Carson Street
Carson City



Vacation Hot Lines

Where to call or write for Nevada travel tips.

When planning your Nevada trip or vacation, be sure to write or phone these one-stop sources for information. Also, Internet users can visit the Web sites listed. If you plan to stop by a chamber of commerce (C of C) office, chances are it will be open in the daytime Monday through Friday.

Statewide Information

Nevada Commission on Tourism: 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; www.travelnevada.com; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8 anywhere in U.S. and Canada.

Las Vegas Territory

African American Activities: 3838 Raymert Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89121; 702-456-3838.

Asian C of C: 900 E. Karen, No. C217, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-737-4300.

Boulder City C of C: 1305 Arizona, Boulder City, NV 89005; www.bouldercitychamber.com; 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 Center: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89015; www.cityofhenderson.com/convention; 702-565-2171.

Hoover Dam Visitors Services: Box 60400, Boulder City, NV 89006; www.hooverdam.com; 702-294-3524.

Jean Visitor Center: Interstate 15 South, Exit 12, Box 19470, Jean, NV 89019; lasvegas24hours.com; 702-874-1360.

Las Vegas C of C: 3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109; www.lvchamber.com; 702-735-1616.

Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority: 3150 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV 89109; www.lasvegas24hours.com; 702-892-0711.

Latin C of C: 829 S. Sixth St., Las Vegas, NV 89125; www.LasVegasLatincc.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., Box 502, Laughlin, NV 89029; www.visitlaughlin.com; 702-298-3321 or 800-4LAUGHLIN.

Mesquite Area C of C: 850 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV 89027; www.mesquite-chamber.com; 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; www.moapavalley.com; 702-397-2160.

North Las Vegas C of C: 2290 McDaniel, North Las Vegas, NV 89030; 702-642-9595.

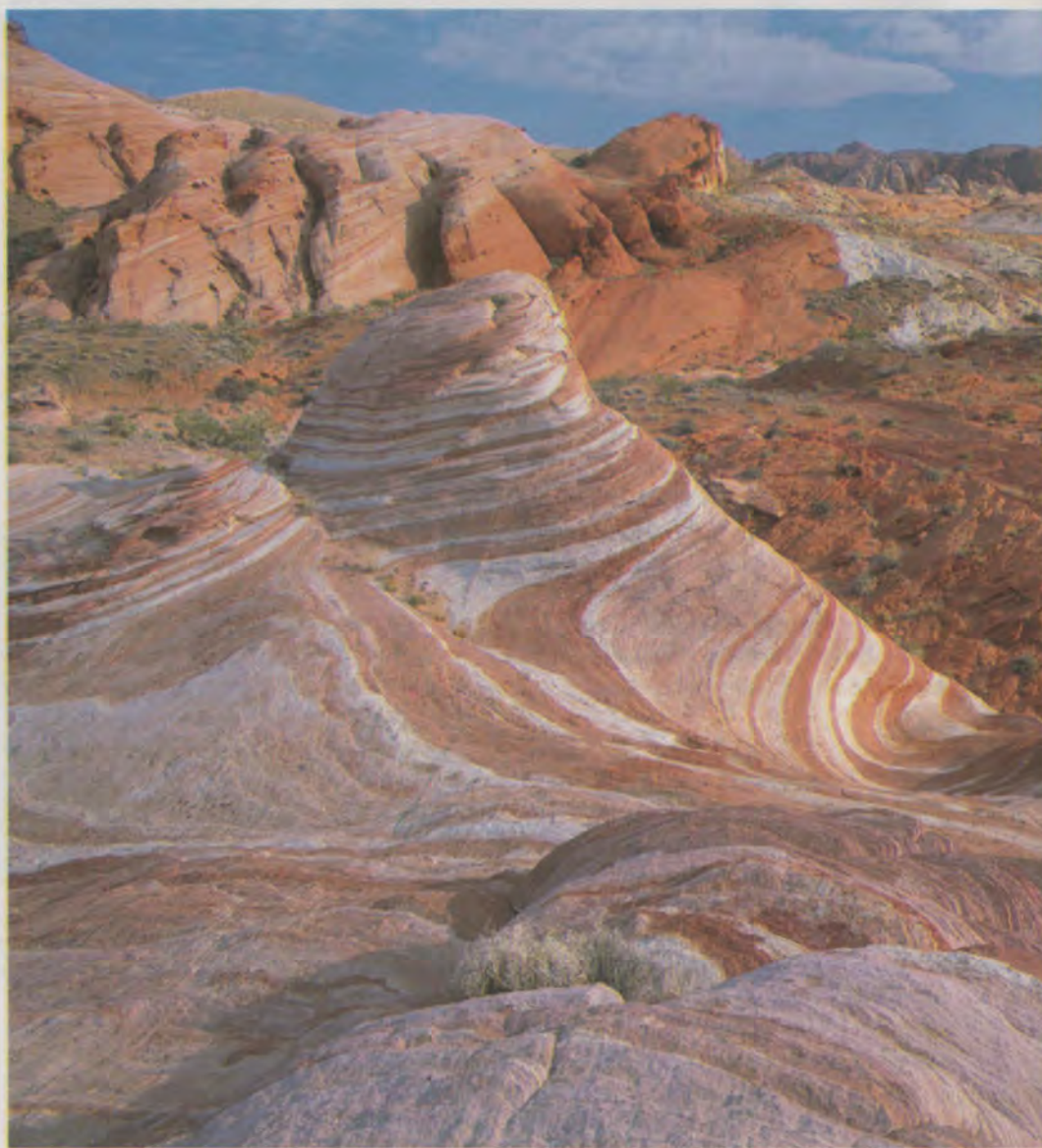
Reno-Tahoe Territory

Carson City C of C: 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89701; www.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.carsonvalleynv.org; 775-782-8144 or 800-727-7677 in U.S.

Dayton Area C of C: 200-B Main St., Box 2408, Dayton, NV



Artistic Mother Nature

Valley of Fire, the 42,000-acre state park 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas, is famous for brilliantly colored rock formations that date back 150 million years. A favorite spot to film commercials and movies, Valley of Fire had a starring role in films such as *Star Trek: Generations*, *The Professionals*, and *Romancing the Stone*.

89403; www.daytonnvchamber.org; 775-246-7909.

Greater Reno-Sparks C of C: 1 E. First St., Reno, NV 89501; 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.

Lake Tahoe, Incline Village/Crystal Bay Visitors Bureau: 969 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV 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.virtuallaketahoe.com; 530-544-5050,

800-AT-TAHOE in U.S. for Lake Tahoe information.

North Lake Tahoe C of C: 245 N. Lake Blvd., Box 884, Tahoe City, CA 96145; www.tahoefun.org; 530-581-6900.

North Lake Tahoe Resort Association: 245 North Lake Blvd., Box 5459, Tahoe City, CA 96145; www.tahoefun.org; 530-583-3494 or 800-824-6348.

Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority: 4590 S. Virginia St., Box 837, Reno, NV 89504; www.renolaketahoe.com; 775-827-7600 or 800-FOR-RENO in U.S.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council: 98 Colony Rd., Reno, NV 89502; 775-329-2936.

South Lake Tahoe C of C: 3066 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; www.tahoeinfo.com; 530-541-5255.

Sparks C of C: 831 Victorian Ave., Sparks, NV 89431; www.sparkschamber.org; 775-358-1976.

Tahoe-Douglas C of C: Box 7139, Stateline, NV 89449; 195 Hwy. 50 at Round Hill, Zephyr Cove; www.tahoechamber.org; 775-588-4591.

Virginia City C of C: V&T Railroad Car, 131 South C St., Virginia City, NV 89440; www.comstocklode.com; 775-847-0311 for information.

Cowboy Country

Battle Mountain C of C: Box 333, Battle Mountain, NV 89820; 775-635-8245.

Elko C of C: 1405 Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801; www.elkonevada.com; 775-738-7135.

Elko Convention and Visitors Authority: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801; www.elkocva.com; 775-738-4091, 800-248-3556 outside Nevada.

Jarbridge Community Association: Trading Post, 72 Main St., Box 260072, Jarbridge, NV 89826; jarbridge@aol.com; 775-488-2315.

Lovelock C of C: Box 821, Lovelock, NV 89419; 775-273-7213.

McDermitt Information: Box 278, McDermitt, NV 89421; 775-532-8742.

Wells C of C: 395 Sixth St., Box 615, Wells, NV 89835; www.wellsnv.com; 775-752-3540.

Wendover Area Chamber of Commerce: 735 Wendover Blvd., Box 2468, West Wendover, NV 89883; www.wendover.org; 775-664-3414 or 877-WENDOVER.

Winnemucca C of C: 30 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; www.winnemucca-nv.org; 775-623-2225.

Winnemucca Convention and Visitors Bureau: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445; www.winnemucca-nv.org; 775-623-5071 or 800-WMCA-NEV.

ca.nv.us; 775-623-5071 or 800-WMCA-NEV.

Pony Express Territory

Austin C of C: Box 212, Lander County Courthouse, Austin, NV 89310; 775-964-2200.

Ely's Bristlecone Convention Center: 150 Sixth St., Box 958, Ely, NV 89301; www.elynevada.net; 775-289-3720.

Eureka County C of C: 111 N. Main St., Box 1078, Eureka, NV 89316; 775-237-5484.

Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406; 775-423-4556 or 800-874-0903.

Fernley C of C: 70 N. West St., Box 1606, Fernley, NV 89408; www.fernleynevada.net; 775-575-4459.

Great Basin Business and Tourism Council: Information on Baker and Great Basin National Park. Box 166, Baker, NV 89311; 775-234-7323.

Greater Fallon Area C of C: 65 S. Maine St., No. B, Fallon, NV 89406; 775-423-2544.

Silver Springs EDASS (Econ. Dev. Authority of Silver Springs): Box 269, Silver Springs, NV 89429; 775-577-2069.

White Pine Chamber of Commerce: 636 Aultman, Ely, NV

89301; www.elynevada.net; 775-289-8877 for White Pine information.

Pioneer Territory

Amargosa C of C: HCR 69-2, Box 401W, 821 E. Farm Rd., Amargosa, NV 89020; www.armagosavalley.com; 775-372-1515.

Beatty C of C: 119 E. Main St., Box 956, Beatty, NV 89003; www.governor.net/nv/as/bea; 775-553-2424.

Caliente C of C: Depot Building, Box 553, Caliente, NV 89008; 775-726-3129.

Gabbs, City of: 509 Main St., Box 176, Gabbs, NV 89409; 775-285-4019.

Goldfield C of C: Box 219, Goldfield, NV 89013; members.xcom.com/gfldchamber; 775-485-3560 for Goldfield information.

Greater Smoky Valley C of C: State Route 376 at Carver's Station, Box 1977, Round Mountain, NV 89045; 775-377-2490.

Mason Valley C of C: 227 S. Main St., Yerington, NV 89447-2536; www.tele-net.net/lceda; 775-463-2245.

Mineral County C of C: 932 E. Street, Box 1635, Hawthorne, NV 89415; www.mineralcountynvchamber.org; 775-945-5896.

Pahrump Valley C of C: 1021 S. Frontage Rd., Box 42, Pahrump, NV 89041; www.ahrumpchamber.com; 775-727-5800.

Pioche C of C: Box 127, Pioche, NV 89043; 775-962-5544.

Tonopah C of C: 301 Brougier Ave., Box 869, Tonopah, NV 89049; www.tonopahnevada.com; 775-482-3859.

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, 301 Brougier Ave., Tonopah, NV 89049; www.tonopahnevada.com; 775-482-3558.

Indian Territory

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada: 680 Greenbrae Dr., No. 265, Sparks, or Box 7440, Reno, NV 89510; 775-355-0600.

Indian Territory: Nevada Commission on Tourism, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; www.travelnevada.com; 775-687-4322 or 800-NEVADA-8.

State and National Parks

Death Valley National Park: Beatty Visitor Center: 307 Main St., Beatty, NV 89003; 775-553-2200. Park: Death Valley, CA 92328; 760-786-2331.

Great Basin National Park: Nevada Hwy. 488, Baker, NV 89311; www.nps.gov/grba; 775-234-7331.

Lake Mead National Recreation Area: 601 Nevada Hwy., Boulder City, NV 89005; www.nps.gov/lame; 702-293-8907.

Nevada Division of State Parks: 1300 S. Curry St., Carson City, NV 89710; www.state.nv.us/stparks; 775-687-4370.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area: HCR 33, Box 5500, Las Vegas, NV 89124; www.redrockcanyon.blm.gov; 702-363-1921.

More Outdoor Activities

Bicycling in Nevada: Nevada Department of Transportation: 1263 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89712; www.bicyclenevada.com; 775-888-RIDE.

Bureau of Land Management: Main office: Reno, www.blm.gov, 775-861-6400; Las Vegas, 702-647-5000; Elko, 775-753-0200; Winnemucca, 775-623-1500; Carson City, 775-885-6000; Ely, 775-289-1800; Caliente, 775-726-8100; Battle Mountain, 775-635-4000; Tonopah, 775-482-7800 for BLM information.

Nevada Division of Wildlife: Main office: 1100 Valley Rd., Reno, NV 89512; www.state.nv.us/cnr/nvwildlife/; 775-688-1500; Southern Nevada: 4747 W. Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108; 702-486-5133.

Pyramid Lake Fisheries: Star Route, Sutcliffe, NV 89510; www.pyramidlakefisheries.org; 775-476-0500.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: www.fs.fed.us/htnf/; 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, NV 89431; 775-331-6444; 2881 S. Valley View, Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102; 702-873-8800; 2035 Last Chance Rd., Elko, NV 89801; 775-738-5171.

Experience America Houseboating

10 Unique Locations across the U.S.



Lake Mead, NV
Lake Mead National Recreation Area

Forever Resorts Luxury Houseboat Rentals

800-255-5561

www.foreverresorts.com/NV



Lake Mohave, NV
Lake Mead National Recreation Area

Authorized concessioner of the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service in the Shoshone National Forest. Forever Resorts is a committed equal opportunity service provider.

Dining Directory

The following Nevada dining directory includes current magazine advertisers. Each listing gives sample dishes, whether breakfast, lunch, or dinner (B, L, D) are served, and accepted credit cards. Price ranges refer to typical entree price per person: up to \$10 (\$), \$11 to \$20 (\$\$), \$21 to \$30 (\$\$\$), and more than \$30 (\$\$\$\$). Nevada's area codes are 702 in the Las Vegas area and 775 in the rest of the state. Major credit cards are accepted at the restaurants unless otherwise noted.

Las Vegas Area

AMERICAN

Imperial Palace/Betty's Diner—794-3261. Shakes, malts, and sundaes as well as sandwiches, soup, breakfast bakery. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Burger Palace—794-3261. Burgers, fries, and other fast-food items. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Emperor's Buffet—731-3311. Carving station, roast baron of beef. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Imperial Buffet—794-3261. Prime rib and champagne dinner nightly. B, L, D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Rib House—794-3261. Barbecued ribs, chicken, blackened entrees. D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Teahouse—731-3311. Carving station with prime rib. Weekend brunch. B, L, D. \$.

Riviera/Kady's Coffee Shop—794-9403. \$-\$\$.

INTERNATIONAL

Riviera Hotel/Mardi Gras Food Court—734-5110. Nine quick-service eateries featuring international cuisine. B, L, D. \$, no credit cards.

Riviera Hotel/World's Fare Buffet—794-9400. International cuisines plus prime rib. B, L, D. \$.

ITALIAN

Imperial Palace/Pizza Palace—794-3261. Pizza, pasta, salads. L, D. \$.

Riviera Hotel/Ristorante Italiano—794-9363. Italian eatery serves lobster Francaise, fresh seafood. D. \$-\$\$\$.

ASIAN

Imperial Palace/Ming Terrace—794-3261. Mandarin and Cantonese cuisine, abalone, kung pao shrimp, roast duck. D. \$.

Riviera Hotel/Rik' Shaw—794-9537. Pineapple duck, orange roughy with black pepper sauce. D. \$-\$\$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Imperial Palace/Embers—794-3261. Steaks and continental dishes, 28 menu choices. D. \$.

Imperial Palace/Seahouse—794-3261. Alaskan crab legs, seafood salads. D. \$.

Riviera Hotel/Kristofer's—794-9233. Steak, seafood, and chicken. D. \$.

Reno-Carson Area

AMERICAN

Atlantis/Purple Parrot—Reno, 825-4700. Breakfast and American favorites served 24 hours a day. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Atlantis/Toucan Charlie's Buffet—Reno, 825-4700. Friday-night seafood buffet and Sunday champagne brunch. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Best Western Piñon Plaza Resort/Branding Iron Cafe and Margarita Saloon—Carson City, 885-9000. Western favorites at moderate prices. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Carson Nugget/Bufet—882-1626. Sunday cham-

pagne brunch, Saturday breakfast buffet, Friday seafood buffet. B, L, D. \$.

Carson Nugget/Coffee Shop—882-1626. Open 24 hours. B, L, D. \$.

Carson Station/Station Grill and Rotisserie—883-8400. Baby back ribs, fish specials. L, D. \$.

Carson Station/Station Restaurant—883-0900. Homestyle cooking. B, L, D. \$.

Carson Valley Inn/Fiona's—Minden, 783-6650. Steaks, seafood, and nightly specials. D. \$.

Carson Valley Inn/Katie's—Minden, 782-9711. Four-course prime rib dinner, steak and lobster, half-pound burgers, and breakfast specials. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Carson Valley Inn/Michael's—Minden, 782-9711.

ITALIAN

Atlantis/Café Alfresco—Reno, 825-4700. Brick-oven pizzas, pastas. L, D. \$.

Atlantis/MonteVigna Italian Ristorante—Reno, 825-4700. Tuscany-style Italian cuisine, 4,000-bottle wine cellar. D. \$\$\$.

Eldorado/La Strada—Reno, 786-5700. Northern Italian cuisine that includes a variety of veal, chicken, and seafood entrees. The restaurant has an award-winning wine list. D. \$.

INTERNATIONAL

Eldorado/Bistro Roxy—Reno, 786-5700. Gourmet dishes include Chilean sea bass with Yukon gold pota-



The Model T Restaurant is open 'round the clock at the Model T Casino/Quality Inn in Winnemucca.

Rack of lamb and seafood creations. D. \$-\$\$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Farm House Coffee Shop—Sparks, 356-3300. Old-fashioned home cooking, omelettes, pancakes, and fried chicken. B, L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Gabe's Pub and Deli—Sparks, 356-3300. Snacks, sandwiches, desserts, pastries. B, L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/General Store—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, giant apple pancake, seafood Louis, Sunday brunch. B, L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Rotisserie—Sparks, 356-3300. Buffet, Sunday brunch. B, L, D. \$-\$\$.

Sands Regency/Cabana Cafe—348-2313. Sandwiches, pizza, pastries. B, L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Fresh Express Food Court—Reno, 329-7400. A variety of menus, including Chinese noodle kitchen. B, L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Legacy Saloon and Deli Exchange—Reno, 329-4777. Roast garlic Rosemary chicken with spinach pizza, chicken. B, L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Victorian Buffet—Reno, 329-4777. Shrimp and crab cioppino, homemade ravioli, extensive buffet. B, L, D. \$.

toes and creamed spinach. D. \$.

Eldorado/Chefs Buffet—Reno, 786-5700. USDA prime rib, homemade pastas, Mongolian grill, salad bar, dessert bar. B, L, D. \$.

Eldorado/Choices—Reno, 786-5700. Deli, espresso bar, bakery, Asian Noodle Kitchen. B, L, D. \$.

Eldorado/Tivoli Gardens—Reno, 786-5700. Multi-ethnic, 24-hour restaurant. B, L, D. \$.

BASQUE

Louis' Basque Corner—301 E. Fourth St., Reno, 323-7203. Sweetbreads, tripe, paella, other seafood dishes. L, D. \$.

ASIAN

Eldorado/Golden Fortune—Reno, 786-5700. Hong Kong-style cuisine. D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Trader Dick's—Sparks, 356-3300. Cashew chicken, Szechwan specialties, flaming dagger brochette. L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Sweetwater Cafe—Reno, 329-4777. Baked homemade tortellini, fried shrimp, prime rib, Cantonese pepper steak. B, L, D. \$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Atlantis/Atlantis Seafood Steakhouse—Reno, 825-4700. Steaks, prime rib, seafood, and pastas. D. \$\$\$.

Atlantis/Oyster Bar on the Sky Terrace—Reno, 825-4700. Oysters, clams, shrimp, and lobster. L, D. \$\$\$.

Carson Nugget/Oyster Bar—882-1626. Clam chowder, fish and chips, and pan roasts. L, D. \$.

Carson Nugget/Steak House—882-1626. Veal scaloppini, scampi in dill sauce. D. \$.

Eldorado/The Grill Steakhouse—Reno, 786-5700. Prime rib, seafood, and grilled entrees. D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Oyster Bar—Sparks, 356-3300. Lazyman's cioppino, seafood stews. L, D. \$.

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Steak House—Sparks, 356-3300. Prime rib, steak, and lobster. L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Fairchild's Oyster Bar—Reno, 329-4777. Crab cakes, oyster pan roast. L, D. \$.

Silver Legacy/Sterling's Seafood and Steakhouse—Reno, 329-4777. Entrees include medallions of filet mignon, spicy roast chicken. D. \$.

MEDITERRANEAN

John Ascuaga's Nugget/Restaurante Orozko—Sparks, 356-3300. Veal medallions saltimbocca, braised lamb shank, paella valenciana. D. \$\$\$.

BREW PUBS

Eldorado/The Brew Brothers—Reno, 786-5700. Gourmet pizzas, ribs, barbecue shrimp, sausage sampler. L, D. \$.

Lake Tahoe

AMERICAN

Caesars Tahoe/Cafe Roma—Stateline, 588-3515. Lamb chops, prime rib. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

ITALIAN

Caesars Tahoe/Primavera—Stateline, 588-3515. Linguini carbonara, tenderloin pizzaiola. D. \$.

ASIAN

Caesars Tahoe/Empress Court—Stateline, 588-3515. Szechwan, Mandarin. D. \$.

MEXICAN

Harveys Tahoe/El Vaquero—Stateline, 588-2411. Traditional Mexican dishes and gourmet Southwestern specialties. D. \$.

CONTINENTAL

Harveys Tahoe/Llewellyn's—Stateline, 588-2411. Lake Tahoe views and contemporary cuisine. L, D. \$.

STEAK & SEAFOOD

Caesars Tahoe/Broiler Room—Stateline, 588-3515. Prime rib, seafood, Cajun specialties. D. \$.

Harveys Tahoe/Sage Room—Stateline, 588-2411. Western-themed steak house, tableside preparation. D. \$.

Harveys Tahoe/Seafood Grotto—Stateline, 588-2411. L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

Around the State

LOVELOCK: Ramada Inn/Sturgeon's—273-2971. Coffee shop open 24 hours, family dining room. Fiesta Room supper club Tuesday-Saturday. Steaks, seafood, Mexican dishes. B, L, D. \$-\$\$\$.

WINNEMUCCA: Model T/Casino Restaurant—623-2588. Chicken strips, chicken-fried steak, prime rib special, ribeye steak, fried prawns. B, L, D. \$.

Virginia City

A Place to Remember



Virginia City, the 1860s mining metropolis, was once the richest place in the world. Facing the wooden boardwalks in this mountainside town are museums, restaurants, old west saloons, and a historic railroad, all surmounted by ancient balconies, antique stores, and historic mansions.



For more information call
(775) 847-7500

Virginia City Convention & Tourism Authority
www.virginiacity-nv.org

Your Pleasure

Your Escape



With an abundance of recreational opportunities it shouldn't come as any surprise that Jackpot is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

Combined with the hottest gaming action, fabulous restaurants and big name entertainment, it's clear to see why it's more than a weekend getaway...
it's your escape.

JACKPOT
Nevada

Photography by Joseph Royer

Your Choice

775-755-2229 • www.jackpot-nevada.org

USO Sighting in Laughlin

"That Sentimental Swing!" at the Ramada Express salutes the music of the World War II era. **By Wendy Miller**

Just as a picture paints a thousand words, a melody can open a floodgate of memories. That's the premise behind "That Sentimental Swing! An American Variety Show" starring the Swing Sisters at the Ramada Express in Laughlin. The patriotic production salutes America's military men and women, as well as those who remained on the home front, with music from the World War II era.

"People continually come up to us after the show and say, 'Thank you for remembering us. We haven't heard our music performed the way it was originally done since the music was first released,'" said Fran Dimmick, producer, director, and arranger for the USO-style variety show. "Every decade has a musical style, and we hope to touch somebody in the audience with our songs and dance numbers."

To recreate the sound of the World War II era, Dimmick used musical arrangements from 1930s and '40s recordings. Dimmick discovered that ballads and toe-tapping tunes from the McGuire and Andrews sisters still have the power to transport showgoers back to special moments in their lives.

"I've seen a lot of romances rekindled during ballads like 'Apple Blossom Time.' I'll look into the audience and suddenly will see couples holding hands and snuggling, remembering their youth. Afterward, it's a treat to hear their stories," said Dimmick.

The show is performed in the Ramada Express' Pavilion Theatre, which also houses the hotel's popular American Heroes Museum of Memories. Once seated, guests are shown a 15-minute multimedia show, "On the Wings of Eagles." The narrative is told through letters to a young soldier from his bride.

Just as you're wiping away a tear, "That Sentimental Swing!" begins. Headlining are the Swing Sisters, a rotating group that tonight features alto Natalie Carson and sopranos Connie Crawford and Robin Berry. Their numbers include "Chat-



Cast members of "That Sentimental Swing!" recreate a 1940s photo of the Andrews Sisters and Abbott and Costello. From left are Robin Kelly, John Babrowski, Lisa Soland, Ben Costello, and Christina Shalley.

tanooga Choo-Choo," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Sweet Georgia Brown," "You Belong to Me," and "Little Things Mean a Lot." Costumes and wigs help the three women recreate the look of the '40s, but it's the lush blend of their voices that casts a nostalgic spell.

No USO-style show would be complete without laughter. It's provided by the team of Wilbur and Slats (Ben Costello and John Babrowski), who are known for their impersonation of Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First" routine. Although Ben Costello is no relation to his comedic namesake, his physical resemblance lends authenticity to the sketch.

The heart of the show is the band, whose members have played with the Righteous Brothers, Helen Reddy, Louis Prima, and Ike and Tina Turner. The musicians include Charles Rawson on sax and flute, Oscar Vildosola drums, Mark Wagoner guitar, Craig Harris bass, and Fran Dimmick keyboards.

The finale salutes the veterans in the

audience. Servicemen and women are asked to rise and be acknowledged. At first, some vets hesitate to stand, but eventually they get caught up in the moment as the audience cheers. The show offers this kind of validation, that the moments we hold dear—whether they are half a century or a few years old—are still important.

Show Notes

"That Sentimental Swing! An American Variety Show" starring the Swing Sisters appears in the Ramada Express' Pavilion Theatre in Laughlin. The show, which alternates with three other shows, including "Shout! A Tribute to the '50s," plays January 14-17. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$13.95 and do not include drinks. Call 800-243-6846 or visit www.ramadaexpress.com.

Wendy Miller is editor of *Desert Outlook*, an entertainment-recreation publication serving the lower Colorado River area.

NEVADA MAGAZINE

The Official Nevada State Travel and
Tourism Publication Invites You to:

Explore Nevada

for only \$16.95 per year—more than
25% off the 6-issue cover price.

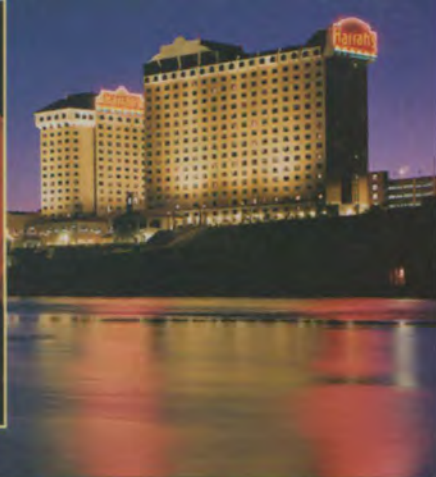
Inside each issue

- Updated Events and Show Information
- Fascinating History
- Latest Casino News
- Award-Winning Photos
- Newest Attractions
- Outdoor Recreation

To subscribe, simply call
the toll-free number below
or write to Nevada Magazine Subscriptions,
P.O. Box 726, Mount Morris IL 61054-7652

1-800-495-3281

You can also order subscriptions or visit our gift shop at
www.nevadamagazine.com





ENJOY THE MAGIC OF OUR MOUNTAINS.

Reno/Lake Tahoe is a ski vacation made in heaven. We're within an hour of the highest concentration of world class ski resorts in the country, giving you variety and quality you can't get anywhere else.

RENO • LAKE TAHOE



BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW.

When you're finished playing outdoors, warm up inside and enjoy our fine dining, big name entertainment and 24-hour casino excitement. Call us or visit our Web site today and receive a free Visitor Planner.

Reno/Lake Tahoe Snow & Ski Packages Available Now!
renolaketahoe.com • 800-FOR-RENO

Backcountry Snowriders

(Continued from page 22)

access to excellent spring conditions.

On the other side of the Santa Rosa Range, skiers and riders can hike to the north-facing slopes of the tallest peak in the region, 9,701-foot Santa Rosa Peak. There are lots of excellent and rarely visited routes here, including a long snow-holding shoulder that's gentle enough for intermediate skiers and some short gullies that will make experts swallow their tongues. The recommended access—a six-mile trail that leaves U.S. 95 and follows Rebel Creek—offers a bonus: good trout fishing. Check with the Santa Rosa Ranger

"It's not often that I ski anything real, real steep in Nevada," says Read. "Out there you don't want to do anything real risky."

District, 1200 Winnemucca Boulevard East, Winnemucca, NV 89445, 775-623-5025, for trail access and directions.

Central: Doug Read suggests the Toiyabe Range, accessible from either end of Kingston Canyon, south of Austin. From the canyon crest, at the crossing of the Toiyabe Crest Trail, skiable slopes and gullies fall away in every direction. Kingston Canyon is reached by Big Creek Road on the west, or on the east from S.R. 376 at Kingston in Big Smoky Valley. There's a USFS campground along this approach.

East: Great Basin National Park offers dozens of choices. The most popular glissé site, according to Abby Wines, is the Wheeler Basin, which can be reached by a three-mile hike up the Lehman Creek Trail from Upper Lehman Creek Campground. (Check with rangers about special camping regulations.) In the basin, skiers can choose open slopes or gladed runs. For the extreme crowd there's a pencil-thin and unimaginably steep couloir that drops from Wheeler's northeast shoulder to the only living glacier in the state. There will be few daring enough to sample this shot.

Ranger Wines suggests that skiers look above Granite Basin in the park's eastern reaches. "There are two parallel, east-west ridges that look really good. They're not easy to get into, and the snow has to be just right, but if you're willing to hike, there they are."

Although the park does not require backcountry registration, it is "an extremely good idea," Wines says. Also, rangers can provide trail and weather information. Contact Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV 89311, 775-234-7331, www.nps.gov/grba, for details.

And if all those places become crowded,

one can try the Toquima Range, the Jarbidge Wilderness, the northern Snake Range, the Schell Creek Range, or that 70-mile traverse of the Rubies—the list goes on and on. The state whose name means "snow-covered" offers more than five million acres of mountainous public lands, more than enough for those skiers and boarders who prefer an avalanche beacon over a quad chair. ▀

Charles Luce, who lives in Hoboken, New Jersey, recently skied the rugged backcountry slopes of the Santa Rosas. His story "John Muir's Nevada" appeared in July/August 2000.



*Voted Best Coffee Shop
in Rural Nevada*

by Nevada Magazine's Readers' Poll 2000

Sturgeon's Restaurant & Casino

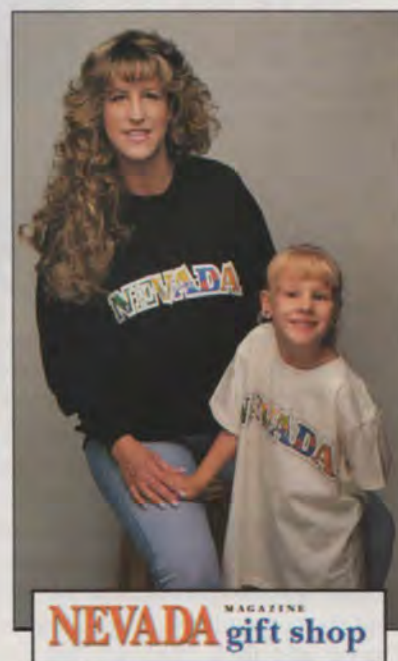
24 Hour Dining & Gaming • 74 Rooms • Indoor Swimming Pool • AAA ♦♦♦

775-273-2971 • Toll Free: 1-888-234-6835

1420 Cornell Ave., Lovelock, Nevada

Symbolic Sale!

The Silver State's diverse attractions are depicted in the name **NEVADA** on Nevada Magazine's Symbolic Nevada T-shirts and sweatshirts, now on sale for a limited time. The image is printed on 100% cotton T-shirts and comes in neutral (beige) or black in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL. The Symbolic Nevada image also is printed on black 50/50 cotton/poly sweatshirts in sizes M, L, XL, and XXL.



T-shirt

now \$11⁹⁵ (add \$2⁰⁰ for XXL)

Sweatshirt

now \$18⁹⁵ (add 2⁵⁰ for XXL)

**Order online today, www.nevadamagazine.com,
or call 775-687-5890**



People Page

Preacher on the Strip, an Olympic gymnast, and a TV vet.

Tumbling for Vegas

It has been an eventful three months since Las Vegas gymnast **Tasha Schwikert-Warren** performed at the Sydney Olympic Games. While neither the teen nor the team came home with a medal, Schwikert-Warren's performance helped boost the team to a fourth-place finish. And in the crowd were her parents, Shannon and Joy, both dice dealers at Caesars Palace. They had been helped out by their swing-shift coworkers, who led a drive to raise \$10,000 to send the couple to Sydney.

When she returned home last October, Schwikert-Warren was greeted by throngs of admirers at McCarran International Airport, and a packed house cheered when she appeared with the Tour of Gymnastics Champions at Thomas and Mack Center. She received honors from Clark County and a key to the city of Las Vegas—not to mention a trip to the White House with the rest of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team.

So what's her opinion of it all? "It's really cool," the 16-year-old says. Now that she has had time to catch her breath, she says, a few moments from the Olympics stand out. She savors the memories of walking into the Olympic arena carrying the American flag, pulling together as a team during two tough days of competition, and taking a trip to the Great Barrier Reef. She also remembers the odd questions from members of the international press and their preconceived notions about Las Vegas.

"Living in Las Vegas, everyone thinks, 'Oh, the casinos,'" she told one reporter in Sydney. "Las Vegas has regular houses and neighborhoods and schools."

Now that she has returned to her house and neighborhood, her day-to-day activities aren't that different than they were



Las Vegas gymnast Tasha Schwikert-Warren flipped for Sydney last fall.

before the Olympics. She still trains for hours. When she is not in the gym, she still jumps at the chance to go shopping, see a movie, or listen to music. In January she will re-enroll at Centennial High School. She wasn't enrolled during the first semester because of the Olympic interruptions.

And yet, things have changed. There are higher expectations and greater responsibility—her performance at the Games led to her being heralded as the future of women's gymnastics in the U.S. But Schwikert-Warren says she now has the exposure to international competition and travel that she can draw from to deal with the expectations. The young gymnast says of the Sydney Games, "It was a really great experience." —*Michael Squires*

Chaplain of the Strip

Chaplain **Charles Bolin** wears a round collar and two hats. The round collar is that of the Riviera Hotel's in-house chaplain. One hat is the blue or camouflage hat he wears as a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force reserve. The other is the black derby that goes with the black suit and Charlie Chaplin mustache and cane. "After all," he says, "if you're called Chaplain Charlie..."

Although his Charlie Chaplin get-up is reserved for Halloween and special events, the ordained minister has worn it to officiate at two weddings. "At one of them, two professional clowns from the Mirage wanted a clown to officiate," he says. "The other was for a comedian's wedding."

When Bolin was what he calls "a preacher boy," studying at California Baptist University in Riverside, California, he preached at a revival meeting in Henderson. At that time he met a clergyman who ministered to people on the Strip and later conducted Bible-study classes backstage in the showrooms. Bolin recalls, "He told me to go

to seminary, come back, and be his associate." In 1973 Bolin graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theology Seminary and nine years later began his ministry on the Strip.

The Sanger, California, native believes that he got his job at the Riviera because of the Air Force chaplain's training. He says, "You work with all kinds of people, and you learn how to work with people in their workplace." Casino workers, the 51-year-old chaplain says, "are just normal people working in an unusual environment." But he feels that they sometimes feel alienated by churches. It's necessary, Bolin says, to "let people know you're real, you're approachable, and you care about them."

In addition to extending his friendship,



Chaplain Charles Bolin preaches to a congregation at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

providing crisis intervention, and helping any of the Riviera's 2,000 employees, the chaplain conducts weekly nondenominational services in the hotel's Comedy Club and ministers to hotel guests, helping them with problems and making hospital visits.

"When you have as many guests as are at the Riviera, there are bound to be people who have to go to the hospital. They're here, they feel alone. What a relief to know that someone is helpful to them and their families," he says.

When asked about the dichotomy between his strict Baptist background and education and the Las Vegas Strip environment, Chaplain Charlie says, "In our Baptist upbringing, we were always taught

that we ought to reach out to people to show God's love."—Connie Emerson

Sparks' TV Vet

Dr. Steve Petersen is used to being hounded by his biggest fans—the dogs, cats, and other animals that the veterinary surgeon has restored to health.

He also has a lot of human fans as a result of his role on the popular TV show *Emergency Vets*, which airs on the Animal Planet channel. The half-hour show, launched three years ago in his hometown of Denver, is a candid documentary of daily events in a veterinary surgeon's office. While Petersen appreciates the show's ability to educate pet owners on animal health issues, he looks at his celebrity with wry humor. "You think you're speaking intelligently until you see yourself on TV," muses Petersen, who established his practice in Sparks last summer.

Although Petersen left the show—he still appears in reruns—his patients remain his biggest fans. While examining a puppy in his office recently, Petersen reassuringly stroked the trembling puppy's head. The vet had treated the nine-month-old Pebbles after she had been hit by a car and suffered a broken pelvis. Pebbles licked Petersen's face, and the vet grinned. "She's going to be OK," he laughed.

"I've always been dragging animals home—dogs, frogs, reptiles, quail," he says. "Animals are better patients than people." The vet and his wife, Jill, a veterinary technician, have a cat and three dogs—a blue heeler, a lab, and a fox terrier. Laughs Petersen, "We go running each morning pretty early so as not to offend the neighborhood."—Shannon Montana



Pebbles gets a checkup from Sparks vet Steve Petersen, former star of *Emergency Vets*.

Photos: Chris Leedham (top), Shannon Montana (bottom)

MARKETPLACE & CLASSIFIEDS

CRUISES

**SEE
HOOVER
DAM...**

Breakfast
Sightseeing
Early Dinner
Dinner/Dance Cruises
SEA-DOO® Tours



**Reservations & Cruise Information
(702) 293-6180**

Authorized Concessioner of the National Park Service.

NEWSLETTERS

Casino News' New Slot Report

Twice the size, more in-depth.
Facts to help you win big & save \$\$\$.
Save \$2.75 postage by including this ad with
your check for \$24.95. (90-day money back guarantee)
Frank Balcerzak, 81 Unger Ave., Buffalo, NY 14210
casinonews@aol.com

REAL ESTATE

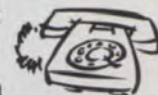
**2 1/2 ACRES \$2,495
\$50 DOWN, \$50 MONTH
9.5% Interest - 72 months**
Acreage in Elko County ~ Montello, Northeast Nevada
1-800-373-6538
Bud Aldrich, Owner/Bkr • Box 3178, Reno, NV 89505

26 acres in Mason Valley,
near Yerington, Nevada – \$55,000

80 acres in Virginia City
Highland Ranches – \$24,000

775-463-2854

Marketplace/Classified advertising is a great opportunity to reach our 320,000 readers who love and travel Nevada! *Nevada Magazine* has a targeted, qualified audience you will want to reach. Reserve your space today. Call Susan Wunsch at *Nevada Magazine*, (775) 687-5416, fax (775) 687-6159, or e-mail susan@nevadamagazine.com.



Spirits of Eureka

Five years ago, Eureka had a brand-new elementary school with no pictures on the walls. **Denise Tracy**, then a counselor at the school, helped provide the solution. "They asked me to take photos," recalls Tracy, an avid photographer. "I said, 'Wouldn't it be great to do Eureka as a ghost town?' Eureka is a living ghost town with lots of graveyards and wonderful old buildings. Everyone liked the idea, and I went with it." Tracy and her husband, Neil Stevens, a middle-school administrator, moved to Henderson in 1999, and she now works as a counselor at Gwendolyn Woolley Elementary in North Las Vegas. But 21 of her photographs, taken with black-and-white infrared film, remain hanging in the Eureka school. "Infrared film records light in ways we can't see, so the results are ethereal, the skies are dark, the clouds are white—there's a lot of contrast," Tracy says. "I wanted something dramatic, ghostly, otherworldly."





Contrasting effects appear in Denise Tracy's photo of an angel in Eureka's Catholic Cemetery (above). "It's fun to walk through the graveyards—there's so much history there.

This photo is one of my favorites," she says. Firemen brought a hose cart to pose in the yard of the town's former firehouse (right). Tracy's photograph of a Eureka house also has a ghostly quality (left). She says, "I loved the white picket fence. It's an old, cool-looking house."





Dances With Wolverines: Wheeler usually begins with a title that tickles her fancy. Here, the title of a Kevin Costner movie becomes an image of wolverine whimsy. Wheeler uses a dry-brush style she calls "layering." Completing a small section at a time, she layers the pigment in thin washes, producing a luminous effect.

Bleach Boys and Dancing Wolverines

Karen Wheeler has overcome physical limitations with an artistic sense of humor. **By Joan Patterson**

Sitting in the small dining room of her Las Vegas apartment, pondering the jokes she's heard lately, Karen Wheeler launches into a doozy that goes something like this:

A snail knocks on a man's door. The man opens the door and sees the snail. He picks up the creature, throws it across the yard, and goes back in the house.

Three years later, he hears another knock at the door.

"Hey," the snail asks, "whadya do that for?"

Unable to hold it in, Wheeler pinches

her eyes shut behind a pair of perfectly round John Lennon glasses and breaks into a tee-hee chuckle by parting her lips and pushing air through her teeth in little bursts. She loves corny jokes that tickle the cleverest, most innocent portion of the funny bone. Nothing lewd, nothing mean, just a "gotcha" play on words that draws a vivid picture in the brain.

It is this love of the ludicrous, the ironic, the sardonic, that permeates this Las Vegas artist's work. Leave the landscapes to everyone else. Wheeler has developed a strong voice through her ability to see what

others don't and, perhaps, should see.

"I think people need more positive images to look at," Wheeler says. "I think life is very hard for people in general, and if something makes you smile and you think about it a day later, that's more important to people. It's a healthy attitude."

Look through her portfolio, and there is a sheep turning his head toward the sky and pushing out his fat, pink tongue to catch a drop of water falling from a rose.

"But It's a Dry Heat," reads the title. In another watercolor, a wolverine wearing a polka-dot bow tie looks at the viewer



The Las Vegas artist, who was born with a form of muscular dystrophy, uses an elastic sling to support her painting hand.



Bat Masterson: For this painting Wheeler researched not only bats but also Bat Masterson. She learned that the Western lawman carried a walking stick after being shot in the hip during a gunfight.

while his dance partner blissfully rumbas by herself in the background, a vision in her pink, strapless ball gown. The painting is called "Dances With Wolverines."

Most of Wheeler's subjects are animals. If humans were the focus, she says, the sense of whimsy and guilelessness that imbues the work would be lost. The animals are not victims but participants in life. They are individuals. "Animals are far more brilliant than people think," she says. "They have so much feeling in their eyes."

The artist fits the free-spirited nature of Las Vegas, where she moved in the early 1990s from Southern California. Wheeler, who is in her mid-40s, has short auburn hair that falls just below the ears, but she leaves one long, thin braid intact. She is known to wear spangly combat-style boots and to send friends handmade birthday cards painted with characters such as her surfing bleach bottles, the "Bleach Boys."

While Wheeler's outlook is part of her artistic and humorous take on life, it also stems from living with severe physical limitations. Wheeler has muscular dystrophy and has been confined to a wheelchair since childhood. Nevertheless, she strives to remain as independent as possible. She has very limited use of her hands, which appear as delicate as the milky white buds of some exotic flower. Yet with those hands she is able to maneuver a bulky motorized wheelchair by gently pushing two levers at her midriff. She can bring a fork to her mouth with bits of food. With these hands she also creates remarkably detailed paintings.

Through a dry-brush technique she developed, Wheeler dabs dots of color directly onto the canvas and then brushes the pigments outward. She holds the

brush in her right hand, which is anchored to the wheelchair's headrest by rubber bands knotted together. The homemade sling gives Wheeler a kind of muscle control, allowing her to hold her hand above the canvas and make tiny, blending brush strokes.

Working on such a minute scale, she usually takes 20 to 80 hours to complete a painting, but the time-consuming process results in incredible texture and depth. The fur-like down of a newborn penguin seems to puff out from his tiny chest, and the hairs of a spider can almost be felt skimming across one's arm.

Another signature of Wheeler's work is the rose she hides in each painting. It may be pinched between the tiny claws of a crab or outlined in the liquid eye of an eagle. The rose started out as a way to throw another unexpected twist into her pieces but has developed into a kind of symbol, a way of saying, "I am here." She explains, "In the past five years I have decided it represents me. I have felt at times that people have trouble accepting me as an equal human being because of the wheelchair."

For Wheeler, living in Las Vegas is like being drenched in the human condition. The characters who reside in and visit the city offer a continual stream of material for her paintings, and she has plenty of time to observe. Wheeler gets around town by using the city bus system, which means spending hours and hours at bus stops and outside busy casinos.

"It seems a lot of my free time is spent waiting, for the bus, for a place to open," she says. "I get a lot of chances to think, to observe. I'm a people-watcher. I just think people are really silly."

One of her favorite spots is the Forum

Shops at Caesars, where she sits at the fountains and sketches the giant statues of portentous gods. "I bring some water, one brush, a little paint, and usually stay for about an hour." Tourists sometimes approach shyly to ask what she is doing. Many are as interested in the wheelchair and her physical disability as the artwork. She says, "I think it gives people a reason to interact with me."

When not painting (or waiting for the city bus) Wheeler likes to visit the Strip to see stand-up comedians such as Damon Wayans and the occasional concert at venues such as the MGM Grand. Among her favorite singers are Phil Collins, Sting, and Julian Lennon. Lennon, in fact, has one of her originals, which shows the face of his father, John Lennon, in the foreground and an eagle flying overhead. She gave the painting to Julian after a concert several years ago.

Wheeler, who received a master's in fine arts from Cal State Fullerton in 1981, is scholarship chair for the Las Vegas Watercolor Society, spearheading efforts to raise money this year for a graduating



... But It's a Dry Heat: A thirsty sheep finds the rose that Wheeler places in each of her paintings.

high-school senior. She also is active in efforts to improve life for the disabled in Southern Nevada.

Her work currently appears at Art Encounter, a Las Vegas gallery (3979 Spring Mountain Road, 702-227-0220). Anyone interested in learning more about Wheeler's work can visit her Web site, www.karenwheeler.com.

One of the paintings displayed on the site is a favorite of Wheeler's. It shows a bat hanging upside-down and wearing a gun holster and a sheriff's badge. There's a derby on the bat's head. The title? "Bat Masterson," of course. ▀

Joan Patterson is a Las Vegas writer who happens to own a Karen Wheeler painting and, even luckier still, an original "Bleach Boys."

Weddings

(Continued from page 15)

Village. One time a couple from England brought 60 guests who were dressed as if they had stepped straight out of the Old West. For a day the Brits wandered the park in dancehall-girl costumes and gun-fighter outfits. The costumed characters created the illusion of 19th-century Nevada—until they opened their mouths and proper English spilled out.

"They looked like the Beatles in Western attire," says Buck Montgomery, the Ponderosa's entertainment director and stunt coordinator. Montgomery says couples sometimes ask him to set up a "shotgun" wedding, in which the father of the bride holds an unloaded shotgun. Also popular is the post-wedding gunfight.

The themes of most Las Vegas resorts extend to their wedding chapels. Couples at the Excalibur's Canterbury Wedding Chapel can dress as King Arthur, Guinevere, or Robin Hood.

Imaginations also are given free rein at the MGM Grand. There, a bride may prefer to wed her Prince Charming on the set of "EFX," the MGM Grand's production show. Merlin presides as minister amid a waterfall, flowers, and dancing nymphs.

Brides and grooms seeking intergalactic bliss can visit Star Trek: The Experience at the Las Vegas Hilton. Trekkies are beamed up to the bridge of the *Enterprise*, where they are married by a minister posing as their favorite Star Trek character. Couples may exchange traditional vows or profess their love in the "Cling On" language if they wish.

Of course, Elvis sightings are common at Las Vegas locations like the Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel. Viva Las Vegas also offers disco, Camelot, and gangster ceremonies. A Tom Jones impersonator soon may perform during ceremonies at the Candlelight and the Little Church of the West, chapels where Elvis also appears.

Occasionally, couples take the plunge underwater. In 1989, Sayed of Harveys chapel married a couple while scuba diving. Sayed and the couple held up vows written on grease boards.

At Paris Las Vegas, Kathi Lewis recently received her strangest wedding request: to coordinate a nude pagan wedding. "I have told the coordinators, 'Don't ever say 'no' to any bride,'" Lewis says. "We use the words 'we'll try.'" She's still investigating the query.

Although pagan weddings aren't requested every day, wedding coordinators routinely plan ceremonies for a wide variety

of faiths and nationalities. Bellagio chapel manager Jacqueline Montoya has planned many traditional Jewish weddings at the hotel. Several times she has arranged for an African minister to perform a ceremony in which the bride and groom were dressed in traditional African attire.

The state's romantic attraction is so great that many married couples come here to get married all over again. According to Glenys Clabaugh, of the 4,000 weddings conducted annually at the Excalibur's chapel, 1,000 are renewals. Recently, chapel proprietor Gordon Gust renewed the marriage of two motorcyclists who had ridden all the way across the country to Las Vegas. They recited their vows sitting on their Harleys in front of Gust's chapel.

Celebrating their 50th anniversary, one couple asked Reverend Ron Darby of Love's Lake Tahoe to renew their vows in front of their four children and a dozen grandchildren. Darby recalls, "To look at those two holding hands and looking into each other's eyes after 50 years of marriage, and the sincerity that exuded from them, I could almost not get through the ceremony without crying. The grandfather started crying, gripping his wife's hands, and she started crying. What a beautiful couple they were."

Such moments make a marriage ceremony special, according to Nevada wedding coordinators.

"It's the couple that make the perfect wedding," says Glenys Clabaugh of the Excalibur. "It's not what we do. It's how they look at themselves and each other that brings it all together."

Kim Pryor is a freelance writer based at Lake Tahoe. One day she hopes to marry in Nevada—all she needs is a groom.

Wedding Wonderland

By Wilma LaRocca

Couples tying the knot in Nevada can have a white-lace affair, escape to a tropical island, or simply sing along with Elvis. Here is a sampling of Nevada wedding ideas. Rates and packages may vary, so call ahead.

Western Bridal Paths

The Church of the Ponderosa on the Ponderosa Ranch, home of *Bonanza* in Incline Village, arranges Western ceremonies. Cost is \$175 for up to 20 guests. Call 775-831-0691.

At the Corley Ranch, a working ranch near Gardnerville in Carson Valley, couples marry on horseback or in a stagecoach. Call 775-265-3045.

Cowboy Trail Rides in Las Vegas offers ceremonies in a horse-drawn wedding carriage. Call 702-220-6169.

Couples can be hitched at the Rafter 7 Bar M Ranch, half a mile north of Virginia City, prior to a barbecue reception. Wedding photos can show the newlyweds amid a herd of Texas longhorns. Call 775-847-7223.

Las Vegas Casino Weddings

The Canterbury Wedding Chapel at Excalibur has two chapels with cathedral ceilings, stained-glass windows, and medieval costumes. Call 800-881-4320.

The Garden Chapel at the Flamingo provides a setting right out of the South Seas—a lagoon, waterfalls, and live flamingos. Call 702-733-3232.

The two Mandalay Bay chapels are set in a grove near an 11-acre lagoon. Call 702-632-7490.

At Paris Las Vegas you can exchange vows in the Eiffel Tower. The cost is \$3,000. Ceremonies are held at 9:30 a.m. Call 877-650-5021.

A marriage in the Stratosphere Tower, at nearly 1,200 feet, provides a view from the tallest free-standing observation tower in the U.S. Call 800-998-6937.

Treasure Island can arrange for pirate costumes for the whole party. Call 800-527-6393.

The Venetian offers weddings performed in your own personal gondola. Call 702-414-4500.

Nautical Nuptials

Lake Mead Cruises of Boulder City offers wedding charters on the *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler, or couples may choose a top-deck marriage before the ship leaves port and then join the regular dinner cruise. Call 702-293-6180.

Laughlin River Tours holds wedding ceremonies in the enclosed chapel on the *Edgewater Belle*. Call 800-228-9825.

The *M.S. Dixie II*, at Zephyr Cove on Lake Tahoe, offers several cruise options. Call 888-MSDIXIE.

Reno Sparks Casino Weddings

Boomtown, nine miles west of Reno on Interstate 80, has a complimentary dance floor for wedding parties with the purchase of meal service. Call 775-345-8550.

John Ascuaga's Nugget Courtyard Chapel provides the chapel for \$125. A basic package with chapel, minister's fee, champagne, continental breakfast, limo, and courtyard room costs \$250 to \$300 for one or two nights. Call 800-843-2427.

The Reno Hilton Celebration Wedding Chapel has candelabra and chandeliers. Call 800-255-1771.

Aerial Altars

A Little White Chapel in the Sky in Las Vegas weds couples in a hot-air balloon with an extra-large basket. Call 702-382-5943.

With Heli USA the wedding couple and four passengers can tour the Grand Canyon and wed on land for \$2,450. The Cupid Package, a champagne flight for four over Vegas, is \$685. Call 702-798-4354.

Lake Tahoe Balloons carries wedding groups up

CAL•NEVA RESORT SPA & CASINO

LAKE TAHOE

Weddings

Honeymoons



THE ONLY PROPERTY WITH A SPECTACULAR LAKE TAHOE VIEW FROM EVERY GUEST ROOM



You're getting married at the spectacular Cal-Neva Resort, Lake Tahoe's most romantic wedding destination. Lucky you!

At the Cal-Neva the emphasis is on you, you and your wedding. Everything will be beautiful beyond description, every detail attended to, every luxury considered.

Our breathtaking outdoor Gazebo and intimate Lakeview Chapel have spectacular lake views. From the simplest wedding to the most glamorous affair, no setting is more exquisite or more memorable.

Look at our Website (www.calnevaresort.com) or contact our Wedding Department and speak with a Personal Wedding Coordinator. It's the first step to a truly glamorous, romantic and elegant wedding.

The two of you. Alone in one another's arms. Sharing your love, your emotions, your deepest, most personal thoughts. You're swept away in the throes of passion to a place only the two of you will ever know.

This most extraordinary time is yours at the Cal-Neva Resort where you'll discover a wonderful mixture of rustic mountain elegance, refined comfort and year-round activities. Hike, bike, horseback ride, play golf, soar in a glider or take to the lake for boating and water skiing. And...in winter you're in America's greatest ski bowl.

The Cal-Neva Resort Spa & Casino is recognized as America's most glorious, most romantic, most beautiful honeymoon destination. Packages start at just \$439.



CAL•NEVA RESORT SPA & CASINO

LAKE TAHOE

800/CAL-NEVA • www.calnevaresort.com

TEL 775/832-4000 • FAX 775/831-9007 • E-mail: weddings@calnevaresort.com • PO Box 368 • Crystal Bay, NV 89402

Nevada Wedding Directory

Three generations of families have married at Reno's **Chapel of the Bells**. Weddings are performed in a charming chapel or outdoors in a garden gazebo. Open every day with a reputation for small fees and simple, fast service. A floral shop, professional photography, and wedding boutique with rings, custom wedding certificates, cakes, and corsages. 700 W. Fourth St., Reno, NV 89503; 775-323-1375, 800-USA-2WED, fax 775-323-4025, www.renochapel.com.

Caesars Lake Tahoe offers two wedding chapels. The indoor chapel has a domed, airbrushed ceiling and ivory grand piano. The outdoor chapel, open June through September, has a rose garden and a setting in the pines. A professional staff assists with florals, photography, videography, music, candle services, luncheon or dinner receptions with DJ or band, limousines, tuxes, and honeymoon suites. P.O. Box 6930, Stateline, NV 89449; 775-588-4422, 800-833-4422, www.caesars.com.

The Cal-Neva Resort, a Lake Tahoe resort, dates to 1926 and specializes in weddings. Ceremonies include the chapel, minister, and live music. A personal coordinator can help plan an outdoor gazebo, informal indoor chapel, or Indian Room wedding. Services include floral designer, reception facilities, photography and videography, limousine service, exquisite food, and lodging. Guests who can not attend can access the Cal-Neva Resort Web site, www.calnevaresort.com, and click on live wedding. Contact the Cal-Neva Resort, 2 Stateline Road, P.O. Box 368, Crystal Bay, NV 89402; 775-832-4000, fax 775-832-0505, e-mail cal.neva.resort@worldnet.att.net.

The Carson Valley Inn's Chapel at the Inn is a nonsectarian chapel with stained-glass windows, padded seating, and vaulted ceiling. Larger weddings, up to 300 guests, are performed in the Shannon Ballroom. Packages include chapel, minister, flowers, and champagne and souvenir glasses. Videotaping, cakes, a special bride's room, rehearsal dinners, honeymoon suites, and reception facilities are available. 1627 Hwy. 395 North, Minden, NV 89423; 775-782-9711, 800-321-6983, www.cvinn.com.

The Corley Ranch, a working ranch in Carson Valley, offers weddings with a Western flair. Also specializing in receptions, anniversaries, family reunions, birthdays, office parties, conferences, bus tours, and carriage and wagon rides. Weddings can be held in the gazebo or on the lawn area where more than 200 people can be seated under an awning. A barn is available for eating and dancing. A horse-drawn wagon takes guests to the party area. 775-265-3045, fax 775-265-1270, www.corleyranch.com.

The Dream-Maker has 22 years experience in performing Lake Tahoe weddings. Choices include lakeside ceremonies, panoramic lake-view mountain locations, winter wonderland weddings, indoors at the Cherrywood-Waterfall Chapel, lake-view condominiums, and estate weddings. Full coordination—floral design, formal wear, portraits, and videography. 865 Tahoe Blvd, Suite 104, Box 6395, Incline Village, NV 89450; 775-831-6419, 800-252-3732, fax 775-831-2871, www.weddtahoe.com, e-mail mail@weddtahoe.com.

The Riviera Royale Wedding Chapel offers an elegant alternative to the typical rush wedding. A full-service supplier of all wedding needs, professional wedding planners help couples plan their ceremonies. Located inside the Riviera Hotel, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-794-9494, 800-242-7322.

Sierra Nevada Golf Ranch offers an elegant wedding setting with panoramic views of the Carson Valley and Sierra Nevada mountains. Weddings are held in a lodge-style clubhouse as well as an outside-tented space with room for 250 guests. Packages include ceremony, reception, catering, rehearsal dinner, or bridal brunch. Staff offers outstanding cuisine and consultation on every detail. 2901 Jacks Valley Road, P.O. Box 316, Genoa, NV 89411; 775-782-7700 ext. 235, fax 775-782-0252.

Custom weddings at **Viva Las Vegas Themed Weddings** range from sophisticated-traditional to a wedding legend complete with Elvis performing the ceremony and singing. You can be married in Camelot, Blue Hawaii, intergalactic, disco, gangster, or Victorian themes. Packages offer flowers, tuxedo and gown rentals, limousine, and photography. Coordinators can plan a simple reception or an elaborate dinner with entertainment. The new Viva Las Vegas Villas have themed rooms and honeymoon suites. 1205 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89104; 702-384-0771, 800-574-4450, www.vivalasvegassweddings.com.



The Dream-Maker. Lake Tahoe

Perfection Beyond Imagination...

Lakeside and Scenic Mountain Top Ceremonies
Cherrywood Waterfall Chapel
Indoor/Outdoor Weddings
Estate Weddings
Premiere Accommodations
Wedding/Event Specialists
Nondenominational Ministers
Live Music Bands, DJ's, etc.
Professional Portraits and Videography
Full Service Florist and Formal Wear Studios

(800) 252-3732
weddtahoe.com



Truly Tahoe's Most Experienced and
Complete Wedding Service

The Corley Ranch

Experience your
unique event at a
historic working
ranch located in the
beautiful Carson
Valley of Northern
Nevada.



Photo by
Positive Images Photography

Call Paula at
775-265-3045

Fax
775-265-1270

WWW.
CORLEYRANCH.COM

Reno's Chapel of the Bells

www.renochapel.com

Nearly 40 years in Reno
Full service, yet reasonable.

Photography
Flower Shop
Video Recording

NEVADA
MAGAZINE
Best of
Nevada



Third Annual Readers Award

700 West Fourth St., Reno, NV 89503
775-323-1375 • 800-872-2933 • 1-800-USA-2WED



to eight at \$175 per person. Call 800-872-9294.

Tying the Knot at Tahoe

Caesars Tahoe's indoor chapel has a marble altar and grand piano. Call 800-833-4422.

The **Cal-Neva Resort** on Tahoe's north shore (and the state line) specializes in weddings and honeymoons. Couples say their vows in either Nevada or California—or both. Call 775-832-4000.

David Walley's Resort, Hot Springs, and Spa, two miles south of Genoa, is a 15-mile drive east of South Shore but has a scenic Carson Valley setting. The gazebo offers views in every direction. Call 775-782-8155.

The **Dream-Maker** in Incline Village can put you on skis or snowboard, in a horse-drawn sleigh, or on the shore of Lake Tahoe. Call Juliette Howell, 800-252-3732.

The **Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe** in Incline Village offers five settings, including lakefront. Couples may marry on the Hyatt's catamaran. Call Logan Miller, 775-832-3295.

Blue Suede Ceremonies

Elvis by Brenden Paul, in Las Vegas, can provide an Elvis wedding. Call 702-868-2200.

Graceland Chapel on the Strip has Norm Jones, who has been performing at Elvis ceremonies for nine years. After vows he gives a 15-minute concert. Call 800-824-5732.

At **Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel** you can choose a Blue Hawaii wedding. Before he became Elvis,

owner Ron DeCar sang at the Tropicana for 12 years. Call 800-374-4450.

Reno Chapels

Nearly 40 years in Reno, **Chapel of the Bells** has an outdoor garden gazebo. Call 775-323-1375.

Park Wedding Chapel, across from the courthouse, opened in 1956. Fees begin at \$80. Call 775-323-1770.

Theme Scene

The **Adventure Inn** on Virginia Street has a waterfall wedding chapel and 45 theme rooms (Pirate, Amazon, Oriental, Arabian, Bordello). Ceremonies cost \$75 to \$385. Call Anne Shultes, 800-937-1436.

American Theme Weddings in Las Vegas offers Roaring '20s, Scarlett and Rhett, Elvis and Priscilla. Costumes rent for \$65 to \$125. Call 702-671-0116.

The **Divine Madness Fantasy Wedding Chapel** in Las Vegas has themes such as Egyptian, space futuristic, the Godfather, and Western. Call 800-717-4734.

Chris Angelo at **Star Trek: The Experience** in Las Vegas will beam you up to be married on the *Starship Enterprise*. The Captain's Wedding is \$2,000, the Admiral's \$3,000. Call Chris, 702-697-8752.

Special Effects

Custom Ice Sculptures in Washoe Valley provides one-of-a-kind pieces for weddings and other events. Call 775-849-3432.

No one throws rice these days. It's slippery under-



foot and bad for the birds. So the **Dove Connection** in Las Vegas will release a pair of doves for \$125, 14 for \$175, and 25 for \$250. The birds won't get lost—they're trained to fly home. Call 702-361-2783.

A Little White Chapel in the Sky makes a Las Vegas wedding an uplifting experience.

Drive-Up Weddings

A Little White Chapel (800-545-8111) and **A Special Memory** (702-384-3332) offer auto vows in LV. ♡

Wilma LaRocca is a Nevada editorial assistant.



2901 Jacks Valley Road
P.O. Box 316 • Genoa, NV 89411
775.782.7700 ext. 235



Our elegant facilities include a 25,000 sq. ft. clubhouse with space for 20-250 guests, as well as outside tented space for up to 250 guests.

25 Minutes from South Lake Tahoe, this spectacular location has panoramic views of the golf course and the beautiful Sierra Nevada Mountain range beyond.

Our on site coordinator will ensure your day is perfect.

Member of Weddings of the West



- Wedding Receptions & Ceremonies
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Special Occasion Banquets



Nevada Covers Nevada

Since 1936, *Nevada Magazine's* covers and cover stories have mirrored the evolution of both the magazine and the state. **By Richard Moreno**



January-March 1936



September-December 1940



January-March 1953



June-December 1953

Sixty-five years ago, *Nevada Magazine*, then known as *Nevada Highways and Parks*, was born. In the inaugural January-March 1936 issue, editor Fred Greulich proudly noted that the state had more than 2,400 miles of highways, most of which were of the oiled, gravel type, and "this presents a smooth, fast, dustless surface to travel."

Today, Nevada has more than 20,000 miles of paved roads, and it's obvious that both Nevada the state and *Nevada* the magazine have changed. During the past six and a half decades, the state's population has grown from 102,570 to more than two million, and the magazine has evolved from a 20-page, black-and-white giveaway highlighting road construction into a full-color magazine that spotlights Nevada's attractions, history, culture, events, and people.

Looking at *Nevada Magazine's* journey from 1936 to 2001 is a chance to witness history. Over the years, the magazine's stories and photos—particularly the covers—often mirrored the state's development. The following are highlights of the magazine's first 65 years, as reflected on its covers.

January-March 1936: The first issue of the quarterly *Nevada Magazine* was published by the Nevada Department of Highways under the name *Nevada Highways and Parks*. The

cover photo, which was taken by a highway department photographer, showed a car climbing a dirt road, the old U.S. 50, over Carroll Summit west of Austin. Six articles in the premier issue described highway-construction projects. Greulich expressed his hope that "this bulletin will serve a useful purpose in disseminating facts and news about Nevada's highways and parks, its abundant natural scenic places, and perhaps promote a wider knowledge of its mountains, deserts, and the real western, friendly spirit of its people."

September-December 1940: This issue was devoted to promoting the Reno-Sparks area. The cover photo, which appears to have been taken from the top of the Riverside Hotel, showed Reno's Virginia Street Bridge. This was one of the last editions published before World War II (*Nevada Magazine* was not published from 1941 to 1946 because of wartime paper restrictions). The magazine made a boast that reflected the state's effort to attract new industries: "Nevada, one state without an income tax, a corporation tax, an inheritance tax, a gift tax, a sales tax. With cheap power, and liberal mining, corporation, taxation, and other laws. Welcome to Nevada."

January-March 1953: Growing as a tourist attraction, Las Vegas appeared on the mag-

azine's cover for the first time. Inside, the main story, "Nevada, From Dirt Roads to Divided Paved Four Lanes," was a folksy ode to the development of the state's modern roads, noting that "you will find them good to travel over; there's no real danger out in the open country."

June-December 1953: This issue, with its striking cover photo of an atomic bomb's mushroom cloud taken by staff photographer Adrian Atwater, has become one of the most sought-after by *Nevada Magazine* collectors. Inside, several articles and photos described the nation's atomic testing program at Yucca and Frenchman's flats. Editor Greulich, a former telegrapher who had reported on the *Titanic* disaster, witnessed one of the tests and wrote, "God forbid that this totally destructive force ever should be used for an evil purpose."

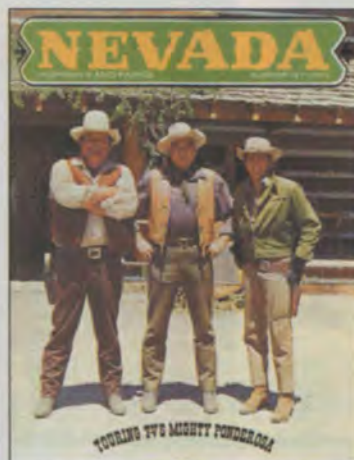
Centennial Issue 1964: A beardless Abraham Lincoln, who signed Nevada into statehood in 1864, gazed from the cover of the Centennial Issue celebrating Nevada's 100th birthday. In *Nevada Magazine's* history, this issue was noteworthy for several reasons. Under editor Don Bowers' direction, the issue was the first to have a cover price, the first to contain advertising, and the first to offer subscriptions. The issue also contained articles written by distinguished



Centennial Issue 1964



Spring 1966



Summer 1971



Spring 1972

Western writers and historians including Walter Van Tilburg Clark, Dale L. Morgan, Gloria Griffen Cline, and James Hulse.

Spring 1966: This issue features one of *Nevada Magazine's* most memorable covers—a dramatic painting of three fighting horses by Western artist Will James. Anthony Amaral of Carson City, a frequent *Nevada* contributor in the 1960s, wrote the cover story, revealing James' close ties to Nevada. James wrote his best-known book, *Smoky, The Cow Horse*, while living in Washoe Valley.

Summer 1971: During the 1960s and '70s, cast members of the popular television show *Bonanza* (1959-1973) appeared twice on the magazine's cover. In this issue, not only did three members of the Cartwright clan—Ben (Lorne Greene), Hoss (Dan Blocker), and Little Joe (Michael Landon)—receive the cover treatment, but an accompanying story spotlighted the Ponderosa Ranch, a new Western-themed attraction at Incline Village based on the TV show.

Spring 1972: *Nevada Magazine* clearly entered the Age of Aquarius with this issue's cover, which sported a colorful, psychedelic design spelling out the words "Las Vegas." The magazine's art director, Ken Webster,

designed the cover and is remembered for artistic innovations that modernized the magazine. The cover story breathlessly described the new Las Vegas as "a real here-to-stay place ... not a row of sheiks' tents about to disappear in the desert night."

May/June 1983: Frequent *Nevada* contributor David W. Toll, author of *The Compleat Nevada Traveler*, described the real story behind the Great Winnemucca Bank Robbery of 1900, long believed to have been committed by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Toll presented evidence indicating that the two outlaws didn't commit the crime, although members of their Wild Bunch gang most likely participated. The cover photo of Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and other members of the Wild Bunch was a copy of one sent by the Pinkerton Detective Agency to George Nixon, president of the Winnemucca bank.

January/February 1995: Elvis Presley appeared on the cover, dancing with Ann-Margret during the 1963 filming of *Viva Las Vegas*. The accompanying story, "Elvis: The Vegas Years" by Mike Weatherford, traced the singer's Nevada career from his debut at the New Frontier in 1956, which was a bust, to his wildly successful performances at the Las Vegas Hilton in the 1970s.

September/October 1998: One of Nevada's most enduring disputes—what's the state's oldest town?—was debated in this issue's cover story. Citing emigrant diaries, Reno writer Martin Griffith made a compelling argument that the mining camp of Dayton might predate the trading post of Genoa as the state's oldest pioneer settlement. The cover photo by Jay Aldrich depicted history buffs Billie Rightmire of Genoa and Ray Walmsley of Dayton discussing the question of which town was first.

November/December 1999: *Nevada Magazine* ushered in the new millennium with a festive cover of balloons, showgirl Nina of Harrah's Reno, and Winnemucca cowboys John Bell and Will DeLong posing for photographer Douglas Keister on the Black Rock Desert. A hair-raising moment occurred when Nina was sitting on a horse, and it became spooked by the balloons. The horse took off, tossing her. Fortunately, Nina was unhurt and jumped right up, eager to finish the photo session.

Now that's another *Nevada Magazine* cover that will ride into history. ▀

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's publisher. He once appeared on a Nevada Magazine cover but won't reveal which one.



May/June 1983



January/February 1995



September/October 1998



November/December 1999



Medallions of beef, Bistro Roxy

As the quality of haute cuisine takes a quantum leap in Reno, great restaurants have mushroomed all over the Biggest Little City

By Kathleen Stebbins

I was at LuLou's, two bites into a plate of sea scallops with truffled mashed potatoes, before it dawned on me that something extraordinary was happening.

The scallops were perfectly caramelized, glistening gold, and effortlessly tender; they dissolved upon my palate like a mirage. The potatoes were equally luscious, their soaring texture grounded by earthy flecks of truffle.

I leaned back in my chair, looked toward the heavens, and silently praised the culinary gods.

In retrospect, I was quite literally falling in love with my food. I probably would have fallen in love with my dining partner as well, had we not already done that long ago—for this was the sort of dinner that could enhance one's romantic inclinations substantially. Across the table, my husband appeared equally taken with his grilled pork tenderloin, his eyes half-closed in a gastronomic reverie.

It was one of those meals one never quite dares to hope for, when the flavors



Troy and Colleen Cannan offer an intriguing atmosphere and menu at LuLou's on South Virginia.

unite to create a greater, seamless whole—when the wine amplifies the cuisine, the conversation suddenly sparkles, and the dining room takes on a glow that can't be explained by the candlelight—dare I say, the perfect meal.

Such peak culinary moments are not rare in the big 'burbs. Visit San Francisco, Chicago, or New York, and you'll have little difficulty locating celebrity chefs with impeccable resumes and a seemingly magical affinity for *Michelin Guide* stars.

But this was Reno. The Biggest Little City is known for many things, but "dining destination" hasn't always been one of them. Yet here I was in a little brick bistro on South Virginia Street, quite unexpect-

edly sighing over the best meal I had ever eaten (and that includes some excellent ones in Boston, San Francisco, and L.A.).

How had it happened? The quality of haute cuisine in Reno had somehow, without my immediate notice, taken a quantum leap into the stratosphere. It's not just LuLou's, although LuLou's is perhaps the best example. Great restaurants have been mushrooming (truffling?) all over town.

In many cases, independent operators are revitalizing venerable Reno establishments. Troy and Colleen Cannan built LuLou's out of what used to be Portofino, and before that Marie's Petite Bistro. Just down the street, Steve and Jeanne Budija opened their fresh, upscale Bricks in the

Tastes of the Town



Chocolate chunk soufflé, Bistro Roxy

building that once housed Vario's, a continental concept that had grown long in the tooth and went through several other incarnations in the interim.

Across town, when chef Yves Pimparel closed his well-known La Table Francaise after 25 years, San Francisco veterans Carol Wilson and Natalie Sellers moved right in. They reopened the property last June as 4th St. Bistro, serving what might be best termed "eclectic American" cuisine. Their menu pairs exotic and familiar ingredients with a focus on organic produce and hormone-free meats.

Reno's new culinary wave takes its influences from the edges, not the middle. Its chefs have gone beyond the journeyman stage; they are artists in the truest sense. Gone are stodgy standbys like lobster Thermidor and rack of lamb. In their place, simple sophisticates: crispy duck confit with black beluga lentils, frisee, roast beets, and aioli (4th St. Bistro), seared foie gras with caramelized mango and port



Chef Massimo Riggio toasts the Peppermill's Romanza, where dinner comes with special effects.

syrup (LuLou's), and pancetta wrapped mahi-mahi on garlic whipped potatoes (Bricks).

Independent restaurants aren't the only ones gaining on their big-city counterparts. Casino properties have been busy re-vamping their offerings as well.

Perhaps the flashiest addition to the casino crowd has been the Peppermill's Romanza, part of the hotel's latest expansion. The Peppermill spent a cool \$10 mil-

lion for a restaurant of just 88 seats. But when you add up the Versace china (well over \$1,000 worth on a table for two), the liquid-nitrogen machine (which produces clouds in the restaurant's rotunda), and the special laser effects, you come up with a hefty tally indeed.

None of those bells and whistles would matter, of course, if the cuisine didn't measure up. So new chef Massimo Riggio got right to work, earning particular notice for



San Francisco transplants Natalie Sellers (left) and Carol Wilson present rosemary-braised Niman Ranch lamb shanks and a nice merlot at their 4th St. Bistro.

his pumpkin raviolis with gorgonzola, pancetta, and brunoise of peppers.

Likewise, the Reno Hilton has updated its chic trio, Asiana, Andiamo, and the Steak House, giving each a complete remodel and menu overhaul. Even the otherwise predictable Steak House now features entrees like herb-crusted veal chop with blue cheese gratin potato alongside the chateaubriand. Not to be left behind, John Ascuaga's Nugget unveiled Orozko, an upscale Mediterranean-Basque concept that may have marked the first appearance of "tapas" on a Reno-area menu.

Then there's the venerable Bistro Roxy, which foreshadowed the current food fest when it opened inside the Eldorado four years ago. A French-themed eatery with seven distinct architectural styles, the Roxy immediately wowed diners with trendy ingredients, vertical food presentation (a first in Reno), and an impeccable service style, until then rare in the area. Bistro Roxy has continued to carry the trend torch, latching onto the retro theme early with its 101 martinis and an emphasis on suave entertainment in the lounge. This is the sort of place where, no matter what you order, you

end up feeling very, very cosmopolitan.

The Eldorado, in fact, may have single-handedly prompted the gourmet room boom. Bistro Roxy's original chef was none other than Troy Cannan, in his pre-LuLou's days. Riggio counts the Eldorado's La Strada on his resume, as does chef Ivano Centembri at another independent eatery, La Vecchia.

So much talent, so little time.

To be honest, I don't much care how it happened. I figure I'll just put my fancy dining duds on, head out, and enjoy the bounty for all it's worth. It's an auspicious time for foodies like me, who, admittedly, never dreamed we would get so lucky in a town that still remembers cowboy coffee. But if the current momentum is any indication, the new millennium will find Reno restaurants continuing to keep pace with the leading edge of the culinary frontier.

Following is a sampling of the newer members of Reno's culinary elite. Reservations are recommended at each.

Bistro Roxy

Eldorado Hotel, 775-786-5700. Having taken over the tongs in Cannan's old haunt, chef Steve Hernandez hasn't been

one to linger in his predecessor's shadow. Bistro Roxy, arguably Reno's first edgy haute-cuisine concept, continues to delight diners with innovative dishes amid some of the best restaurant architecture around.

Hernandez says he likes to use local produce whenever possible, which occasionally includes hormone-free beef from his family's Fallon farm and products from Oasis, a Fallon dairy. Topping his appetizer list recently: grilled prosciutto-wrapped Oasis Farms goat cheese with pesto and sweet pepper relish.

Bricks

1695 S. Virginia St., 775-786-2277. Bricks is a great destination for diners who find the extreme cutting edge a little too terrifying. Chef Steve Budija has taken the best of the trends and applied them to comfortably familiar foods. Filet, veal, and salmon are all on the menu, but they have been given a stunning makeover.

As the name suggests, the interior is heavily bricked, which gives it a warm and enveloping glow. It's an excellent setting for everything from a date to a business dinner to a family gathering. The bar is particularly inviting, with a wealth of wood

and an easy, unpretentious atmosphere. Steve's wife, Jeanne, runs the dining room and will greet you warmly.

4th St. Bistro

3065 W. Fourth St., 775-323-3200. Recently moved from San Francisco, Natalie Sellers and Carol Wilson have transformed the former La Table Francaise into Reno's newest culinary hot spot. The menu is spare and focused, and chef Sellers likes to follow Alice Waters' (of Chez Panisse fame) philosophy of using seasonal, local ingredients when possible.

Environmentally conscious foodies will also appreciate an emphasis on organic produce and hormone-free meats. The menu, which is updated frequently, recently featured items like rosemary-braised Niman Ranch lamb shanks with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, and grilled Moroccan chicken breast with spiced couscous, chickpeas, and harissa. Nice wine list, too.

Galena Forest

17025 Mount Rose Hwy., 775-849-2100. When owner Craig Cunningham decided to sell his casual restaurant, Craig's, in favor of an upscale dinner house, he wisely brought in reinforcements. Cunningham's chef, Bill Gilbert, more than knows his way around the kitchen; he's a veteran of the old La Table Francaise, Marie's Petite Bistro, and Tahoe's La Cheminee. Gilbert has been wowing local diners with dishes such as Moroccan spice-rubbed lamb shank. They're not the only ones impressed: *Bon Appetit* recently called Galena Forest a "hot dinner destination."

The restaurant is located five miles up the Mount Rose Highway, a pretty drive that makes getting there half the fun. The building used to house the Bavarian-themed Galena Forest Inn, but Cunningham has revamped the interior with up-to-date art. A wall of windows affords most tables a lovely view of the woods.

LuLou's

1470 S. Virginia St., 775-329-9979. Chef-owner Troy Cannan is that rarity of rarities, a pure culinary talent. There is no other way to explain a person who, despite a lack of formal training in the food arts, consistently turns out transcendent cuisine. Cannan gained most of his expertise on the job, especially during his 11 years in the Eldorado's kitchens.

LuLou's has been a hit since the doors opened, but Cannan's food is just part of the story. The bistro atmosphere is ap-

pealing, too, with plenty of warm brick, jazzy furnishings, and an outdoor patio for warm-weather seating. The service is friendly and unobtrusive. Reno needs more restaurants like this one.

Monte Vigna

Atlantis Resort, 775-825-4700. The best words to describe MonteVigna might be "Italian Bistro." The cuisine is clearly Italian, but the atmosphere is more jazz-and-candlelight than accordions-and-meatballs. Built into the restaurant is a 4,000-bottle wine cellar, overseen by Christian O'Kuinghttons, one of just a handful of Reno sommeliers. O'Kuinghttons and his highly trained staff will happily help you select the right bottle to accompany your meal.

Chef Donato Partipilo began his culinary career at the age of eight in Venice, Italy, and has been cooking ever since. His menu is a mix of traditional Italian dishes

the dishes' preparation via the exhibition kitchen.

It's a large room, as casino restaurants go, seating nearly 250. But the architecture is cozily evocative of faraway lands with its arched, trompe l'oeil sky and detailed stonework. Atmospheric lighting and a flamenco guitarist add to the romantic atmosphere. Sunday's sangria brunch is a popular event.

Romanza

Peppermill Hotel, 775-826-2121. Romanza has gotten plenty of notice lately, as much for its design as for its food. The lavish decor evokes the grandeur of ancient Rome, complete with flame-topped columns, sumptuous drapes, and a towering, rotating statue of Antinoüs with two maidens. It's a very high-tech affair; individual diners can adjust the volume of background music via controls at the table. Behind the scenes, Romanza's mul-



Craig Cunningham's Galena Forest Restaurant brought fine dining and views to Mount Rose.

like osso bucco and more adventurous offerings such as Sonoma duck, slow roasted and finished with balsamic peppercorn sauce. The desserts, created by executive pastry chef Ana Ramos and her staff, feature artistic use of sauces and are among the most beautiful in the area.

Orozko

John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-356-3300. The Nugget is well known among locals for the consistency of its cuisine, and John Ascuaga's latest outlet, Orozko, follows in that tradition. Inspired by the Ascuaga family's hometown in the Basque Country, Orozko features Mediterranean-Basque cuisine. Specialties include paella Valenciana and tapas, and you can view

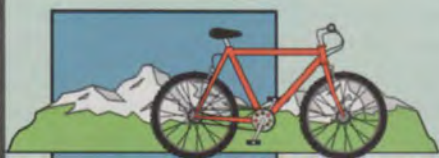
timedia control room looks a lot like a television studio, and a technician is always on duty. During dining hours, laser shows illuminate the dome, a simulated sky that changes from daytime to twilight to evening with over 2,000 fiber-optic "stars."

And yes, the food is quite good, too.

Haute cuisine is not a new pursuit for the Peppermill, whose 45-seat White Orchid remains a favorite with diners seeking an intimate, top-flight experience. But with Romanza, they pulled out all the stops. The menu changes frequently, but if you can, try chef Riggio's butternut squash raviolis. ▀

Kathleen Stebbins is a food and dining writer for the Reno Gazette-Journal.

A Great Place to Ride



BICYCLE NEVADA

(775) 888-RIDE
www.bicyclenevada.com

GAMBLERS GENERAL STORE

WORLD'S LARGEST GAMBLING SUPERSTORE

♥ Slot Machines
(Antique & Modern)

♣ Personalized
Poker Chips

♦ Gambling Books

♠ Video Poker

♥ Las Vegas
Nite Supplies

♣ Playing Cards

♦ Roulette Wheels

♠ VHS Gambling Tapes

♥ Table Game Layouts

♣ Computer Programs



Open Seven Days A Week

800 S. MAIN ST., LAS VEGAS, NV 89101

Call for 60 page color catalog!

Call 702-382-9903

Fax 702-366-0329 • Outside Nevada 800-322-2447

On the Internet: www.ggss.com or E-mail: ggs@fiat.net

We accept all Major Credit Cards We Ship Worldwide



Duikers, peering from the museum's jungle scene, stand only about 20 inches high when full grown.

Animal House

(Continued from page 86)

prison crew, 18 people, helping us unload this big, two-tiered tractor-trailer rig, this Bekins ark. They open the doors, and there's this zebra hanging out, surrounded by a bunch of silk foliage. It was just like Dr. Doolittle."

Once inside the museum, the members of the menagerie had to be carefully cleaned and assembled. Petersen reveals, "The horns go on like Legos."

The exhibit's majestic backdrop, a series of stunning landscape murals, was created on-site by artist Paul Manktelow of Reno. Manktelow worked for six months, much of the time on a platform high above the floor, getting the nuances of the clouds just right. The largest of Manktelow's five murals is 95 feet long and rises 35 feet above the North American-European section of the exhibit.

Animal Artistry staff carefully secured each exhibit in its naturalistic setting. A herd of antelope lingers here, a mountain lion paws the air over there, and an ostrich hangs out with the rhinos while a wolf silently stalks a deer. There's a lot

happening, zoologically speaking.

And there's a lot happening at the museum as a result. During the Wannamaker Wing's first month, more than 17,300 people visited the museum, about 6,000 more than an average August. Crowds of tourists, locals, and especially schoolchildren continue to make the safari. "It's been incredibly popular," Petersen says.

However, success has brought some added burdens for the museum. Security cameras had to be installed and extra personnel hired to ensure the exhibit's safety. Utility and maintenance costs more than doubled. The added expenses caused the museum to charge admission, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors, for the first time in its history. The museum board has declared the last Sunday of each month a "free day" to ensure that everyone has a chance to visit.

The best part about the Northeastern Nevada Museum's Wannamaker Wing is that it gives visitors the opportunity—whenever they like—to go where the wild things are. 🐾

Lin Anderson is an Elko writer who has stared down the moose at the Northeastern Nevada Museum.

Museum and Wing Notes

The Northeastern Nevada Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 ages 13 to 18 and over 65, \$1 for children 12 and under, and free for kids under two. A good deal is membership in the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. The annual fee of \$20 (\$35 for families) includes admission to the museum, invitations to special events, a subscription to the society's quarterly publication, and a 10-percent discount on books. Call 775-738-3418, visit www.nenv-museum.org, or write the Northeastern Nevada Museum, 1515 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

ALL THE MEDALS
IN THE WORLD
CAN'T TOP THIS.

My oasis in the sky.

*Here every breath
is a wake-up call for your soul.*

*And victory is measured
not in seconds, but in smiles.*

This is my Nevada.

Won't you come ski it?

-Eva Twardokens, Olympic Skier



Make some history with the ultimate millennium celebration - now through January 2001.

Call toll-free: 1-877-2000-NEV or visit us online at www.2000nevada.com.



Discover
Both Sides of
NEVADA.

Animal House

Amid lions and tigers, Elko museum visitors go on safari thanks to a collector's gift. **By Lin Anderson**

Here, the big cats stalk their prey. Polar bears scan the white horizon. Nearby, a forest pig roots around in the dense jungle undergrowth, and a pair of rhinos plot their charge. Above it all, a monkey hangs from a tree, studying these creatures of the plateau and the playa, the veldt and the ice.

Welcome to Elko.

The jungle and the forest and the African savanna have come to North-eastern Nevada in the form of a massive, 8,000-square-foot permanent exhibit at the Northeastern Nevada Museum. The \$1.9-million Wanamaker Wildlife Wing and its contents—valued at \$3 million—comprise one of the most unusual museum attractions in all of rural Nevada. About 320 mounts from the world over are displayed in naturalistic settings and in a separate trophy room. The animals include lions and tigers and bears, of course, along with ostriches, monkeys, bighorn sheep, and the odd musk ox.

The taxidermist's dream opened with fanfare in August 1999 and already has become a mecca for schoolchildren from throughout Elko County and tourists from everywhere else.

The one-of-a-kind wing is the gift of avid sportsman and Safari Club member V.H. "Jack" Wanamaker. The Burbank, California, businessman donated his personal wildlife collection and provided most of the funds to build the wing that houses it and bears his name.

"I wanted to place my entire collection at a museum," Wanamaker recalls. "A co-worker who owned property in Elko County told me about Elko." Wanamaker visited the city in 1994 and was impressed



A Siberian tiger watches over saigas and small-rodent bibucks, with North American animals in the background. At left, a monkey swings in the Wanamaker Wing.



with both Elko and the Northeastern Nevada Museum, already judged one of the best small museums in the West. The Californian huddled with members of the museum's board of directors and staff to discuss quartering his collection

in Nevada's outback, and it seemed like a great idea for all concerned.

"We saw this as a unique opportunity for Elko," says Bob Burns, president of the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society. "The museum needed more space and new exhibits that would draw tourists. Jack's collection offered museum visitors a chance to learn about wildlife from all over the world, and we knew that students alone would greatly benefit."

Construction of the Wanamaker Wing began in the summer of 1997. Craig Bybee, an architect with EDA, the Salt

Lake City firm that designed the museum's original building, designed the wing to include not only the wildlife exhibit but also a second-floor Western art gallery. When the wing was finished in spring 1999, it was time to move in the animals and create realistic settings for them. The habitat scenes, comprising a mountain, jungle, ice floe, and savanna, were designed and built by Animal Artistry, owned by Mike Boyce of Reno and known for its displays in stores such as the outfitter Cabela's.

The arrival of the animals was a big—and somewhat surreal—event, recalls program coordinator Jan Petersen. "People were slo-o-o-owly driving by when word got out that there were wild and exotic creatures being unloaded in the parking lot," Petersen says. "Let's face it. It's not often you get to be eyeball-to-eyeball with a moose."

The big task required a big retinue of workers. Petersen says, "We had a whole
(Continued on page 84)

We'll fill up
your
scrapbook.
And
quite possibly
your garage.

CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK



The Nevada RV Adventure Win a 2001 Winnebago Adventurer 32V loaded with options.

One trip to Nevada and you'll drive away with a lifetime of memories. Plus a chance at winning the RV of your dreams. Enter at participating Nevada RV and State Parks. Contact us for sweepstakes details and a complete list of prizes.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Two ways to enter: 1) Obtain and complete an official entry form by visiting any participating RV park or State Park in Nevada and deposit your entry form in the designated The Nevada RV Adventure entry box; or 2) Obtain and complete an official entry form found at a participating RV park or State Park in Nevada or on a plain 3" x 5" card, legibly hand-print your name, address, zip code, age, plus day and evening phone numbers. Then, mail your completed entry form or 3" x 5" card in a first-class, postage affixed envelope to: The Nevada RV Adventure, P.O. Box 8118, Calabasas, CA 91372-8118. Limit one deposited entry per person in each of the five Nevada territories. See Official Rules or contact The Nevada Commission on Tourism for location of territories. Limit five mail-in entries per person and one entry per envelope. Maximum of five entries per person by any means. No mechanically reproduced entries permitted. Sweepstakes ends August 31, 2001. All entries must be postmarked by August 31, 2001 and received by September 7, 2001. Open to legal U.S. residents (except residents of Florida, New York, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico), 21 years of age or older. Sweepstakes is void in Florida, New York, Rhode Island, Puerto Rico and where prohibited by law. See Official Rules for complete description of prizes, eligibility requirements and odds of winning. For a copy of the Official Rules, send SASE to: The Nevada RV Adventure Rules, P.O. Box 8991, Calabasas, CA, 91372-8118 USA. VT residents may omit return postage. You may also view the rules by visiting www.travelnevada.com.

1-800-NEVADA-8 or www.travelnevada.com

Discover
Both Sides Of
NEVADA®



THE NEW WAY.

VEGASFREEDOM.COM

Las Vegas

What you want. When you want.