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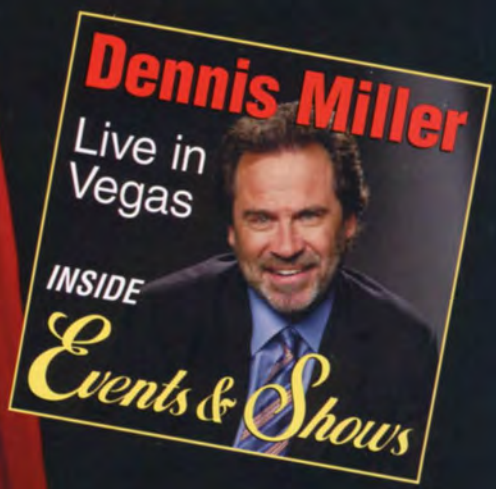


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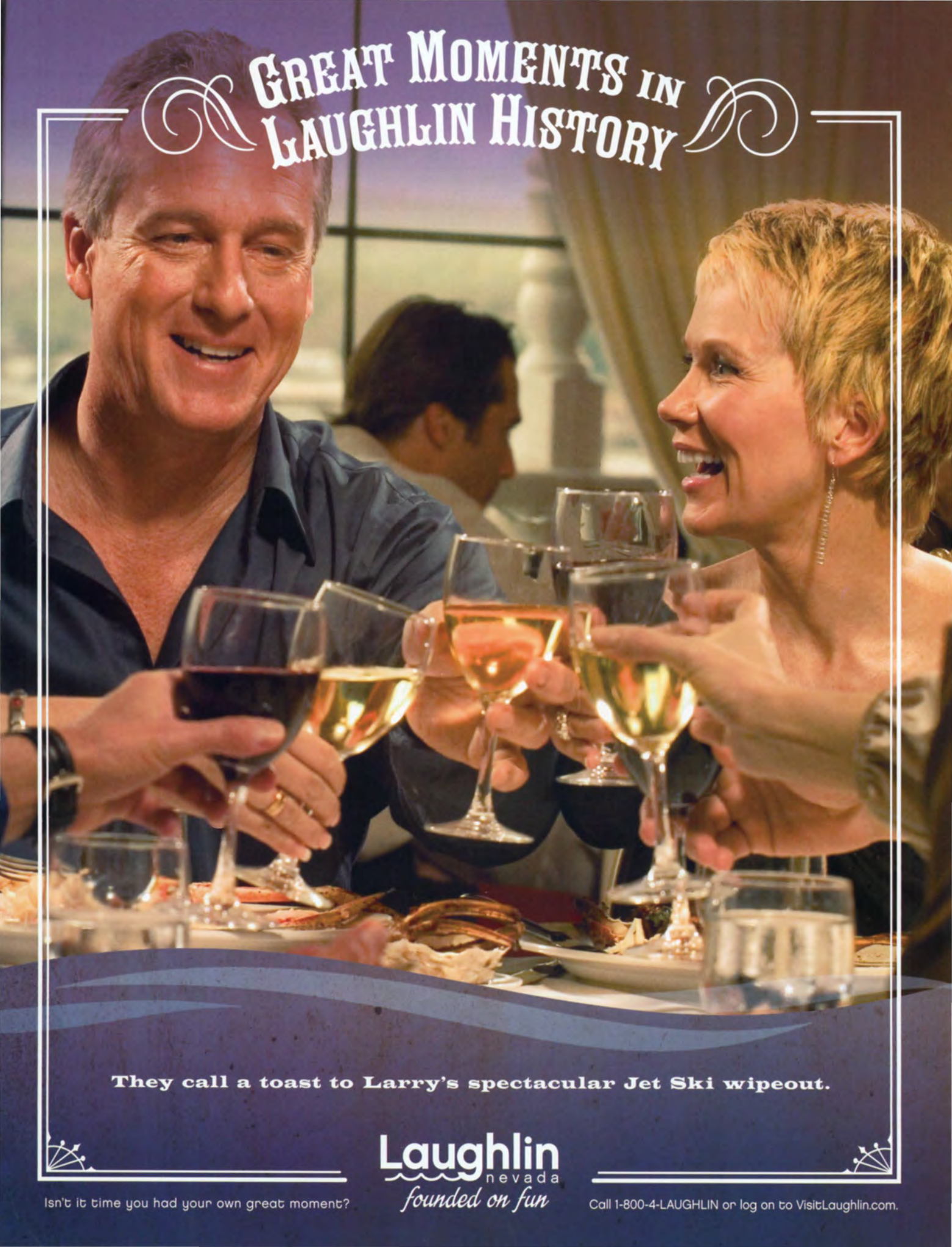
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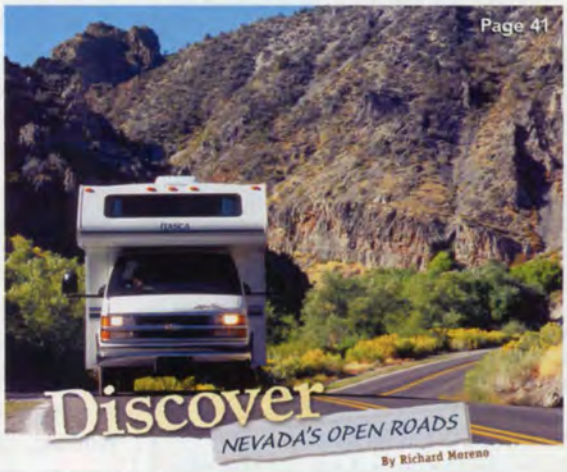
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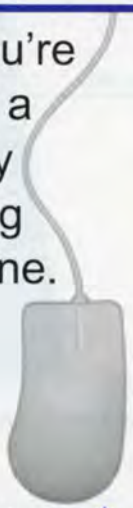
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Staff Note/Nevada's Best

You'll find many winners in this issue of *Nevada Magazine.* Publisher Richard Moreno announces a lineup of top stars and attractions in the **"Best of Nevada: South."** Entertainers like Celine Dion, Wayne Newton, and Carrot Top were voted as favorites by our readers. The best shows, restaurants, casinos, and outdoor places in Southern Nevada are honored.



Another group of winners are showcased in **"Image Makers,"** the results of the annual Great Nevada Picture Hunt photo contest—which is getting harder to judge every year. Michael Wilding, our first-place winner, went to great lengths to expose the beauty of an icy alfalfa field in winter. He lay flat on the frozen ground until the light was just right—for a striking effect.

Marilyn Newton, photographer and author of *Alkali Angels* (several of her photos are featured in this issue), and Gordon Allen of Gordon's Photo Service in Reno and Carson City were my fellow judges.

My advice for photographers who would like to enter next year's contest is: Express your own Nevada vision. Be original, and have some fun with it! People love to see a photograph filled with life and humor.

Denise Barr
Art Director

Contributors



When **Marilyn Newton** was selling magazines to buy her first camera, Governor Charles Russell bought the subscription that put her over the top. The Carson City native, whose book, *Alkali Angels* is featured in "Gallery," was hired as a *Nevada Appeal* papergirl at age 10 in 1955. When she was 18, Newton landed a job at the *Reno Evening Gazette.* Within a week she wrote a front-page story. "You name it, I've covered it," the now *Reno Gazette-Journal* photographer says. "I've covered presidents, and I've covered rock stars, but some of the most interesting people are the ones who aren't famous."



One of the state's best-known historians, **Phillip I. Earl** discovered the story of escaped Nevada State Prison convict Jack Meredith while researching another topic. "Meredith interested me," says Earl, who in "Confidence Man" describes the scams Meredith used while on the run in various states. "He was intelligent and erudite, and like a lot of criminals he used initiative." Earl retired as curator of history at the Nevada Historical Society in 1999. Recently the Reno resident traced the adventures of early-day cross-country motorists, who, coincidentally, were almost as eager for travel as Jack Meredith.



Recently, writer-photographer **John Dalton** has been training for his two-to-three month trek from Idaho to the Arizona border above Lake Mead. He plans to walk the entire way, pulling a rickshaw with supplies. The 64-year-old retired aerospace executive from San Jose often takes solitary hikes in the mountains of Northeastern Nevada. "I welcome company, but I do enjoy the solitude when there isn't anyone who can come with me," Dalton says. However, after an incident in the Jarbidge Wilderness a year ago—see "Stuck on the Jarbidge Road"—he now packs a satellite phone.



Before the Race to the Angel starts on September 10 in Wells, **Elaine Swanson** will drive six miles up the 13.1-mile course to take photos of the runners, walkers, and cyclists as they huff and puff around a curve (see "Racing to the Angel"). "I watch for Brian Starkey, a teacher from Carlin, who is usually the first one up the hill," the *Elko Daily Free Press* correspondent says. Swanson, a retired sixth-grade teacher, has less luck finding subjects at Angel Lake. "Usually the folks at the finish line don't want their pictures taken," she says. "They're hot, sweaty, and exhausted. Heck, I don't blame them."

PHOTOS: Jean Dixon/*Reno-Gazette Journal* (top right), Talia Dalton (bottom right)

Letters

A **traveling** artist, Red Rock Canyon, and **Wendover Will.**

Why Not the Train?

Last issue I enjoyed Richard T. Stephen's story about the two Depression-era artists, Billie McGowan and Adolph Gottleib in "A Tale of Two Artists," but I have a question. The story states that Billie McGowan had come to Nevada in 1905 from Tennessee in a covered wagon. Why didn't she and her family travel on the transcontinental railroad?

The railway was completed in 1869, and 35 years of improvement and expansion should have made it the preferred method of travel, both for time and expense.

Robert Schnell
Colorado Springs, CO

Robert, thanks for the question. We talked to Pat Wirsching, Billie McGowan's daughter, who said she supposes the reason for that method of travel is her grandparents were not well off and decided a covered wagon was the best way to bring their children and all their household goods with them. Pat recalls her mother saying that her family was among the last emigrants to travel west in a covered wagon. After settling in Yerington in 1905, however, the family did visit San Francisco by train.



The neon-lit cowboy Wendover Will was retired in 2002.

Deli Delicious

My husband and I recently spent four days in Eureka, where I decorated the opera house for the wedding of Rebecca Conally of Eureka and Jay Dalton of Wells.

Between all the wedding events, we had time for breakfast and lunch at the Pony Espresso Deli in Eureka. The Strites pointed proudly to last issue's "Dulcimer Dining in Eureka" story and photograph, which they had placed on display in the deli. Just as Wilma LaRocca writes, the Mennonite family prepares a terrific breakfast and lunch.

Elaine Swanson
Wells

Red Rock Rocks

Jim Decker's photo of Red Rock Canyon on the March/April cover was an inspiration for us to visit the conservation area near Las Vegas. What a spectacular place! The Red Rock Canyon Interpretative Foundation is doing a great job of educating us about the natural beauty of the area as well as helping to conserve it. We applaud the efforts of the Bureau of Land Management to keep this beautiful, wild area protected, yet making it accessible for hikers, rock climbers, bicyclists, and nature enthusiasts.

Thank you for making us aware of Red Rock. On our next trip we're going to Valley of Fire.

Jane Brown and Mark Hainey
Granger, IA

The Cowboy Is Back

I took a trip to West Wendover in April, looking for a large neon sign of a cowboy, whose nickname, I believe, is Wendover Vic. There was no neon sign, and I was very disappointed. Do you know if the sign is being renovated, or has it been removed?

Gerald W. Streib
Marion IL

Gerald, funny you should ask. We have a story in this issue about the restoration and relocation of Wendover Will (Vegas Vic is the name of the neon cowboy at the Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas). See Richard Menzies' report on "The Return of Wendover Will."—Ed.

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PHOTO: Richard Menzies

Graveyard Tales

Washoe City: "One day I had a few minutes, so I stopped at the Washoe City graveyard to take a look. I kneeled down—and there was the rainbow."

Longtime *Reno Gazette-Journal* photographer **Marilyn Newton** spent seven years documenting Nevada graveyards for her book, *Alkali Angels*. Trekking to more than 400 cemeteries, she drove more than 5,000 miles—and learned the hard way to carry two spare tires.

Newton's journey began in a Tonopah graveyard in 1997 The setting sun cast a glow on the crosses marking the burial sites of 17 miners who died in the 1911 Belmont Mine fire. The next day she wandered around the Belmont cemetery.

"I was touched by the children's graves," she says. "I thought, 'This might make an interesting book.'" Intrigued, Newton spent as much time delving into historical documents as she did taking the photos.

Newton says she regrets not having the time to read every tombstone she visited. "I'd like to go back and ferret out a few of those names," she says. "Each one of those people has a story to tell."—*Joyce Hollister*



Boot Hill, Pioche: "I had read about gunfighter Morgan Courtney, and I knew he was buried in Pioche. I didn't know his grave was still marked. I was ecstatic to find it."

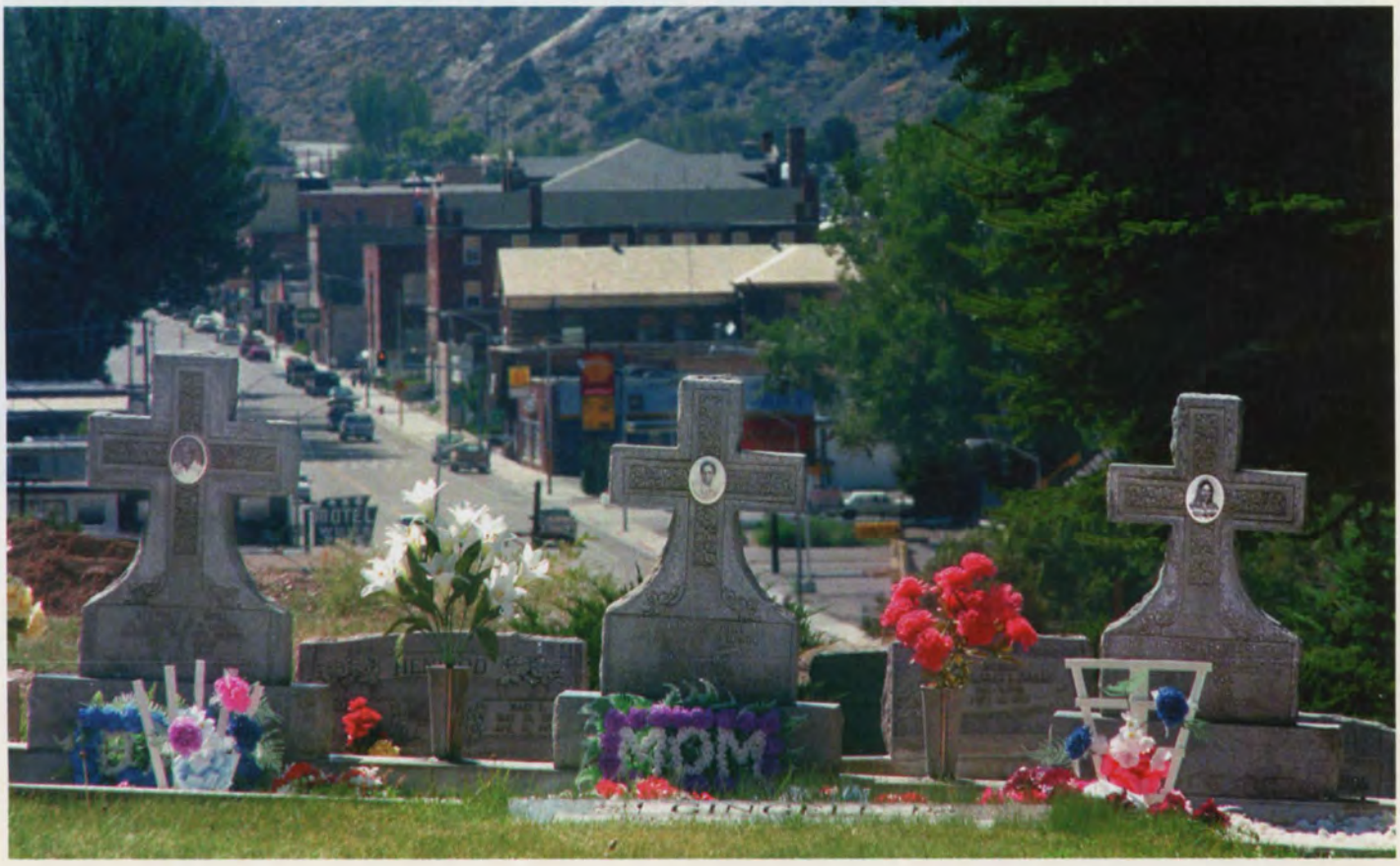


Aurora: "William Carder threatened to kill a man named Brockman, who got a double-barreled shotgun and let Carder have it with both barrels."



Montello: "Soldiers passing through Montello on a train in 1918 died in the terrible flu epidemic and were buried. The townspeople didn't know who they were."

Ely: "This cemetery is a little bit more modern. I like it because of the way you can see the old part of downtown."



People

A Vegas **acting family** and busy Reno **beekeepers**.

The Fabulous Baker Boys

By Marisa Finetti

When brothers **Colby and Kellan Baker** talk about performing in the Excalibur's "Tournament of Kings," they can't help mentioning their father, **Doug Baker**. After all, Doug and his sons share off- and onstage memories of the 13 years he played Merlin in the medieval-themed show.

The Bakers moved to Las Vegas from Cedar City, Utah, in 1990 when Excalibur opened. Soon Doug landed the role of Merlin, the show's white-bearded emcee. The show needed child actors to play a boy who dreams of King Arthur's tournament. Colby was 13 when he got the part. Kellan joined the cast at 14.

"Between shows, Colby used to stay near me and do his homework," recalls Doug. "Kellan preferred to hang out with the girls in the show."

The brothers stayed in "Tournament of Kings" after Doug decided to pursue a teaching and directing career two years ago. Colby now plays Merlin a few nights a week. "People say I sound like my dad, and that's OK," says the 24-year-old actor.

"I love to get the crowd going, especially after I've beaten out another king."

Other evenings, Colby plays a European king and competes in the show's tournament games. Kellan, 19, plays Prince Christopher, the son of King Arthur. They perform twice nightly before an audience of 900 in the dirt-covered arena of the castle-themed resort.

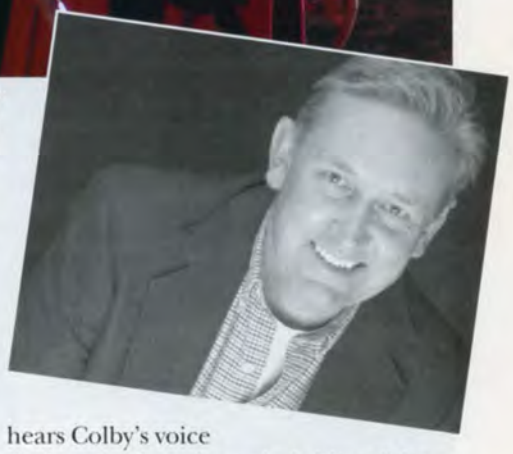
Colby and Kellan admit they've always competed for attention. "I've been juggling since I was five," Colby says. "Whenever my parents had guests at the house, our older brother, Chad, and I would juggle for them." Not to be outdone, Kellan learned how to juggle, too.

The brothers' friendly rivalry holds them in good stead for "Tournament of Kings." As the story unfolds, the rulers of Europe gather for a feast and competition. Colby shows off his skills in jousting, javelin throwing, sword fighting, and horseback combat. Audience members bang on the tables and cheer for their favorites. "I love to get the crowd going, especially after I've beaten out another king," Colby says.

During the height of the celebration, Mordred, the evil fire wizard, interrupts the games. Kellan as Prince Christopher challenges Mordred's army in gladiator-style combat.

Kellan says that sometimes when he hears Colby's voice during the show, it reminds him of the days when their dad was playing the role of Merlin. For his part, Doug says he always knew his sons could carry on without him. "This gig belongs to them now," he says.





Kellan Baker waves during the "Tournament of Kings" (left). His brother Colby urges the audience to shout "Huzzah!" Below right: Their father, Doug Baker, retired from the show.

Marisa Finetti is a freelance writer based in Las Vegas. "Tournament of Kings" plays nightly at 6 and 8:30 at the Excalibur in Las Vegas. Visit www.excalibur.com or www.royalpro.com for information and reservations.

PHOTO: Craig Finetti (top)

Family Honey Makers

By Paula Riley





Chris Foster's bare arms are open to stings (left). He wears white because bees are agitated by dark colors. At right, Ethan, Karen, and Alyssa Foster sell honey at farmer's markets around the Reno area. They enjoy sharing beekeeping facts with their customers.

The happy humming sound in Reno's eastern foothills radiates from a legion of honey bees at Hidden Valley Honey, the business run by **Chris and Karen Foster** and their children, **Alyssa**, 11, and **Ethan**, 12.

In his bee suit, Chris Foster, a molecular biologist by day, resembles an astronaut as he handles the hives. He has worked with bees since the family started with one colony of honey bees in 1997 Today the Fosters tend a multitude of colonies and harvest honey from spring through fall.

"It's very educational learning about the bees, their life cycle, their habits. And there are a lot of little tasks that are family-oriented," says Karen Foster, who home schools her children. Parents and kids clean and prep the hives, monitor the bees' health, and extract and package the honey.

"When we sell honey at the farmer's markets, we need everyone," says Karen.

Ethan says, "My sister and I retail the honey sticks. That's the part where we get to make money." At the family's market booth Ethan and Alyssa also like to discuss their newest acquisition—a glass-sided hive that displays a queen bee and her loyal subjects at work.

The Fosters sell their Hidden Valley Honey products 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays until the end of October at the Park Lane Mall Farmer's Market in Reno. In summer they also sell honey at the Sparks Hometowne Farmer's Market on Thursdays. Or check Wild Oats Market and Nothing To It Culinary Center, both in Reno. For more information call Karen Foster at 775-856-3903.

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Double-decker buses in Las Vegas, a **wine walk** in Reno, and a Tahoe **hike.**



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Jennifer Cisler, Garnet Mercantile sales associate.

Community Store

Highway 50 travelers looking for socks or a T-shirt can buy them at Garnet Mercantile in Ely. When J.C. Penney decided to leave Ely two years ago, the town's residents formed a corporation to buy and operate the store, which reopened last November. Garnet Mercantile, open daily on Ely's main street, is the area's only dry-goods and clothing store.

Reno's *Wine Walk*

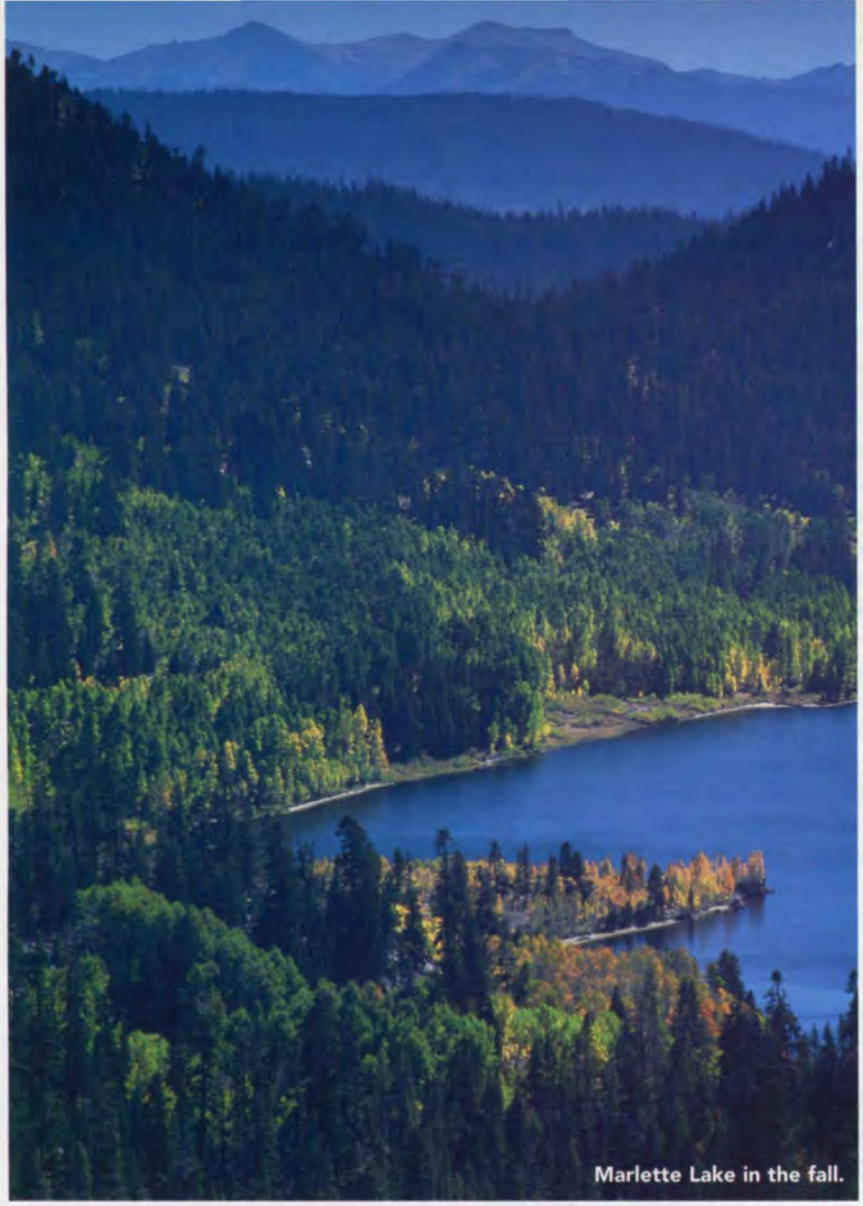
A wine glass and a map of downtown Reno's galleries, cafés and boutiques become your ticket to the Wine Walk on the River Walk held on the third Saturday of each month. Cost is $10. On September 10 a special Wine Walk celebrates the Great Reno Balloon Race with a prize drawing at the West Street Plaza, where River Walk Merchants Association members Jerry Jackson (left), Meredith Tanzer, Sharon Thurman, and Jon Jarmillo discuss event plans. Visit www.renoriver.org for information.





Pumpkin Place Pumpkins, kids, and Halloween come together at Nevada Lynn Emporium in Old Washoe City on U.S. 395 between Carson City and Reno. Last fall Thomas Beach (above) of Reno came down a slide in front of the Washoe Valley shop, which sells fall decorations, dried fruit and nuts, and pumpkin pie by the slice. Call 775-849-3333 for more information.

PHOTOS: Gim Hollister (bottom left), Joyce Hollister (top right), Candice Towell/*Reno-Gazette Journal* (bottom right)



Marlette Lake in the fall.

New Trail to Marlette

LAKE TAHOE—This fall hikers and horseback riders will find a new trail to **Marlette Lake** from Spooner Lake at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. Mountain bikers will continue to follow the five-mile dirt road that hikers have long used between Spooner and Marlette. There are two primitive campgrounds near Marlette Lake, which is surrounded by aspen groves.

The trail to Marlette Lake is most beautiful in autumn. "In the fall, the colors are phenomenal," says Cheryl Surface, Nevada State Parks recreational trails program manager.

Marlette also can be reached by more arduous routes, including Tunnel Creek at Lake Tahoe and Lakeview Road in Carson City. The lake is the starting point for the Flume Trail, one of Tahoe's premier mountain-biking paths. In the winter, snowy trails are groomed for cross-country skiers and snowshoe hikers.

Lake Tahoe State Park-Spooner is located near the intersection of U.S. 50 and State Route 28 on the east side of Lake Tahoe. Call 775-831-0494 for more information about the new trail.—*Andy Bourelle*

License for Fun While driving on Nevada roads you might see a specialty license plate sporting the image of a lush green golf course and the Nevada Division on Tourism's Web site, travelnevada.com. Proceeds support tourism development in rural Nevada.





Animal Art

The Nevada State Museum in Carson City will host the premiere of the **"Art and the Animal,"** the 45th annual exhibition and sale organized by the Society of Animal Artists, Inc. of New York City, from September 30 to November 28. The international exhibit includes 100 sculptures and paintings such as "Victorious," a bull elk (above) painted by Kay Witherspoon. An open reception will be held 5:30 to 9 p.m. on October 14. For details call 775-687-4810 or visit www.nevadaculture.org.

Mesquite High Dive



Skydiver J.T. Valente flashes a victory sign after landing at the Mesquite airport. Every weekend, colorful parachutes float down to the Southern Nevada border town where Skydive Mesquite takes skydivers 13,000 feet up for their jumps. First-timers ride tandem ($165) with an instructor. Details, 877-2GO-JUMP or www.skydivemesquite.com.

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Bell Bottoms and Beyond

You can find unusually good jazz, R&B, and classic rock at these Las Vegas lounges. **By Joelle Barnes**

If your musical tastes run to classic rock, blues, and old R&B, these Las Vegas lounge shows will start your toes tapping.

For the best rock experience in town—next to a famous group performing here—try the band **Yellow Brick Road** at Boulder Station's Railhead Lounge. The lead singer, Brody Dolyniuk, tailors his voice to match many classic-rock singers and does a right-on impersonation of Mick Jagger. Close your eyes, and you would swear that the drummer, James Sloan, was either John Bonham or Keith Moon. For more information visit www.ybrband.com.

Turning to jazz, the **David Van Such Band** offers modern and contemporary jazz at its best, from energetic and dancy to smooth and cool. David plays saxophone, electric fiddle (no Charlie Daniels here), and flute. The band plays several casinos, including the Aladdin and Sahara. For a schedule log on to www.davidvansuch.com.

The Bootlegger Italian Bistro has Vegas vintage style entertainment seven nights a week. Blues singer **Ruth Brown**, who has won Grammy and Tony awards, appears at the Bootlegger on Thursday night. Ruth's deep voice reflects the fact that she's been singing for more than 60 years. She's also in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. On weekends, there's singer **Sonny King**. Back in the 1940s Sonny introduced his roommate, a young unknown named Dino Martino, to a 19-year-old funny kid named Jerry Lewis. Sonny hung out with the Rat Pack, toured with Jimmy Durante, and has been performing in Vegas for about 50 years. Visit www.bootleggerlasvegas.com.

Vegas staples for more than 25 years, **Jerry Tiffe** and his band play all the great standards. Each week they perform at Capazolli's Restaurant, Arizona Charlie's West, and Boulder, Santa Fe, and Texas Station casinos. Check www.jerrytiffe.com for the schedule.

Another standard-bearer is **Steven David**, owner of Steven David's Club and Restaurant at 545 East Sahara Avenue. If you're lucky, you'll see him there with his band, Guys Without Ties. The oldest is over 80. Steven, in his mid-50s, is the baby. Call 702-214-1863 or visit www.stevendavidlasvegas.com for a club schedule.



The David Van Such band plays at several Las Vegas casinos.

For one of the best bass voices you'll ever hear, catch **Kurtis May** at the Tuscany Hotel. Kurtis sings a wide range of music from Teddy Pendergrass to Barry White. For more information about the singer log onto www.kurtismay.com, where you'll see a picture of Kurtis singing in the 1970s, wearing his bell bottoms.

Joelle Barnes, a vintage music fan, lives in Las Vegas.

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Travel Briefs

Halloween Train Witches and goblins will be aboard the Virginia & Truckee Railway's Halloween Witches' Night Train on October 31 in **Virginia City**. Visitors can take their children trick or treating on the boardwalks of C Street, see ghost gunfighters from the past, and tour a haunted mine. Apparitions will stalk you at the Fourth Ward School and terrorize you at the cemetery. For information call 800-718-SLVR or visit www.virginiacity-nv.org.

It's a Winner *Nevada Magazine's* **2005 Historical Nevada Calendar** won a Gold Award for the 2005 Best Non Profit Retail Wall Calendar from the Calendar Marketing Association. With the theme "Centennial Cities," the calendar has historic photos of Las Vegas, Sparks, and current ghost towns like Rhyolite that were established in 1905. The 2006 calendar is now on sale; call 775-687-5416 or visit www.nevadamagazine.com.

N is for Nevada

A Panaca teacher offers an alphabetical way to honor Nevada Day.

By Malissa A. Zierow

A teacher of government and social studies at Lincoln County High School in Panaca, Malissa A. Zierow wrote "N Is for Nevada" as a children's book. We offer it in this issue to celebrate Nevada Day, October 31.



Big ears give the Nevada jack rabbit a devil-may-care air.

A is for **Area 51**. They say you can see aliens along this stretch of highway that runs past Rachel between Crystal Springs and Warm Springs.

B is for **Battle Born**. These words are found on the Nevada state flag. They remind us of our state's birth during the Civil War. B is also for **Bighorn Sheep**, the Nevada state animal.

C is for **Carson City**. Named after mountain man Kit Carson, this is the home of Nevada's state capitol.

D is for **Desert** and **Desert Tortoise**, the state reptile of Nevada. Much of Nevada is an arid desert, but, boy, is it beautiful when in full bloom!

E is for **Elk**. These large animals roam in herds across much of Northeastern Nevada. For some people, hunting them provides meat for their families.

F is for **Federally Owned**. Nevada is 84.5-percent federally owned land, leaving only 13 percent of land available for private ownership.

G is for **Gold**. The state of Nevada is the second-largest gold producer in the world.

H is for **Home**. Nevada is home to approximately 2,500,000 people. The state song is "Home Means Nevada."

I is for **Indian**. Nevada has been home to several different Native American groups. Today's tribes include the Washoe, Shoshone, and Paiute.

J is for **Jack Rabbit**. These large hares are found in abundance.

K is for **Kindness**. Since Nevada is such a rural state, most people are very kind. It's not surprising to see people waving hello to perfect strangers—Nevadans are just friendly.

L is for **Lincoln**. President Abraham Lincoln signed Nevada into statehood on October 31, 1864. The first county created after statehood was named after this president.

M is for the **Mountain Bluebird**, the Nevada state bird.

N is for **Nevada**, the 36th state. Nevada means "snow-clad" in Spanish.

O is for **Open Range**. This means that animals such as cattle, sheep, and horses graze freely across Nevada's range.

P is for **Pine** and **Parks**. Nevada has two state trees, the piñon pine and the bristlecone pine. You can see groves of these trees in Nevada's state and national parks.

Q is for **Quarter Slots**. Nevada gets much of its tax revenue from the gaming industry.

R is for **Reno**, "The Biggest Little City in the World."

S is for **Silver** and **Sagebrush**. Nevada is often called the Silver State, referring to the Comstock Lode near Virginia City and other silver bonanzas. Sagebrush, the Nevada state flower, is especially fragrant after a rain.

T is for **Twain**. Samuel Clemens began using his pen name, "Mark Twain," while writing for the *Territorial Enterprise* newspaper in Virginia City in 1862.

U is for **UFO**. There have been many people who say they have seen unidentified flying objects throughout Nevada.

V is for **Vegas**. Las Vegas means "the meadows" in Spanish. Mormon pioneers established a colony there in 1855. Today Las Vegas is the largest city in Nevada and a huge tourist destination for the world.

W is for **Wild Mustangs**. Nevada has herds of wild mustangs that are protected by the Bureau of Land Management. In the old days, cowboys would catch the horses, tame them, and mark them with their brands.

X is for the **eXtra** long roads that span Nevada. Geographically, Nevada is a vast state with a population much smaller than the land. Nevadans often travel long distances between towns and cities.

Y is for **Yucca**. Yucca plants dot the Southern Nevada landscape with white blossoms that look like marshmallows.

Z is for **Zeal**. It took great zeal to settle in the desert, but the pioneers did it, and today Nevada is an awesome place to live.

PHOTO: Barnes F. Miller

Best of Nevada: South

Wayne, Celine, Lake Mead, and other stars and attractions were tops in *Nevada Magazine's* eighth annual readers' poll. **By Richard Moreno**

There's always something new in Southern Nevada, and that was certainly true in the eighth annual "Best of Nevada" readers' poll. Perhaps the biggest surprise was the emergence of singer Celine Dion as co-winner for the south's best entertainer with Wayne Newton, who has won every year since the poll began. Other new names and faces included "KÀ," the Cirque du Soleil show at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, and comedian-magician Mac King, a first-time winner for best afternoon show.

Last issue, readers' top choices in Northern Nevada were announced in "Best of Nevada: North." Following are the "Best of Nevada: South" winners, including those in Las Vegas, Laughlin, Mesquite, and Primm.





Celine Dion was named co-winner with perennial favorite Wayne Newton in the south's best entertainer category.

Voters named Las Vegas as the friendliest town in Southern Nevada.

Best Hotel/Resort

Maybe it's the water fountains synchronized to classical music or the elegant, 40,000-pound Dale Chiluly glass ceiling. For a fifth time **Bellagio** was selected Las Vegas' best hotel/resort. In Laughlin, **Harrah's Laughlin** became a seven-time winner, and the top pick in Mesquite was the **Oasis**.

Best Place to Gamble

When it came to playing games of chance, the **Rio** was the readers' choice for best place to gamble in Las Vegas. **Harrah's Laughlin** was selected Laughlin's best gambling hall. In Mesquite, the **CasaBlanca** returned to the winner's circle for a third straight year.

Friendliest Casino

The **Rio** once again was tabbed Las Vegas' friendliest casino. **Harrah's Laughlin** became a five-time winner in the river city's friendliness sweepstakes. In Mesquite, the **Oasis** was the cheeriest joint in town.



"KÀ" at MGM Grand is the best new show.

Friendliest Town

Nevada Magazine readers have a soft spot for **Las Vegas**, voting it the south's friendliest town for the fourth time. Who says what happens there, stays there?

Best Entertainer

Mr. Las Vegas, **Wayne Newton**, extended to eight his string of consecutive years as Southern Nevada's best entertainer. This year he was joined by **Celine Dion**, who performs at Caesars Palace. Readers lined up equally behind the two star entertainers.

Best Comedy Club

The **Improv at Harrah's Las Vegas** was selected best comedy club for a fourth year.

Best New Show/New Entertainer

Can you say, **"KÀ"**? The Cirque du Soleil production at the MGM Grand was voted best new show. The production

PHOTO: Gail Bandini (top)

Lance Burton, who won honors for best magic show for the fifth time in a row, opens his bags of tricks at the Monte Carlo.

features 80 performers, puppetry, interactive video projections, and fireworks to tell the story of twins who embark on a magical journey.

Best Production Show or Musical Show

The "ooh's" and "aah's" were for Cirque du Soleil's **"O"** at the Bellagio, voted 2005's best production show or musical show in the south.

Best Afternoon Show

Known for his offbeat humor wrapped around flawless magic tricks, Mac King appears at Harrah's Las Vegas. His **"Mac King Comedy Magic Show"** took matinee honors.

Best Comedian

George Wallace, who traded a career in ad sales for the world of standup comedy, was a co-winner with **Carrot Top** in the voting for best comedian. Wallace regularly appears at the Flamingo Las Vegas while Carrot Top, a four-time winner, performs at MGM Grand.

Best Magic Show

Proving that his sleight-of-hand is first-class, magician **Lance Burton**, who appears at the Monte Carlo in Las Vegas, was picked best magic show for a fifth straight time.

Best Thrill Ride

The quartet of pulse-quickening rides at the top of the Las Vegas Stratosphere Tower—**Big Shot, High Roller,**



Thrill seekers voted Stratosphere Tower's four rides as tops in the southland.

"2005 Best of Nevada: North"

Here we present the entertainers, shows, resorts, restaurants, and attractions that were selected as Northern Nevada's winners by *Nevada Magazine* readers in the eighth annual "Best of Nevada" poll. These honorees for Reno/Sparks, Lake Tahoe, Carson City, Carson Valley, and rural Nevada were announced in the July/August issue. Congratulations go to all of the winners.—*Richard Moreno*

Best Hotel/Resort

Piñon Plaza, Carson City
Carson Valley Inn, Carson Valley
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Peppermill, Reno
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot,

Best Entertainer

Danny Marona

Best Production Show or Musical Show

"Showgirls," Harrah's Reno

Best Place to Gamble

Carson Nugget, Carson City
Carson Valley Inn, Carson Valley
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Atlantis, Reno
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best New Show/New Entertainer

"Showgirls," Harrah's Reno

Best Comedy Club

Improv, Harrah's Reno

Best Magic Show

Darren Romeo, "The Voice of Magic," Eldorado, Reno

Best Thrill Ride

Ultimate Rush, Reno Hilton

Friendliest Town

Reno

Friendliest Casino

Carson Nugget, Carson City
Carson Valley Inn, Carson Valley
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Atlantis, Reno
Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Slot Club

Passport, Peppermill, Reno
Rural: Cactus Petes Plateau Club, Jackpot

Best Golf Course

The Resort at Red Hawk, Sparks
Rural: Oasis Golf Club, Mesquite, and Primm Valley Golf Club, Primm (multiple winners)

Best State Park

Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
Rural: Lahontan State Recreation Area

Best National Park/Public Lands

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Rural: Great Basin National Park

Best Campground

Lake Tahoe

Best Place to Ski

Mt. Rose

Best Historic Community

Virginia City

Best Place to Take Kids

Circus Circus Reno
Rural: Virginia City

Best Special Event/Festival

Hot August Nights, Reno-Sparks
Rural: Laughlin River Run

Best Place to Shop

Meadowood Mall, Reno

Best Museum

National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection), Reno
Rural: Tonopah Historic Mining Park

Best Outdoor Adventure Place

Lake Tahoe

Best Bed & Breakfast

Bliss Mansion, Carson City

Best Wedding Chapel

Arch of Reno Wedding Chapel and Chapel of the Bells, Reno (multiple winners)

Best Place to Go Dancing

BuBinga Lounge, Eldorado, Reno

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

White Orchid, Peppermill, Reno
Rural: Cactus Petes Plateau Room, Jackpot

Best Buffet

Forest Buffet, Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Toucan Charlie's, Atlantis, Reno, and Island Buffet, Peppermill, Reno (multiple winners)
Rural: Canyon Cove Buffet, Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Gourmet Restaurant

The Summit, Harrah's Lake Tahoe
Harrah's Steakhouse, Harrah's Reno
Rural: Plateau Room, Cactus Petes, Jackpot

Best Basque Restaurant

Louis' Basque Corner

Best Italian Restaurant

Romanza, Peppermill, Reno

Best Chinese Restaurant

Palais de Jade, Reno

Best Japanese Restaurant

Ichiban Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar, Reno

Best Thai Restaurant

Taste of Thai, Reno

Best Mexican Restaurant

Mi Casa Too, Reno and Carson City

Best Hamburger

Juicy's, Reno, and Little Nugget Awful Awful, Reno (multiple winners)

Best Seafood Restaurant

Oceano, Peppermill, Reno

Best Vegetarian Restaurant

Pneumatic Diner, Reno

Best Coffee Shop

Peppermill Coffee Shop, Reno

Best Brewpub

Brew Brothers, Eldorado, Reno

Best Saloon

Brew Brothers, Eldorado, Reno
Rural: Bucket of Blood, Virginia City

Best RV Park

KOA Reno Hilton

Dining Out

Nevada Magazine readers had clear opinions about the best places to dine. The following are their choices for best dining in Southern Nevada.

Best Buffet

We ought to just retire this category since the Rio's **Carnival World Buffet** was voted Las Vegas' best buffet for the eighth year in a row. Harrah's Laughlin's **Fresh Market Square Buffet** was tops in Laughlin, and **Victoria's Buffet** at the Virgin River was Mesquite's best.

Best Gourmet Restaurant

With so many fine-dining choices available in Las Vegas, the votes were split among dozens of top restaurants. In the end, the winner was last year's readers' choice, **Picasso** at Bellagio. Laughlin's best gourmet room was the **Range Steakhouse** at Harrah's Laughlin.

Best Italian Restaurant

With its Old World charm and classic Southern Italian cuisine, the **Bootlegger Bistro**, 7700 Las Vegas Boulevard South, was voted best Italian eatery in Southern Nevada for a third straight year.

Best Chinese Restaurant

The winner here, **P.F. Chang's China Bistro**, has four locations in the Las Vegas area (Green Valley Ranch, the Aladdin, Summerlin, and Paradise Road) and, if the voting is an indication, plenty of fans.

Best Japanese Restaurant

Once again, readers selected **Benihana Village** in the Las Vegas Hilton for its entertaining presentation of fine Japanese dining.

Best Mexican Restaurant

Last year's winner, **Lindo Michoacan**, 2655 East Desert Inn in Las Vegas, repeated as the readers' choice for best Mexican restaurant.

Best Thai Restaurant

Readers selected **Thai Spice**, 4433 West Flamingo in Las Vegas, as the best Thai restaurant.

Best Hamburger

It's amazing that a burger so modest could have such a loyal following, but the best hamburger in Southern Nevada again is the popular **In-and-Out Burger**, with multiple locations throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

Best Seafood Restaurant

Readers went for the live Maine lobster—a house specialty—at the **Rosewood Grille and Lobster House**, 3763 Las Vegas Boulevard South.



Harrah's Laughlin's Range Steakhouse serves giant fried tempura shrimp with mango and wasabi-apricot dipping sauces.

Best Vegetarian Restaurant

The vegan crowd has spoken. The best vegetarian dining in Southern Nevada can be found at the **Go Raw Café and Juice Bar**, a repeat winner. Go Raw has two Las Vegas locations, 2910 East Lake Drive and 2381 Windmill Lane.

Best Coffee Shop

The readers' selection for best coffee shop was the **Egg and I**, 4533 West Sahara Avenue in Las Vegas. House specialties include blueberry cashew pancakes, eggs Benedict, huevos rancheros, and giant omelets.

X-Scream, and **Insanity: The Ride**—were runaway winners in the voting for best thrill ride in Southern Nevada. Enjoy—if you dare.

Best Slot Club

For the sixth time in the six years that we've had this category, **Harrah's Total Rewards** program was selected best slot club.

Best Golf Course

Finally, there was a repeat winner in this category. After having five different winners during the last five years, Henderson's **Rio Secco Golf Club** was voted the southland's top golf course for a second year in a row. There were co-winners in the race for best rural golf course: the **Oasis Golf Club** in Mesquite and the **Primm Valley Golf Club** in Primm.

Best State Park

Readers can't get enough of **Valley of Fire State Park**, voted the south's best state park in 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004, and again in 2005.

Best National Park/Federal Lands

Boasting more than 500 miles of shoreline with five developed beach areas, **Lake Mead National Recreation Area** has plenty of good reasons for being selected best national park or federal lands in the region.

Best Campground

Lake Mead swept this category. Lake Mead has developed campgrounds at Boulder Beach, Callville Bay, Echo Bay, Las Vegas Bay, and Temple Bar.

Best Outdoor Adventure Place

Surprise. Best outdoor adventure place was **Lake Mead National Recreation Area**.

Best Place to Take Kids

As in previous years, the easy winner in the polling for best place to take kids was the **Adventuredome Theme Park** at Circus Circus Las Vegas. The park has more than five acres of indoor roller coasters, motion machines, carnival-like games, and other amusements.

Best Special Event/Festival

Readers were enamored with fast cars taking lots of left turns. This year's winner for best special event or festival was **NASCAR** (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. In rural Nevada, the winner was the **Laughlin River Run**, the popular motorcycle rally held in April in Laughlin.

Best Place to Shop

For eight years, we've asked readers where they like to shop in Southern Nevada, and for eight years they've said the **Forum Shops at Caesars**. The best rural shopping stop was the **Horizon Outlet Center** in Laughlin, now a five-time winner.



NASCAR drove off with the south's best special event.

Best Museum

Candelabra and sequins continue to be hot. Once again, the **Liberace Museum** in Las Vegas, home of the late entertainer's collection of pianos, costumes, and other memorabilia, was voted the south's best museum.

Best Wedding Chapel

Twice in a row, readers were split between Las Vegas co-winners **Little Church of the West** and the **Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel** in the vote for best wedding chapel.



Lake Mead is the best place to camp and indulge in outdoor adventures.

Best Place to Go Dancing

The winner for best place to boogie, as it has been for the past three years, was **Studio 54** at the MGM Grand.

Best Place for a Romantic Evening

When Tom Cruise recently proposed to Katie Holmes, he did so at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. Perhaps that same sense of *l'amour* led readers to vote the **Eiffel Tower Restaurant** at Paris Las Vegas as Southern Nevada's best place for a romantic evening.

Best Brewpub

There was a new winner in the voting for the south's best brewpub. This year's top taproom was **Gordon Biersch** on Paradise Road in Las Vegas.

Best Saloon

With about 30 locations in the Las Vegas area (and one coming to Reno in late 2005), **PT's Pub** is nearly as ubiquitous as Starbucks. It should come as no surprise that the chain of sports taverns was selected best southern saloon.

Best Sightseeing Tour Company

What better name for best sightseeing tour company than **Look Tours**? The Las Vegas-based company offers guided airplane, bus, helicopter, and ATV tours of the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley, and Las Vegas.

Best RV Park

Offering more than 50 RV sites with full hookups, showers, pull throughs, and a swimming pool, the **Oasis RV Park** in Mesquite was named the south's best oasis for RVers.

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's *publisher.*

Confidence Man

In 1937, Nevada prison inmate Jack Meredith duped a sheriff and led lawmen on a merry chase across the country.

By Philip I. Earl

CARSON CITY—Jack Meredith, 41, Nevada state prison trusty who escaped from a sheriff's custody today, was reported speeding toward Los Angeles tonight in a stolen automobile.—*Nevada State Journal*, May 18, 1937

The inmates of the Nevada State Prison in Carson City generally are a faceless lot, fading into obscurity when the notoriety of their crimes passes out of the daily news and the gates close behind them.

But John K. "Jack" Meredith didn't fade away. After his escape in May 1937 Meredith, a talented forger and confidence man, led state and federal officers on a merry chase for nearly a year. His exploits became front-page fodder, and press coverage kept Nevadans apprised of his cross-country travels.

Convicted of forgery in Elko in December 1933, Meredith was serving a sentence of one to 14 years when he escaped. He had a long history on the other side of the law. A seven-time loser, he had been incarcerated in Montana, Wisconsin, and Missouri for forgery and served a term at McNeil Island, Washington, for violating federal Prohibition laws. During his time at the Nevada State Prison, he never applied for parole, telling officials that he would have to face charges in Idaho, Oregon, and Colorado if he were released.

An intelligent sort, Meredith took over the literacy program at the Carson prison and taught other inmates to read and write. He authored *Pots O' Gold*, a prison history published in 1935 under the name of former warden Matt R. Penrose. The well-read convict edited *The Rainbow*, the prison magazine, and wrote a monthly column.

Meredith also became an expert in lifting fingerprints, making casts of footprints, and analyzing evidence. He helped several Nevada and California lawmen solve cases and thereby gained their confidence.



Area newspapers followed Jack Meredith's exploits.

On the morning of May 17 1937 Meredith accompanied one of those lawmen, Sheriff Orrin Brown of Alpine County, California, to Hot Springs Mountain west of Carson Valley. They were looking for $10,000 in stolen jewelry buried in a mineshaft that Meredith claimed he heard about from another prisoner. The two men climbed halfway up the steep mountainside. After climbing higher than Brown, Meredith yelled down to the sheriff, directing him to circle around and ascend by an easier path.

When the lawman was out of sight, Meredith ran to Brown's car, grabbed his coat, wallet, and keys, and raced down the mountain road. In his haste, however, Meredith stuck the vehicle in the sand. Soon David Bywater, a sheep packer, drove by. Meredith told Bywater that the sheriff had broken his leg in a fall and that he was on his way to Minden for help. The ruse worked, and Meredith repeated the story to Clarence O. Dangberg of the C.O.D. Garage a few minutes later. Dangberg produced a new Chevrolet sedan and filled the gas tank. Gratefully, Meredith sped away on his supposed errand of mercy.

When out of sight of the garage, [Meredith] stepped heavily on the gas and placed as many miles between himself and Minden as he possibly could, knowing that in due time, Sheriff Brown, if his legs held out, would reach civilization and give an alarm.—*The Record-Courier*, May 21, 1937

As Meredith drove off, Sheriff Brown,

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hot and agitated, trudged down from the hills. Finally he reached a farm, where he phoned Warden William Lewis.

The area's newspapers played up Meredith's escape. Reno's *Nevada State Journal* noted the convict was five feet and 8-1/4 inches tall, weighed 158 pounds, had "fair teeth," and "was wearing an oxford gray suit with a green fedora hat." The *Carson City Daily Appeal* reported that Meredith was "armed and desperate" and "difficulty may be experienced in recapturing him." Meredith wasn't armed—he left the sheriff's gun behind in the stranded car—but the newspaper was right about recapturing him. He would be on the loose for eight months.



Warden William Lewis

Warden Lewis initially believed that Meredith was headed for Los Angeles, but three days later the first of three checks bearing the forged signature of prison purchasing agent William S. Harris arrived from Idaho at the office of the Nevada State Comptroller. An investigation revealed that Meredith had purloined a book of state checks and a pad of purchasing orders. In Caldwell, Meredith had purchased blankets and bedding for the prison and received cash back. To cash two checks in Pocatello, he represented himself as a U.S. marshal in pursuit of a pair of Nevada bank robbers. That brought the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the case and the notification of law-enforcement agencies across the country.

Jack Meredith, last heard from at Attica, Ohio about two weeks ago, jumped to the Pacific Coast and was attempting to cash checks under an alias as recent as yesterday at Seattle, Washington.—*Carson City Daily Appeal*, June 29, 1937

On June 28, Meredith cashed a $500 check while pretending to rent a yacht in Seattle. The next day in Indianapolis, he ordered $2,000 worth of tools for the prison and cashed another $500 check.

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Meredith told the manager of a Collins wholesale radio store that he was a buyer for the State of Nevada, and he purchased equipment for a prison radio station. He also ordered several trucks in Iowa. In different cities he bought blankets for the prison, full football and baseball uniforms for prison teams, and a supply of shoes for the prison and the State Orphans Home.

In Covington, Kentucky, Meredith tried to buy a block of 20 prefabricated prison cells, but the deal fell through when the sales manager insisted on verifying the transaction with Nevada authorities. In Baltimore a few weeks later, Meredith impersonated an official of the Anaconda Copper Company, writing a check for $5,000 to cover the cost of mining equipment valued at $4,800. Before he received any cash, however, company officials were contacted. Meredith, quick to sense danger, slipped away. At one point, he even wrote a note to Nevada Governor Richard Kirman, advising him to put more money in the bank.

As Warden Lewis was contacted about deliveries, he told the various victims that they had been taken in. He also kept federal authorities informed.

"G-men are on his trail and sooner or later Meredith will be apprehended," reported *The Record-Courier* on July 2. "In the meantime he is having a splendid vacation touring the country and living off the fat of the land as a result of his ability to pass bum checks."

Meredith's "writing" ability landed him in the prison for forgery in 1933, won him position as editor of the prison magazine, served as his means of travel since the escape, and finally this same "literary" trait landed him in the clutches of the law yesterday.—*Nevada State Journal*, January 27, 1938

Meredith was posing as Roy J. Griffith, a retired Notre Dame professor of geography and journalism, when his spree came to an end on January 26, 1938, in New York City. He was arrested on a forgery charge, and a fingerprint check revealed his true identity.

"What a relief," prison purchasing agent William S. Harris declared. It was Harris' name that Meredith forged on most of his bad checks. Harris said, "It was getting so that I hardly dared to write one of my own checks."

Noting that Meredith was captured at last, *Record-Courier* editor Bert Selkirk wrote, "He was given opportunity at the prison to remould his life and become a useful citizen ... but he proved himself to be just one of those men who could not go straight if he wanted to."

The federal charges were not prosecuted, and Warden Lewis boarded a train for New York on February 14, 1938, to bring Meredith back. Returning to Carson City on March 1, Lewis gave Meredith his old number—3412—and locked him in solitary confinement for a month. More than four years later, on October 4, 1942, Meredith was paroled, having served almost 10 years of his original sentence.

Within two months, Arizona officials issued a warrant for his arrest for passing bad checks, and there were inquiries from Georgia, Tennessee, Washington, and Indiana. Nearly apprehended in Memphis in April 1943, Meredith was finally run to ground under the name of T.J. Collins in Indiana in June 1944. On August 1 he entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, sentenced to 23 years for interstate transportation of stolen property and aiding and abetting the sale of stolen securities.

For Meredith, unlike other inmates, it was the opening of the prison gates that led to his obscurity. On August 19, 1958, he was given a conditional release. Meredith disappeared, and the authorities never heard of him again.

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A photo of Jack Meredith working a sluice illustrated his column, "Caught in the Riffles," in each issue of *The Rainbow*, the Nevada State Prison magazine. He edited the publication beginning in 1935.

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Image Makers

The winners of the 28th annual Great Nevada Picture Hunt



had an eye for the right moment.

First: "Ice Cotton" by Michael Wilding, Pahrump

Lying in the mud on Christmas morning, Michael Wilding captured a fleeting moment of beauty. The Pahrump photographer had arisen before dawn. He knew ranchers had irrigated their fields the night before, and a freeze was likely.

For all of Wilding's planning, the camera angle was the result of a fortuitous stumble. "I slipped and fell, and I saw the ice on that twig," Wilding says. "So I lay down in the mud and took the photo with the irrigation wheels in the background." The result was "Ice Cotton," a digital image that won first prize in the 2005 Great Nevada Picture Hunt.

"Those are actually little ice balls formed when water clings to the twigs and grass,"



Third: "Kokopelli Dragonfly" by Bill Kositzky, Reno



Second: "Engine No. 93 in Ely" by Sheree Norman, Las Vegas



Fourth: "Whitewalls: Ghost Town Pickup" by Tom McEwan, Las Vegas



Best People: "Li'l Garrett at Pahrump Harvest Festival" by Alex Compton, Pahrump

Wilding explains. He had to work quickly. "I got there about 6 a.m. Within two hours the sun was out, and suddenly it was a dirt field again—everything was gone."

Wilding, 55, a Pahrump resident since 1995, takes his cameras on his Nevada travels and recently completed a black-and-white study of Virginia City.

Sheree Norman also combines travel and photography, a habit that led to "Engine No. 93," the second-place photo in *Nevada Magazine's* 28th annual contest. The Las Vegas resident took the image last winter during a trip to Ely with a Community College of Southern Nevada photo class. That weekend Old No. 93 was running at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.

"It was rather chilly, and there was snow on the ground, so the steam was quite visible," says Norman, who combined two 35-mm prints in Adobe Photoshop to produce the final image.

Norman works as a crime scene analyst with the Criminalistics Bureau at Las Vegas Metro. "You know the TV show *CSI*? That's



Fifth: "Globemallow Spring, Big Smoky Valley" by Barry Glazier, Kanab, UT

me," she says. "I'm very accustomed to still life of a different sort. It's great to be able to do another kind of photography on the weekend."

Bill Kositzky of Reno was driving back from a family reunion in South Dakota when he took the digital photo "Kokopelli Dragonfly," the contest's third-place winner.

"About 15 miles south of Wendover I saw a pile of rocks and thought there might be a photograph there," he recalls. He spotted a dragonfly and devised a plan to get closer. "I thrust the camera on the monopod with my left hand and snapped four or five shots by remote cable with my right."

Kositzky, 51, a psychiatric nurse, says the photo's title was suggested by a fellow photographer. "It's an allusion to Kokopelli, the humpbacked flute player seen in Southwestern rock art," he says.

Other top finishers included Tom McEwan of Las Vegas, who snapped his fourth-place photo, "Whitewalls: Ghost Town Pickup," at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park. Fifth went to Barry Glazier, a former Round Mountain resident who lives in Kanab, Utah, for "Globemallow Spring, Big Smoky Valley." Glazier, Kositzky, and Norman were among the 18 photographers who won category and honorable mention awards.

This year's judges were Marilyn Newton, an award-winning *Reno Gazette-Journal* photographer and author of the book *Alkali*



Best Black & White: "Ghost Town, Ghost Train" by Joel Jensen, Summerland, CA



Best Scenic: "Mount Wilson After Winter Storm, Red Rock Canyon" by Edward S. Carroll, Las Vegas

Angels (see page 8); Gordon Allen, owner of Gordon's Photo Service in Reno and Carson City; and Denise Barr, *Nevada's* art director, who notes, "The winning photos showed a fresh or unusual approach to familar subjects." See all the winners at www.nevadamagazine.com.—*David Moore*

2005 Great Nevada Picture Hunt Winners

First Place: Michael Wilding, Pahrump, "Ice Cotton" ($200)
Second Place: Sheree Norman, Las Vegas, "Engine No. 93 in Ely" ($100)
Third Place: Bill Kositzky, Reno, "Kokopelli Dragonfly" ($75)



Best Humor: "Ralph at Old Yella Dog Ranch, Vya" by Dr. Larry D. Milham, Cedarville, CA



Best Wildlife: "Sun Catcher" by Tara Kilpatrick, Sandy Valley

Fourth Place: Tom McEwan, Las Vegas, "Whitewalls: Ghost Town Pickup" ($50)
Fifth Place: Barry Glazier, Kanab, UT, "Globemallow Spring, Big Smoky Valley" ($25)
Best Action: Paula Riley, Reno, "Truckee River Whitewater Park"
Best Black & White: Joel Jensen, Summerland, CA, "Ghost Town, Ghost Train"
Best Casino: Bill Kositzky, Reno, "Just After Midnight: Reno New Year's Fireworks"
Best Ghost Town: Judy McEwan, Las Vegas, "Rebirth, Gold Point"
Best Humor: Dr. Larry D. Milham, Cedarville, CA, "Ralph at Old Yella Dog Ranch, Vya"
Best People: Alex Compton, Pahrump, "Li'l Garrett at Pahrump Harvest Festival"
Best Photo Art: Joel Jensen, Summerland, CA, "Pioneers, Tonopah Cemetery"
Best Recreation: Craig Shanklin, Las Vegas, "Black Canyon Kayaks"
Best Rural: Suzanne Reese, Las Vegas, "Techatticup Mill and Boom Town Relics"
Best Scenic: Edward S. Carroll, Las Vegas, "Mount Wilson After Winter Storm, Red Rock Canyon"
Best Sunset: Barnes F. Miller, Searchlight, "Surreal Fall Sunset"
Best Wildflowers: William Lane, Las Vegas, "Beavertail at Dusk, Valley of Fire"
Best Wildlife: Tara Kilpatrick, Sandy Valley, "Sun Catcher"

Honorable Mention

Paul L. Bessette, Las Vegas, "Spring Mountain Morning"



Honorable Mention: "Slow Dance at Lamoille City Park" by Steve McNeil

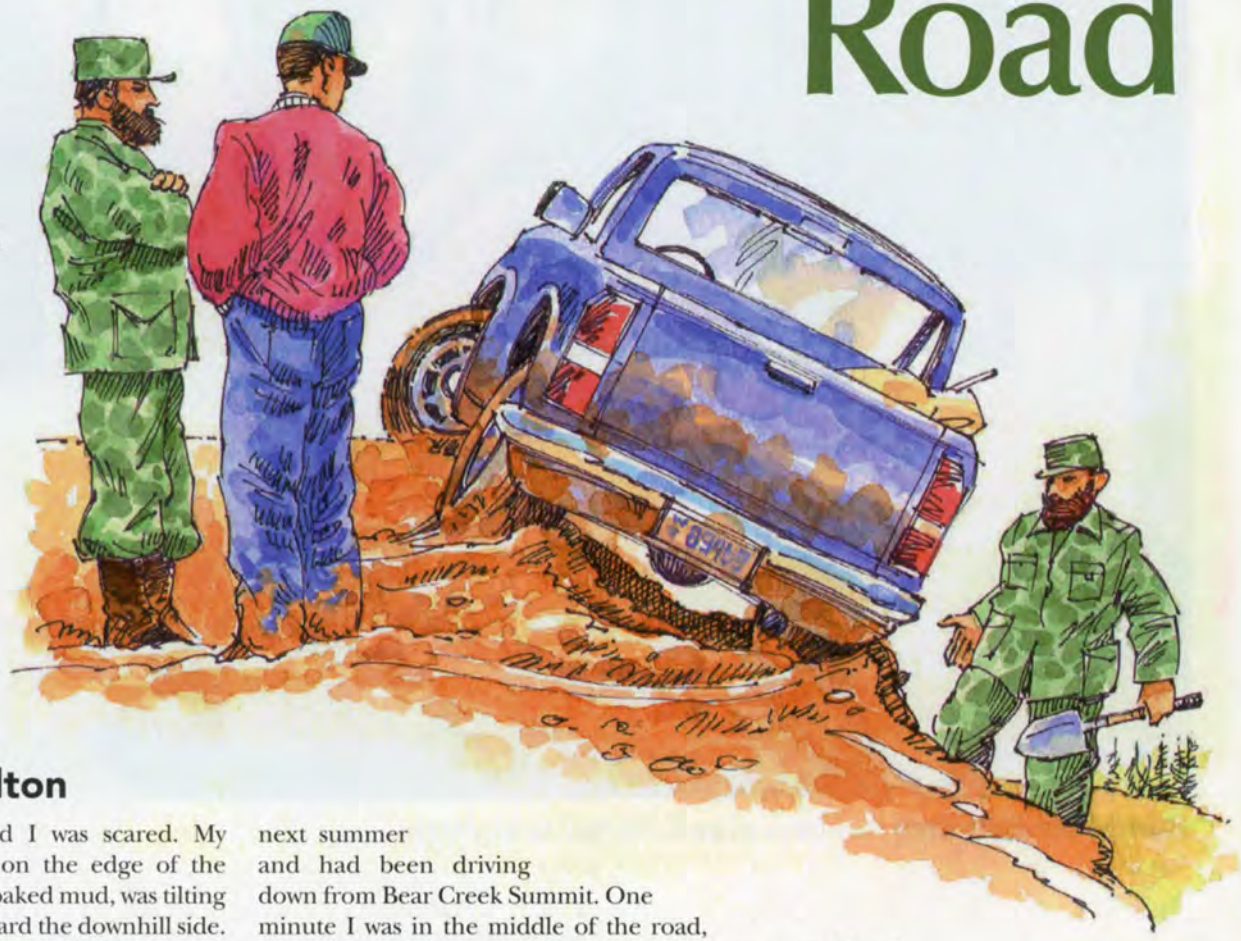
Barry Glazier, Kanab, UT, "Ride into Sunset, Goldfield"
Joel Jensen, Summerland, CA, "Olympic Steam"
Dave Kelley, Incline Village, "Full Moon at Pyramid Lake"
Tara Kilpatrick, Sandy Valley, "Supper's Ready"
Bill Kositzky, Reno, "Bird Watching, Tahoe Meadows"
Steve McNeil, Spring Creek, "Slow Dance at Lamoille City Park" and "We Hope They Have Table Service"
Sheree Norman, Las Vegas, "Darrough Hot Springs"
Gary A. Reese, Las Vegas, "Heading to Las Vegas?"
Michael Valdez, Henderson, "Bellagio Turns Pink"



Best Ghost Town: "Rebirth, Gold Point" by Judy McEwan

Stuck on the Jarbidge Road

With my pickup perching on a precipice, I meet a pair of unlikely rescuers.



By John Dalton

I was alone, and I was scared. My pickup, stuck on the edge of the road in snow-soaked mud, was tilting 30 degrees toward the downhill side. Three aspens were all that kept it from going over the edge. The road itself clung to the side of a mountain; below it was an abyss. There was no way I could get myself out of this mess, and I had passed but one vehicle all day. "Welcome to September in Northeast Nevada," I thought.

I had never been this much in need of rescue before. Once I had run off an icy road in Quebec, but there were others around, and it was not a matter of personal safety. After a lifetime of self-sufficiency, I needed a Good Samaritan, and it wasn't a pleasant feeling.

The scene was unfolding 8,500 feet up in the Jarbidge Mountains, 46 miles from a paved road and 12 miles south from the town of Jarbidge and its 80 souls. I had spent the day in the mountains researching a long-distance hike planned for the next summer and had been driving down from Bear Creek Summit. One minute I was in the middle of the road, going forward at perhaps eight mph, and the next I was going sideways toward the road's edge despite all attempts not to. Evidently the mud and gravel had become super saturated by heavy snow-melt and gave way under my 6,000-pound '95 Toyota. I came to rest three inches from a small grove of aspens growing out of the lip of the road.

I struggled to get out of the truck and surveyed my near-caastrophe. I walked down the road to an open spot to try my cell phone. *Nothing.* Returning, my size-14 boots had gained twice their weight in mud.

It was 2 p.m., about three hours from sundown. I decided to spend the night there on the theory that you stay put when in trouble. Perhaps tomorrow I could walk to Jarbidge for help.

But where would I spend the night? It was predicted to be 27 degrees that night in Elko, 3,000 feet below and 100 miles south, where my warm motel bed waited. It would probably be zero degrees here.

Basically I had two bad choices. A three-season tent and sleeping bag sat in the pickup, but the road was the only level spot for miles around. That meant sleeping in the tent in the middle of the road, with only the soft muck to anchor it.

Then there was the truck. I would be warmer and more comfortable in my sleeping bag in the cab, but would the darn thing stay on the road?

Fear and altitude can do funny things to the mind. I seemed to be thinking in slow motion. I even laughed at myself a couple of times. I unloaded gear from the truck bed in case the vehicle went over, while putting my sleeping bag in the cab, think-

ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN BARDWELL

ing I might have to spend the night in it.

I made a cup of coffee on my camp stove and summoned the courage to get back in the truck—ever so gently, not wanting to disturb its fragile equilibrium. I began transcribing the 63 messages on my tape recorder from that day's research into my journal. At least it kept my mind occupied. The tape contained many notations of landmarks along my drive, and I could pinpoint exactly where I was on the U.S. Forest Service map. That made me feel better, although it confirmed I was a long way from anywhere.

I decided to make a reconnoiter before nightfall. I walked uphill toward the 8,600-foot Coon Creek Pass to get maximum visibility. I could feel the temperature dropping as I walked, which had the positive effect of making the mud a little firmer although not enough to anchor the tent.

From just below the pass the scene was beautiful but lonely. Nothing moved. The entire canyon looked like a tapestry in the golden light of the setting sun. The wet snow held fast to the trees, creating intricate patterns on the branches of the conifers as they marched toward the 10,000-foot spine of the Jarbidge Mountains.

Dinner plans occupied my mind on the way back to the truck, and I laughed at myself when I thought I heard voices.

"OK, Dalton, now you're really losing it," I thought as the voices got louder. "No, you're not. Those are people!"

"Hey," I screamed at the top of my lungs.

"I'd say you're in a bit o' trouble," came a voice.

I yelled, "Am I glad to hear you guys."

"I'll bet you are. You've got a lot of gear out here on the open road."

"Frankly, I wasn't expecting company."

As I rounded the last bend, I could see what looked like a couple of Fidel Castros, complete with camouflage jackets and pants, beards, and military-style caps. They had driven up from below in a red truck. It was the same vehicle I had seen earlier.

My initial uncertainty as to whether they intended to help or hurt was resolved when the slimmer of the two Fidels observed, "The first thing we gotta do is get that mud out from around those downhill tires. I'll get my shovel."

After a few minutes of panting and shoveling they had removed most of the mud. Then we discussed towing options, or I should say, they discussed options and I listened. My two rescuers seemed to know what they were doing.

"I'd much rather tow it out from the rear to avoid that gap in the trees in front of his truck," Slim Fidel said. "That's where we could lose it."

"I think it'll be OK going forward. Besides it'll be easier for him to control."

"Easy for you to say—you're going to be standing on the road. If he goes over, so do I."

All of us gazed past the trees into the canyon. It would be a long way down.

"OK, let's go forward," Slim said. "I'll go position my truck and get the chain hooked up."

As he did that, plump Fidel coached me.

"You don't want to put any power on your wheels at all. You'll just spin your tires and make the truck slicker and easier to pull both of you over the edge. You just steer toward where he's pullin' ya, and I'll stay beside your truck."

"Yeah, and watch both of us disappear," I thought.

I laughed at myself when I thought I heard voices. "OK, Dalton, now you're really losing it," I thought.

Sweat beaded on my brow as I climbed into my pickup.

When I was ready, Plump Fidel gave a thumbs-up to his friend, and Slim rolled forward. His tires spun in the mud, and for a moment I thought we weren't going anywhere.

Then, his tires got traction. My truck lunged forward, but it was headed toward the gap beyond the trees and not where he was towing it or where I was steering it.

I imagined going down the ravine. How many times would I bounce? How many times would it hurt before it didn't hurt any more?

Finally, my front wheels found their purchase and led us away from the precipice. I breathed.

"Yahoooo!" Plump Fidel yelled outside my window as I followed Slim's vehicle down the center of the road. He pulled me a long way before he stopped.

"Hey, podner, we did it," Slim Fidel said to me as we high-fived beside our trucks.

"I can't tell you how grateful I am," I said. "Spending the night out here was very low on my priority list."

"Well, we better be getting back to our huntin' " Plump Fidel said as he turned toward their truck.

"You guys got any use for a case of beer?" I asked, remembering the provisions behind my seat.

"You're a lifesaver," Slim said. He looked like he wanted to kiss me. "We're running pretty low, and there aren't too many liquor stores out here."

"We've been up here huntin' for two weeks after working hard all summer, and we've been a bit thirsty," said his pal.

I didn't ask what they had been doing. I was content to shake hands, exchange first names, and hear where they were camped in case I ran into more trouble. I collected my muddy belongings and loaded them in my now-level truck.

Driving down the mountain, I realized the significance of what had just happened. Not only had a couple of strangers helped me out of a nasty jam, but one had risked his life and limb in the process. Slim was more than a Good Samaritan.

Back in my warm motel bed in Elko, I wondered why on earth it hadn't occurred to me to get a professional to extricate the truck instead of trying such a risky stunt. My two friends would have given me a ride to Jarbidge, where there surely would have been a tow truck. I also laughed at myself one last time. After all I had been through in that rugged and beautiful wilderness, I couldn't wait to go back.

And I wanted to find the two Fidels and buy them dinner.

I imagined going down the ravine. How many times would I bounce? How many times would it hurt before it didn't hurt any more?

John Dalton is a San Jose writer and frequent Nevada explorer.

Racing to the Angel

Story and Photos by Elaine Swanson

Wells residents celebrate their **20th annual** run, walk, and bike-athon to **Angel Lake.**



Walkers Tommi Reynolds and Raylene Naveran picked flowers during a training session.

The Race to the Angel can be devilishly challenging. No one knows that better than Don Noorda, a veteran of the 13.1-mile race between Wells and Angel Lake.

"My goal is always to be the first racer to conquer the mountain and cross the finish line," the mountain biker from Wells says. "It would have happened last year except I was three seconds too late."

Noorda and 130 other mountain bikers, road cyclists, runners, and walkers will gather at the downtown fire hall for the start of the 20th annual Race to the Angel on September 10. On that crisp Saturday morning the competitors will ascend nearly 3,000 feet from Wells to the scenic reservoir high in the East Humboldts.

Over its half-marathon distance, the course follows State Route 231 as it winds through sagebrush, piñon-juniper stands, and aspen groves before rounding the last bend into Angel Lake basin. There are two brutal hot spots where the road's incline leaves legs and lungs burning—an 11-percent grade called Separator at five miles and a four-mile, eight-percent grade on the final stretch.

"I've tackled this race in both the road- and mountain-bike divisions," says walker Raylene Naveran of Wells. "In my opinion, walking is the toughest way to get up the hill."

Two of the toughest walkers are Paul Neff of Ruby Valley and Ricardo Savedra of Wells. Race fans have watched the two men's competition grow as one or the other finished first for several years.

But the 2004 race ended differently. Affected by the day's warm temperatures, Neff had to stop two miles short of the finish. Savedra stopped, too.

Neff says of the incident, "Ricardo had the race won, but he chose to stay back. It was a great example of sportsmanship."

"For me, the race was over when Paul dropped out," says Savedra, who stopped to encourage Neff as emergency crews treated and released the former winner. "It is only a race. Both Paul and I plan to be back this September."

The first race was organized in 1985 by local running enthusiast Boyd Gailey. Later the Wells Chamber of Commerce assumed sponsorship, and employees of Wells Rural Electric Company and other volunteers were enlisted to organize the event. The race begins with a carbo feed

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at the 4-Way Casino the night before and ends with a catered post-race picnic in Wells City Park.

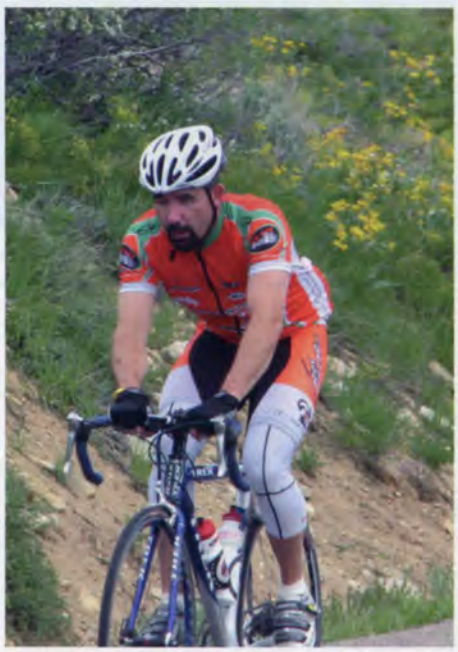
Water and fruit stations are set up along the course. Unlike most races, the road is not blocked off—cars are part of the day's activity. Organizer Tommi Reynolds, who also competes, says, "This is one of the only races where walkers, runners, and bike riders share the course with cars. Support cars often follow the racers, and spectators drive up to cheer along the route."

Last year Brian Starkey of Carlin earned cheers as the first runner up the hill. The multiyear winner says his training includes a 40-mile run each July on the Ruby Crest Trail from Lamoille Canyon to Harrison Pass with the Elko Running Club. Starkey notes that his best time to the Angel is one hour and 34 minutes. "The record is 1:31. I'd like to shave off those three or four minutes."

Other competitors are making plans. Last year mountain biker Maggie Safford of Clover Valley finished among the top five women in her class. Safford says, "The 2005 race is going to be great for me as I move into the 50s age category. I won't have to compete with the young 40s whippersnappers."

Wells teachers Teena Walker and April Wright cut 30 minutes off their previous bests in the 2004 fat-tire race. Walker says, "We have been following a new concept in bike racing, alternating short-distance and high-intensity rides with longer rides." They like to ride early in the morning. Walker asks, "Can you imagine the joy of sharing the mountain with the bighorn sheep grazing right off the course?"

Walker adds, "We really enjoy the terrific support system. It helps so much that people like Don Noorda finish their race and then come back down the hill and ride beside us to encourage us."



Dan Noorda of Wells (above) pushes hard as he bikes up the mountainous State Route 231. At top: Ricardo Savedra (left) and Paul Neff will be back on the course this year.

Typically, Noorda found positive aspects in his second-place mountain-bike finish last year. "Guy Perry and I were so evenly matched," he recalls. "At Separator, Perry said, 'Let's work together to get up this hill as fast as we can. From there on it was cat and mouse all the way, with neither of us able to break away.

"Then in the last 100 meters, Perry had enough reserve to cross the finish line three seconds ahead of me. I was able to break my 57-minute record on the hill by two minutes."

Noorda explains why he competes. "I train hard and race because it makes me feel young and alive," he says. Now if he can go just a few seconds faster.

Elaine Swanson lives in Wells.

Race to the Angel



Record Setters

While most of the competitors live in Northern Nevada, many come from as far away as Mexico. Entrants will aim to beat the records set by past Race to the Angel winners. Following are the fastest times in the 13.1-mile uphill course since 1991

Road Bikes: Men: Calvin Allan of Elko, 0:51:13, 2000. Women: Muffy Ritz of Ketchum, Idaho, 1:04:44, 1995.

Mountain Bikes: Men: Robert Jameson of Spring Creek, 0:56:35, 2001 Women: Michele Hammersmark of Battle Mountain, 1:09:45, 2001

Runners: Men: Tom Borschel of Northern Nevada, 1:30:41, 1993. Women: Lynn Bjorkland of Ely, 1:44:27, 2000.

Walkers: Men: Etiel Soto of Mexico, 2:07:55, 2000. Women: Sidney Fielding of Ely, 2:35:58, 1998.

Rachel's Kitchen

Chef Rachel Breen serves Pacific Rim at the Fremont's Second Street Grill

By Bob Barnes



Rachel Breen of the Second Street Grill flew around the world as an airline attendant before she became a chef. She worked in Hawaii to learn Pacific Rim cuisine first-hand.

Rachel Breen is a rarity. As the room chef of a Las Vegas gourmet restaurant, she excels in a role usually reserved for men. Breen, the creative force behind the Second Street Grill in the Fremont Hotel, says being a female executive chef has its challenges.

"I get some grief from guys working in the kitchen to some extent, but once they realize I know my job and see that I work as hard as any man, they're OK," Breen says. "There are a lot more women in the field now, but still not many room chefs. Here at the Fremont, our food and beverage manager and hotel executive chef are women, and I have two women working in my kitchen."



The dining room at Second Street Grill.

Born in El Paso to Hispanic parents, Breen was eight when her family moved to Las Vegas. In a family of eight there was inevitably a lot of food preparation going on, and Breen helped her mother in the kitchen. Thus began her love of making others happy through cooking.

Breen grew up in Las Vegas, often helping her mother in the kitchen.

Breen has cooked at the Second Street Grill since Boyd Gaming, owner of the Fremont, opened the restaurant in 1993 to cater to its VIP guests. She serves Pacific Rim cuisine, Asian-fused with some French and Hawaiian influences, using sauces flavored with soy sauce, miso, and ginger. Breen's dishes impart an Asian-tropical flavor with ginger and garlic, fresh fish, and plates decorated with brightly colored vegetables, herbs, and orchids. Pansies, radish sprouts, purple basil, and rosemary sprigs please the eye.

"If you like what you see," Breen says, "it's even better when you eat it."

Her dishes include duck and shrimp tacos with cilantro, pesto, and enchilada sauce. She makes Italian pastas and an all-American Ritz pork chop that uses Ritz crackers for a crust. Breen says the restaurant's most popular entrées are Mongolian rack of lamb with a cabernet plum sauce, Southwestern rubbed rib-eye with chipotle barbecue sauce, cioppino, and the Ritz pork chop.

In summer Breen serves passion fruit and strawberry sorbet with berries and raspberry coulis. In winter there's a flourless cake made with eggs and chocolate.

The restaurant has received numerous Zagat Awards, and Breen was the only woman chef in Las Vegas to be chosen for the American Culinary Institute of San Francisco's Chefs 2000 Award. The grill's celebrity diners have included the late anchorman Peter Jennings, actor Pat Morita, and Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman.

A Henderson resident, Breen enjoys cooking downtown. "I love working here, but unfortunately a lot of people don't

know we're here," says Breen. However, word of mouth is spreading, and both tourists and locals are finding the place.

As a young woman Breen lived in New York for a few years, but she was drawn back to Las Vegas by the career opportunities and warm weather. The Clark High School graduate says, "I like it hot and don't like snow." On days off Breen, a mother of two and grandmother of eight, joins family excursions to Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mohave. When not fishing or boating, she organizes large family barbecues.

Breen's personal tastes in food are varied. She loves Mexican cuisine, having grown up with it, but also likes German food and other, more basic dishes.

"I don't like eating steak and lobster every night and occasionally just want a hamburger or chicken wings, but more often I just have a big salad," Breen says. "My husband, Ed Breen, who owns The Caterers Inc., cooks all the time and has a plate waiting for me when I come home."

Second Street Grill: The fine-dining restaurant at the Fremont Hotel in downtown Las Vegas is open for dinner Thursday through Monday. Menus change seasonally, and entrée prices range from $20 to $40. Call 702-385-6277 for reservations; walk-ins are accepted.

Bob Barnes, who writes frequently about food and drink, teaches fifth grade at Edith Garehime Elementary School in Las Vegas.

Breezy Seafood

Rachel Breen, chef-manager at the Fremont's Second Street Grill in Las Vegas, offers the recipe for a favorite dish.

Blackened Ahi
With Chinese Soy and Wasabi Butter Sauce and Papaya Salsa



Blackened ahi with Chinese soy and wasabi butter sauce.

Blackened Spice
2 tsp. paprika
1 tbsp. granulated garlic
1 tbsp. white pepper
3/4 tsp. cracked pepper
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. dry basil
1/2 tsp. dry thyme
Mix all ingredients, add a little olive oil to taste, and set aside.

Butter Sauce
2 cups white wine
1 qt. heavy cream
1-1/2 lb. softened butter
Preparation:
Reduce wine by two thirds, add cream, and reduce again to two thirds until cream becomes beige in color and looks thickened. Add butter, let it come to just a simmer. Turn off, and set aside.

Wasabi Sauce
In one container, place 2 tsp. wasabi powder, add water to form a paste-like mixture, add salt, white pepper, and one half of the butter sauce, blend.

Chinese Soy Butter Sauce
In a second container, mix 2 tsp. dry Chinese mustard, 3 tbsp. soy sauce light, white pepper. Add remainder of butter sauce and blend.

Stir Fry Vegetables
Zucchini
Yellow squash
Carrots
Baby bok choy
Pea pods
Bean sprouts
Minced garlic
Minced ginger
Sesame and peanut oil mixture
Salt and pepper
Soy sauce light
Black sesame seeds (optional)
Preparation:
Using a mandoline, julienne zucchini, yellow squash, carrots.
Chop baby bok choy, clean pea pods.
In hot saucepan heat oil till smoking, add squash, carrots, bok choy, garlic, and ginger. Toss. Then add pea pods, sprouts, salt, and pepper to taste, sauté.
Finish with soy and sesame seeds.
Be careful not to overcook.

Papaya Salsa
2 ripe papayas
1/2 red onion
1/2 bunch cilantro
2 limes
Preparation:
Peel and medium dice papaya, dice red onions small, chop cilantro; mix together with lime juice.

Ahi
Clean tuna, remove bloodline and skin. Cut steaks. Dip ahi in blackened spice, coat lightly. Heat skillet until smoking. Sear tuna until medium rare.

Plate Setup
Place wasabi and soy sauces on plate, covering one half of plate with each sauce. Place stir-fry vegetables in middle of plate and tuna on top. Pour papaya salsa on top of tuna. Garnish with daikon sprout, pickled ginger, black sesame seeds, lemon slice, sprigs of purple basil and mint, and an edible orchid. Rachel Breen's recipes for stir-fried shitake mushroom salad and wok-fried crab and shrimp lumpia can be seen at our Web site, www.nevadamagazine.com



The Return of Wendover Will

The classic neon cowboy once again stands tall near the Nevada-Utah border

Story and Photos by Richard Menzies

Patrick Denner is happy to hear that his brainchild is back on his sheet-metal feet again. It was Denner who first sketched the colossal cowboy named Wendover Will back in the early 1950s, when he worked as a graphic designer for Young Electric Sign Company.

Wendover Will was patterned after another Denner creation: Vegas Vic, the Fremont Street fixture and Las Vegas icon. Was Vegas Vic patterned after anyone in particular?

"No, he just popped into my head," confides the soft-spoken artist, who at 82 continues to paint and sketch daily at his Salt Lake City studio. Originally, Vegas Vic had a voice box, so visitors to Fremont Street were greeted by not just a friendly wave but a "Howdy, pardner!"

Wendover Will, who for decades stood beside Highway 40 in front of the State Line Hotel and Casino, didn't speak but merely waved and pointed downward to the white line across the road demarking the Nevada-Utah border and the spot "where the West begins." Today, following 10 months of horizontal rehab, Wendover Will has been re-erected a mile west of where the West begins, in the heart of what is fast becoming a major resort community.



Wendover Will waves to residents and visitors at his resurrection ceremony in June.



"Wendover Will means so much in a variety of ways to so many people," declared West Wendover Mayor Josephine Thaut at the June 9 rededication ceremony. "When you were down, we knew how much we missed you. So we're gathered here this morning to pay tribute to an old warrior, an icon that has endured the test of time and weathered many a storm."

Wendover Will, first erected in 1952, is supposedly named after William "Bill" Smith, who in 1926 started the State Line Service station on the Nevada-Utah border. Smith's gas station featured a light affixed atop a tall pole, a beacon of sorts assuring lonely wayfarers on the Great Salt Desert that civilization was at hand. After gaming was legalized in 1931, William Smith acquired what would become the longest-held gaming license in Nevada, and following two and a half decades of

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steady growth, the State Line's night light was replaced by what the *Guinness Book of World Records* hailed as the world's tallest mechanical cowboy.

"At the time," announced West Wendover City Manager Chris Melville, "he stood some 63 feet tall, had 1,184 lineal feet of neon tubing, with his two large waving arms powered by a single three-quarter-horsepower motor, his eye winking, his cigarette flicking."

Current estimates peg Will's height at 61 feet, the shrinkage perhaps a result of 53 years of continuous smoking. His arms no longer wave, but he continues to flick his neon cigarette into the desert air, and his retro-sartorial style evokes the era of Hopalong Cassidy and Gene Autry.



Patrick Denner, Will's designer, shows an illustration of his other cowboy, Vegas Vic.

After the venerable State Line was sold and renamed the Wendover Nugget in 2002, the new owners decided it was time to retire Wendover Will. Instead of scrapping him, they eventually donated him to West Wendover, which just happened to be casting about for a central monument for the city's master design. With help from the Young Electric Sign Company, a grant from the Nevada Commission on Tourism, and donations from local business owners and a multitude of concerned citizens, Wendover Will was soon back on his feet, with a great view of West Wendover's business district to the east and Three-Mile Hill to the west. He no longer stands beside the road but smack-dab in the middle of what was once U.S. 40—nowadays known as Wendover Boulevard.

Will also looks down upon several acres of undeveloped desert, but city planners are confident all that will change and 20 years from now, the world's tallest mechanical cowboy will be the centerpiece of a thriving metropolis. Already Will's smiling, winking visage adorns West Wendover's official city seal.

"A true reflection of the original light atop a pole," reads a bronze plaque affixed to his pedestal, "welcoming all to this desert oasis."

Richard Menzies, who is a longtime Nevada Magazine *contributor, stands five feet nine and has always looked up to Wendover Will. For visitor information call the Wendover Welcome Center, 866-299-2489 or 775-664-3138, or visit www.westwendovercity.com.*

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By Richard Moreno

Before it had a name, Nevada was simply called the Great Unknown. It was a wild, vast, and uncharted region that intrigued and intimidated travelers, who were uncertain what might be found there. Later, explorers, wagon trains, and railroads bridged this *tabula rasa*, establishing trails and then roads and railroad tracks.

Today, while no longer called the Great Unknown, Nevada remains a wide-open place filled with countless opportunities for travel, exploration, and adventure whether you're touring in an RV or riding a motorcycle.

Nevada's open roads lead deep into the state's heartland to a host of fascinating places and challenging activities. Want to camp, hike, fish, hunt, or stargaze? Interested in an off-road adventure or back road touring? Ready for birdwatching, sandboarding, geocaching, or rock climbing? Visitors can find it all in Nevada.

Scattered across the state are lonely roads, alien highways, pioneer trails, scenic byways, neon boulevards, and off-the-beaten paths. RVers and bikers alike will find that the state is crisscrossed with asphalt routes leading to seemingly endless possibilities.

NEVADA'S GUIDE TO RVING AND MOTORCYCLING 2005-2006

This special section of "Nevada Open Roads" describes great drives and getaways for RVers and motorcyclists in the state. For additional copies and other travel information call the Nevada Commission on Tourism, 800-NEVADA-8, or visit www.travelnevada.com.

Nevada State Recreation Map



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Tourism Territories

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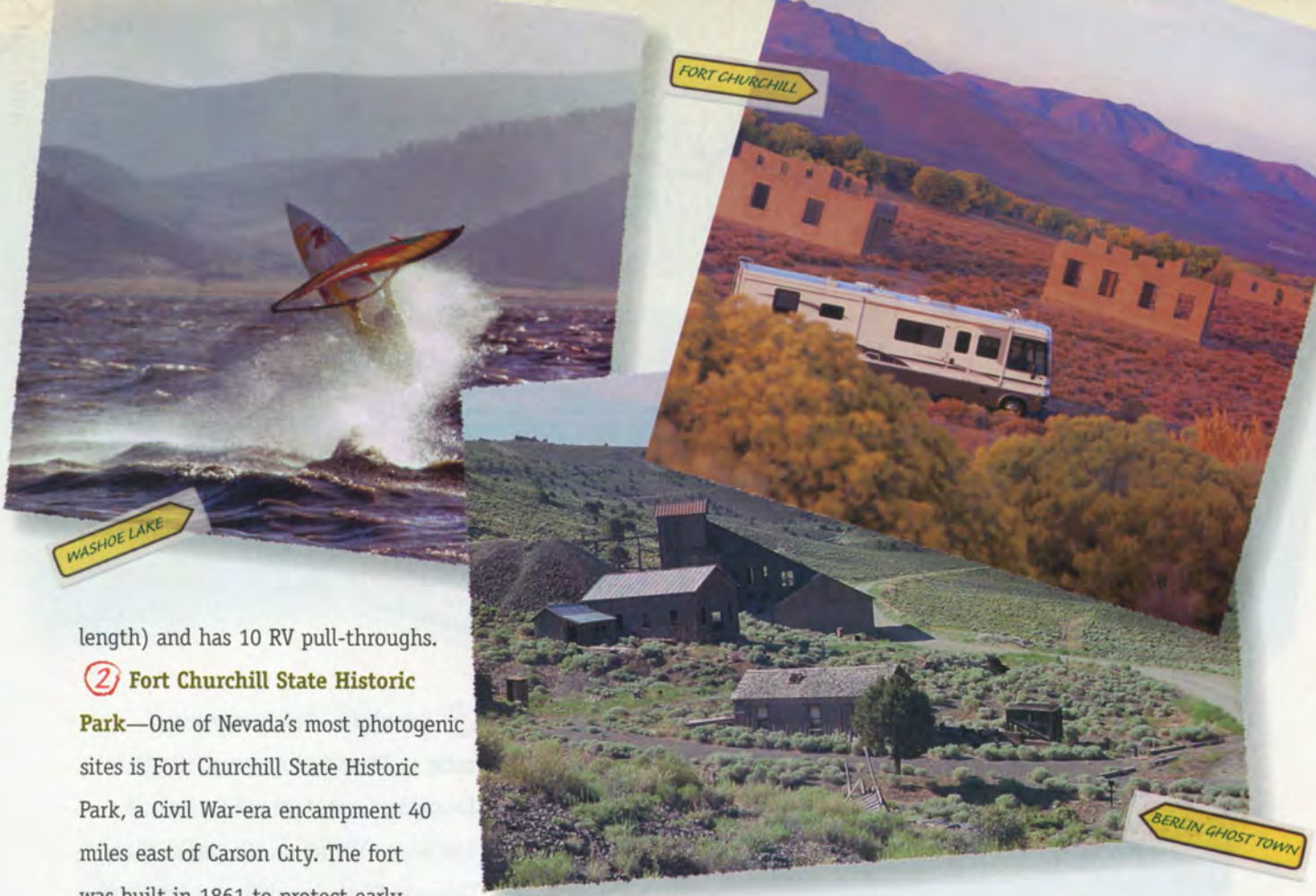
Open Roads:

BY RECREATION VEHICLE

One of the best ways to explore Nevada's open roads is in a recreation vehicle (RV for short). In places where accommodations are limited or unavailable, RV travel is a way to experience the state's hidden—and, often, less crowded—parks, landmarks, and natural attractions. The following are a few RV campsites or destinations found in the Silver State.

1 Washoe Lake—Unobstructed views of Slide Mountain and the surrounding Washoe Valley help make Washoe Lake State Park one of the best places to experience Northern Nevada's basin-and-range environment. The park encompasses 8,053 acres and sits at an elevation of about 5,000 feet. At the Main Area Campground in the center of the park (accessed from East Lake Boulevard), Washoe Lake State Park has 49 campsites, dump station, boat ramps, flush toilets, showers, drinking water, hiking trails, and picnic tables. The park can handle tents or self-contained RVs (up to 45 feet in





length) and has 10 RV pull-throughs.

2 Fort Churchill State Historic Park—One of Nevada's most photogenic sites is Fort Churchill State Historic Park, a Civil War-era encampment 40 miles east of Carson City. The fort was built in 1861 to protect early settlers. Used for only nine years, the adobe structures have been preserved in a state of arrested decay.

Visitors will find 20 shaded sites suitable for travel trailers, motor homes, or tents as well as a dump station and drinking water. Additionally, the park offers several miles of developed hiking trails along the banks of the Carson River. A visitor center containing interpretive displays overlooks the fort ruins.

3 Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park—Located in Central Nevada, Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park is both an early 20th century mining ghost town and an archaeological site containing the remains of prehistoric seagoing ichthyosaurs, which lived 200 million years ago. The park has 14 RV campsites, water, and a dump station.

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SCOTTY'S CASTLE IN DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK



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4 Death Valley/Beatty—Straddling the border of Nevada and California, Death Valley National Park, which earned its name because of its intense summer heat, offers more than three million acres of natural scenic areas, historic sites, and a remarkable array of recreational opportunities.

Death Valley's natural attractions include Ubehebe Crater, a half-mile-wide bowl-shaped depression created 3,000 years ago when trapped underground steam triggered a volcanic explosion; Badwater, the lowest spot in the Western Hemisphere; Devil's Golf Course, a large field of jagged salt spires created by erosion; and Artist's Drive, a nine-mile scenic loop through multicolored volcanic hills.

The park is also home to Furnace Creek Inn, a 1930s-era luxury resort with gourmet dining and first-class rooms, as well as Furnace Creek Ranch, a developed area offering restaurants, a gas station, general store, golf course, rustic cabins for rent, and a full-service RV park.

Scotty's Castle, at the north end of the park, is a Spanish-style mansion constructed between 1922 and 1933 by a Chicago millionaire. Park rangers in period costume conduct guided tours daily.

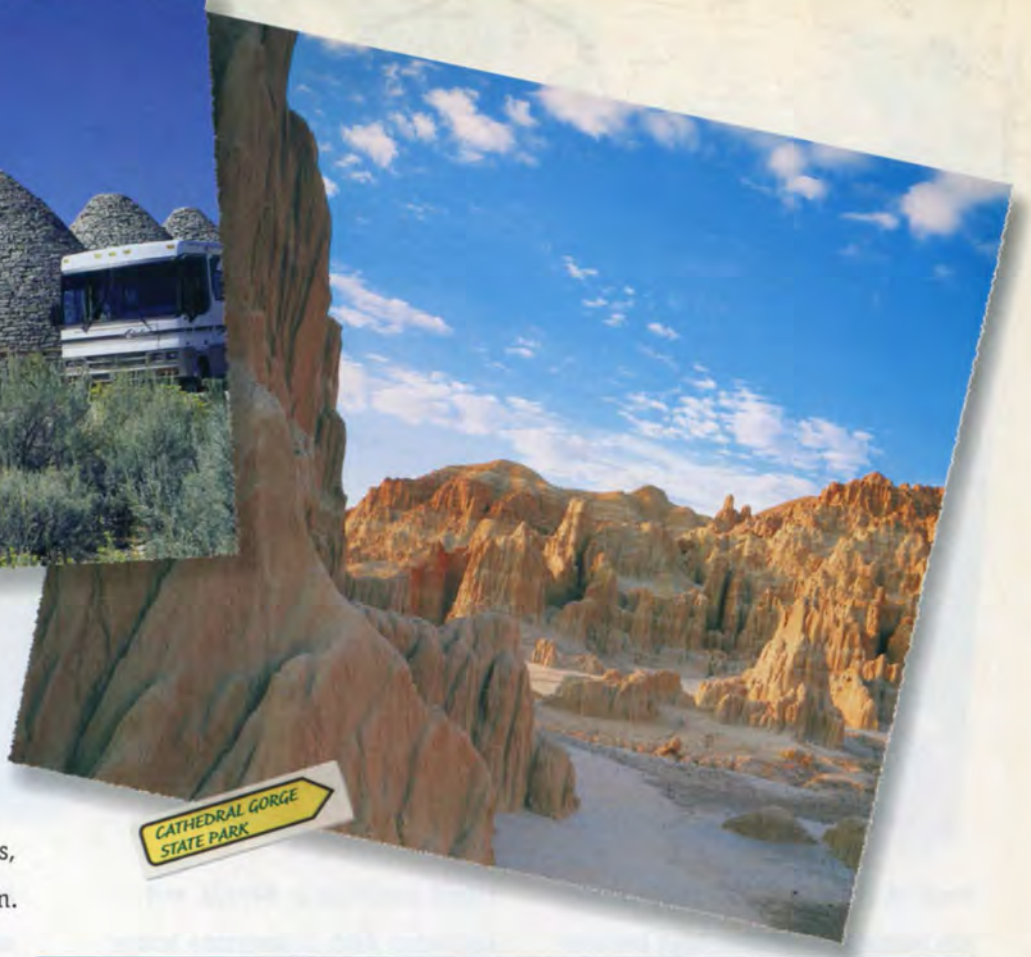
The town of Beatty, located about 10 miles from the park's eastern entrance via Nevada State Route 374, offers services and accommodations, including four RV parks.

5 Laughlin—Few communities cater to RVers and motorcyclists like Laughlin, located 90 miles south of Las Vegas. Sitting on the banks of the Colorado River, Laughlin is a full-service community with 10 hotel-casinos, golf courses, gourmet restaurants, a microbrewery, and a shopping mall. Additionally, RVers will find hookups at the Riverside RV Park, with 740 spaces, and the Avi RV Park, with 260 spaces.



EVENING RUN AT DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK





6 Cathedral Gorge State Park—In Eastern Nevada, RVers can stay at Cathedral Gorge State Park, which has 16 developed campgrounds, showers, shaded picnic areas, and a dump station. With its tall, gothic-looking clay spires and walls, Cathedral Gorge, located 164 miles northeast of Las Vegas, is one of the state's most scenic locales.

Cathedral Gorge's clay formations are the result of hundreds of thousands of years of erosion. The area was once covered by a large lake, which eventually dried up, leaving behind a thick clay lakebed. Wind and rain eroded the clay, shaping the unusual formations seen today.

Several self-guided hikes wind through the gorge and offer dramatic views of the park's natural beauty. Additionally, Nevada State Parks operates a visitor center at Cathedral Gorge that provides information about all the state parks in Eastern Nevada.

7 Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park—Located 14 miles





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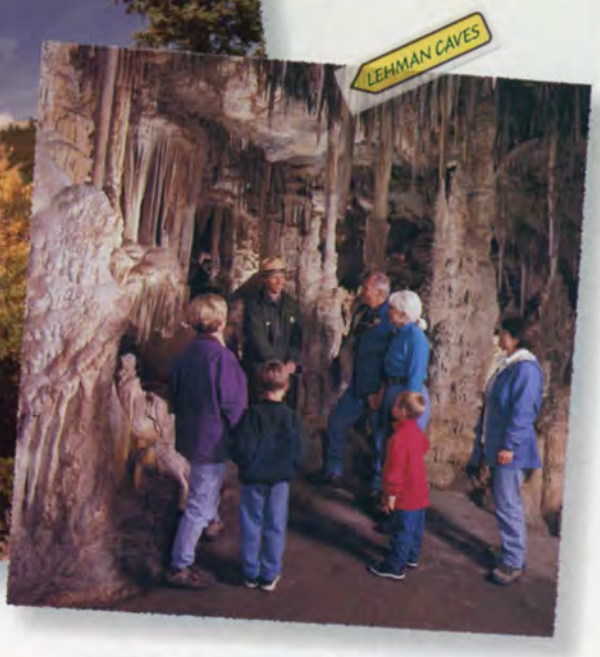
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south of Ely via U.S. 50, this historic site features six 30-foot-high beehive-shaped stone ovens built in 1873 to make charcoal used by local mining smelters. At Willow Creek, north of the ovens, RVers will find 14 campsites with two large pull-throughs as well as vault-style restrooms and potable drinking water (from May to September).

8 Great Basin National Park—Home of several groves of ancient bristlecone pine trees—the world's oldest living things—as well as the remnants of a glacier, 77,000-acre Great Basin National Park is one of the state's premier natural wonders.

Visitors can also tour Lehman Caves, a network of underground passages filled with beautiful limestone formations. Other park attractions include Wheeler Peak, which at 13,061 feet is the second-tallest mountain in Nevada, and Lexington Arch, a limestone bridge that is more than six stories high.

The park's visitor center contains displays describing the Great Basin and Lehman Caves. It also has a snack bar, gift shop, and bookstore.

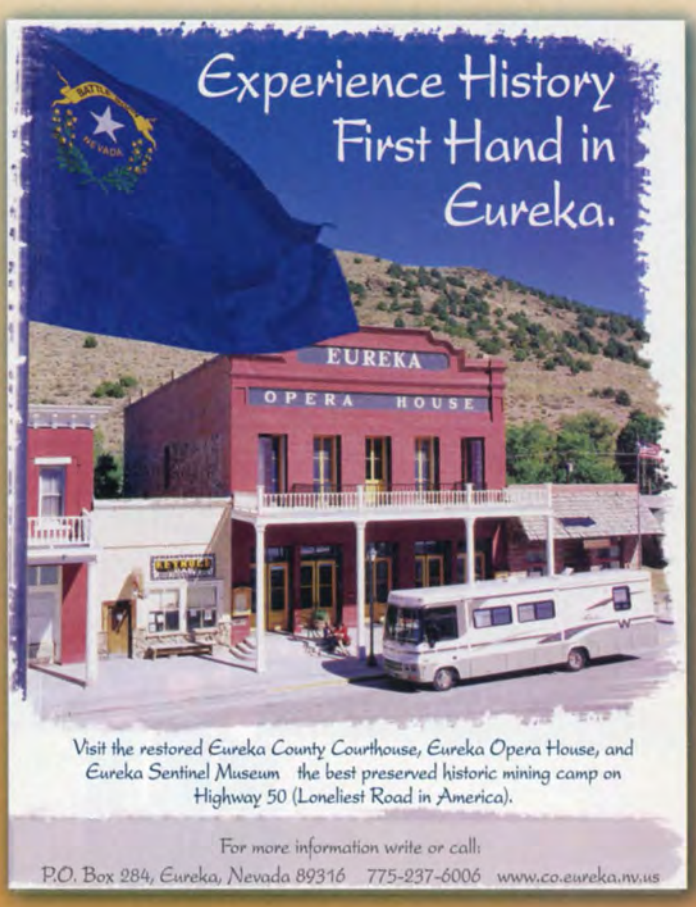
Campers and RVers will find the park has four developed campgrounds with more than 100 sites. RVs are allowed at lower elevation campgrounds but there are no hookups. Water, restrooms, and a dump station are available.

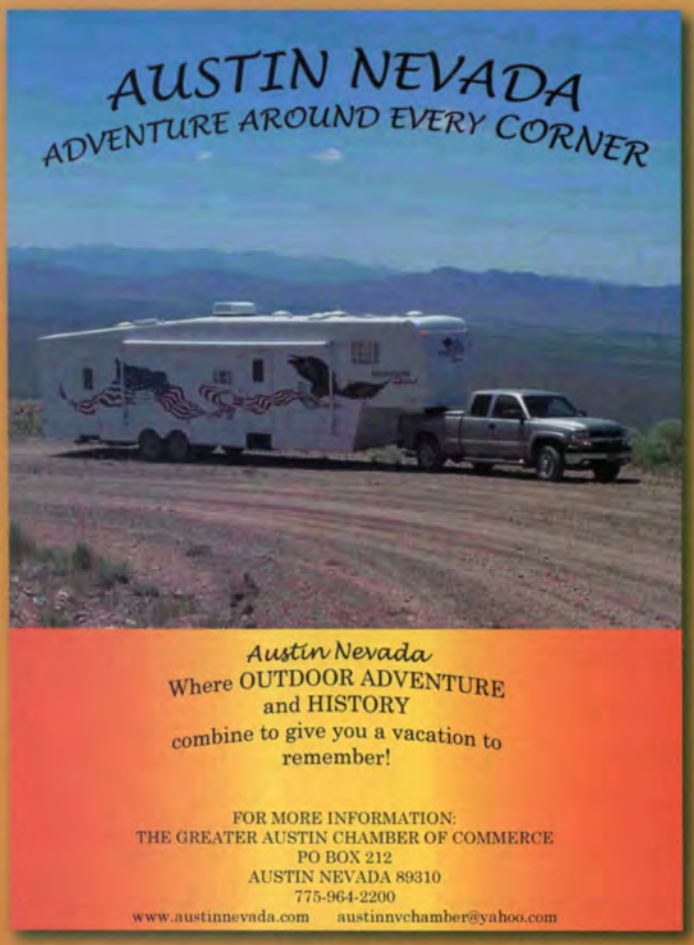
9 Elko—Surrounded by some of Nevada's most scenic and beautiful mountain ranges, including the Ruby Mountains and the Jarbidge Wilderness Area, Elko is the hub of recreational activities in Northeastern Nevada. RVers will find several full-service RV parks in Elko as well as campsites at Wild Horse State Recreation Area and South Fork State Recreation Area.

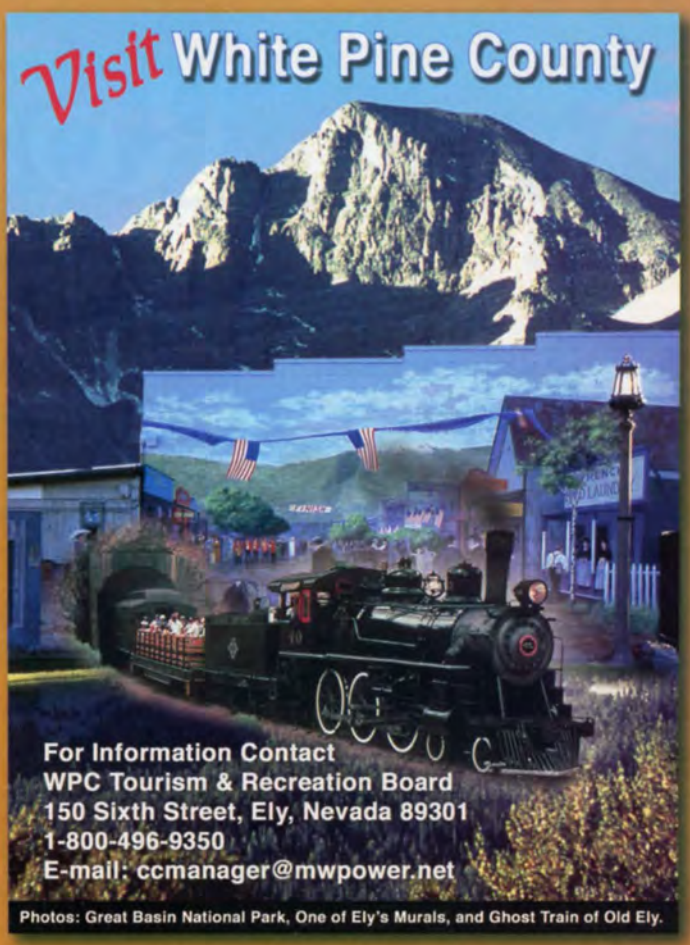


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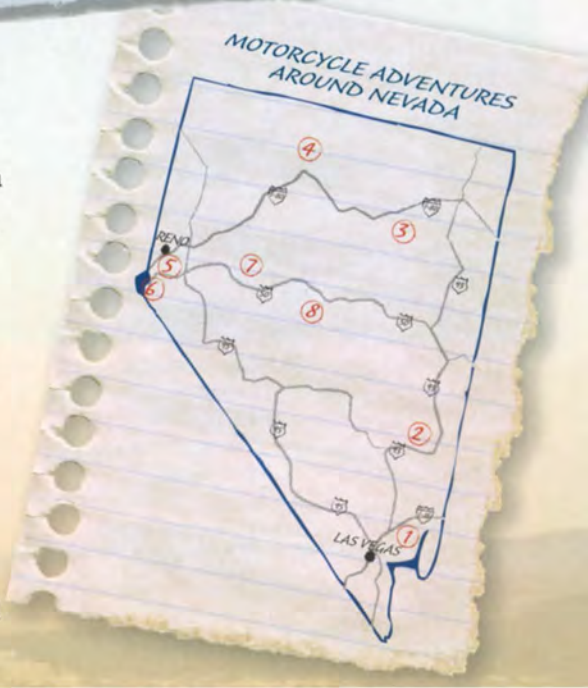




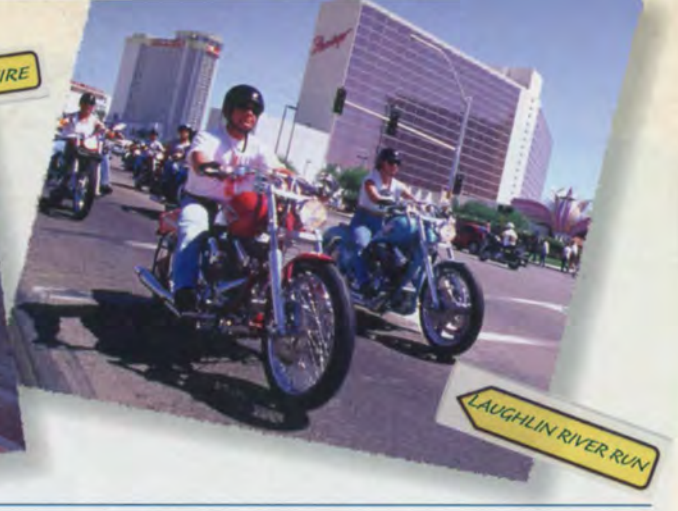
Open Roads: BY MOTORCYCLE

Riding on a motorcycle, there's just you and the freedom of the open road. Fortunately, Nevada is a biker's paradise, offering plenty of scenic rides, friendly communities, and panoramic views, including the following.

1 Valley of Fire/Lake Mead/ Boulder City—This 74-mile ride on State Route 169 begins near Logandale (about 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas) and winds along the western shore of Lake Mead before ending at Boulder City. A worthwhile side trip is through Valley of Fire State Park, a picturesque playground of sandstone cliffs and formations, which is 18 miles south of Logandale. Along the way, enjoy magnificent views of Lake Mead, which has 550 miles of shoreline and 250 square miles of surface area. Boulder City is about eight miles from Hoover Dam, the massive wall of concrete that created









Lake Mead. Daily tours of the dam are available.

(2) U.S. 93—The 174-mile journey from Las Vegas to the historic mining town of Pioche via U.S. 93 offers a chance to ride through an area of Nevada known as "The Solitudes." In addition to miles of open country, this road trip passes by the Pahranagat Lakes, a wildlife and bird sanctuary, as well as five state parks, including Cathedral Gorge and Spring Valley.

(3) Lamoille Canyon—One of the state's most spectacular rides is on

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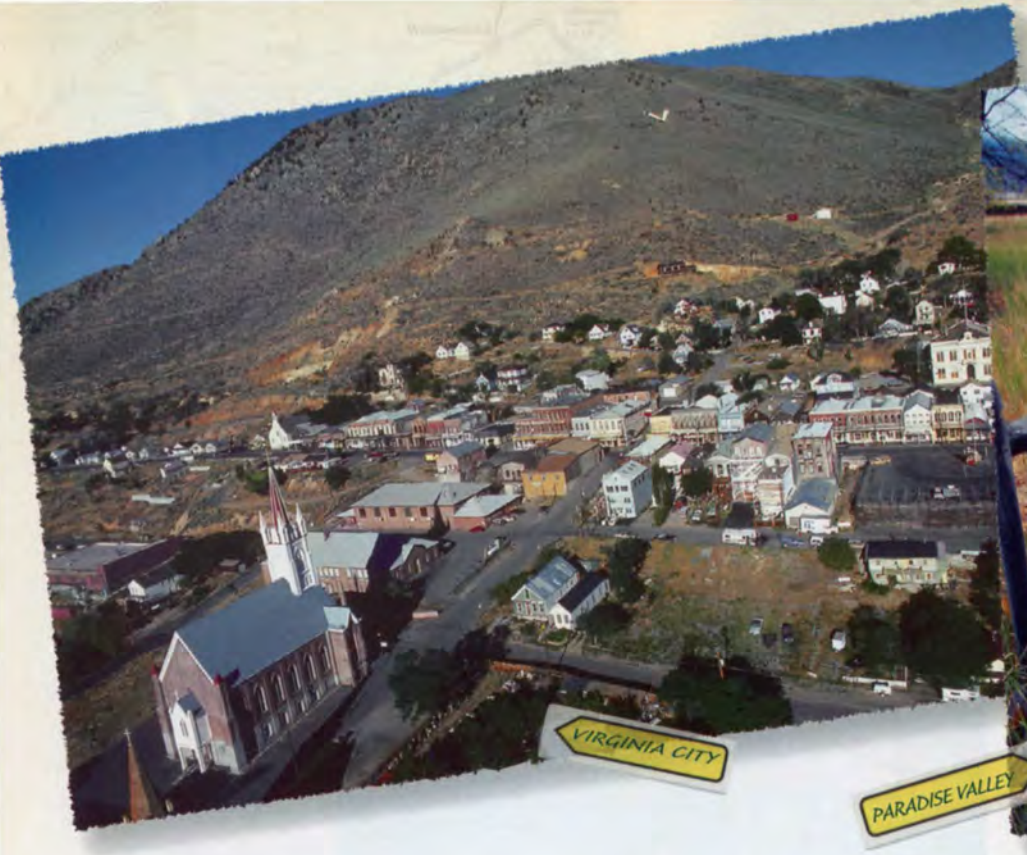
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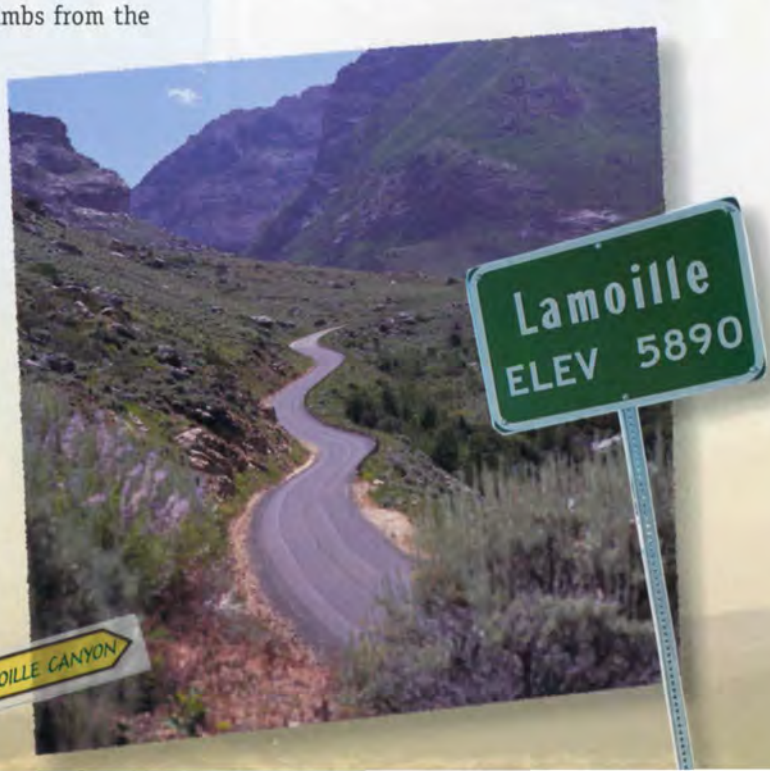


State Route 227 into Lamoille Canyon, 26 miles southeast of Elko. While relatively short—the drive through the canyon is only 13.5 miles long—this is the real deal when it comes to breathtaking views. The road heads right into the heart of the Ruby Mountains, winding around the base of 11,249-foot Ruby Dome, and climbs through a glacier-carved canyon that has been described as the "Yosemite of Nevada." At the end of the paved road, at the 8,800-foot level, a parking area and trailheads link to more than 100 miles of hiking trails amid gorgeous mountain scenery.

(4) **Paradise Valley**—The 22-mile drive northeast of Winnemucca to Paradise Valley transports riders to a true Nevada oasis. Visitors will find that Paradise Valley is a quiet, peaceful hamlet shaded by large cottonwood trees and containing picturesque historic buildings and vast, grassy fields dotted with fat cattle. The town's most famous native was silent movie star Edna Purviance, who appeared in nearly 40 films with Charlie Chaplin.

(5) **Virginia City**—Nevada's rich mining history is on display during the ride from Reno to Virginia City. This 24-mile drive climbs from the Truckee Meadows via steep Geiger Grade (State Route 341), which offers marvelous views of the area, and ends in Virginia City, an authentic 19th century mining town complete with wooden sidewalks. For an interesting extended ride, continue south through Virginia City on State Route 341 and cruise through the historic mining towns of Gold Hill and Silver City while heading toward Dayton or Carson City.

(6) **Lake Tahoe Loop**—Often called the "Most Beautiful Drive in America," the 72-mile road around Lake Tahoe is



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one of the most picturesque in the Western United States. The ride skirts Lake Tahoe, the largest alpine lake in North America, and passes several parks, including Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park (also open for RV day use) as well as California's D.L. Bliss State Park, Sugar Pine Point State Park, and Emerald Bay. In addition to a great ride, the Lake Tahoe loop leads to world-class resorts at Stateline (south shore) and Incline Village and Crystal Bay (north shore) and plenty of recreational opportunities such as boating, water-skiing, fishing, and jet skiing.

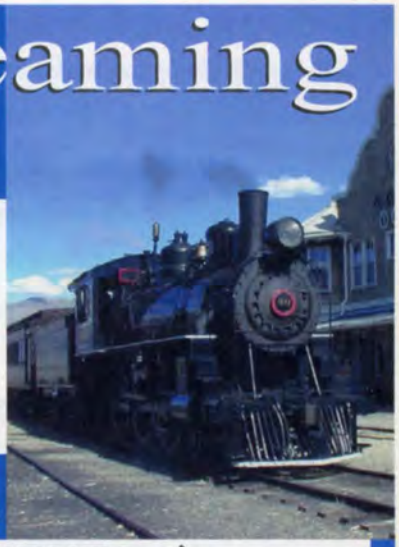
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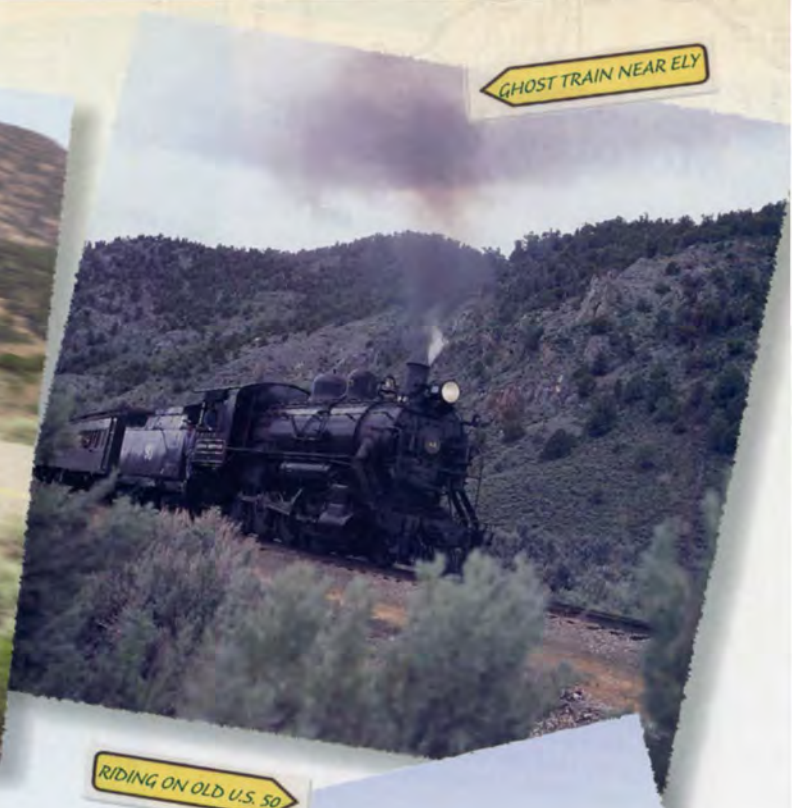


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8 Old U.S. 50—While Nevada's Highway 50 may be called America's Loneliest Road, that distinction might more properly belong to State Route 722, once part of Highway 50, which handles far less traffic. Also called the Carroll Summit Road or Old U.S. 50, State Route 722 is a 58-mile stretch of asphalt that runs parallel to present-day Highway 50 between Eastgate and Austin. The ride climbs through scenic mountain areas, including Carroll Summit, with an elevation of 7,452 feet. Along the way, travelers will pass interesting rock cliffs and old ranches. The road also crosses wide, open valleys often filled with fields of colorful wildflowers.

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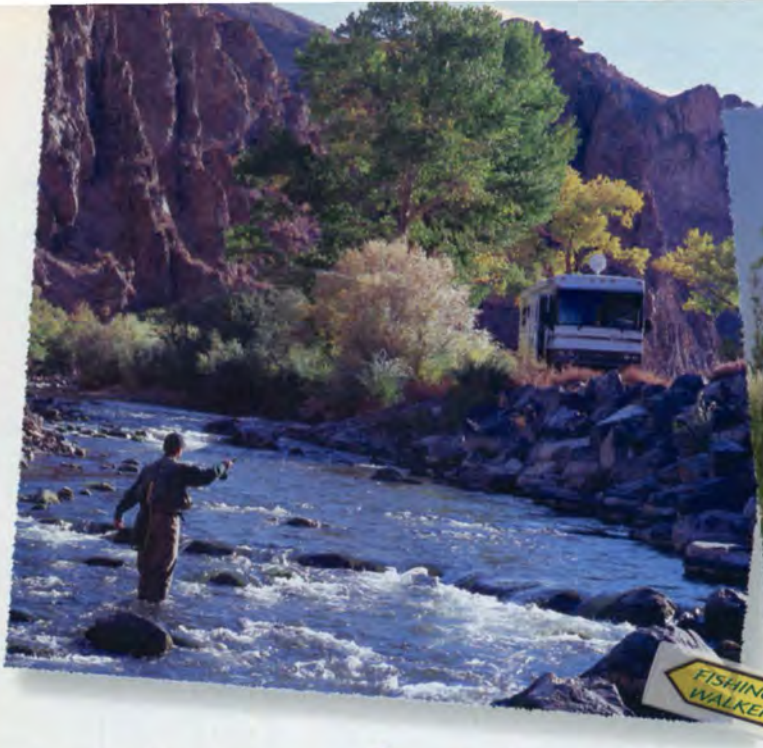


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RV Park Listings

Establishment *	Address	Telephone	Toll-Free	Fax	Web Address	Season	Number RV Sites	Pull Thru	Dump Station	Drinking Water	Showers	Toilets	Telephones	Laundry	Cable TV/Satellite	Store	Pools/Swimming	Tent Camping	Pets Allowed	Modem Friendly	Handicap Access	Group Rally Area	Gasoline	Propane Gas	Fishing
Armargosa Valley • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Fort Amargosa	Junction of U.S. Hwys. 95 & 373	775-372-1177		775-372-1166		Jan-Dec	97	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆
Longstreet Inn, Casino & RV Park	HCR 70, Box 559, Amargosa Valley 89020	775-372-1777		775-372-1280	longstreetcasino.com	Jan-Dec	50	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆			◆
Austin • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Austin RV Park	1.5 mi. E. of S.R. 305 on U.S. 50, Austin 89310	775-964-1011		775-964-2601		Apr-Oct	20		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆		◆			◆
Pony Express RV Park	260 Main St., Austin 89310	775-964-2005		775-964-1033	t-rix.com	Jan-Dec	12	◆										◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			
Baker • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Border Inn RV Park	Hwy. 50 at UT/NV State Line, P.O. Box 30, Baker 89311	775-234-7300		775-234-7300	greatbasinpark.com	Jan-Dec	23	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	
Battle Mountain • *Cowboy Country*																									
Broadway Flying J Service Center	650 W. Front St., Battle Mountain 89820	775-635-5424		775-635-0371		Jan-Dec	96	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Beatty • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Bailey's Hot Springs	6 mi. N. of Beatty on Hwy. 95, Beatty 89003	775-553-2395				Jan-Dec	14	◆		◆	◆	◆						◆	◆	◆					
Kay's Korral RV Park	P.O. Box 520, 3 mi. N. of Beatty on U.S. Hwy. 95, Beatty 89003	775-553-2732		775-553-2841		Jan-Dec	25	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	
Space Station RV Park	U.S. Hwy. 95, Beatty 89003	775-553-9039		775-553-2401		Jan-Dec	24	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆					◆	
Boulder City • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Boulder Oaks RV Resort	1010 Industrial Rd., Boulder City 89005	702-294-4425	800-478-5687	702-294-4426	boulderoaks.com	Jan-Dec	280			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Canyon Trail RV Park	1200 Industrial Rd., Boulder City 89005	702-293-1200		702-293-1954		Jan-Dec	156	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆					
Caliente • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Agua Caliente Mobile Home Park	1000 N. Spring St., Caliente 89008	775-726-3399				Jan-Dec	10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆	◆		◆				
Young's RV Park	U.S. Hwy. 93, P.O. Box 84, Caliente 89008	775-726-3418				Jan-Dec	27	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆						
Cal-Nev-Ari • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Cal-Nev-Ari RV Park	P.O. Box 430, Cal-Nev-Ari, NV 89039 12 mi. S. of Searchlight via US 95	702-297-1115		702-297-1167		Jan-Dec	58	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	
Carson City • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Camp-N-Town	2438 N. Carson St., Carson City 89706	775-883-1123	800-872-1123	775-883-1123		Jan-Dec	157	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆				
Comstock Country RV Resort	5400 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701	775-882-2445	800-NEVADA-1	775-882-1199	comstockrv.com	Jan-Dec	151	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	
Oasis RV Park	4550 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701	775-882-1375		775-841-4272		Jan-Dec	20			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆						
Piñon Plaza Resort & RV Park	2171 U.S. Hwy. 50 East, Carson City 89701	775-885-9000	877-519-5567	775-888-8002	pinonplaza.com	Jan-Dec	48	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Denio • *Cowboy Country*																									
Royal Peacock RV Park	Virgin Valley Rd., P. O. Box 165, Denio 89404	775-941-0374 (summer) 775-272-3246 (winter)		775-272-3246	royalpeacock.com	May-Oct	15	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆						◆
Elko • *Cowboy Country*																									
Best Western Gold Country RV Park, Inn & Casino	2050 Idaho St., Elko 89801	775-738-8421	800-621-1332	775-738-1798	bestwesternnevada.com	Jan-Dec	26		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆					
Cimarron West	1400 Mountain City Hwy., P.O. Box 428, Elko 89801	775-738-9861		775-738-4953		Jan-Dec	10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆			◆	
Double Dice RV Park	3730 E. Idaho (at exit 303), Elko 89801	775-738-5642	888-738-3423	775-753-0055	doubledicervpark.com	Jan-Dec	140	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Dunn's Wildhorse Resort	HC 31, Box 213, Elko 89801 (62 mi. N. of Elko)	775-758-6472		775-758-5400		Jan-Dec	30	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆
Rydon Campground & RV Park	I-80, Exit 314, P.O. Box 1656, Elko 89801	775-738-3448		775-738-4825		Jan-Dec	120	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Valley View RV Park	3 mi. E. of Elko, 600 E. Idaho St., Elko 89801	775-753-9200				Jan-Dec	65	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆	◆					◆

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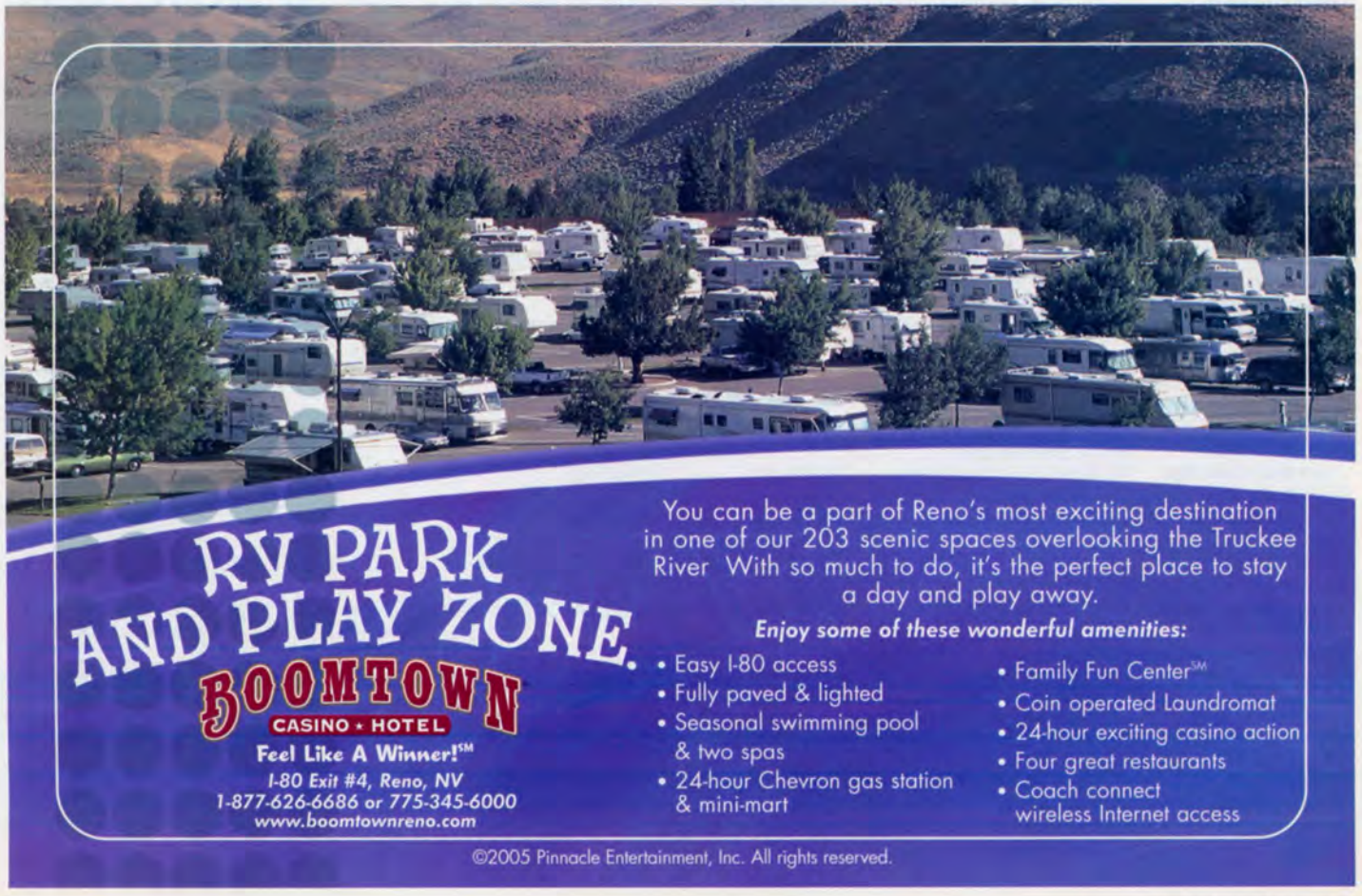
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Ely • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Commercial Club RV Park	#1 Main St., Ruth 89319	775-289-8448		775-289-8448		Jan-Dec	13	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆				◆	◆		◆	◆		
Harry's Wilderness Station	HC33 Box 33302, Ely 89301	775-289-4900		775-289-8727		Jan-Dec	10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆	◆			
KOA - Ely	Pinoche Hwy., HC10 Box 10800, Ely 89301	775-289-3413	800-562-3413	775-289-4874	koakampgrounds.com	Jan-Dec	100	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Lane's Ranch Motel	HC34 (Preston) Box 34145, Ely 89301	775-238-5246		775-238-5248		Jan-Dec	6	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆	◆	◆		◆	
Major's Station	HC10, Box 10815, Ely 89315	775-591-0347				Jan-Dec	12	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆							◆	◆		◆	◆		
Prospector Hotel/Casino RV Park	1501 East Aultman, Ely 89301	775-289-8900		775-289-4607	prospectorhoteland casino.com	Jan-Dec	22	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆			◆	◆
Stage Stop	U.S. Hwy. 93 & 93 Alt. Junction, HCR 33, Box 33900, Ely 89301	775-591-0397		775-591-0401		Jan-Dec	4	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Valley View RV Park	HC33 P.O. Box 33200, Ely 89301	775-289-3303		775-289-3406		Jan-Dec	46	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	
West End RV Park	50 Aultman St., Ely 89301	775-289-2231		775-289-3112		Jan-Dec	11		◆	◆	◆			◆	◆					◆					
Eureka • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Silver Sky RV Park	1 Hwy. 50 S., P. O. Box 573, Eureka 89316	775-237-7146		775-237-5034		Mar-Nov	15	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆		◆	◆		
Fallon • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Bonanza RV Park	855 W. Williams, Fallon 89407	775-423-6031		775-423-6282		Jan-Dec	20	◆	◆	◆			◆							◆		◆			
Cold Springs RV Park	52300 Hwy. 50, Fallon 89406	775-423-1233		775-423-8348	coldspringstation.com	Jan-Dec	10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	
Fallon RV Park	5787 Reno Hwy., Fallon 89406	775-867-2332		775-867-4392		Jan-Dec	64	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Hub Totel RV Park	4800 Reno Hwy., Fallon 89406	775-867-3636				Jan-Dec	50	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆			◆
Middlegate Station	42500 Austin Hwy., Fallon 89406	775-423-7134		775-423-7134		Jan-Dec	6		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Fernley • *Pony Express Territory*																									
Best Western Fernley Inn RV Park	1405 E. Newlands Dr., Fernley 89408, I-80 Exit 48	775-575-6776	877-576-6776	775-575-6748		Jan-Dec	30	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Desert Rose RV Park	3285 Hwy. 50 E., Fernley 89408	775-575-9399		775-575-7162	desertroserv.com	Jan-Dec	112	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆			◆		
Fernley RV Park	550 W. Main St., Fernley 89408	775-575-5222				Jan-Dec	40	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆			◆		
Fernley Truck Inn	485 Truck Inn Wy., I-80 Exit 48, Fernley 89408	775-575-4800			truckinn.com	Jan-Dec	27		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆		◆		
Kornegay's	530 W. Main St., Fernley 89408	775-575-4455				Jan-Dec	14	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆	◆					
Gardnerville • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Holbrook Station	1501 U.S. Hwy. 395 S., Gardnerville 89410	775-266-3434		775-266-3434		Jan-Dec	32		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆					◆	◆
Topaz Lake Recreation Area	3700 Topaz Park Rd., Gardnerville 89410	775-782-9828		775-782-9844	dcparks-recreation.co.douglas.nv.us	Jan-Dec	61		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆
Topaz Lodge Casino & RV Park	1979 U.S. Hwy. 395 S., Gardnerville 89410	775-266-3338	800-962-0732	775-266-3046	enterit.com/topaz3338	Jan-Dec	59	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Gerlach • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Bruno's Country Club & Motel	445 Main St., Gerlach 89412	775-557-2220				Jan-Dec	12	◆	◆	◆	◆									◆					
Goldfield • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Goldfield RV Park	410 S. 4th St., P.O. Box 315, Goldfield 89013	775-485-3280		775-485-3550	home.earthlink.net/siebert	Jan-Dec	20		◆	◆															
Hawthorne • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Frontier Trailer Park	Fifth & L St., Box 1717, Hawthorne 89415	775-945-2733				Jan-Dec	27	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆						◆					
Scotty's RV Park	1005 5th St., Box 1137, Hawthorne 89415	775-945-2079		775-945-3634		Jan-Dec	19	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
Whiskey Flats RV Park	3045 Hwy. 95, Hawthorne 89415	775-945-1800		775-945-3436		Jan-Dec	60	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆			◆
Henderson • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Desert Sands RV Park	1940 N. Boulder Hwy., Henderson 89015	702-565-1945		702-564-4306		Jan-Dec	240	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
Midway Trailer Park	125 E. Merlayne Dr., Henderson 89015	702-564-0905				Jan-Dec	50			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆					
Hiko • *Pioneer Territory*																									
R Place RV Park	Hwy. 93, HCR61, Box 28B, Hiko 89017	775-725-3545		775-725-3545		Jan-Dec	37	◆	◆	◆	◆						◆	◆		◆				◆	◆	◆
Indian Springs • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Indian Springs RV Park	126 Tonopah Hwy/US Hwy 95, P.O. Box 630, Indian Springs 89018	702-879-3129	877-97SPRINGS	702-879-3221	wherethehellis indianspringss.com	Jan-Dec	60	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	
Jackpot • *Cowboy Country*																									
Cactus Petes Saguaro RV Park	1385 U.S. Hwy. 93, Jackpot 89825	775-755-6595	800-821-1103			Jan-Dec	90	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Spanish Gardens RV Park	Gurley & Hwy. 93, Box 390, Jackpot 89825	775-755-2396	800-422-8233	775-755-2630		Jan-Dec	38	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆			
Jarbidge • *Cowboy Country*																									
Outdoor Inn RV Park	Box 260093, Jarbidge 89826	775-488-2311		775-488-2312		May-Nov	14	◆	◆		◆									◆						◆
Lake Mead National Recreation Area • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Callville Bay Marina	HCR 30, P.O. Box 100, Las Vegas 89124	702-565-8958		702-565-8498	foreverresorts.com	Jan-Dec	5	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
Cottonwood Cove Resort	10000 Cottonwood Rd., Searchlight 89046	702-297-1464		702-297-2036	cottonwoodcoveresort.com	Jan-Dec	72	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆	◆	◆
Echo Bay Resort	HC30, Box 30, Overton 89040	702-394-4000	800-752-9669	702-394-4180	sevencrown.com	Jan-Dec	58		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fun & Sun RV Park	280 N. Cooper, Overton 89040	702-397-8894				Jan-Dec	112		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		
Lake Mead RV Village	268 Lakeshore Rd., Boulder City 89005	702-293-2540		702-293-7550	lakemeadrvvillage.com	Jan-Dec	85	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Overton Beach Resort	HCR30, Box 7, Overton 89040	702-394-4040		702-394-4142		Jan-Dec	53	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Robbin's Nest Mobile Village	479 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton 89040	702-397-2364		702-397-8364	robbinsnestmv.com	Jan-Dec	25	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆					
Lake Tahoe - South • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Zephyr Cove Resort	Box 830, 760 U.S. Hwy. 50, Zephyr Cove 89448	775-589-4907		775-589-4910	tahoedixie2.com	Jan-Dec	93	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆
Las Vegas/North Las Vegas • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
American Campground & RV Park	3440 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115	702-643-1222		702-643-0024		Jan-Dec	44	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆		◆	◆		◆
Arizona Charlie's East RV Park	4445 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121	702-951-5911	800-970-7280	702-951-9211	azcharlies.net	Jan-Dec	200	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Boulder Lakes	6201 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122	702-435-1157		702-435-1125	boulderlakesrvresort.com	Jan-Dec	417	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Covered Wagon RV Park	6635 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122	702-454-7090				Jan-Dec	209	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆		◆
Hitchin' Post RV Park	3640 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115	702-644-1043	888-433-8402	702-644-8359	hitchinpostrv.com	Jan-Dec	185	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Holiday Travel Park	3890 S. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89121	702-451-8005		702-451-5806	holidayrvpark.com	Jan-Dec	402	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆			◆	◆				
King's Row Trailer Park	3660 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121	702-457-3606				Jan-Dec	200	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆					◆	
Las Vegas Int'l RV Resort	6900 East Russell Rd., Las Vegas 89122	702-547-5777	877-977-1700	702-433-1516	vegasrvresort.com	Jan-Dec	210	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆			◆	

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Las Vegas/North Las Vegas • *Las Vegas Territory (continued)*																									
Las Vegas KOA at Circus Circus	500 Circus Circus Dr., Las Vegas 89109	702-733-9707	800-562-7270	702-696-1358	lasvegaskoa.com	Jan-Dec	366	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		
Mahoney's Silver Nugget RV Park	2236 Las Vegas Blvd. N., North Las Vegas 89030	702-649-7439		702-657-2884	mahoneyscasino.com	Jan-Dec	168		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆			◆
Main Street RV Park	P.O. Box 630, 200 N. Main, Las Vegas 89101	702-388-2602	800-634-6505	702-388-2660		Jan-Dec	195	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆		◆			
Maycliff RV Park & Mini Storage	4001 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89104	702-457-3553	800-713-8933			Jan-Dec	130		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆		◆			
Nevada Palace VIP Travel Trailer Park	5325 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122	702-451-0232	800-634-6283		nvpalace.com	Jan-Dec	108	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆			◆		◆		◆					
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort	2711 West Windmill Rd., Las Vegas 89123	702-260-2020	800-566-4707	702-260-2092	oasislasvegasrvresort.com	Jan-Dec	702	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Outdoor Resorts of Las Vegas, Inc.	8175 Arville St., Las Vegas 89139	702-897-9300	866-897-9300	702-897-3810	outdoor-resorts.com	Jan-Dec	202			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆			
Pair A Dice RV Park	2067 Las Vegas Blvd. N., North Las Vegas 89030	702-642-2323				Jan-Dec	140		◆	◆			◆	◆	◆							◆			
Riviera RV Park	2200 Palm, Las Vegas 89104	702-457-8700		702-457-1488		Jan-Dec	121	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆					
Roadrunner RV Resort	4711 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121	702-456-4711		702-456-5021	roadrunnerrv.com	Jan-Dec	200	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆			◆
Sam's Town Boulder RV Park	5225 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122	702-454-8055	800-634-6371	702-456-5665	samstown.com	Jan-Dec	291	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆			
Sam's Town Nellis RV Park	4040 Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89121	702-454-8056			samstown.com	Jan-Dec	162	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆			
Silverton RV Park	3333 Blue Diamond Rd., Las Vegas 89139	702-263-7777	800-588-7711	702-897-4208	silvertoncasino.com	Jan-Dec	324	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		
Thousand Trails	4295 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121	702-451-2719		702-451-3844	thousandtrails.com	Jan-Dec	219	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆
Western RV Park	1023 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101	702-384-1033	800-634-6703	702-384-2586		Jan-Dec	69		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆
Laughlin • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Avi Resort RV Park	10000 Aha Macav Pkwy., Laughlin 89029	702-535-5555	800-284-2946	702-535-5470	avicasino.com	Jan-Dec	260	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Riverside Resort RV Park	1650 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029	702-298-2535	800-227-3849	702-298-2636	riversideresort.com	Jan-Dec	740	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		
Lovelock • *Cowboy Country*																									
Lazy K Campground & RV Park	1550 Cornell Ave., Lovelock 89419	775-273-0577		775-273-0576		Jan-Dec	60	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	
McDermitt • *Cowboy Country*																									
Mitchell's Stateline RV Park	4112 Stateline Dr., McDermitt 89421	541-522-8101		541-522-8102	sunrisevalley.com	Jan-Dec	16	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆				◆	◆	
Mesquite • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
CasaBlanca RV Park	950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite 89024	702-346-7529	800-459-7529	702-346-6888	casablancaresort.com	Jan-Dec	45	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆			
Desert Skies RV Resort	350 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield, AZ 86432 and P.O. Box 3780, Mesquite 89024	928-347-6000		928-347-6002	desertskiesresorts.com	Jan-Dec	189	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆		◆
Oasis Resort RV Park	897 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite 89027	702-346-5232	800-621-0187	702-346-6860	oasis-resort.com	Jan-Dec	86	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆			◆

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Mina • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Sunrise Valley RV Park	U.S. Hwy. 95 S., P.O. Box 345, Mina 89422	775-573-2214		775-573-2602		Jan-Dec	26	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆	◆				
Minden • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Carson Valley RV Resort	1639 U.S. Hwy. 395, Minden 89423	775-782-9711	800-321-6983	775-782-7472	cvinn.com	Jan-Dec	59	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆	
Silver City RV Park and Campground	3165 U.S. Hwy. 395, Minden 89423	775-267-3359	800-997-6393	775-267-1739	silvercityrvresort.com	Jan-Dec	206	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Moapa • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Palm Creek RV Park	3215 Warm Springs Rd., Box 400, Moapa 89025	702-865-2777		702-865-2777		Jan-Dec	16		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆
Mountain City • *Cowboy Country*																									
Hilltop RV Park	102 Davidson, Box 97, Mountain City 89831	775-763-6621		775-763-6621		Jan-Dec	12	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆				◆						◆
Pahrump • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Charleston Peak RV Park	3810 Winery Rd. No. 2, Pahrump 89048	775-751-7805	866-761-8135	775-727-9533	westernhorizonsresorts.com	Jan-Dec	196		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆			
Pahrump Station RV Park	1101 S. U.S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048	775-727-5100		775-751-1325		Jan-Dec	104	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆	◆			
Pair of Dice RV Park	5150 S. Oakridge Unit 2, Pahrump 89048	775-727-7221		775-727-3966		Jan-Dec	182	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆	◆	◆	◆		
Preferred RV Resort	1801 Crawford Wy., Pahrump 89048	775-727-6429	800-445-7840	775-727-4603	preferredrv.net	Jan-Dec	275	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Saddle West RV Park	1220 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048	775-727-1111	800-433-3987	775-727-5315	saddlewest.com	Jan-Dec	80	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Seibt Desert Luxury RV Resort	301 W. Leslie, Pahrump 89060	775-751-1174	877-478-7237	775-751-1173	seibtdesertretreat.com	Jan-Dec	232		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆			◆
Seven Palms RV Park	101 S. Linda St., Pahrump 89048	775-727-6091				Jan-Dec	59	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
Shadow Mountain Scenic RV Park	2740 W. Ambler Way, Pahrump 89060	775-751-5176				Jan-Dec	15	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
Terrible's Lakeside Casino/ RV Park	5870 S. Homestead Rd., Pahrump 89048	775-751-7770	888-558-LAKE	775-751-7746	terribleherbst.com	Jan-Dec	159	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Paradise Valley • *Cowboy Country*																									
Paradise Valley Community RV Park	P.O. Box 55, Paradise Valley 89426	775-578-3589				Jan-Dec	13		◆	◆	◆	◆							◆						◆
Pioche • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Eagle Valley Resort	State Rt. 322 near Spring Valley Dam, HC74, Box 262-2, Pioche 89043	775-962-5293		775-962-5587	eaglevalleynv.com	Jan-Dec	50	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆
Roll Inn RV Park	Main & Field St., Box 390, Pioche 89043	775-962-5566			piochenevada.com	Jan-Dec	7	◆		◆				◆	◆				◆	◆					
Rachel • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Quik Pik Trailer Park	HC61 Box 23, State Hwy. 375, Rachel 89001	775-729-2529		775-729-2635		Jan-Dec	22	◆	◆	◆					◆		◆		◆	◆			◆	◆	
Reno/Sparks • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Bonanza Terrace RV Park	4800 Stoltz Rd., Reno 89506	775-329-9624		775-329-6003	bonanzaterracervpark.com	Jan-Dec	79	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆		◆			◆
Bordertown RV Resort & Casino	19575 U.S. Hwy. 395 N., Reno 89506	775-677-0169	800-218-9339	775-677-0947		Jan-Dec	50	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	
Chism Trailer Park	1300 W. 2nd St., Reno 89053	775-322-2281	800-638-2281	775-322-6376	chismtrailerpark.com	Jan-Dec	28	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆			◆
Four Seasons RV Park	13109 S. Virginia St., Reno 89511	775-853-1423		775-853-1423		Jan-Dec	37	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆						
Green Acres Trailer Park	501 W. Moana Ln., Reno 89509	775-827-2482				Jan-Dec	23			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆											
Keystone RV Park	1455 W. Fourth St., Reno 89503	775-324-5000	800-686-8559		keystonervpark.com	Jan-Dec	102		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆					
KOA - Reno Hilton	2500 E. Second St., Reno 89595	775-789-2147	888-562-5698	775-382-6061		Jan-Dec	210	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Panther Valley RV Park	600 Newport Ln., Reno 89506	775-323-1447		775-323-1640		Jan-Dec	112			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆			◆			
Reno RV Park	735 Mill St., Reno 89502	775-323-3381	800-445-3381	775-323-7266		Jan-Dec	46			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Rivers Edge RV Park	1405 S. Rock Blvd., Sparks 89431	775-358-8533	800-621-4792	775-358-3168		Jan-Dec	164	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆				◆
Shade Tree Village	800 Gentry Way, Reno 89502	775-829-1441		775-825-1597		Jan-Dec	7			◆			◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆				
Shamrock RV Park	260 Parr Blvd., Reno 89512	775-329-5222	800-322-8248		shamrockrv.com	Jan-Dec	121	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Silver Sage RV Park	2760 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502	775-829-1919	888-823-2002	775-823-2014		Jan-Dec	43			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆				
The Victorian RV Park	205 Nichols Blvd., Sparks 89431	775-356-6400	800-955-6405	775-352-9731	victorianrvpark.com	Jan-Dec	92	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆			
Tiki Village	4055 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502	775-825-1507		775-825-1507		Jan-Dec	66	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆				
Round Mountain • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Carvers RV & Mobile Home Park	HC660 Box 53708, Round Mountain 89045	775-377-2350		775-377-1380		Jan-Dec	10	◆		◆					◆				◆		◆				
Smokey Joe's RV Park	Hwy. 376, Milemarker 77, HC 60 Box 77301, Round Mountain 89045	775-964-2422		775-964-2048		Jan-Dec	7	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
Searchlight • *Las Vegas Territory*																									
Cal-Nev-Ari RV Park	12 mi. S. of Searchlight via U.S. Hwy 95, Box 430, Cal-Nev-Ari 89039	702-297-1115		702-297-1167		Jan-Dec	58	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆		◆			◆
Cree's Mobile Home Park	701 W. Hwy 164, Searchlight 89046	702-297-1532		702-297-9264		Jan-Dec	12	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	
Smith Valley • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Bybee 4-H Maintenance RV Park	2160 Highway 208, Smith 89430	775-465-2289		775-465-9599		Jan-Dec	5		◆	◆						◆			◆	◆		◆		◆	◆	◆
Walker River Resort	1 Hudson Way, P.O. Box 90, Smith 89430	775-465-2573	800-466-2573	775-465-2484	wrresort.com	Jan-Dec	130	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆
Tonopah • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Tonopah Station - Ramada	1137 S. Erie Main, Tonopah 89049	775-482-9777	866-611-9777	775-482-5030	tonopahstation.com	Jan-Dec	20			◆	◆	◆		◆		◆			◆		◆	◆			
Twister Inn RV Park	Ketten Rd. & U.S. Hwy 6, Tonopah 89049	775-482-9444				Jan-Dec	12		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆						
Verdi • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Boomtown RV Park	I-80 W. at Garson (Exit 4), P.O. Box 399, Verdi 89439	775-345-8532	877-626-6686	775-345-8666	boomtownreno.com	Jan-Dec	203	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Gold Ranch RV Resort	I-80 W. at Gold Ranch Rd. (Exit 2), P.O. Box 160, Verdi 89439	775-345-8880	877-912-6789	775-345-8884	goldranchrvresort.com	Jan-Dec	105	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Virginia City • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Virginia City RV Park	355 N. F St., Box 1070, Virginia City 89440	775-847-0999	800-889-1240	775-847-0999	vcrvpark.com	Jan-Dec	50	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	
Wadsworth • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
I-80 Campground	I-80 Exit 43, State Rt. 447, or 1000 Smoke Shop Cr., Wadsworth 89442	775-574-1022	877-872-4883	775-575-4893		Jan-Dec	15	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	◆

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Washoe Valley • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Davis Creek Park	25 Davis Creek Rd., Washoe Valley 89704	775-849-0684				Jan-Dec	19	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆						◆	◆		◆			◆
Wellington • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																									
Wellington Station Resort	2855 State Rt. 208, Wellington 89444	775-465-2304		775-465-2314		Jan-Dec	32		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆	◆		◆		◆
Wells • *Cowboy Country*																									
Beverly Hills RV Ranch	HC 62 Box 1701, I-80 exit 348, Wells 89835	775-752-3800				Jan-Dec	44	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Crossroads RV Park	Corner State Rt. 40 (6th St.) & Shoshone, Box 161, Wells 89835	775-752-3012				Jan-Dec	15	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆	◆	◆				
Mountain Shadows RV Park	807 Humboldt, P.O. Box 362, Wells 89835	775-752-3525				Jan-Dec	38	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆			
Welcome Station	I-80 Exit 343, P.O. Box 340, Wells 89835	775-752-2736				Jan-Dec	35	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆		◆	◆		◆
Wells Chinatown Motel & RV Park	755 S. Humboldt Ave., Wells 89835	775-752-2888				Apr-Oct	18	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			
Wendover • *Cowboy Country*																									
West Wendover KOA	651 N. Camper Dr., Box 3710, I-80 Exit 410, Wendover 89883	775-664-3221	800-562-8552	775-664-3712	koa.com	Jan-Dec	154	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Wendover Nugget RV Park	Jct. I-80 & Wendover Blvd., Box 5130, Wendover 89883	775-664-2221	800-848-7300		wendovernugget.com	Jan-Dec	56		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆				
Winnemucca • *Cowboy Country*																									
Hi Desert RV Park	5575 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445	775-623-4513	800-699-3959	775-625-4329	hi-desertrv.com	Jan-Dec	137	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Model T RV Park	1130 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Box 3500, Winnemucca 89446	775-623-2588	800-645-5658	775-623-0771	modelt.com	Jan-Dec	51	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆
Westerner Trailer Lodge	800 E. Fourth St., Winnemucca 89445	775-623-2907				Jan-Dec	20	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆				◆	◆		◆			
Winnemucca RV Park	5255 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445	775-623-4458	877-787-2755	775-623-6766		Jan-Dec	83	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Yerington • *Pioneer Territory*																									
Casino West RV Park	11 N. Main St., Yerington 89447	775-463-2481	800-227-4661	775-463-5733	casino-west.net	Jan-Dec	5								◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆		
Greenfield Mobile Home & RV Park	500 W. Goldfield Ave., Yerington 89447	775-463-4912				Jan-Dec	24	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		
Pioneer Mobile Home Ranch	815 W. Bridge #62, Yerington 89447	775-463-2426				Jan-Dec	25	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆					
Weed Heights RV Park	25 Austin Dr., Yerington 89447	775-463-4634		775-463-5143		Jan-Dec	55	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆		◆	◆		

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Campgrounds and Parks

Park	Location	Telephone	Fax	Web Address	Season	Camp Sites Available*	Picnic Area	Camping	RV Size Restrictions	Drinking Water	Toilets	Showers	Dump Station	Pets Allowed	Boating/Rafting	Fishing	Hiking Trails	Guided Tours	Admission Charge
Austin • *Pony Express Territory*																			
Big Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	U.S. Hwy. 50, 12 mi. S. of Austin	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	6	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	
Bob Scott (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	U.S. Hwy. 50, 8 mi. E. of Austin	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	10	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	
Columbine (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	U.S. Hwy. 50 to State Rt. 722, left on Rt. 21, left 10 mi. on FSR 119	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	5		◆	◆			◆			◆		◆	◆	
Hickison Petroglyph Recreation Site	U.S. Hwy. 50, 24 mi. E. of Austin	775-635-4000	775-635-4034	nv.blm.gov/bmountain	Jan.-Dec.	16	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	
Kingston (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	U.S. Hwy. 50, 28 mi. S.E. of Austin	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	12	◆	◆				◆					◆	◆	
Toquima Caves (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	U.S. Hwy. 50, 50 mi. S.E. of Austin	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	4	◆	◆				◆			◆			◆	
San Juan (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	SE of Austin in the Toiyabe Range	775-964-2671		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	19	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆					◆	◆	
Baker • *Pony Express Territory*																			
Great Basin National Park	100 Great Basin National Park, Baker	775-234-7331	775-234-7269	nps.gov/grba	Jan.-Dec.		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Baker Creek (GBNP)	3 miles from Visitor Center	775-234-7331	775-234-7269	nps.gov/grba	Jan.-Dec.	32	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆	◆	◆
Lower Lehman Creek (GBNP)	2.5 miles from Visitor Center	775-234-7331	775-234-7269	nps.gov/grba	Jan.-Dec.	11	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆	◆	◆
Upper Lehman Creek (GBNP)	3 miles from Visitor Center	775-234-7331	775-234-7269	nps.gov/grba	Jan.-Dec.	24	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆	◆	◆
Wheeler Peak (GBNP)	12 miles from Visitor Center	775-234-7331	775-234-7269	nps.gov/grba	Jan.-Dec.	37	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆		◆	◆	◆
Battle Mountain • *Cowboy Country*																			
Mill Creek Recreation Area-BLM	20 mi. S. of Battle Mountain on State Route (SR) 305	775-635-4000	775-635-4034	nv.blm.gov/bmountain	Jan.-Dec.	11	◆	◆				◆			◆		◆		
Boulder City • *Las Vegas Territory*																			
Lake Mead National Recreation Area	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.		◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Boulder Beach (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	154	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Callville Bay (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	80	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Cottonwood Cove(LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	149	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Echo Bay (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	166	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Katherine Landing (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	173	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Las Vegas Bay (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	89	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Temple Bar (LMNRA)	601 Nevada Way, Boulder City	702-293-8906	702-293-8936	nps.gov/lame	Jan.-Dec.	153	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Caliente • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Beaver Dam State Park	6 mi. N of Caliente, then 28 mi.	775-726-3564	775-726-3557	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	33	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Kershaw-Ryan State Park	3 mi. E of Caliente on SR 317	775-726-3564	775-726-3557	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	0	◆			◆	◆				◆			◆	◆
Carson City • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																			
Indian Creek BLM	5365 Morgan Mill Rd., Carson City	775-885-6000		nv.blm.gov/carson	May-Sep.	29	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Mount Rose (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	1536 South Carson St., Carson City	775-882-2766		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Sep.	24	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		
Washoe Lake State Park	4855 E. Lake Blvd., Carson City	775-687-4319	775-684-8053	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	49	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		

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Elko • *Cowboy Country*																			
Big Bend (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	16 mi. NW of State Hwy. 225	775-738-5171		fs.fed.us/htnf	Jun.-Oct.	15	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
South Fork State Recreation Area	16 mi. S of Elko	775-744-4346	775-744-2011	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	25	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Tabor Creek-BLM	30 mi. N/NW of Wells	775-753-0200	775-753-0255	nv.blm.gov/Elko	Apr.-Nov.	10	◆	◆			◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Terraces (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	25 mi. SE of Elko	775-738-5171		fs.fed.us/htnf	Jun.-Oct.	9	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆				◆	
Thomas Canyon (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	25 mi. SE of Elko	775-738-5171		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Sep.	30	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆				◆	◆
Wild Horse Crossing (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	68 mi. north of Elko	775-738-5171		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	20	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Wildhorse State Recreation Area	70 mi. N of Elko via S.R. 225	775-758-6493	775-758-6441	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	33	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Wilson Reservoir-BLM	83 mi. N/NW of Elko via State Rt. 225 and county roads	775-753-0200	775-753-0255	nv.blm.gov/Elko	Apr.-Oct.	15	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Zunino/Jiggs Reservoir-BLM	30 mi. S/SE of Elko	775-753-0200	775-753-0255	nv.blm.gov/Elko	Apr.-Nov.	prim	◆	◆			◆			◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Ely • *Pony Express Territory*																			
Berry Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	5 mi. N of McGill on U.S. Hwy. 93	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	5	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆		
Cave Lake State Park	15 mi. SE of Ely	775-728-4460	775-728-4469	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	36	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Cherry Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	23 mi. S of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 6, turn on Hwy. 318 41 mi. to Sunnyside	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	Jun.-Oct.	4	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆		
Cleve Creek Campground	43 mi. SE of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 6 & 50	775-289-1800	775-289-1910	nv.blm.gov/ely	Jan.-Dec.	12	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆		
East Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	5 mi. N of McGill on U.S. Hwy. 93	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	7	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆		
Goshute Creek Campground	64 mi. N/NE of Ely	775-289-1800	775-289-1910	nv.blm.gov/ely	May.-Nov.	3	◆	◆						◆		◆	◆		
Illipah Reservoir	40 mi. W of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 50	775-289-1800	775-289-1910	nv.blm.gov/ely	Jan.-Dec.	14	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆		
Sacramento Pass	40 mi. E of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 50	775-289-1800	775-289-1910	nv.blm.gov/ely	Jan.-Dec.	10	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆		
Timber Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	29 mi. NE of Ely	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	Jun.-Oct.	6	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historical Park	5 mi. S of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 93 & 11 mi. W by graded dirt road	775-289-1693	775-728-4469	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	18	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆		◆
White River (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	6 mi. S of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 6	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	28	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Ward Mountain (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	50 mi. SW of Ely on U.S. Hwy. 6	775-289-3031	775-289-2132	fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	4	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆					◆
Fallon • *Pony Express Territory*																			
Big Spring Reservior-Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge	1000 Auction Road	775-428-6452	775-423-5158	stillwater.fws.gov	Jan.-Dec.	10			◆			◆				◆	◆	◆	
Grimes Point/Hidden Cave Archaeological Site	11 mi. E of Fallon	775-885-6000	775-885-6147	nv.blm.gov/carson	Jan.-Dec.	n/a	◆					◆				◆		◆	
Lahontan State Recreation Area Churchill Beach	18 mi. W of Fallon	775-867-3500	775-867-4559	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	11	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Lahontan State Recreation Area Silver Springs Beach	18 mi. W of Fallon	775-867-3500	775-867-4559	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	29	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Sand Mountain Recreation Area	25 mi. SE of Fallon via U.S. Hwy. 50	775-885-6000	775-885-6147	nv.blm.gov/carson	Jan.-Dec.	100	◆	◆			◆			◆			◆		
Stillwater Wildlife Management Area	1000 Auction Road	775-428-6452	775-423-5158	stillwater.fws.gov	Jan.-Dec.	prim		◆						◆	◆	◆	◆		
Gabbs • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park	23 mi. E of Gabbs via State Rt. 884	775-964-2440	775-964-2012	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	14	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆				◆	◆	◆
Genoa • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																			
Mormon Station State Historic Park	2295 Main St., Genoa	775-782-2590	775-687-8972	parks.nv.gov	Apr.-Oct.	n/a	◆				◆	◆						◆	
Hawthorne • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Walker Lake Sportsman's Beach	11 mi. N of Hawthorne via U.S. Hwy. 95	775-861-6400		nv.blm.gov	Jan.-Dec.	31	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆	◆	◆
Jackpot • *Cowboy Country*																			
Salmon Falls Creek	2 mi. SW of Jackpot (4-wheel drive recommended)	775-753-0200		nv.blm.gov	May-Sep.	prim	◆			◆						◆	◆	◆	
Lake Tahoe • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																			
Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, Sand Harbor	2005 State Rt. 28, Incline Village	775-831-0494		parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	n/a	◆				◆	◆					◆	◆	◆
Nevada Beach Campground	870 Emerald Bay Rd., S. Lake Tahoe	775-4588-5562		fs.fed.us/r5/ltbmu	May-Oct.	54	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆
Las Vegas • *Las Vegas Territory*																			
Bitter Springs Back Country Byway	Exit I-15 at Valley of Fire Rd.; 5 mi. S on S.R. 40 to Bitter Springs Dr.	702-515-5050	702-647-5023	nv.blm.gov	Jan.-Dec.	prim			◆	◆						◆			
Dolomite (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	40 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 156	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	31	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆			◆		◆
Fletcher View (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	35 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 157	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	12	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆			◆		◆
Floyd Lamb State Park	9200 Tule Springs Rd., Las Vegas	702-486-5413	702-486-5423	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	n/a	◆			◆	◆					◆	◆		◆
Hilltop (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	35 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 158	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	35	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆
Kyle Canyon (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	40 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 157	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	25	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆			◆		◆

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Las Vegas • *Las Vegas Territory (continued)*																			
Mahogany Grove Campground (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	41 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 158	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	2	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆		◆		◆		◆	◆
McWilliams (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	44 mi. NW of Las Vegas via U.S. Hwy. 95 & State Rt. 156	702-515-5400		fs.fed.us/htnf	May.-Oct.	40	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	◆
Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area	15 mi. W of Las Vegas via Charleston Blvd.	702-515-5000		nv.blm.gov/vegas/recreation	Jan.-Dec.	66	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park	15 mi. W of Las Vegas via Charleston Blvd.	702-875-4141	702-875-1909	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	n/a	◆	◆						◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Valley of Fire State Park	55 mi. NE of Las Vegas via I-15 and Valley of Fire Road	702-397-2088	702-397-2621	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	51	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆		◆	◆
Laughlin • *Las Vegas Territory*																			
Big Bend of the Colorado State Recreation Area	4220 S. Needles Hwy.	702-298-1859	702-298-0421	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	prim	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆		◆
Lovelock • *Cowboy Country*																			
Rye Patch State Recreation Area	1 mi. W of I-80 at exit #129	775-538-7321	775-538-7420	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	44	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Mesquite • *Las Vegas Territory*																			
Gold Butte Back Country Byway	Exit I-15 at Riverside; 3 mi. S on State Rt. 170 to Gold Butte Rd.	702-515-5000	702-515-5023	www.nv.blm.gov	Jan.-Dec.	prim	◆	◆	◆						◆			◆	
Owyhee • *Cowboy Country*																			
Mountain View Reservoir Duck Valley Indian Reservation	P.O. Box 21, Owyhee 89832	208-759-3246	208-759-3248		Jan.-Dec.	50	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	
Sheep Creek Reservoir Duck Valley Indian Reservation	P.O. Box 21, Owyhee 89832	208-759-3246	208-759-3248		Jan.-Dec.	30	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆		◆	
Panaca • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Cathedral Gorge State Park	2 mi. N of Panaca	775-728-4460	775-728-4469	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	22	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆				◆	◆
Pioche • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Echo Canyon State Recreation Area	12 mi. SE of Pioche via State Rts. 322 & 86	775-962-5103		parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	33	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆			◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Meadow Valley Campground	18 mi. E of Pioche	775-289-4865		nv.blm.gov/ely	Mar.-Nov.	6	◆	◆			◆			◆			◆	◆	
Spring Valley State Park	18 mi. E of Pioche via State Rt. 322	775-962-5102		parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	36	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Reno • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																			
Davis Creek-Washoe Co. Parks	20 mi. S of Reno on U.S. Hwy. 395	775-849-0684		washoecountyparks.com	Jan.-Dec.	63	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Silver Springs • *Pony Express Territory*																			
Fort Churchill State Historical Park	9 mi. S of Silver Springs via U.S. Hwy. 95 Alt.	775-577-2345	775-577-3941	parks.nv.gov	Jan.-Dec.	20	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Fort Churchill to Wellington Back Country Byway	9 mi. S of Silver Springs via U.S. Hwy. 95 Alt.	775-885-6000	775-885-6147	nv.blm.gov/carson	May-Oct.	prim		◆	◆						◆				◆
Sutcliffe • *Reno-Tahoe Territory*																			
Pyramid Lake Marina	33 mi. NE of Reno via Pyramid Lake Hwy. (State Rt. 445)	775-476-1156	775-284-3949		Jan.-Dec.	44	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆		◆
Tonopah • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Peavine (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	E on U.S. Hwy. 6 to SR 376 N 40 mi.	775-482-6286		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	11	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	
Pine Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	E on U.S. Hwy. 6 to SR 376 to Belmont 5 mi. S of FSR 420	775-482-6286		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	22	◆	◆	◆		◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	
Lunar Crater National Natural Landmark & Back Country Byway	75 mi. E of Tonopah	775-482-7836	775-482-7810	nv.blm.gov/bmountain/	Jan.-Dec.	prim	◆	◆							◆			◆	
Railroad Valley Wildlife Management Area	80 mi. E of Tonopah	775-482-7836	775-482-7810	nv.blm.gov/bmountain/	Apr.-Oct.	prim			◆						◆				
Wells • *Cowboy Country*																			
California Trail Back Country Byway	25 mi. N of Wells	775-753-0200	775-753-0255	nv.blm.gov	May-Nov.	prim			◆						◆		◆	◆	
Angel Creek (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	8 mi. S of Wells on State Rt. 231	775-752-3357		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	18	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Angel Lake (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	12 mi. S of Wells via State Rt. 231	775-752-3357		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	26	◆	◆		◆	◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
South Ruby (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF)	80 mi. S of Wells	775-752-3357		fs.fed.us/htnf	May-Oct.	35	◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆		◆	◆	◆	◆
Tabor Creek Campground	30 mi. N/NW of Wells on unpaved road	775-753-0200	775-753-0255	www.nv.blm.gov	Apr.-Nov.	prim	◆	◆			◆			◆		◆	◆	◆	
Winnemucca • *Cowboy Country*																			
Onion Valley Reservoir-BLM	14 mi. S SR 114 to dirt road W 14 mi.	775-623-1500	775-623-1503	nv.blm.gov/winnemucca	Jun.-Oct.	6	◆	◆			◆			◆	◆	◆			
Water Canyon-BLM	SE of Winnemucca via Hanson St.	775-623-1500	775-623-1503	nv.blm.gov/winnemucca	Jan.-Dec.	prim	◆	◆						◆				◆	
Yerington • *Pioneer Territory*																			
Wilson Canyon-BLM	14 mi. S of Yerington	775-885-6000	775-885-6147	nv.blm.gov/carson	Jan.-Dec.	prim	◆	◆			◆			◆		◆			

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Ronn Lucas

Rio puppet master voices views on ventriloquism and Vegas.

Comedian-ventriloquist Ronn Lucas appears with Scorch, a green dragon, and con man Bronco Billy at the Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas. Celebrating his 25th anniversary in show business, Lucas recently received the Askins Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Ventriloquists Association and was featured on the History Channel series* Weird U.S. *On his day off he commutes to his California home, where he resides with his wife, Mary, an ice skater. Lucas, whose contract at the Rio was extended until 2007, has been called the world's best ventriloquist, but he says, "I'm really the best in my price range."



Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas performs with best friends Scorch (left) and Bronco Billy at the Rio in Las Vegas.

My name is Ronn Lucas, and I'm proud to say I'm a ventriloquist. I talk to dolls for a living. I'm the funniest ventriloquist in Las Vegas, but I also think I'm the only ventriloquist working in Las Vegas.

The Rio is a lively place. It's like working in a perpetual state of Mardis Gras but without the spicy food. I've been a headliner at the Rio for three years, but I've been performing as an opening act in Las Vegas for the past 20.

In my early Las Vegas days, I opened for the Moody Blues, Crystal Gayle, the Smothers Brothers (who are still fantastic, by the way), Joan Rivers, Smokey Robinson, and Linda Carter ("Won-der Woman!"). One week at Caesars I opened for both the Pointer Sisters and Andy Williams. That was like going from sushi to white bread.

I began ventriloquism while growing up in Texas. At the age of seven, I saw a ventriloquist on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, and I started studying the craft from library books. By nine I could talk without moving my lips, and at 12 I could "throw" my voice. In high school I would call myself out of class on the public-address system.

In the 1980s I won Showtime's *National Laff-Off* comedy contest. My first trip to Las Vegas was in the mid-1980s, when I opened for Susan Anton at the newly reborn Golden Nugget. The hotel was the hottest property in Las Vegas at that time, and the buzz was all about its owner, celebrity CEO Steve Wynn.

Anyway, I did my opening spot, my puppet got all the right laughs, and then I watched Ms. Anton gorgeously sing her heart out. I went to bed shortly thereafter. Just before daybreak my hotel-room telephone rang, jarring me awake.

"Hello," I said half-angrily. "I've been flying all day, just did two late-night shows, and I'm very, very tired, so this had better be good."

There was a pause. A smooth, calm baritone voice finally spoke.

"I enjoyed your act very much. You're one of the funniest people I've ever seen."

"OK, who *is* this?" I demanded.

"This is Steve Wynn."

"At 4:30 in the morning? Yeah, right!" And I hung up the phone.

Years later I finally met Wynn face-to-face and learned that he indeed was the caller that night. I told him I hoped our brief phone conversation hadn't soured him on developing an all-ventriloquist/dummy-themed hotel-casino. I recently found out that he is bringing the Broadway show "Avenue Q," a Tony Award-winning puppet musical, to Wynn Las Vegas this year. My advice to the cast is: Please be nice to anyone who calls before the sun comes up.

Show Notes

Comedian-ventriloquist Ronn Lucas performs at 3 p.m. daily except Friday in the Scinta Showroom at the Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas. General admission costs $20.25; VIP admission for $34.45 includes a line pass, autographed photo, and a beverage. After his performances Lucas meets showgoers and signs autographs. Call 800-PLAYRIO or 702-777-7776 or visit www.harrahs.com.

Red and Blue Comedy

Q&A: **Dennis Miller** mixes **politics and humor** at the MGM Grand

By Ann Henderson

A master storyteller, Dennis Miller weaves word pictures before delivering his adroitly aimed barbs. The liberal-turned-conservative comedian, who appears October 20-24 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, mixes political zingers, sexual references, and strong language in his provocative commentary. President Bush is one of the few public figures who escape his insults.

Miller earned national attention as a *Saturday Night Live* star (1985-1991) and as the host of HBO's *Dennis Miller Live* (1994-2002), for which he won five Emmys. The articulate gridiron fan also delivered zany commentary on *Monday Night Football* for two seasons (2000-2002). His movie credits include *Disclosure* (1994), *The Net* (1995), and *Murder at 1600* (1996). Miller has compiled his trademark "rants" into four books; the latest is *The Rant Zone*. His CNBC talk show, *Dennis Miller*, was canceled in June. Miller resides in California with his wife of 18 years, model Ali Espley, and their two sons.

Miller talked about his past and future in a recent interview with Ann Henderson, *Nevada Magazine's* events and entertainment editor.

"I remember we drove down the Strip, and our names were on the marquee **We were thrilled because it Rat Pack'd us.**"

Q What is the difference between Dennis Miller the person and Dennis Miller the comedian?

A Oh, I don't know. I'm not as arch in real life. On stage there is a discernible point of view, a point of view that is mine, that represents my life. But certainly nobody walks around shooting from the hip like that all day. It would give everybody a headache. Nobody would talk to you.

Q You've been described as an angry man. How do you respond to that?

A (Laughs) I don't think you can tell from that, but my show-biz act is a bit jaded. I don't think that really conveys what you are like in real life.

Q How do you see yourself?

A A reasonable, well-grounded, 51-year-old man who is happy with the gifts he has been given, who loves his wife and children dearly, and never takes show business or the people's interest in him for granted. It's a lucky twist of fate that anyone is interested in what you do—plus gives you money for it.



Dennis Miller muses about the French, the human condition, and Hollywood's reaction to his political change of heart.

Q What's the source of your humor?

A The events of the day. I read the newspaper, and I think I'm rankled enough, like most people. But I have a forum where I can go and get it out. Some people pay a therapist. I get to be a comedian.

Q When you perform, are you making political points rather than playing it for laughs?

A Politics is my milieu, but, no If it is strictly about a political feeling, that's not half as important as a laugh. You're a comedian, and if you start missing that point, you're going to be out of the business.

Q When did you first appear in Nevada?

A I think it was 15 or 17 years ago with Richard Lewis and Dana Carvey at Caesars Palace. I remember we drove down the Strip, and our names were on the marquee. We were thrilled because it Rat Pack'd us.

Q Any memorable moments when performing in Nevada?
A I find performing in Las Vegas one of the easiest gigs I do. The people are nice, they are here to enjoy, and no one forced them to see you. No, it's all good to me.

Q Let's talk about golf. You were slated to play at the American Century Celebrity Golf Championship in July at Lake Tahoe.
A (Laughs) No, I played a couple of years ago and did so poorly that I'm taking a decade off from golf. My partner was Charles Barkley, and he beat me. I don't think anything else needs to be said. I shot 120 or something. After that, my role has been to entertain the participants.

Q When you are appearing in Las Vegas, what do you do on your off hours?
A Usually I bring my kids, so we go to Gameworks, that place where you can simulate parachuting [Indoor Skydiving], and all the great Cirque du Soleil shows.

Q During your show you often comment on U.S. politics and world affairs. What kind of world do you want your sons to have when they are adults?
A An intact one. One that is safe from terrorism.

Q What made you change your politics?
A 9/11. I had returned from a Monday night football game the night before and gone to bed late. My wife woke me up and said, "You'd better turn on the TV. It is unbelievable." I knew we had to stand up for ourselves at that point.

I thought Bush was doing a pretty decent job, so one night on *The Tonight Show* I talked about it. And during the commercial, Jay leaned in and said, 'Wow, things have just changed for you. Sure enough, they have.

I've heard people say I switched for career purposes. I defy anybody to say coming out in Hollywood and saying you voted for George Bush can do you any good in that community. That's not a big ice breaker, trust me.

Q What makes you laugh?
A Jerry Seinfeld. David Spade makes me laugh. And really bad television, like an English guy with no teeth telling you about toothpaste on an infomercial.

Q Your television show was canceled. Where do you go from here? Would you consider another talk show or sitcom?
A No, I've had my head handed to me as far as a talk show goes. Sitcom? Nah, too much work. I'll do standup for a while. I like going out there performing.

You know, I'm not as urgent as I was. I guess you reach the half-century mark, and you take time to take a breath and let things settle down. Oftentimes the quick decisions you make are the wrong decisions. So where I go from here is nowhere. I'm just going to dog paddle for a while. I'll start stroking for the far shore soon.

Show Notes

Dennis Miller will bring his scathing commentary and take-no-prisoners delivery to the Hollywood Theatre at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on October 20-24. Show time is 9 p.m. Tickets cost $79 plus tax. Beverages are extra. Call 800-929-1111 or 702-891-7777 or visit www.mgmgrand.com for show information and reservations.

Millerisms to Mull

During a recent MGM Grand performance Dennis Miller offered the following rants, skewering everyone from air passengers to the French.

Royalty: "I was just watching *CNN* backstage about Prince Charles and Camilla pheasant hunting. It was kind of touching. Charles was showing her how to carry the bird without leaving teeth marks."

Fashion: "If you are built like a tank, don't wear the top."

The French: "I enjoy the city of Paris but hate the [expletive] French. They hate us, too. I can't believe they gave us the Statue of Liberty. We had the good taste to chisel the armpit hair off the statue. That's the kind of people we are. The French look at us like we are one big collective Jethro—rope belt and all.

Air Travel: "Flying has turned into an arduous process, particularly boarding the plane, which has become this Bataan Death March with American tourists and their overnight bags. You're stuck behind this guy who takes forever to get situated. He's clogging the aisle like a piece of human cholesterol, jamming the passengerial artery. Cramming luggage into the overheads is like trying to get Pavarotti into a wet suit."

The Mail: "Went to the post office yesterday. Now, the post office is beyond slow. It is inert. The Wilford Brimley look-alike behind the counter went into the back room, which must be a time-space portal. He was able to get my registered letter in an amazing eight and one-half minutes."

Privacy: "A word to the Levi company: Don't put our measurements on the outside of the garment. It is time for us to get an unlisted number."

World Opinion: "We have to face facts. We are simultaneously the world's most hated, loved, feared, and admired country. In short, we're Frank Sinatra."



"Cramming luggage into the overheads is like trying to get **Pavarotti** into a **wet suit**."

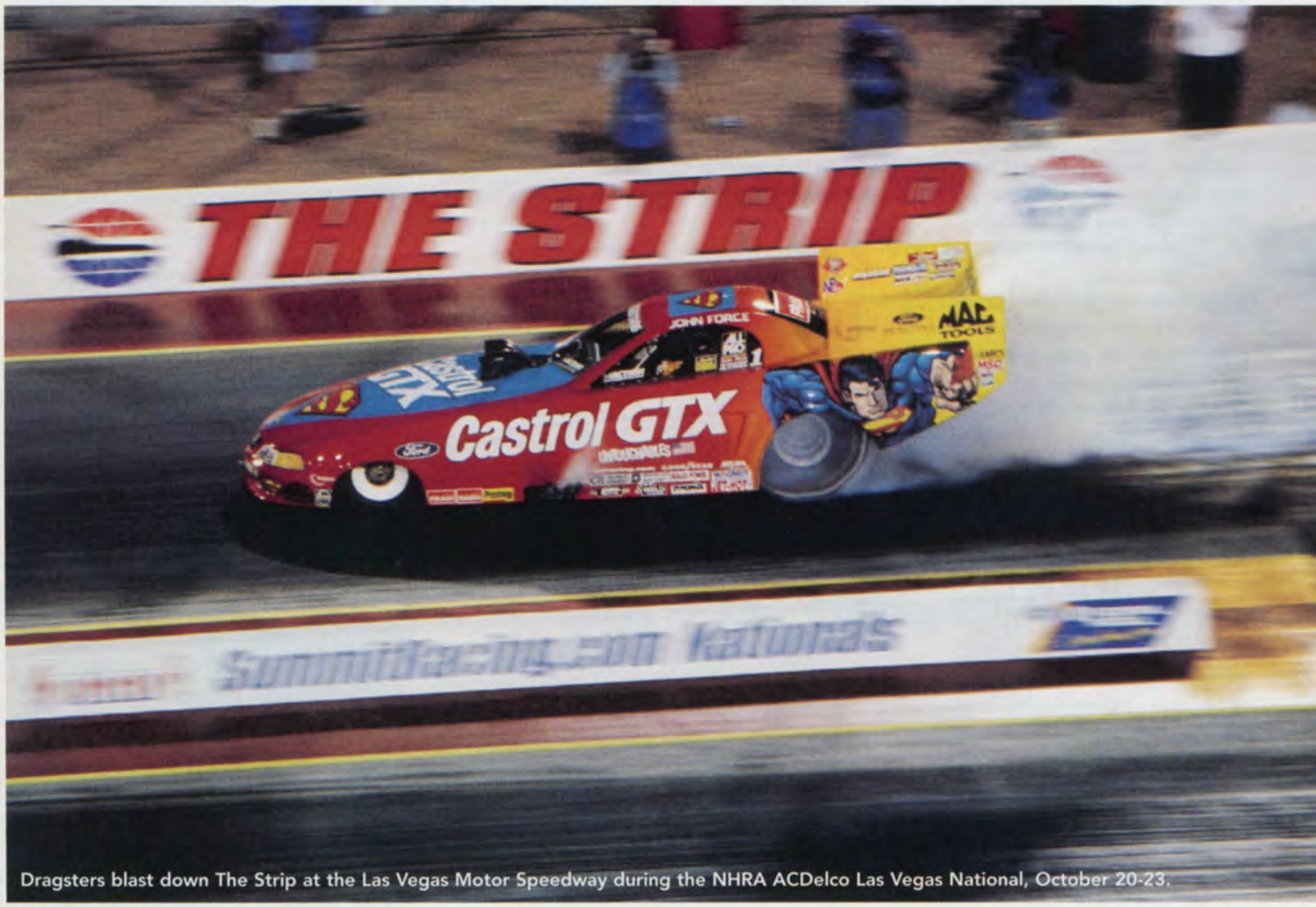
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Las Vegas

AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

The sports events that dominate the Las Vegas fall lineup include the **NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series**, the $4-million **Michelin Championship at Las Vegas** golf tournament, sumo wrestling, and the **Los Angeles Lakers** vs. the **Sacramento Kings** NBA preseason game. **Donna Summer** headlines at the Las Vegas Hilton, **Jimmy Buffett** appears at the MGM Grand, and the touring **National Symphony Orchestra** plays at UNLV.



Dragsters blast down The Strip at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway during the NHRA ACDelco Las Vegas National, October 20-23.

Events

Movie Al Fresco: *Phantom of the Opera* • Sept. 1. • Free outdoor movie at 8pm on the Events Plaza. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Kegger • Sept. 3 • Sponsored by radio station KOMP. Desert Breeze Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

"The Guys" • Sept. 3 • Two-character play about the aftermath of 9-11. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

World Music Series • Sept. 3 • Japanese koto player Yoko Fitzpatrick. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Asian Pacific Festival and Tradeshow • Sept. 3-4 • Stardust Pavillion, Las Vegas, www.apftradeshow.com.

Labor Day Weekend Music Festival • Sept. 3-5 • Concerts, gondola rides, barbecue, and entertainment. Lake Las Vegas Resort, Henderson, 866-399-2753.

Labor Day Dance with Carl Grove Combo • Sept. 4 • Music from the '40s to the '70s. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Cirque du Soleil 5K Run and One-Mile Fun Walk • Sept. 5 • Benefit for Center for Independent Living. Paseo Verde Park, Henderson, 702-737-3100.

Name the Cougar Cubs • Sept. 5 • Hotel guests submit names for two male cubs. Winners will be announced at 2pm on Sept. 5 at the cubs' play area on "D" Deck. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 702-298-4000.

"The Odd Couple" • Sept. 8-9, 15-17 • Virgin Valley Theatre Group. Mesquite Campus Theatre, Mesquite, 702-346-4980.

Trout Fishing in America • Sept. 9 • Children's musical concert. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Head to Head: Great Confrontations in American History • Sept. 9-10 • Chautauqua performances featuring Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, General Douglas MacArthur and President Harry Truman, and J. P. Morgan and President Theodore Roosevelt. Historic Boulder Theatre, Boulder City, 702-293-7688.

NHRA Summit Sport Compact Series and SONY Stylefest • Sept.



Walking on water in Cirque du Soleil's "O" at Bellagio.

9-10 • Drag racing. The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 702-644-4444.

Las Vegas Primm 300 • Sept. 9-11 • SCORE International-sponsored off-road race, Primm, 40 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15, www.score-international.com.

City of Lights • Sept. 10 • Barbershop chorus. Virgin Valley High School Theater, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.

Ash Grove Trail Hike • Sept. 10 • Easy hike covers less than a mile to learn about the flora, fauna, and the history of the ranch. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Cultural Corridor Tour • Sept. 10 • Free trolley service to visit the Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Neon Museum boneyard, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, and the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park. The POST Modern (former downtown post office) is also open for tours. Las Vegas, 702-229-5431.

Lula Washington Dance Theatre • Sept. 10 • Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Ballet Under the Stars • Sept. 10 • Nevada Ballet Theatre presents five dance pieces. Hills Park, Las Vegas, 702-243-2623.

Children's Living-History Program • Sept. 10 • Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Belle's Golf Green • Sept. 11-13 • Golf tournament played at Mohave Resort Golf Club. Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

San Gennaro Feast • Sept. 13-18 • Food, music, drink, entertainment, and a carnival. Grand Central Parkway, next to Premium Outlet Mall, downtown Las Vegas, 702-286-4944.

Las Vegas BikeFest • Sept. 15-18 • Thousands of motorcyclists gather in downtown Las Vegas for poker runs, Vendor Village, a huge bike show, wet T-shirt and Mr. and Mrs. Las Vegas Bikefest contests, and the World's Strongest Biker competition. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, www.vegas experience.com. and www.lasvegas bikefest.com.

Las Vegas Bikefest Concerts • Sept. 16-17 • Free performances by 38 Special on Sept. 16, Dickey Betts and Great Southern on Sept. 17. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5600.

Veronica Lopez Concert • Sept. 16 • Latin music. Hartke Park, North Las Vegas, 702-633-2418.

The Cunninghams: Downtown Cultural Series • Sept. 16 • Jazz concert. Bring a sack lunch. Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse, Las Vegas, 702-229-1087.

Rondalla and Mariachi Concert • Sept. 16 • Spanish language performance. East Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

The Poets' Corner • Sept. 16 • Forum for established and open- mike participants. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Viva Mexico • Sept. 16 • Features performances by Juan Sanchez Ensemble and Quetzal Mexican and Cuban rhythms. Morrell Park, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

A Tribute to Dean Martin • Sept. 16-17 • Performance honoring the late Rat Pack member stars his son, Ricci Martin, and guest star Desi Arnaz Jr. Historic Boulder Theatre, Boulder City, 702-293-5001 for information.

Jazz on the Lake • Sept. 17 • Jeanette Harris performs free evening outdoor concert. Bring a blanket or chair. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Keola Beamer in Concert • Sept. 17 • Guitarist-singer presents a performance of Hawaiian music. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383 for details.

Company D, 9th U.S. Infantry at Camp El Dorado and Las Vegas, 1867-1868 • Sept. 17 • Mormon Fort living-history program features costumed soldiers. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Kids Day at the Museum • Sept. 17 • Native American life, lessons, and crafts. Lost City Museum, Overton 702-397-2193.

Fiestas Patrias • Sept. 17-18 • Mexican Independence celebration. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200 for festival information.

Las Vegas Philharmonic • Sept. 17-18 • Philharmonic program includes the world premiere of Welcher's "Jackpot: A Celebratory Overture for Large Orchestra, Ives' "The Unanswered Question, Copland's "Appalachian Spring, and Gershwin's "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra in F Major." Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Ho'olaule'a 2005: Pacific Islands Festival • Sept. 17-18 • Entertainment, booths, food, crafts, and demonstrations. Lorenzi Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Mexican Independence Celebration • Sept. 18 • Event features music, dance, exhibits, displays, and food. Freedom Park, Las Vegas, 702-649-1198.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • Sept. 18 • Moderate to strenuous three-hour hike. Bring water, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

An Afternoon with Friends and Lovers • Sept. 18 • Starring singer Gloria Loring. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Hit Me With Your Best Shot Slot Tournament • Sept. 18-21 • Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.

Super Run 2005 • Sept. 22-25 • Car show in downtown Henderson, kick-off party at The District at Green Valley Ranch Resort. Henderson, 702-643-0000.

Wine and Roses Slot Tournament • Sept. 22-25 • Tropicana, Las Vegas, 800-522-4700.

Michael Feinstein in Concert • Sept. 23 • Grammy-nominated star of the one-man Broadway show "Isn't It Romantic?" Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas Hot Air Balloon Festival • Sept. 23-25 • Benefit for Deaf Kids' Kamp features sunrise mass ascensions, evening balloon glow, and tethered rides. Mountain Crest Park, Las Vegas, 800-346-6444.

"Crimes of the Heart" • Sept. 23-25, 28-Oct. 2 • Three sisters reunite in their hometown. Black



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Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787 for details.

Aaron Neville Quintet featuring Charles Neville • Sept. 24 • Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Owner's Day • Sept. 24 • First-person interpreters give accounts of former owners of the historic ranch house. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Ice Cream Social • Sept. 24 • Children's activities and performances by the Academy of Nevada Ballet Theatre. Hills Park, Las Vegas, 702-229-4614.

Old Time Barn Dance • Sept. 24 • Square, mixers, contras, waltzes, and polkas. Free dance lesson. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

"Robin Hood" • Sept. 24 • Missoula Children's Theatre presentation. Mesquite Campus Theatre, Mesquite, 702-346-2787.

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series • Sept. 24 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 800-644-4444.

Fall Fine Arts Festival • Sept. 24-25 • Exhibit and sale by more than 60 artists. Event includes entertainment and food vendors. Lake Las Vegas Resort, Henderson, 866-399-2753.

Ballet Flamenco • Sept. 28 • Jose Porcel leads a company of 12 Spanish dancers. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Laughlin Professional Bull Riders Built Ford Tough Series • Sept. 30-Oct. 2 • 45 of the world's top bull riders compete for $100,000. Fireworks, music, dances, and barbecues. Special Events Center, Laughlin, 800-308-2253.

"Wiley and the Hairy Man" • Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 6-9 • Rainbow Company Youth Theatre presentation. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Rare Earth/Ides of March • Oct. 1 • Two rock bands perform. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Gold Panning • Oct. 1 • Learn how the miners panned for gold. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

"Carmen" • Oct. 1 • Presented by Opera Las Vegas. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Las Vegas Chamber Music Society Concert • Oct. 2 • Harpist Kirsten Agresta featured. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

"Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes" • Oct. 2 • Jason Petty performs Hank Williams tribute. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • Oct. 2 • Moderate to strenuous three-hour hike. Bring water, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

One Eye Jack Video Poker Tournament • Oct. 2-5 • Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.

Green Day/Jimmy Eat World Concert • Oct. 6 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

TSCO Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race • Oct. 6-8 • Best in the Desert-sponsored race involving all classes, 702-457-5775.

Golf Classic Tournament • Oct. 7-8 • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-634-6441, ext. 2.

Grand Sumo Las Vegas • Oct. 7-9 • Traditional Sumo competition is the first official tournament held in the U.S. in 20 years. Events Center, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, 877-632-7400.

Renaissance Festival • Oct. 7-9 • Medieval games and pageantry. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

MAXXIS U.S. Open Motorcycle Race • Oct. 7-9 • $100,000 first prize. MGM Grand, Las Vegas, 800-929-1111.

"The Gamester" • Oct. 7-9, 13-16 • A man must choose between a woman and gambling. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787 for more information.



It's not a smooth ride for the top 45 bull riders when they compete for $100,000 during the Laughlin Professional Bull Riders Built Ford Tough Series, September 30-October 2. The event includes fireworks, dances, and a barbecue in the Colorado River town.

Viva Laughlin! • Oct. 7-10 • Latino Heritage Month celebration features music, fashion shows, dancers, and themed parties. Community casinos, Laughlin, 702-298-2214.

International Hispanic Day Parade • Oct. 8 • Fourth and Fremont, Downtown Las Vegas, 702-307-1710.

Children's Living-History Program • Oct. 8 • Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Historic State Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Boulder City 31'ers Annual Luncheon • Oct. 8 • Gathering of Hoover Dam construction workers, their families, and anyone who has resided in Boulder City for 31 years or more. Clark County Community Building, Boulder City, 702-293-5085.

Thank Goodness It's Fall Festival and Car Show • Oct. 8 • Crafts, cars, and entertainment. Overton Park, Overton, 702-397-6000.

Pioneer Living • Oct. 8 • Hay rides and demonstrations of Dutch oven cooking, spinning and weaving, black-powder shooting, and needlework. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Fall Into the Classics • Oct. 8 • Henderson Civic Symphony opening concert. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Discover Aviation Air Show • Oct. 8-9 • Airplane rides for children ages eight to 17, air show, aerobatics, gliders, and military, experimental, vintage, and general aviation static displays. Jean Sport Aviation Airfield, Jean, 20 miles south of Las Vegas on I-15, 702-645-3514.

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Las Vegas Basque Festival • Oct. 9 • Mass, Basque music, dancers, games, food, and drink. Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, Las Vegas, 702-361-6548.

Oktoberfest Slot Tournament • Oct. 9-12 • Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.

Michelin Championship at Las Vegas • Oct. 13-16 • PGA tour stars compete for $4 million in prizes. TPC at the Canyons and TPC Summerlin golf courses, Las Vegas, 702-242-3000.

Vegas Valley Book Festival • Oct. 13-22 • Broadcaster Stan Freberg and satirist Joe Queenan will be among the speakers in the fourth annual program of workshops, readings, lectures, panel discussions, and book signings. Various locations, Las Vegas, 702-895-1878.

Edgar Meyer/Caitlin Tully Concert • Oct. 14 • Meyer, a Grammy-nominated bassist and composer, teams with violinist Tully, a 17-year-old protégé of Itzhak Perlman. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Las Vegas World Invitational • Oct. 14-15 • The world's 25 best show jumping riders compete for $1 million in prize money. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 866-388-3267.

Logandale Bluegrass Festival • Oct. 14-16 • Local, regional, and national bands, food, crafts, workshops, and RV and tent camping. Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 702-564-3320.

In the Pink Tea Party • Oct. 15 • Cancer fundraiser. CasaBlanca Resort, Mesquite, 702-346-0622.

World Music Series • Oct. 15 • Hawaiian guitarist Gary Halcamau. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Jazz on the Lake • Oct. 15 • Blake Aaron performs free evening outdoor concert. Bring a blanket or chair. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Joanie Bartels • Oct. 15 • Children's music concert. Valley View Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Rockabilly Rod Reunion • Oct. 15 • Pre-1965 hot rod and custom car show, kustom kulture celebrities, vendors, rockabilly/surf bands, nostalgia bracket racing. The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Laughlin Dragon Boat Races • Oct. 15 • Teams of 20 paddlers, a drummer, and a steerperson compete on the Colorado River. Laughlin, 800-4LAUGHLIN.

Dehner Franks Quartet • Oct. 16 • Jazz pianist. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Nevada Heritage Festival • Oct. 16-17 • Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8200.

Belle's Golf Green • Oct. 16-18 • Golf tournament played at Desert Lakes Golf Course. Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship • Oct. 18-22 • Golfers compete for a $400,000 purse. Palms Golf Course, Mesquite, 800-896-4567.

Chef's Food Fest • Oct. 20 • Charity fundraiser features wines and hotel cuisine. Flamingo Laughlin, 702-298-2214.

Laughlin Senior Olympics • Oct. 20-23 • Tennis, golf, bowling, card games, track and field, cycling, horseshoes, swimming, and bocce ball. Townwide, Laughlin, 702-298-3413.

NHRA ACDelco Las Vegas National • Oct. 20-23 • Drag racing. The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Friday Cruise Night • Oct. 21 • Open to all years, makes, and models. Henderson Chevrolet, Henderson, 702-643-0000.



Singer, dancer, and actress Lena Horne appeared at the Sands in January 1955 (above). Horne is among the Strip performers spotlighted in the Las Vegas News Bureau's photo exhibition, "Celebrating Diversity," through September 18 at the West Las Vegas Library.

"Tapestry" • Oct. 21-22 • Youth musical. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-393-6163.

Pomegranate Festival • Oct. 21-22 • Crafts, art, demonstrations, and food. Old Logandale School Historical and Cultural Center, Logandale, 702-397-2951.

Shakespeare in the Park • Oct. 21-23 • "Much Ado About Nothing." Pre-show includes music, food, and entertainment. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Coin and Stamp Expo • Oct. 21-23 • Circus Circus, Las Vegas, 818-997-6496.

Night of Stars • Oct. 22 • Sheryl Crow performs for the Epicurean Club fundraiser, dinner, and auction. Tickets are $500 per person. Hard Rock Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-248-3312.

Halloween Spooktacular • Oct. 22 • Pumpkin carving and ghost stories told around a campfire. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Jekyll and Hyde: The Concert • Oct. 22 • The gothic thriller set to music. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

October Swap and Shop • Oct. 22-23 • Sponsored by the Mesquite Area Chamber of Commerce. Virgin River Convention Center, Mesquite, 702-346-2902.

Hawaiian Isle Festival and Outrigger Canoe Regatta • Oct. 22-23 • Island food, dancers, musicians, traditional arts and crafts, and outrigger canoe races. Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Ghouls and Goblins Twin Stakes Slot Tournament • Oct. 23-26 • Tropicana, Las Vegas, 800-522-4700.

On Tour: The National Symphony Orchestra Celebrates Las Vegas • Oct. 26-28 • Program includes Overture to "Candide, Adagio for Strings, Ives' "Variations on America," Hovhaness' "Symphony No. 2, and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 36." Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

One Act Play Festival • Oct. 26-30 • Paul Harris Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-2787.

Los Angeles Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings • Oct. 28 • NBA preseason game. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Mesquite Chili and Arts Festival • Oct. 28-29 • Fine art, music, and chili sampling. Virgin River Convention Center, Mesquite, 702-346-1338.

Moapa Valley Craft Fair • Oct. 28-29 • Clark County Fairgrounds, Logandale, 702-397-2951.

Native American Day • Oct. 29 • Arts, crafts, demonstrations, Native American dancing, storytelling, Indian tacos, and entertainment. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Nevada Day Celebration • Oct. 29 • Living-history program on Nevada and the Civil War, food, and games. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Chip Kickers Bull Bash • Oct. 29 • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, www.vegasexperience.com.

Halloween Festival • Oct. 29-30 • Trick or treating for kids. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas Resort, Henderson, 866-399-2753.

Sandstone Canyon Hike • Oct. 30 • Moderate to strenuous three-hour hike. Bring water, sunscreen, and hiking shoes. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Coming Events

Professional Bull Riders • Nov. 3-6 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Aviation Nation/Nellis Air Force Base Air Show • Nov. 10-12 • Las Vegas, 702-229-2005.

Mountain Man Rendezvous • Nov. 10-13 • Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Veterans Day Parade • Nov. 11 • Downtown Las Vegas, 702-736-6446.

Gift of Lights Drive-Thru Holiday Festival • Nov. 11-Jan. 1 • Las Vegas, 702-451-1641.

Laughlin Team Roping Finals • Nov. 17-20 • 505-899-1870.

North American Winner 2005 International Dog Show • Nov. 17-20 • Las Vegas, 702-324-0779.

Magical Forest Holiday Park • Nov. 20-Dec. 29 • Las Vegas, 702-880-4053.

Las Vegas Bracket Nationals IV Drag Racing • Nov. 24-27 • 702-644-4444.

Henderson's Terrible 300 Off-Road Race • Dec. 2-4 • 702-457-5775.

National Finals Rodeo • Dec. 2-11 • Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Ramada Express International Rally USA • Dec. 8-11 • Laughlin, 702-298-8171.

Las Vegas Showdown College Basketball Tournament • Dec. 17 • 702-739-FANS.

Las Vegas Bowl Football Game • Dec. 23 • 702-739-FANS.

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Spring Mountain Ranch Walking Tours • Daily • Guided 45-minute tour of the historic reservoir and Wilson Gravesite and the blacksmith shop and Sandstone Cabin, the second oldest buildings in the Las Vegas Valley. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141.

Free Concerts • Tues.-Sat. • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Concerts • 7pm Thurs.-Fri. on the patio, 9pm Thurs.-Sat. in the Underground Lounge, Matteo's Restaurant, Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-293-0098.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 702-744-3261.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, 702-385-7111.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Binion's, Las Vegas, 702-382-1600.

CasaBlanca Gaming Tournaments • Keno on Wed. and Sat. Slots on Sun. CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

Oasis Gaming Tournaments • Keno on Mon., Fri., and Sun. Blackjack on Mon. Slots on Thurs. No limit hold 'em on Sun. Pizza and poker on Wed. Early Bird Poker Shootout on Mon.-Fri. Bad Beat progressive jackpot poker on Wed. and Sun. Oasis, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

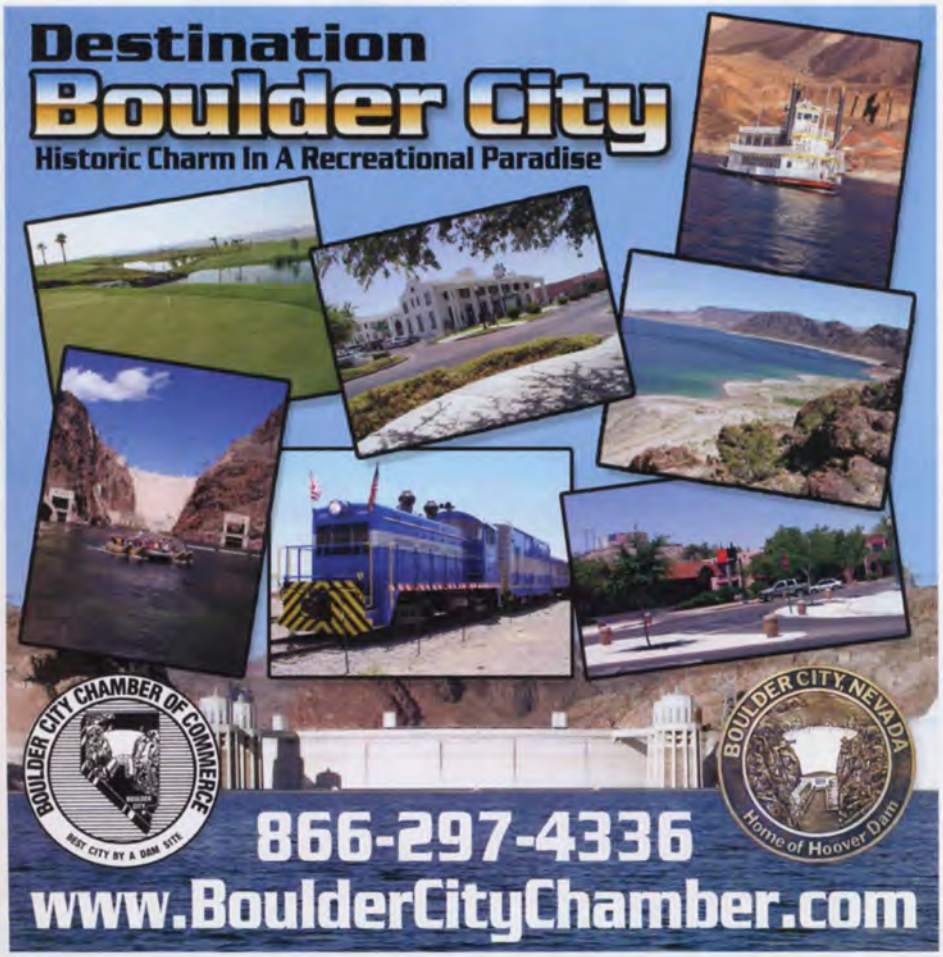
Virgin River Gaming Tournaments • Slots on Tues. and Thurs. Blackjack on Fri. Keno on Tues. and Thurs. Virgin River, Mesquite, 800-346-7721.



Burt Bacharach brings his classic pop style to the Orleans November 10-13.

Yoko Kondo Konopik • Thru Sept. 11 • Abstract paintings. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Patty Hinkson Exhibit • Thru Sept. 11 • Masks from found objects. Enterprise Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3760.



Out of the Wood • Thru Sept. 16 • Exhibit of Maria Arango's wood-engraved prints of the desert. Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Celebrating Diversity: Photo Exhibition • Thru Sept. 18 • Photographs from the Las Vegas News Bureau. West Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3980.

Pulp Magazine Cover Artwork • Thru Sept. 18 • Works by Jennifer Weber. Rainbow Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3710.

Las Vegas Art Museum Exhibitions • Thru Sept. 23 • Carlos Alfonzo, Hispanic artist; Asian Joint Centennial Exhibition and NaXi Dongba Culture Museum; and Wing Fong Scroll Collection. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Heavy Light: Recent Works by Victoria Z. Rivers • Thru Oct. 2 • Asian textile exhibit. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Henderson Art Association Annual Exhibit • Thru Oct. 9 • Interpretation of the Las Vegas Centennial. Summerlin Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3860.

Feathered Dinosaurs: Before and After Archaeopteryx X • Thru Oct. 30 • Exhibit features feathered-dinosaur fossils from China and answers questions about the relationship between birds and dinosaurs. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-3466.

Nevada Theatre Company • Thru Nov. • Two touring plays: "Three Ways Home: Nevada Becomes a State" and another centennial presentation about the birth of Las Vegas. Call for dates and locations, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

Las Vegas Lives! 100 Years of Photographs • Thru Dec. • Centennial exhibit. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Las Vegas Aerial Gallery • Thru Dec. • 50 outdoor banners featuring centennial icons are displayed on Las Vegas Blvd. from Charleston to Mesquite. Las Vegas, 702-229-5431 for information.

Whistle Stop to Windfall: 100 Years in Las Vegas • Thru Jan. 2, 2006 • Exhibit traces the story of what made Las Vegas unique, its changing face (from tent houses to casinos), residents, and colorful characters. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

The 24-Hour Show: Making a Living in Las Vegas • Thru Jan. 2006 • Multimedia exhibit explores the lives of casino and entertainment workers. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Las Vegas 51s Baseball • The Pacific Coast League team, a Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, plays Aug. 29-Sept. 1 vs. Tacoma Rainiers, Sept. 2-5 vs. Salt Lake Stingers. Cashman Field, Las Vegas, 702-386-7200.

Drag Racing Events • Sept. 1-4, 8-10, 15-17, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 14-16, Oct. 27, Nov. 4-6, 12-13, 24-27, Dec. 2-3 • The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-632-8213 for information.

Dale Cox Exhibit • Sept. 1-30 • Las Vegas artist. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Drag Races at the Bullring • Sept. 2-4, 10, 16-17, Oct. 1, 14-16, 20-23, 27-30, Nov. 4-6, 12-13, 24-27 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

UNLV Football • The Rebels play Sept. 10 vs. Idaho, Oct. 8 vs. San Diego State, Oct. 22 vs. Utah, Nov. 5 vs. BYU, Nov. 19 vs. Colorado State. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Laura Goodman Retrospective • Sept. 10-25 • Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Cynthia Hurley • Sept. 16-Nov. 13 • Oil paintings of the desert and vernal pools. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Fond Memories • Sept. 26-Nov. 4 • Exhibition of Bill Ruth's oil landscapes. Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Las Vegas Wranglers ECHL Professional Hockey Team • plays Oct. 25 vs. Utah Grizzles, Nov. 8 vs. Fresno Falcons, Nov. 11-12 vs. Bakersfield Condors, Nov. 25 vs. Stockton Thunder, Nov. 26 vs. Victoria Salmon Kings, Nov. 29 vs. Johnstown Chiefs, Dec. 2-3 vs. Idaho Steelheads, Dec. 6 vs. Johnstown Chiefs, Dec. 19 vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Dec. 27 vs. San Diego Gulls, Dec. 30 vs. Utah Grizzlies. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-471-7825.

Moapa Valley Art Guild Exhibition • Oct. 1-31 • Show features Overton-area artists. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Francoise Gilot Retrospective • Oct. 2-Dec. 31 • Art exhibition. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Keepers of the Flame • Oct. 3-Nov. 27 • Centennial celebration exhibit presents an alternative history of Las Vegas. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

Fall Art Roundup • Oct. 10-Dec. 31 • Juried exhibition. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000 for information.



Pop singer Kelly Clarkson parlayed her 2002 win on TV's *American Idol* into a concert tour and a stop at the Aladdin in Las Vegas on September 10.

Shows

BOULDER CITY

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

HENDERSON

Casino MonteLago at Lake Las Vegas • 702-564-4766.

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

Green Valley Ranch • 702-617-7777: Jazz Club: Entertainment Fri.-Sat. Grand Events Center: Smokey Robinson, Feb. 11, 2006. The District at Green Valley Ranch Free Outdoor Concerts, 702-564-8595: The Fab, Beatles tribute, Sept. 2-3. The Michael Soli Trio, classic, Sept. 9. Joy Ride, Top 40, Sept. 10. Nouveau, Top 40, Sept. 16. David Van Such, jazz, Sept. 17. Rick Arroyo and the Latin Percussion Ensemble, Sept. 23. Gypsy Nights, jazz, Sept. 24. Fields of Gold, Sting tribute, Sept. 30. Island Tyme, reggae, Oct. 1. Chuy and Company, Top 40, Oct. 7. David "The Sax Man" Brown, R&B, Oct. 8. Yacht Club, jazz, Oct. 14. Drew Baker Band, classic rock, Oct. 15.

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

Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Music Wed.-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: Paula Poundstone, Nov. 11. Amphitheater: Kenny Rogers, Sept. 9.

JEAN

Gold Strike Hotel • 702-477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Bands like Super Shock and Inferno play nightly except Sun.-Tues.

Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Bands like Foreign Affair and Barbra Christy appear nightly except Sun.-Mon in the casino lounge.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 702-785-5555 or 877-333-WISH: V Theatre at Desert Passage: "V," variety show. "X," adult revue, 10:30pm nightly. Call 702-932-1818. Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, Sept. 3-4. Kelly Clarkson, Sept. 10. John Waite of Bad English and the Babys, Sept. 23-24. Grand Ballroom: Dennis DeYoung of Styx/Las Vegas Philharmonic, Oct. 8. Sinbad's Lounge:



Bands play nightly. Music in the Curve nightclub 10:30pm-5am Fri.-Sat., and 7-9pm Wed. for Jazz Night. Krave Nightclub, located in the Desert Passage at the Aladdin, 702-836-0833: "The Fashionistas," adult musical, dark Sun. "From Russia With Love," male revue, 7pm Mon.-Sat. (702-253-1094).

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Bands like Randy Anderson and Greg Peterson play nightly in the Naughty Ladies Saloon. Karaoke 8:30pm-1:30am Mon. Jerry Tiffe plays 4-7pm Fri.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-9000: Palace Grand Lounge: Bands like the Checkmates and Perfect Choice play nightly except Mon.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee! Theater: "Jubilee!," dark Fri. Society of Seven with Lani Misalucha, 3pm Wed.-Thurs. and Sat.-Sun., 8pm Fri. Backstage Walking Tour at 2pm Mon., Wed., and Sat. Entertainment in the Indigo Lounge and Tequila Bar.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Barbary Coast Lounge: Pete Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3-6pm Tues.-Fri. Karaoke, 9pm-2:30am Mon. Bands like In-10-City, Smith Brothers, and Elements perform Wed., Thurs., and Sun.

Beach Nightclub • 702-610-5237: "Laughs at the Beach, touring stand-up comedians, 8-10pm Thurs. and Sat.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O, indf., dark Mon.-Tues. Light Nightclub, 10:30pm-4am Thurs.-Sun. Caramel Bar, 5pm-4am. Musicians play in the Petrossian Lounge and Baccarat Bar. Fontana Room: Entertainment nightly.

Binion's • 702-382-1600: Benny's Bullpen: Music TBA.

Boardwalk Casino • 702-735-2400: Lighthouse Lounge: Spectrum, Motown sound, indf., dark Mon. Purple Reign, a tribute to Prince, Tues.-Sat. Soul Food, Sun.-Mon.

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The Railhead: Morris Day and the Time, Sept. 17. Sammy Kershaw, Sept. 23. Billy Ray Cyrus, Oct. 7. Buddy Jewell, Oct. 8. Nazareth, Oct. 21. Kirk Whalum, Oct. 29. Patty Loveless, Nov. 4. David Allen Coe, Nov. 11. Diane Schuur, Nov. 12. Don Williams, Nov. 19. Night Ranger, Dec. 3. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Thurs. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Big Easy Showroom: "Hypnolarius," 9pm, Wed.-Sun. The Michael Johns Show, comedy-hypnotist, 11pm Sun., Wed.-Thurs.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: The Colosseum Showroom: Celine Dion stars in "A New Day...," Sept. 1-4, 7-11, 16-18, 21-25, 28-30, Oct. 1-2, 26-30.(call 877-4-CELINE). Alejandro Fernandez, Sept. 15. "The Red Piano" starring Elton John, Oct. 4-9, 11-16, 18-23. (888-4-ELTONJ). Shadow Bar: Dancers perform nightly. DJ 8pm-2am Wed.-Sun. Entertainment also can be found in the Café Lago Restaurant, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, and Galleria Bar at Caesars Palace.

Chinatown Mall • 702-369-2600: Chinatown Theatre: "No MSG," Asian variety show starring the New Dynasty Chinese Acrobats, Tues.-Sun. Show includes choice of dinner at six Chinatown restaurants.

Circus Circus • 702-734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts from 11am to 11pm, weekday; 11am-midnight on weekends. Adventuredome Theme Park, 12pm-6pm.

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 nightly except Thurs. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands.

Fitzgeralds • 702-388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Fitzgeralds Showroom: "Spirit of the King" starring Steve Connolly, 7pm, Thurs.-Mon., $19.95. Bands play daily on the First Floor Stage.

Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: Gladys Knight, 7:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Frankie Valli, Sept. 20-24. George Wallace, comedian, indf., performs 10pm Tues.-Sat. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, 8pm daily except Wed., 10:30pm Fri.-Sat. "Second City Scriptless," 8pm Wed. Bands play in Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville. Flamingo Luau, dinner and outdoor performance of "Hot Lava, Polynesian revue, 8 and 9:30pm, Mon.-Fri., thru Sept. 2.

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.

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside Nevada): Lounge: Royal Dixie Jazz Band, 1-6pm Mon.-Fri. Bands like San Fernando, Elements, and Front Page play nightly except Mon. Gold Coast Showroom: "Forever Plaid," 7:30pm Tues.-Sun., matinee 3pm Sun., dark Mon. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat. indf. Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor 7-10pm Mon. Dance lessons 6-7pm.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Live piano 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-386-8100: Theatre Ballroom: Gordie Brown, musical impressionist, dark Wed.-Thurs. Tony Bennett, Sept. 22-24 and Dec. 16-18. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band, 10pm Mon., midnight Sat., dark Dec. 17. Bands like Alias, Tony Vee, and Antonia Bennett play in the Oasis Lounge. Music in the ZAX restaurant.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke party, 10pm-4am.







The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, sings in the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on September 4.

Greek Isles • 702-737-5540: Star Theater: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean," dark Fri. "The World's Greatest Magic Show," 6pm daily except 8:15 Fri.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: The Joint: Motley Crue, Oct. 7-9. Pink Taco: Yo Quiero Karaoko, 9:30pm Wed. Entertainment in Simon Kitchen and Bar and Body English Nightclub.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111 or 800-392-9002: Clint Holmes Theater: Clint Holmes, 7:30pm, dark Sun. "Skintight, adult revue plays at 10:30pm Mon.-Wed., dark Thurs., 10pm and midnight Fri., 10:30pm Sat., 7:30 and 10:30pm Sun. Mac King, comedy magic, 1 and 3pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Improv Theater: Comedy 8:30 and 10:30pm, dark Mon. Café Andreotti: Strolling musicians on Wed.-Sun. Range Restaurant: Jazz on Fri.-Sat. Piano Bar: TJ's All-Star Karaoke Party, 6-9pm nightly. Dueling Pianos, 9pm nightly. Entertainment daily in the Carnaval Court noon-3am.

Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas • 702-853-BEER. Bavarian bands play.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert," impersonator revue, 7:30 and 10pm, dark Sun. Casino Floor: Celebrity impersonators deal blackjack to gamblers. Entertainment nightly in the Kabuki Lounge. Tequila Joe's: Karaoke nightly. "Be a Legend" Amateur Celebrity Impersonator Karaoke Contest is held quarterly. Poolside: Imperial Hawaiian Luau, dinner and Polynesian entertainment, 6pm Tues. and Thurs., thru Oct. 20, weather permitting.

JW Marriott Las Vegas • 702-869-2335: Plush Ultra Lounge and Supper Club: Music and dancing.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Showroom: "Ovation," variety show, 7 and 9pm, dark Tues. Justin Tranz, hypnotist, 10:30pm Thurs.-Tues. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Barry Manilow stars in "Manilow: Music and Passion, Sept. 7-10, 14-17, 21-24, Oct. 19-22, 26-29, Nov. 2-5, 16-19, Dec. 14-17. Donna Summer, Sept. 3-4. Trisha Yearwood, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Juan Gabriel, Oct. 14-16. Earth, Wind, and Fire, Nov. 9-12. Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dec. 2-4. LeAnn Rimes/Phil Vassar, Dec. 5-7. Clay Walker, Dec. 8-10. Hilton Center: Robert Plant, July 16. Shimmer Cabaret: Comedian David Brenner, 8pm, dark Thurs. Bands play 10pm-2am, dark Mon.-Tues.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: Luxor Theatre: "Blue Man Group: Live at Luxor," percussion theater thru Sept. 15. "Hairspray," Broadway musical opens Feb. 2006. Pharaoh's Theater: "Midnight Fantasy," production show, dark Mon. Steakhouse Lounge: Piano entertainer. Performers play nightly in Nefertiti's and Ante Room lounges and Ra Nightclub. Movies are featured in the IMAX theater, and tours are available at the King Tut's Museum.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Mamma Mia!, the Broadway musical based on the music of Abba, dark Fri. Paul Rodriguez, Sept. 16. Mandalay Events Center: John Mellencamp/John Fogarty, Sept. 3. Luis Miguel, Sept. 16. Grand Sumo Tournament, Oct. 7-9, traditional competition features 50 sumo wrestlers in first U.S. event in 20 years. Professional Bull Riders 2005 World Finals, Oct. 28-30. Mandalay Beach: The Doobie Brothers, Sept. 24. House of Blues: Carlos Vives, Sept. 7. Moenia and Aleks Syntek, Sept. 11. George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Sept. 14. Oasis with Kasabian, Sept. 15. Richard Jeni, Sept. 17. An Evening with Pat Metheny Trio, Sept. 20. Entertainment Thurs.-Sat. Karaoke, Mon.-Tues. to live band. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Ivan Kane's Forty Deuce: DJs and a burlesque show. Entertainment in the Orchid, Island, Rumjungle, and Coral Reef lounges. Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay open daily. Socrates Café: Book discussions, 7pm Tues.

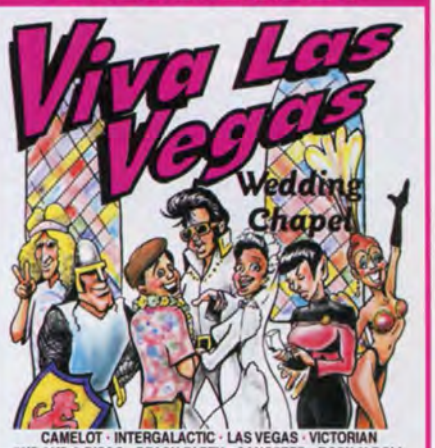
MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: MGM Grand Garden Arena: Aretha Franklin, Sept. 4. Marco Antonio Barrera vs. Robbie Peden, WBC super featherweight fight, Sept. 17. MAXXIS U.S. Open, motorcycle race, Oct. 7-9. Eagles "Farewell I" Tour, Oct. 15. Jimmy Buffett, Oct. 22 and 29. U2, Nov. 4-5. Paul McCartney, Nov. 25-26. KÀ Theatre: "KÀ, the newest Cirque du Soleil production, dark Wed.-Thurs. Hollywood Theatre: David Copperfield, thru Sept. 21. Carrot Top, Sept. 22-28. Howie Mandel, Sept. 29-Oct. 5. Tom Jones, Oct. 6-19. Howie Mandel, Oct. 25-Nov. 9. Dennis Miller, Oct. 20-24. David Copperfield, Nov. 17-30. La Femme Theatre: "La Femme, topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Studio 54: Dancing Tues.-Sat. Entertainment in the Teatro Euro Bar except Wed., and the Tabu and Zuri lounges and Centrifuge Bar. Fashion show 10pm Wed. in Tabu.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans, dark Fri. and Mon., and Oct. 30-Feb. 6. Dana Carvey, Sept. 2-4. Jay Leno, Sept. 9-10. Jon Secada, Sept. 16. Ray Romano, Sept. 23-24. Wayne Brady, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Damon Wayans, Oct. 7-8. David Spade, Oct. 14-15. Ray Romano, Oct. 28-29. Hall and Oates, Nov. 4-5. Dana Carvey, Nov. 11-12. The Moody Blues, Nov. 18-19. Wayne Brady, Nov. 24-25. Entertainment in the Ava and Onda lounges and Baccarat Bar. Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, hours are seasonal.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician," dark Sun.-Mon., Sept. 5-19, Dec. 11-25. Top 40, disco, country, and classic-rock dance music nightly in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery, Sun.-Sat.

New Frontier • 702-794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Thunder Road, Nov. 3-5. Free bull rides 4-9pm Mon.-Tues. and all night Wed. Mud wrestling 10pm Wed. Free line-dance lessons 7:30pm Thurs. Bikini bull riding midnight Fri.-Sat.

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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 Wed.-Thurs. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly. The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen: Entertainment nightly. Coyote Ugly: Dance nightclub opens at 6pm. Dueling pianos play from 8pm-2am Sun.-Thurs., 3-7pm Fri.-Sat. in the Bar at Times Square. Bands play in the Big Apple Bar. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: Orleans Showroom: Air Supply, Sept. 1-4. Righteous Brother Bill Medley, featuring Darren and McKenna Medley, Sept. 9-11. Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A One Woman Show, Sept. 15-18. Gene Pitney, Sept. 22-25. Bobby Vinton, Sept. 29-Oct. 2. Chris Botti, Oct. 13-16. Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell, Oct. 20-23. The Pointer Sisters, Oct. 27-30. Engelbert Humperdinck, Nov. 3-6. Burt Bacharach, Nov. 10-13. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 17-20. Neil Sedaka, Nov. 22-27. Orleans Arena: Freestyle MotoX Championship, Sept. 23-24. Performers such as Bruce Conte and Elements appear in the Bourbon Street Cabaret. Brendan's Irish Pub: Entertainment nightly except Mon. Jazz on Tues., Blues Zydeco on Wed. Irish acoustic sing-a-long on Sun. "Rock This Town Live, tribute to Elvis, Buddy Holly, and Jerry Lee Lewis, Tues.

Palace Station • 702-367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Laugh Trax Comedy Club: Comedians perform Tues.-Sat. Jack's Irish Pub: Entertainers perform nightly.

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Entertainment in Rain, ghostbar, and the Lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Theatre des Arts: "We Will Rock You, production based on the music of Queen, nightly except Thurs., matinee 2pm Sun. Cools Theater: Anthony Cools Experience, hypnotist. Bands play in Le Cabaret Lounge, Napoleon's Lounge, and Ah Sin Restaurant. Dancing 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun. in the Risqué nightclub. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Theatre: Champagne Sunday Brunch, 10:30am-2:30pm. Guest celebrities drop in to entertain. Larry G. Jones, singing comedy-impressionist, 6pm Sat.-Thurs. Comedy Zone, comedians perform at 8pm nightly. Benny Baker, adult comic, 10pm Sat.-Wed. Collin Foster, magic, 2 and 4pm Tues.-Sun. Bands perform in the Omaha Lounge, 6pm-1am.

Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Addison's Lounge: Rock, oldies, and R&B bands perform in the lounge from 8pm-midnight Fri.-Sat. Round Bar: Entertainment 6:30-10:30pm Fri.-Sat.

Rio All-Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO: Samba Theater: Penn and Teller, comedy-magic show, dark Tues. Scinta Showroom: Scintas, musical revue, dark Thurs. "Erocktica, adult revue, 10pm, dark Thurs. Ronn Lucas, comedian-ventriloquist, 3pm, dark Fri. Chippendales Theater: Ultimate Girls' Night Out. "Chippendales: The Show," 8:30pm Thurs.-Sat. and 10:30pm Fri.-Sat., dark Wed. Club Rio Nightclub is open for late-night dancing Thurs.-Sat. Flirt Ultra Lounge opens 8:30pm weekdays, 10:30pm weekends, dark Wed. 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, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30pm. Bikinis Beach and Dance Club: Nightclub opens 10pm Thurs.-Sun. Sexy swimwear competition on Thurs. Bands play nightly in the high-rise Voodoo Lounge. I-Bar Ultra Lounge: Beverage entertainers start at noon daily.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash," production show, dark Mon. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage, celebrity female impersonators revue, 7:30pm, dark Tues. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Tues. "American Storm, male revue, dark Tues. "Riviera Comedy Club, 8:30 and 10:30pm nightly. Le Bistro Theatre: "Neil Diamond Tribute Starring Jay White, 7pm Sun.-Thurs. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 9pm Mon. "Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was, impersonator show, 8:30pm Wed.-Sun. Le Bistro Theatre converts to Syn City, the Nightclub 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun.

Royal Resort • 702-339-5200: Cosmo's Ristorante: "Dinner With Mama, interactive dinner theater, 7pm Mon.-Thurs.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theatre: Sahara Theater: "Buck Wild, country variety show, 7pm covered, 9pm topless, dark Fri. Congo Room: Amazing Jonathan, bizarre magic, 10pm, dark Thurs. Coasters, Platters, and Drifters. Entertainment in the Casbar Lounge.

Sam's Town • 702-454-8048: Sam's Town Live: Dennis Bono, radio show with guest celebrities, thru Dec. 24. Entertainment in Roxy's Saloon. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, and 10pm.

Santa Fe Station • 702-658-4900: Chrome Showroom: Michael Lington, Sept. 10. Maynard Ferguson, Oct. 9. Paul Taylor, Dec. 10. Memphis Championship Barbecue: Rocksicle, 10pm Sat.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Outdoor Events Center: Creedence Clearwater Revisted, Sept. 16. Eddie Money, Sept. 17. The Temptations Revue starring Dennis Edwards, Sept. 24. Three Dog Night, Sept. 25-26. Mermaid Restaurant and Lounge: Mermaids perform hourly in a 117,000-gallon saltwater tank from 6-11pm.

Stardust • 702-732-6325: Stardust Theatre: Joan Rivers, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. The Temptations and The Four Tops, Sept. 7-10. Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Sept. 14-17. Chicago, Sept. 21-24. Ann-Margret, Sept. 28-Oct. 1. George Carlin, Oct. 6-19. Don Rickles, Oct. 20-23. Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme, Oct. 26-29. Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Nov. 9-12. George Carlin, Nov. 17-30. Bill Engvall, Dec. 2-3 and 8-10. Rick Thomas Show, magic production, 2 and 4pm. Starlight Lounge: Karaoke Mon. and Fri.

Stratosphere • 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Theater of the Stars 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 like Pop Culture and Smooth play 10pm-3:30am Tues.-Sun. Entertainment in the Top of the World Lounge, dark Mon.-Tues. Crazy Armadillos: Karaoke on Tues.-Wed. DJ Dance Party on Thurs.-Mon. Bands play Fri.-Sat. Stratosphere Thrill Rides: Insanity, X Scream, Big Shot, and High Roller.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Suncoast Showroom: Franky Perez and the Highway Saints, Cuban-inspired music, 8-11pm Thurs. Doo-Wopp.com, 7:30pm Tues. Tower of Power, Sept. 2-4. Debbie Reynolds, Sept. 16-18. Rita

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Weddings of the Century

During "Once Upon 100 Weddings," the June 9 event celebrating Las Vegas' centennial and second-most visible industry, 100 couples tied the knot beneath the Fremont Street Experience, with the Rev. Duane Williams and Mayor Oscar Goodman presiding. Contest-winning couples from around the globe participated, and to say it was unique is like saying the Golden Nugget is just a hotel.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime deal," recalls effervescent Stephanie Fussell, a Camano Island, Washington, resident, who took the plunge with beau Justin. "Vegas will never be 100 again. We'll never get married again. We had to do it. You can never top that party." Even for Vegas, she could be right.—*Ken Van Vechten*

Coolidge, Sept. 23-25. Rich Little, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Michael Franks, Oct. 7-9. Roger Williams, Oct. 14-16. The Smothers Brothers, Oct. 21-23. Air Supply, Oct. 28-30. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Nov. 4-6. Roy Clark, Nov. 18-20. Bill Acosta, Nov. 25-27. McKenna Medley, Dec. 3-4. Righteous Brother Bill Medley/McKenna Medley, Dec. 29-31. Suncoast Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Terrible's • 702-733-7000: Stage Bar Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Treasure Island (TI) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère, dark Mon.-Tues. Kahunaville: Dueling Pianos, 10pm. Entertainment in the Mist and Breeze lounges. Tangerine Nightclub opens at 5:30pm and features burlesque performances. The venue has a deck overlooking "The Sirens of TI" plays outside at 7, 8:30, 10, and 11:30pm.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Les Folies Bergere, dark Sun. Dirk Arthur: Xtreme Magic, 2 and 4pm, Sat.-Thurs. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop, stand-up comedy nightly. Celebration Lounge: Entertainment 8pm-1am Tues.-Sat. "Air Play," aerialists perform above the casino at 11am, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9pm. Tower Pavilion: Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, ship's memorabilia, 10am-10pm, last ticket sold at 9pm, daily thru Oct. 31.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: Blue Man Group Theatre: "Blue Man Group, percussion theater opens Oct. 10 after moving from the Luxor. Gondola rides on the canal.

Westward Ho • 702-731-2900: Crown Room: Bands play.

Wynn Las Vegas • 702-770-7000: "Le Rêve, aquatic production, dark Tues.-Wed. Avenue Q Theater: "Avenue Q," Tony Award-winning musical opens Sept. 9.

LAUGHLIN

Avi Hotel • 702-535-5555: ArrowWeed Lounge: Bands play.

Colorado Belle • 702-298-4000: Entertainment TBA.

Edgewater • 702-298-2453: Lounge: Bands play nightly.

Flamingo Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Club Flamingo Showroom: The Comedy Stop, thru Sept. 4. The Amphitheater: Kenny Rogers, Sept. 10-11. Crosby, Stills, and Nash, Sept. 16. Jon Secada, Oct. 8. Foreigner, Oct. 22. The Ballroom: Lorrie Morgan, Nov. 19.

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.

Harrah's Laughlin • 702-298-4600 or 800-447-8700: Outdoor Amphitheater: Hall and Oates, Sept. 24. Lee Ann Womack, Oct. 1. A Ring of Their Own, live women's boxing, Oct. 8. Bill Cosby, Oct. 30. Fiesta Showroom: "Rhinestone Cowgirls," musical revue, 8pm, thru Dec. 31, dark Sun. and Wed. "Showgirls, adult topless revue, 10pm, thru Dec. 31, dark Sun.-Wed.

Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: Entertainment TBA. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke Madness on Mon. American Heroes Museum of Memories: Memorabilia and speakers on military topics.

River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Bermuda Club: The Magic and Comedy of Berri Lee, 6pm Sat. Berri's Comedy Club, 9pm Tues.-Sat.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849, ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Gallagher, Sept. 2-4. Adventures in Parrotdice: Jimmy Buffett Tribute, Sept. 6-11. A Tribute to the Righteous Brothers, Sept. 13-18. Christopher Cross, Sept. 20-25. Bellamy Brothers, Sept. 28-Oct. 2. Freddy Fender, Oct. 4-9. Trent Carlini: The Dream King, Oct. 11-16. Ricky Van Shelton, Oct. 18-23. Smothers Brothers, Oct. 25-30. Mel Tillis, Nov. 1-6. Vicki Lawrence, Nov. 9-13. Roy Clark, Nov. 15-20. Charo, Nov. 22-27. "The Nutcracker," performed by the Anaheim Ballet, Dec. 22-23. Debbie Reynolds, Dec. 27-31. Carl Hurley, Jan. 9-14. Charlie Prose, Jan. 15-Feb. 2. Ozark Jubilee, Feb. 3-7. Vicki Lawrence, Feb. 8-12. Smothers Brothers, Feb. 14-19. Oak Ridge Boys, Feb. 21-26. Glenn Campbell, March 7-12. Ragus: Irish Dance Spectacular, March 14-19. Ricky Van Shelton, March 21-26. Entertainment in the Lightning Strikes Nightclub.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: Bellamy Brothers, Sept. 23. Lesley Gore, Oct. 15. Don Williams, Nov. 18. Comedy Club: Weekends when no performers are scheduled. Entertainers appear 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: Karaoke Tues. Dance music Wed., Fri.-Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Entertainers play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

NORTH LAS VEGAS

Cannery • 702-507-5700: The Spencer Davis Group, The Happenings, The Tokens, and The Dixie Cups, Sept. 3. Boogie Nights, Sept. 16. The Guess Who, Sept. 17. Ronnie Milsap, Sept. 24. Fred Hammond Gospel Concert, Sept. 25. Classic Rock All Stars with Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Viva! Tribute to Santana and Peace Frog, Tribute to the Doors, Oct. 7-8. Rockabilly Rod Reunion, Oct. 14-15. Tommy Castro Band, Oct. 21-22. Next Movement, Oct. 28-29. Pin-Ups Bar: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Club Tequila: Superstar Tributes, Fri. Comedy Live, Sat. Music in the Cabo Lounge. Skating in the Fiesta Ice Arena.

Jerry's Nugget • 702-399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Tribute to Jimi Hendrix, Sept. 18. Electrical Storm: U2 Tribute, Oct. 27. Hearbreaker: Tribute to Led Zeppelin, Dec. 4. Motown Fridays, Latin Explosion on Sat., dance music.

Texas Station 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Norman Brown's Summer Storm starring Peabo Bryson, Brenda Russell, and Everett Harp, Sept. 23. Grand Funk Railroad, Oct. '15. Johnny Rivers, Nov. 12. Foreigner, Nov. 26. The Armadillo: Kroakies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack plays '80s music on 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 weekends in the lounge. Funniez Comedy Club: Comedians Fri.-Sat.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment on weekends.

Whiskey Pete's • 800-FUN-STOP: Whiskey Pete's Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment Fri.-Sun.

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STREET SENSATIONS

Motorcyclists turn Reno into hog heaven during **Street Vibrations.**

Story by Don Cox, Photos by Pete Slingland

Street Vibrations is about motorcycles, the noise they make, and the image they create.

"The roar," Charmaine LaMay, a Harley-Davidson rider from Reno, says when she describes the event's attraction. "The thunder of motorcycles."

There will be plenty of thunder when thousands of motorcycles and their riders fill downtown Reno for Street Vibrations, a celebration of bike culture and Harley-Davidsons in particular, on September 21-25. However, Randy Burke, boss of the 12th annual event, figures that many of those attending the festival never will have ridden a Harley.

"It's a festival with a theme," Burke says. The theme—bikes in all their noisy glory—resonates with both bikers and non-bikers. He adds, "You don't have to be a painter to appreciate a Picasso."

Certainly, there is art to be found in Street Vibrations, especially the custom-made machines that are featured in the gallery-like Bike Expo at the Silver Legacy. Picasso didn't do the paint jobs, but 21 of the country's best bike builders did. They will be back in Reno this year.

So will the 4,000 motorcycle riders who are registered for the event. Burke estimates another 40,000 to 50,000 bikers will just show up.

The bikers enjoy displaying their motorcycles and admiring those of others. Virginia Street is closed to car and truck traffic, and bikes are parked the length of the street. Bikers and non-bikers mingle as they walk up and down the rows of motorcycles shining with chrome and exotic paint jobs.

Of course, the attraction of Street Vibrations is not just the bikes, which are

Harley riders and non-bikers mingle as they stroll **the rows of motorcycles** shining with chrome

great to look at. It's also the culture that goes with them—the tattoos, the leather jackets, and the reputation.

Yes, the reputation.

Bikers are a little more dangerous than the rest of us, right? Marlon Brando showed that danger when he terrorized a town on his motorcycle in the 1954 classic *The Wild One.* The image stuck.

Bikers are a little freer than the rest of us, right? Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda showed that freedom when they rode their really cool Harleys across the country in the 1969 movie *Easy Rider.* The image stuck.

Bikers still personify that sense of freedom, but chances are the leather-clad Harley riders you meet at Street Vibrations will include doctors, lawyers, and other folks who are weekend bikers.

Strolling downtown, you can stuff yourself with barbecue and sip beer or lemonade. Clubs and concert halls offer good rock 'n' roll.

But the best thing about this festival is the shopping. Street Vibrations turns Virginia Street into a long outdoor mall for bikers. Here on "Chrome Alley" more than 200 vendors sell everything you need to become a biker, from the motorcycle to the tattoo. All you need is a credit card or fat wallet.

Last year, one non-rider started at one end of the mall and walked its length, spending imaginary dollars to become a biker. It cost $20,887.99. The shopping spree went like this:

Harley-Davidson motorcycle (top of the line): $20,495.
Leather chaps (with fringe): $89.99.
Leather vest: $50.
Motorcycle patch (large): $39.
Helmet: $29.
Street Vibrations T-shirt: $20.
Bandannas (2): $5.
Sunglasses: $10.
Tattoo: $150.

The tattoo was middle-of-the-line from One Stop Tattooing and Body Piercing, where a guy named Hoss applied tattoos costing anywhere from $50 to $500.

The thunder of the motorcycles? That was free.

Street Vibes in Reno

Street Vibrations takes place September 21-25 with events in downtown Reno and Sparks and tours to Virginia City and Lake Tahoe. The all-motorcycle event includes parades, poker runs, stunt shows, the Chrome Alley vendors on Virginia Street, the Harley-Davidson Store, and numerous dances and concerts. Spectators are welcome, and admission to most outdoor events is free. Call 800-200-4557 or log onto www.road-shows.com for further festival information.

Don Cox writes for the Reno Gazette-Journal. *Pete Slingland is a Reno photographer.*



Easy riders roll into Reno for Street Vibrations.



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AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

The **Great Reno Balloon Race**, **Virginia City International Camel Races**, and **Street Vibrations** are among the big weekend events in the Reno area this fall. At Lake Tahoe, extreme athletes compete in the **Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race** and the **Nissan Xterra USA Championship**. **Collin Raye** and **38 Special** perform free outdoor concerts during the **Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off**.

Events

Burning Man 2005 • Aug. 29-Sept. 5 • Annual counterculture event draws about 25,000 people to the temporary Black Rock City, culminating in the burning of a 40-foot-tall effigy. Art theme is "Psyche: the Conscious, the Subconscious, and the Unconscious. Black Rock Desert, northeast of Gerlach, www.burningman.com.

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off • Sept. 1-5 • Free concerts: Sol' Jibe, Sept. 1. Collin Raye, Sept. 2. Paul Thorn, Sept. 3. 38 Special, Sept. 4. Cracker, Sept. 5. Also there are arts and crafts and rib sampling. Victorian Square, Sparks, 800-843-2427.

Greg Brown at Adele's • Sept. 2 • Concert. Adele's Restaurant, Carson City, 775-882-3353.

First Friday • Sept. 2 • Art, wine, shopping, dining, and music. Tahoe City, Lake Tahoe, www.visittahoecity.com.

Joy Song: A Praise Concert • Sept. 2-3 • Nevada Civic Light Opera presentation. Community Center, Carson City, 775-887-5601.

Tahoe Rim Trail Back Country Camp • Sept. 2-4 • Learn how to build and maintain trail. Cost is $25 adults, $12 for children under 12, which includes meals and snacks. Bring personal camping equipment. Advance registration required. Echo Summit Trailhead, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Numaga Days Powwow • Sept. 2-4 • Dancing, crafts, and food. Hungry Valley, north of Sparks, 775-329-2936.

Lake Tahoe Airfest • Sept. 3 • Air show, skydivers, military and general aviation static displays, fly-bys, demonstrations, airplane rides, food, and 5K run. Lake Tahoe Airport, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-0480.

Labor Day Weekend Steam-Up • Sept. 3-5 • Train rides pulled by an 1882 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Alpen Wine Fest • Sept. 4 • Benefit for the Jimmie Heuga Center for multiple sclerosis has wine tasting, appetizers, and a silent auction. Village at Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-584-6267.

Labor Day Slot Tournament • Sept. 4-5 • Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-325-7401.

Labor Day Lake Tahoe • Sept. 5 • Great Lake Tahoe Sternwheeler Race between the *M.S. Dixie II* and the *Tahoe Queen*. Fireworks and a fishing derby. South Lake Tahoe, 800-AT-TAHOE.

Red, White, and Blue Slot Tournament • Sept. 5-6 • Peppermill Reno, 775-689-7180.

Andromeda's Heroic Rescue • Sept. 6 • Program chronicles the struggles of mythical heroes and monsters. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 775-831-3233 for details.

Piper's Opera House: Maude Adams Colloquium • Sept. 8 • The life of the actress presented by Fred Adams, a relative and her biographer. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-847-0433.

Carson Valley Western Film Festival • Sept. 8-11 • Corley Ranch, Carson Valley, 775-265-3045.

Senior Games 2005 • Sept. 8-17 • Open to persons 50 and older. Various locations, Lake Tahoe, Minden, Gardnerville, and Carson City, 775-783-6455.

Fridays @ Third Street • Sept. 9 • Break Even performance. Carson City, 775-884-4411.

Truckee Railroad Days • Sept. 9-11 • Vintage locomotives, rail cars, model train exhibits, hand car rides, food, and ven-



Show tunes from "Chicago," "Mamma Mia," and "The Lion King" enliven "Broadway Showstoppers," appearing through October 3 at Harrah's Reno.



Athletes kick into high gear during Lake Tahoe Marathon Week, October 5-9. Kayaking, a power walk, bicycle races, extreme golf, 10K and 5K runs, and three marathons are held.



Jockeys hang on during the Virginia City International Camel Races, September 9-11. That same weekend, area eventgoers also can watch the Great Reno Balloon Race.

dors. Downtown, Truckee, 530-546-1221 for information.

Great Reno Balloon Race • Sept. 9-11 • More than 100 balloonists compete for cash and prizes. Event begins with a Dawn Patrol followed by a mass ascension. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Reno, 775-826-1181.

Virginia City International Camel Races • Sept. 9-11 • Jockeys get the worst of the deal during the 46th annual camel, emu, and ostrich races. Event includes food, crafts, and entertainment. Camel Dome Amphitheater, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Carson Valley Inn Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament • Sept. 9-10 • Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

Northstar Tennis Open • Sept. 9-11 • This North Tahoe tennis tournament is open to pros and amateurs. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Truckee, 530-562-0321.

Oktoberfest • Sept. 10 • German food, beer, and the Al Gruber Band. James Lee Park, Indian Hills, Carson Valley, 775-267-2805.

Big Blue 24-Hour Lake Tahoe Adventure Race • Sept. 10 • Kayaking, mountain biking, orienteering, running, and map and compass events. North Lake Tahoe, 530-546-1019.

Sand Harbor Food and Wine Festival • Sept. 10 • Beach party features wines and regional light cuisine. Sand Harbor State Park, Lake Tahoe, 775-847-0433.

Weekend Motor Car Rides • Sept. 10-11 • Ride aboard a 1926 diesel-powered rail car. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953 for more train ride information.

Minden Arts and Crafts Fair • Sept. 10-11 • Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, 775-782-2444.

Relay for Life • Sept. 10-11 • 18-hour event. Lampe Park, Gardnerville, 775-782-8144.

Carson Valley/Topaz Lake International Amateur Wakeboard Challenge • Sept. 10-11 • Wakeboarding competition. Topaz Lake, 775-782-8144.

Tour de Tahoe Bike Big Blue • Sept. 11 • 72-mile bicycle ride around Lake Tahoe has 800- and 1,000-foot climbs at more than 7,000 feet. Start and finish at Horizon Casino, Stateline, 800-565-2704.

Reno Philharmonic • Sept. 11 and 13 • The concerts' guest soloist is pianist Jean-Phillippe Collard in his second appearance. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

Wednesday Railroad History Program • Sept. 14 • Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Reno National Championship Air Races • Sept. 14-18 • Both the Canadian Snowbirds and the U.S.A.F. Thunderbirds will appear. Open-throttle pylon racing 40 feet above the ground, aerobatics, and military and historic airplane displays. Reno Stead Airport, Reno, 775-972-6663.

Cool September Days Car Show • Sept. 14-18 • 20th annual event. Horizon Casino, Stateline, 530-541-7300.

Pat Metheny Trio • Sept. 15 • Outdoor jazz concert. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-828-6642.

Ani DiFranco • Sept. 16 • The folk singer-guitarist performs outdoors. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-828-6642.

Governor's Mansion Tin Cup Tea • Sept. 16 • Barbecue, dance to David John and the Comstock Cowboys, mansion tours, and a performance by the Guns and Gals of Virginia City. Governor's Mansion, Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Fridays @ Third Street • Sept. 16 • Deja Blues Band. Carson City, 775-884-4411.

Harvest Moon Pai Gow Tournament • Sept. 16-18 • Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-325-7401.

Tahoe Rim Trail Association Hike-A-Thon • Sept. 17 • Annual fundraiser travels 13 miles from Spooner Summit Trailhead to Kingsbury North Trailhead. Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0232.

Virginia City 100-Mile Endurance Horse Ride • Sept. 17 • Each horse and rider must complete three loops with elevations between 5,000 and 7,800 feet and cross the finish line within 24 hours. Open to all riders. The Depot, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Salsa y Salsas Festival • Sept. 17 • Mariachi, folkloric dancers, bands, salsa tasting, dance competition, crafts, and entertainment. Legislative Plaza, Carson City, 775-887-1294.

Street Dance • Sept. 17 • Carson Nugget, Carson City, 775-883-1626.

Dayton Valley Days • Sept. 17 • Parade, crafts, food, music, dance, and entertainment. Pike Street, Dayton, 775-246-9616.

Ferrari Races at Virginia City • Sept. 17-18 • Timed run from Silver City features 22 corners and an elevation climb of 1,300 feet on State Route 342. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Native American Basketweavers Market • Sept. 17-18 • Sales, exhibits, and demonstrations. Appraisal clinic for antique or contemporary American Indian art. Gatekeeper's Museum, Tahoe City, 530-583-1762.

Weekend Motor Car Rides • Sept. 17-18 • Visitors ride aboard a 1926 diesel-powered rail car. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

PHOTO: Gayland Anderson (middle)

Art Bark Fest • Sept. 17-18 • Wine, music, and animal-themed art. The Village at Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-WAGS.

Concert in the Park • Sept. 18 • Quake City performs. Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Carson City Basque Festival • Sept. 18 • Basque food and entertainment sponsored by St. Theresa's Avila Church. Fuji Park, Carson City, 775-882-2079.

Top Gun Slot Tournament • Sept. 18-19 • Peppermill Reno, 775-689-7180.

OATBRAN: One Awesome Tour Bike Ride Across Nevada • Sept. 18-24 • Bicycle ride starts on Lake Tahoe's south shore and follows U.S. 50, the Loneliest Road in America, to Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, and the Utah border. 800-565-2704.

Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks at Adele's • Sept. 21 • Concert. Adele's Restaurant, Carson City, 775-882-3353.

Street Vibrations • Sept. 21-25 • Harley-Davidson gathering includes concerts, shopping village, parade, ride-in shows, poker runs, entertainment, and vendors. Various locations in Reno and Sparks, 800-200-4557.

Jim Hall and Scott Colley Jazz Concert • Sept. 22 • Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

"Crazy For You" • Sept. 23-24, 30, Oct. 1-2 • Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company presentation of the Tony Award-winning musical. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race • Sept. 24 • Teams and individuals compete in kayaking, mountain biking, trail running, orienteering, navigation, and high-ropes skills. North Lake Tahoe, 530-546-1019.

Emmylou Harris with Buddy Miller • Sept. 24 • Outdoor concert featuring Grammy Award-winning singer. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-828-6642.



Secret sauces and seasonings are closely guarded by rib chefs competing in the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, September 1-5, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

A Virginia and Truckee Railroad Melodrama • Sept. 24 • Barbecue and performances in the museum park. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Genoa Candy Dance • Sept. 24-25 • More than 300 arts and crafts booths, homemade candy made by town residents, and an evening dinner-dance. Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • Sept. 24-25 • Music by Rossini, Beethoven, Stravinsky, and Ravel with pianist Klasa Wurtz. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-348-9413.

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letes swim, mountain bike, and run for $80,000 in prize money. Food, product displays, and climbing walls. Incline Village, 877-751-8880, www.xterraplanet.com.

Sertoma Oktoberfest • Sept. 25 • Food and music. Minden Park, Minden, 775-265-2507.

Weekend Motor Car Rides • Sept. 25 • Ride aboard a 1926 diesel-powered rail car. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Northstar Downhill Mountain Bike Race Series • Sept. 25 • Fourteen divisions open to all ability levels. Northstar-at-Tahoe, Lake Tahoe, 800-GO-NORTH.

Sky's the Limit Video Poker Tournament • Sept. 25-26 • Peppermill Reno, 775-689-7180.

Lake Tahoe Autumn Food and Wine Festival • Sept. 30-Oct. 2 • Tastings and demonstrations by celebrity and nationally known chefs. North Lake Tahoe locations, 800-824-6348.

Oktoberfest 2005 • Oct. 1 • Carson City Library Foundation fundraiser has food, drinks, games, silent auction, and music by the Rhone River Stompers and the Sierra Express Band. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-887-2244.

Oktoberfest Celebration • Oct. 1 • Bavarian music, dancing, and beer. Village at Squaw Valley USA, Lake Tahoe, 530-584-6266.

Scarecrow Festival • Oct. 1 • Make your own scarecrow. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-7629.

Silver Dinner • Oct. 1 • Historic preservation dinner. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Kokanee Salmon Festival • Oct. 1-2 • Celebration marks the running of the salmon. USFS Visitor Center, Taylor Creek, South Lake Tahoe, 530-543-2600.

Harleys on Mount Davidson • Oct. 1-2 • Motorcycle rally. C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Doc Watson with David Holt and Richard Watson • Oct. 3 • Guitar player performs outdoor concert. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, 775-828-6642.

Lake Tahoe Marathon Week • Oct. 5-9 • Event includes the Tahoe Triple, three different marathons in three days, the Lake Tahoe Ironman Triathlon, 20-mile power walk, marathon relays, full-and half-marathon, 10K and 5K runs, 72- and 35-mile bicycle races, kayaking, swimming events, extreme golf, sports and fitness expo, and Sunset Pasta Cruise aboard the *Tahoe Queen*. Various locations, Lake Tahoe, 530-544-7095, www.laketahoemarathon.com.

Wa-Pai-Shone • Oct. 7 • Honors the Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone Indian tribes. Piñon Hills Elementary School, Carson Valley, 775-265-8632.

Applause! Youth Music Awards • Oct. 8 • Musical competition. Victorian Square Amphitheater, Sparks, 775-353-7816.

World Championship Outhouse Races • Oct. 8 • Hand-constructed outhouses are pushed, pulled, dragged, shoved, carried, or thrown across the finish line. C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

TSCO Vegas to Reno • Oct. 8 • Finish of the Oct. 6-8 off-road race. Dayton, 702-457-5775.

Carson Valley Pops Orchestra Fall Concert • Oct. 8 • Genoa, 775-265-2841.

Donner Party Hike • Oct. 8-9 • Choice of Saturday hikes from one to six miles, barbecue lunch, presentation by Frank Mullen, author of *The Donner Party Chronicles*, and speakers from the Truckee Trails Foundation and Donner Lake Rim Trail. Two guided interpretive walks on Sunday and a visit to the Murphy Cabin Site and Pioneer Monument. Reservations required. Truckee, 530-587-2757.

Great Italian Festival • Oct. 8-9 • Grape stomp, spaghetti-eating contest, Italian food booths, and entertainment at the





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Reno Philharmonic • Oct. 9 and 11 • Guest soloist R. Carlos Nakai, Native American cedar flutist. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-323-6393.

History of Costumes • Oct. 12 • Presentation by Jan Loverin of the Nevada State Museum. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Bunco for Breast Cancer • Oct. 14 • Carson Tahoe Hospital Cancer Services fundraiser. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-215-1406.

"The Full Monty" • Oct. 14-16 • Broadway musical about out-of-work men who become male strippers. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 800-714-5331.

PRCA Extreme Bulls Finals • Oct. 14-16 • Lawlor Events Center, Reno, 775-784-4444.

October Blackjack Tournament • Oct. 14-16 • Silver Legacy, Reno, 775-325-7401.

Go West Jamboree • Oct. 15 • Train and surrey rides, games, Indian corn throwing, and entertainment. Corley Ranch, Carson Valley, 775-265-3045.

Taste for Travel • Oct. 20 • 14th annual fundraiser has sampling of appetizers and desserts and auctions. Reno Hilton, 775-829-CARE.

Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem • Oct. 20 • String band plays Appalachian gospel to Irish fiddle tunes. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

Carson Valley Inn Oktoberfest • Oct. 21 • Specialty and microbrewery beers and German foods. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

"The Phantom of the Opera" • Oct. 21-23 • Broadway musical presentation by Nevada Civic Light Opera Company. Piper's Opera House, Virginia City, 775-887-5601.



Nevada's largest parade will travel down Carson Street on Saturday, October 29. The Nevada Day celebration, October 27-30, includes a beard contest, bands, and rock drilling.

V&T History Symposium • Oct. 21-23 • 34th annual event. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Cemetery Tour • Oct. 22 • Walking tour of Gardnerville Cemetery. Gardnerville, 775-782-2010.

Harvest Moon Gala • Oct. 22 • Fundraiser for Barton Hospital. Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Stateline, 530-543-5614.

Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk: Season of the Witch • Oct. 22 • Guided walking tour of Carson's historic houses and their ghostly occupants. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Reno Chamber Orchestra • Oct. 22-23 • Program includes West Coast premiere of "Made in America" by Joan Tower. Nightingale Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-348-9413.

Kingpin Million Dollar Challenge • Oct. 22-30 • 2,550 bowlers



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Balloonists and their crafts present a palette of colors September 9-11 during the Great Reno Balloon Race. The Dawn Patrol and mass ascension attract more than 100 balloons.

compete for $1 million first prize. National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 775-334-2600.

Carson City Symphony • Oct. 23 • 22nd season's opening concert. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Symposium Sunday Steam-Up • Oct. 23 • Train pulled by 1882 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

On Tour: The National Symphony Orchestra • Oct. 27-28 • Program to include Bernstein's "Overture to Candide," Barber's "Adagio for Strings," Ives' "Variations on America, Hovhaness' "Symphony No. 2, and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F Minor." Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-686-6610.

Nevada Day Celebration Carnival • Oct. 27-30 • Vendors, crafts, and entertainment. Fireworks on the 29th. Mills Park, Carson City, 775-687-4680.

Nevada Day Celebration • Oct. 27-30 • The Silver State's Admission Day festivities include a parade, music and art shows, carnival, 1864 Grand Ball, Nevada Day Music and Heritage Festival, pancake breakfast, Nevada Day Classic Run/Walk, World Championship Rock Drilling Contest, beard contest, and post-parade music by local bands. Various locations, Carson City, 866-683-2948.

Carson Valley Inn Fall Tri-Game-A-Thon • Oct. 28-29 • Slot or blackjack tournament includes free keno entry. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6611.

Nevada Day Fireworks • Oct. 29 • Admission Day, Topaz Lake, U.S. 395 South, Gardnerville, 775-266-3338, ext. 206.

Reno Doll and Teddy Bear Show • Oct. 29 • Demonstrations, seminars, and contests. Reno Hilton, Reno, 775-348-7713.

Nevada Day Parade • Oct. 29 • Nevada's largest parade starts at 10am. The theme is "Nevada Day Presents the Wild West. Carson Street, Carson City, 775-687-7410.

Nevada Day Weekend Steam-Up • Oct. 30 • Train pulled by an 1882 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Halloween Bash at LeChamois • Oct. 31 • Dance and costume party. LeChamois, Olympic Valley, Lake Tahoe, 530-583-4505.

Halloween Witch's Night Train and Ghost Walk • Oct. 31 • Night train rides, Halloween decorations, haunted mine tours, ghost gunfighters, and trick-or-treating on C Street. Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Haunted Halls • Oct. 31 • Halloween is the night to visit the historic school's ghostly inhabitants. Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975 for event information.

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Halloween Party in Genoa • Oct. 31 • Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696 for more information.

Trick or Treat in the Streets of the Museum • Oct. 31 • Treats and a not-too-scary haunted house. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Ongoing Events

Blackjack and Slot Tournaments • Daily. $5 entry fee. Circus Circus, Reno, 888-682-0147.

Gaming Tournaments • Blackjack on Tues. and Sun. Pai-gow poker on Wed. Limit Texas hold 'em on Wed. No-limit Texas hold 'em on Sun.-Thurs. Slots on Thurs. Keno on Sun. Peppermill, Reno, 775-689-7114.

Siena Gaming Tournaments • Blackjack on Mon. Video poker on Tues. and Fri. Siena Hotel, Reno, 775-337-6260.

Blackjack Tournaments • Tues. $20 buy-in and Fri. $10 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Gaming Tournaments • Shootout hold 'em, Mon.-Sat. Video poker on Thurs. No-limit $10 buy-in Texas hold 'em on Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sun. Monthly $1,500 blackjack on the last Tues. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 877-783-7711.

Horizon Tournaments • Video poker Mon. Slots Wed. Blackjack Tues. and Thurs. Horizon, Stateline, 775-588-6211.

Nevada State Museum • Visitors can take behind-the-scenes tours of the anthropology, plant, and animal collections on the last Friday of each month. Registration required. Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Wine Walk on the River Walk • Third Saturday at 2pm. Free wine tasting at participating merchants with the purchase of a map and glass for $10. Drawings are held at different stores each month. River Walk Arts District, Downtown, Reno, 775-337-1717.



Robert Montanucci's "Banana Syndrome, 2004" (oil on canvas on panel, 12 x 23 inches) adds a charge to the "2005 Nevada Triennial," a juried exhibition showing the work of 51 Nevada artists at the Nevada Museum of Art in downtown Reno.

Shaun T. Griffin Exhibition • Thru Sept. 9 • Watercolors and poetry. Northwest Reno Library, Reno, 775-787-4100.

Wally's World: The Loneliest Art Collection in Nevada • Thru Sept. 24 • Eureka Opera House Director Wally Cuchine's collection features works by Craig Sheppard, Mary Lee Fulkerson, Jack Malotte, James Lawrence, Mary Chadwell, Jeff Nicholson, Jean LeGassick, Jim McCormick, Roy Powers, and Sidne Teske. A companion show features a photo exhibit on Cuchine by Steve Davis. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Horizon Summer Craft Fairs • Thru Sept. 25 • Stateline, Lake Tahoe, 775-588-6211.

This Time It's Hudson • Thru Sept. 26 • Exhibition of Hudson cars illustrates the history of independent car makers. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.



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"You Know You're a Nevadan If" • Thru Sept. 29 • Local artists' interpretations of being a Nevadan. Art Source Gallery, Reno, 775-828-3525.

2005 Nevada Triennial • Thru Oct. 2 • Exhibition of artists, visual trends, and artwork created in Nevada. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

DeSotos, Dames, and Dudes: Divorce Reno Style • Thru Oct. 3 • Exhibit traces the period when divorcees arrived en masse to take the cure. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Tahoe Rim Trail • Thru Oct. 15 • Work days on Tues. and Sat. to build and maintain the trail. Thru Oct. 9, trailhead information days every other Sunday. Staff-led hikes on Fri. Tahoe Rim Trail, Lake Tahoe, 775-298-0012.

Back to the '80s • Thru Oct. 31 • Exhibit marks the museum's 20th anniversary with memorabilia from the era that brought Cabbage Patch Dolls and Post-it Notes, with local artifacts such as Greg LeMond's Tour de France jersey. Sparks Heritage Museum, Sparks, 775-355-1144.

Shadows of the V&T: The Art of Loren Jahn • Thru Dec. • Pen-and-ink drawings of daily railroad operations. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Locomotive Stories of the V&T • Thru Dec. • Exhibition of 16 models, photographs, and artifacts. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

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.

National Automobile Museum Guided Tours • Sept. 1-Oct. 31 • Docents guide visitors to more than 200 vehicles, period street scenes, and displays. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

The Artwork of Robert Cinkel • Sept. 1-Oct. 31 • Exhibition of large-scale oil paintings by the Reno artist. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Fall Farmer's Market • Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1 • Telegraph Square, Carson City, 775-746-5024.

Third Street Night Concert Series • Bad Intent, Sept. 9. Break Even, '60s and '70s rock, Sept. 16. Deja Blues Band, after the Nevada Day Parade on Oct. 29 • Carson City, 775-884-4411.

UNR Football • The Wolf Pack plays Sept. 9 vs. Washington State, Sept. 17 vs. UNLV, Oct. 8 vs. Idaho, Oct. 15 vs. Louisiana Tech, Nov. 5 vs. Hawaii, and Nov. 26 vs. Fresno State. Mackay Stadium, Reno, 775-784-6900.

"Free" • Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 5-9 • Adult comedy about the search for freedom in a cold and confusing environment. Redfield Studio Theatre, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

Art and the Animal Exhibition and Sale • Sept. 30-Nov. 28 • Paintings and sculpture by 100 artists. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810, ext. 226.

Between Fences • Oct. 1-23 • Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibit. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-265-6097.

Harvest Festival • Weekends, Oct. 1-31 • Pumpkin patch, corn maze, and tours. Corley Ranch, Carson Valley, 775-265-3045.

In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite • Oct. 23-Jan. 22 • Exhibition of 73 artworks and artifacts recovered from ancient Roman villas. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Joseph Zierker: Translucent Transformations • Oct. 23-Jan. 22 • Exhibition of monotype prints by the San Francisco artist. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Coming Events

Reno Film Festival • Nov. 3-6 • 775-334-6707.

Rhymers Rodeer Poetry • Nov. 4-5 • Minden, 775-783-6679.

Nevada Opera's "Tosca" • Nov. 4 and 6 • 775-786-4046.

Sparks Annual Turkey Trot • Nov. 24 • 775-353-7815.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" • Dec. 2-4 • Broadway Comes to Reno, 800-714-5331.

Sparks Annual Hometowne Christmas Parade and Festival • Dec. 3 • 775-353-2291.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 3 • Minden and Gardnerville, 775-782-8144 for event information.

Shows

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Carson Nugget • 775-882-1626 or 800-426-5239 (continental U.S. including Nevada): Nugget Show Lounge: Entertainers like the Motifs, David Proud, and Madison Avenue appear Tues.-Sun. in the Nugget's lounge.

Carson Station • 775-883-0900: Bands play at the Carson City hotel-casino nightly except Mon.

Casino Fandango • 775-885-7000: Bands play in the lounge.

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Sharkey's Nugget • Gardnerville, 775-782-3133.

Topaz Lodge • Topaz Lake, 775-266-3339: Bands play Fri.-Sat.

RENO/SPARKS

Atlantis • 775-825-4700 or 800-723-6500: Grand Ballroom: Entertainment TBA. Bands play in the Center Stage Cabaret.

Boomtown • 775-345-6000: Can-Can Theater and Dancehall: Bands appear Tues.-Sun.

Club Cal Neva • 775-323-1046 or 877-777-7303: Entertainment on Fri. and Sat.

Circus Circus • 775-329-0711: Circus Cabaret: Entertainment daily except Tues.-Wed. Free daily circus acts, 11am-10:30pm.

Eldorado • 775-786-5700, 800-648-5966 (U.S. outside Nevada) or 800-648-3024 (Canada): Eldorado Showroom: "Smokey Joe's Café, Broadway musical, thru Sept. 4, dark Mon. "Chun YI, The Legend of Kung Fu, martial arts production, Sept. 13-Jan. 1, dark Mon. 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 Casino Cabaret Thurs.-Sat.

Fitzgeralds • 775-785-3300 or 800-648-5022 (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands perform nightly in the Fitz Showbar.

Golden Phoenix • 775-785-7100: Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Retro Lounge: Tommy Tutone, Sept. 2.

Harrah's Reno • 775-788-2900 or 800-HARRAHS: "Bareback, musical revue, thru Jan., dark Tues. "Broadway Showstoppers, musical revue, thru Oct. 3, dark Tues. Improv Comedy Club, thru Oct. 3, dark Mon.-Tues. Bands play Fri.-Sat. in the Sapphire Lounge and Virg Nightclub.



Ronnie Milsap, six-time Grammy Award-winning country star, plays the Cannery in North Las Vegas September 24 and John Ascuaga's Nugget September 30-October 1.

Summer Concert Series on the Plaza: Free concerts. CHKYO, Sept. 2. Heartache Tonight Eagles Tribute, Sept. 3. Dane Rinehart, Sept. 4. Shane Dwight, blues, Sept. 9. Special Request, Motown, Sept. 10. Uncle Funkle, Sept. 16. U4 Tribute to U2, Sept. 17. Pump Tribute to Aerosmith, Sept. 23. That 70's Band, Sept. 24. Audioboxx, Sept. 30.

John Ascuaga's Nugget • Sparks, 775-356-3304 or 800-648-1177: Victorian Square Free Outdoor Concerts: Sol'Jibe, Sept. 1. Collin Raye, Sept. 2. Paul Thorn, Sept. 3. 38 Special, Sept. 4. Cracker, Sept. 5. Celebrity Showroom: Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Sept. 9-10. Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15-17. Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Sept. 24. Ronnie Milsap, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The Lettermen, Oct. 6-8. 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: Unauthorized Rolling Stones, Sept. 23. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly. Piano music featuring Ron Perry or Dale Vernon nightly in the Steakhouse.

Rail City Casino • Sparks, 775-359-9440: Side Track Lounge: Bands play on weekends.

Reno Events Center • 800-687-8733: Destiny's Child, Sept. 4. Ron White, Dec. 3.

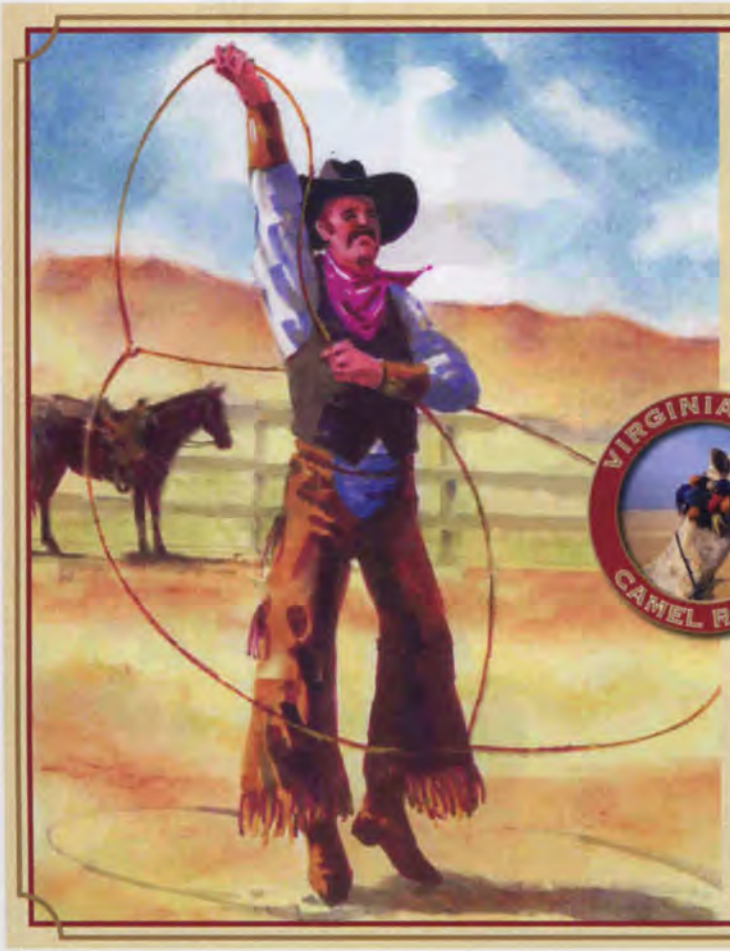
Reno Hilton • 775-789-2285 or 800-648-3568 (U.S. outside Nevada): Outdoor Amphitheater: ZZ Top, Sept. 24. Bands play nightly in The Garage.

Sands Regency • 775-348-2200: Tequila Bar: Bands play Wed.-Sun. Comedians play in the Just For Laughs Comedy Club, dark Mon.-Tues.

Siena • 775-337-6260: Lexie's Lounge: Jammin' With the Siena Jazz Ensemble Tues.-Sat. Corky Bennett, Tues.-Sun.

Silver Club • Sparks, 775-358-4771 or 800-905-7774: Casino Lounge: Shake, Rattle, and Roll, Aug. 29-Sept. 4. Midnight Riders, Sept. 7-11. Steppen Stonz, Sept. 14-18. Petty Theft, Sept. 21-25.

Silver Legacy • 775-329-4777 or 800-687-8733 (U.S., Canada, and Mexico): Grande Exposition Hall: Trick Pony with Billy Dean, Sept. 2. Ted Nugent, Sept. 23-24. Rodney Carrington, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Beach Boys, Oct. 15. Anne Murray, Oct. 21-



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Country comedian Rodney Carrington appears September 30-October 1 at the Silver Legacy.

22. Thunder From Down Under, Oct. 28-29. Engelbert Humperdinck, Nov. 11-12. Bill Engvall, Nov. 19. Music in the Rum Bullions Island Bar. Comedians perform at the Catch a Rising Star comedy club, dark Mon. Silver Baron Lounge: Piano music.

Tamarack Junction • 775-852-3600.

Western Village • Sparks, 775-331-1069, 800-648-1170.

STATELINE, LAKE TAHOE

Bill's Lake Tahoe • 775-588-2455: William's Back Door Blues Club: Bands play from 9:30pm-12:30am Thurs.-Sat.

Caesars Tahoe • 775-588-3515 or 800-648-3353: Circus Maximus: Entertainment TBA. The Club Nero has dancing. Stone St. Bar and Grill: Monthly Girl Powder Concert Series, artist to be announced.

Harrah's Lake Tahoe • 800-HARRAHS: South Shore Room: "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! A Tribute to the Beatles" starring Rain, thru Sept. 7. George Thorogood and the Destroyers, Sept. 9-10. Seal, Sept. 23-24. California Bar: Arthur Hervey, Wed.-Sat. Bands play in the Casino Center Stage. Altitude Nightclub, 10pm, Thurs.-Sun.

Harveys • 775-588-2411 or 800-553-1022 ext. 2883: Harveys Cabaret: The Improv: Comedians Jimmy Pardo/K.P. Anderson, Aug. 30-Sept. 4. Rocky LaPorte/Don McEnery, Sept. 6-11. Bobby Slayton/Brad Trakman, Sept. 13-18. Lisa Lampanelli/Al Madrigal, Sept. 20-25. Anthony Griffith/Michael Pace, Sept. 27-Oct. 2. Kivi Rogers/Johnny Steele, Oct. 4-Oct. 9. "Lipstick, adult musical revue, thru Dec. 31, dark Mon. Cabo Wabo Cantina Lounge: Bands play in after-hours nightclub setting.

Lake Tahoe Horizon • 775-588-6211 or 800-322-7723: Golden Cabaret: "Fusion, comedy-magic revue, thru Sept. 30. Bands play in the Aspen Lounge Thurs.-Sun.

Lakeside Inn • 775-588-7777: In the Tavern: Karaoke with Psycho Attitude, 11pm-3am Fri.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

Cal-Neva Resort • Crystal Bay, 775-832-4000 or 800-225-6382. Showroom: Entertainment TBA.

Crystal Bay Club • 775-831-0512: Hapa, Sept. 16. Mumbo Gumbo, Sept. 30.

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.

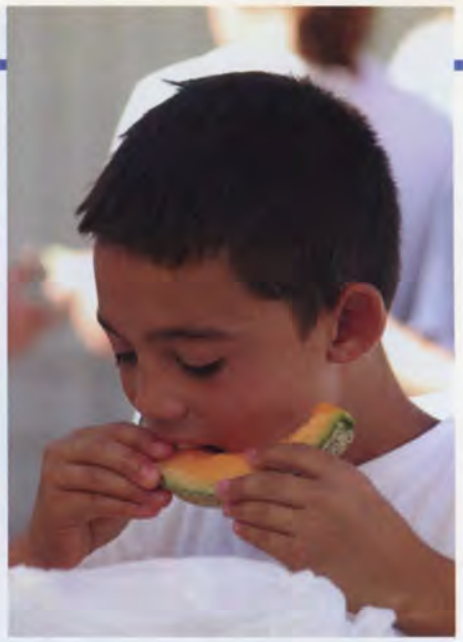
Jim Kelley's Tahoe Nugget • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0455.

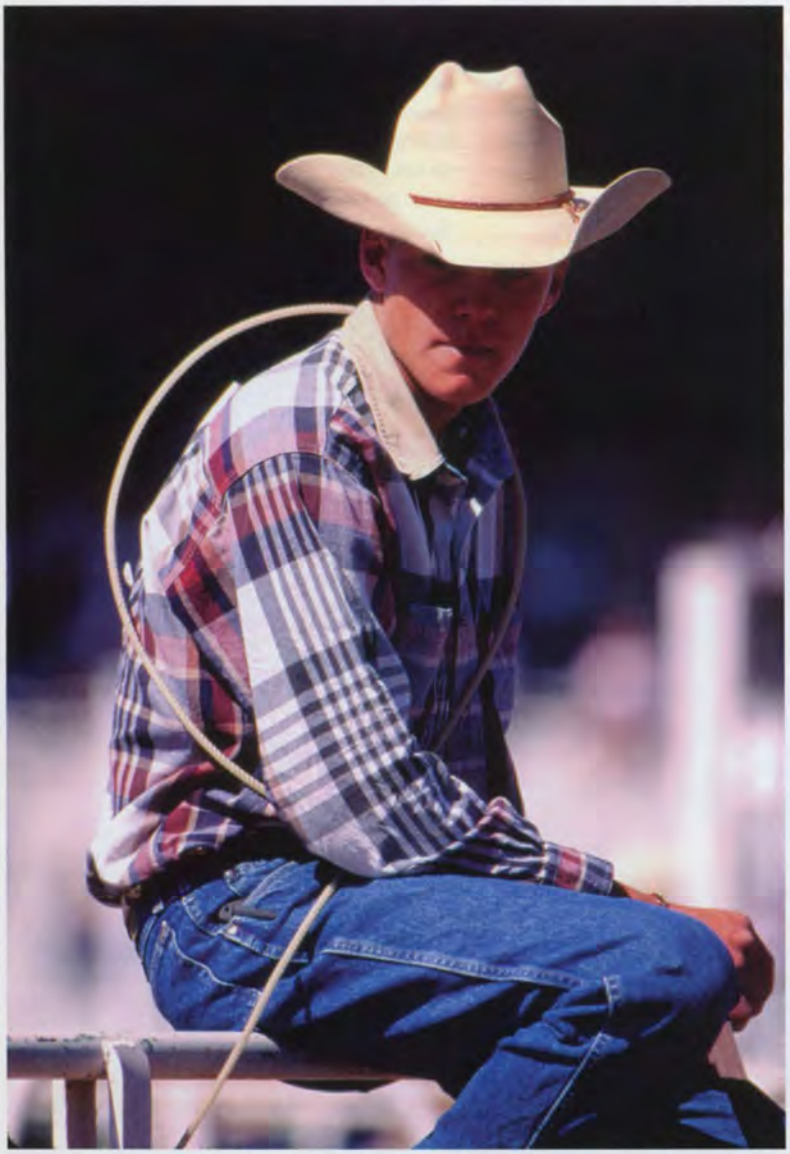
Tahoe Biltmore • Crystal Bay, 775-831-0660: Breeze Nightclub: Music nightly except Mon.



Town With a Heart O' Gold

Fallon offers birding, history, outdoor recreation, and famous cantaloupes.





A cowboy sits on the fence at the Churchill County Fairgrounds, the site of several rodeos (above). Top, a boy scarfs a slice at the Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

By Joyce Hollister

It's not surprising that one of the late-summer attractions in a community called the "Oasis of Nevada" is a festival celebrating a melon. The Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, where you can nosh on cut-up cantaloupe and watch kids bowling with melons, marks its 20th year in **Fallon** on Labor Day Weekend.

In fall, when Fallon residents celebrate the harvest of the intensely sweet, green-striped fruit, visitors will find many attractions in the Western Nevada farming town. Thanks to nearby wetlands, Fallon has become a center for birdwatching. Hunters and outdoor-sports enthusiasts can explore the public lands while drivers rev their engines at the Top Gun and Rattlesnake raceways.

Relics of ancient Native American culture and early pioneers beckon history buffs. Tourists can take a walking tour of historic downtown Fallon, which has been revitalized with new sidewalks, trees, benches, and fountains. Restaurants, RV parks, and motels cater to travelers on Highway 50, also known as the Loneliest Road in America.

Birdwatching

Birdwatchers will find migratory and resident birds at the vast **Lahontan Valley Wetlands**, which include Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge, Carson Lake, and other birdwatching spots. The *Birding in the Lahontan Valley Wetlands* brochure can be obtained by calling the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority at 800-874-0903 or visiting www.fallontourism.com. The **Spring Wings Festival** held each May offers birding workshops, seminars, and field trips.

Cantaloupe Festival

As temperatures begin to cool, farm workers pick the last of the melons for the 20th annual **Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair**, held on September 2-5 at the Churchill County Fairgrounds. You

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can eat your fill of cantaloupe as well as see a live bear show, listen to country and ethnic music, and ride a camel. Kids can play a cantaloupe bowling game and scratch farm animals at the petting zoo. You can buy local produce, homemade breads and jellies, and Hearts O' Gold melons at the festival (www.fallonchamber.com or www.fallontourism.com).

Motor Sports

Drag racers will compete for the title of King of the Track 2005 at **Top Gun Raceway's** 21st annual **Turkey Nationals** on Labor Day Weekend, September 2-4. The **NHRA Lucas Oil Division 7 Regional Race** will be held September 8-11. Drag racing continues through November (www.topgunraceway.com).

A dirt track for stock cars, **Rattlesnake Raceway** offers a **Demolition Derby** on September 4 and races on September 10 and 24 (www.rattlesnakeraceway.com).

Livestock Events

Buckaroos over the age of 40 compete in rough stock, barrel racing, and roping at the **Senior Pro Rodeo** September 24-25 at the Churchill County Fairgrounds (775-867-2115). On October 6-9, cow and cutting-horse events are slated for the ninth annual **Stock Horse Spectacular**, also at the fairgrounds (775-423-0532).

Drivers rev their engines for the fall action at the Top Gun and Rattlesnake raceways.



Dragsters race at Top Gun Raceway.

New this year is **Fallon Goat Days** on October 1 at Lattin Farms. Lattin Farms grows a special Nevada-shaped stand of corn that is sculpted into the **Nevada Maze** each August. Designed by Adrian Fisher of London, the maze is open Fridays and Saturdays through October. There is also a **Scarecrow Factory** where you can make a straw person for $5 (www.lattinfarms.com).

Hunting and Fishing

Waterfowl hunting season opens on the second weekend in October. Call the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 775-423-3171, or log onto www.ndow.org for license information and details about hunting and fishing in the Fallon area.

Golf

The **Mayor's Golf Tournament** (775-423-4556) is scheduled for October 1 at the Golf Course at Fallon. The nine-hole course (775-423-4616) meanders along the Carson River and has a restaurant, club rentals, and driving range.

Coming Events

Planned for the coming year are the **Spring Wings Bird Festival** on the second

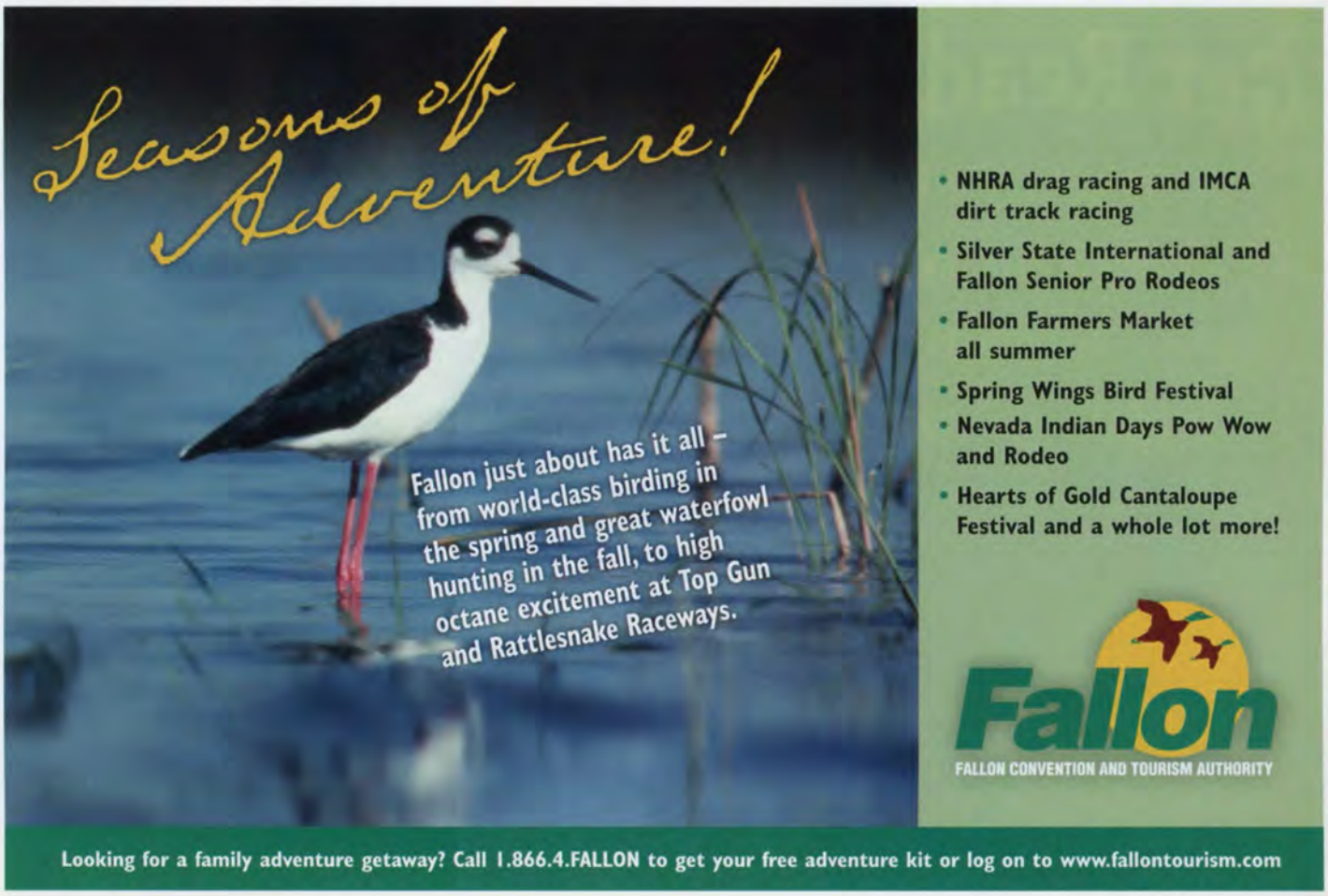
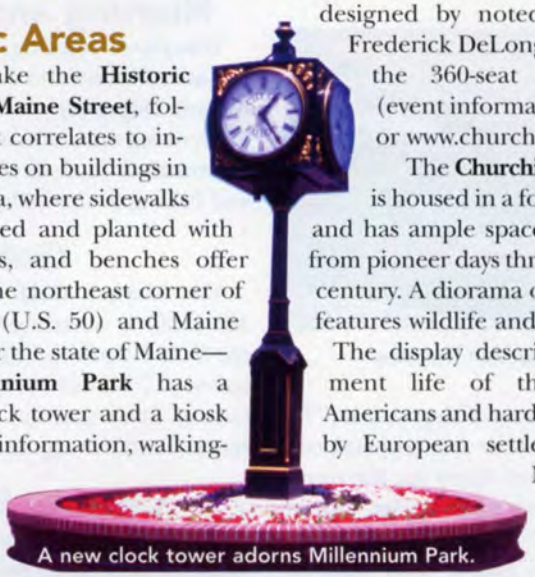


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weekend in May (www.springwings.org); the **Silver State International Rodeo**, a championship youth rodeo, on the first week in July (www.ssir.org); and the **All Indian Rodeo and Pow Wow** on the third weekend in July (www.fallontourism.com). The Maine Street **Farmer's Market** offers local produce and entertainment on Tuesday evenings from June until the end of August.

Historic Areas

Visitors can take the **Historic Walking Tour of Maine Street**, following a map that correlates to informational plaques on buildings in the downtown area, where sidewalks have been enlarged and planted with trees and flowers, and benches offer places to sit. At the northeast corner of Williams Avenue (U.S. 50) and Maine Street—named for the state of Maine—the new **Millennium Park** has a Victorian-style clock tower and a kiosk containing Fallon information, walking-tour maps, and brochures. You also can pick up brochures at the **Fallon Convention and Visitors Center**, 100 Campus Way, the **Greater Fallon Area Chamber of Commerce**, 85 North Taylor Street, and **City Hall**, 55 West Williams Avenue.



A new clock tower adorns Millennium Park.

The restored **Oats Park School** at 151 East Park Street is the home of the performing arts series and visual arts exhibits sponsored by the **Churchill County Arts Council**. The school, built in 1914 and designed by noted Reno architect Frederick DeLongchamps, contains the 360-seat Barkley Theater (event information: 775-423-1440 or www.churchillarts.org).

The **Churchill County Museum** is housed in a former supermarket and has ample space to show artifacts from pioneer days through the mid-20th century. A diorama of Lahontan Valley features wildlife and a Paiute tule hut. The display describes the presettlement life of the area's Native Americans and hardships encountered by European settlers in the 1800s. Many early Native American items such as nets and basketry fragments found in **Hidden Cave** are displayed. Occasional tours of the cave, located at **Grimes Point Archaeological Site** 11 miles east of Fallon, begin at the museum. Grimes Point has a trail where you can see boulders covered with petroglyphs (www.ccmuseum.org).



Attractions

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gregate. Call the U.S. Bureau of Land Management at 775-885-6000 for information. **Lahontan State Recreation Area**, 17 miles west of Fallon on U.S. 50, offers camping, picnicking, fishing, and boating. The reservoir was created by the Newlands Project in the early 1900s and provides irrigation water (www.parks.nv.gov).

Dining and Shopping

Restaurants and shops occupy historic buildings on Maine and Center streets, while fast-food outlets and casino restaurants can be found on Williams Avenue (U.S. 50). Among the eateries are **Angelica's Steakhouse** in the **Stockman's Casino** (775-423-2117), **The Diner** inside the **Depot Casino** (775-423-3233), **Pizza Barn** (775-423-7155), **Jive n Java** (775-428-5800), and **Hunan Buffet** (775-428-2686) on Fallon's Williams Avenue; **Armando's Ristorante Italiano** (775-428-1198), **Aniceta's Good Food** (775-423-5440), and **Java World** (775-428-2400) on Maine Street; and the **Overland Hotel and Restaurant** (Basque, 775-423-2719), **La Fiesta** (775-423-1605), and **El Comedor Mexican Restaurant** (775-423-3070) on Center Street. Shoppers will find several gift and antiques stores in town.

Lodging and Casinos

Fallon casinos offer 24-hour gaming, and several motels and hotels provide accommodations. Among the gaming establishments are the **Bonanza Inn**, **Churchill Springs**, **Depot**, and **Stockman's** casinos on Williams Avenue and the **Fallon Nugget** on Maine Street. Visitors will find numerous lodging places, such as **Best Inn and Suites** (775-423-5554), **Bonanza Inn and Casino/RV Park** (775-423-6031), **Holiday Inn Express/Stockman's** (775-428-2588), and the **Best Western-Fallon Inn** (775-423-6005). RVers can stay at the **Fallon RV Park** (775-867-2332), the **Hub Totel** (775-867-3636), or the **Churchill County Fairgrounds** (775-423-7733).

Tourist Info

For more information call the **Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority** at 800-874-0903 or visit www.fallontourism.com. You can obtain a copy of the *2005 Discover Fallon Visitors Guide* at the **Lahontan Valley News** office, 562 North Maine Street, or visit www.lahontanvalleynews.com to find the guide online.

Joyce Hollister, Nevada's *associate editor, is a big fan of Hearts O' Gold cantaloupes.*

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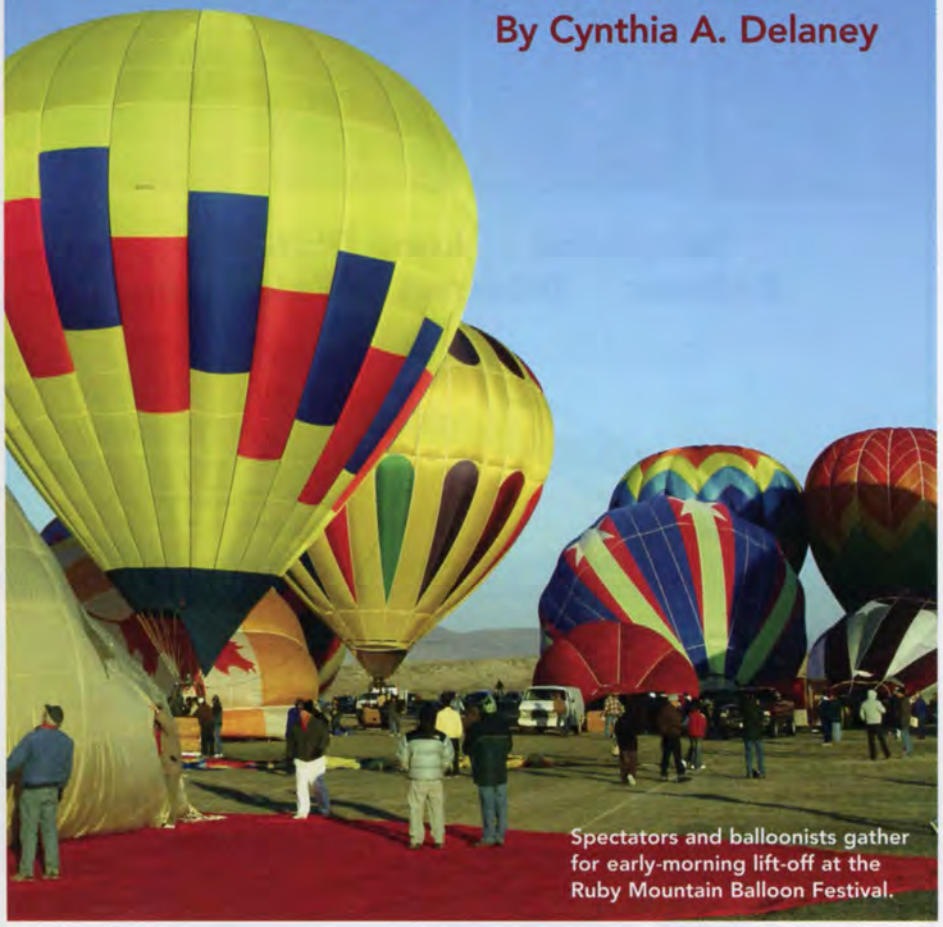
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Uplifting Fall Festivals

By Cynthia A. Delaney



Spectators and balloonists gather for early-morning lift-off at the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival.



Native American (above) and Basque dancers (below) show the intricate steps of their ancestors at the Great Basin Festival.

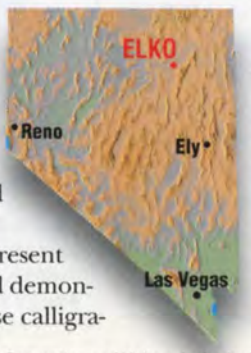


The **Great Basin** and **Ruby Mountain Balloon** festivals celebrate Elko's cultural atmosphere.

On Friday evening, September 23, costumed performers representing nearly a dozen Elko-area cultures will make a grand entry into the Great Basin College's outdoor amphitheater. The parade of nations and the ethnic dancing that follow are among the highlights of the annual Great Basin Festival, September 20-25.

As participants demonstrate the dance steps of their ancestors, brilliantly colored Shoshone regalia, bright-crimson Basque skirts, and tall, white Mexican sombreros will catch the eye. The amphitheater will be filled with sounds—the beat of the Native American drum, the rapid clicks of Spanish castanets, and subtle clink of the Hawaiian ukulele.

At twilight, following the music and dancing, balloonists will release their ships and sail across the sky like giant Christmas-tree lights. The glow and launch are part of the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival, which shares the weekend known as Elko Fall Fest.



The Great Basin Festival will present numerous films, workshops, and demonstrations. There will be a Chinese calligraphy class, tai chi lessons, rag rug making, salsa dancing, and lessons in making primitive bows and Native American baskets. Award-winning Native American folk artist Leah Brady will teach the basketry classes, using traditional materials. Fees for the workshops range from $5 to $50. Lectures at the Great Basin College also explore Elko's diversity.

"Our region is unique, and we plan to highlight a selection of 20 or more lectures on topics such as food preparation,

PHOTOS: Elko Convention and Visitors Authority (left), Cynthia A. Delaney (top and middle right)

More than
40 balloonists
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history, and archeological facts," says festival coordinator John Patrick Rice.

The lectures will explore the many cultures of Northeastern Nevada—the Shoshone and Paiute people, the region's first inhabitants; the Basque immigrants, who worked on sheep ranches and operated boardinghouses; and the Chinese, who played a prominent role in mining and railroad construction. Recently people of other cultures have moved into the Elko area, creating a regional melting pot.

During the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival, more than 40 balloonists will lift off Saturday and Sunday at the Spring Creek Sports Complex.

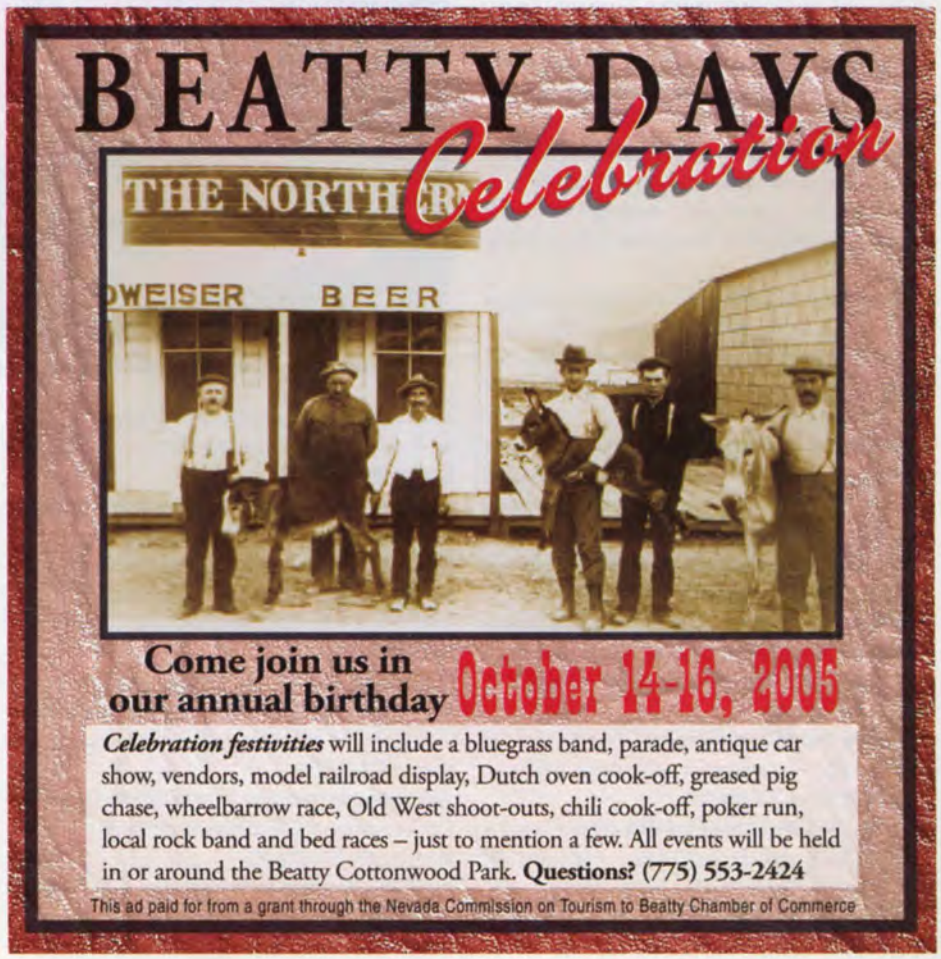
"This is a great family event," says Spring Creek resident Jim Burns. "My son and I volunteer for the balloon festival every year." On Saturday the Elko Chamber of Commerce sponsors entertainment, food vendors, craft booths, and the aviation-comedy act Wayne and Wingnut. Attendees can sign up at the Sports Complex for a balloon ride and a bird's-eye view of Elko County.

Elko Fall Fest

The **Great Basin Festival** takes place September 20-25 in Elko. For schedules call Great Basin College, 775-738-8493, or visit www.gbcnv.edu. The **Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival** is held September 23-25 at the Spring Creek Sports Complex, 11 miles southeast of Elko. Balloon fans should arrive by 6:30 a.m. for the Saturday and Sunday events. For details call the Elko Chamber of Commerce, 800-428-7143 or 775-738-7135, or visit www.elkonevada.com. Weekend activities also include **Oktoberfest** and the **Man-Mule Race**, both on September 24. Call 800-248-ELKO or visit www.elkocva.com for more information on Elko area attractions and recreation.

Cynthia A. Delaney is an Elko writer and photographer.







Rural Nevada

EVENTS AND SHOWS

Holiday crowds celebrate **Labor Day** in Elko, Ely, Fallon, Jarbidge, Pioche, and Winnemucca. During **Beatty Days,** visitors are entertained with bed races, music, and paintball tournaments. **Little River Band** plays Cactus Petes in Jackpot, and **Trick Pony** and **Billy Dean** headline at the Red Lion Inn in Elko.

Events

Elko County Fair • Aug. 27-Sept. 5 • Arts, crafts, and livestock exhibits, horse racing and showmanship, snaffle bit, flower show, parade, and dance. Elko County Fairgrounds, Elko, 775-738-3616.

Winnemucca Fair and Stampede • Sept. 2-4 • Weekend includes Nevada's oldest continuous pro rodeo, the Tri-County Fair and Carnival with street dances, demolition derby, food, petting farm, art shows, parade, and ATV sled pull. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Western Art Roundup • Sept. 2-4 • Artists, poets, crafters, and inductees into the Buckaroo Hall of Fame, plus demonstrations and cowboy poetry readings. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Jarbidge Labor Day Celebration and Corn Feed • Sept. 2-5 • Bingo, music, and barbecue potluck. Outdoor Inn and picnic area, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair • Sept. 2-5 • Concerts, parade, livestock show, mud volleyball, entertainment, kids games, and cantaloupe foods and contests. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Pioche Centennial Labor Day • Sept. 2-5 • Night and day parades, miners' drilling and mucking events, kids' games, softball games, golf tournament, craft fair, vendors, 10K run, street dance, Heritage Plays, $10,000 fishing derby, and dinners in the park. Pioche, 775-962-5893.

Trains, Planes, and Automobiles • Sept. 2-5 • Event includes Rail Days 2005 with steam engine and diesel locomotive cab rides and displays of railroad history; the Ultra Lite Fly-In with aviation games, barbecue, and rides; and a Cruisin' Car Show with a show and shine. Nevada Northern Railway Museum and other locations, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Lincoln County Mining History • Sept. 3 • Slide program celebrates Pioche's centennial mining booms and busts. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Snake Valley Days BBQ and Dance • Sept. 3 • Barbecue at Baker Ranches Cookhouse at 5pm, dance follows at Border Inn. Baker, 775-234-7119.

Virgin Valley Rock, Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show • Sept. 3-4 • Dig for black opal, the state gemstone. Camping, RV spaces, Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, 25 miles west of Denio Junction. Write Opal Negra Mine, Box 113, Denio, NV 89404.



Classic autos star at the Morrodders Gamblers Run Car Show, September 9-11, in Elko.

Lake Lahontan Fall Expo • Sept. 3-5 • Fishing derby, music, food, and crafts. Lahontan State Recreation Area, Silver Springs, 775-577-4336.

Ione Days • Sept. 3-5 • Labor Day celebration. Ione Bar and Marshall Earth Works, Ione, 775-964-2003.

Geology Walk • Sept. 4 • Ranger-led easy walk to look at the erosional processes that created the park's "moonscape. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Photo Contest Judging • Sept. 4 • Visitors can vote for their favorites. Winning photos will be displayed in the park center. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Sunset at Steptoe Wine Train • Sept. 4 • Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served during train ride. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

International Motorcycle Speed Trials • Sept. 5-9 • Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 530-272-4310.

Lander County Fair • Sept. 9-10 • Exhibits, games, and entertainment. Civic Center, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2881.

Morrodders Gamblers Run Car Show • Sept. 9-11 • City Park, Elko, 775-777-7320.

Smoky Valley Days • Sept. 9-11 • Midway booths, carnival, gold panning, games, rodeo, dances, and monster trucks. Rodeo grounds, Big Smoky Valley, 60 miles north of Tonopah, 775-377-3112.

Paradise Valley Beef Rib and Chili Cook-Off • Sept. 9-11 • Music, food, and drink. City Park, Paradise Valley, 775-578-3533.

ACTRA NV/ID Finals • Sept. 9-11 • Bi-state roping competition. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Time in a Bottle • Sept. 10 • Slide program on bottles and cans left behind in old mining camps and the changing styles in glassware. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Race to the Angel • Sept. 10 • Walkers, runners, and mountain and road bikers race from downtown Wells to Angel Lake, a 13.1-mile course that climbs nearly 3,000 vertical feet. Wells, 775-752-3540.

Aviation in Winnemucca • Sept. 10-11 • Modern military aircraft and vintage WWII fighters, fly-in's and fly-by's, and static displays. Winnemucca Airport, 775-623-5071.

World of Speed • Sept. 14-17 • Land-speed racing on the Bonneville Salt Flats includes streamliners, lakesters, roadsters, highway-haulers, trucks, production, altered, street-legal, electric bar stools, go-carts, and junior dragsters. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 801-485-2662.

Rocky Mountain Ramble RV Rally • Sept. 15-17 • More than 500 FMCA members gather for the entertainment, classes, vendors, and RV sales. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Pinenut Festival • Sept. 15-18 • Rodeo, barbecue, powwow, handgame tournaments, talent show, adult and youth games. Schurz, 775-773-2306.

Pahrump Chautauqua • Sept. 16-17 • Pahrump Valley Winery, Pahrump, 775-751-7800.

Steptoe Valley Flyer • Sept. 17 • Ride aboard train pulled by a steam locomotive. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Rough Riders Gymkhana • Sept. 17 • Equestrian event. McCullough Arena, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Harvest Moonlight Walk • Sept. 17 • Ranger-led easy moonlight hike. Bring a jacket and flashlight. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Lamoille Harvest Moon Festival • Sept. 17 • Crafts and entertainment. O'Carroll's, Lamoille, 775-778-0547.

Beatty Paintball Tournament • Sept. 17-18 • Paintball Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424 for further tournament information.

Cory Melville Memorial Men's Softball Tournament • Sept. 17-18 • City Parks, Wendover, 775-664-3289.

Fernley Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 17-18 • Out of Town Park, Fernley, 775-575-4450.

Winnemucca Pro-Am Golf Tourney • Sept. 17-18 • More than 100 golfers compete. Municipal Golf Course, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Open Horse Show and Cow Horse Futurity • Sept. 17-18 •



A tall cowboy throws a lasso for a pint-sized spectator during the Pahrump Fall Festival, September 29-October 2. The weekend includes a parade, rodeo, and carnival.

PHOTO: Larry Cantrell

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Annual Elko Events

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• Snowmobile Rendezvous
• National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

May
• ATV Jamboree

June
• Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
• Mining Expo

July
• National Basque Festival
• Silver State Stampede & Old World Bronc Riding Championship

August
• Senior Olympic Games
• Elko County Fair & Horse Racing

September
• Morrodders Classic Car Show
• Elko Fall Festival featuring the Great Basin Festival, Ruby Moutain Balloon Festival & Oktoberfest
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Working cow horse competition. Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Elko Fall Fest • Sept. 20-25 • Event includes the Great Basin Festival (Sept. 20-25), a celebration of the region's diverse cultures at Great Basin College in Elko, 775-738-8493, and the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival (Sept. 23-25) in Elko and Spring Creek, 800-428-7143.

Winnemucca Fall Cribbage Tournament • Sept. 23-25 • Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Wild West Extravaganza • Sept. 23-25 • Historical celebration offers "boom town" façade with a gambling hall, stable, blacksmith's shop, and sheriff's office. Old West gunfights, entertainment, vendors, artisans, and demonstrations. Saddle West Hotel, Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Silver State Classic Challenge • Sept. 23-25 • Open-road, high-speed race from Lund to Hiko on S.R. 318. Headquarters in Ely, 775-289-8877.

Ocktoberfest Train • Sept. 24 • Train ride includes German oompah music, a three-course dinner, and beer; also Oct. 1. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

"The Frog Prince" • Sept. 24 • Missoula Children's Theatre presentation. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-4580.

Oktoberfest • Sept. 24 • Red Lion Inn, Elko, 775-738-4187.

Man-Mule Race • Sept. 24 • Annual contest to determine who is fleet of foot and hoof. Elko and Lamoille, 775-753-6164.

Pony Express Trail Ride • Sept. 24 • 17-mile ride commemorating the Pony Express. Pahrump, 775-727-5800.

Nuts About Pines • Sept. 24 • Slide program on pine nuts, the trees that produce them, and where to find them. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Harvest Dance • Sept. 24 • Comstock Lode performs. Community Hall, Jarbidge, 775-488-2369.

Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo • Sept. 24-25 • Roping and bronc and bull riding. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-4556.

Elko Hummer Round-Up • Sept. 27-Oct. 1 • Hosted by Rod Hall Team Hummer. Elko, call for location 775-738-4091.

Taste of Home Cooking School • Sept. 29 • Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-9845.

Hunter Jumper Classic • Sept. 29-Oct. 2 • Horse show. Horse Palace, Spring Creek, 775-753-6295.

Pahrump Fall Festival • Sept. 29-Oct. 2 • Parade, rodeo, carnival, arts, crafts, vendors, and entertainment. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 775-764-1561.

Grape Stomp • Oct. 1 • Stomp contest, jazz and blues music, wine tasting, and food. Pahrump Valley Winery, Pahrump, 775-751-7800.

Ocktoberfest Train • Oct. 1 • Train ride includes German oompah music, a three-course dinner, and beer. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Quilt Show • Oct. 1 • Silver Springs Elementary School, Silver Springs, 775-577-3424.

Astronomy Is Looking Up at the Gorge • Oct. 1 • Ranger-led morning walk to explore the park's "caves." Bring a lunch. That evening the Las Vegas Astronomical Society will lead a star discussion and telescope viewing. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Million Dollar Shoot Out Golf Tournament • Oct. 2 • Ruby View Golf Course, Elko, 775-779-2362.

World Human Powered Speed Challenge • Oct. 3-8 • Specially designed enclosed recumbent bicycles race on S.R. 305 at speeds near 80 mph. Battle Mountain, 775-635-8245.

Richard Elloyan in Concert • Oct. 7 • Singer-songwriter-poet performs his composition about Eureka. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Stockhorse Spectacular • Oct. 7-9 • Ninth annual event. Churchill County Fairgrounds, Fallon, 775-423-0532.

Haunted Ghost Train • Oct. 8 • Costumes encouraged for the train ride and its lighthearted scares; also Oct. 15, 22, 29. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Where the Buffalo Roamed • Oct. 8 • Slide program on the bison that once roamed Eastern Nevada. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

World Finals at Bonneville Salt Flats • Oct. 12-15 • Fastest cars from the August races compete during the season's last speed trials. Bonneville Salt Flats, Wendover, 559-528-6279.

Beatty Days • Oct. 14-16 • Parade, bed races, chili- and Dutch oven-cook-offs, poker run, paintball tournament, concerts, shoot-out, and quick-draw contest. City Park, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

The Lost '49ers • Oct. 15 • Slide program on the emigrants who crossed Nevada in 1849. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Spook Walk • Oct. 15 • Cubbyholes in the nature study area are filled with scary items and frightening monsters. Chinese Garden, Carlin, 775-754-6354.

Harvest Wine Tasting • Oct. 15 • Food, wine, and jazz. Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-2225.

Haunted Ghost Train • Oct. 15 and 22 • Costumes encouraged for the train ride; also Oct. 29. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Deer Me: Beyond Bambi • Oct. 22 • Slide program on deer, elk, and antelope. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Halloween Haunted House • Oct. 22, 27-31 • Horse Palace, Spring Creek, 775-753-6295.

Nevada Day Parade • Oct. 28 • Admission Day celebration. Downtown, Elko, 775-738-7991.

Goin' in Style • Oct. 29 • Outhouses and their place in historical Halloween pranks. Cathedral Gorge State Park, two miles northwest of Panaca, 775-728-4460.

Diamond Dave Somerville Concert • Oct. 29 • The former lead singer for the Diamonds performs a fundraiser for the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame. Location TBA, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

Nevada Horseshoe Pitchers Association Tournament • Oct. 29 • Burro Inn, Beatty, 775-553-2424.

Pig Roast and Halloween Party • Oct. 29 • Event includes a bake auction and costume party. Outdoor Inn, Jarbidge, 775-488-2311.

Haunted Ghost Train • Oct. 29 • Costumes encouraged for the train ride. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

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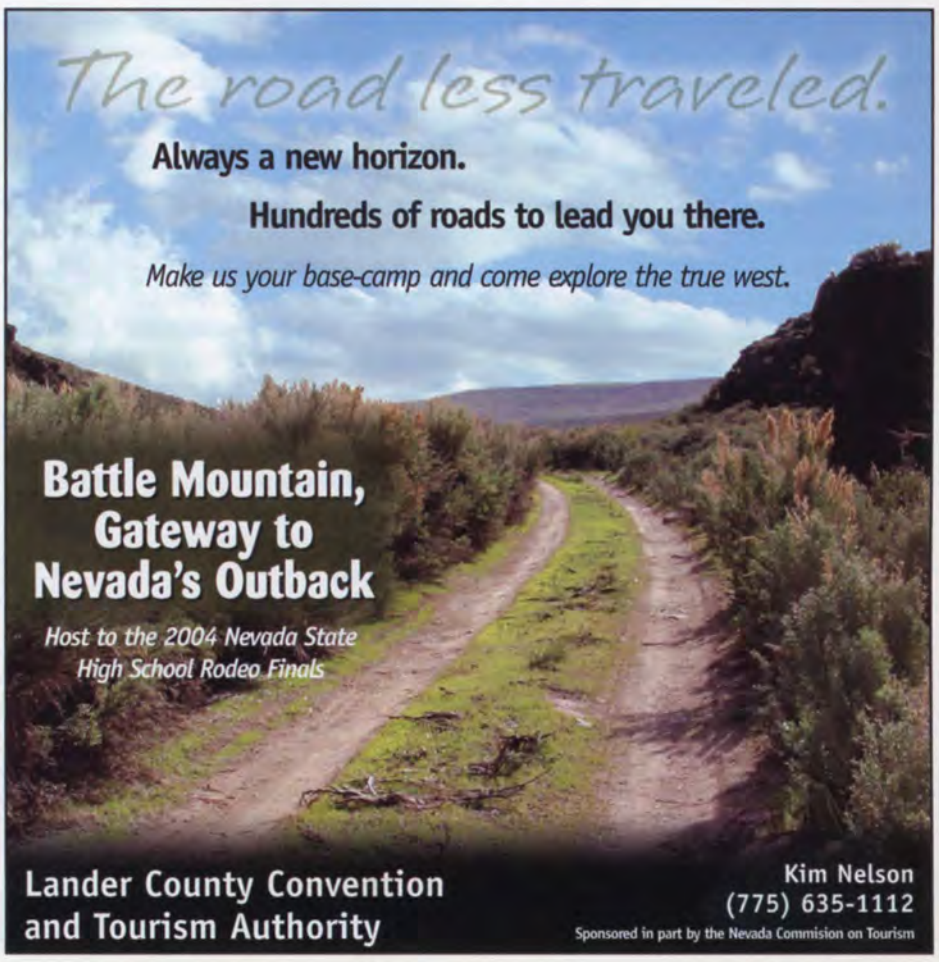
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605 Explore Tonopah—For a free *Tonopah Travel Guide*, call 775-482-9680 or write to Tonopah Development Corporation, P.O. Box 82, Tonopah, NV 89049.

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901 Lake Mead Cruises—On Lake Mead and near Hoover Dam, *Desert Princess* or *Desert Princess Too*, events, weddings. 702-293-6180, www.lakemeadcruises.com.

902 Tonopah Historic Mining Foundation—Tonopah Historic Mining Park is on site of Belle and Jim Butler's 1900 claim. Self-guided tours. 775-482-9274, www.tonopahnevada.org for more Tonopah information.

905 Nevada Department of Transportation Bicycle Safety—Information on safety and statewide events. Sells state bicycle jerseys. 775-888-RIDE, www.bicyclenevada.com.

911 Look Tours, Las Vegas—Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam by helicopter or airplane. Bus/van tours, horseback rides, riverboat combos. 800-LOOKTOURS, www.looktours.com.

912 Rebel Adventure Tours, Las Vegas—Valley of Fire ATV tours, 4x4s, white-water rafting, Hummers, jet ski, helicopter, horseback. 800-817-6789, www.rebeladventuretours.com for tour information.

913 Lake Tahoe Cruises and Zephyr Cove Resort/ARAMARK Parks and Resorts—Paddlewheelers *M.S. Dixie II* and *Tahoe Queen* cruise year-round, offering parties, weddings, groups. Zephyr Cove Resort has a beach, boat rentals, cabins, restaurant, RV Park. 800-23-TAHOE, www.laketahoecruises.com, www.zephyrcove.com. Mention offer NVM5 or NEVADA Magazine when making reservations.

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1001 Louis' Basque Corner—Authentic Basque food served family style in downtown Reno, 301 E. Fourth St., since 1967. Open for dinner nightly and lunch Tues.-Sat. 775-323-7203.

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1203 Gamblers General Store, Las Vegas—Casino products, antique slots, books, chips, roulette wheels, tables, sold in store and online. 800-322-2447, www.gamblersgeneralstore.com.

1205 University of Nevada Press, Reno—For the University Press' large selection of books on Nevada subjects visit www.nvbooks.nevada.edu or call 877-682-6657 for a catalog.

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1403 CC Communications, Fallon—Providing service to Churchill County since 1889, the company offers residential and business full-service telephone, cellular, high-speed Internet, and digital TV. 1750 W. Williams Ave., call 775-423-0020, or visit www.cccomm.net.

1404 A&K Earth Movers, Fallon—Company was founded in 1957 by Kenneth "Kelly" Hiatt and brother-in-law Alfred Miller. Hiatt became sole owner in 1971. Today his partners include sons Michael, Bart, and Scott. They employ 175 people and own 250 pieces of equipment. A&L also has an office in Reno, operates two asphalt plants and four gravel pits, does site preparation for large public and commercial projects. 1200 Auction Rd., 775-423-6085.

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Rural Nevada

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Excursion Trains • Daily thru Sept. 30, weekends in Oct. • Steam and diesel locomotive train rides. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Passing Through • Thru Oct. 12 • Richard Menzies' photo study of Great Basin residents, included in his new book, *Passing Through*. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

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Battle Mountain Stock Car Racing • Sept. 4, 17-18 • Battle Mountain Raceway, Battle Mountain, 775-635-2784.

Care and Share Quilt Show • Sept. 13-Oct. 25 • Machine quilting. Bea Reynolds Memorial Gallery, Hawthorne, 775-945-3030.

Koni Fugiwara Art Exhibition • Sept. 19-Nov. 19 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Elko County Art Club • Oct. 14-Jan. 9 • Juried show of work by Elko-area artists. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Hidden Cave Tours • Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour of Grimes Point petroglyph site. Meet at the Churchill County Museum, Fallon. To confirm tour dates and for more information on Hidden Cave tours, call the Bureau of Land Management, 775-885-6000.

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National Finals Senior Pro Rodeo • Nov. 2-5 • Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Festival of Trees • Nov. 28-Dec. 1 • Elko, 775-738-4091.

Elko Nevada Trophy 4WD Geocaching Challenge • Dec. 10-11 • www.roadexperience.com.

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

National Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 28-Feb. 4 • Elko, 888-880-5885 for further event information.

Shows

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Longstreet Inn • 775-372-1777: Weekend entertainment.

BEATTY

Stagecoach • 775-553-2419 or 800-4-BIGWIN (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play in the lounge Fri.-Sat.

Exchange Club • 775-553-2368: Karaoke is scheduled on Fri.



The petting farm is popular at the Winnemucca Fair and Stampede, September 2-4.

ELKO

Commercial Hotel • 775-738-3181: Bands play in the lounge.

Gold Country Casino • 800-621-1332: Music on weekends.

High Desert Inn • 775-738-8425: Comedy on Fri.

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Stockmen's Hotel • 775-738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Bands play in the showroom.

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Hotel Nevada • 775-289-6665.

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Bonanza Inn • 775-423-6031.

Fallon Nugget • 775-423-3111.

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El Capitan • 775-945-3322: Music in the Casino Lounge.

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Barton's Club 93 • 775-755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom: Little River Band, Sept. 2-3. Ricky Skaggs, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Vicki Lawrence, Oct. 14-15. Marshall Tucker Band, Oct. 28-29. Don Williams, Nov. 4-5. Billy Dean, Nov. 18-19. Bands play in the Cabaret.

Horseshu Casino • 775-755-2321. Cabaret: TBA.

LOVELOCK

Sturgeons • 775-273-2971 and 888-234-6835: Center Club Showroom: Bands and karaoke are featured on weekends.

PAHRUMP

Pahrump Nugget • 775-751-6500.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Entertainment in the Club West Nightclub.

Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

Terrible's Town Casino • 775-751-7777.

SILVER SPRINGS

Silver Springs Nugget • 775-577-4263.

TONOPAH

Banc Club • 775-482-5409: Bands play Thurs.-Sat.

Tonopah Station Ramada Inn • 775-482-9777: Bands play on weekends.

WENDOVER

Montego Bay • 775-664-9100: Bands play in the lounge.

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainers appear in the Casino Lounge.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Bands play in the casino's lounge.

Red Garter • 775-664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (U.S. outside Nevada).

State Line Nugget • 775-664-2221.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 775-623-2511: Bands such as Heartache Tonight, Bahama, and What's Next appear in the Winners Lounge.

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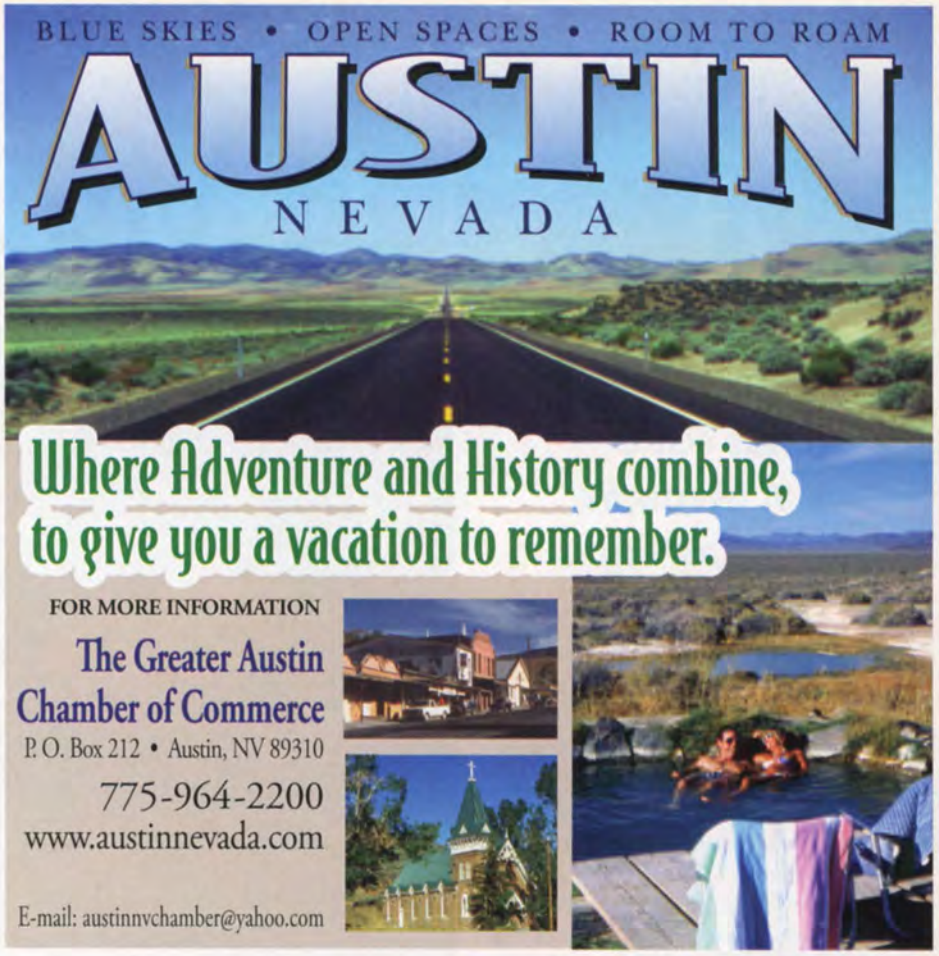
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Monster Maze

Frankenstein, Dracula, and friends scare visitors at **Madame Tussaud's** Las Vegas.

By Jack Bulavsky



Actors portray mummies and other spooky figures in Universal Monsters Alive.

It's scary enough walking into Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas and seeing lifelike figures of Michael Jackson and The Rock. Now it's even scarier with the addition of Universal Monsters Alive.

Monsters Alive is an interactive attraction at the branch of the famous wax museum located inside the Venetian Resort. Besides seeing Marilyn Monroe, Hugh Hefner, Shaquille O'Neal, and John Wayne, you now can have the bejesus scared out of you by Dr. Frankenstein, the Frankenstein monster, Igor, Dracula, Renfield (Dracula's assistant), a vampire bride, and assorted mummies.

This place is seriously weird. I like it.

After entering the brightly decorated Tussaud's and being greeted by Michael Jordan and Princess Diana, I say hello to Dean Martin and Elizabeth Taylor before arriving at the Chamber. Madelein, the Chamber's usher, is the first to speak.

"Hello, and please call me Mad," she snarls as she places her grimacing face inches from mine. I don't scare easily, but this Mad is mad.

Mad leads the group through a dimly lit area. Actors dressed as the monsters pose as if ready to strike. They make slight, startling gestures, blinking their eyes or moving their hands, to let you know they are human, unlike their wax counterparts in the museum.

"It's all about entertainment," says the show's producer, Lynton V. Harris. "We cannot scare everyone who visits, but each visitor must leave with the feeling that he's been entertained."

Harris, who has created fright-based live productions and horror-themed exhibits for Madame Tussaud's in London, Amsterdam, and New York, based the Las Vegas show on classic Universal Studios monsters such as Dracula. "There's no blood, guts, or gore," he says. "Scariness is achieved by actors who have attended Scare School. We don't do 'boo. This is not a Halloween haunted house."

> THE ACTORS ATTENDED SCARE SCHOOL. "WE DON'T DO 'BOO.' THIS IS NOT A HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE."

Scare School?

"We take Scare School very seriously," explains Harris, who trained the actors. "The 12 to 15 actors who work here underwent an intensive audition and later graduated from our five-day training course. It's a real acting job for them. This is all about believability."

Afterward, it's comforting to return to the lighted rooms of the regular museum. There I continue to offer greetings to Britney Spears, Bette Midler, Tiger Woods, Sean Connery, and others who are famous in real life.

By the way, Madame Tussaud's recently announced that anyone can be immortalized as a wax figure. The price begins at $300,000, or $50,000 for pets.

Fright-Seeing Trip

Universal Monsters Alive appears indefinitely at Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas in the Venetian on the Strip. The wax museum opens daily at 10 a.m. Admission is $22.95 general, $17.95 seniors, $12.95 ages six to 12, and free for kids five and under. To confirm prices call 702-862-7800 or visit www.madame-tussauds.com.

Jack Bulavsky is a Henderson writer.

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Harmony and Luxury

High-roller rides and a show that sings.

By Ann Henderson

Experiment in "Plaid"

Since it opened in 1990, the off-Broadway musical-comedy **"Forever Plaid"** has earned rave reviews while touring from Las Vegas to Tokyo. "Forever Plaid's" music is based on the close harmony of the '50s and '60s and resonates with those of us who danced to "Moments to Remember" at the senior prom.

But what about two hip-hop-loving teenagers fresh from seeing "We Will Rock You" at Paris Las Vegas? I wanted to test "Forever Plaid's" cross-generational appeal on Breanne, 14, and Bryant, 13.

How would they respond to a musical about four nerdy guys—Frankie, Jinx, Sparky, and Smudge—whose dreams of stardom were shattered in 1964? After years of playing proms and supermarket openings, the Plaid had finally hit the "big time"—a gig at the airport lounge—when they were killed in a collision with a bus full of Beatles fans. The Plaid spent the next 41 years roaming the cosmos—until the night at the Gold Coast in Las Vegas when we saw the four perform the concert denied them in life.



The plaid four.

My adolescent reviewers were delighted with "Forever Plaid's" physical comedy. After all, the Plaid couldn't rehearse for four decades, so there were plenty of mishaps and miscues during the performance, including bloody noses, stage fright, and asthma attacks. Breanne and Bryant snapped their fingers in time to "Sixteen Tons," joined the audience sing-along to "Matilda," and raised their hands to volunteer to play a one-finger piano solo of "Heart and Soul." Bryant laughed long and loud during the Plaid's three-minute version of *The Ed Sullivan Show*, performed to a "Lady of Spain" accordion solo.

The two teens didn't know some of the songs, such as "Cry" and "Shangri-La," but Breanne sings in her school's honors choir. Her analysis: "Those guys can sing."

Show Notes: "Forever Plaid: A Heavenly Musical Hit" appears in the Gold Coast Showroom at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $29.95 or $34.95 plus tax. Show-and-dinner packages are available. For information call 888-402-6278 or 702-251-3574 or visit www.goldcoastcasino.com.



Smooth Ride High rollers begin their VIP treatment at Wynn Las Vegas with a trip in a $270,000 Bentley limo. Casino owner Steve Wynn ordered four Bentley Arnage RLs for his new hotel. More than 110 craftsmen spent 280 hours completing the interior of each vehicle. Fewer than 10 of the British luxury cars are sold each year in North America.

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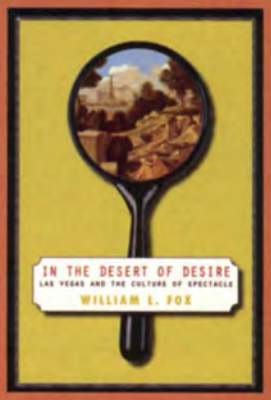
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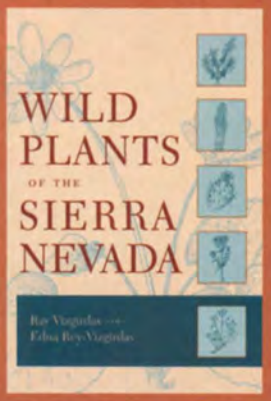
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