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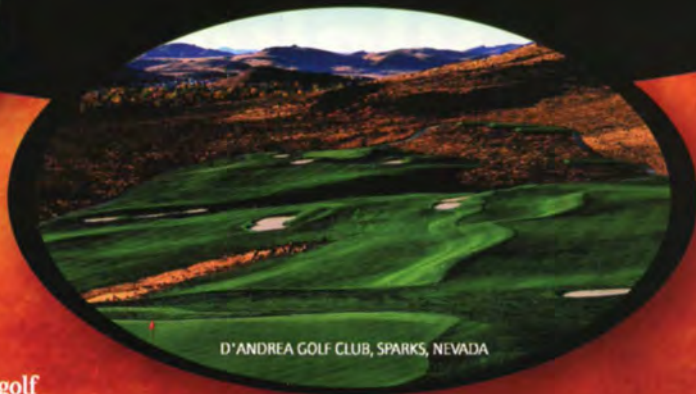


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—Cindy Hollands of El Cajon, California



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Meet Ken and Karl

Ken Van Vechten credits his wife, Terri, for suggesting that he turn to freelance writing. He says, "I think she sensed my earlier days as a pauper at a local newspaper were my happiest working days. I thought she was nuts for handing me such a blank check."

Ken's first story for *Nevada Magazine* was a behind-the-scenes look at Treasure Island's pirate battle (now "The Sirens of TI") in March/April 2002. He saw the battle in mid-September 2001. "With every cannon blast, the smallish crowd roared," he says. "The battle, the pirates—it was America to those people, that night, those few days after 9/11. It was all about brashness and showing attitude and putting up 'the good fight.'"

The Riverside, California, writer frequently researches stories in Las Vegas, where he spent Valentine's Day 2003 gathering material for this issue's "Be My Valentine." An extra guest at numerous Glitter City weddings, Ken penned "Making Marry" in the Jan/Feb '03 issue and is writing Huntington Press' *Neon Nuptials*, a Las Vegas wedding guidebook. "There's not a lot of hardship in taking so many excursions to the Silver State," he says, "though I will grant that I'm a bit overwhelmed by cherubs right now."



Ken Van Vechten

Climbing to the top of the highest peak in Nevada is nothing new for Carson City's *Nevada Appeal* reporter **Karl Horeis**. He and four other journalists hiked to the top of Boundary Peak as one of their 10 Nevada challenges, chronicled in "Every Day Was an Adventure" in our Sept/Oct '03 issue. The story was written by his pal Jeremy Evans, and Karl's grimacing face appeared on the cover as he hung from a cliff in Red Rock Canyon.

Karl, 26, a native of Eugene, Oregon, has hiked and skied since he was a youngster. He reclinced Boundary Peak last spring, this time with his childhood hot dog-skiing hero, Glen Plake, and ski photographer Christian Pondella. Karl describes the trip in "Skiing to Extremes." He says, "It was kind of a drag being crammed in that plastic bag all night in a storm, but it was totally worth it to ski fresh powder in the backcountry with Glen Plake in the morning."



Karl Horeis

Learning to use an avalanche beacon at 13,000 feet in a fast-moving storm, watching Plake ski off a ridge, and carving turns down the mountain were among the high points of that spring ski trip, Karl says. "I kept thinking, 'Man, my buddies aren't going to believe this!'" —Joyce Hollister

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Letters

Turkey dinners, contest winners, and tale spinners.

Cats, Dogs, and Deer

I wasn't surprised to see the cat and deer interact in the last issue of *Nevada Magazine* ("Magic Moment" by Kate Butler). Not long ago my cat ventured close to a young buck who was eating the remains of my summer garden. The two nuzzled each other briefly, almost like the cat and deer in the photo taken by Susan Zerga in Lamoille. Another time, my black lab and a four-point buck did a kind of standoff, staring each other down until I shooed the dog away.

Deer seem to be as curious as cats. Frequently one or two deer watch me with interest when I pick apples. Maybe Ms. Zerga and the writer of the *Pogonip Magic* book, Karen Wilson, can do a sequel about a deer and a dog meeting in an orchard.

Robert Peabody
Placerville, CA



The pair that inspired the book *Pogonip Magic*.

"Sekhmet Temple, Cactus Springs" by Warren Bates. I think both showed, in different ways, the power of a quiet moment in a photograph.

Frank Elliot
Los Angeles, CA

Turkey Tips

After reading "Talking Turkey" by Joan Patterson in Nov/Dec '03, I know what I'll cook for my family's Thanksgiving dinner. No more re-creations of *Gourmet* or *Bon Appetit* menus. No chasing all over town trying to find ingredients I can't even pronounce. Too many times I've cooked for three days, and then everyone finishes dinner in 45 minutes.

In the article chef Tim Bowen of Harrah's Las Vegas suggests that I stuff my bird with cut-up lemons and oranges and then put him in the oven on top of leftover vegetable peelings. How simple! I'll add some cranberries to the gravy, too.

Folks around here think if they add a little garlic to their mashed potatoes, they've gone gourmet. Wait till they try mine jazzed up with parsnips.

Shirley Strickland
Carbondale, IL

A Las Vegas Original

When I visit Las Vegas, I enjoy seeing the big hotels and casinos. I also love going out to Bonnie Springs in Red Rock Canyon and to Death Valley.

A number of times I stayed at Excalibur, but the last visit I spent two nights at the Golden Gate. It's a small hotel and a great place to stay. The Golden Gate is worth a story. That is where the history of Las Vegas started.

Phyllis McCarter
Ostrander, OH

Phyllis, in the Jan/Feb '03 issue Jim Foglio wrote about the Golden Gate in his story "Downtown Classic." Jim noted that the Las Vegas hotel-casino dates back to 1906 and originally was called the Hotel Nevada. His story paid homage to the "Original" shrimp cocktail, which the Golden Gate has served since 1959.—Ed.

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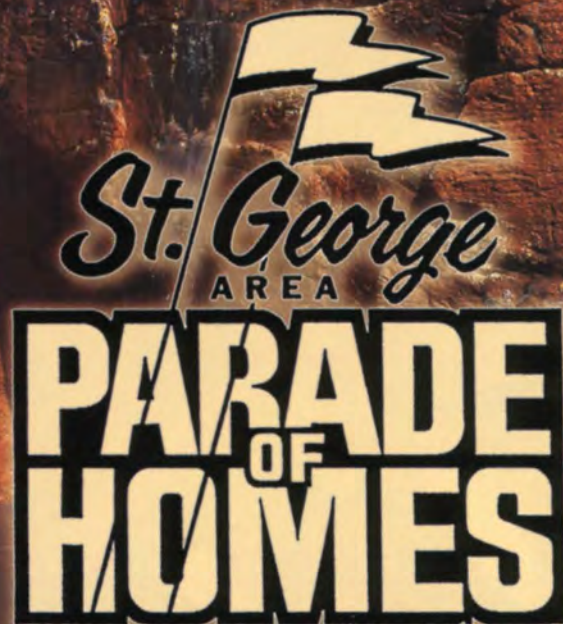
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Image Makers

Thank you for running the beautiful photos by the Great Nevada Picture Hunt winners ("Digital Masters") in the last issue. I especially liked "Tahoe Dreaming, Zephyr Point" by Shirley Kagel and

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Central Exposure

Tonopah photographer **Jim Galli** seeks out essential Nevada scenes.

One evening in Pioche, Jim Galli spotted a row of motorcycles at the Overland Hotel (top right). "My truck was parked right there, so I set up my camera in the back," says the Tonopah photographer. "It was a seven-minute exposure, and I went over to the bikes with a flash. All the Harley guys were looking outside, saying, 'What's that guy doing?'" Galli, in fact, was shooting a series on Pioneer Territory for the Nevada Commission on Tourism (postcards are available at pioneerterritory.org). A photometric technologist at the Tonopah Test Range, Galli travels throughout the state capturing images such as Belmont (bottom right) and great horned owls at the Tonopah Historic Mining Park (below). "Central Nevada is a wonderful place to live—we're surrounded by great subjects," he says. Galli is exhibiting more than 50 photographs, including his "junquescapes," through January 29 at the Nevada State Library and Archives in Carson City.







Roadside Attractions

Antique cars in Boulder City and heli-skiing the Rubies.

Designer Duds

LAS VEGAS—For the last two and a half years, Las Vegas as well as tourists have searched for bargains at the **Unique Boutique and Resale Shop**.

The store's centerpiece is the upstairs boutique, which has designer women's clothes and evening wear as well as a men's section and shoe room. New items arrive every week, and shoppers never know what sort of treasure they'll find—perhaps a Liz Claiborne, Esprit, or Evan Piccone for under \$10. "We've even had Valentinos in here," store manager Bill Warbeck says.

The second-hand store benefits the Nathan Adelson Hospice, the only nonprofit hospice in Southern Nevada. The idea for the store started when families who had lost loved ones at the hospice didn't know what to do with their possessions. Thirty-five volunteers keep the shop stocked with donated clothing, books, furniture, and appliances. Anything that is not sold is donated to other charities.

The volunteers keep track of their customers' preferences. Norma Doerfler says



Unique Boutique manager Bill Warbeck shows designer clothes.

she has repeat customers whose taste she knows so well that when she sees something they would like, she holds it for them. Warbeck isn't surprised the store

has a loyal following. "We have dollar clothing," he says.

Unique Boutique, located at 4700 Maryland Parkway, is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Call 702-967-2541 for more information. —Kristine McKenzie

Antique Pit Stop

BOULDER CITY—Visitors from around the world come to see Clark Gable's 1941 Harley-Davidson and Pope John Paul II's bulletproof "Popemobile" at the **Antique Car Museum** at St. Jude's Ranch for Children.

The display includes 18 unique autos donated by collector and museum founder Richie Clyne, who also created the Imperial Palace Auto Collection in Las Vegas. Each car signifies an automotive landmark. Visitors will see a 1929 Duesenberg Model J coupe built for a Chicago bank president and a 1971 Stutz Blackhawk custom coupe that Elvis Presley gave to his doctor. The collection features one of only two 1929 Isotta Fraschini Tipo 8 AS Roadsters, Italy's answer to the Rolls-Royce.

Antique bicycles, toy cars, and an an-



In & Out Pools

The indoor and outdoor pools and an outdoor hot tub are open all year at the Atlantis in Reno. Both hotel and nonhotel guests can use the pools, the new Atlantis salon, and the facilities at the Atlantis Health Spa, including a gym, indoor hot tub, cold pond, and refreshments. Call 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500 for information about the salon, pools, and spa treatments.



A 1906 Pope Waverly horseless carriage is one of 18 cars displayed at the Antique Car Museum.

tique tractor are placed among the cars. Automobile development sketches are displayed near each vintage vehicle, and flags hang from the ceiling celebrating the cars' manufacturing countries.

Located on the campus of St. Jude's Ranch for Children, on U.S. 93 seven miles west of Hoover Dam, the Antique Car Museum is housed in a Spanish mis-

Traveler's Advisories

Nevada on the Air

Motorists who like to get their news from National Public Radio can tune to **KNPR 88.9 FM** in Las Vegas. The all-news station airs on a new public radio frequency and broadcasts local and national programs, such as the NPR Los Angeles' *Day to Day With Alex Chadwick*. A second frequency, **KCNV 89.7 FM**, now plays classical music 24 hours daily. Nevada Public Radio created the two stations by splitting KNPR 88.5 last Nevada Day, October 31. In Northern Nevada, travelers can still tune to Reno-based **KUNR 88.7 FM**.

Rafting Down the River

Canoers and kayakers will shoot newly sculpted rapids at the **Truckee River Park at Wingfield** in downtown Reno this summer. The park features a 2,600-foot whitewater area, which includes a 1,200-foot slalom racing course. Pedestrian bridges connect the Truckee River island park to city streets. Spectators can sit on flat-topped boulders to view the river or stroll on the walkway beneath the Arlington Avenue Bridge.

Behind the Scenes

Visitors can see Native American baskets and other artifacts normally off-limits to the public during group tours of the **Nevada State Museum's** basement storage areas. The tours are offered on the last Friday of each month by reservation. Also, the historic Coin Press No. 1 operates on the last Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum in downtown Carson City. Call 775-687-4810 ext. 228 to make a tour reservation or for more information.



Las Vegas newswoman Gwen Castaldi is the host of KNPR's *State of Nevada* program.

Surfing Nevada

Historical information about Nevadans compiled by the Federal Census can be accessed at the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs Web site, **www.NevadaCulture.org**. Nevada is the first state to

have all its federal manuscript census data available online. The data includes records that were gathered every 10 years from 1860 to 1920 except for 1890—the records for that year were destroyed in a 1921 warehouse fire.

Families planning a trip to Southern Nevada can download the free e-book *A Kids Guide to Las Vegas* at **www.lasvegaskids.net**. Kid-friendly hotels, rides, arcades, and other under-21 activities are featured.



Julie Ririe and daughter Sarah view the propeller of a plane that crashed during a top-secret flight in 1955.

sion-style building with views of Lake Mead. Garden benches offer comfortable spots to rest. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free, and donations are accepted. Call 800-492-3562 for details.—*Rebecca Loesch*

Of Spies and U-2s

LAS VEGAS—As the new **Atomic Testing Museum** awaits its permanent exhibits on the Nevada Test Site and the Cold War, three traveling exhibits, unveiled at the museum's October opening, are on display until June.

The **1955 Mount Charleston Plane Crash** exhibit, which is provided by the Silent Heroes of the Cold War National Memorial Foundation (visit www.coldwarmemorial.com), tells the story of an ill-fated top-secret flight to Nevada's "Area 51." The Douglas C-54 slammed into Mount Charleston on November 17, 1955, taking the lives of the crew, CIA officials, scientists, and engineers working on U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. Families of the victims were not told details of the crash for more than 40 years.



Acting director Jay Bigelow checks fish at the Lahontan National Fish Hatchery (above). At left is visitor Sierra Bertolone-Smith.

Another display recalls the **Francis Gary Powers U-2 Incident**. Photos, notebooks, and the pilot's flight suit are among the pieces retrieved after Powers' U.S. spy plane was shot down over Russia on May 1, 1960, as related in this traveling exhibit from the Cold War Museum (www.coldwar.org) of Fairfax, Virginia. Also on display are targets and scientific instruments in the **Fizeau Nuclear Weapon Test** exhibit.

The Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation operates the museum from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday at the Desert Research Institute, 755 East Flamingo Road. Call 702-794-5151 or visit www.ntsdf.org for information.—Joyce Hollister

Society Celebrates Centennial

RENO—Early maps, books, artifacts, and photographs will depict the history of the **Nevada Historical Society** in two exhibitions marking the society's 100th year. The museum on the University of Nevada, Reno campus also will host several centennial events open to the public.

The society was founded on May 31, 1904, by university history professor Jeanne Elizabeth Weir, who ran it until her death in 1950. "She set a high level of professionalism and established a tradition of collection, education, and publication," museum director Peter Bandurraga says.

The first exhibition, "A Century of Nevada's History: The Story of the Nevada Historical Society," opens January 16 at the society's annual Mid-Winter Gala. Included are elements from the Native American and pioneer collections as well as from the collections of such famous Nevadans as U.S. Senator William Stewart, father of Nevada's constitution, and U.S. Senator Key Pittman, who traveled the world as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the 1930s. Major artworks and mementos from Nevadans of all walks of life will illustrate life in the Silver State during the 20th century.

The second exhibition, "Jeanne Elizabeth Weir and the Nevada Historical Society," is slated to open July 17

A state agency since 1907 the Nevada Historical Society operates Nevada's largest research repository. The public can visit the library and museum galleries at 1650 North Virginia Street from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Call 775-688-1190 for centennial celebration details.—Joyce Hollister

Not Your Average Trout

GARDNERVILLE—The **Lahontan National Fish Hatchery** lets travelers stretch their legs and see a native Nevada fish—the Lahontan cutthroat trout.

Classified as a federal threatened species, the cutthroat is the largest trout found in North America and known for distinctive red markings under its jaw. Visitors can see eggs in May, young fish in the spring and summer, and three-to-five-



The Nevada Historical Society's first museum occupied a building on Center Street in Reno near the university gates in 1913.

Plenty of Powder



The Ruby Mountains east of Elko provide more than 500 square miles of terrain for heli-ski enthusiasts. The mountains, named for the garnets that 19th-century soldiers mistook for rubies, feature 10 peaks above 10,000 feet. Ruby Mountain Helicopter Skiing's three-day package tour costs about \$3,000. Call 775-753-6867 or visit www.helicopterskiing.com for details.

inch fish in the fall. When the fish average five to 10 inches long, they are released into Pyramid and Walker lakes and the Truckee River.

The hatchery on the east fork of the Carson River houses the larger trout in protected pools and raceways, where the water acts as a flowing river. Young trout are raised in indoor tanks and fed every hour. An aquarium with mature trout allows visitors to see the fish's distinct features and red markings close up.

The hatchery conducts prearranged guided tours for large groups year-round and holds an annual open house in April. Individuals can take a self-guided tour. The Lahontan National Fish Hatchery, five miles south of Gardnerville on U.S. 395, is open 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Admission is free. Picnic tables and restrooms are available. Call 775-265-2425 for more information.—Rebecca Loesch



People Page

A Fallon truck fan, a Reno long rider, and Vegas hall of famers.

Freight-Driving Mom

By Carolyn Fox

In 1968, when their oldest daughters were in high school, **Paulie Alles** received a special Mother's Day gift from her husband, Dick. It was something large and showy, something Dick thought every woman would like—a hay loader mounted on the back of a pickup.

Dick needed someone to load hay in Yerington onto his flatbeds bound for California, and that someone was Paulie.

"Soon I was loading other hay trucks as there wasn't anyone in the vicinity with a hay loader. I received \$12 a load," Paulie recalls.

"It took me four hours to load the first truck, but Dick was patient," she says. It didn't occur to her that loading was hard

"I never saw any other women driving at that time, and they certainly weren't hauling hay."

work—she merely found it something new to learn. Then Dick announced, "I bought you a '62 Kenworth. I'm gonna teach you to drive so we can make more money." Soon she was on the road.

"I never saw any other women driving at that time, and they certainly weren't hauling hay," remembers Paulie. She learned how to chain up for winter driving. Dick says, "Other drivers would send their wives out in the storm to watch Paulie put on her chains. They were too embarrassed to get out and watch themselves." In 1973 Paulie and Dick bought a '69 Freightliner. "The truck was a dream to drive," she says.

Now retired, the couple live in a new mobile home on the outskirts of Fallon, where Paulie, 73, works on her photography and custom-framing business, Photowest Photography. A member of the American Truck Historical Society, she has a teal-and-raspberry 1954 bubble-nose Freightliner that she shows in competi-



Former hay hauler Paulie Alles washes the 1954 Freightliner she shows at truck competitions.

tions. When Paulie and Dick moved to their new home, there were no houses nearby. Now, Paulie says, "all my new neighbors are either truck drivers or truck mechanics."

Carolyn Fox, a frequent Nevada contributor, lives in Jackson, California.

Ride 'Em, Doc

By Liz Lipton

After a full day's work, **Dr. Jerry Zebrack** hops on his mountain bike or one of his nine horses and rides for two to five hours in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest near his home. On most of his days



Jerry Zebrack rides Atina de Soi near Fort Churchill in the Brothel-to-Brothel 50-miler in October 2002.

off, the 64-year-old cardiologist usually rides a bike for 20 miles and a horse for 50 miles, spending up to eight hours on the trail.

"It's the perfect life, and I would just like to keep doing this as long as I can," says Zebrack, who practices with Reno Heart Physicians and is associated with the University of Nevada Medical School. Zebrack and his wife, Jan, live 20 miles north of Reno in a house that borders the forest land.

Zebrack didn't begin bicycling until 1979 and horseback riding a year later. He says before that he was as "out of shape as anyone could be."

His epiphany took place in a traffic jam in Yellowstone National Park. As sons Jim and John argued in the back seat, Zebrack saw a family bicycling past the backed-up traffic. "That's it," he declared. "Next time we are going on a bike trip."

Every year since then, Jerry and Jan (and the boys when younger) have taken two or three bike tours of 1,000 to

1,500 miles. They have ridden in every state, Australia, and Europe. Zebrack says, "When you're on a bike, you go really slowly, so you see all the scenery, and everything is new and exciting."

Riding horseback is more competitive for Zebrack. He has entered about 200 long-distance equestrian races in which

competitors ride 50 to 100 miles, and he has won several titles. His favorite course is the 100-mile race around Virginia City held each fall. "Considering that sometimes I have to ride for 24 hours to finish, the very best thing about the Virginia City race is that I don't have to do it again for 364 days." Zebrack twice was chosen to be one of 44 eligible riders to vie for a spot on the World Equestrian Games Endurance Squad, although he didn't compete.

His passion for long-distance athletics isn't shared by everyone. He says, "My family thinks it's too masochistic. And my patients are supportive—as long as they don't have to do it."

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Wall of Fame

Breck Wall, the director, coproducer, and costar of "Bottoms Up," was inducted into the Casino Legends Hall of Fame at the Tropicana in Las Vegas last fall. Wall created "Bottoms Up" in Dallas in 1959 and took it around the country three times as well as to Australia. The show, known for its bawdy one-liners, has appeared at nearly every Las Vegas resort in the past 44 years and is said to be the longest-running comedy revue in the world.

Other inductees include **Frankie Valli**, **Connie Stevens**, **Jack Carter**, **Cook E. Jarr**, **Clint Holmes**, editor **Murray Hertz**, and **Bill Acosta**. They join Howard Hughes, Sammy Davis Jr., Nat "King" Cole, and others who were inducted into the Casino Legends Hall of Fame for their roles in making Las Vegas an entertainment capital. The hall of fame houses Nevada gaming and entertainment memorabilia and is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Tropicana. ▀



Casino legends, from left: *What's On* executive editor Murray Hertz, Breck Wall, Frankie Valli, Tropicana president Hector Mon, Connie Stevens, Clint Holmes, Jack Carter, museum curator Steve Cutler, Bill Acosta, and Cook E. Jarr. The inductees were honored last fall at the Tropicana in Las Vegas.



Breck Wall

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Be My Valentine

Valentine's Day is the biggest day for weddings in Las Vegas. Here we follow five couples who tied the knot last February 14.

By Ken Van Vechten
Photos by Mary Schilpp

*L*as Vegas is without dispute the world's marketplace of love. Year in, year out, day after day, couples arrive from every corner of the globe looking for love—and a marriage license. And no day is more popular than February 14, when Cupid conspires with that unique Las Vegas magic.

"Valentine's weddings? It's just the whole romance thing. Cupid, and the day for lovers," says Shannon Manning of Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel. "When someone gets married on Valentine's, every year it's not only Valentine's Day when you give chocolate or flowers to the one you



Cindy and Chuck Hollands dressed elegantly for their Elvis-officiated wedding at Viva Las Vegas.

love. It's also your wedding anniversary, which makes it even more important."

Valentine's Day in Vegas is huge. Bigger than New Year's. More important to a bride than any day in June. How big? Up to 2,500 licenses are issued by the Clark County Marriage Bureau over the three days leading up to and including the love-bird holiday. On Valentine's, the most popular chapels each bind 100 couples or more. Because there are more than 50 rec-

"I always wanted to get married on Valentine's Day. And he'll never forget our anniversary. At least I hope not."

ognized "chapels" and scores of other wedding venues across the Las Vegas Valley, that's a hunka hunka burnin' love.

Multi-hour waits at the marriage bureau are the stuff of legend, and when Megan and Mike Fimbres of Orange County, California, showed up on Valentine's Day 2003 to get a license for their wedding that night, they were queued up for three hours. The couple's seemingly 11th-hour timing wasn't dictated by the spontaneity of an elopement but by a change of heart. Initially planning a mid-March wedding in Laguna Beach, Megan, 24, and Mike, 32, saw their resolve wane in proportion to the growth of the guest list and the demands of organizing *their* event.

"It was becoming too much of a pain trying to put together a big wedding," Megan says. "It was turning more into entertaining everyone else and less about Mike and me and what we wanted."

Ten days after changing gears the couple became wife and husband in a gondola at the Venetian. It was fun, certainly different, and very romantic—a wedding to be remembered. The date also offered Megan several nuptial bonuses. "As a little girl I always wanted to get married on Valentine's Day. And he'll never forget our anniversary. At least I hope not," she adds, laughing.

The Fimbres had been to the Neon City on several occasions, and they enjoyed the sights, the lights, and the tables. They



Megan and Mike Fimbres exchanged their marriage vows in a gondola at the Venetian on Valentine's Day 2003.

didn't anticipate the 30 friends and family members who showed up Friday night to watch them wed. Watching was no easy feat as bride, groom, witness, and minister floated along the Grand Canal, beneath the Ponte al di Piazza and past St. Mark's Square, requiring the guests to scamper after them. Looking back, Megan realizes it probably wasn't such a hard sell after all. "Who doesn't love Vegas?" she asks.

Linda Swift trades in that appeal every day. "Where else can you go and have so much fun, and have so much to do, and have so much variety? You say, 'Las Vegas, and everybody wants to come,'" opines the owner of the Tropicana's Island Wedding Chapel and the Aladdin Wedding Chapel. "It is not only because Las Vegas is so popular and it's so easy to get married here. You can get everything, all-in-one, for just so much less."

The ease of a Las Vegas wedding cannot be denied. Show up with ID and 55 bucks, and you get a license, without bloodletting. For as little as \$25 you can have a ceremony. If there's no line at the county building, it's 30 minutes to nuptial bliss and decades together, all for less than a Franklin. The ceremony need not be threadbare, and a bride's parents easily can go over five figures if that's their little girl's wish. Yet that is more the exception than the rule in Sin City. It's the turnkey quality of the whole escapade, the diversity—and the options—that are Las Vegas bridal hallmarks, Valentine's Day or any other.

Last Valentine's Day, the catchall attribute wasn't lost on Chuck and Cindy Hollands, who opted for Elvis at Viva Las Vegas. With family scattered about the West, the mid-40s couple from El Cajon, California, liked Las Vegas' central loca-



Jayne and Len Harvey of Bristol, England, boarded a helicopter to celebrate their wedding at the Grand Canyon.

tion. They liked the chapel's ability to supply everything—reception, cake, flowers, webcast, rooms for their 56 guests, and an on-site honeymoon suite. They also got "Elvis," or longtime Las Vegas-entertainer-turned-chapel-owner Ron DeCar, who sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love With You," "Love Me Tender," and "Viva Las Vegas," during which he implored the audience to dance and sing with the newlyweds in a suit-and-tie variant of a mosh pit.

"Chuck and I had been together about 15 years," Cindy says. "People were wondering, Are you guys going to get married?' We almost threw it out as a joke—getting married by Elvis, in Vegas. Then it started catching on."

What of the King decked out in white and rhinestones, cast at his career's peak? Chuck declares, "Ron was a great Elvis, with just enough cheese for the needed effect."

Behind the chapel, in DeCar's '50s Diner, a jukebox-and-soda-fountain throw-back, another Elvis was gyrating, this time



On the occasion of their 25th anniversary, Bobbie and Warren White renewed their vows with the King in attendance.

for Bobbi and Warren White of Gilbert, Arizona, who were celebrating the silver anniversary of their Valentine's Day wedding. (Renewals are growing in popularity. Just show up, step up, and say "I do," in a spiritual if not legal sense, all over again.) Dressed in period attire—Bobbi in bobby socks, skirt, and sizzling blouse, and Warren in a complementary bowling shirt emblazoned with "The Mint Downtown Las Vegas" across the back—the re-newlyweds were perfectly cast. Young Elvis (Gary Alexander) completed the picture in two-tone wingtips and silver-and-gold blazer.

"I wanted to do something fun and whimsical for our 25th," says Bobbi, at 58 five years Warren's junior. "We're not necessarily Elvis fans—we do like him—but we *love* Vegas. It's our favorite place to vacation. We thought we must look the part, too."

Valentine's Day found Len and Jayne Harvey of Bristol, England, boarding a HeliUSA helicopter at Las Vegas Executive Air Terminal and taking off for the Grand Canyon. Alighting at a west rim ranch they ate cake, sipped wine, celebrated love and friendship with longtime pals Shannon and Ian Mann of Winnipeg, Canada, and took in the canyon's grandeur.

"It's America—it's big," Jayne, 35, says of the Grand Canyon. "You can't match it.



The McNamaras chose the Aladdin's traditional chapel.

There's nowhere else like it." Adds Len, 61, "Not many people in England have been to the Grand Canyon, let alone get married there. Not many can say that, and on Valentine's Day, too."

In purely legal terms the Harveys' matrimony was affixed at some point over the Southern Nevada desert or perhaps Lake Mead. Flying back in, seeing the Strip, downtown, and the glow of a bazillion lights ignited something. They later cruised Las Vegas Boulevard, saw Siegfried and Roy, and visited Mount Charleston.

"We didn't think much of it," Len recalls of an earlier drive through Las Vegas. "But our friends said we'd like it, and we did. It was really awesome."

*A*irborne vows, liveried Elvises, and Italian gondolas don't lampoon the Las Vegas wedding experience any more than do the love palaces draped in mauve and carnation pink and festooned in a chorus of cherubs. Campy and kitschy, indeed, but nothing about a Las Vegas wedding is caricatured because it—the town,

the experience, the wedding industry itself—is the original. It's really about choices. There's even some quarter for a hint of tradition.

For years a friend told Rachel Szydlowski that she and her husband-to-be, Mike McNamara, should just head to Las Vegas and be done with it. They'd been together for years, and he certainly loved the city. But Rachel resisted, falling back on Midwestern sensibilities that, while not requiring a train and churchly solemnity, nevertheless turned away from corn. So they were set for a May wedding on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River in Alton, Illinois. The McNamaras—he's 41, she's 35—ended up exchanging vows in Las Vegas.

They had planned to be in town on Valentine's Day to visit friends. Growing tired of pre-wedding hassles, Rachel relented, with a caveat or two. She wanted a chapel with a traditional look and no seedy neighbors. It couldn't be a "24-hour, get-in, get-out kind of place," she said, and it had to reflect her values "yet also our sense of adventure."

Rachel and Mike opted for the Aladdin Wedding Chapel, which is about as kitsch-and-neighbor-intrusive-free as any place in the world's matrimonial capital. The ceremony was quick, as they are in Las Vegas, yet poignant. He wore a suit and she a white dress.

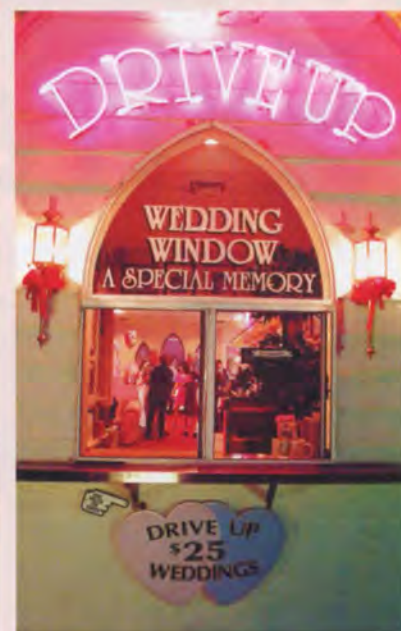
Says Mike, "In the video at the end of our service, we're walking down the aisle, and you can hear the minister say, 'That was nice. It really was.'"

Classy, but where's the adventure? Later that evening husband and wife ambled off to Egypt (Luxor), explored the secrets of King Tut's tomb, and caught a late, late night revue.

Clouds passed over Las Vegas on February 14, 2003, but it didn't rain. Several months later, on a certain day in May, the clouds opened up over the Heartland. Mike and Rachel really know how to roll the dice.

And so, too, do the many Vegas Valentines. ■

The ever-romantic Ken Van Vechten is planning a Glitter Gulch renewal. He's thinking bungee jumping at Circus Circus, but his wife, Teresa, is not so sure. Meanwhile he is writing a Las Vegas wedding guidebook for Huntington Press. Mary Schilpp is a Florida-based photographer.



Wedding Bell Queues

Couples can obtain marriage licenses at county offices throughout Nevada. A marriage license is good for one year and may be used anywhere in the state. To buy a marriage license you'll need identification, such as a current driver's license, passport, or birth certificate copy. Also bring cash. A license costs \$55 to \$65, depending on the county.

The busier county license bureaus include **Las Vegas** (Clark County, 702-455-4416, 200 South Third St., www.co.clark.nv.us), **Laughlin** (Clark County, 702-298-4622, 101 Civic Way, www.co.clark.nv.us), **Reno** (Washoe County, 775-328-3275, 75 Court St., www.co.washoe.nv.us), and **Carson City** (775-887-2084, 885 E. Musser St., Suite 1025, www.carson-city.nv.us). Lake Tahoe license places include the Douglas County office in **Stateline** (775-586-7290, 175 U.S. 50, <http://cltr.co.douglas.nv.us>) and the Washoe County office in **Incline Village** (775-832-4166, 865 Tahoe Blvd., Suite 102, www.co.washoe.nv.us).

Skiing to Extremes



Glen Flake, owner of the ski world's best-known mohawk, keeps smiling as a spring trip to Boundary Peak snowballs into a cold night.

Story by Karl Horeis

Photos by Christian Pondella

Glen Flake pauses near
one of Boundary Peak's
ancient bristlecone pines.

Night had fallen, and the three of us were buried beneath a foot of fresh snow. Glen Plake, world-famous extreme skier, was on my left, and ski photographer Christian Pondella lay somewhere to my right. They were huddled in their tent-like bivy sacks while I, the rookie, was curled inside Plake's red plastic emergency shelter. Cinched with string on both ends, the bag had large letters printed on the side: *HELP*.

We were the highest people in Nevada at the time, camped on a ridge below the summit of 13,143-foot Boundary Peak, the state's tallest mountain. Tucked in a fetal position in the dark, I felt my knee touch moisture. I checked with a finger and found an inch of cold water inside the bag.

"Dang, it's dumping out," a muffled voice came through the snow. "It's not even close to not snowing!" The voice was

During the drive Plake talked excitedly about the commencement speech he'd be giving to the six graduating Gabbs High School Tarantulas.

Plake's. The two-time world champion hot-dog skier, known for his colorful mohawk, featured in *Fist Full of Moguls*, *License to Thrill*, and all the ski films I grew up watching, let loose one of his distinct, hysterical laughs as the flakes continued to cover him. "Yeah, a nice quick little spring ski trip—HAHAHAHA."

Plake had invited me on one of his five or six yearly backcountry ski tours. We rendezvoused at 5:30 on a spring morning in Gardnerville. Plake, who lives in the desert near Fallon, appeared in the predawn darkness dressed in black and driving a black '79 Jimmy 4x4.

We proceeded south in our separate vehicles, Plake speeding directly into the rising sun past glimmering icicles on ranch fences.

In Yerington Plake filled his gas tank and two five-gallon cans, and I climbed into his rig. The morning sun illuminated the usually multicolored but today pinkish-red 15-inch-high mohawk. Plake, who worked as a commentator for ESPN's 1999

and 2000 Winter X-Games, talked excitedly about the commencement speech he'd be giving in June to the six graduating Gabbs High School Tarantulas. "Out there, over those mountains," he said, pointing toward Gabbs and its K-12 school of 56 students.

We rolled past Walker Lake and into Hawthorne. In the summer Plake, a racing enthusiast, drives his yellow-and-red



Plake (left) and Karl Horeis ski up the trail at midday. The sun was shining—for the time being.



Near Boundary's snowy summit Plake (left) loans the six-foot-six Horeis a five-foot HELP bag to sleep in.

modified stock car at Hawthorne's Centennial Speedway. He talked about the "crazy beautiful colors, rainbows, and thunderheads" that racers see over Walker Lake from turns three and four.

"You never let off the gas—at all—ever," he said of the quarter-mile banked track. He pretended to grip a steering wheel. "You're just RRRAAAHHHHH!"

We met Pondella, who lives in Mammoth, at the junction of State Route 360 and U.S. 6, about 75 miles west of Tonopah. We saw rolling, sage-covered hills and the looming hulk of Boundary Peak.

Climbing gravel into the foothills, Plake described competing in the 2000 Paris to Dakar motorcycle race. The race was stopped because of threats by Algerian freedom fighters—the same ones who forced 70 racers to strip naked and then robbed them in 1999. Each racer carried at least \$2,000 in emergency "get-out-of-Africa cash," Plake explained. "Credit card doesn't work—only cash." To bypass the Algerian gunmen, organizers loaded 70 motorcycles and eight helicopters on an Antonov 124 aircraft for a cargo hop out of the area. "So here I am, escaping to

Libya on a Russian cargo plane because they're guaranteeing me safety from a terrorist attack," he said. "It was such an oxymoron." Plake, bouncing in his seat, laughed as he worked the truck's worn pedals in his flip flops.

Rounding a rocky curve, Plake eyeballed the smooth, snowy bowls on Boundary's northeast face. "Boy, that's gonna be some easy skinnin' up that bowl," he said, referring to the climbing skins that skiers use for ascents. Sleeping on Boundary's summit provides a commanding view, he said.

"There's Modesto, there's Fresno, there's Sacramento, there's Vegas," he said. "You can see downtown Hawthorne, stoplights blinking and everything."

He broke a Backwoods mild cigar in half so he wouldn't have to smoke a whole one at 8:30 in the morning. "We're going

When I reached them on the ridge, Pondella and Plake were digging a wind break in the deep snow.

to be skiing powder for sure," he said, eying the white cone in a sea of blue. "Boot top anyway."

I nodded silently and fingered the other half of the stogie. I took note that we had the first clear skies in weeks. We had postponed the trip several times waiting for calm weather, and it finally came. Or so we thought.

"I should have filled up back in Hawthorne," Plake said as he watched the Jimmy's orange gas needle lean toward empty. "Good news is we can coast all the way down."

He'd acquired the Jimmy in a trade from a buddy who wanted Plake's Corvette. "I traded it to him—'cuz I ain't got no need for a Corvette," Plake said, adding with a sly grin, "I can't wait for my wife's car to have a couple thousand more miles on it. That way my off-road cruiser could be a Lexus RX 300. Wouldn't that be great right here?" He laughed as the Jimmy's fenders scraped pine branches.

We dumped our packs, skis, poles, and

A Free Man

Glen Plake skis, drives, and lives the Nevada life.

Why does extreme skier Glen Plake—star of *Storm* and other Warren Miller movies—live in Nevada? “I like to explore,” he says with a grin. “Out in Nevada you can ride your dirt bike wherever you want, and nobody’s going to say anything about it. You can’t do that in Tahoe anymore. There’s just too many people.”

Plake, 38, grew up in South Lake Tahoe, California. He recalls, “It was a blast. It was fun as heck. We had ski resorts all over the place.” As a skateboarding high schooler and punk-music fan, he shaved his head, leaving his hair in a mohawk.

The hairdo wasn’t just a boyish stunt—Plake still wears a 15-inch hair fin 20 years later. He uses cheap Bic razors to shave the sides and rotates the color from red to purple to blue to black to green. To make the mohawk stand up he lays his head on a table, fans out the hair, and spritzes it with Knox gelatin.

“The whole thing is said and done in 15 minutes,” he says. That bright spray of hair has been a familiar sight at Lake Tahoe ski resorts for years. But while Plake feels a lasting connection to the lake of his childhood, he now makes his home at Lake Lahontan near Fallon.

“Tahoe is a beautiful body of water, but it’s not a very useful body of water,” he says. Unlike Lahontan, Tahoe is often too cold and windy for one of Plake’s passions, water-skiing. He and his wife, Kimberly, hold free water-ski clinics and slalom tournaments every year. He has the permits to hold competitions on a slalom course he maintains off the shore from his solar-powered house.

“All the skiers from California say, ‘I can’t believe you do this on a public lake without confrontations,’” says Plake. Most competitive water-skiers practice on private, man-made lakes.

Plake says Kimberly has the potential to compete on a national level. “She skied regionals and almost made nationals. She could go do it—her numbers are good enough. People are like, ‘She’s coming from a public lake?’ That just doesn’t happen.”

He met Kimberly in Vermont in 1989. He was doing a demo day for K2 skis, and she was testing demos for a shop in Connecticut. They hung out with other folks over dinner and drinks. “The next morning I was like, ‘Hell, I’d like to see her again,’” he says. “So I dug up her



Plake shows his hot-dogger style at Mammoth (above). Below: Plake’s wife, Kimberly, spritzes his mohawk, as seen on many ski slopes (left).



demo card and tracked her down.”

Plake also races stock cars and dirt bikes. He likes the low-entry fees for dirt bike races, about \$35, for events such as Winnemucca’s Nightingale Hare and Hound Race and the Moon Rocks Night Race north of Reno. “These races are more accessible to real Nevadans,” he says.

Last year, Plake, who has competed in major motorcycle races like the Paris to Dakar, Baja 500, and Vegas to Reno, planned to attend the smaller Virginia City Grand Prix. “But the skiing was just so dang good I couldn’t miss it,” he says. “That Saturday at Kirkwood was one of the best days I’ve had in years. It was fantastic. I had so much fun. Then it was the same deal at Heavenly the next day.”

He recalls the novelty of seeing Stealth fighters during treks in the backcountry. “We’d be out climbing or ski touring and there it goes—‘CCHHHEEEEOOOOuuuu!’ We saw those things out on the back of Mono Lake all the time. And in the Fish Lake area.”

Plake has starred in dozens of ski films and grown a callus on his middle finger from signing autographs, but he isn’t above chatting with regular folks. While shopping at the Yerington Scolari’s supermarket on a recent ski trip, he was greeted by a cashier he had met at a motorcycle race. “She works in the BFGoodrich pit crew at the Vegas to Reno—I ran into her in Baja, too.”

He’s also comfortable with the bigwigs. In October, Plake was named “Ski.E.O.” of Heavenly and given a three-year contract. He’s the first Heavenly spokesperson not affiliated with the U.S. ski team.

“I’ve spoken at conventions, governor’s conferences, all over the place,” Plake says, but he notes that the speech he gave at the Gabbs High School graduation last June was the most meaningful to him. “It was so neat to see the six kids graduating and the entire surrounding community there, too.”

Plake says his future may include an expanded role in Warren Miller movies. He performed in *Storm* (partly filmed near Mono Lake) and the newest, *Journey* (including footage from Heavenly), and he says he and Miller are considering a joint narration of future films.

“It could be like a Johnny Carson and Ed McMahon type of thing,” Plake says. “Warren’s like 80. I can kind of be his legs. We’ll see. We’re really just tenderfootin’ into it—on both sides.”

From motorcycle racing to starring in ski movies, the Nevadan with the mohawk is staying busy. “I ain’t restin’ on no dang laurels,” Plake says. “They wouldn’t hold me up.” —Karl Hovis

Plake continues to be a force in a sport where most big names burn out after a couple of seasons.

boots on the grass at the end of the road. With a single white cloud overhead, we figured tents would only slow us and started walking the trail in shorts. Halfway up we lounged on the ground, snacking. Plake climbed onto a sun-bleached log and broke out a cigar.

"Yep. Smokin' see-gars and climbin' in Nevada," he chuckled. "It's a see-gar trip." He gazed at the rocky bulge of Boundary Peak, part of the Boundary Peak Wilderness Area. Then he noticed water vapor. "I can't tell if she's trying to get up and go bad on us or not."

Two hours later the sky was filled with thick, dark clouds. Flurries of graupel had turned to plentiful flakes. Each of us fought his own battle, strug-



Plake makes five or six yearly backcountry ski trips. He also travels around the world to promote skiing.

gling up the slope against the wind.

When I reached them on the ridge, Pondella and Plake were digging a wind break in the deep snow. I pulled on every layer I had, realizing I had no jacket or snow pants. I pictured them, forgotten, back in Plake's Jimmy. Fortunately Plake always keeps his HELP bag with him.

"I want to make my slate-rock pizzas," Plake explained as he searched the snow for a flat rock. He grinned

as a gust of ice chips slammed into the ridge. He had hauled pita bread, cans of tomato sauce, three types of cheese, and salami up there, but he couldn't find a suitable rock in the snow, so we settled for Pondella's onion-noodle soup. I relished the hot liquid, my gloved hands extending from under the red plastic HELP bag.

Plake and Pondella erected their bivy sacks using single tent poles. With a pee bottle inside and the thickest sleeping pad on the market, Plake would be set for the night. "Go ahead, indulge yourself," he laughed, slapping the pad. I didn't try

it. I was hunkered down, trying to keep smiling. Then we disappeared into our personal plastic caves.

I awoke around 3 a.m. to a sparkling dome of stars. The surface of the snow was level with my body. If I shifted, or Plake did next to me, tiny avalanches of snow fell in my face hole. Cinching the hole tighter would block air. I peeked over at Pondella. His bivy sack was a narrow, black-plastic island in an ocean of fresh white snow. Hoping the clear skies would hold, I went back to sleep.

When I awoke to gray daylight, Pondella was up and active—and so was the storm. We decided to head down immediately, foregoing Plake's Danishes and not bothering to fight the furious wind to make instant coffee. The wind gushed over us as we dug in the snow for all the food we hadn't eaten and repacked it.

"Turns out we *will* be skiing powder," said Plake, motioning toward the fresh stuff coating the mountain. He showed me how to use an avalanche beacon, which is required equipment in the backcountry. The device, strapped around the chest, can be used to locate people lost in avalanches. Plake pointed to a button. "If you're looking for Pondella and me, and another slide is coming at you, make sure you push this back in, and you'll be all set."

"OK," I thought, heart rate rising. "But if I'm looking for you, who's going to look for me?"

Packs on, we stood on the edge of the

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precipice, ski tips out over the clouds. Plake went first. He kicked at the slope, checking for slide danger. Satisfied it was solid, he zigzagged downward into the murky gray. After about eight turns he disappeared into the fog.

Not wanting to look wimpy, I started to ski, but Pondella stopped me. "Hold on. You don't want to start a slide and wipe Plake out."

We took turns skiing the steep, white slope. Halfway down we saw patches of sunlight streaking across the terrain. Plake began chasing those golden slivers. They were blowing with the storm: 40 mph? 50 mph? As we dropped into the central bowl,

Plake kicked at the slope, checking for slide danger. Satisfied it was solid, he zigzagged downward into the murky gray.

Plake made another daring move. He steered for a 30-foot bulge of blue ice and carved turns on the steel-hard surface.

At 38, Plake maintains his skills by constantly challenging himself. Perhaps that's how he continues to be a force in a sport where most big names burn out after a couple of seasons. Last year Plake learned to ride rails—sliding sideways on a steel bar wearing skis.

"Every little punk kid in the park was doing it, and I couldn't," he said. "So I just buckled down and figured out how to do it. And I always make sure I do a couple back flips every week."

We dropped into the valley skiing single-file, creating figure-eight tracks toward the trees.

Arriving at the grassy parking area we dropped our packs, relieved to be free of the storm's wrath. Pondella fired up a backpacker's stove on his tailgate for that hot cup of coffee we missed on the top.

Plake and Pondella talked about race



As the sun broke through the clouds, Plake chased the golden slivers of sunlight across the slopes.

cars, working with filmmaker Warren Miller, motorcycle trips to the Benton Range, and ideas for new gear like a fleeced-lined tent. A snowflake hit my hand. The storm had followed us into the valley.

I flashed back to my snowy tomb of the night before. I remembered the nightmare of my six-foot-six frame tucked inside a five-foot bag for eight hours. I winced as I recalled using the heat of my breath to melt snow clogging my air hole.

"Eh-hem." I jolted back to reality when

Plake cleared his throat. He sipped his steaming cup and smiled at the flurries spiraling around us.

"Funny state, old Nevada," he said, letting loose another hysterical laugh. ▀

Karl Hoveis, a reporter for the Nevada Appeal in Carson City, was among the four newsmen who met 10 Nevada outdoor challenges in "Every Day Was an Adventure" in the Sept/Oct '03 issue. Photographer Christian Pondella lives in Mammoth, California.

My Ideal Casino

Seeking the perfect resort experience? Here are 10 things to look for.

By Deke Castleman

You've been traveling the wilds of Nevada, bouncing down washboard roads, eating military rations, drinking Tang, and camping with the cows. You're now back on the pavement, with a fine layer of dust over you, your car, and all your belongings. Finally, you arrive at a town.

From Jackpot to Laughlin, from Reno to Las Vegas, no matter where you land—other than Boulder City, the only place in Nevada where gambling is illegal, and some tiny burgs—bright lights will beckon, welcoming you to the tired traveler's best friend, the casino. Grub, grog, loo, bed, slots—there you can find whatever you need 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In an ideal world, all Nevada casinos would offer not only all

Ideally, the big casino bar would have a sizzling house band and a dance floor rife with eligible dance partners.

the services and modern conveniences a traveler could ask for, but also the best of the bunch. Of course, that's never the case. But you might hope to find the following 10 excellent qualities at the one desert oasis—let's call it Ideal Casino—that you stumble upon after a long sojourn in the Nevada outback.



1. Bathroom

A toilet's a toilet, and every casino in the state has one close to the door. But Ideal Casino would have a setup like the one inside China Grill at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas: individual restrooms with toilet, sink, mirror, and even video projections. As long as we're dreaming, Ideal Casino would have an attached RV park, such as Saddle West's in Pahrump, where you can purchase a shower for under \$10.

2. Coffee

Ideal Casino could satisfy a caffeine craving with a Starbucks or Seattle's Best. But it could also emulate the El Capitan in Hawthorne, which puts out a complimentary, help-yourself pot of coffee. Or the Westward Ho in Las Vegas, where a cup of coffee is a nickel, and the Nugget in Searchlight, which serves a famous 10-cent cuppa joe.

3. Restaurants

Casinos like Caesars Palace and the MGM Grand have upwards of 20 different eateries within their sprawling complexes, but many casinos cover the culinary bases with a snack bar (with 50-cent hot dogs), a coffee shop (with a \$4.95 steak special), or an inexpensive buffet. In a truly ideal world you'd show up on a night when all the eats in all the eateries are half-price, like Wednesdays at Cactus Petes in Jackpot.

4. Check-in

Although vacancies can be hard to come by in casinos, Ideal Casino would have a room at a bargain rate awaiting you. There'd also be no long line at the front desk. Better yet, you'd find electronic check-in

kiosks, such as the ones recently introduced by the Flamingo Las Vegas. The Flamingo's kiosks let you check in and print out a magnetic key-card, all with the touch of a few buttons.

5. Room

A hot shower in an oversized bathroom, a big-screen TV, a king-size bed with Magic Fingers, and the all-important ice machine—as featured in rooms at the Orleans in Las Vegas, minus the Fingers—are all you need to put you in traveler's heaven.

6. Lounge

Ideally, the free entertainment in the big casino bar would consist of a sizzling house band that covers all the hits, from B.J. Thomas to Zeppelin, and a dance floor rife with eligible dance partners—as at the Garage at the Reno Hilton.

7. Free Bar Drinks

The bartop itself would sport good video poker machines. You could buy in for a \$10 roll of quarters, and as long as you're playing, your draft beer, highballs, or call drinks keep coming, on the house. Ideally, the bar's large picture windows would overlook some stunning scenery, as at the Topaz Lodge on Topaz Lake.

8. Good Blackjack

A few good rules would reduce the house edge to the point where it's as break-even a game as you can find: single deck, double after split, double on any two cards, and a 3-2 payoff on a natural, as at Baldini's in Sparks.

9. Good Slot Club

The card reader on the machines gives your account balance in comp dollars (John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks) and your session-points countdown (the Palms in Las Vegas). You can swipe your slot-club card through point-of-purchase terminals to pay for stuff throughout the casino (the Rampart in Las Vegas). As a member you qualify for show discounts. And the club pays enough cash back to make up for any negative video poker schedules (although at Ideal Casino, there wouldn't be any).

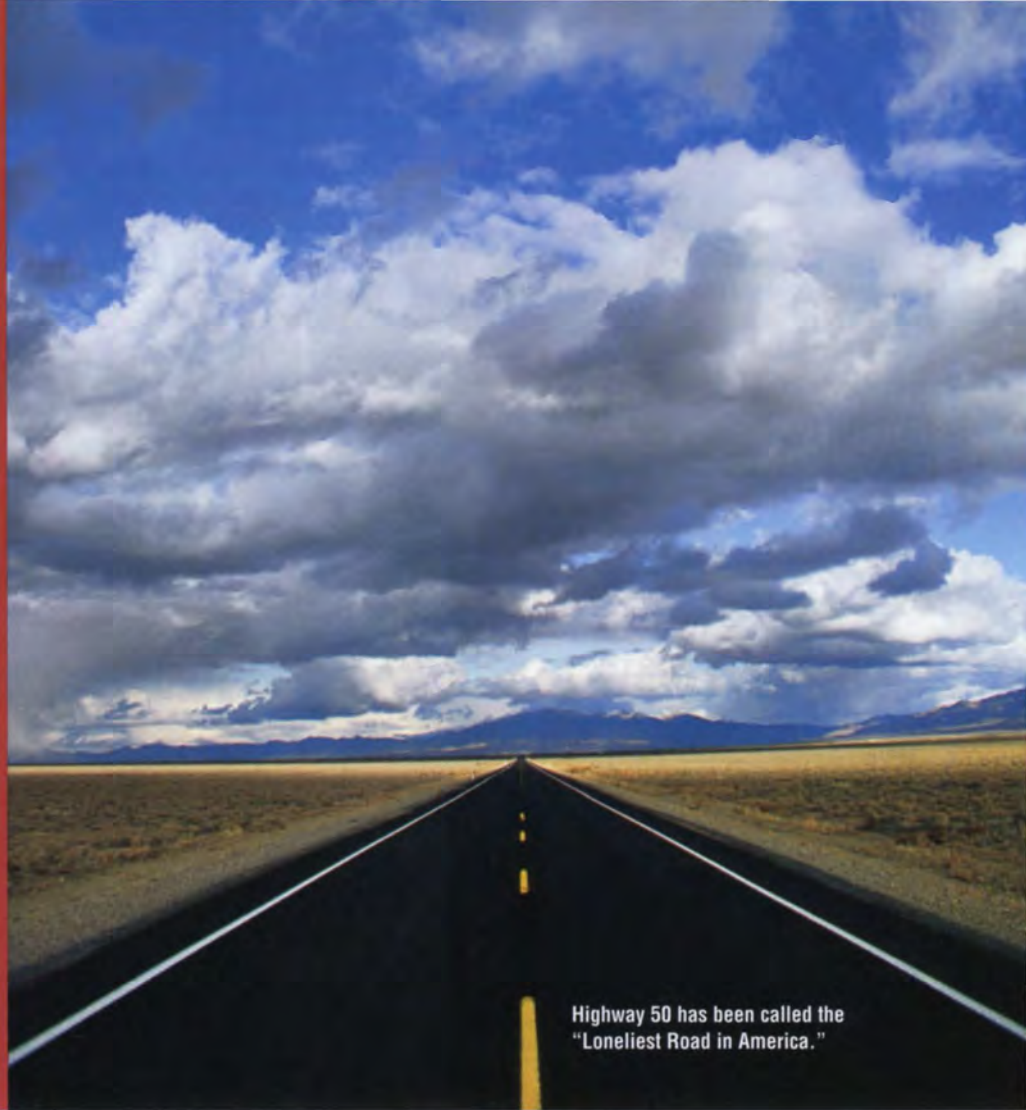
10. Provisions

Finally, a nice general store, like the one at the Horseshu in Jackpot, would come in handy. After you depart Ideal Casino—filled with pleasant thoughts of your ideal casino getaway—and head back to the sand, sage, and cows, it's good to be resupplied. ▀

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Life in the Slow Lane



Highway 50 has been called the
"Loneliest Road in America."

In "the rurals" you will find the essence of what makes Nevada different from other states, as described in this *Endless Nevada* photo essay.

Photos by Larry Prosor, Text by Richard Moreno

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Two hundred and eighty-seven miles of no billboards, neon, or traffic jams. Sounds good to me."—Dan Rather on Highway 50

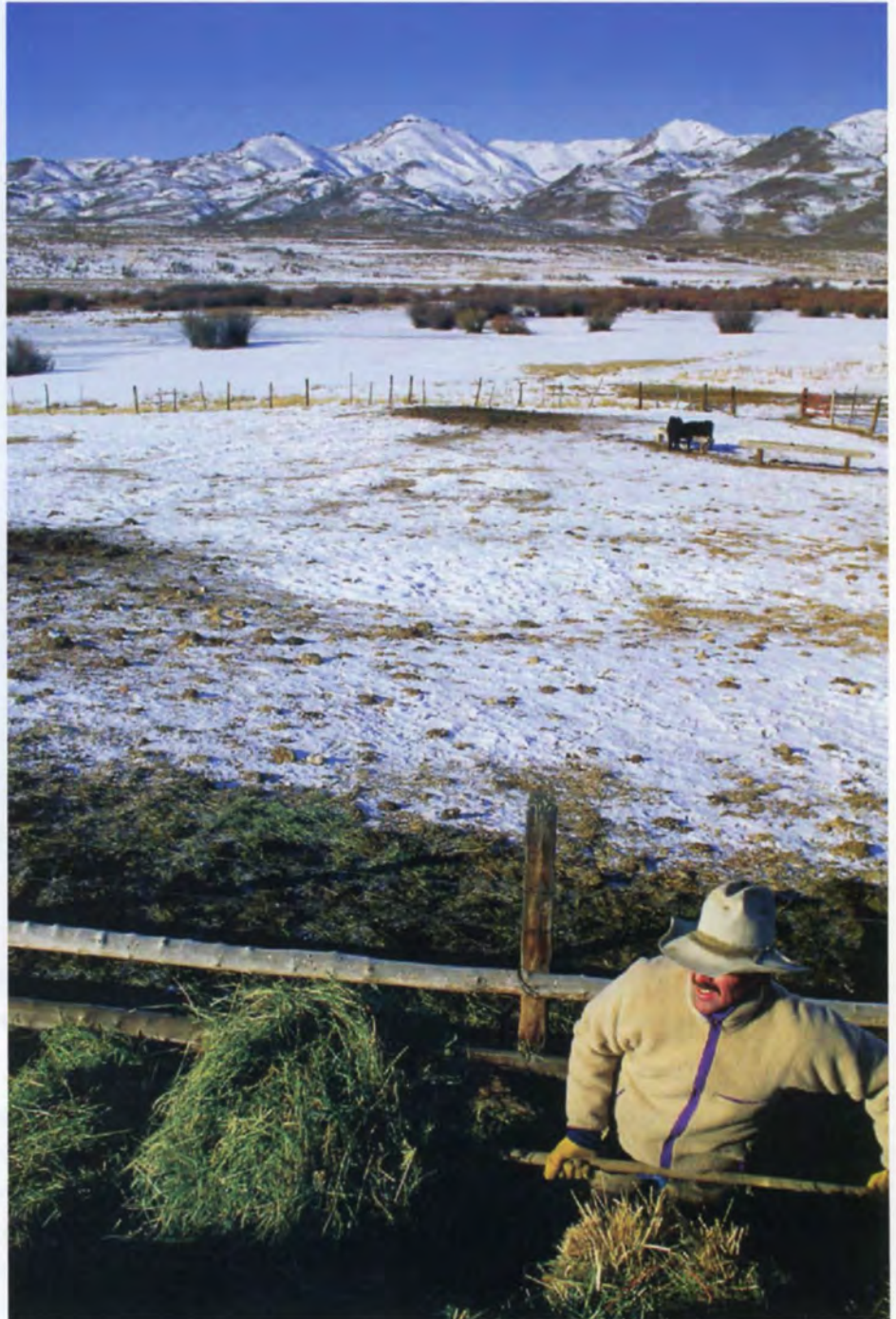
To truly begin to understand Nevada, you've got to know that the state consists of three elements—Las Vegas, the Reno-Lake Tahoe area, and the rest.

Nevada politicians frequently call this last "the rurals," probably for lack of a kinder, gentler term. This great mass of territory, which encompasses most of the state's 110,000

square miles, was one of the last regions to be explored in the continental United States and includes only about 15 percent of the state's 2.2 million people.

Perhaps because its people are spread so thin, there is something appealing about this area. This is the real Nevada. Certainly, this doesn't mean it's where or the way most real Nevadans live. (Numerically speaking, that honor would go to Las Vegas Valley, with more than 1.6 million people.) Rather, it is the place where you will find

You can run out of gas on Highway 50, and a local may drive up and offer to convey you back to Eureka (40 miles in the direction he wasn't going).



A crisp winter day finds Lowell Prunty working on the Prunty Ranch near Jarbidge.



A tin lizzie full of reenactors cruises ghost streets during Rhyolite Days. Over the mountains from Beatty, Rhyolite boomed in the early 1900s.

the essence of what makes Nevada different from Southern California or Maryland.

Rural Nevada is a place where you can run out of gas on Highway 50—which *Life* magazine successfully labeled the “Loneliest Road in America”—and a local may drive up and offer to convey you back to Eureka (40 miles in the direction he wasn’t going), wait for you to fill a gasoline can, and

drive you back to your car. If anything similar ever happens in New York City, let me know.

Speaking of Eureka, a California woman told me a few years ago about an experience that began when she and her Nevada-reared husband visited relatives there. After spending the weekend, they decided to fill the gas tank on their Mercedes-Benz before venturing out onto the Loneliest



This photograph shows the Eureka Opera House before its restoration.



Old-time playbills decorate the walls of the Eureka Sentinel Museum.

Road. Her husband drove off without replacing the gas cap and didn't notice it was missing until they were in Fallon, about 180 miles away. Since there are no Mercedes-Benz dealers in rural Nevada, they wrapped a piece of tinfoil over the opening until they returned home.

Five years passed before the couple once again visited Eureka, and once again refueled before driving home.



The Star is one of several Basque restaurants in Elko. Travelers also will find Basque eateries in Reno, Winnemucca, Carson City, and Gardnerville.

The old garage, where they'd filled up previously, was closed, so they used a new gas station across the street. Her husband joked with the attendant that the last time he had been in Eureka, he'd left behind his Mercedes' gas cap, so he would be more careful this time.

The attendant asked him to wait a minute, then disappeared into a back room. He returned with a cardboard box full of hoses, wires, plugs—and a distinctive gas cap for a Mercedes-Benz. He explained that when the old station closed, the owner of the new one bought all of its tires and other stock, including this box of junk.

When you do business on the Loneliest Road, you hope those customers will come back. ▀

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'My Dearest Marie'

*My great aunt's letters of 1918
bring to life her days as a schoolteacher in Kaolin,
a forgotten Nevada town.*

By Carolyn Fox

Recently my father was compiling material for a book on his mother, my long-departed Grandmother Marie. One day he showed me two letters. The letters were written to Marie by her sister, my Great Aunt Minnie, in February and March of 1918. Reading them, I quickly noticed the Nevada connection. The letters had been sent from Kaolin, once a little Mormon town near Overton, 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Intrigued, I decided to research Aunt Minnie's situation at the Nevada State Library and Archives the next time I was in Carson City. I had learned from Aunt Minnie's letters that she was a teacher on the frontier, probably presiding over a one-room schoolhouse. I pondered what Nevada's early schools were like. And I wondered: Why would a young lady from Altadena, California, who came from a well-to-do family venture into the Godforsaken desert?

Actually, Kaolin wasn't Godforsaken. The area where Kaolin was located, the Muddy (now Moapa) Valley, was first settled in the 1860s by Mormons sent by Brigham Young. On today's maps you'll see Overton in the middle of the valley just north of Lake Mead. Then imagine Kaolin sitting a couple of miles south of Overton. You will notice that Kaolin was close to my favorite spot, Valley of Fire State Park, with its brick-red sandstone and Indian petroglyphs.

Kaolin, Nevada Mar. 18, 1918

My dearest Marie,

Wednesday night Bryan, Smith, K., and I went on a picnic after school to the red rock canyon 15 mi. from here in the machine. We had Mrs. Lee

make us a big three layer cake with pink frosting and an apple pie. Then we had sandwiches, deviled eggs, olives, pickles, and apples. That is quite a variety for out here, you know. After supper we played cards in the shelter of a cave and by the light of the lantern until 12 o'clock.

In the 1860s, a survey party established that the Muddy Valley was located not in Arizona or Utah but in Nevada. Surprise: The pioneers owed back taxes. Can you imagine doing all that work to clear the brush, raise wheat and corn, only to have it go to the state? In 1871 the Latter-day Saints returned to Utah. However, they returned a decade later to settle Overton and other valley towns.

In 1910 a small group of Mormon converts from Armenia founded the town of Kaolin, named for the mineral kaolin, a

fine white clay used in ceramics, that was mined nearby. The word "kaolin" derives from the Chinese kao (tall), ling (hill). It's also the name of the mountain in China from which the mineral was first mined.

The Armenians left after two tough years, but the church retained ownership of the land. About 1914 Kaolin was again settled, this time by folks like the Spragues from the Virgin River town of Bunkerville. Alta Sprague was a youngster on that trip, riding in a covered wagon with her three sisters. As she recalled in the book *100 Years on the Muddy*, the Spragues brought all their worldly goods, including two horses, three cows, chickens, and a pump organ. Alta and her sisters came down with the mumps, but fortunes improved when they reached Kaolin and found the Armenians' abandoned houses. Alta recollected:

We arrived in the beautiful valley of Kaolin, where the church provided work and homes for families.... We had a one-room schoolhouse which was used for church, dances, and social gatherings.... Dances and parties were of a good clean nature. There was a large reservoir at the south end of town with bath houses, and the young folks came from all over the valley to swim and have picnics.... Near Kaolin were sand hills and mesas. The children would scout out the caves and interesting spots to have outings. On Easter we would go to the Kaolin Cave. There was a large number of quail in the area, and we would trap them and take them to the motormen on the train, who would buy them for \$1.50 a dozen.

Remember the cake with the pink frosting at Aunt Minnie's picnic ordered from a Mrs. Lee? I found this quote from Mrs. James Bundy, who left Kaolin for the Arizona Strip in 1917 because they couldn't pay the freight to get their onions to market: "Nobody could make bread or cook anything that tasted so good as Patience Lee."

Patience Lee earned her name. By the time Aunt Minnie arrived in Kaolin, Mrs. Lee was not just sitting around mixing batter. She had become the postmaster and, as far as I could tell, a widow with six kids. A school board member, Mrs. Lee already was seeing to it that Kaolin children would attend school, such as it was. The original building had two rooms: a small room for the teacher's living quarters and a larger room for the class. The students sat at a round table on rough benches. All the grades were taught together.

I assume that Aunt Minnie arrived by train in the fall of 1917. The school's enrollment then was at its height of about 35 children.



Minnie (left) and friends go riding in St. Thomas.

The dry but encyclopedic *Biennial Report of the Superintendent [of] Public Instruction, 1917-1918* offered this understatement by Bertha C. Knemeyer from Elko: "Furthermore, the work of the supervision [deputy superin-

*"Please excuse the ink,"
Minnie wrote.
"I think the boys
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some water in it."*

tendent] cannot be done without the use of the automobile." The superintendent was required to make at least two calls on each school in his district each year, preferably more than one day apart. Aunt Minnie wrote:

Mr. Anderson (Deputy Supt.) finally arrived after we had been expecting him for a month. He sat in the back seat and watched me teach from 2:45 until 4:00. I was afraid I was going to be awfully nervous and wouldn't be able to do a thing. I surprised myself more than I did him because I was as cool as an ice-box and had some very good lessons.... Mr. Anderson found everything O.K. because he complimented me on my nice little school, my interest in the work and also that of the pupils. I had good reason to fear him, however, because he put out an experienced teacher in Logan[dale] because she could not pass his tests at Xmas time.

Aunt Minnie noted that the school year might be expanded:

Did I tell you we may have 8 mo[s]. of school? Anyway we are going to work on toward eight months but if it gets too hot we will have to stop.... We will have school from 8 to 3 so we can have a swim every night.... Please excuse the ink. I think the boys must have put some water in it.

James V. Comerford of Ely submitted the following report to Superintendent John Edwards Bray in 1918. Comerford said he had marked the doors and fences of houses where his successor could get a free meal, the way the hobos did during the Depression. He wrote:

It is a great life if you don't weaken, where you ship seas of dust over the starboard and over the port bows of your little desert whaler, and amidships too; and where you fall into holes and ruts made by the wheels of your predecessors... No one can realize it who has not been on the road in these broad, low valleys in spring when [the] ocean seems to have come back to his old silurian bed to rest. It would require the services of a French tank to pull you through the vast



Minnie Henco (second from left) poses with students, including several Lees, at the one-room Kaolin school.

stretches of mud and water, which makes you feel like a fly in molasses. Your resignation is definitely worded in your mind, but the nearest telegraph station is fifty miles away.

Speaking of French tanks, Aunt Minnie's stay in Kaolin coincided with the Great War. She once mentioned she had been slow to answer Marie's last letter due to her pen pals. Minnie wrote three local fellows who'd gone off to the war, but there still seemed to be several young men hanging around her most of the time. A particularly smitten fellow even sat in her classroom one day.

In her March letter Minnie marveled that she was not exhausted by her recent

schedule. Wednesday she'd gone on the picnic with the three-layer cake. Thursday they'd given an oyster supper for friends from Overton. Friday they went to the first dance of the season in St. Thomas, where Smith bought her a bunch of violets (I want to know where they got the oysters and violets), and after midnight they had supper in the hall downstairs. Saturday night there was a dance at the schoolhouse, where Minnie played the violin for the program—"everyone is violin crazy down here," she wrote. On Sunday "three of the cowboys dropped in and we played poker and all kinds of things. Afterwards we had another oyster supper. They are easy to fix and are ready any time."

One young man who was making a pest of himself "got a job in Vegas to work in the mine." He bet Minnie a five-pound box of candy that she'd be married in two years. She bet she wouldn't. "So he has to keep tab on me for two years so he will know where to send the candy." She said her time would be up on St. Patrick's Day, 1920.

Minnie's letters don't mention the influenza epidemic of 1918, but it didn't spare Nevada schools. In Carson City and other districts many of the schools had to remain open weeks into the summer to catch up. Teachers visited homes to help nurse the sick. Reno schools were closed to inspection by the deputy superintendent during fall 1917



This map shows the Moapa Valley towns that existed when Minnie Henco taught school in Kaolin in 1918. Less than two decades later Hoover Dam created Lake Mead, which inundated St. Thomas and part of Kaolin.

From what I was able to glean from the superintendent's report, Aunt Minnie probably made about \$80 a month. A male teacher made \$100 or more. Most teachers paid \$20 to \$40 for bed and board. The report noted, "And yet the passenger brakeman on the Nevada Northern Railroad is getting a larger salary than the principal of the White Pine county high school."

While I was exploring the stacks at State Archives, my partner, Larry Angier, was doing his own snooping.

"What did you say Minnie's maiden name was?" he asked.

"Henco," I answered.

"Look at this," he said, handing me a book opened to a photograph.

I looked. There was Aunt Minnie, identified. She was standing with her students in front of the Kaolin school. I couldn't believe it. The children in the photo were all named. Patience Lee's kids were listed: Glen, Orval, Ora, and Emily. The book was *100 Years on the Muddy*, compiled by Arabell Lee Hafner of Overton and published in 1967. I flipped the pages and

A Muddy Visit

A visit today to the Muddy River country offers numerous attractions. The **Old Logandale School Historical Museum** (702-398-7272) has displays and a library on the valley's history. The **Lost City Museum of Archaeology** (702-397-2193) in Overton presents the story of the Pueblo people who once inhabited the valley. **Valley of Fire State Park** (702-397-2088) has Indian petroglyphs and vivid red-sandstone scenery. Watersports abound at **Lake Mead National Recreation Area** (702-293-8990). **Hoover Dam** and **Boulder City** are 40 miles south. Overton has motels, dining, and service stations. The **Overton State Wildlife Refuge** on the town's south end—Lake Mead's north end—includes the site of the old town of Kaolin. Contact the **Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce** (702-397-8875, www.moapavalley.com) in Overton.

found a portrait of Mrs. Lee wearing round, George Burns-style glasses. Was there a bit of frosting that her apron didn't catch?

Like St. Thomas, Kaolin was slated for inundation by the Colorado River water held back by Hoover Dam. Even before the dam's construction in the early 1930s, Kaolin's population dwindled. The school closed, and children attended schools

in St. Thomas and Overton.

If she had so wished, Minnie Henco could have collected that five-pound box of candy. Departing Kaolin in the summer of 1918, she sailed to Hawaii, where she taught the children of plantation owners and had her own maid. She asked to teach in Alaska but was given a job in Lusk, Wyoming, instead. She taught languages at the high school there. Minnie was charmed by the rich voice of Mr. Roy Larson, my great uncle, and they were married on June 1, 1920.

By the time Kaolin was covered by Lake Mead, my Aunt Minnie and Uncle Roy, a pharmacist and cattleman, had settled into a good long life together. They lived in Hawaii, Wyoming, and finally California. I remember Aunt Minnie from her visits to Southern California to see her sister, my Grandmother Marie. It has been wonderful to connect with them again. ▀

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Famished in Fernley

These Fernley eateries feature fresh food and friendly owners.

By Joyce Hollister

If you're traveling Interstate 80 east of Reno and find yourself hungry and sandwichless, don't despair. Fernley has several restaurants with great food and service. Here are two to try.

You can dine in a museum at **Moe and Mary's Wigwam** on Main Street in Fernley. Glass cases display Native American baskets, beadwork, arrowheads, and spear points. Western art and historic photos decorate the walls.

The casino-restaurant is operated by Moe and Mary Royels, who opened a drive-in serving burgers and ice cream in 1961. Since then Moe and Mary have collected Native American artifacts, mostly from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

"We really enjoy the Indians and their culture," says Mary. Among the prized items on display are a 1930s-era eagle-feather headdress loaned by the grandson of its maker, Bill Smith, and a beaded buckskin dress that belonged to the late Josephine Wright French.

Breakfast-item names at the Wigwam follow the Native American theme, such as Sleeping Moon, a rib-eye-steak-and-eggs dish. Lunch consists of many permutations



Wigwam owners Mary and Moe Royels have operated their Fernley restaurant for 43 years.

of hot and cold chicken and beef sandwiches as well as Big Moe and Little Moe burgers. The salad bar has one of the largest varieties of potato and macaroni salads, greens, and dressings you're likely to find in rural Nevada. For dinner, the house special is prime rib. Dutch apple pie with brandy sauce leads the dessert list. Prices range from a \$2 cup of soup to \$16.95 for rib-eye steak.

Moe and Mary's Wigwam Restaurant, Casino, and Indian Museum (225 West Main Street, 775-575-2573) takes credit cards and is open daily. This April through August photos of the Royels will hang at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno in an exhibition honoring longtime Nevadans (details, www.nevadaart.org).

Victor Sanchez says he and his wife, Lorena, opened **La Fiesta** in Fernley three years ago because they had so many Fernley customers making the 54-mile round trip to eat at their Fallon restaurant. Sanchez says, "They were coming for dinner every night."

La Fiesta's menu offers the usual fare—beans, burritos, enchiladas, and tacos—but there are several surprises. When you sit down to chips and salsa, you're served a medium-hot red salsa and a second bowl with a delightful concoction of cilantro, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, celery, onions,

and peppers peppery enough to make your lips tingle.

Looking for the unusual, you could try the Pulpo Al Majo de Ajo, octopus and mushrooms sautéed in garlic with a spicy sauce. The Talpiqueña steak is topped with baby shrimp and melted cheese. Chile colorado—beef chunks in a zesty but not-too-hot red sauce served with more of the fresh lettuce salsa—comes with beans and rice, as do all the combinations. Lunch and dinner range from \$5.75 to \$10.75.

Drinks include El Macho, made with tequila, Kahlua, coke, and milk.

Among the flavored coffees is La Fiesta—coffee with Kahlua, Bailey's Irish Creme, and Grand Marnier. You'll be so



Eddy Sanchez serves a chile colorado lunch special at Fernley's La Fiesta.

mellow, maybe it's a good thing you're not driving anywhere after dinner.

La Fiesta (60 East Main Street, Fernley, 775-575-1800) takes credit cards and is open daily for lunch and dinner, as is the Fallon location (60 West Center Street, 775-423-1605). ▀

Joyce Hollister, Nevada's associate editor, makes a mean (and lean) chicken enchilada.

Wigwam Potato Salad

Mary Royels of Moe and Mary's Wigwam in Fernley didn't relay the measurements for this restaurant-sized potato salad because the quantities are too large for the home cook. Mary has a tomato sauce recipe, for instance, that begins with "take a lug of tomatoes..." She does say, "People are always telling me how much they like this potato salad."

The recipe: Boil peeled potatoes until just tender. Drain, and while still warm, cut potatoes into bite-sized chunks and toss gently with chopped celery, hard-cooked eggs, onions, dill pickles, parsley, and pimiento, using proportions according to taste. Stir in mayonnaise enough to moisten and add a little yellow mustard.

—Joyce Hollister



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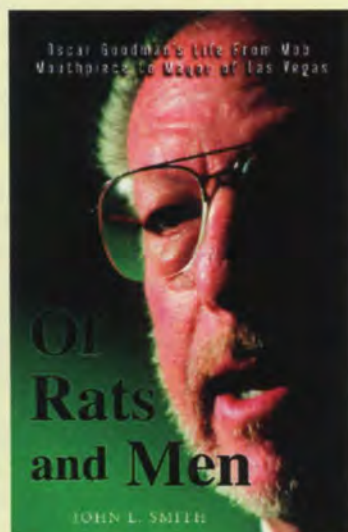
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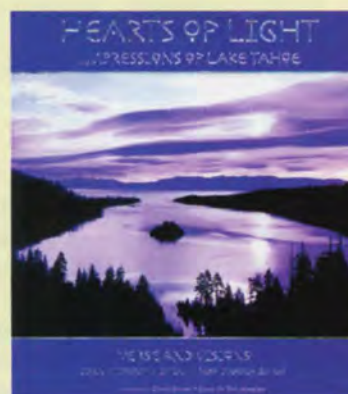
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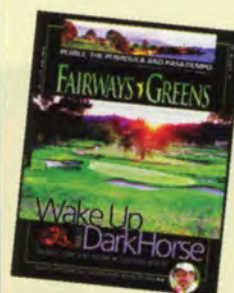


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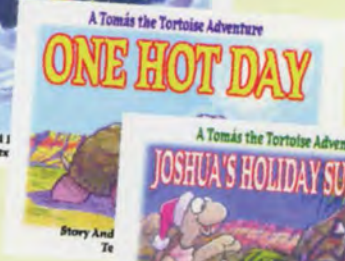


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Adam Baker

The Carson City artist says,
“You get a lot of characters in a barbershop.”



Adam Baker paints portraits between customers at his Carson City barbershop, but his goal is to be a full-time artist. “I don’t like the idea of being a *starving* artist,” jokes Baker, who did stand-up comedy in Oregon and Washington before returning to Nevada in 1997.

Baker, 39, draws his inspiration from Edward Hopper, Rembrandt, Norman Rockwell—and old Warner Brothers cartoons. “I try to incorporate humor into a portrait, whether it’s a smirk or a glint in the eye,” he says. “I enjoy painting people who have character, and you get a lot characters in a barbershop.”

Dozens of Baker oils decorate the walls of Les’ Barbershop, named after original owner Lester Patterson. In one corner

“I try to incorporate humor into a portrait, whether it’s a smirk or a glint in the eye.”

stands Baker’s professional easel, where he paints between haircuts. He doesn’t mind the inevitable interruptions. “I can step away and get a fresh look,” he says.

Baker works from photos he takes of his customers. He also likes to paint Old West re-enactors at Carson City’s Kit Carson Rendezvous in June and the Ghost Walk in October. He displays his paintings at Mill Creek Galleries in Carson City and at the Kit Carson Rendezvous.

At a recent rendezvous Baker overheard a would-be critic at his booth tell a companion, “I think what the artist was saying here..” Amused, Baker said to himself, “What the artist was saying was, ‘I think I want to use blue.’”—*Joyce Hollister*

Lester: “Lester Patterson, the previous owner of the barbershop. I painted that for his birthday two years ago.”



Scott: "He's my next-door neighbor. There's something different about him—maybe it's the goatee."



Self-portrait: "Me, when I was 22. I had nice wavy hair. It's still waving—waving goodbye."



Roseanna: "She owns a little gift shop in Reno. If I ever see her again, I'll give her the portrait. I love her orange hair."



Cowboy: "Frank Freeland—he lives in Mound House. I met him at the Kit Carson Rendezvous, where he does shootouts. I'm finding I like to paint cowboys. They have such a variety of faces."



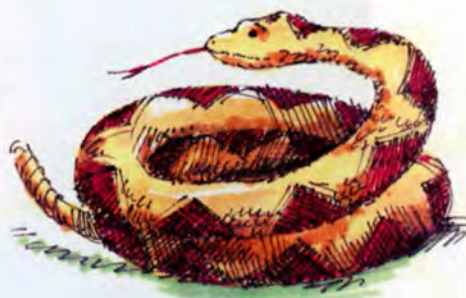
Shawl: "I took her photo at the Ghost Walk. I think she's from Carson, but I don't know her name."



Rattle Tales

In poker, you need to know
when to hold 'em and know when to smile.

By Luann Lee Brown



My interest piqued, I peppered Carl with questions when he returned. As the game progressed, I found that the only people in his life were the employees at his ranch and the players he met at Lake Tahoe poker tables. He told me that he'd been bitten 22 times, that he acquired the business from an uncle who died from a snake bite, and that Hector was his very best friend in the world. "We just celebrated his 18th birthday. I've had him since he was a baby, and he's never bitten me. We keep each other warm in the winter."

By now even the semi-comatose player was paying more attention to Carl than the cards. "You sleep together?" he gasped.

"Oh, sure," Carl answered while pulling out another \$100 bill to replenish his pile of chips. His eyes brightened as he described the highlight of his career—when *National Geographic* came to do a story on his ranch. He relayed with relish how quickly the journalist sprinted away afterward.

Carl glanced at his watch. "It's time I get some sleep before I do something stupid," he said.

I thanked Carl for sharing his stories. "Not too many folks are interested in an old fool," he said without emotion. "Thanks for listening," he added in a gravelled whisper. I looked him in the eyes. I thought I saw him drop something on the table before he disappeared into the crowd.

Then I discovered that he had placed a \$100 chip among my dollar ones. I was stunned. No one noticed except Jim the Dealer, who was dealing another hand. I looked at Jim and asked quietly, "Why would he do that?" Jim shrugged, smiled, and speculated, "Carl's not used to anyone being genuinely interested in him. You were, and that's the only way he knows how to repay you."

I stared at the chip. I guess in gambling you not only need to know when to leave the table, when to raise the ante, and when to wait for the right cards. It also helps to know when to smile and listen. ♠

Luann Lee Brown of Chandler, Arizona, is the author of the novel Blue Flight.

I was playing seven-card stud at Harveys Lake Tahoe when Jim the Dealer From Texas said, "Carl, tell this lady what you do for a living." Carl, slumped to my right, hadn't spoken all evening. He was a 50-plus, full-bellied man wearing a ball cap and a rumpled T-shirt. Navy blue suspenders held up his jeans. He hadn't shaved in days.

I noticed his hands were much like my father's had been—farmer's hands. Crushing, fat fingers and expansive palms. Carl looked at me for the first time. Without a smile, he answered, "I raise rattlesnakes, rats, and cockroaches. The rats and cockroaches are food for the snakes. I got me over 92,000 rattlers."

Carl raised the ante and added, "It sure makes it hard to find a girlfriend." A hint of a smile flashed across his face, and he finally made eye contact. "Had me a girlfriend once, in 1987 but my pet snake, Hector, bit her. Put her in a coma for three weeks, and I ain't seen her since."

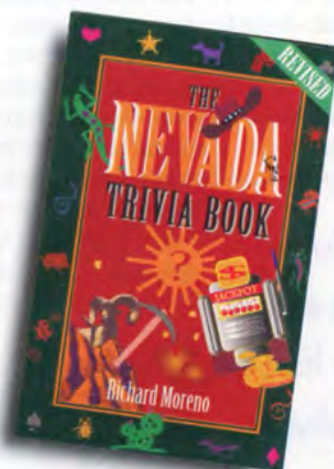
He pulled his cap down over his eyes and focused on the cards. Everyone in the game was now chuckling except for a drunken, semi-comatose man who came to attention only to rake in chips. When Carl left the table briefly, the dealer leaned toward me and whispered, "That guy's a millionaire. Sells all the snakeskin for belts, purses, and such. Sells the venom to medical universities. Spends all summer here while it's hot in Arizona. I've known him for about 10 years, but that's all I know about him."

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Climb Every Mountain

Taking two steps forward and one back at Sand Mountain.

By Chris Kocek

Leaving Reno, I drove east on U.S. 50, nicknamed "The Loneliest Road in America." It really was. For more than four hours I didn't see a single car. One time I even let my own car slide over into the oncoming lane and drove like that for a couple minutes. Soon after, I saw a great white mountain of sand set amid a dozen brown ones made of rock.

I turned off the highway. At the base of the dune I parked next to the only other car and jumped out. Three little specks were moving up the mountain.

"Those are my grandkids," said a voice behind me. I turned around and saw a woman sitting in a chair next to her car. She laughed as she looked up at them. "They took their shoes off," she said, "and now they're finding out how hot the sand is." The kids were halfway up and had stopped climbing. By the time I put on sunscreen and my hat, they had returned.

I decided to give it a try.

"Good luck!" the grandmother shouted as she and the kids drove away. I waved goodbye.

I took a deep breath and started running up the mountain. That lasted about 30 steps. I was sure I'd gone at least halfway up the hill of sand, but when I looked back, I realized I'd made little progress. I thought about the Greek god, Sisyphus, rolling that boulder up the mountain for eternity.

After each 30 steps I stopped to catch my breath. For every step I took in the sand, I slid back half of what I'd gained. My lungs burned. Every time I looked at the peak, it seemed as if I hadn't gained any ground.

I walked along the spine of a sandy beast that lay like a giant white whale.



Conquering the Dune Hikers slip-slide their way up Sand Mountain, a giant sand dune 25 miles east of Fallon on U.S. 50. The recreation site is popular with sandboarders and off-roaders.

Finally, I made it to the top and gave a shout of victory. But when I looked over my left shoulder, I saw a peak even higher than the one I was on. So I pushed myself toward it, walking along the spine of a sandy beast that lay like a giant white whale. Twice I almost slipped down the steep slopes on either side. It took a few minutes to get to the other peak, and when I got there, I let out another cry of accomplishment. But then I saw another peak and yet another, both rising higher. "Forget it," I said out loud to the mountain. I was happy where I was. After a few minutes I started down the way I came, so as not to add more footprints to the wind-combed sand.

It had taken me about 45 minutes to reach the top. It took two minutes to reach the bottom. ▀

Chris Kocek lives in Palm Desert, California.

Nevada Trivia

Q What Northern Nevada roadside community—named after a famous French battle site—was the setting for the cover photo of a 1981 Bruce Springsteen album released in Europe?

A The rock star was apparently looking for a place that represented the real America. He found it at the Valmy Motor Court in the tiny town of Valmy, located between Battle Mountain and Winnemucca on Interstate 80.

Q What is the official Nevada state artifact?

A The Lovelock Cave tule duck decoy, made by Native Americans about 2,000 years ago, was designated the official state artifact in 1995.

—The Nevada Trivia Book by Richard Moreno (Gem Guides, 1998)

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A Winning Winter

Stars, sports, and fireworks signal a new season. **By Ann Henderson**

This is the season for festivals and parties. Casinos cheering 2004's arrival at **New Year's Eve** celebrations will spill out of doors in downtown Reno and the Las Vegas Strip. I recommend the **Fremont Street Experience** in downtown Las Vegas, where you can be among the first to see the canopy's new light-and-sound show.

It is a big season for sports. On February 1, football fans will crowd into casino sports books and special parties for **Super Bowl XXXVIII**. This winter the **Las Vegas Wranglers** will continue their West Coast Hockey League play. About 9,000 runners are expected to gather for the **Las Vegas Marathon**, and the **Harlem Globetrotters** bring their zany brand of basketball to Reno and Las Vegas. For those gridiron fans who can't wait till fall, the **Las Vegas Gladiators** kick off their Arena Football League schedule February 14.

Winter is also a time for festivals. Elko hosts the 20th annual **National Cowboy Poetry Gathering** January 24-31 (see page 48). An international crowd will be regaled by Baxter Black, Michael Martin Murphey, and other famous poets and singers. A word of caution: Beware of the power of the picon punches at local bars. At North Tahoe's **Snow Festival**, a highlight is the Polar Bear Swim in which hardy souls brave Lake Tahoe's cold waters (page 88).



Fireworks usher in the new year on the Strip (above) and across Nevada. Sir Elton John (left) received a royal summons from Caesars Palace to appear 75 times over three years.



In entertainment news, **Cher**, who is on another farewell tour, headlines January 2-3 at the MGM Grand. **Sir Elton John** has signed a contract to appear 75 times over three years in Las Vegas. He'll perform at Caesars' 4,100-seat Colosseum when **Celine Dion** is on hiatus (see page 46). It will cost a knightly sum—\$100, \$175, or \$250—to attend John's show and hear

him sing "Rocket Man" and "Goodbye, Yellow Brick Road."

This issue we mark the closing of "**Siegfried and Roy**," one of Nevada's landmark production shows (see page 51). When Roy Horn was bitten by one of his tigers on October 3, the event shocked his fellow entertainers as well as showgoers. That night I was attending **Vicki Lawrence's** show at The Orleans, and she finished her performance to a standing ovation. Normally an entertainer will return for a curtain call, but when she stepped back into the spotlight, a stage technician had his arm around her shoulders. Lawrence, visibly upset, told the audience, "Something terrible has happened at The Mirage. Roy has been bitten by a tiger. It looks very, very bad. Please, pray for him." It was a stunned and remarkably quiet audience that filed out of The Orleans showroom, offering silent words for Roy. ▀

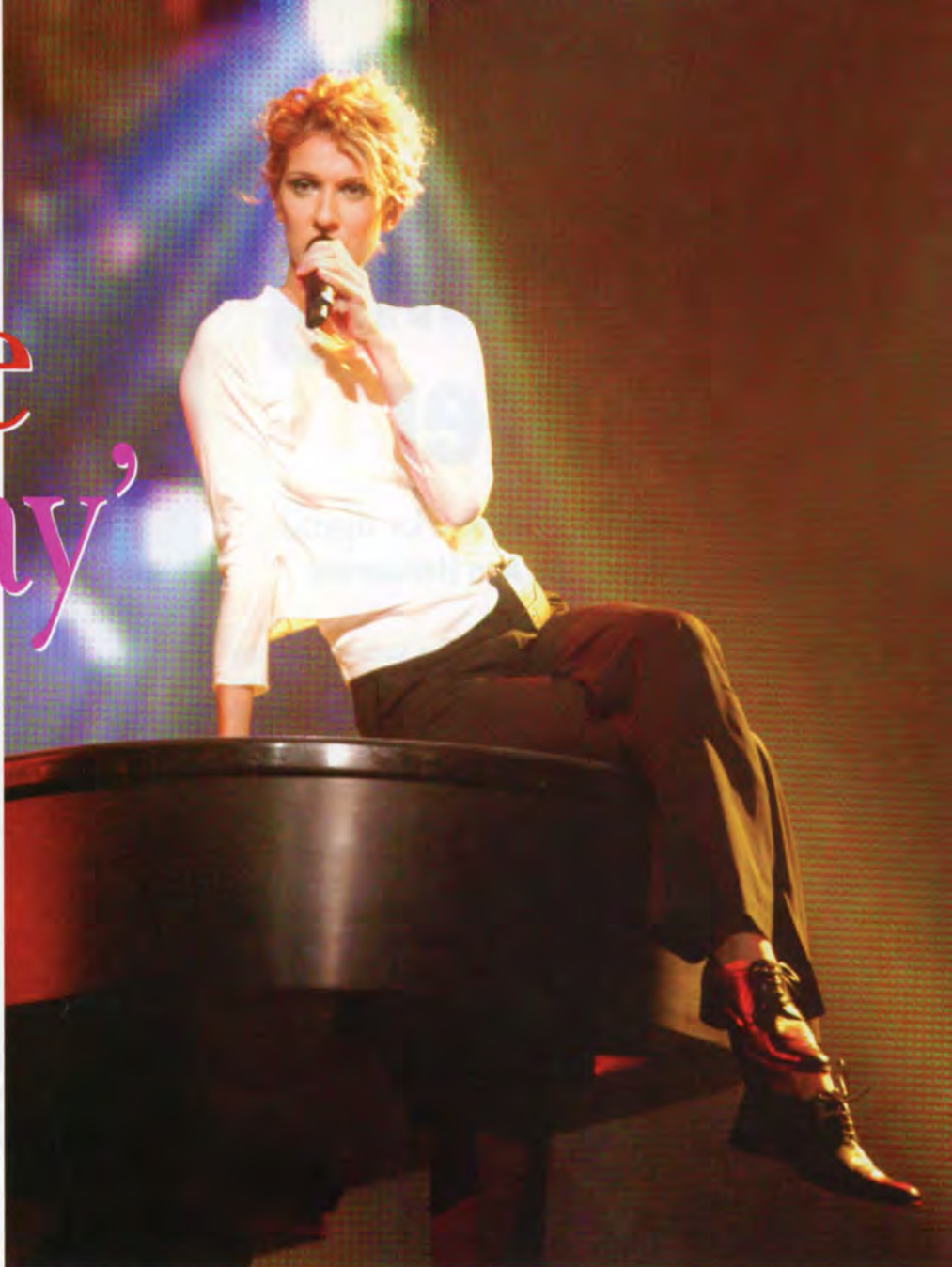


Players scramble during a Las Vegas Wranglers game at the Orleans in Las Vegas.

Celine for a 'Day'

Celine Dion's
"A New Day..."
at Caesars Palace
gives the pop
star a stage to
call home.

By Mike Weatherford



Celine Dion commands the 4,100-seat Colosseum during her show "A New Day...." at Caesars Palace.

Many a pop star has worn the title of "diva," but Celine Dion is the only one to actually star in a baroque, darkly European pop opera in Las Vegas. "A New Day....," Dion's show at Caesars Palace, is filled with imagery—billowing fog, floating street lamps, and an aerial ballet unfolding inside what appears to be a castle dungeon.

You probably never imagined such imagery while listening to "The Power of Love" or "To Love You More" on your car radio. That's both the beauty and frustration of pairing the Canadian singer's adult-contemporary repertoire with the grandiose visions of Cirque du Soleil co-creator Franco Dragone. The combination is an

odd match but never a boring one and probably necessary for a singer who always substituted a wealth of details about her personal life—French-Canadian, youngest of 14 children, married to much-older manager—for a specific musical identity.

"A New Day. .," which opened last March in the Colosseum at Caesars Palace, is big even by Strip standards. The show has given the world's most successful female singer a customized 4,100-seat auditorium in which to host 200 shows annually, a three-year arrangement that lets her international community of fans do the "touring."

The Caesars show came four years after the singer decided she was exhausted from touring and took a break from show busi-

ness to start a family. Dion's manager husband, Rene Angelil, a high-stakes gambler, had long been a favored customer of Caesars. The two renewed their marriage vows in a lavish party at the hotel in 2000.

The couple committed to the three-year run before they knew baby Rene-Charles was on the way. "We didn't know we'd be pregnant five months later," Angelil said of the baby born in January 2001. "We had been trying to get pregnant for five years."

Although ticket prices start at \$87.50 and top out at \$225, the show is often sold out. Dragone, one of the forces behind Cirque du Soleil's "O" and "Mystère," was enlisted to carry the show's must-see status beyond Dion's circle of loyalists. After



The singer sets the dance pace during the up-tempo song "I'm Alive." Choreography to her ballads has a dream-like quality.

Giant props
take flight,
suspended
from an
overhead track
known as the
"shooting
gallery."

opening night, some changes were made to tone down the busy production. A few quiet moments were added, and its star was given a classy evening gown or two to help her stand out on the 120-foot stage—which, if you're sitting in one of the two balconies, can make finding her a bit like a game of "Where's Waldo."

Those expecting Cirque-like acrobatics will have to settle for poetic imagery. Most of the imagery is seen on a giant screen that runs across the back of the stage while performers and giant props take flight, suspended from an overhead track affectionately known to stagehands as "the shooting gallery."

Thanks to Dragone's knack for tasteful spectacle, a show that had the budget to sink the *Titanic* onstage had the good sense not to. (Besides, that has happened every night for 22 years in "Jubilee!" at Bally's.) Instead, Dion's best-known song—"My Heart Will Go On" from the movie *Titanic*—unfolds to spectacular film footage of the moon in orbit as a woman in a white dress with an unending train floats across the stage.

The rear screen takes on a three-dimensional quality for scenes of speeded-up video footage of Times Square and its barrage of electronic signs. Dancers in black and white erupt to surround Dion in a manic street dance for "I'm Alive."

Later, Dion sits on the front steps and sings "If I Could," a simple ballad inspired

by her young son. The stage comes to life as a playfully surreal painting with blooming trees, flying bicycles, and a man whose head blossoms into a rose.

Such moments when all visions coalesce compensate for some awkward or overheated scenes; in one, shirtless male dancers lug the singer around in an easy chair and pretend to treat her as a sex symbol for "Seduces Me." Sometimes the show is better when the production takes a rest and allows the audience to catch its breath, as when Dion sings "Je T'Aime Encore (I Love You Still)" in French with English lyrics translated on the screen.

"We can't get used to the fact that we're here every day on this amazing stage," Dion told an audience last October. Counting the rehearsal time leading to the show's debut at the height of the Iraq invasion last March, she said, "most of us moved [to Las Vegas] a year ago already."

When the show was in rehearsals, the singer told reporters, "Vegas is the new place to be. Today I see Vegas like a family-oriented place, much more than before."

Dion and Angelil bought a house at Lake Las Vegas, the master-planned Henderson community. Their neighbors are best friends Pierre and Coco Lacroix; he is president of the Colorado Avalanche hockey team, which plays at Denver's Pepsi Center, which is part of the Anschutz Entertainment Group that became the

Colosseum venture's primary backer.

"I want my son to live in a normal home with lots of green and water. I don't want to live between two slot machines," Dion said. She lives in a three-bedroom house described as modest compared with some of its neighbors in the high-end Lake Las Vegas development.

Backstage at the Colosseum Dion has a 2,400-square-foot dressing room—nearly a home in itself, complete with formal dining room. All the same, the mother of Rene-Charles must feel a little like Dorothy in Oz when she opens the dressing room door each night and steps into the world of flying pianos and floating street lamps.

Show Notes

"A New Day..." starring Celine Dion plays at 8 nightly except Monday and Tuesday in the Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Tickets range from \$87.50 to \$225 (plus handling fees). For tickets visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 877-4-CELINE. Call 800-634-6661 or visit www.caesars.com for show, room, and dinner packages. Note that "A New Day..." will be dark from February 9-March 2. During the break Elton John is scheduled to appear at the Colosseum February 13-22 and again March 23-April 4. ■

Mike Weatherford is a columnist for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Cowboy Jam-boree

Rhymers, singers, and fans ride into Elko for the 20th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. **By Richard Elloyan**



Western musicians and onlookers meet for jam sessions in the Stockmen's convention center.

The G3 Bar, located in the Western Folklife Center on Railroad Street in Elko, may be the unofficial heart of the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. One Friday night last year I found myself working there as a volunteer bartender. Next door was the G3 Theater, and as performances began and ended, patrons flooded the bar in thirsty waves.

The bar proved to be the ultimate observation post. I saw investment bankers and lawyers in \$3,000 buckskin jackets and python-skin boots standing toe to toe with farmers and ranchers just in from feeding

the cows. Ladies in designer cowboy hats and snug Wranglers drank Buckaroo Beer from the bottle and listened eagerly as dusty cowboys talked about rank horses, bad wrecks, worse food, and life on the range.

There are many of us who always wanted to be a cowboy or cowgirl when we grew up. It's comforting to know there is a place where, for one week, we can all live the dream.

That place is the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, which celebrates its 20th anniversary on January 24-31 in Elko.

I've attended five gatherings, two as an invited performer, and watched the event grow under the guidance of Hal Cannon and other organizers. What was once a small collection of ranchers and buckaroos eager to swap poems with the like-minded has grown into a world-famous celebration of the cowboy and the Western lifestyle.

As anyone could see at the G3 Bar that Friday night, the gathering draws a diverse crowd. Yet the common bond between people who love the cowboy lifestyle and the folks who actually live it is so strong that it erases the barriers between old and



Cowboy poetry star Baxter Black of Arizona relates the humor and pathos of range life (left). The popular radio commentator and former vet is a veteran of the Elko gathering. Other favorites include Montana's Paul Zarzyski (below) and Texan Red Steagall (right).



It's comforting to know there is a place where, for one week, we can live the cowboy dream.

young, rich and poor. One might think that working cowboys and ranchers—folks who wear spurs for a living—would look down upon the drugstore cowboys, but that's not the case. Ask a cowboy why that's so, and the response likely will be, "Well, that just wouldn't be polite."

I'm always impressed with the interaction between performers and spectators. Western music and poetry superstars like Don Edwards, Waddie Mitchell, Michael Martin Murphey, Ian Tyson, Baxter Black, Jill Jones, and Paul Zarzyski never seem too busy to sign autographs or shake hands. Fans need not be shy. That night at the bar I watched as Red Steagall, songwriter and poet laureate of Texas, visited for two hours with appreciative fans for no other reason than they were from the same state.

If you are a songwriter or poet, there are open-mike sessions and ample chances to meet the stars. When I first started writing cowboy poetry and music, I played an open-mike set, and Waddie Mitchell was in the audience. He found me afterward and gave me a bit of advice. "Never turn down any work," he told me. "Play any time you

can, anywhere you can. Learn something new from every show." I have always been grateful for Waddie's advice, and I follow it to this day.

For those who are not seasoned gathering goers, let me offer a bit of advice of my own.

First, be sure to attend one of the all-night jam fests upstairs at the Stockmen's Hotel. World-class guitar players like Rich O'Brien and Raul Reynoso frequently jam, as do fiddlers, bass players, and banjo pickers. One evening I was surprised to see a gentleman uncase a very long, very sharp saw—and play it. He played that saw with the same passion as one might play a fine violin, and the result was similarly ethereal in sound. If you have an instrument and the courage, you're welcome to sit in.

Besides the gathering's scheduled concerts, you can catch shows at Elko's casinos. This year Michael Martin Murphey plays the Stockmen's showroom, and Wylie and the Wild West appear at the Red Lion.

The 20th annual program will be filled with non-rhyming things to do. There will be workshops on blacksmithing, Basque cooking, photography, art exhibits, dances, cowboy theater, Western music, and poetry.

Make reservations and get tickets early. Most shows with featured performers will sell out quickly. If there's someone you just have to see, check the message board for tickets from no-shows or third parties.

Be aware of the one thing cowboys admit they can't control—the weather. One year, waiting for dinner outside the



Star Hotel, I shivered and stamped my feet as the temperature slipped to 15 below zero—cold enough to turn unprotected diesel fuel in your cowboy Cadillac to jelly. The next year it was warm, and I stood in the same spot comfortably wearing a light jacket. So bring a variety of clothing.

Finally, be sure to check out the crowd that gathers most nights at the G3 saloon. I hope to see you there. If I'm not on stage, don't forget to look behind the bar.

Cowboy Balladeering

The 20th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering will make Elko the center of the cowboy universe January 24-31. Most events take place at the Western Folklife Center, the gathering's headquarters, and the Elko Convention Center. For tickets and a schedule call the Western Folklife Center (888-880-5885, www.westernfolklife.org). Elko is located on Interstate 80, 295 miles east of Reno and 230 miles west of Salt Lake City. Elko is served by Skywest Airlines (Delta) and Amtrak. For lodging and attraction information contact the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority (800-248-3556, www.elkocva.com).



Richard Elloyan, a singer-songwriter from Dayton, is a state environmental health specialist. His third CD, "Twister" (see www.richardelloyan.com), includes the song "Eureka Saturday Night."

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The Stars Next Door

Siegfried and Roy found success on and off stage in Las Vegas.

By Mike Weatherford

A good share of Las Vegas locals know about Siegfried and Roy's "Jungle Palace," which stands incongruously amid single-story ranch houses in an older Las Vegas neighborhood. White concrete walls with iron gates bearing the "S&R" crest at once beckon and keep out the curious who drive by the mansion across the street from the city's municipal golf course.

But on show nights when Roy Horn came home from one of the 5,750 performances of "Siegfried and Roy at The Mirage" that he and Siegfried Fischbacher had performed since 1990, he still called the Jungle Palace home.

And we still called him our neighbor.

Perhaps that's why the entire city was struck so hard by the news that Roy had been bitten by one of his beloved white tigers in the middle of a show on October 3, his 59th birthday. Soon Roy was

The Jungle Palace spoke of their success story and the unique Liberace-gone-Indian style that was key to it.

fighting for his life at University Medical Center, a few miles from both The Mirage, where he and Siegfried appeared on the hotel's giant marquee, and the Jungle Palace, tucked away on Vegas Drive.

The house and grounds spoke of both the German illusionists' step-by-step success story and the unique Liberace-gone-Indian style that was key to it. Soon after gaining their first toehold on the Strip in 1970, the duo began transforming the house into an exotic white-concrete oasis, expanding as they bought and demolished surrounding homes. The interior is now filled with tapestries and museum pieces, but the coup de grace of their bold ambition is outside, in the empty compounds where white tigers Shasadee and Sitarra—"from the sacred gardens of India," as a plaque in front reads—once romped in pools and waterfalls.

White tigers from India in suburban Las Vegas? In 1984? The tigers have long since resided in a special "back of the house" compound at The Mirage, and the wealthy eccentrics have built even more palatial homes in a much-larger Las Vegas. Siegfried lives in another such home now, and Roy built himself



Siegfried and Roy, in their younger days, lounge with two costars at the pool.

a weekend retreat, known as Little Bavaria, farther out of town.

Siegfried and Roy were far from an overnight success story, but there was an undeniable bit of *kismet* in the 1959 meeting in which Siegfried, the performing magician on an ocean liner, met a steward named Roy who suggested he incorporate his pet cheetah in the act. (It was an idea of desperate ingenuity, as Roy knew it would allow him to keep his exotic pet on the ship instead of at home with less-enthusiastic relatives.)

The duo's rise from 12-minute specialty act to the aesthetic cornerstone of The Mirage followed a magical path—from the Tropicana's "Folies Bergere" to the Stardust's "Lido de Paris" and the MGM's "Hallelujah Hollywood," back to the "Lido" as specially billed stars, and then to their Frontier showcase, "Beyond Belief," produced by circus impresario Kenneth Feld. From the day "Beyond Belief" opened at the Frontier in 1981, no act was more relentlessly promoted through nightly television commercials and carefully orchestrated publicity. The imagery was, in its own way, as irresistible as the white tiger toys in The Mirage gift shop.

But the hundreds of dancers and stagehands who have worked for the pair over the years also know of the proud work ethic beneath the hype, one that had Siegfried, 64, and Roy, five years his junior, swinging from ropes and fighting robotic dragons night after night. Now, with Roy's injury, the Mirage show has closed forever.

David Letterman and other celebrities loved to make sport of the amiably out-there duo, but what are Siegfried and Roy if not extreme examples of the quintessential Nevadan? They are immigrants who forged their own distinct vision of the American dream, and who turned an inhospitable climate into their own garden of Eden. ♡

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Mama's Girl

Vicki Lawrence gives her favorite character a comedic forum in "A Two-Woman Show." **By Kathy Espin**

In a million years, I never thought I'd see Mama rap. I don't mean Mama as in "Yo mama." I mean Mama as played by Vicki Lawrence in the '80s sitcom *Mama's Family* and now in "Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show."

Mama's rap spoof is one way Lawrence has modernized her instantly recognizable character—a crotchety know-it-all with tightly permed gray hair, an ugly polyester print dress, and a little white purse.

"Mama has never been seen live anywhere," Lawrence told me during a backstage interview at the Orleans in Las Vegas, where she was performing in the Orleans Showroom. "She has always been a television character, and she has been kind of stuck in a time warp of that series. I knew I wanted to bring her out of the closet, but I definitely wanted to bring her into the new century—because she is nothing if not opinionated."

During the show Mama offers opinions on breast enlargement, William Shatner's singing, human cloning, and childbirth. If senior citizens ruled the world, she says, every restroom would have a "Grandpa changing station." Last fall she told jokes about the gubernatorial recall election in California. By the time Lawrence returns for New Year's performances at the Riverside Resort in Laughlin, Mama's gags will surely be replaced by jokes about Governor Schwarzenegger.

Lawrence explained, "She can say all the things your grandmother says that you are always appalled at. Politically correct has gone so far, you wish it would go back

again. I love for Mama to just shatter all of that."

Since this is a two-woman show, Lawrence also appears as herself, offering comedy and stories from her career. She describes how Burnett discovered her when Lawrence was a high-school senior in Inglewood, California. Lawrence sent Burnett a letter inviting her to attend the local fire department's "Miss Fireball" beauty contest and attached a newspaper article that mentioned Lawrence's resemblance to Burnett.

"And I was trying so hard to look like Mary Tyler Moore," Lawrence jokes.

Burnett, seeking someone to play her kid sister in her TV series, attended the contest. The encounter led to Lawrence's joining the hugely popular *Carol Burnett Show*. "I went to the Harvard School of Comedy in front of America,"

Lawrence says of the *Burnett Show*, which ran from 1967 to 1978. She credits Harvey Korman with taking her under his wing, working with her on dialects and how to work with props. "It was either that or kill me, I'm sure, because I was such a nerd. I was an idiot."

She learned her lessons well, earning three Emmy nominations and later parlaying her Mama sketch character into *Mama's Family* (1983 to 1990).

Lawrence talks about how she met her husband, Al Schultz, head of CBS makeup, while working on the *Carol Burnett Show*. She describes him as a "former football player with a tight end." She adds that she has been sleeping with her makeup man for more than a quarter century.

She describes how her hit record, "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia," came out of her first, brief marriage to songwriter Bobby Russell. He wrote the song but didn't like it. Lawrence saw its potential and recorded it in 1972. She jokes, "I'm one of the few people you will run into who can do a medley of their hit."

Lawrence talks about her two children, Courtney, 26, and Garrett, 24, in her act. She also does dead-on imitations of television moms from Roseanne Barr to Marge Simpson.



Vicki Lawrence brings the opinionated Mama to the Riverside and Orleans this winter.

A lot of Lawrence's comedy is original and focuses on bathroom humor. She talks about her gynecologist: "I call him my Obi-Wan Kenobi" (for OB-GYN, get it?). Some of the comedy is not original but delightfully recycled, such as the story of the woman who mistakes hair glitter for

women's health, and being a woman in a man's world.

"That gave me a real good opportunity to hone the Vicki part of my act," Lawrence said. "It gave me a good feel for what people like to hear and talk about. It gave me a lot of confidence. It gave me the confidence to know that the things that I find humorous are humorous to other people as well."

She said opening her one-woman show at the Orleans in Las Vegas in 2002 was "definitely my Outward Bound. I don't know when I've been more nervous." She also

was concerned about opening in Las Vegas. "I said to my agent, Aren't we supposed to open in some punky little town in Ontario or something?"

Now that the nervousness has gone, Lawrence said, she loves doing the show. How long will she keep touring? "I guess until it's not fun. It's fun now because it's ever-evolving. And it's me—it's specifically me. If I don't like something, it's gone," she said. "This is 90 minutes on stage that is specifically catered to me."

Lawrence does appear to enjoy every

minute of her—and Mama's—time on stage, and the audience goes along for the ride. Lawrence and Mama are part of our entertainment heritage, and there is joy in visiting them both again. It was fun for our largely baby-boomer crowd at the Orleans to laugh at Mama, perhaps forgetting that we are now closer to Mama's age than we would care to admit.

People come up to me and say, 'I didn't know you did stand-up comedy,' and I think, 'As opposed to what? Sit-down comedy?'"

feminine-hygiene spray before visiting her "Obi-Wan Kenobi."

"It's funny," she told me. "I'll always have people come up to me and say, 'I didn't know you did stand-up comedy, and I think, 'As opposed to what? Sit-down comedy?'"

"A Two-Woman show" has been a physical and emotional challenge for the 54-year-old Lawrence. She spent the last 10 years, after the end of her daytime talk show, on the public-speaking circuit. There she talked about her life and career,

Show Notes

"Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two-Woman Show" can be seen at the Riverside in Laughlin and at the Orleans in Las Vegas this winter. Lawrence appears at the Riverside on December 27-31. Tickets to the 7 p.m. show in Don's Celebrity Theater cost \$34. Tickets for her New Year's Eve performance at 10:30 p.m. cost \$40; call the Riverside, 800-277-3849, for details. Lawrence brings Mama to the Orleans on January 8-11. Tickets for the 8 p.m. show cost \$38.50 and \$49.50; call the Orleans, 888-365-7111 or 702-365-7075. Lawrence also will appear May 14-16 at the Suncoast in Las Vegas; call 702-636-7111. ■

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River Rendezvous

The Laughlin events scene involves the river, the desert, and lots of horse power

By David Moore



The crowd cheers as the supercharged Dodge Ram accelerates up the ramp. Suddenly the truck is aloft. Protected by a rollbar and nerves of steel, the driver squeezes the wheel as he floats Evel Knievel-like above the Laughlin Events Park.



Neon-lit casinos line the Colorado River in Laughlin, Nevada's southernmost city. The Laughlin Leap is a highlight of the off-road Laughlin Desert Challenge in January (left). Bull riders compete in September (below). The town hosts several rodeo events.

A moment later his truck lands hard, front wheels first. "One hundred feet!" shouts an official.

Each January the Laughlin Leap—the motorsports equivalent of the long jump and a highlight of the Laughlin Desert Challenge—helps launch a year's worth of major spectator hoopla in Laughlin. The casino town is known for its mild winter weather, but its 11 biggest annual events are hardly mild-mannered. They include bull riding, off-road auto racing, motorcycle rallying, dragonboat racing, and a cutthroat variety of over-50 sand volleyball.

The ball drops first at the **New Year's Eve** parties in Laughlin, whose casinos overlook the Colorado River 93 miles south of Las Vegas. Most casinos provide bands, DJs, and noise-makers to celebrate the flip from 2003 to 2004. In fact, you might toast twice on New Year's. Across the river, populous Bullhead City, Arizona, runs an hour earlier than Laughlin in winter, and Nevada-siders often observe Grand Canyon State time. Thus, the casino din may crescendo first at midnight Arizona time and an hour later at 12 o'clock Nevada time.

The rockin' mood returns with **Cloud's Jamboree**, a giant rock,



gem, jewelry, bead, and mineral show. It takes place January 9-18 at various casinos. Visit www.cloudsjamboree.com for details.

For the second year **Winter Break** aims to make Laughlin the Fort Lauderdale of the AARP set. The January 13-16 festival for the over-50 crowd features lots of music, dancing, and dining (see page 58). For stock-market watchers, the only spikes will be in the sand volleyball games, and casinoites can join bingo and slot tournaments. An admission charge of \$39 allows entry to all official activities. Call 480-926-5547 or visit www.winterbreak.us.

Besides the popular Laughlin Leap, the **Laughlin Desert Challenge** hosts off-road-racing cars and trucks on January 15-18 as part of the SCORE circuit. The races start and finish at the spectator-seating area in the Laughlin Events Park. The race course follows an 11-mile loop through the desert. Call the Laughlin chamber, 800-227-5245, for ticket information.

Another group of off-road racers invade Laughlin on February 27-29 for the **Kawasaki Team Green Laughlin U.S. Hare**

Each winter more than 10,000 "snowbirds" flock to Laughlin to enjoy its mild weather and events like Winter Break.

Scrambles. This Best in the Desert race is billed as the "most technical motorcycle desert race in the United States." Call 702-457-5775 for information.

You can see the **Laughlin River Stampede** on TNN's *Wrangler World of Rodeo*, or, better yet, you can see it live in Laughlin March 31-April 4. It's a chance to mingle with the cowboys competing in the PRCA rodeo and take in shows by C&W stars. Call the Laughlin chamber, 800-227-5245, or visit www.honeycuttrodeo.com for tickets.

Four-legged action gives way to two-wheeled mania in the **Laughlin River Run** on April 23-27. Helmeted riders astride Hondas, BMWs, Kawasakis, and especially Harley-Davidsons pack Laughlin for custom-bike shows, a poker run, general galivanting, and the chance to ogle Miss River Run. Call 714-694-2800 or 800-357-8223 or visit www.laughlinriverrun.com for registration or room and concert packages during River Run.

Powerful paddlers will propel the fourth annual **Laughlin Mile Dragon Boat Challenge**. The May 7-8 regatta tests crews in 44-foot Chinese war canoes. For team registration contact 888-679-4222 or www.facilitymarketing.com.

Attendees will note that the dragon boat races mark a subtle seasonal change in the age of the town's visitors. Each winter more than 10,000 "snowbirds" flock to Laughlin to enjoy its mild weather and events like Winter Break. As the snowbirds point their RVs back north in spring, they



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are supplanted by college students and other explorers attracted by water sports on the river and Lake Mohave. So the races and other spring and summer events often draw a younger crowd.

Residents and visitors of all ages gravitate to the pyrotechnics that Laughlin hosts on the **Fourth of July**. The fireworks burst over the River Walk.

The world's top 45 bull riders compete at the Laughlin Events Park for more than \$100,000 in prize money on September 17-18. The **Laughlin Professional Bull Riders** event is part of the PBR's tour and is televised on TNN. Contact the Laughlin chamber, 800-227-5245, for tickets.

On November 18-21 the **Laughlin Team Roping Finals** features hundreds of team ropers attempting to lasso and tie their calves in record time. The U.S. Team Roping Championships event at the Laughlin Events Park arena is free for spectators.

The River and Sightseeing

Between gnarly bulls and snarling Bultacos there are many things to see and do in Laughlin. The weather is pleasant and sunny in fall, winter, and spring. Summer is hot—temps often hit 110—but it's also a good time to find room bargains.

The **Colorado River** is the focus of many activities, including cruises. Several cruise boats dock at the casinos—*Celebration* at the Flamingo Laughlin, *Fiesta Queen* at the Edgewater, and *U.S.S. Riverside* at the Riverside Resort. The *Del Rio Yacht* departs from the River Palms.

London Bridge Jet Boat Tours offers rides to Lake Havasu City, as does **River Jetz Tours**. Also, you can rent personal watercraft at several casinos.

A state recreation area, **Big Bend of the Colorado** (702-298-1859), offers boating, fishing, and picnicking five miles south of town.

You can boat, fish, and camp at **Lake Mohave Resort** at Katherine Landing, two miles north of Laughlin on Lake Mohave. Created by Davis Dam, the lake is part of **Lake Mead National Recreation Area**. Houseboating is a prime Mohave pastime. **Seven Crown Resorts** rents houseboats at Lake Mohave Resort (800-752-9669, www.sevencrown.com). **Forever Resorts** rents them upriver at Cottonwood Cove (800-255-5561, www.foreverresorts.com).

Laughlin Bay Marina is currently being built on private land where Casino Drive meets the Needles Highway. The marina will be open to boaters and other mem-

bers of the public. Plans include boat ramps, docks, a beach, a clubhouse, and a gated townhouse community.

Grapevine Canyon is seven miles west of Laughlin, and it's well worth the brief hike from the parking lot to see ancient Indian petroglyphs, or rock writings.

Explorers will find several sites of interest in Arizona. Gunfighters regularly shoot up the ghost town of **Oatman** for the benefit of tourists. Oatman, 30 miles southeast of Laughlin, has museums and shops.

You can head downriver by cruise boat or auto to visit the **London Bridge** at Lake Havasu City, 67 miles southeast of Laughlin on the Colorado River. The famous bridge on the Thames was dismantled and reassembled stone by stone at Havasu, which has an English village.

Golf, Spas, and Attractions

While the river affects many aspects of life in Laughlin, golfers strive to avoid the water on the two courses on the Nevada side. The **Emerald River Country Club** (702-298-0061) has several holes bordering the river. Water hazards loom on half a dozen holes at the **Mojave Resort Golf Club** (702-535-4653), across from the Avi Casino. Laughlin's hotel-casinos offer numerous golf-and-room packages.

The **American Heroes Museum** inside the Ramada Express (888-888-8695) is free and open daily. The museum presents a speaker's program and a new patriotic multimedia show, *The American Spirit*.

The **Riverside Resort** has an auto collection, movie theaters, and bowling lanes.

The hotels' spas offer various treatments—Swedish massage, aroma therapy, and salt glow. Spa properties include the **Riverside**,

Colorado Belle, **Flamingo Laughlin**, **Harrah's**, and **River Palms**.

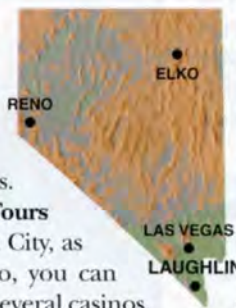
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aters where they host concerts by stars like Willie Nelson, Wynonna, and the Doobie Brothers in spring and fall. Several showrooms, like Don's Celebrity Theatre at the **Riverside**, also present headliners who appear in Vegas and Reno. Bands play nightly for dancing at the **Edgewater**, **River Palms**, **Golden Nugget Laughlin**, **Avi**, and other clubs. A Dixieland band strolls the deck of the **Colorado Belle**. Theaters in the **Ramada Express** and **Flamingo Laughlin** are among those presenting long-running revues. See this issue's "Nevada Showguide" for details.

Hotel-Casinos

Nine casinos line Casino Drive, most of them hovering over the Colorado River so their lights are reflected picturesquely on the water at night. Depending on the season, room rates range from \$20 to \$80 and are often a bargain. Call the hotels or dial 800-4-LAUGHLIN for reservations. Here's the lineup from north to south:

Riverside Resort: 1,401 rooms. The town's first hotel-casino was established by Don Laughlin in the 1960s. 702-298-2535, 800-227-3849, www.riversideresort.com.

Flamingo Laughlin: 1,900 rooms. 702-298-5111, 800-352-6464, www.flamingolaughlin.com.



The Colorado River town becomes the country's motorcycle capital each April during the Laughlin River Run.

Ramada Express: 1,501 rooms. 702-298-4200, 888-888-8695, 800-243-6846, www.ramadaexpress.com.

Edgewater: 1,421 rooms. 702-298-2453, 800-67-RIVER, www.edgewatercasino.com.

Colorado Belle: 1,201 rooms. 702-298-4000, 800-47-RIVER, www.coloradobelle.com.

Pioneer: 416 rooms. 702-298-2442, 800-634-3469, www.pioneerlaughlin.com.

Golden Nugget Laughlin: 300 rooms. 702-298-7111, 800-237-1739, www.gnlaughlin.com.

River Palms: 1,003 rooms. 702-298-2242, 877-RVRPALM, www.riverpalms.com.

Harrah's Laughlin: 1,571 rooms. 702-298-4600, 800-HARRAHS, www.harrah.com.

Bayshore Inn: Motel four miles south of Harrah's has 100 rooms. 702-299-9010.

Avi: 455 rooms. The Avi, operated by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, is located 16 miles south of Laughlin's casino core. 702-535-5555, 800-430-0721, www.avicasino.com.

Laughlin Information

Stop at the **Laughlin Visitor Center** north of the Riverside for brochures and maps. Phone 702-298-3321 or 800-4-LAUGHLIN, visit www.visitlaughlin.com, or write 1555 Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029 for further information on Laughlin and its attractions. ■

David Moore, editor of Nevada Magazine, enjoys golfing Laughlin's links.

Belly Dancing, Model A's, and Winter Break

Polar-bears swimmers and belly dancers will shiver and shimmy during **Winter Break**, Laughlin's second annual festival aimed at members of the 50-and-over crowd who are looking for a different type of vacation.

"This is like a cruise on land, where you choose the activities that suit you from morning to night," says Sue Arko of Free Spirit Vacations, organizers of the January 13-16 event at the Colorado River town.

"During last year's Polar Bear Club Dip three women were so excited about taking part in the event that they jumped in the 55-degree river before we said, 'Go,'" Arko says. The Polar Bear Dip will take place at Harrah's beach.

Activities begin with a Royal Flush Welcome at the River Palms. The Red Hatters, a "disorganization" of women

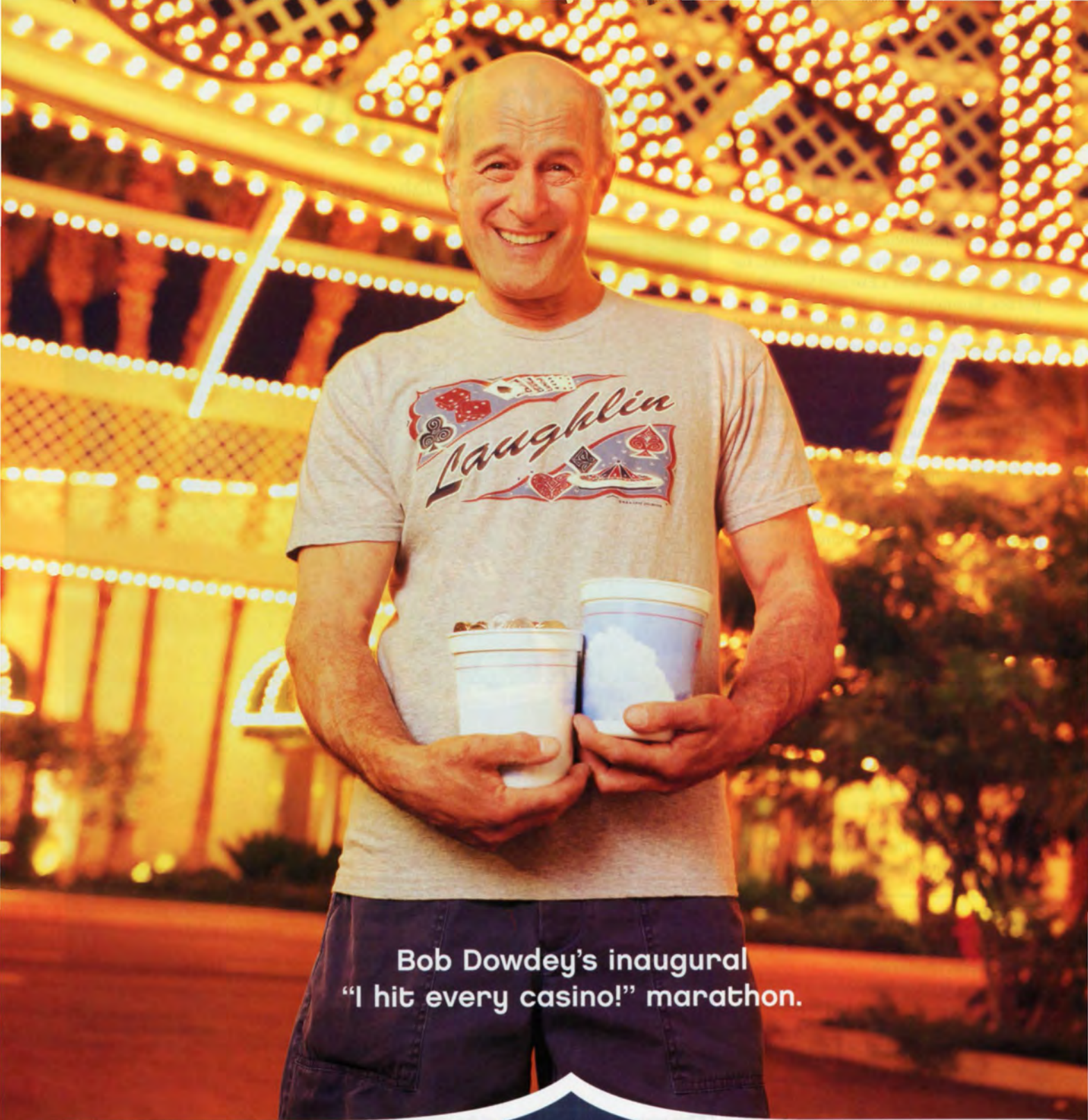
wearing purple dresses with bright red hats, will lead a Spirit Parade. Subsequent events include:

- A hot-rod and antique car show at the Riverside and Edgewater casinos.
- A 30-minute class on how to drive a Model A Ford.
- Ballroom, square, and belly dancing.
- Classes in Chi Kung, a Chinese art similar to yoga and tai chi.
- Wine-tasting parties and video-poker tournaments.
- Educational seminars, including a Q&A with Don Laughlin, the founder of Nevada's southernmost city.

During Winter Break shuttles will connect all Laughlin casinos. Passes for the four-day event are \$39, and hotel packages start at \$89. Call 480-926-5547 or visit www.winterbreak.us for details on the mid-January festival. —Deborah Wall



A mild climate makes Laughlin an attractive destination during Winter Break. Seminars include a Q&A with Don Laughlin, founder of the river-side community that bears his name.



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Nevada Events

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

Nevada communities and casinos offer a great variety of events this winter, including New Year's Eve and Super Bowl parties. Runners meet in Las Vegas for the 38th annual Las Vegas Marathon while ski racers and costumed dogs compete during the North Tahoe Snow Festival. Also this winter, Elko hosts the 20th annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Local celebrations include a gala Valentine's Day Dance at the Firehouse Museum in Goldfield and the Winter Steam Spectacular Photo Shoot at the Nevada Northern Railway in Ely. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events and celebrations for January and February. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and details.

Las Vegas Territory

New Year's Eve Celebration • Dec. 31 • Downtown outdoor dance party. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777 for more New Year's celebration information.

Military Salute

Former soldiers recall their experiences at the American Heroes Museum at the Ramada Express in Laughlin. The museum's collection of memorabilia is primarily from veterans.

New Year's Eve: Laughlin Style • Dec. 31 • Entertainment, DJs, party favors, and balloon drops are planned at several casinos. Laughlin, 800-452-8445.

First Night • Dec. 31 • Nonalcoholic celebration of the arts includes family entertainment and food from 3pm until the 9pm fireworks. Citywide, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Blackjack Tournaments • Jan. 2, 16, 30, Feb. 6, 27 • \$10 buy-in. Virgin River, Mesquite, 800-346-7721.

Cloud's Jamboree Rock, Gem, and Mineral Show • Jan. 2-Feb. 1 • Outdoor show with indoor show Jan. 9-25. Riverside Resort, Laughlin, www.cloudsjamboree.com.

Keno Tournament • Jan. 2 and 4 • Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

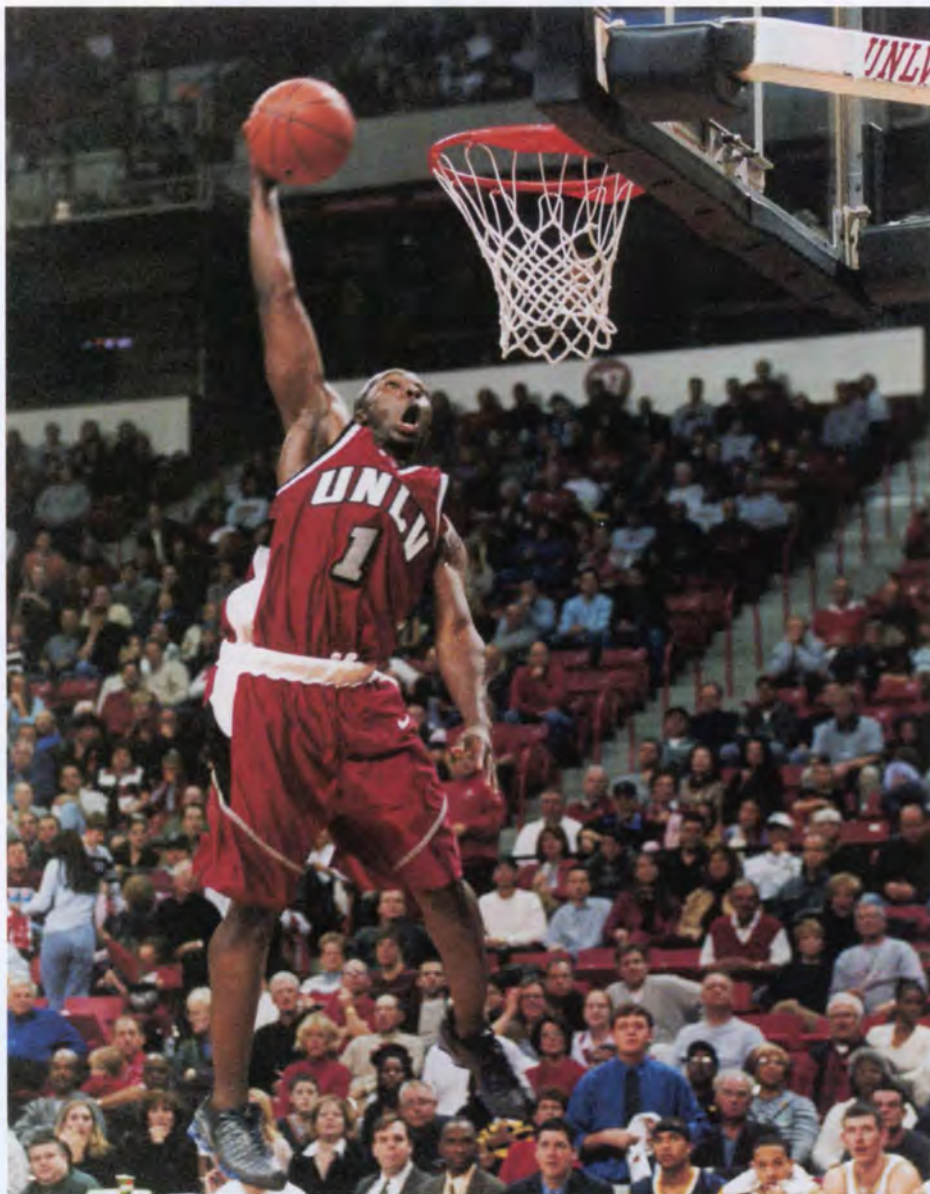
No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Tournament • Jan. 4 • \$25 buy-in. Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 5 and 12 • \$10 buy-in. Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

Slot Tournament • Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, 17 • \$10 buy-in. Virgin River, Mesquite, 800-346-7721.

Keno Tournament • Jan. 7, 17, 31, Feb. 18, 28 • CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

Slot Tournament • Jan. 7 • Eureka Casino, Mesquite, 702-346-4600.



The Big Stretch

This winter the Runnin' Rebels of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (above) and the Wolf Pack of the University of Nevada, Reno take the court. Also, the Las Vegas Wranglers compete in the West Coast Hockey League, and the Las Vegas Gladiators play in the Arena Football League.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 8 • Eddie Zuleger recalls his experiences in Vietnam as a 21-year-old rifle platoon leader. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

Video Poker Tournament • Jan. 8 and 15 • \$10 buy-in. Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

Gamga Gala • Jan. 9-10 • German Karnaval event has a costume ball on Fri., music and dancers on Sat. Union Plaza, Las Vegas, 702-451-7924.

Slot Tournament • Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 15, 29 • \$10 buy-in.

CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY for information.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 13 • James McGeachy recalls his Vietnam experiences. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

Winter Break • Jan. 13-16 • Festival for over-50 baby boomers offers music, dancing, and games. Laughlin casinos, Laughlin, 480-926-5547.

Pizza and Poker Tournament • Jan. 14 • \$25 buy-in. Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 15 • William Harms served on an aircraft carrier that sank near Iwo Jima. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

Laughlin Desert Challenge • Jan. 15-18 • SCORE circuit off-road race around an 11-mile loop. Event features the Laughlin Leap, a high jump for cars. Laughlin Events Park, Laughlin, 800-227-5245.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration • Jan. 19 • Activities and entertainment TBA in the Las Vegas area.

Early Bird Shootout • Jan. 19-23 • Daily tournament has \$15 buy-in. Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 20 • Ray Hernandez, a former marine staff sergeant, recalls his duty in Vietnam. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200 for details.

You Can Do It

Runners are warming up for the Las Vegas Marathon and Half-Marathon January 25. More than 9,000 racers from 50 states and 30 countries are expected to compete.

"Disney on Ice: Princess Classics" • Jan. 21-25 • The Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 22 • R.E. "Bud" Kingsbury's B-17 was shot down in 1943, and he was rescued by an Italian family. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

Black and White Ball • Jan. 24 • Singer Celine Dion has been chosen as "Woman of the Year" for Nevada Ballet Theatre's annual fundraiser. Table prices are \$3,500, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$25,000. Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, 702-243-2623, ext. 228.

Adobe Making • Jan. 24 • Learn how the fort was made from mud. Plus tours and refreshments. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Las Vegas Marathon and Half-Marathon • Jan. 25 • More than 9,000 runners and walkers from 50 states and 30 countries participate in the 38th annual event. Registration Jan. 23-24. Tropicana, Las Vegas, 702-240-2722.

"Aesop's Fables II" • Jan. 26 • Program includes "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 800-497-5007.

Bad Beat Progressive Jackpot Poker Tournament • Jan. 28 • Oasis Resort, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

American Heroes Museum • Jan. 29 • Paul Adkins speaks on the National Cemetery. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

The Chieftains • Jan. 31 • Traditional Irish music. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Super Bowl Parties • Feb. 1 • Casinos and bars offer drink and food specials. Some Las Vegas area casinos have cheerleaders and pro football autograph opportunities.

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

American Heroes Museum • Feb. 3 • Bernard Bermack served with Patton's Third Army in Europe during World War II. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 3 • Eureka Casino, Mesquite, 702-346-4600.

Motorcycle Ice Racing • Feb. 6-7 • The Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.

"Lenny" • Feb. 6-8, 12-15 • Drama about the life of comic Lenny Bruce. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"Sagagawea: The Bird Woman's Return" • Feb. 6-8, 12-15 • Original songs and traditional Plains Indian music are featured in the story of the Native American who helped explorers Lewis and Clark. Rainbow Company Theatre production. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Mesquite 10-Miler • Feb. 8 • Challenging course for distance runners. Call for start location. Mesquite, 702-346-2902.

American Heroes Museum • Feb. 10 • Jack Stecker recalls his experiences with the Asiatic Fleet in 1941-1943. Ramada

Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200 for further information.

American Spiritual Ensemble • Feb. 13 • Program ranges from spirituals to Broadway songs highlighting the African-American experience. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Poker Tournament • Feb. 14 • Eureka Casino, Mesquite, 704-346-4600.

Valentine's Day Cruise • Feb. 14 • Dinner-dance excursion aboard the *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler. Lake Mead, Boulder City, 702-293-6180.

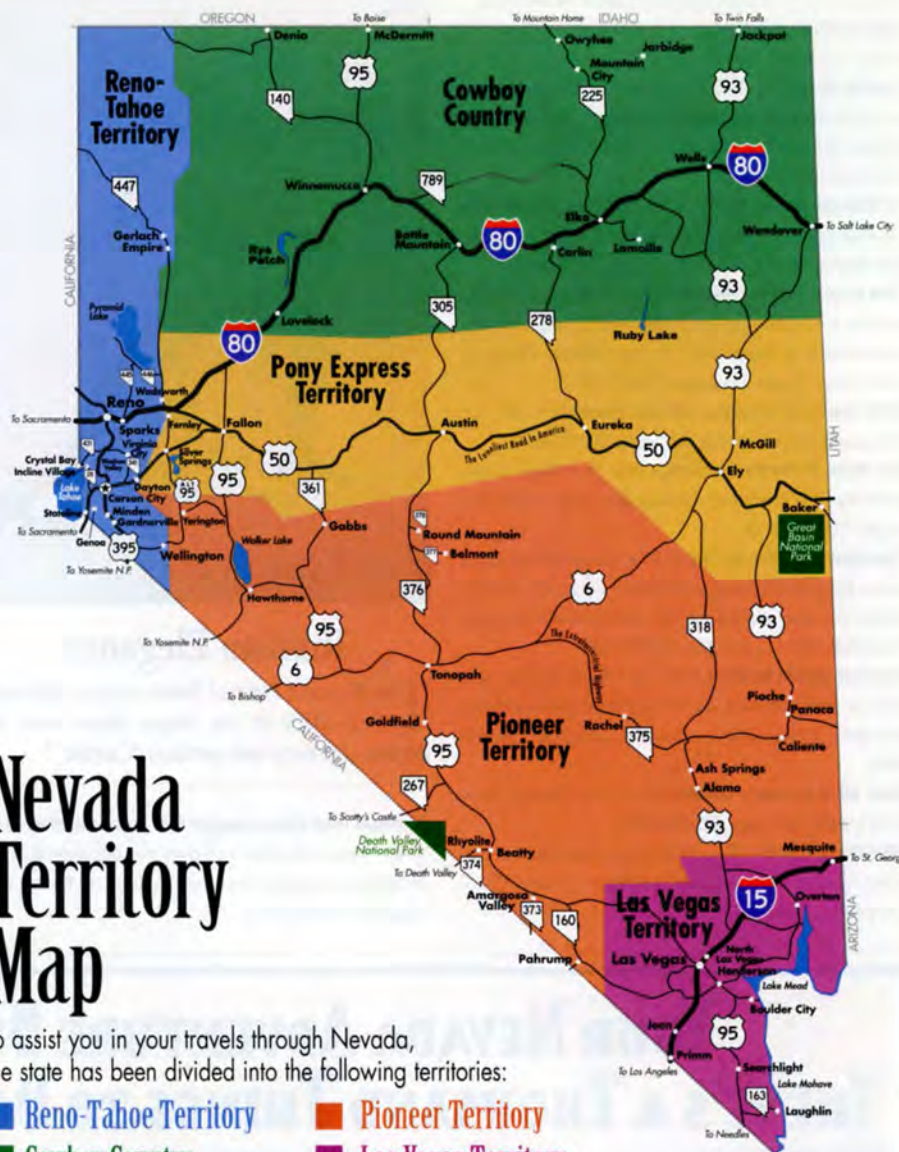
Pioneer Valentine's Day • Feb. 14 • Make decorations the old-fashioned way. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Slot Tournament • Feb. 15 • \$10 buy-in, \$6 dining voucher, CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

Moscow Festival Ballet • Feb. 18 • Bolshoi and Kirov dancers perform "Carmen" and "Paquita." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Harlem Globetrotters • Feb. 18 • Comedy and basketball. The Orleans, Las Vegas, 702-365-7111.

Puttin' on the Ritz \$150,000 Slot Tournament • Feb. 18-21 •



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UNLV Jazz Ensemble Concert • Feb. 20 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"Twelfth Night" • Feb. 20 • The Bard's production presented by the Utah Shakespearean Players. Nicholas Horn Theater, Community College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas, 702-651-5483.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" • Feb. 20-22 • Classical ballet choreographed by James Jeon for Nevada Ballet Theatre. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-243-2623.

"The Good Person of Szechuan" • Feb. 20-March 7 • Drama revolves around the question: "How can we be good, when everything is so expensive?" Nevada Theatre Company, Lakes Town Center, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

UNLV Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble • Feb. 21 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

The World of Marvin Hamlisch • Feb. 22 • Music of the award-winning composer. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"The Mystery of King Tut" • Feb. 23 • Musical tells the story of the Egyptian boy king and Howard Carter, the archaeologist who discovered King Tut's hidden tomb. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 800-497-5007.

American Heroes Museum • Feb. 24 • Frank Denison and William "Bill" Galbraith discuss their experiences with the Screamin' Eagles. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 702-298-4200.

UNLV Wind Orchestra Concert • Feb. 26 • Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

UNLV Dance Concert • Feb. 27-28 • Choreographed by university faculty and a guest artist. Judy Bayley Theater, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.



Russian Elegance

The Moscow Festival Ballet appears February 18 at UNLV in Las Vegas. Stars from the Boshoi and Kirov will perform "Carmen."

Kawasaki Team Green Laughlin U.S. Hare Scrambles • Feb. 27-29 • Best in the Desert off-road race billed as "the most technical motorcycle desert race in the U.S." River Palms, Laughlin, 702-457-5775.

"Emerald Eagle" • Feb. 27-29, March 3-7 • Premiere of Jim Moran's play about a skydiver reflecting on his life. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Northern Exposures • Feb. 28 • Program includes music by Benjamin Britten, Max Bruch, and Jean Sibelius and guest violinist Corey Cerowsek. Las Vegas Philharmonic, Artemus Ham Hall, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Gala New Year's Eve Party • Dec. 31 • Music, special buffet, free champagne, and party favors. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-882-1626.

New Year's Eve Party • Dec. 31 • Torchlight parade followed by fireworks in the Village Plaza. Kirkwood Ski Resort, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-6000.

Peppermill New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Casino party with free champagne, cake, and balloon drop at midnight. Peppermill, Reno, 800-648-6992.

Artists Garage Sale • Jan. 2 • More than 40 artists sell one-of-a-kind and odds and ends. VSA arts of Nevada Gallery, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 2 • \$10 buy-in, 10am. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Snowbomb.com Sick and Twisted Big-Air • Jan. 3 • Big-air, snowboard, and ski divisions compete. Alpine Meadows Resort, Tahoe City, 530-581-8328.

Topolino Shoot-Out • Jan. 3-5 • Racers from Western U.S. qualify for the international competition in Italy. Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Norden, 530-426-9000.

Full Moon Snowmobile Tour • Jan. 5-7 • Northstar-at-Tahoe,

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DAYTON VALLEY DAYS - DAYTON

OCTOBER

SMITH VALLEY FUN DAY - WELLINGTON



Truckee, 530-562-2267 for information.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 6 • \$20 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Full Moon Snowshoe and Nordic Tour • Jan. 7 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-2475.

Expression Slopestyle Jam • Jan. 9 • Competition for local skiers. Boreal Mountain Resort, Donner Summit, 530-426-3666.

Willy Claflin: Storyteller • Jan. 9 • Art for the Schools presents the singer-songwriter who uses puppets to spin tales. Cal-Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, 530-546-4602.

Full Moon Ski-Snowshoe Tour • Jan. 10 • Guided tour by moonlight. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, Kirkwood, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Ski With Elvis • Jan. 10 • Elvis lookalikes show off skiing, snowboarding, and karate skills. Mt. Rose/Ski Tahoe, Reno, 800-SKI-ROSE.

Snowbomb.com Sick and Twisted Superpipe Competition • Jan. 10 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

USASA Boardercross and Halfpipe Contest • Jan. 10-11 • Snowboard competition. Boreal Mountain Resort, Donner Summit, 530-426-3666.

Kid's Cross Event • Jan. 11 • Competition for kids ages 15



Dynamite on Two Wheels

Las Vegas pro racer David Pearson, a factory rider for Kawasaki Team Green, knows what to expect during the U.S. Hare Scrambles, February 27-29 in Laughlin. The Best in the Desert off-road race is billed as "the most technical motorcycle race in the United States."

and under. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 13 • \$20 buy-in, 6am. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Railroad History • Jan. 14 • Free admission to hear speaker. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

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Millionaire Maker Slot Tournament • Jan. 18 • Harrah's Reno, Reno, 800-HARRAHS.

Harlem Globetrotters • Jan. 19 • The Globetrotters show off their ball-handling skills and comic routines against the

Winter X-Games VIII Qualifiers • Jan.

14-18 • Extreme skiing and snowboarding invitational. Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Norden, 530-426-9000.

Richard Smith and Julie Adams • Jan. 15 • Guitar and cello duo performs program ranging from bluegrass to Mozart. Washoe Community Concerts Assn. presentation. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 16 • \$10 buy-in, 10am. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

"Bullshot Crummond" • Jan. 16-17, 22-24, 29-31, Feb. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 • 1930s spy comedy. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221.

"King Henry IV, Part 1" • Jan. 16-18, 23-25, 30-31, and March 1 • The king copes with nobles who have turned against him. Reno Little Theater, Hug High School, Reno, 775-329-0661.

Antique Show and Sale • Jan. 17-18 • Event includes an appraisal clinic. Genoa Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-

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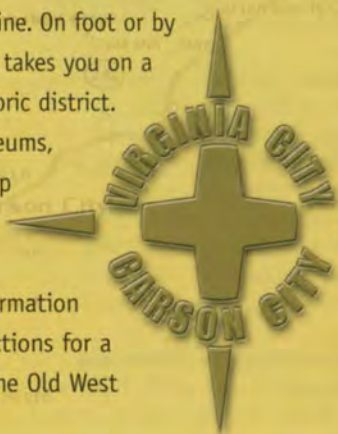
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Reno-Tahoe Territory **Pioneer Territory**
Cowboy Country **Las Vegas Territory**
Pony Express Territory **Indian Territory**

Art Shows and Exhibits

Dennis Oppenheim: Galloping Through the West: Thru Jan. 4. First major exhibition of the artist's sculpture, installations, and photo-documentations in more than a decade. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

If These Barn Walls Could Talk: Thru Jan. 5. Photographs of area barns by Elko photographer Catherine Wines. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Beads and Baskets: Thru Jan. 10. Fourth annual show features the Great Basin Basket Makers. River Gallery, Reno, 775-329-3698.

Explorations in Photography: Thru Jan. 11. Robert Elayer exhibits variety of techniques. West Charleston Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3940.

Elko County Art Club Fall Show: Thru Jan. 12. Juried show. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Nevada Watercolor Society Fall Show: Thru Jan. 13. Annual juried exhibition. Sunrise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3900.

Art That Glows: Thru Jan. 18. Art contest of mixed media to compliment Neon Unplugged exhibition. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Duke and Duchess of Devonshire: Thru Jan. 18. Paintings, furniture, ceramics, and jewelry from the British noble house of Devonshire. Bellagio Gallery of Fine Arts, Las Vegas, 702-693-7111.

Amin Modad Exhibit: Thru Jan. 25. Artist displays fiberglass low relief sculpture and oil paintings. West Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3980.

Something Old and Something New: Thru Jan. 27. Art show. Whitney Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-4010.

Jim Galli, Fine-Art Photographer: Thru Jan. 29. Exhibition of 60 photos of old machines and buildings some called "junquescapes." Nevada State Library, Carson City, 775-482-6354.

Art in the City: A Look at Public Art: Thru Jan. 30. From murals to memorials. City Hall Bridge Gallery, Las Vegas, 702-229-4676.

Why the Cowboy Sings: Thru Jan. 31. A 16-minute program highlights ranching in Northeastern Nevada. Call for show times. Western Folklife Center, Elko, 775-738-7508.

Women and Flight: Thru Feb. 1. Smithsonian exhibit of black and white photos depicts women's accomplishments ranging from battling forest fires to exploring space. Clark County Museum,



Frank Carter protects the ball for the Las Vegas Gladiators of the Arena Football League.

Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Of Places and Things: Thru Feb. 8. Sandra Sheets watercolors and drawings. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3400.

The Artist in the Studio: Thru Feb. 13. Children are invited to make their own artwork. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

The Women of Las Vegas: Thru Feb. 22. Graphite, oil, and acrylics works by Kat Tatz. Green Valley Library, Henderson, 702-507-3790.

Tucker: Remnants of a Motoring Dream: Thru Feb. 27. The story of Preston Tucker's dream and the Montana couple who bought two dealerships. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Art at the College: Thru March 20. Boulder City Art Guild exhibition. Community College of Southern Nevada, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Vintage Racers: Speeding Through Time: Thru March 26. Restored race cars. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

From Renoir to Rothko: Thru May 2. Works from the late 19th century through the 1960s. Guggenheim Hermitage Museum, Venetian, Las Vegas, 702-414-2107.

Tireless and Unremitting: The Chinese and Nevada's Railroads: Thru Jan. 2006. Explores the relationship of Chinese immigrants with the railroad and other aspects of their culture and daily life in Nevada. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Lost City Museum Art Shows: Jan. 2-March 31. Photographs, Jan. 2-31. Paintings, Feb. 1-March 31. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Death Valley Is Alive: Jan. 3-March 12. Traveling exhibit tells the story of Death Valley today. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville,

775-782-2555 for further exhibit information.

Walt Mulcahy: Jan. 6-31. Photographer's historical Nevada photos. Sparks Heritage Museum, Sparks, 775-355-1144.

Poetry, Prose, and Painting of Scotland: Jan. 6-Feb. 24. Exhibition explores the works of Robert Burns, Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir Henry Raeburn, Allan Ramsay, and Rene Macintosh. Rainbow Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3710.

Selected Paintings by American Expressionist Greg Etchison: Jan. 8-Feb. 29. Exhibition of 20 oil-on-board paintings. Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3860.

Biennial Valentine Exhibit and Auction: Jan. 9-Feb. 6. Fundraiser for the gallery. Auction on Feb. 6. Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6658.

Modbroads: Irreverent Reflections on Modern Femininity: Jan. 13-March 2. Touring exhibit of Elisabeth Shurtleff's satirical collages. West Charleston Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3940.

Neo-Surreal Expressionist and Pictorial Space: Jan. 15-March 1. Exhibit by Shirley Kephart and Dolores Nast. Lloyd D. George U.S. District Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-452-1022.

100 Years of Nevada History: Frontiers Revisited: Jan. 16-June 20. Nevada Historical Society's 100th anniversary exhibit. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

An International Legacy: Selections from the Carnegie Museum of Art: Jan. 18-April 4. Touring exhibition of 48 works covers 30 years of artistic styles. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Fascinating Amaryllis: Jan. 21-March 21. Vija Hamilton's mixed media show on the life cycle of a flower. Enterprise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-

3760 for more information on the art show.

African American Heritage Month: Jan. 27-March 16. Painter Harold Bradford's recent works. West Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3980.

Pictorial Space: Jan. 29-March 23. Acrylic works by Dolores Nast. Whitney Library, Las Vegas, 702-452-1022.

Whimsical Wildlife and More: Feb. 3-April 6. Watercolor illustrations by Karen Wheeler based on puns. Spring Valley Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3820.

Abstract Reflections: Feb. 5-March 2. Sculptor and abstract expressionist Thaddeus Foster's exhibit is part of African American Heritage Month. Sahara West Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3630.

Nevada Camera Club: Feb. 10-March 28. Photo exhibition. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3400.

Simple.tech: Feb. 10-March 5. Guest curator Joseph Delappe. Lecture on Feb. 12. Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6658.

Celebration of Basketweaving: Feb. 14-June 20. Forty baskets and 20 photographs represent the role of the art among Arizona's Native Americans. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Don Lytton Touring Exhibit: Feb. 24-April 25. Photographer's favorite images of weathered buildings, doorways, and windows. Green Valley Library, Henderson, 702-507-3790.

Rodeo Action in Clark County Through the Eye of the Camera: Feb. 26-April 11. Exhibition by photographer Joe Chernicoff. Rainbow Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3710.

John Mason: March 15-April 13. Sculpture exhibition. Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6658.

Cover Me: March 25-April 22. Quilts by Rachel Bruner. Marjorie Barrick Museum, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-3381.

Musie, Lectures, Tours

Goldfield Historical Firehouse and Museum: Antique equipment on display weekends from 10am-4pm. Firehouse was built in 1908. Goldfield, 775-485-6303.

Free Concerts: Tues.-Sat. at the Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Hidden Cave Tours: Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 14, 28. Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour of Grimes Point petroglyph site. Churchill County Museum, Fallon. Confirm tour dates, 775-423-3677.

Sporting Events

UNR Women's Basketball: The Lady Wolf Pack plays Jan. 3 vs. San Jose State, Jan. 5 vs. Hawaii, Jan. 15 vs. UTEP, Jan. 17 vs. Boise State, Jan. 31 vs. Fresno State, Feb. 5 vs. SMU, Feb. 7 vs. Louisiana Tech, Feb. 19 vs. Rice, Feb. 21 vs. Tulsa. Lawlor Events Center, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6900 for more information on UNR schedules.

Las Vegas Wranglers: The West Coast Hockey

League team plays Jan. 6 vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Jan. 7 vs. Texas Wildcaters, Jan. 9-10 vs. Peoria Rivermen, Jan. 13 vs. Anchorage Aces, Jan. 27 vs. San Diego Gulls, Jan. 30 vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Jan. 31 vs. Fresno Falcons, Feb. 3 vs. Trenton Titans, Feb. 14-15 vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Feb. 17 vs. Anchorage Aces, Feb. 24 vs. Fresno Falcons, Feb. 27 vs. San Diego Gulls, Feb. 29 vs. Fresno Falcons, March 19-20 vs. Idaho Steelheads, March 26 vs. Fresno Falcons, March 27 vs. Bakersfield Condors, March 30 vs. Idaho Steelheads, April 2 vs. Anchorage Aces. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-471-PUCK for information.

UNLV Men's Basketball: The Runnin' Rebels play Jan. 7 vs. Occidental, Jan. 12 vs. Utah, Jan. 31 vs. New Mexico, Feb. 2 vs. Air Force, Feb. 17 vs. San Diego State, Feb. 21 vs. Colorado State, Feb. 23 vs. Wyoming, March 6 vs. BYU. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS for information.

UNR Men's Basketball: The Wolf Pack plays Jan. 8 vs. Louisiana Tech, Jan. 10 vs. SMU, Jan. 22 vs. Tulsa, Jan. 24 vs. Rice, Jan. 31 vs. Fresno State, Feb. 21 vs. ESPN Bracket Buster (team TBA), March 4 vs. Hawaii, March 6 vs. San Jose State. Lawlor Events Center, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6900.

UNLV Women's Basketball: The Lady Rebels play Jan. 11 vs. Northern Arizona, Jan. 17 vs. San Diego State, Jan. 22 vs. Colorado State, Jan. 24 vs. Wyoming, Feb. 5 vs. BYU, Feb. 8 vs. Utah, Feb. 26 vs. New Mexico, Feb. 28 vs. Air Force. Cox Pavilion, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Friday Night Cruise-In: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19. Open to all makes and models. Locations TBA, Las Vegas, 702-643-0000.

Last Tracks: Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27. Apres-ski wine-tasting in the Snowflake Lodge. Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Incline Village, 775-832-1177.

Las Vegas Gladiators: The Arena Football League Western Division team plays Feb. 14 vs. Los Angeles Avengers, Feb. 29 vs. New Orleans Voo Doo, March 14 vs. Arizona Rattlers, April 4 vs. Chicago Rush, April 25 vs. Detroit Fury, May 2 vs. Indiana Firebirds, May 16 vs. San Jose Saber Cats, May 30 vs. Columbus Destroyers. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

El Capitan Annual Fishing Derby: Thru April 30. Biggest fish caught at Walker Lake wins monthly prize money. El Capitan, Hawthorne, 775-945-3321 ext. 239.

Farmer's Markets

Boulder City Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Bicentennial Park, 702-293-5933.

Henderson Farmer's Market: Thursdays. Water Street, Henderson, 702-565-2181.

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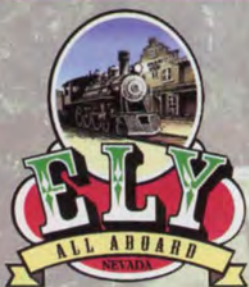
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New York Nationals. Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-784-4444.

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration • Jan. 19 • Activities and entertainment TBA in the Reno-Sparks area.
"Pirates of Penzance" • Jan. 23-24 • Gilbert and Sullivan musical performed by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. Redfield Performing Arts Center, Reno, 775-445-4249 for further event information.

Carnegie Art

"An International Legacy: Selections from the Carnegie Museum of Art," an exhibit of 48 works covering 30 years of styles, will run January 18-April 4 at the newly opened Nevada Museum of Art in Reno.

USASA North Lake Tahoe Snowboard Race Series • Jan. 24-25 • Donner Ski Ranch, Norden, 530-426-5216.

Soup and Shoe • Jan. 25 • Guided snowshoe hike with soup and bread lunch. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Sawmill 15K Nordic Race • Jan. 25 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

Reno Philharmonic • Jan. 25 and 27 • Music from Copland, Mozart, and Sibelius with guest violinist Phillip Ruder. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 27 • \$20 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

UNR Choir Concert • Jan. 29 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4030.

Brew Ha-Ha • Jan. 30 • Fundraiser for Sierra Arts Foundation features more than 25 microbreweries and performances by Mumbo Gumbo and Buddy Emmer Band. John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, 775-329-ARTS.

Blackjack Tournament • Jan. 30 • \$10 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Snowbomb.com Sick and Twisted Slopestyle • Jan. 31 • Freestylers hit jumps and rails. Kirkwood Ski Resort, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-6000.

Sno Ball • Jan. 31-Feb. 1 • March of Dimes benefit, 72 men and coed teams play softball in the snow. Tahoe City parks, Tahoe City, 775-826-2166.

USASA Superpipe Event • Feb. 1

• Amateur competition. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-587-5216.

Super Bowl Parties • Feb. 1

• Casinos, bars, and ski areas offer drink and food

Arts for the Schools

Ailey II, a 12-member dance troupe from New York City, performs February 23 at Cal-Neva Resort in Crystal Bay.





A New View

Snowboarder Ryan Hughes catches air during a half-pipe spin at Boreal. Sierra resorts offer competitions for skiers and boarders and tours for cross-country skiers and snowshoers.

specials. Some Reno, Sparks, and Lake Tahoe casinos have cheerleaders and pro football autograph opportunities.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 3 • \$20 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Full Moon Snowmobile Tour • Feb. 5-7 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-2267.

Expression Halfpipe Jam • Feb. 6 • Competition for local skiers. Boreal Mountain Resort, Donner Summit, 530-426-3666.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 6 • \$10 buy-in, 10am. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Full Moon Snowshoe and Nordic Tour • Feb. 6 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

Full Moon Ski-Snowshoe Tour • Feb. 7 • Guided tour by moonlight. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Slide Back '80s Retro Ski Party • Feb. 7 • Break ski fashion laws. Mt. Rose/Ski Tahoe, Reno, 800-SKI-ROSE.

Slot Tournament • Feb. 7 • Harrah's Reno, Reno, 800-HARRAHS.

Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert • Feb. 7 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Snowbomb.com Sick and Twisted Contest • Feb. 7 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

USASA Snowboard Competition • Feb. 7-8 • Open to all competitors. Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Incline Village, 775-832-1179.

Far West Open GS Race • Feb. 7-8 • Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

Winter Film Festival • Feb. 8 and 15 • Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 10 • \$20 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

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Railroad History • Feb. 11 • Free admission to hear speaker. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

UNR Choir Concert • Feb. 13 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4030.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 13 • \$10 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Valentine's Dinner • Feb. 14 • Sunset dinner at Snowflake Lodge. Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Incline Village, 775-832-1179.

Valentine's Day Couples Ski Race • Feb. 14 • Fun race for intermediate skiers and riders. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-1010.

"A Brahms Valentine" • Feb. 14 • Lyric Opera Theatre presentation of Liebeslieder waltzes. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Sugar Bowl Ski Team • Feb. 14 • Private race, open to spectators. Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Norden, 530-426-1620.

Valentine's Day Dance • Feb. 14 • Fundraiser for the Reno Philharmonic. Location TBA, Reno, 775-323-2030.

"Where's the Love?" Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt • Feb. 14 • Squaw Valley USA, Olympic Valley, 530-583-6985.

American Freeski Tour • Feb. 14-15 • International competition. Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Norden, 530-426-9000.

Argenta Quartet • Feb. 16 • Guest violist Geraldine Walther. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Windscape • Feb. 19 • Woodwind quintet performs Gershwin to Armstrong. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6847.

How It Was

The life of Alice Smith, a Reno waitress during the 1940s and founder of the Reno-Sparks chapter of the NAACP, is portrayed January 15 by Juanita Westbrook in Lovelock.

The Golden Age of Operetta and the American Musical • Feb. 20-21 • Lyric Opera Theatre presents selections from Puccini to Victor Herbert. Laxalt Theatre, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6847.

"Unsinkable Molly Brown" • Feb. 20-22 • Broadway musical about a miner's daughter's road to high society. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6600.

Carson City Symphony • Feb. 22 • Concert features soloist Jay Chen. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Soup and Shoe • Feb. 22 • Guided snowshoe hike with soup and bread lunch. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Mardi Gras Celebration • Feb. 22 • Cajun food and music. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-2288.

Ailey II • Feb. 23 • Arts for the Schools presents a New York dance team. Cal-Neva Hotel, Crystal Bay, 530-546-4602.

Mardi Gras Party • Feb. 24 • Fat Tuesday celebration benefits the Diamond Peak Ski Education Foundation. Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Incline Village, 775-832-1179.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 24 • \$20 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

UNR Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Concert • Feb. 26 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6145.

Blackjack Tournament • Feb. 27 • \$10 buy-in, 10am. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

North Tahoe Snow Festival • Feb. 27-March 7 • Feb. 27: Opening ceremonies, fireworks, party, and dance. Feb. 28: Mardi Gras in the Mountains Parade, Polar Bear Swim. Feb. 29: Monster Dog Pull, Sunnyside Resort luau. March 1:



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Mardi Gras party. March 2: Pro Patrollers Ski Race. March 3: Fastest bartender contest. March 4: John Moors Memorial Pool Tourney. March 5: Tricycle races. March 6: Dress-Up-Your-Dog-Contest, Kiddie Kapers Parade. March 7: The Great Ski Race, Nike ACG U.S. National Snowshoe Championships. North Lake Tahoe, 530-583-5605.
"Just So" • Feb. 27-28, March 3-7 • Musical based on

Open Throttle

Snowmobile racers will prepare their machines for competitions January 17-19 and February 28-29 at Wildhorse Reservoir north of Elko. Both events include a pig roast.

Rudyard Kipling's fables. Redfield Theatre, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6847.

Snowbomb.com Sick and Twisted Slopestyle • Feb. 28 • Freestylers hit jumps and rails. Kirkwood Ski Resort, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-6000.

Artists Garage Sale • Feb. 28 • More than 40 artists sell one-of-a-kind and odds and ends. VSA arts of Nevada Gallery, Reno, 775-826-6100.

Jimmie Huega Snow Express for MS • Feb. 28-29 • Teams of three compete in dual slalom and poker run competitions. Squaw Valley USA, Olympic Valley, 530-582-4878.

Sick and Twisted • Feb. 29 • Skier and boardercross amateur and pro superpipe, slopestyle, and big-air events. Sugar Bowl Ski Resort, Norden, 530-426-9000.

Dummy Downhill • Feb. 28 • Creations are judged on style and carnage. Mt. Rose/Ski Tahoe, Reno, 800-SKI-ROSE.



They've Got Game

The Harlem Globetrotters show their ball-handling and comedy skills January 19 at Reno's Lawlor Events Center and on February 18 at the Orleans in Las Vegas.

Reno Philharmonic Concert • Feb. 29 and March 2 • Composers Wagner, Ravel, Davies, and Schumann are fea-

tured. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393 for further event information.

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Eye Opener Slot Tournament • Mon.-Thurs. • Free entry, 9am-noon. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Countdown in Downtown • Dec. 31 • Fireworks. Downtown, Elko, 775-738-1240.

Fireman's Ball • Dec. 31 • Dancing and entertainment. Location TBA, Ely, 775-289-8877.

New Year's Eve Party • Dec. 31 • Rainbow and Peppermill casinos, Wendover, 775-664-0521.

New Year's Sobriety Powwow • Dec. 31 • Emphasis on a sober and drug-free celebration. Walker River Tribal Community Gym, Schurz, 775-773-2345, ext. 131.

New Year's Eve Bash • Dec. 31 • Music, dancing, party favors. Winners Hotel, Winnemucca, 775-623-2511.

Pahrump New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Dinner with the Ray Roberts Quartet. Old-West Showroom: Jack Reeves Show and best-dressed man and woman contest. Free champagne and party favors. Graveyard brunch buffet from 1am-6am. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

El Capitan New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Music, food, and dancing. El Capitan, Hawthorne, 775-945-3321.

New Year's Day Fun Run • Jan. 1 • Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-7733.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Jan. 3 • \$10 buy-in, free breakfast buffet. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Chautauqua: Alice Smith • Jan. 15 • Juanita Westbrook will portray Alice Smith, a Reno waitress during the 1940s, who established the Reno-Sparks chapter of the NAACP. Pershing County Courthouse, Lovelock, 775-273-1614.

Oberanak Basque Club Winter Fest • Jan. 17 • Basque food

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Good Times Comin'

Molly fantasizes about striking it rich in the Broadway musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," playing February 20-22 at the Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts in Reno.

and dancing. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2878.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Jan. 17 • \$10 buy-in, free breakfast buffet. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

The Magic of Jay Owenhouse • Jan. 17-18 • Two performances per day. Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-744-4334.

Snowmobile Jamboree • Jan. 17-19 • Snowmobile races. Event includes a pig roast. Wildhorse Reservoir, north of Elko, 775-758-6471.

Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion • Jan. 24 • Cuban ballroom original and classic dance music. Barkley Theatre, Fallon, 775-423-1440.

Crab-Shrimp Feed • Jan. 24 • Benefit all-you-can-eat dinner and cowboy poetry for the Lions Eye Foundation. Convention Center, Fallon, 775-867-4700 for information.

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National Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 24-31 • 20th anniversary event features cowboy poets and musicians Waddie Mitchell, Baxter Black, Red Steagall, Michael Martin Murphey, Don Edwards, Sons of the San Joaquin, Ian Tyson, and Ross Knox. Western Folklife Center, Elko Convention Center, and Elko casinos. Elko, 775-738-7508.

Larry Morice and John Tyson • Jan. 30 • Cowboy poetry and music. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

'Pirates' on the Road

The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" January 23-24 at the Redfield Performing Arts Center in Reno, January 31 at the Barkley Theatre in Fallon, and February 7 at the high school in Lovelock.

"Pirates of Penzance" • Jan. 31 • Gilbert and Sullivan musical presented by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. Barkley Theatre, Fallon, 775-445-4249.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Jan. 31 • \$10 buy-in. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Super Bowl Parties • Feb. 1 • Football parties statewide.

"Pirates of Penzance" • Feb. 7 • Gilbert and Sullivan musical presented by the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. High School Auditorium, Lovelock, 775-273-1614.

Eagles Crab Feed • Feb. 7 • Annual fundraising dinner. Community Center, Lovelock, 775-273-2195.

Ice Fishing Derby • Feb. 7 • Money for the largest tagged fish. Cave Lake State Park, Ely, 775-289-4884.

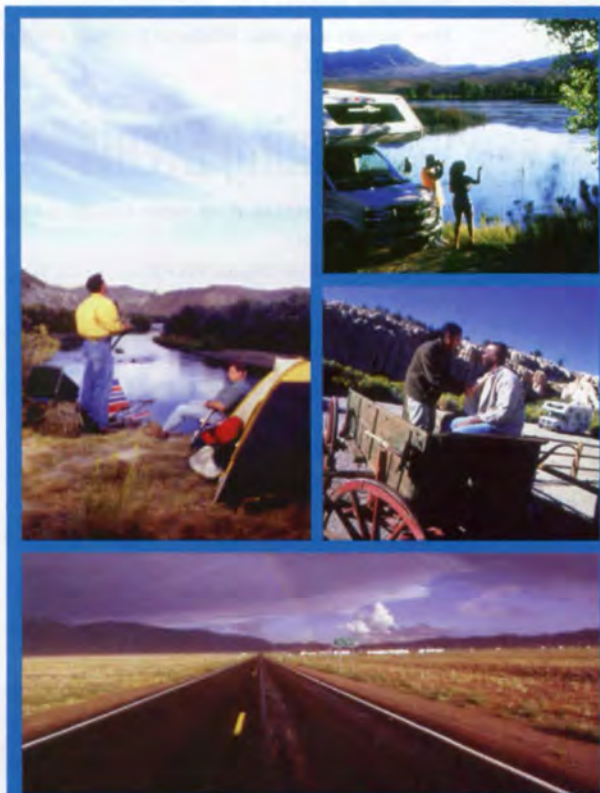


Focus on Sparks Heritage

The Sparks Heritage Museum displays Walt Mulcahy's historical Nevada photographs, like the old-time scene above, on January 6-31. The museum recalls Sparks' roots as a railroad town.

Winter Steam Spectacular Photo Shoot • Feb. 7-8 • A ride on steam engine No. 93 offers a unique photo opportunity. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Rhonda Vince and the Rage • Feb. 13 • Award-winning bluegrass singer and bandleader. Barkley Theatre, Fallon, 775-423-1440 for more event information.



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Cuban Rhythms in Fallon

Cuban dance music will rock the Barkley Theatre in Fallon when the Orquesta La Moderna Tradicion appears January 24. The classic ballroom style was developed when African and European musical approaches were blended in Cuba.

Valentine's Day Dance • Feb. 13 • Refreshments, dancing, and drawings. Goldfield Firehouse Museum, Goldfield, 775-485-3560.

Chris Proctor • Feb. 13 • Contemporary guitar concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Feb. 14 • \$10 buy-in, free breakfast buffet. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Big Meadows Upland Breed Championships • Feb. 14-15 • Team pheasant hunt competition. Call for location, Lovelock, 775-273-0115.

Wildhorse Trout Derby • Feb. 14-16 • More than \$2,000 in prize money will be awarded for longest trout. Event

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • Feb. 28 • \$10 buy-in, free breakfast buffet. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Snowmobile Jamboree • Feb. 28-29 • Snowmobile races. Event includes a pig roast. Wildhorse Reservoir, north of Elko, 775-758-6471.

Coming Events

Sam's Town 300 NASCAR Busch Series • March 6 • Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

NASCAR UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400 • March 7 • Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Shooting the West • March 13-14 • Photography seminar. Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

15th Annual Invitational Native American Arts Festival • April 2-4 • Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Laughlin River Run • April 23-27 • 714-694-2800.

Boulder City Fine Arts Festival • April 24-25 • 702-293-2138.

Cinco de Mayo • May 7-9 • Reno, 775-770-5006.

Tastes and Tunes: A Festival for Your Senses • May 17 • North Las Vegas, 702-633-1612.

Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race • June 24-27 • 702-457-5775.

"Kiss Me Kate" • July 7-24 • Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

Just Plain Old

Jim Galli, a longtime *Nevada Magazine* contributing photographer, exhibits 60 photos of old machines and buildings he calls "junquesques" at the Nevada State Library in Carson City through January 29.

includes a pig roast. Wildhorse Reservoir, north of Elko, 775-758-6471.

Mardi Gras • Feb. 21 • Formal or costume dress. Saddle West, Pahrump, 775-727-1111.

Fallon Bull Sale • Feb. 21 • All-breeds bull and heifer sale. Gallagher's Livestock Auction, Fallon, 775-738-2174.

Halleck Bar Party • Feb. 27 • Annual event celebrates historic Halleck. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Patrick Ball: "The Fine Beauty of the Island" • Feb. 27 • Solo musical performance. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

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Nevada Showguide

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

Nevada's casinos and hotels offer big-name entertainment and production shows. In Las Vegas, Cher appears at the MGM Grand and Elton John at Caesars Palace. In Sparks, the Guy Lombardo and Glenn Miller big bands take the stage at John Ascuaga's Nugget. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following guide to featured performances. Schedules may change, so call ahead for show times and reservations.

Las Vegas Territory

BOULDER CITY

Hacienda • 702-293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam.

HENDERSON

Casino MonteLago at Lake Las Vegas • 702-939-8888: Special events TBA.

Fiesta Henderson • 702-558-7000: Bands play in the Lava Lounge on Fri.-Sat.

Green Valley Ranch • 702-454-0544: Jazz Club: Entertainment Fri.-Sat. Whiskey Amphitheater: TBA.

Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Entertainment Wed.-Sun.

Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-6181: Piano music and hors d'oeuvres, 6-9pm Fri.-Sun.

Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-4700: Firenze Lobby Lounge: Florentine Tea daily from 2:30-5pm.

Sunset Station • 702-547-7777: Club Madrid: Lynn Anderson, Feb. 13. Gary Puckett, Feb. 14. Paula Poundstone, March 6. Michael Martin Murphey, March 19. Hank Thompson, Farewell Concert Tour, April 3.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 702-477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands play nightly except Tues.

Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Bands appear nightly except Wed.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 877-333-WISH: Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: Styx/REO Speedwagon, Dec. 31. "Starlight Express," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, Jan. 20-25. "Riverdance," Feb. 10-15. "Rent," March 19-21. "42nd Street," May 5-9. "Cats," June 23-27. For tickets call 702-798-5090. Steve Wyrick Theater: Magician Steve Wyrick, dark Tues. Sinbad's Lounge: Bands play until 3am. Music in the Curve nightclub 10:30pm-5am Fri.-Sat. The Living Room inside Curve opens nightly at 6pm.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Entertainment TBA. Karaoke 8:30pm-1:30am Mon. Bands play Tues.-Thurs. Jerry Tiffe's Band, 4-7pm Fridays.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-5800: Palace Grand Lounge: Entertainment TBA. Bands play 4-7pm Fri.-Sun.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee Theater: "Jubilee!," dark Fri. Backstage Walking Tour, 2pm Mon., Wed., Sat. Entertainment in the Indigo Lounge.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Barbary Coast Lounge: Pete



Show on a Roll

"Starlight Express," Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical performed on roller skates, appears January 20-25 at the Aladdin in Las Vegas. The play is based on "The Little Engine That Could," a story about Rusty, a steam engine who has lost his confidence and must race a flashy diesel locomotive.

Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3-6pm Tues.-Fri. Bands play in the lounge. Karaoke, Mon.-Tues.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf., dark Mon.-Tues. Light Nightclub, 10:30pm-4am Thurs.-Sun. Caramel Bar, 5pm-4am nightly. Musicians play in the Petrossian Lounge and Baccarat Bar. Fontana Room: Andy Vargas, Dec. 31. Bands play nightly.

Boardwalk Casino • 702-735-2400: Lighthouse Lounge: Spectrum, Motown sound, indf., dark Mon. Purple Reign,

a tribute to Prince, dark Mon. G.G. Girls, Sun.-Mon.

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The Railhead: Taylor Dayne, Jan. 16. Keiko Matsu, Jan. 17. The DeCastro Sisters, Feb. 14. Morris Day and The Time, March 20. Sammy Kershaw, April 2. Kenny Rankin, April 17. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Thurs. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Big Easy Showroom: "Shock," 10:30pm Fri.-Sat. "Hypnolarious with Terry



Double Duty

Comic Joe Trammel and his bag of props appear in the G-rated "V: The Ultimate Variety Show" at the Venetian and the Riviera's topless show, "Crazy Girls."

Stokes, 9pm. The casino showroom is dark Mon.-Tues.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: The Colosseum Showroom: Celine Dion stars in "A New Day..." dark Mon.-Tues. and Feb. 9-March 2 (call 877-4-CELINE). Elton John plays Feb. 13-22 and March 23-April 4. Shadow Bar: Dancers and flair bartenders perform nightly except Sun. DJ 9pm-2am Wed.-Sun. Entertainment in the Café Lago Restaurant, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, and Galleria Bar.

Castaways • 702-383-9232 or 800-826-2800: Windjammer Lounge and Outer Bar: Bands play nightly.

Circus Circus • 702-734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts from 11am to midnight.

Egg and I Restaurant • 702-364-9686: "Marriage Can Be Murder," interactive dinner theater has guests playing detective, 7pm Wed.-Fri., 6pm Sat.

Excalibur Hotel • 702-597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings, jousting-dinner show. Merlin's Theater: "Thunder From Down Under," all-male revue plays at 7:30pm Sun.-Wed., 7:30 and 11:30pm Fri.-Sat., dark Thurs. Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club: Comedians perform at 10pm nightly and 7:30pm Thurs. Court Jesters Stage: Strolling entertainers, 10am-10pm daily. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands and dancing. Music in the Regales and Camelot restaurants.

Fitzgeralds • 702-388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Fitzgeralds Showroom: Larry G. Jones, free impersonator show, 5pm, Thurs.-Mon. "Spirit of the King" starring Steve Connolly, Thurs.-Mon. Wild Billy Tucker, comedian, 9:15pm Thurs.-Mon. (Shows have a one-drink minimum per person; must be 21 for Wild Billy Tucker.) Paul Casas, musical comedy, 5pm Tues.-Wed. Bobby Ruffin's Tribute to the Drifters, 7:15 and 9:15pm, Tues.-Wed., \$12.95. First Floor Stage: "Mike Lee, Singer of Memories, 8pm-1am Thurs., Sun., Mon., 5:30-9:30pm Fri.-Sat. The Speaks Brothers, 10pm-2am Fri.-Sat. Singer Derek James, 8pm-1am Tues.-Wed.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: Gladys Knight, 7:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. "Bottoms Up, comedy revue, 2 and 4pm, dark Sun. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy

sketches, 8pm Thurs.-Tues., 10:30pm Fri.-Sat., dark Wed. Flamingo Late-Night Lounge: DJ and dance music, midnight-1am Thurs.-Sun.

Four Queens • 702-385-4011 or 800-634-6045.

Four Seasons • 702-632-5000: Piano entertainment during Traditional Afternoon High Tea in the Verandah restaurant, 2-5pm daily.

Fremont • 702-385-3232.

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): Lounge: Kinda Dixie Jazz Band, noon-6pm. Bands play nightly except Mon. Gold Coast Showroom: "Honky Tonk Angels, country music tribute, dark Tues. and Feb. 1. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat., indf. Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor 7-10pm Tues. Dance lessons 6-7pm. Sunday Tea Dance Party with Larry Taylor from 1-4pm. Dance lessons noon-1pm. Free drama workshop, 2-4pm Tues.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Live piano 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-385-7111: Theatre Ballroom: Singer Martin Nievera, Dec. 31-Feb. 29, dark Mon.-Tues. "Spirit of the Dance, dark thru March 5. Bands play in the Show Bar Lounge.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke, 9pm-2am Wed.-Sun.

Greek Isles • 702-952-8000: Magic Theater: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean, dinner at 5:30pm, show at 7pm, dark Fri.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: The Joint: David Bowie, Jan. 30.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111: Clint Holmes Theatre: Clint Holmes, musical variety show, dark Sun. Comedy Cabaret: Improv, nightly except Mon. "Skintight, adult musical revue, dark Thurs. "Mac King Comedy Magic Show" appears at 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Carnival Court: Bands appear Fri.-Sat. Dueling pianos nightly in La Playa Lounge, karaoke party 6-9pm nightly except Tues.-Wed., and jazz in the Range Steakhouse Lounge. View nightclub opens in the Range Steakhouse at 11pm.

Howard Johnson Hotel • 702-798-1111: TBA.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert, impersonator revue, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Sun. Casino Floor: Celebrity impersonators deal blackjack to gamblers. Entertainment nightly in the Kabuki Lounge and Fri.-Sun. in the Nomiya Lounge. Tequila Joe's: Karaoke nightly.

Key Largo • 702-733-7777: Sand Bar Lounge: One performs nightly 8pm-2am.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Theater: Entertainment TBA. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: The Fab Four/Elvis Impersonator Trent Carlini, Dec. 30-31. The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute to the Beatles, Jan. 13-Feb. 1, dark Jan. 19, 26, 29. Trent Carlini "The Dream King, Feb. 3-March 7, dark Mon. and March 20. Kenny Rogers, March 19-20. George Lopez, March 26-27. Doobie Brothers, April 9-10. Paul Rodriguez, April 16-17. Trent Carlini "The Dream King," May 11-June 27, dark Mon. NightClub: Dance music Wed.-Sat.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: Luxor Theatre: "Blue Man Group: Live at Luxor," percussion theater. Pharaoh's Theater: "Midnight Fantasy," production show, dark Mon. Ra Nightclub at Luxor: DJs Wed.-Sat. Entertainers play nightly in Nefertiti's Lounge. Movies in the IMAX theater.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Mamma Mia!, the Broadway musical based on the music of Abba, dark Tues. Mandalay Events Center: Entertainment TBA. House of Blues: Goo Goo Dolls, Dec. 31. Dance music, Thurs.-Sun. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Bands play in the Orchid, Island, and Coral Reef

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lounges. The Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay is open daily.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: Hollywood Theatre: David Copperfield, thru Jan. 1. MGM Grand Garden Arena: Anita Baker, Dec. 30. Cher, Jan. 2-3. George Strait, Jan. 31. Bette Midler, Feb. 14. Sarah Brightman, March 13. La Femme Theatre: "La Femme," Topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Studio 54: Dancing Tues.-Sat. Entertainment in the Tabu and Zuri lounges, Craftsteak Restaurant, and the Entertainment Dome. EFX Theatre: Cirque du Soleil show TBA.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans performs in his showroom nightly except Fri. and Mon. Entertainment in the Onda and Ava lounges and Baccarat Bar.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: 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 • 702-794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Mud wrestling 11pm Wed. Free line dance lessons 7:30pm Thurs. Bikini bull riding midnight Fri.-Sat. Karaoke 9pm Sun.

New York-New York • 702-740-6969 or 800-693-6763: Broadway Theatre: "Zumanity," adult Cirque du Soleil production, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly. The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen: Food and entertainment. Coyote Ugly: Dance nightclub opens at 6pm. The N.Y.P.D. (New York Piano Duos) dueling pianos play from 7:30pm nightly in the Bar at Times Square. Bands play in the Big Apple Bar. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster opens daily at 10am.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Arena: Entertainment TBA. Orleans Ballroom: Debbie Reynolds, Dec. 31. Orleans Showroom: Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Jan. 8-11.



Encores for Cher

Cher gives her farewell Las Vegas performances January 2-3 at the MGM Grand, making her hit song "If I Could Turn Back Time" meaningful for fans.

Tony Danza, Jan. 16-18. Neil Sedaka, Jan. 20-25. Engelbert Humperdinck, Jan. 28-31. Bobby Vinton, Feb. 5-8. Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Feb. 12-15. Debbie Reynolds, Feb. 18-22. Charlie Daniels Band, March 4-7. Ray Stevens, March 11-14. Neil Sedaka, March 30-April 4. Bourbon Street Cabaret: Performers appear nightly except Mon. Brendan's Irish Pub: Bands play nightly. Jazz, Tues., Blues

Zydeco, Wed., Blues, Thurs., Jazz, Fri.-Sat., Irish acoustic sing-a-long, Sun. "Rock This Town Live," tributes to Elvis, Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis, 7-8pm, Mon.-Thurs. Sazio Restaurant: "Ba-Da-Bing," interactive dinner show is performed at 7:30pm nightly.

Palace Station • 702-367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Laugh Trax Comedy Club: Comedians perform Tues.-Thurs. Jack's Irish Pub: Entertainers perform nightly.

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Key West: Hypnotist Marshall Sylver, Fri.-Sat.; free tickets at Club Palms booth. Rain in the Desert: Concerts TBA, cabana area, water booths, special effects. Skin Pool Lounge: Entertainment TBA. Entertainment nightly in the Palapa Lounge. Ghostbar on the 55th floor has an indoor-outdoor lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Theatre des Arts: Wayne Brady, Jan. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18. Dennis Miller, Jan. 23-25. Hall and Oates, Feb. 20-21. Kenny Loggins, Feb. 28-29. Bands play in Le Cabaret Lounge. Napoleon's Lounge and Ah Sin Restaurant, entertainment nightly. Dancing 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun. in the Risqué nightclub. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Theatre: Dirk Arthur: "The New Art of Magic," 7pm Wed.-Sat., 3 and 7pm Sun. The Comedy Zone, 9pm, dark Mon. "Stars of the Strip," impersonator show, 1 and 3pm Tues.-Sat. Omaha Lounge: Dusty Barron/The Sun Spots perform Tues.-Sun.

Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Addison's Lounge: Rock, oldies, and R&B bands perform 8pm-midnight Fri.-Sat. Open mike for musicians on Thurs. Round Bar: Entertainment Tues.-Sat.

Rio All-Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO (U.S. and Canada): Scinta Showroom: The Scintas, musical-comedy show, dark Thurs. Ronn Lucas, comic-ventriloquist, 3pm Sat.-Thurs., dark Fri. Samba Theater: Penn and Teller,

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comedy-magic show, dark Tues. "Showgirls, late-night adult musical revue at 11pm, dark Tues. Club Rio: "Chippendales: The Show," dark Tues. Club Rio Nightclub is open for late-night dancing Thurs.-Sat. Calypso Room: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway interactive dinner theater, nightly. Masquerade Show in the Sky: Carnival-themed parade above the casino daily at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9, and 10pm. Bikinis Beach and Dance Club: Nightclub opens 10pm Thurs.-Sun. Sexy swimwear competition on Thurs. Entertainment in the Ipanema Bar and VooDoo Lounge.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash, production show, dark Fri. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage," celebrity female impersonators revue, 8pm, dark Tues. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Thurs. "Riviera Comedy Club, nightly. "Hail, Hail Rock 'n' Roll, tribute show, dark Thurs. Le Bistro Theatre: Singer Marlene Ricci, 8pm Tues. and 7pm Fri.-Sat. "America's Neil Diamond Tribute: Portrayed by Jay White, 7pm Sun.-Thurs. The Exotic Hypnotics, featuring Genie and Richard, 11:30pm Wed.-Sun. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band plays at 1:15am Sat. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 10pm Mon.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: "World's Greatest Magic Show," dark Tues., indf. Congo Room: The Platters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters, and Beary Hobb's Drifters. Bands play in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-454-8048: Sam's Town Live: Entertainment TBA. Late Night: Music and dancing 11pm-3am Fri.-Sat. Roxy's Saloon: Tineta and Electric Avenue, thru Dec. 28. Tony Marques, thru Dec. 29. Bands play nightly. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, and 10pm.

San Remo • 702-739-9000 or 800-522-7366: Parisian



Puckett's Pluck

Although the Gap has disbanded, Gary Puckett continues to tour, stopping at Sunset Station in Henderson on February 14. His hits include "Young Girl" and "Woman, Woman."

Cabaret: "Showgirls of Magic," revue, dark Mon. Entertainment in the Bonne Chance Lounge.

Santa Fe Station • 702-658-4900: The Green Room Comedy Corner: Entertainment TBA. Nightclub open for dancing.

Jerry Tiffe and His Orchestra, 7-11pm Wed. Memphis Championship Barbecue: John Earl and the BoogieMan Band perform Fri.-Sat.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Rattlesnake Riskey's Saloon: Entertainment TBA. Bands play nightly.

Stardust • 702-617-5577 or 888-217-9565: Wayne Newton Theatre: Wayne Newton, Dec. 27-31. Stardust Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Stratosphere • 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Broadway Showroom: "American Superstars, impersonator revue, dark Thurs. "Viva Las Vegas, musical revue, 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Outdoor Events Center: Entertainment TBA. Images Lounge: Bands play nightly. Entertainment in the Top of the World Lounge, Crazy Armadillos: Latin/Disco Night, Mon. Karaoke on Tues.-Wed. DJ on Thurs. Bands play Fri.-Sat. Band showcase, Sun.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: New Year's Eve Gala: Vincent Falcone Orchestra, dinner and show, Dec. 31. Showroom: Connie Stevens, Dec. 29-31. Peter Marshall, Jan. 3-4. Jack Jones, Jan. 10-11. Rich Little, Jan. 16-18. Leslie Gore, Jan. 24-25. Ramsey Lewis, Jan. 30-31. Air Supply, Feb. 14-15. Kraig Parker: "The King Lives," tribute show, Feb. 20-22. Ben Vereen, Feb. 27-29. Sergio Mendes, March 5-7. Tony Danza, March 12-14. Alter Ego, March 19. George Shearing, March 27-28. The Four Freshmen, April 2-4. Debbie Reynolds, April 16-18. The Lettermen, April 23-25. Ray Price, April 30-May 2. Al Martino, May 7-9. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, May 14-16. The Osmonds, May 21-23. Bill Acosta, impersonator, June 17-20. Suncoast Lounge: The Limey Bar Stewards, 9:30pm-midnight Tues. Spazmatics, 10:30pm-1:30am Wed. Bands like Front Page and Smith Brothers play nightly except Mon.

Terrible's • 702-733-7000: Stage Bar Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

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TI (formerly Treasure Island) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère," dark Wed.-Thurs. Entertainment in the Mist and Breeze lounges. "Sirens of the TI," a new version of the hotel's pirate-battle attraction, plays at 6, 8, and 10pm along the Strip.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Les Folies Bergere," dark Sun. "The Magic of Rick Thomas," 2 and

4pm daily except Sun. Tropics Lounge: "The Tropicana Bird Show," 11am, 12:30, and 2pm except Thurs. "T. Fox and the Fox City Show," dark Mon.-Tues. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop," stand-up comedy nightly. Celebration Lounge: Entertainment nightly. "Air Play," acrobats perform above the Tropicana casino at 11am, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9pm.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: Showroom at the Venetian: "V: The Ultimate Variety Show," nightly, specialty and daredevil acts.

Westward Ho • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: "Puttin' on the Ritz," dinner and show, Jan. 18-March 13. "Ho-Waiian Luau," dinner and show, March 14-June 12. Bands play nightly except Mon. in the lounge.

Wild West Gambling Hall • 702-740-0000.

Westin Casuarina • 866-837-4215: David Brenner Theatre: Comedian David Brenner performs nightly except Jan. 3.

LAUGHLIN

Avi • 702-535-5555: ArrowWeed Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Colorado Belle • 702-298-4000: Oldies duos play in the Boiler Room Microbrewery and Restaurant. Dixieland band strolls on D Deck.

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Kokopelli's Lounge: Music nightly.

Flamingo Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Club Flamingo Showroom: "A Really Big Shew: A Tribute to Ed Sullivan," hosted by Jerry Hoban and featuring juggler Dario Vasquez, cowgirl comedienne Joyce Rice, and Tom Jones impersonator Lou Nelson (thru Feb. 15), illusionist Dam Birch (Dec. 21-Jan. 3), and illusionists The Hammers (Jan. 4-Feb. 15). Cameron South's magical comedy, contortionist Leslie Tipton, El Gleno Grande: A Man and his Zebra with Glen Singer, Elvis tribute performed by Scot Bruce, The Villiams, jugglers (Feb. 26-April 11). Flamingo Ballroom: David Brenner, Jan. 3. Louise Mandrell, Feb. 21. Charo, March 13. Tanya Tucker, March 27. Flamingo Amphitheater: Entertainment TBA.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Nightclub: Dinner and dancing to the music of the '40s and '50s on Tues. Bands play nightly.

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Renaissance Guy

Singer, songwriter, and actor Chris Isaak appears December 30-31 at Caesars Tahoe in Stateline. His credits include the ballad "Wicked Game," a role in the film *Silence of the Lambs*, and his own TV show.

Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Rio Vista Outdoor Amphitheater: Entertainment TBA.

Pioneer • 800-634-3469.

Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke Madness is scheduled on Mon. American Heroes Museum of Memories: Military memorabilia and speakers.

River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Crystal Sands Room: "Celebrities on Stage," starring impersonators the Edwards Twins, thru June. Bands or DJ music nightly in the Bermuda Club Lounge. Karaoke, 4-7pm Wed.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849 ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Dec. 27-31. Happy Birthday Elvis, Jan. 3-18, dark Fri. Charlie Prose, Jan. 25-28 and Feb. 2-12, dark Fri. Ricky Van Shelton, Feb. 24-29. Tony Danza, March 16-21. Chris LeDoux, March 25-27. The Fifth Dimension, April 7-11. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Nov. 3-7. Lightning Strikes Nightclub: Karaoke, Sun.-Mon. Boogie Night, Wed. Tequila Fever, Thurs.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: A Tribute to the Blues Brothers, Jan. 17. Tanya Tucker, March 13. Comedy Club: Weekends when no performers are scheduled. Entertainment in the Skydome Lounge nightly except Mon.

Eureka Casino Hotel • 702-346-4646: Wild Cactus Lounge: Fun Fool's Karaoke, Tues. Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Oasis • 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Club Xtreme: Video and live DJ on Fri. and Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Bands play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

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Cannery • 702-507-5700: Pinups Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Club Tequila: Al Stewart, Jan. 9. Cabo Lounge: Doo-Wopp.com, '50s and '60s music, 7-11pm.

Jerry's Nugget • 702-399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Dance bands play Fri. and Sat.

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Connie Francis, Jan. 23-24. Emerson Drive, Feb. 6. Merle Haggard, Feb. 28. Oak Ridge Boys, April 30. The Armadillo: Kroakies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack, Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm.

PRIMM

Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Entertainment TBA. Bands play Fri.-Mon. in the Stagebar Lounge.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment Fri.-Sun.

Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP: Whiskey Pete's Comedy Club: Comedians perform 10pm Fri.-Sat. Show Bar Lounge: Sat.-Mon.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

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Carson Nugget • 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Lounge: Entertainers such as The Motifs, Blues Groove, David Proud, The Act, and Band on the Run appear Tues.-Sun. Special Events: Big Band Dance, Jan. 3. Sweetheart's Ball, Feb. date TBA. Mardi Gras Party, Feb. 23-28.

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Carson Valley Inn • Minden, 775-782-9711 or 800-321-6983: Cabaret Lounge: Winter Tribute Series: Hotel California: A Tribute to the Eagles, Feb. 3-8. Rumours: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, Feb. 10-15. Like a Rock: A Tribute to Bob Seger, Feb. 17-22. Daydream Believer: A Tribute to the Monkees, Feb. 24-29. Four-Way Street: A Tribute to Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young, March 2-7. Garratt Wilkin and the Parrotheads: A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet, March 9-14. Bands play nightly except Mon.

Sharkey's Nugget • Gardnerville, 775-782-3133.

Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 775-266-3339: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

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Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands play in the Center Stage Cabaret. Dancing in the Atlantis Nightclub.

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Circus Circus • 775-329-0711: Circus Cabaret: Entertainment daily except Tues.-Wed. Free daily circus acts, 11am-10:30pm.

City Center Pavilion • 888-288-1833: The Blues Brothers featuring Dan Aykroyd and Jim Belushi, Dec. 30.

Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Eldorado Showroom: Shaolin Monks of China in "Lotus and Sword," Dec. 24-Jan. 3. Bands play nightly at the Brew Brothers microbrewery. Piano music in the Roxy Lounge. BuBinga Lounge: Dance to DJs and bands Tues.-Sat. Bands play in the Eldorado Cabaret.

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March 10. Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians Featuring Al Pierson, March 17. Count Basie Orchestra, March 24. Bands play in the Casino Cabaret and Trader Dick's. Flamenco guitarist Thurs. and jazz Fri.-Sat. in Restaurante Orozko.

Peppermill • 775-826-2121 or 800-648-6992: Tahoe Grand Showroom: Saffire, Jan. 31. Entertainment TBA. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly. Ron Perry and Dale Vernon perform in the Steakhouse Lounge.

Rail City Casino • Sparks, 775-359-9440: Side Track Lounge: Bands play on weekends.

Reno Hilton • 775-789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Hilton Theater: Entertainment TBA. Bands play nightly in The Garage.

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Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: Creedance Clearwater Revisited, Jan. 16-18. California Bar: Arthur Herve, Tues.-Sat. Bands play in the Casino Center Stage.

Harveys • 775-588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Cabaret: The Improv, comedians perform nightly except Mon.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Carnival Cabaret," male celebrity impersonator revue, dark Mon. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge Thurs.-Sun.

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NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382.

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe • Incline Village, 775-832-1234: Bands play in the Regency Grand Ballroom. Lone Eagle Restaurant: Music, Wed.-Sat. Casino Stage Bar: Pianist, Wed.-Sun.

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Stockmen's Hotel • 775-738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Stockmen's Showroom: Michael Martin Murphey, Jan. 29-31, during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Bands play nightly.

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Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

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602 Liberace Museum, Las Vegas—The museum at 1775 E. Tropicana Ave. (at Spencer) features the jewelry, wardrobe, and costumes worn by the late Liberace. A recreation of his Palm Springs bedroom, custom-car collection, and pianos are on display. The nonprofit Liberace Foundation supports arts scholarships. 702-798-5595, www.liberace.com.

603 Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely—Starting in 1905, 140 miles of track were laid to transport copper ore, and the Nevada Northern Railway operated until the late 1970s. Train rides on 32 miles of track begin in East Ely. 866-40-STEAM, www.nnry.com.

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1102 Parade of Homes—14th annual event sponsored by the Southern Utah Home Builders Association previews 25 St. George-area homes and 100 exhibitors on February 13-22, 2004. Builders, contractors, and suppliers show trends in building and decorating at the home show. For tickets call 435-674-1400, www.paradehome.com.

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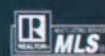
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Outdoor Sports

Nevada Ski Tips

Lake Tahoe's ski resorts include four Nevada-side areas with diverse attractions. Massive **Heavenly** spans two states. The South Tahoe resort has trails for skiers and boarders of all skill levels. Check out the new beginner area at the top of the gondola.

Diamond Peak in Incline Village offers convenient, economical skiing with good lake views. Parents on many runs also have good views of their ski school-attending youngsters. The intimate resort hosts twilight events like wine tastings.

Late in the day you usually can find fresh powder skiing the trees on **Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe's** Slide Mountain side. Each night the wind blows snow across the trails. Helped by Tahoe's highest base elevation, 8,600 feet, the tree-protected snow lasts. Be sure to ski in bounds. On January 10, you can celebrate the King's birthday by skiing with Elvis lookalikes at Rose.

Want to ski your own private slope for a day? Historic **Sky Tavern**, owned by the City of Reno, can be rented for special occasions complete with lifts, grooming, operators, and food service. Sky Tavern is located on the Mount Rose Highway. Call 775-323-5125 or visit skytavern.com.

Skiers and snowboarders can learn more about Reno-Lake Tahoe skiing, rentals, events, and room and ski bargains from the **Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority**, 800-FOR-RENO or ski.renolaketahoe.com, and **Ski Lake Tahoe**, a consortium of six of the Tahoe area's biggest resorts, 800-588-SNOW or skilaketahoe.com.—Sharon Carter



Skiing Around the State

A Guide to Nevada and Tahoe Basin Ski Areas.

2003-2004 Downhill Skier's Guide

Area	Web Site	Phone	Top Elevation	Vertical Feet	Lifts	Rating Bg-Int-Adv	Lift Price Adult/Y/Child	Rentals Skis/Board
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Alpine Meadows	www.skialpine.com	530-583-4232	8,637	1,802	14	25-40-35	\$39/\$39/\$10	\$30/\$35†
Boreal	www.borealski.com	530-426-3666	7,700	500	9	30-55-15	\$36-\$10	\$28/\$34†
Diamond Peak	www.diamondpeak.com	775-831-3211	8,540	1,840	6	18-46-36	\$44/\$35/\$16	\$28/\$33
Donner Ski Ranch	www.donnerranch.com	530-426-3635	7,751	750	6	25-50-25	\$20/\$10	\$18/\$28†
Granlibakken	www.granlibakken.com	530-583-4242	6,480	280	1	50-50-0	\$18/\$10	\$25/\$30
Heavenly	www.skiheavenly.com	775-586-7000	10,040	3,500	29	20-45-35	\$64/\$47/\$29#	\$28/\$32†
Homewood Mountain	www.skihomewood.com	530-525-2992	7,880	1,650	8	15-50-35	\$44/\$27/free#	\$27/\$35#†
Kirkwood	www.kirkwood.com	209-258-6000	9,800	2,000	12	15-50-35	\$58/\$46/\$13	\$30/\$36†
Mt. Rose/Ski Tahoe	www.skirose.com	775-849-0704	9,700	1,440	6	30-40-30	\$48/\$32/\$12	\$29/\$29†
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.northstarattahoe.com	530-562-1010	8,600	2,200	15	25-50-25	\$57/\$47/\$19#	\$32/\$39#†
Sierra-at-Tahoe	www.sierratatahoo.com	530-659-7453	8,852	2,212	10	25-50-25	\$53/\$43/\$11	\$29/\$35†
Soda Springs	www.skisodasprings.com	530-426-1010	7,352	652	4	30-50-20	\$24/\$16/\$10	\$28/\$34
Squaw Valley USA	www.squaw.com	530-583-6955	9,050	2,850	33	25-45-30	\$59/\$29/\$5	\$29/\$37†
Sugar Bowl	www.sugarbowl.com	530-426-9000	8,383	1,500	13	17-43-40	\$56/\$42/\$15	\$32/\$32†
Tahoe Donner	www.skitahoeonner.com	530-587-9444	7,350	600	4	40-60-0	\$29/\$12#	\$20/\$28#†
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LV Ski/Snowboard	www.skilasvegas.com	702-385-2754	9,510	1,000	3	20-60-20	\$32/\$25	\$16/\$25†
Elko Snobowl		800-428-7143	7,000	670	2	20-60-20	\$15/\$10	\$15/\$15
Ruby Mountains (Elko)	www.helicopterskiing.com	775-753-6867	Ruby Mt. Heli-Skiing offers backcountry helicopter skiing: \$2,850 per person					

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Area	Web Site	Phone	Trail (km)	Trail Fee Adult/Y/Child	Rental Adult/Child	Lessons Adult/Child	Day Lodge
TAHOE BASIN							
Clair Tappaan Lodge	www.sierraclub.org	530-426-3632	14	\$7/\$3.50	\$13/\$9	\$14	✓
Hope Valley	www.sorensensort.com	530-694-2266	100	none	\$15/\$9	\$35/\$25	✓
Kirkwood	www.kirkwood.com	209-258-7248	80	\$20/\$15/\$6	\$19/\$19	\$45/40/\$25*	✓
Lake Tahoe Basin	www.r5.fs.fed.us/tbmu	530-543-2600	The U.S. Forest Service has brochures on many forest areas				
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.northstarattahoe.com	530-562-1010	50	\$26/\$15#	\$26/\$15#	\$30/\$18#	✓
Royal Gorge	www.royalgorge.com	530-426-3871	330	\$25/\$12	\$18/\$10.50	\$49.50/\$29.50*	✓
Spooner Lake	www.spoonerlake.com	775-749-5349	91	\$18/\$8/\$1	\$17.50/\$8/\$1	\$39/\$25*	✓
Resort at Squaw Creek	www.squawcreek.com	530-583-6300	12	\$12/\$8#	\$12/\$8#	\$35#*	✓
Tahoe Donner	www.tdxc.net	530-587-9484	110	\$20/\$15	\$18/\$10	\$42*	✓
AROUND THE STATE							
LV Ski and Snowboard (Mount Charleston)	www.fs.fed.us/html	702-385-2754 702-873-8800	The Ski Chalet offers x-country suggestions 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/html	775-289-1800 (BLM) 775-289-3031 (USFS)	Ward Mt. and Loop Trails info. available from the BLM and USFS				

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Auto Focus

The National Automobile Museum in Reno conjures up the past with antique and one-of-a-kind cars.

By Joyce Hollister



The National Automobile Museum in Reno recreates the decades of automotive history through its street vignettes.

Visiting the **National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection)** in Reno is like going back in time. "When you come to our museum, you walk along streets from the past," says director Jackie Frady. "You see vintage clothing. You see time lines. You experience the history of our country as well as that of the automobile."

One street recreates the turn of the 20th century with striped awnings over store-

fronts, a blacksmith shop, and a horseless carriage. The art deco entrance of a 1930s cinema features period movie posters and a blue 1938 Packard convertible parked at the curb. The 1950s service station looks ready to handle an oil change on a '56 Chrysler 300B sports coupe. "That's the era when you went to a gas station, all services were provided," Frady points out. "And there was no mini-market."

Frady says the collection, formerly

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Aug. 8-9	Nevada Motocross Championship
Aug. 16	Overland Hotel Chili Cook-off
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival
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owned by casino magnate William F. Harrah, is noted for its one-of-a-kinds, such as the experimental 1938 Phantom Corsair. "It was very aerodynamic and sinister-looking. People think of it as Darth Vader's car or the Batmobile," she says. The museum also owns celebrity cars like John Wayne's 1953 Corvette and Elvis Presley's 1973 Cadillac Eldorado.

In the early-cars exhibit you'll find several shiny Model Ts as well as a 1913 Stutz Series B Bearcat and a 1911 Pope-Hartford seven-passenger touring car. The earliest auto is a steam-powered 1892 American-built Philion. "We're known as having one of the finest collections of horseless carriages in the world," Frady says.

The current changing exhibit, "Tucker: Remnants of a Motoring Dream," on display through February 27 explores the life of automotive visionary Preston Tucker.

According to Frady, visitors range from youngsters to the older set. She says, "I like the fact that everyone can relate to an automobile. Seniors may have remembrances of their first car and their families traveling across the country. Younger people marvel at the chrome and fins. And the children are in awe of everything."

Attraction Notes: The National Automobile Museum, 10 South Lake Street, Reno, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors can request information from the research library and buy souvenirs at the museum store. Admission prices are adults \$8, seniors \$7, juniors six to 18 \$3, and free for under six and museum members. The museum hosts special events and will celebrate its 15th anniversary in November. Call 775-333-9300 or visit www.automuseum.org for details. ■

Joyce Hollister is Nevada's associate editor.

More Classic Cars and Other Attractions on the Web

Car buffs can see more than 300 classic cars in the Auto Collections at the Imperial Palace (702-794-3174) and hand-built sports cars at the Carroll Shelby Museum (702-643-3000), both in Las Vegas. The Riverside Auto Museum shows 100 classics at Laughlin's Riverside Resort (702-298-2535). In Boulder City, the Antique Car Museum (800-492-3562) showcases 18 antique autos at St. Jude's Ranch for Children. To learn more about places to visit in the Silver State, click on Attractions, Tours, and Museums on Nevada Magazine's Web site, www.nevadamagazine.com.

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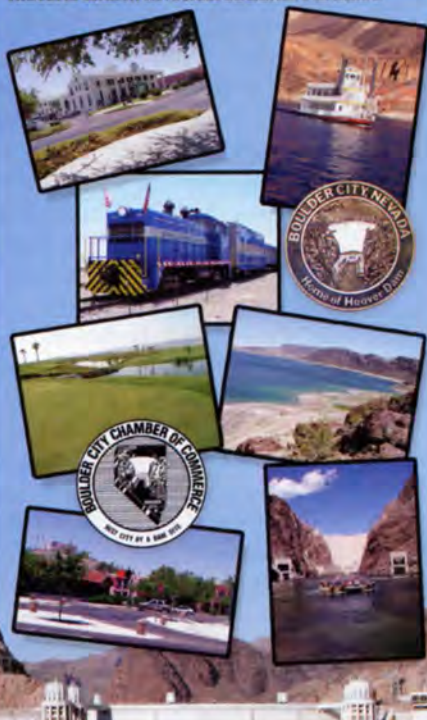
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Snow Show

North Lake Tahoe's annual festival celebrates the joys of winter.

By Jessica Perry

Residents find a cure for cabin fever while tourists join the fun at Snow Festival, North Lake Tahoe's celebration of winter. From February 27 to March 7 North Shore communities host an array of activities—the Kiddie Kapers Parade, ski and dog races, a luau, and a canine costume contest.

The 21-year-old event, originally called Snowfest, almost ended in 2002, but residents refused to let it die. "It turned out to be the biggest year we ever had, and we didn't even have a real organization, no checking account or anything," says executive director Ruth Schnabel of last year's festival.

One event never fails to bring chills—the Polar Bear Swim. Revelers gather at Gar Woods, a Carnelian Bay restaurant, to cheer the 20 or so swimmers who dare to dive into the 40-degree water. Some sport wetsuits, others bathing suits as they enter the shallow water on duct-taped feet. Teeth chatter and knees shake—and that's just the spectators. Fighting the cold, the swimmers pump their legs and arms as they splash around a buoy about 100 yards out and return to shore.

"After the first time I said I'd never do it again. I kept thinking about the people on the *Titanic*, I was so miserable," says two-time Polar Bear participant Jan Howell of Incline Village. "I was a wimp. I wore a wetsuit. But I'm a swimmer, and this is a swim race."

For Tahoe's elite swimmers, the race is simply a battle against nature. Instead of

medals the swimmers get blue lips. "It's not like you train for this race," Howell says. "You're actually gasping for air the entire time."

In another popular race Tahoe's big dogs show off their strength in the Monster Dawg Pull. Heats take place in front of two bars, the Naughty Dawg in Tahoe City and the Naughty Dawg Baja Grill in Kings Beach.

The large dogs pull sleds loaded with beer kegs or cases of Jaegermeister, and the small dogs use all their might to move a single bottle. Event codirector Eric Westenburg marvels, "It's like a real sporting event. The bleachers fill up, and people are standing on the terrace and across the street, cheering on their favorite dogs." All proceeds benefit Pet Network, a pet adoption service in Incline Village.

The celebration also embraces the Great Ski Race, the largest Nordic race west of the Mississippi. The race has ballooned from 60 competitors in 1977 to more than 1,000 racers in 2002. More than half the field are locals. "It's like a last rite of winter thing," explains Doug Read, race codirector. "People are always trying to best last year's times or [make] their own personal bests."

Racers choose starting positions based on their estimate of how long the 30-kilometer (18.43-mile) race will take them. The fastest time is an hour and nine minutes, with the slowest racers crossing the finish line in seven hours. At the head are the hard-core skiers, and jostling for posi-

tion is part of the excitement. "There's a lot of nerves and tension, but others are there just for a good time," says Read.

Now in its 28th year, the Great Ski Race is the main fundraiser for the Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team and is held on the last day of Snow Festival. The course begins at Tahoe City, climbs over Starratt Pass, and heads to Truckee on a long run down Sawtooth Ridge.

"The finish line comes at the end of a pretty steep downhill," says Tahoe City racer Sam Southworth. "People are just exploding and crashing at the end. It's definitely entertaining." ■

Jessica Perry is a North Lake Tahoe writer and photographer. For a Snow Festival schedule of events visit www.tahoesnowfestival.com or call 530-583-7167.



Even snowmen smile in the Snow Sculpture Contest (above) at the North Tahoe Snow Festival. Top, a St. Bernard pulls a beer keg in the Monster Dawg Pull.

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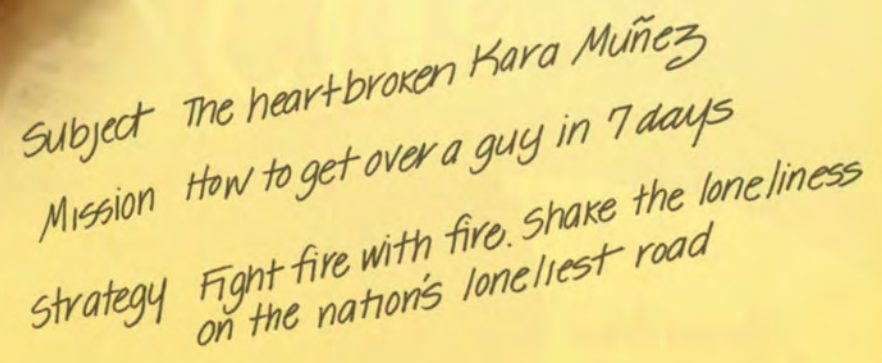
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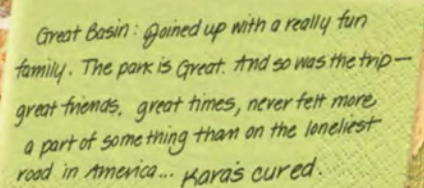
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When shopping for a meeting, convention, or trade-show site, meeting planners are looking for choices. Whether the attendees are family or clients, the goal is the same: to create a memorable event.

That is the object of this special edition of *Nevada Travel Update: Your 2004 Meeting Planners' Guide to Nevada*. The guide presents a digest of Nevada's convention facilities, meeting attractions, and



Trade-show delegates at the Las Vegas Convention Center browse through the 3.2-million-square-foot facility (above). Intimate weddings await couples at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden (top left).

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Hotel-casinos throughout Nevada host meetings. Above, tables await delegates at the Peppermill in Reno.

hotel-casino services to help plan your next gathering.

In 2002, the Silver State welcomed more than 5.5 million convention delegates who took advantage of the state's incredible inventory of meeting space, hotel rooms, and entertainment—as well as its decades of experience in the meetings field. Meetings and conventions are held in Nevada's largest cities and many

rural towns. The gatherings range from small conferences to giant industry conclaves for up to 100,000 delegates.

Las Vegas

The state's meetings era dates to the 1950s, when Las Vegas turned to the convention market to lure more business during off-peak periods. In 1959 the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority opened a convention center that was called a "white elephant" by some residents who pointed to its off-Strip location on a patch of desert on Paradise Road.

Four decades later the **Las Vegas Convention Center** is a 3.2-million-square-foot facility that hosts some of the largest conventions in the world, such as the more than 100,000-delegate Comdex event and the equally huge Consumer Electronics Show. In addition, the city offers first-class facilities and more than 126,000 hotel rooms.

Reno-Tahoe

Reno recently saw the expansion of the **Reno-Sparks Convention Center**, which now features 500,000 square feet of conference and exhibit space. The initial 60,000-square-foot arena was constructed in 1965 as the Centennial Coliseum and for many years served as the home court of the University of Nevada, Reno's Wolf Pack basketball teams.

In the 1980s the convention center came into its own as the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority focused on bigger game—the conventions and meeting market. Today, Reno, Sparks, and Lake Tahoe take advantage of the region's scenery, culture, skiing, golf, and the new whitewater park on the Truckee River. The tree-lined river, which flows through the center of downtown Reno, has shops, restaurants, art galleries, and plazas. In 2002 *Tradeshow Week* named Reno the "Most Affordable Convention Destination."

Rural Nevada

Although communities in the state's other 15 counties may not have the population of the Reno and Las Vegas areas, they offer a sense of hospitality that can create a memorable experience.

Facilities such as the 132,000-square-foot **Winnemucca Convention Center and Events Complex** are first-rate.

MORE INFORMATION

You'll find further information by contacting the many Nevada convention centers, attractions, hotels, and support providers listed in this issue of *Nevada Travel Update: Your 2004 Meeting Planners' Guide to Nevada*.

For additional assistance regarding meetings and group events contact Teri Schloemer, North American Tour and Travel Manager of the **Nevada Commission on Tourism**, 775-687-0623 or tschloemer@travelnevada.com. (NCOT, 401 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701, 800-NEVADA-8, fax 775-687-6779, www.travelnevada.com.)

Fallon, home of the Navy's Top Gun aviation school, has 6,500 square feet waiting to be booked at the **Fallon Convention Center**. Elko, which hosts an international audience during the annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering and the National Basque Festival, offers 50,000 square feet in its **Elko Convention Center**. History provides the backdrop in the 3,000 square feet available in the restored **Eureka Opera House**, which is located on U.S. Highway 50, known as "the Loneliest Road in America."

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Convention and Conference Centers

As a service to meeting planners, the following is a guide to convention and exhibit space offered by Nevada convention centers and community facilities. Attractions such as museums that have meeting capabilities can be found in "Attractive Meeting Sites" on page 8. For hotel-casino meeting accommodations see "Nevada Hotels: Conference Facilities" on page 12.

Las Vegas Territory

Cashman Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109 (physical address 850 Las Vegas Blvd. N.). Phone 702-386-7100. Fax 702-386-7126. Web www.lvcva.com. Total meeting space 115,600 square feet, 12 breakout rooms, exhibit space 98,100 square feet. Theater seating 1,922, classroom 3,300, dinner 5,660, cocktail party 5,660. Site inspections, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and



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Henderson Convention Center: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89009. Phone 877-775-5252. Fax 702-267-2177. Web www.visithenderson.com. Total meeting space 13,765 square feet, 10 breakout

rooms, trade show 10,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-1,200, classroom 10-800, dinner 10-700, cocktail party 10-900. Wedding space, housing, events, registration, and site inspections available.

Las Vegas Convention Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-892-0711. Fax 702-892-2824. Web www.vegasfreedom.com and www.lvcva.com. Total meeting space 3.2 million square feet, 44 breakout rooms, exhibit space two million square feet. Theater seating 20-14,000, classroom 12-2,400, dinner 12,000, cocktail party 14,000. Site inspections, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Sam Boyd Stadium: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. (Physical location is eight miles east of the Strip at 7000 E. Russell Rd.) Phone 702-895-1028. Fax 702-895-1581. Web www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 92,665 open air, seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 92,665 square feet. Theater seating 36,000, classroom 5,400, dinner 6,000, cocktail party 30,000. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and registration and events assistance.

Thomas and Mack Center: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. Phone 702-895-1028. Fax 702-895-1581. Web www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 60,000 square feet (25,000 on arena floor, plus 35,000 on the concourse), seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 60,000 square feet. Theater



The Elko Convention Center handles special events such as the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.



The recently expanded 500,000-square-foot Reno-Sparks Convention Center welcomes delegates.

seating 18,000, classroom 1,300, dinner 1,200, cocktail party 7,000. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and registration and events assistance.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Brewery Arts Center, Carson City: 449

W. King St., Carson City, NV 89703. Phone 775-883-1976. Fax 775-883-1922. Web www.breweryarts.org. Victorian Ballroom total meeting and trade show space 1,522 square feet. Theater seating 125, classroom 50, dinner 125, cocktail party 150. Wedding space, site inspec-

tions, and registration and events assistance are available.

Lawlor Events Center: University of Nevada, Reno, MS 230, Reno, NV 89557-0096. Phone 775-784-4659. Fax 775-784-4428. Web www.unr.edu/lawlor. Total meeting space 9,500 square feet, eight breakout rooms, exhibit space 30,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-10,000, classroom 10-500, dinner 10-1,200, cocktail party 10-1,000. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and events and registration assistance. Housing assistance available during university break times.

National Bowling Stadium: 300 N. Center St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-335-8800 and 800-304-2695. Fax 775-334-2606. Total meeting space 17,500, three breakout rooms, trade show 9,000 square feet. Theater seating 800, classroom 450, dinner 360, cocktail party 1,000. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts: 100 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-686-6610. Fax 775-686-6630. Web www.pioneercenter.com. Total meet-



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Reno Livestock Events

Center: 1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV 89512. Phone 775-688-5751. Fax 775-688-5763. Web www.renolaketahoe.com

or www.rscva.com. Arena and exhibition hall offers total meeting space 83,000 square feet, one 20,000-square-foot breakout room. Weddings, catering, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Reno-Sparks Convention Center: 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 775-827-7620. Fax 775-827-7701. Web www.renolaketahoe.com. Total meeting space 500,000 square feet, 53 breakout rooms, exhibit space 381,000 square feet. Theater seating 15,000, classroom 10,000,



The Winnemucca Convention Center is a 32,000-square-foot complex.

dinner 10,000, cocktail party 15,000. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Rural Territories

Battle Mountain Civic Center: 625 S. Broad St., Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Phone 775-635-1112. Fax 775-635-1113. Web www.battlemountain.org. Total meeting space 6,984 square feet, three breakout rooms. Theater seating 450, classroom 150, dinner 300, cocktail party

400. Wedding space, catering facilities, site inspections, and events and registration assistance.

Elko Convention Center: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801. Phone 800-248-3556. Fax 775-738-2420. Web www.elko.cva.com. Total meeting space 50,000 square feet, eight breakout rooms, exhibit space 50,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-525, classroom 20-440, dinner 500, cocktail party 15-1,500. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and events and registration assistance.

Ely/Bristlecone Convention Center: 150 Sixth St., Ely, NV 89301. Phone 775-289-3720. Fax 775-289-6757. Web www.elynevada.net. Total meeting space 7,000 square feet, five breakout rooms, exhibit space 7,000 square feet. Theater seating up to 550, classroom 350, dinner 350, cocktail party 550. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and events and registration assistance.

Eureka Opera House: 31 Main Street, P.O. Box 284, Eureka, NV 89316. Phone 775-237-6006. Fax 775-2347-6040. Web www.co.eureka.nv.us. Total meeting space in the restored opera house is 3,000

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square feet, two breakout rooms, exhibit space 3,000 square feet. Theater seating 300 maximum, classroom 150, dinner 200, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Fallon Convention Center: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-423-4556 or 800-874-0903. Fax 775-423-8926. Web www.fallontourism.com. Total meeting space 6,500 square feet, five breakout, exhibit space 4,000 square feet. Theater seating 400, classroom 300, dinner 350, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Hawthorne Convention Center: 932 E St., Box 2281, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Phone 775-945-5854. Fax 775-945-1257. Total meeting space 3,316 square feet in the main hall, exhibit space 2,000 square feet. Theater seating 5-275, classroom 5-275, dinner 5-275, cocktail party 5-275. Wedding space, full kitchen, site inspections, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Lovelock/Pershing County Community Center: Box 821, Lovelock, NV 89419. Phone 775-273-7213. Fax 775-273-1732. Web www.zplace2be.com/pcco/cf. Total meeting space 3,500 square feet, exhibit space 20 to 30 booths. Groups of 10-500 with dinner seating for 400. Wedding space, and catering, and registration and events assistance.

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, Tonopah, NV 89049. Phone 775-482-3558. Fax 775-482-3932. Web www.tonopahnevada.com. Total meeting space 3,000 square feet. Main room has a bar and stage, an auxiliary room with a bar that can be combined with the main room, and two small meeting rooms. Theater seating 250, classroom 250, dinner 300, cocktail party 350. Weddings, warming ovens and refrigerator for catering, and site inspections.

Winnemucca Convention Center and Events Complex: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Phone 775-623-5071. Fax 775-623-5087. Web www.winnemucca.nv.us. Total meeting space 132,000 square feet, 15 breakout rooms, exhibit space 96,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-3,000, classroom 8-1,000, dinner 8-1,500, cocktail party 10-4,000. Wedding space, site inspections, catering, and assistance with housing,

events, and registration information.

Yerington/Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center: 120 N. California St., Box 695, Yerington, NV 89447. Phone 775-463-9116. Fax 775-463-9686. Web www.yeringtonculture.org. Total meeting space 3,000 square feet, three classrooms (two are not handicap accessible), and theater, stage, and café area. Exhibit space 3,400 square feet. Theater seating 147 classroom 90-120, no dinner seating, cocktail party 90-120. Wedding space for ceremony and cocktail receptions (no dining), site inspections, and events and registration assistance. The center is the recently renovated former Yerington Grammar School No. 9.

Yerington/Weed Heights Community Hall: 4 Austin Circle, Yerington, NV

89447. Phone 775-463-3351. Total meeting space 4,500 square feet. Occupancy 400. Wedding space, catering, site inspections, and events assistance.

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Las Vegas Territory

Boulder Dam Hotel: Historic hotel built during the construction of Hoover Dam. Function space 1,650 square feet. Group size 10-75; theater and classroom 10-75. Weddings, catering, liquor license, and site inspections. 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-293-3510. Fax 702-293-3093. Web www.boulderdamhotel.com.

ESPN Zone: Sports-themed dining with 150 TV monitors and 10,000 square feet of interactive sports arena. Function space 34,000 square feet. Group size 25-900; theater 50-110, dinner 25-500, cocktail party, 25-900. Catering, liquor license, site inspection. Located inside New York-New York Hotel/Casino, 3790 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-933-3776. Fax 702-933-6509. Web www.espnzone.com.

Fremont Street Experience: Outside venue featuring a 90-foot canopy with nightly light-and-sound shows can accommodate more than 2,000 people in two blocks, with food and beverage service through member properties. Group size 50-2,000-plus. Weddings, catering, liquor licenses, site inspection. 425 Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-678-5600. Fax 702-678-5611. Web www.vegasexperience.com.

FunWerks: Entertainment park available for small to large corporate events. Function space 30,000 to 138,900 square feet. Group size 10-3,000; theater 10-50, classroom 10-500, dinner 10-500, cocktail party 10-3,000. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspection. 2050 Olympic Ave., Henderson, NV 89014. Phone 702-898-7777. Fax 702-898-1112. Web www.funwerks.net.

GameWorks: Entertainment experience allows guests to eat, drink, party, and play. Group size 10-2,500; theater 10-175, classroom 10-50, dinner 10-125, cocktail party 10-2,500. Catering, liquor license, site inspection. 3785 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 010, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-895-7626. Fax 702-895-7683. Web www.gameworks.com.

Guggenheim Hermitage Museum: Inside the Venetian, museum draws from the collections of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, Austria. Group size, 10 to several hundred in staggered entry; call for tour



The Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas recently completed a \$17-million upgrade to its laser-light-and-sound show.

options. Group size at one time, 313. Site inspection, no food or beverages allowed inside. 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-414-2444. Fax 702-414-2442. Web www.guggenheimlasvegas.org.

Harley-Davidson Café: High-energy café features Harley-Davidson memorabilia and large menu. Function space 20,000 square feet. Group size 600-1,400 for dinner. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspection. 3725 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-740-4555. Fax 702-262-6252. Web www.harley-davidsoncafe.com.

Hot Rod Grille: Car-themed restaurant, gaming, banquet, and special events facility. Function space 7,000 square feet. Group size up to 150; dinner seating 1-240, cocktail party up to 150. Catering, liquor service, site inspections. 1231 American Pacific Dr., Henderson, NV 89074. Phone 702-567-5659. Fax 702-567-0260. Web www.hmgrille.com.

Lake Mead Cruises: Two paddlewheel-boats dock on landing at Boulder Basin, Hemenway Harbor, Lake Mead. Group size 250; theater 150, classroom 150, dinner 150, cocktail party 250. Weddings, catering, beverage service, site inspection. Box 62465, Boulder City, NV 89006. Phone 702-293-6180. Fax 702-293-0343. Web

www.lakemeadcruises.com for more information.

Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix: Seven acres of rides, games, and dining for all age groups. Function space 12,000 square feet. Maximum group size 1,000; dinner 575. Catering, site inspection, no liquor license. 1401 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89108. Phone 702-259-7000. Fax 702-259-7001. Web www.lvmgp.com.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway: Facility offers complete logistics for small groups and large events for up to 125,000. Function space 1.5 million-plus square feet. Group size 10-125,000, theater 10-15,000, classroom 10-1,000, dinner 10-1,000, cocktail party 10-1,000. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspection. 7000 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89115. Phone 800-644-4444. Fax 702-644-7774. Web www.lvms.com.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum: Exhibit topics include dinosaurs, marine life, taxidermy, Nevada, and Africa. Function space 24,000 square feet. Group size 8-600; theater 10-250, classroom 4-150, dinner, 20-200, cocktail party 20-600. No on-site catering, liquor license, site inspection. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-384-3466. Fax 702-384-5343. Web www.lvnhm.org.

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Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas: Located inside the Venetian on the Las Vegas Strip, the wax museum connects famous people with historical events. Function space 30,000 square feet. Group size 1,000; dinner 1,000, cocktail party 1,000. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspection. 3377 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 2001, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-862-7805. Fax 702-862-7850. Web www.madame-tussauds.com.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: Museum lobby, exhibit hall, xeriscape garden, and auditorium at UNLV are available for meetings and functions. Lobby 1,000 square feet, exhibit hall 3,800 square feet. Maximum group size 200; theater 142, dinner 25, cocktail party 200. Weddings, catering, liquor license, and site inspection. 4505 Maryland Parkway, Box 454012, Las Vegas, NV 89154-4012. Phone 702-895-3381. Fax

702-895-3094. Web hrcweb.nevada.edu/museum/

NASCAR Café: Dining, retail, entertainment complex inside Sahara Hotel has a racing theme. Function space 90,000 square feet. Group size 15-1,500, theater 10-30, classroom 10-30, dinner 5-550, cocktail party 15-1,500. Weddings, catering, beverage service, site inspection. 2535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-737-2760. Fax 702-737-2899. Web www.nascarcafelasvegas.com.

Planet Hollywood: Inside the Forum Shops at Caesars, movie- and television-themed restaurant has semi-private rooms and movie memorabilia. Function space 18,000 square feet. Group size 20-1,200; dinner 20-600, cocktail party 20-1,200. Weddings, catering, beverage service, site inspection. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., No. G-25, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-791-7827. Fax 702-791-2840. Web www.planethollywood.com.

Rainforest Café: Inside MGM Grand, the restaurant has tropical theme. Function space 15,000 square feet. Group size 15-800; dinner 450, cocktail party 800. Wedding receptions, catering, beverage service, site inspection. 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-891-8580.

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St. Jude's Ranch for Children: The ranch's Children's Chapel of the Holy Family is available for weddings by appointment. Group size 100. Weddings, no on-site catering or liquor license, site inspection. 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-294-7100. Fax 702-294-7171. Web www.stjudesranch.org.

SkyDiveLasVegas.com: Full-time skydiving school offers views of the Strip, Lake Mead, Hoover Dam, Colorado River, Red Rock Canyon, Mount Charleston, and Valley of Fire. Function space 7,000 square feet. Group size 1-220. Weddings, site inspection, no on-site catering or liquor license. 1401 Airport Road, No. 4, Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-U-SKYDIV. Fax 702-293-5684. Web www.skydivelasvegas.com.

Star Trek: The Experience: A 24th-century-themed space station attraction is located inside the Las Vegas Hilton. Group size 10-1,100; theater 100, classroom 75, dinner 300, cocktail party 1,100. Weddings, catering, beverage service, site inspection. 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-697-TREK or 888-462-6535. Fax 702-697-8787. Web www.starttrekexp.com.

Xplex Las Vegas Motorsports Racepark: The park occupies 15 acres and offers competitive kart racing. Group size 10-300; maximum theater 572, classroom 300, dinner 300, cocktail party 300. No on-site catering or liquor license, site inspection. 15000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89124. Phone 702-260-6355. Fax 702-492-7159. Web www.xplexlasvegas.com.

Reno-Tahoe Territory

Bartley Ranch Regional Park: Western heritage park preserves the flavor of 19th-century Nevada. Group size 10-150; historic one-room schoolhouse 60, old brick house 50, interpretive center 150. Outdoor functions, weddings May-October, site inspection, no on-site catering or liquor license. 6000 Bartley Ranch Road, Reno, NV 89511. Phone 775-828-6612. Fax 775-828-6614.

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center: Historic two-story former high school has elevator, exhibits, and plenty of parking. Function space includes two rooms at 1,500 square feet each and 40,000 square feet of museum exhibit space. Group size 49 maximum; classroom 49, dinner 25 in each room, cocktail party 300. Outdoor weddings, site inspection, no on-site catering or liquor license. 1477 Hwy. 395 N., Gardnerville, NV 89410. Phone 775-782-2555. Fax 775-783-8802. Web www.carsonvalleymuseums.com.

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada: Hands-on, interactive children's museum housed in historic building in downtown Carson City. Function space three rooms (one with stage) of 900, 605, and 380 square feet. Maximum



Functions take to the water on two paddlewheelers operated by Lake Mead Cruises on Lake Mead.

group size 200; conference 40, birthday party 30, theater 10-150, classroom 10-40, dinner 10-100, cocktail party 10-200. Site inspection available. No catering, weddings, or liquor license. 813 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Phone 775-884-2926. Fax 775-884-2139. Web www.cmnn.org.

Fleischmann Planetarium: Full-dome movies and star shows as well as meeting place for educational groups. Maximum group size 65, theater seating. No liquor license, site inspection, catering, or weddings. MS 272, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557. Phone 775-784-4812. Fax 775-784-4822. Web www.planetarium.unr.nevada.edu.

Historic Fourth Ward School Museum: Victorian four-story building is retrofitted with elevator, restrooms, and catering kitchen. Function space 5,178 square feet. Group size 25-220; theater 10-100, classroom and cocktail party six rooms each 30-50, dinner 10-120. Weddings, catering, site inspections, no liquor license. Box 4, Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0975. Fax 775-847-1011. Web www.fourthwardschool.com.

Liberty Belle Saloon and Restaurant: Reno landmark, next to Reno-Sparks Convention Center, has historic slots memorabilia. Function space 800 square feet (banquet room with private bar, podium, microphone, closed circuit TV). Maximum group size 80; lunch or dinner 50, cocktail party 60. Site inspection, catering, and beverage service. 4250 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 775-826-7411. E-mail jeffandkaryn@Charter.net.

Mormon Station State Historic Park: Outdoor pavilion with grills, picnic tables, and lawn inside and outside 1850s stockade replica. Function space 1,100 square feet. Maximum group size 250. Weddings and site inspection. No on-site catering or liquor license. Open May 1-Oct. 15. Genoa. Mailing address, Nevada Division of State Parks, 1300 S. Curry St., Carson City 89703-5202. Phone 775-782-2590. Web parks.nv.gov.

National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection): More than 200 classic and antique cars, many one-of-a-kind, with replicas of period streets featuring historic photos and vintage clothing. Maximum group size 800; theater 145, dinner 300, cocktail party 800. No on-site catering facilities. Weddings, site inspections, pre- and post-convention assistance. 10 S. Lake St., Reno 89501-1558. Phone 775-333-9300. Fax 775-333-9309. Web www.automuseum.org.

Nevada Museum of Art: New \$16-million fine-art museum in downtown Reno houses a permanent collection and traveling exhibitions, grand hall and atrium, plaza, and rooftop sculpture garden. Group size 45-400, classroom 45, dinner 45-300, cocktail, 75-400, theater 185. Exclusive caterer, liquor license, on-site inspections. 160 W. Liberty St., Reno NV 89501. Phone 775-329-3333. Fax 775-329-1541. Web www.nevadart.org.

Virginia and Truckee Railroad: Steam-engine train offers 35-minute narrated scenic round trip from Virginia City to historic Gold Hill. Evening trips available. Group size 20-50 in open-sided train cars, 20-100 cocktail party. Weddings and site inspection. Liquor license and catering available nearby. Box 467, Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0380.

Rural Nevada

Churchill County Museum: Offers meals and special group tours of exhibits of Churchill County's early culture. Function space 14,000 square feet. Group size 50 maximum for classroom, dinner, or cocktail party. 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-423-3677. Fax 775-423-3662. Web www.ccmuseum.org.

East Ely Railroad Depot Museum: Historic railroad depot and freight building provide rustic experience combined with train ride. Function space 800 square feet, 400 square feet

indoor, 400 square feet covered outdoor. Group size 20-250; classroom 200, dinner 150, cocktail party 250. Site inspection, weddings, cocktail parties. Liquor license available, no on-site catering. 1100 Ave. A, Ely, NV 89301. Phone 775-289-1663. Fax 775-289-1664.

Humboldt Museum: Modern museum building and a historic former church building used as meeting and events space. Function space 960 square feet, 800 open seating, 160 square feet with elevated platform for stage area. Maximum group size 40; theater 30-40, classroom 30-40, cocktail party 30-40. Weddings, site inspection, meetings, drama groups, lectures. Liquor license, no on-site catering. Jungo Road and Maple Ave., Box 818, Winnemucca, NV 89446. Phone 775-623-2912. Fax 775-623-5640. Web www.humboldtmuseum.com.

Lattin Farms: Year-round attraction known for its corn maze. Function space 800 square feet inside and three acres for outdoor events. Group size 10-1,000. Classroom, dinner, and cocktail party, 40 inside, 1,000 outside. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspections. 1955 McLean Road, Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-867-3750. Fax 775-867-4580. Web www.lattinfarms.com.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Historic steam and diesel trains within a National Historic District. Available for charters and meetings throughout the year. Group size 200. Weddings, catering, liquor license, site inspections. 1100 Ave. A, Box 150040, Ely, NV 89315. Phone 866-40-STEAM. Fax 775-289-6284. Web www.nnry.com.

Pahrump Valley Winery: Large desert winery with outdoor amphitheater, fine-dining restaurant, free group tours, wine tasting. Group size 55-300; theater 300, dinner and cocktail party, 55 indoor, 300 outdoor. Weddings, catering, beverage service, site inspection. 3810 Winery Road, Pahrump, NV 89048. Phone 775-727-6900. Fax 775-727-9533. Web www.pahrumpwinery.com.

Western Folklife Center: Large historic building in downtown Elko houses Western folk art museum. Flexible space for meetings, receptions, and parties, including annual National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Function space 4,000 square feet. Group size 300 maximum; theater 300, classroom 100, dinner 140, cocktail party 110 (bar only). Site inspection and liquor license, no on-site catering or weddings. 501 Railroad St., Elko, NV 89801. Phone 775-738-7508. Fax 775-738-2900. Web www.westernfolklife.org.

White Pine Public Museum: Facility houses historic structures, artifacts, and research area. Function space 100 square feet. Group size maximum 12 for classroom seating or cocktail party. Site inspection and liquor license. No on-site catering or wedding accommodations. 2000 Aultman, Ely, NV 89301. Phone 775-289-4710. Fax 775-289-4710. Web www.wpmuseum@idsely.

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Nevada Hotels: Conference Facilities

The following Nevada hotels responded to a survey asking for information on their meeting, conference, and exhibit space. Most of the properties have personnel who can assist you on a site inspection. The chart notes such details as breakout rooms, occupancy levels, and the ability to accommodate weddings, pre- and post-convention events, event planning, and assistance with meeting registration.

	ROOM RATES	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (\$4 ft.)	BREAKOUT ROOMS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCTAIL PARTY	CATERING	PRE- & POST-EVENTS	REGISTRATION ASSIST.	WEDDINGS	SITE INSPECTIONS
AMARGOSA VALLEY • PIONEER TERRITORY													
Longstreet Inn, Casino, RV Park & Golf Club, State Rt. 373, HCR 70, Box 559, Amargosa Valley 89020 775-372-1777, 800-508-9493, fx775-372-1280, www.longstreetcasinoc.com	\$59-89	60		2	200	175	200	200	*	*	*	*	*
BATTLE MOUNTAIN • COWBOY COUNTRY													
Owl Club, 72 E. Front St., Battle Mountain 89820, 775-635-2444, fx775-635-0184	\$30-35	18	4,400	2	50-200	50-100	200	220	*	*	*	*	*
BEATTY • PIONEER TERRITORY													
Stagecoach Hotel/Casino, U.S. Hwy. 95, Box 836, Beatty 89003, 775-553-2419, 800-424-4946, fx775-553-2548, www.stagecoachhotelcasinoc.com	\$35-100	80		1	75	75	75	75	*	*	*	*	*
BLUE DIAMOND • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Bonnie Springs Motel, 1 Gunfighter Ln., Old Nevada 89004, 702-875-4191, fx702-875-4424, www.bonniesprings.com	\$60-135	50		3	100	100	700	700	*	*	*	*	*
BOULDER CITY • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Best Western - Lighthouse Inn & Resort, 110 Ville Dr., Boulder City 89005, 702-293-6444, 800-528-1234, fx702-293-6547, www.bestwestern.com	\$63-99	70	4,000	2	10-200	10-200	10-200	10-200	*	*	*	*	*
Hacienda Hotel & Casino, U.S. Hwy 93, Boulder City 89005, 702-293-5000, 800-245-6380, fx702-293-5608, www.haciendaonline.com	\$49-79	222	5,164		100	60	160	100	*	*	*	*	*
Lake Mead Resort & Marina, 322 Lakeshore Rd., Boulder City 89005-1214, 702-293-2074, 800-752-9669, fx702-293-7017, www.sevencrown.com	\$70-150	42	8500	1	85	85	85	85	*	*	*	*	*
CARSON CITY • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
Best Western - Carson Station Hotel/Casino, 900 S. Carson St., Box 1966, Carson City 89701 775-883-0900, 800-501-2929, fx775-882-7569, www.carsonstation.com	\$40-105	92	600	2	2-16	2-16	2-180	2-180	*	*	*	*	*
Best Western - Pinon Plaza Resort, 2171 U.S. Hwy. 50 E., Carson City 89701, 775-885-9000, 877-519-5567, fx775-888-8003, www.pinonplaza.com	\$49-165	148	4,000	3	30-250	30-125	30-180	30-200	*	*	*	*	*
Carson Nugget, 507 N. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-882-1626, 800-426-5239, fx775-883-1106, www.ccnugget.com		80	8,600		30-500	30-500	30-500	30-500	*	*	*	*	*
The Plaza Hotel, 801 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-883-9500, 888-227-1499, fx775-883-3838, www.carsoncityplaza.com	\$46-76	168	3,500	6	10-365	10-180	10-240	10-300	*	*	*	*	*
ELKO • COWBOY COUNTRY													
Comfort Inn of Elko, 2970 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-777-8762, fx775-738-9439	\$42-129	51	336		20	15		35	*	*	*	*	*
High Desert Inn, 3015 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-738-8425, 888-394-8303, fx775-753-7906, www.westernescapes.com	\$39-89	171	2,150	2	250	80	160	350	*	*	*	*	*
Hilton Garden Inn, 3650 E. Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-777-1200, 877-777-7307, fx775-777-1203, ruben@abeyta@hilton.com	\$69-149	84	1,200	2	100	80	98	100	*	*	*	*	*
Red Lion Inn & Casino, 2065 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-738-2111, 800-545-0044, fx775-753-9859, www.westernescapes.com	\$39-109	223	3,000	2	400	150	275	600	*	*	*	*	*
Shilo Inn Suites - Elko, 2401 Mountain City Hwy., Elko 89801, 775-738-5522, 800-222-2244, fx775-738-6247, www.shiloinns.com	\$70-120	70	962		5-80	5-50	5-80	5-80	*	*	*	*	*
Stockmen's Casino & Hotel, 340 Commercial St., Elko 89801, 775-777-0773, 800-648-2345, fx775-777-0777, www.sh-inc.com	\$33-75	141	10,000	7	600	350-450	350-420	400-600	*	*	*	*	*
ELY • PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY													
Holiday Inn/Prospector Casino of Ely, 1501 E. Aultman, Ely 89301, 775-289-8900, 800-HOLIDAY, fx775-289-4607, www.holiday@mvpower.net	\$56-105	61	2,800	4	70	40-130	110	40-120	*	*	*	*	*
Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall, 501 Aultman St., Box 299, Ely 89301, 775-289-6665, 888-466-3055, fx775-289-4715, www.hotelnev.com	\$29-85	100	3,000	2		150	10-150	10-200	*	*	*	*	*
FALLON • PONY EXPRESS TERRITORY													
Comfort Inn & Suites, 1830 W. Williams Ave., Fallon 89406, 775-423-5554, 888-691-6388, fx775-423-0663, www.choicetel/hotel/m021	\$56-119	82		1	20-25	20-25	8-10	20	*	*	*	*	*
GENOA • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
David Valley's Resort, Hot Springs & Spa, 2001 Foothill Rd., Box 158, Genoa 89411 775-782-8155, 800-628-7831, fx775-782-2103, http://davidvalleysresort.com/intro.htm	\$105-350	90	4,000	3-4	10-120		10-120		*	*	*	*	*
Legend Country Inn, 2292 Main St., Genoa 89411, 775-783-0906, fx775-783-1008, www.legendcountryinn.com	\$129-159	11	800				50-75		*	*	*	*	*
GERLACH • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
Bruce's Country Club, 300 Main St., Box 70, Gerlach 89412, 775-567-2220	\$25-55	42	1,320	1	60	80	100-120	120	*	*	*	*	*
HAWTHORNE • PIONEER TERRITORY													
El Capitan Resort & Casino, 540 F St., Box 1000, Hawthorne 89415, 775-945-3321, 800-922-2311, fx775-324-6229, www.elcapitanresortcasinoc.com	\$49-55	100	8,000	4	200-250	150-200	200	250	*	*	*	*	*
HENDERSON • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Courtyard By Marriott - Las Vegas Green Valley, 2800 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson 89014 702-650-4936, 800-321-2211, fx702-796-8376, www.marriott.com	\$59-89	155	1,400	3	30-50	18-24	24-50	30-50	*	*	*	*	*
Fiesta Henderson, 777 W. Lake Mead, Henderson 89015, 702-558-7000, 888-319-4661, fx702-567-7409, www.fiestacasinoc.com	\$49-129	224	4,574	3	10-330	10-250	10-330	10-200	*	*	*	*	*
Green Valley Ranch Station, 2300 Paseo Verde Dr., Henderson 89052 702-617-7717, 866-782-9487, fx702-617-7719, www.greenvalleyranchresort.com	\$189-2,000	201	20,000	13	10-1,800	10-500	10-700	10-1,200	*	*	*	*	*
Hampton Inn & Suites, 421 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014, 702-990-2323, 800-859-7606, fx702-992-9293, www.hendersonhampton.com	\$75-109	99	1,200	1	99	60	60	65	*	*	*	*	*
Hawthorn Inn and Suites, 910 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson, 89015, 702-446-1133, 800-327-1133, fx702-568-8430, www.hawthorn.com	\$79-129	71	2,020	3	47	36	40	40	*	*	*	*	*
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 411 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014 702-990-2323, 800-HOLIDAY, fx702-990-2324, www.holidayinn.com	\$75-119	101	300	1	30	20			*	*	*	*	*
Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas, 101 Montelago Blvd., Henderson 89011, 702-567-1234, 800-55-HYATT, fx702-567-6067, lakelasegas.hyatt.com	\$115-345	496	40,000	15	100-2,100	50-1,300	50-1,550	90-2,500	*	*	*	*	*
Residence Inn By Marriott, 2190 Olympic Ave., Henderson 89104, 702-650-4934, 800-331-3131, fx702-796-8376, www.marriott.com	\$104-144	126	1,250	2	30-50	18-24	36	60	*	*	*	*	*
Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas, 1610 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy., Henderson 89011, 702-567-4700, 800-241-3333, fx702-567-4777, www.ritzcarlton.com		349	32,000	12	56-1,000	24-540	30-840	56-1,000	*	*	*	*	*
Sunset Station, 1301 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson 89014, 702-547-7777, 866-725-7253, fx702-547-7879, www.sunsetstation.com	\$49-149	460	13,000	10	25-300	12-150	16-200	15-250	*	*	*	*	*
JACKPOT • COWBOY COUNTRY													
Barton's Club 93, U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 523, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2341, 800-258-2937, fx775-755-2397	\$25-65	100	1,700		120	10-120	10-100	10-120	*	*	*	*	*
Cactus Pines Resort/Casino, 1385 U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 508, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2321, 800-801-8258, fx775-755-2737, www.ameristar.com	\$49-99	300	4,000	6	10-350	10-150	220	350	*	*	*	*	*
LAKE TAHOE • NORTH • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
Cal Neva Resort, Spa & Casino, 2 Stateline Rd., Crystal Bay 89402, 775-832-4000, 800-CAL-NEVA, fx775-832-0505, www.calnevaresort.com	\$79-269	200	14,000	8	300	200	300	300	*	*	*	*	*
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino, 111 Country Club Dr., Incline Village 89451 775-832-1234, 800-233-1234, fx775-831-7508, www.laketahoe.hyatt.com	\$180-1,385	424	50,000	20	61-900	36-500	40-600	58-900	*	*	*	*	*
Tahoe Biltmore Lodge & Casino, #5 State Rt. 28, Box 115, Crystal Bay 89402, 775-831-0660, 800-245-8667, fx775-833-6731, www.tahoebiltmore.com	\$39-139	92	7,500	5	600	300	350	500	*	*	*	*	*

Hotel Conference Facilities

	ROOM RATES	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (sq. ft.)	BREAKOUT ROOMS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCKTAIL PARTY	CATERING	PRE- & POST-EVENTS	REGISTRATION ASSIST.	WEDDINGS	SITE INSPECTIONS
LAKE TAHOE • SOUTH • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
Caesars Tahoe , 55 U.S. Hwy. 50, Box 5800, Stateline 89449, 775-586-2044, 800-367-4554, 6775-586-2102, www.caesars.com	\$89-185	440	16,000	9	1,500	650	950	1,200	*	*	*	*	*
Harrah's/Harveys Lake Tahoe Hotel Casinos , 15 U.S. Hwy. 50, Stateline 89449, 775-588-2411, 800-235-6358, 6775-588-4732, www.harrah.com	\$119-209	1,265	40,000	30	1,100	600	1,000	2,000	*	*	*	*	*
Horizon Casino Resort , 50 Hwy 50, Box C, Lake Tahoe 89449, 775-588-6211, 866-478-8463, 6775-588-7761, www.horizoncasino.com	\$99-169	539	13,100	9	60-525	40-250	75-575	130-800	*	*	*	*	*
The Ridge Tahoe , 400 Ridge Club Dr., Box 5790, Stateline 89449, 775-588-3553, 800-334-1600, 6775-588-5242, www.ridge-tahoe.com	\$115-455	302	4,733	7	10-120	10-80	10-175	10-175	*	*	*	*	*
LAS VEGAS/NORTH LAS VEGAS • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Aladdin Resort & Casino , 3667 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-785-1051, 877-333-9474, 6702-785-5049, www.aladdincasino.com	\$69-299	2,567	75,000	18	4,400	2,200	2,200	4,000	*	*	*	*	*
Alexis Park Resort , 375 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-796-3385, 800-453-8000, 6702-796-0766, www.alexispark.com	\$89-449	495	50,000	21	80-1,600	40-1,000	50-1,100	100-1,800	*	*	*	*	*
Ambassador Strip Inn Travelodge , 5075 Koval Ln., Las Vegas 89119, 702-736-3600, 888-844-3131, 6702-736-0726, www.travelodge.com	\$49-159	106	750	2	30	20	20	30	*	*	*	*	*
Amerihost Inn , 4035 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-644-5700, 800-HAMPTON, 6702-644-5701, www.hamptoninn.com	\$69-219	87	850		70	40	50	50	*	*	*	*	*
Amerisuites Hotel , 4520 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-3366, 6702-369-1689, www.amerisuites.com	\$69-189	202	3,408	7	20-100	8-60	16-50	16-50	*	*	*	*	*
Arizona Charlie's East , 4575 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121, 702-951-5800, 877-951-4002, 6702-951-9200, www.azcharlies.com	\$39-99	303	1,400	3	30-80	15-50	20-60	35-80	*	*	*	*	*
Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino , 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas 89107, 702-258-5124, 800-342-2095, 6702-258-5210, www.azcharlies.com	\$39-99	258	45,000		300	175	200	300	*	*	*	*	*
Bally's Las Vegas , 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 800-634-3434, 6702-946-4925, www.ballyslv.com	\$59-750	2,814	139,000	24	4,000	1,998	2,660	4,000	*	*	*	*	*
Bellagio-The Resort , 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-7171, 888-987-6667, 6702-693-8585, www.bellagio.com	\$159-6,000	3,005	125,000	7-14	50-5,500	40-3,000	40-3,000	70-3,790	*	*	*	*	*
Best Western - Mardi Gras , 3500 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-2020, 800-634-6501, 6702-731-4005, www.mardigrasinn.com	\$59-199	314	4,000	3	300	250	220	250	*	*	*	*	*
Boardwalk Hotel & Casino , 3750 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-735-2400, 800-635-4581, 6702-730-3115, www.boardwalklv.com	\$49-249	654	7,000	12	10-460	10-275	25-325	25-400	*	*	*	*	*
Boulder Station Hotel & Casino , 4111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89131, 702-432-7509, 800-683-7777, 6702-432-7774, www.stationcasinos.com	\$59-199	300	13,000	6	200-657	100-400	125-330	125-500	*	*	*	*	*
Budget Suites of America , 3684 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-609-7000, 6702-792-2611, www.budgetsuites.com		359			25-30	25-30	20-25	20-25	*	*	*	*	*
Caesars Palace , 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-7110, 800-933-7110, 6702-731-7694, www.caesarspalace.com	\$89-500	2,400	160,000	52	5,000	4,000	4,000	6,000	*	*	*	*	*
California Hotel & Casino , 12 Ogden Ave., Box 630, Las Vegas 89125, 702-385-1222, 800-634-6505, 6702-388-2703, www.boydgaming.com	\$40-125	781	5,800	2	450	240	350		*	*	*	*	*
Cannery Casino Hotel , 2121 E. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas 89030, 702-507-5700, 866-999-4899, 6702-399-7251, www.cannerycasinos.com	\$49-99	201	7,084	3	20-500	20-200	28	28	*	*	*	*	*
Circus Circus Hotel & Casino , 2880 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Box 14967, Las Vegas 89114-4967 702-836-6514, 800-444-2172, 6702-836-6515, www.circuscircus.com	\$34-up	3,370	21,000	12	10-300	10-220	25-600	25-800	*	*	*	*	*
Clarion Hotel & Suites/Emerald Springs , 325 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-9100, 6702-731-9784, www.clarionlasvegas.com		150	6,000	4	100-150	60-90	80-125	80-150	*	*	*	*	*
Comfort Inn , 4350 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-938-2000, 6702-938-2001, www.choicehotels.com		199	560	2	45	35			*	*	*	*	*
Courtyard Las Vegas Convention Center , 3275 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-650-4932, 800-583-0079, 6702-796-8376, www.marriott.com	\$99-169	137	1,250	2	40	24	24	40	*	*	*	*	*
Courtyard Summerlin , 1901 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas 89108, 702-650-4936, 6702-796-8376, www.marriott.com		154	1,600	3	30-50	18-24	24-50	30-50	*	*	*	*	*
Crowne Plaza , 4255 S. Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-697-5654, 800-2CROWNE, 6702-369-4330, www.crowneplazalasvegas.com	\$125-185	201	8,000	8	500	250	300	525	*	*	*	*	*
Doubletree Club Hotel , 7250 Pollock Dr., Las Vegas 89119, 702-932-1061, 800-222-TREE, 6702-948-4100, www.lasvegasairportclub.doubletree.com	\$79-139	190	2,970	2	70	50	70	70	*	*	*	*	*
Embassy Suites , 4315 Swenson St., Las Vegas 89119, 702-795-2800, 800-EMBASSY, 6702-795-1520, www.embassy.com	\$79-199	220	5,828	8	30-200	15-100	15-125	15-200	*	*	*	*	*
Embassy Suites Convention Center , 3600 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-947-7170, 800-EMBASSY, 6702-893-0708, www.esvcc.com	\$90-230	286	11,200	8	10-280	10-160	10-220	10-250	*	*	*	*	*
Emerald Suites on the Strip , 9145 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-948-9999, 866-847-2002, 6702-507-0130, www.emeraldsuites.com	\$59-109	391	1,100	2	50	30	30	50	*	*	*	*	*
Emerald Suites Nellis , 4555 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115, 702-946-9999, 866-847-2002, 6702-946-9998, www.emeraldsuites.com	\$48-89	166	1,100		60	30	40	60	*	*	*	*	*
Excalibur Hotel/Casino , 3850 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89193-6778, 702-597-7777, 800-444-3430, 6702-597-7100, www.excalibur.com	\$59-299	4,019	12,226	8	58-853	35-708	35-660	58-853	*	*	*	*	*
Fiesta Rancho Casino/Hotel , 2400 N. Rancho Dr., North Las Vegas 89130, 702-638-3738, 800-731-7333, 6702-638-3749, www.fiestacasinoc.com	\$39-149	100	12,100		700	250	300	400	*	*	*	*	*
Fitzgeralds Casino/Holiday Inn - Las Vegas , 301 Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101 702-388-2400, 800-274-5825, 6702-388-2230, www.fitzgeralds.com/lasvegas	\$29-179	638	8,000	4	40-150	20-150	30-300	30-600	*	*	*	*	*
Flamingo Las Vegas , 3555 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 800-732-2111, 6702-946-4925, www.flamingo.com	\$85-190	3,565	75,000	27	60-2,400	25-1,150	40-1,620	60-2,400	*	*	*	*	*
Four Queens Hotel & Casino , 202 Fremont St., Box 370, Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-4011, 800-634-6045, 6702-387-5185, www.fourqueens.com	\$39-149	690	8,406	3	50-500	50-350	50-350	50-450	*	*	*	*	*
Four Seasons Hotel , 3960 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119, 702-632-5000, 877-632-5200, 6702-632-5222, www.fourseasons.com	\$225-550	424	28,300	14	10-750	10-600	10-720	10-900	*	*	*	*	*
Fremont Hotel & Casino , 200 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125-0940, 702-385-3232, 800-634-6505, 6702-385-6279, www.boydgaming.com	\$40-up	447	7,300	3	600	350	360		*	*	*	*	*
Gold Coast Hotel & Casino , 4000 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89103, 702-251-3560, 800-331-5334, 6702-367-8419, www.goldcoastcasino.com	\$30-up	711	29,200	12	25-750	25-340	25-750	25-750	*	*	*	*	*
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino , 129 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125, 702-385-7111, 888-404-6441, 6702-386-8327, www.goldennugget.com	\$59-259	1,907	20,573	8-10	35-550	20-340	30-400	40-500	*	*	*	*	*
Hampton Inn Las Vegas , 7100 Cascade Valley Ct., Las Vegas 89128, 702-360-5700, 800-HAMPTON, 6702-360-5757, www.hamptoninn.com	\$59-89	127	575	1	40	30			*	*	*	*	*
Hampton Inn Tropicana , 4975 S. Industrial Rd., Las Vegas 89118, 702-948-8100, 877-584-6835, 6702-948-8188, www.hamptonintropicana.com	\$79-129	319	8,500	46	10-400	10-250	10-250	10-300	*	*	*	*	*
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino , 4455 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-6632, 800-HRD-ROCK, 6702-693-5021, www.hardrockhotel.com	\$69-299	647	35,000	6	1,000	600	460	1,800	*	*	*	*	*
Harrah's Las Vegas Casino Hotel , 3475 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5000, 888-537-8379, 6702-777-7791, www.harrah.com	\$60-350	2,600	25,000	19	10-1,333	10-828	10-1,000	10-1,263	*	*	*	*	*
Hawthorn Suites , 5051 Duke Ellington Wy., Las Vegas 89118, 702-739-7000, 800-811-2450, 6702-739-9350, www.hawthornsuiteslasvegas.com	\$59-179	207	2,600	2	120	72	80	80	*	*	*	*	*
Holiday Inn Express , 8669 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89117, 702-256-3766, 800-465-4329, 6702-256-3763, www.holiday-inn.com	\$59-229	59	650		50	25			*	*	*	*	*
Hotel San Remo Casino & Resort , 115 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-9000, 800-522-7366, 6702-739-7783, www.sanremolasvegas.com	\$42-210	711	10,000	10	450	200	400	500	*	*	*	*	*
Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino , 3535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-3311, 800-351-7400, 6702-794-3368, www.imperialpalace.com	\$49-329	2,700	35,000	17	970	700	700	1,000	*	*	*	*	*
JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa & Golf , 221 N. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas 89145 702-869-7031, 877-869-8777, 6702-869-7058, www.jwmarriott.com	\$149-300	541	65,734	35	10-1,325	10-925	10-1,040	10-1,400	*	*	*	*	*
Key Largo Casino at the Quality Inn , 377 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-733-7777, 800-634-6617, 6702-734-5071, www.keylarcasino.com	\$30-100	314	1,500	2	100	80	80	80	*	*	*	*	*
La Quinta Inn , 4288 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-446-1133, 6702-643-2598, www.lq.com		59	975	1	40	30	30	40	*	*	*	*	*
Las Vegas Club Hotel & Casino , 18 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-1664, 800-634-6532, 6702-387-6071, www.vegasclubcasino.net	\$28-108	410	3,600	3	100-400	50-200	75-300	48-300	*	*	*	*	*
Las Vegas Hilton , 3000 Paradise Rd., Box 93147, Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-5631, 800-367-7917, 6702-732-5834, www.hilton.com	\$99-339	3,174	200,000	39	10-8,904	10-8,045	10-6,120	10-8,075	*	*	*	*	*
Luxor Hotel Casino , 3900 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119-1000, 702-262-4800, 800-288-1000, 6702-262-4814, www.luxor.com	\$79-399	4,408	20,000	9	1,500	800	1,000	1,500	*	*	*	*	*
MGM Grand Hotel/Casino , 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-891-1112, 800-929-1111, 6702-891-1000, www.mgmgrand.com	\$69-399	5,034	501,000	87	5,000	3,900	4,000	5,000	*	*	*	*	*
Main Street Station Casino, Brewery & Hotel , 200 N. Main St., Las Vegas 89101 702-387-1896, 800-634-6505, 6702-388-2703, www.boydgaming.com	\$45-150	406	8,300	1	80-230	54-126	60-150	25-240	*	*	*	*	*
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino , 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119 702-632-7900, 877-632-7800, 6702-632-7919, www.mandalaybay.com	\$99-449	4,342	1.5 mil.	120	60-8,500	43-6,668	36-6,252	62-8,500	*	*	*	*	*
Marriott Suites , 325 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-650-4975, 800-228-9290, 6702-796-8376, www.marriott.com	\$89-269	278	3,500	5	150-230	90-126	65-230	25-240	*	*	*	*	*
The Mirage , 3400 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Box 7777, Las Vegas 89177-0777, 702-791-7171, 800-627-6667, 6702-792-7669, www.mirage.com	\$79-429	3,044	170,000	261	1,115-6,660	55-5,800	40-5,900	80-6,000	*	*	*	*	*
Monte Carlo Resort and Casino , 3770 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-730-7777, 800-311-5999, 6702-730-7275, www.montecarlo.com	\$79-349	3,002	25,000	12	10-1,250	10-800	10-850	10-1,200	*	*	*	*	*

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Hotel Conference Facilities

	ROOM RATES	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (sq. ft.)	BREAKOUT ROOMS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCKTAIL PARTY	CATERING	PRE- & POST-EVENTS	REGISTRATION ASSIST.	WEDDINGS	SITE INSPECTIONS
LAS VEGAS/NORTH LAS VEGAS • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY (CONTINUED)													
Nevada Palace Hotel & Casino , 5255 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122, 702-458-8810, 800-634-6283, fx702-458-3361, www.nvpalace.com	\$35-100	210	5,000	1	280	280	280	280	*	*	*	*	*
The New Frontier , 3120 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-8200, 800-634-6966, fx702-794-8401, www.frontierhotelcasino.com	\$39-600	986	8,000	8	30-200	30-150	20-50	24-700	*	*	*	*	*
New York-New York Hotel Casino , 3970 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109 702-740-6800, 800-NYFORME, fx702-740-6810, www.nynyhotelcasino.com		2,023	15,000	5	550	300	320	500	*	*	*	*	*
The Orleans Hotel/Casino , 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89103, 702-365-7050, 888-365-7111, fx702-365-7335, www.orleanscasino.com	\$39-139	1,426	40,000	13	70-1,700	40-800	40-1,008	100-3,200	*	*	*	*	*
Palace Station Hotel/Casino , 2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89102, 702-367-2444, 800-634-3101, fx702-367-6138, www.palacestation.com	\$49-199	1,018	19,588	11	81-1,344	48-684	50-960	137-2,000	*	*	*	*	*
The Palms Casino Resort , 4321 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, 89103, 702-942-7056, 866-725-6773, fx702-942-7024, www.palms.com	\$79-409	425	13,000	4	120-450	65-240	60-300	200-500	*	*	*	*	*
Paris Las Vegas , 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 888-266-5687, fx702-946-4925, www.parislasvegas.com	\$79-5,000	2,916	130,000	12	8,520	2,460	5,680	8,520	*	*	*	*	*
Park Plaza Las Vegas Lady Luck Casino Hotel , 206 N. Third Street, Las Vegas 89101 702-477-3000, 800-634-6580, fx702-384-2832, www.ladylucklv.com		756	8,000	6	200	150	200	300	*	*	*	*	*
Plaza Hotel & Casino , 1 Main St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-386-3219, 800-634-6575, fx702-386-2378, www.plazahotelcasino.com	\$35-75	1,037	23,000	5	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	*	*	*	*	*
Residence Inn Las Vegas Convention Center , 3225 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-650-4931, fx702-796-8376, www.marriott.com		192	580	1	40	24	24	40	*	*	*	*	*
Residence Inn Las Vegas Hughes Center , 370 Hughes Center Drive, Las Vegas 89109, 702-650-4933, fx702-796-8376, www.marriott.com		256	1,800	4	40-56	21-35	24-40	40-56	*	*	*	*	*
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino , 3700 W. Flamingo Rd., Box 14160, Las Vegas 89114 702-777-7777, 800-777-1400, fx702-777-7791, www.riomeetings.com	\$59-409	2,548	98,000	26	104,110	103,792	104,560	105,790	*	*	*	*	*
Riviera Hotel & Casino , 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-9561, 800-634-3414, fx702-794-9410, www.riviera.com	\$69-239	2,100	160,000	53	5,100	3,000	2,900	4,100	*	*	*	*	*
Royal Resort Hotel/Casino , 99 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-735-6117, 800-634-6118, fx702-735-2546, www.royalhotelvegas.com	\$45-65	150	12,000	12	100-150	100-150	150	100-150	*	*	*	*	*
Sahara Hotel and Casino , 2535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89103, 702-737-2111, 800-634-6078, fx702-735-5921, www.saharavegas.com	\$39-up	1,720	24,000	6	830	500	460	600	*	*	*	*	*
St. Tropez Suite Hotel , 455 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5400, 800-666-5400, fx702-369-8901, www.showhotel.com/tarsadia/stropez	\$49-409	149	2,554	6	200	120	150	300	*	*	*	*	*
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall , 5111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122, 702-454-8122, 800-634-6371, fx702-454-8049, www.samtownlv.com	\$45-290	646	30,000	10	104-200	10-600	25-800	104-1,000	*	*	*	*	*
Santa Fe Station Hotel & Casino , 4949 N. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas 89130, 702-515-4348, 866-767-7771, fx702-515-4304, www.stationcasinos.com	\$40-80	200	6,000	2	300	200	25-300	25-300	*	*	*	*	*
Somerset House , 294 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-735-4111, 888-336-1280, fx702-369-2388, www.somerset-house.com	\$35-55	104	888		100				*	*	*	*	*
Stardust Resort & Casino , 3000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-6111, 800-833-2300, fx702-732-6292, www.stardustlv.com	\$54-1,000	1,500	65,000	15	1,700		3,500	5,000	*	*	*	*	*
Stratosphere Hotel & Casino , 2000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89104 702-380-7777, 800-789-9436, fx702-383-4755, www.stratospherehotel.com	\$49-249	2,444	10,000	9	175	100	100	500	*	*	*	*	*
Suncoast Hotel & Casino , 9090 Alta Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89145, 702-636-7050, 866-816-7111, fx702-636-7288, www.suncoastcasino.com	\$59-129	430	25,000	10	1,080	720	840	1,000	*	*	*	*	*
Texas Station Gambling Hall & Casino , 2101 Texas Star Ln., North Las Vegas 89032 702-631-8358, 800-654-8888, fx702-631-8385, www.texasstation.com	\$39-189	202	40,000	6	1,300	800	1,100	1,400	*	*	*	*	*
Treasure Island "TI" , 3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-894-7111, 800-944-7711, fx702-894-7788, www.treasureisland.com	\$70-1,000	2,885	18,000	6	104,000	15-650	15-600	104,000	*	*	*	*	*
Tropicana Resort & Casino , 3801 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-2222, 888-810-8767, fx702-739-2448, www.tropicana.lvsales.com	\$59-500	1,877	100,000	14	90-2,300	48-2,265	48-1,750		*	*	*	*	*
Tuscany Suites and Hotel-Casino , 255 East Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109 702-893-8933, 877-TUSCANY, fx702-732-2564, www.tuscanylasvegas.com		716	28,000	7	3,600	2,400	2,000	4,000	*	*	*	*	*
The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino , 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-414-1000, 888-2VENICE, fx702-414-4806, www.venetian.com	\$149-699	4,049	1.9 mil.	124	7,500	2,800	4,400	8,500	*	*	*	*	*
Westin Casuarina , 160 E. Flamingo, Las Vegas 89109, 702-836-9775, 866-837-4215, fx702-836-9776, www.westin.com/lasvegas	\$139-189	825	15,000	9	10-300	10-200	10-250	10-350	*	*	*	*	*
Wild Wild West Gambling Hall & Hotel , 3330 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89103 702-739-5010, 800-634-3488, fx702-736-2111, www.stationcasinos.com	\$29-125	260		1	50	40	40	50	*	*	*	*	*
LAUGHLIN • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Avi Resort/Casino , 10000 Alha Marav Pkwy., Box 77011 Laughlin 89028, 702-535-5528, 800-671-1167, fx702-535-5516, www.avicasino.com	\$19-129	300		3	25-700	15-300	72-400	72-400	*	*	*	*	*
Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino , 2100 S. Casino Dr., Box 77000, Laughlin 89028 702-298-4000, 800-228-7144, fx702-299-4168, www.coloradobelle.com	\$29-105	1,174	17,190	2	800	400	700	700	*	*	*	*	*
Edgewater Hotel & Casino , 2020 S. Casino Dr., Box 30707, Laughlin 89028 702-298-2453, 800-283-1117, fx702-298-2578, www.edgewater-casino.com	\$25-85	1,420	24,203	4	104,000	10-650	25-800	25-800	*	*	*	*	*
Flamingo Laughlin , 1900 S. Casino Dr., Box 30630, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-5111, 800-292-3711, fx702-298-5129, www.flamingolaughlin.com	\$29-350	1,906	30,000	9	124-1,900	124-1,300	60-1,300	124-1,100	*	*	*	*	*
Harrah's Laughlin Casino Hotel , 2900 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-6822, 800-221-1306, fx702-298-6855, www.harrahsls.com		1,579	10,000	4	600	500	500	600	*	*	*	*	*
Ramada Express Hotel & Casino , 2121 S. Casino Dr., Box 77771, Laughlin 89029 702-298-4200, 800-782-9946, fx702-298-6325, www.ramadalexpress.com	\$22-119	1,500	10,250	2	120-180	75-240	80-370	100-500	*	*	*	*	*
River Palms Resort Casino , 2700 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-2242, 800-835-7904, fx702-298-2137, www.rvpalm.com	\$24-65	1,003	21,526	5	175-235	110-400	130-500	600	*	*	*	*	*
Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino , 1650 Casino Dr., PMB 500, Laughlin 89029 702-298-2535, 800-227-3849, fx702-298-2612, www.riversideresort.com	\$22-up	1,404	14,000	6	10-600	450	20-550	50-600	*	*	*	*	*
LOVELOCK • COWBOY COUNTRY													
Sturgeon's Ramada Inn Casino , 1420 Cornell Ave., Box 56, Lovelock 89419, 775-273-2971, 888-234-6835, fx775-273-2278, www.ramada.com	\$40-55	74	3,500	3	50-300	40-300	50-300	50-300	*	*	*	*	*
MESQUITE • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
CasaBlanca Resort, Hotel, Casino, Golf & Spa , 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite 89027 702-346-6800, 800-459-PLAY, fx702-346-8268, www.casablancaresort.com	\$39-99	500	13,800	12	25-700	20-400	20-550	25-700	*	*	*	*	*
Eureka Casino Hotel , 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-4600, 800-346-4611, fx702-346-4680, www.eurkamesquite.com	\$34-79	212	4,000		40-300	24-150	25-230	40-350	*	*	*	*	*
Oasis Resort Casino Spa , 897 W. Mesquite Blvd., Box 360, Mesquite 89024, 702-346-5232, 800-621-0187, fx702-346-4057, www.oasisresort.com	\$28-199	1,000	8,222	4	140-960	60-500	60-650	60-600	*	*	*	*	*
MINDEN • RENO-TAHOE TERRITORY													
Carson Valley Inn Hotel/Casino/RV Resort , 1627 U.S. Hwy. 395 N., Minden 89423 775-783-6679, 866-284-7766, fx775-782-0318, www.cvinm.com	\$55-189	229	5,106	6	300	200	20-260	20-300	*	*	*	*	*
MOUNT CHARLESTON • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Mount Charleston Hotel , 2 Kyle Canyon Rd., Mount Charleston 89124, 702-872-5500, fx702-872-5685, www.mtcharlestonhotel.com	\$49-155	63	2,400	2	200	65	150	250	*	*	*	*	*
OVERTON • LAS VEGAS TERRITORY													
Best Western North Shore Inn , 520 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton 89040, 702-397-6000, fx702-397-6008, www.bestwesternmsi.com		43	840	2	10-40	10-40	10-40	10-45	*	*	*	*	*
PAHRUMP • PIONEER TERRITORY													
Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Gambling Hall , 681 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048 775-751-6500, 866-751-6500, fx775-751-6535, www.pahrumpnugget.com	\$49-69	70			New events center to open Summer 2004.				*	*	*	*	*
Saddle West Hotel, Casino & RV Resort , 1220 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048, 775-727-1111, 800-433-3987, fx775-727-5315, www.saddlewest.com	\$44-150	157	4,292	3	10-225	10-225	2-225	10-225	*	*	*	*	*
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Overland Hotel , 85 Main St., P.O. Box 210, Pioche 89043, 775-962-5895, fx775-962-5177	\$41-up	13	1,500	1	75	50		200	*	*	*	*	*

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Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall, 1 Main St., Jean, NV 89019, 702-671-1622, 800-634-1359, fx702-671-1623, www.stopatjean.com		811	3,168	1		186	75	184	186	*	*	*	*	
Nevada Landing Hotel & Casino, 2 Goodsprings Rd., Box 19278, Jean 89019 702-387-5000, 800-628-6682, fx702-671-1464, www.stopatjean.com	\$20-up	303	4,186	1		279	279	240	279	*	*	*	*	
Primm Valley Resort & Casino, 31900 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm 89019 702-386-7867, 800-926-4455, fx702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	\$35-95	624	21,000	13		1,700	1,030	1,100	1,900	*	*	*	*	
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A Wildflower Village, 4275-4395 W. Fourth St., Reno 89503, 775-827-5250, fx775-747-0213, www.wildflowervillage.com	\$45-125	75	1,200	1			25		25	*	*	*	*	
Atlantis Casino Resort, 3800 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-825-4700, 800-994-5900, fx775-825-1170, www.atlanticasino.com	\$49-375	1,000	24,000	13		1,200	625	900	1,500	*	*	*	*	
Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Wy., Reno 89502-3255 775-327-3400, 800-648-3525, fx775-348-7596, www.bestwesternnevada.com	\$49-329	270	5,000	4		320	200	256	300	*	*	*	*	
Boomtown Hotel/Casino, 1-80 at Boomtown/Garson Rd., Box 399, Verdi 89439-0399 775-345-6000, 877-526-6686, fx775-345-8525, www.boomtownreno.com	\$40-300	318	10,500	7		10-480	10-360	10-400	10-480	*	*	*	*	
Circus Circus Hotel Casino, 500 N. Sierra St., Reno 89523, 775-329-0711, 800-894-3588, fx775-328-9258, www.circusreno.com	\$34-129	1,572	23,000	14		10-1,400	10-600	10-800	1,050	*	*	*	*	
Club Cal-Neva - Virginian Hotel/Casino, 140 N. Virginia St., Box 2071, Reno 89505 775-335-6643, 877-777-7303, fx775-785-3295, www.clubcalneva.com	\$19-129	306	13,500	6		10-500	10-350	10-400	10-500	*	*	*	*	
Courtyard by Marriott, 6855 S. Virginia St., Reno 89511, 775-851-8300, 800-321-2211, fx775-851-8311, www.courtyard.com		117		2		75-100	60	40		*	*	*	*	
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Eldorado Hotel/Casino, 345 N. Virginia St., Box 3399, Reno 89501 775-786-5700, 888-808-7720, fx775-785-9042, www.eldoradoreno.com	\$29-750	817	10,000	8		1,200	700	860	1,400	*	*	*	*	
Golden Phoenix Hotel & Casino, 255 North Sierra Street, Reno 89501 775-785-7001, 800-648-1828, fx775-785-7057, www.goldenphoenixreno.com	\$35-up	604	14,000	8		5-650	5-450	25-480	1,000	*	*	*	*	
Harrah's Reno Casino/Hotel, 219 N. Center St., Box 10, Reno 89504 775-786-3232, 800-HARRAHS, fx775-788-3703, www.harrahs.com	\$39-169	952	14,000	10		1,200	400	800	1,300	*	*	*	*	
Holiday Inn-Downtown/Diamond's Casino, 1000 E. Sixth St., Reno 89512, 775-786-5151, 800-648-4877, fx775-322-4350, www.hjqh.com	\$59-89	284	9,000	7		10-650	320	80-450	650	*	*	*	*	
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Leisure Resorts, 140 Court St., Reno 89501, 775-329-4251, 800-634-6981, fx775-348-0938, www.leisureresorts.com	\$55-75	93	750	1		50	20-24	25	25-30	*	*	*	*	
Meadowood Courtyard - Featuring Super 8, 5851 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502 775-829-4600, 800-797-RENO, fx775-826-3835, www.meadowoodcourtyard.com	\$45-119	155	3,100	3		250	10-90	10-120	10-150	*	*	*	*	
Peppermill Hotel Casino, 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-826-2121, 800-648-6992, fx775-689-7013, www.peppermillreno.com	\$49-399	1,100	40,000	17		1,250	850	900	980	*	*	*	*	
Quality Inn Hotel, 55 E. Nugget Ave., Sparks 89431, 775-358-6900, fx775-359-6065		220	4,650			10-250	10-150	10-300	10-300	*	*	*	*	
Reno Hilton, 2500 E. Second St., Reno 89505, 775-789-2000, 866-473-6672, fx775-789-2131, www.hiltonconventions.com	\$59-200	2,000	200,000	45		30-4,000	20-17,000	20-2,140	30-4,000	*	*	*	*	
Residence Inn by Marriott, 9845 Gateway Dr., Reno 89521, 775-853-8800, 800-331-3131, fx775-853-8805, www.residenceinn.com	\$89-159	120	750	1		50	30	27	27	*	*	*	*	
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Silver Club Hotel/Casino, 1040 Victorian Ave., Sparks 89432, 775-358-4771, 800-905-7774, fx775-358-5643, www.silverclub.com	\$35-85	204	1,560	2		140	50	100	200	*	*	*	*	
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Speakeasy Hotel, 200 E. Second St., Reno 89501, 775-329-7400, 888-RENO777, fx775-329-4005, www.speakeasyhotel.com	\$39-149	237	9,500	5		250-300	200-300	200-250	600	*	*	*	*	
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University Inn, 1001 N. Virginia St., Reno 89503, 775-323-0321, 877-864-8466, fx775-323-2929, www.unr.edu/uinn		170	7,500	9		422	195	250	350	*	*	*	*	
Washoe Inn, 75 Pringle Wy., Reno 89502, 775-982-5080, fx775-982-5520, www.washoehealth.com	\$65-185	24		4		120	70	35-80	150	*	*	*	*	
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Peppermill Hotel Casino, 680 Wendover Blvd., Box 3700, Wendover 89883 775-664-0529, 800-648-9660, fx775-664-0563, www.peppermillwendover.com	\$25-90	310	1,600	2		150	70		100	*	*	*	*	
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