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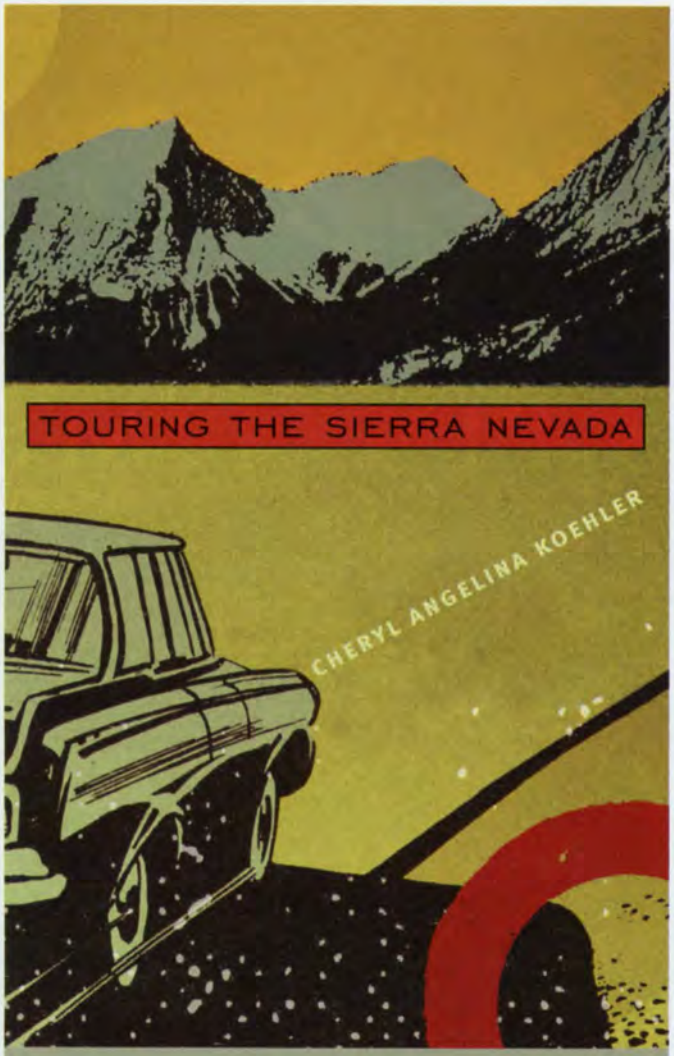


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KEN VAN VECHTEN

Travel and golf writer Ken Van Vechten has trekked from New Zealand to New Orleans in search of life's little rewards, which as it turns out are golf, spas, good food, good wine, and an occasional bout of gambling, all accompanied by his wife and best friend, Teresa. The Riverside, California, resident, who wrote three golf stories for this issue, is the author of *Neon Nuptials: The Complete Guide to Las Vegas Weddings* and the upcoming *Hooking ... and Slicing in Southern Nevada: The Golfers' Guide to Vegas*, both published by Huntington Press.



JOAN PATTERSON

Longtime *Nevada Magazine* contributor Joan Patterson, who wrote about golf gear and the Wynn Country Club restaurant for this issue, has worked as an editor for small newspapers in rural Michigan and California and as a features writer for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. She, her husband, Mike Weatherford, and their daughter, Gillian, live in Boulder City. Patterson is studying creative writing through the Community College of Southern Nevada and has several ideas for children's books. She says she bounces story ideas off seven-year-old Gillian, her number one fan.



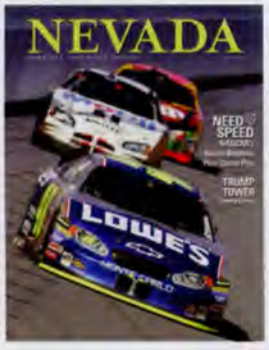
CORRINE FULTON

Freelance writer Corrine Fulton and her husband, Andrew, have lived in Las Vegas for nearly 15 years. "Vegas will surprise you because at the same time it is keeping up the Sin City image, there is another side to it that is more refined," says the mother of three: daughters Ellcha, 10, and Spring, eight, and son Wilson, six. Her story, "Playing Dress Up" on page 48, resulted from mother-and-daughters shopping trips and theater outings last winter. Fulton says writing the story gave her an opportunity to show the sophisticated, cultural side of the city to her two girls.

readers respond

Nevada's New Look

Wow, I don't know where to begin. Disappointment is an understatement. Perhaps most of my disillusion comes from the urbanization of Nevada in general. It has been my feeling that we do little to promote our natural recreational resources. This was what I enjoyed most in the old *Nevada Magazine*. We keep our back issues as a reference material for weekend jaunts. I enjoy nature photography, and we certainly don't lack for impressive vistas in Nevada. Perhaps you could add a column on day trips off the beaten path.



RICHARD LESPERANCE
Las Vegas

Nevada Magazine should in some way, at least, reflect a Western theme and format. Nevada is the sixth-largest state in the lower 48, and there's much more to it than the neon ghettos of Vegas, Reno, and Tahoe.

GEORGE SHEAKS
Ventura, CA

Nevada Magazine could stand some changes, but the April issue is a giant step backward. Reading it you would think the name should be changed to "Las Vegas Magazine" or perhaps "The Advertising Monthly."

The April issue had little substance compared to what Nevada has to offer.

DON WINSETT
Scottsburg, IN

I apologize that *Nevada Magazine's* new format is not what you expected, and I hope you will give me an opportunity to give you some insight into what we have planned for the future. One of my challenges as the new publisher is to increase readership and revenue. In order to accomplish this goal we need to make the magazine appeal to a wider audience, which certainly includes our largest city, Las Vegas, where we have few subscribers and minimal advertising support. That said, I want to assure you that our upcoming issues will feature both rural and urban destinations and events, as they have in the past. We strive to achieve a balance for coverage of all areas in the state. Our Sept/Oct issue is dedicated to the "Open Road" and will feature several rural destinations. Again, I am sorry for your disappointment, but I would like to ask you to give me more time to show you how the *Nevada Magazine* staff and I want to celebrate every part of this great state in our stories and photos.

DEB DUDLEY
Publisher

My husband, Dave, and I really enjoyed reading the March-April 2007 issue. The quality of the paper is wonderful, the new layout is very upscale, and the calendar with photos embedded is more interesting and more fun to read. The magazine pages have a "clean" look to them. We also enjoyed Deb Dudley's publisher's note and childhood photo.

NANCY DICKSON
Carson City

Nevada Dreaming, Too

I enjoyed reading your publisher's note, "Nevada Dreaming." It brought back childhood memories of my wanting to go out West and become a cowboy. I am 57 and hoping to retire in a small town in Northern Nevada, maybe with a few cows. Any suggestions for small towns in your area?

JOHN SUNDEMAN
Saint Augustine, FL

John, thank you for the kind note. There are lots of great small communities in Nevada. One of my favorites is Smith Valley and the towns of Smith and Wellington, which are always green but surrounded by red cliffs and big mountains, and it's still affordable. It's about one hour from Reno and not far from Carson City. If I can be of any help gathering information for you, don't hesitate to write, and, of course, *Nevada Magazine* is always a good source.

DEB DUDLEY
Publisher

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nevada golf 2007

In this special golf issue, we feature golfing in Las Vegas and Mesquite, living and dining on the course, the latest in golf gear, a Q&A with Natalie Gulbis, and golfing year-round in Nevada. Plus, our annual golf guide.



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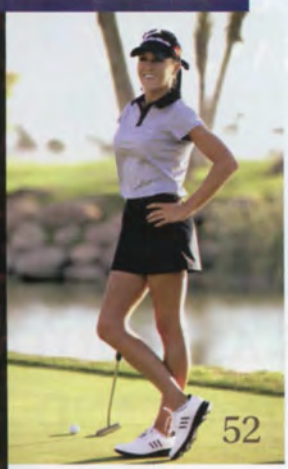


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When it comes to golf getaways, Vegas ranks among the royalty.

BY KEN VAN VECHTEN



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SCOTTSDALE, PALM SPRINGS, HAWAII ... VEGAS? There very well could be a new king when it comes to a best-of-the-best American golf getaway. And if the National Golf Foundation says it's also the most expensive in the Great Republic, who cares? Benjamins fly out a lot faster in the casino—and when's the last time a pit boss handed out a snazzy bag tag with your name engraved in it?

Near the top of every must-play Las Vegas golf list sits Reflection Bay Golf Club. If you've never played a course designed by Jack Nicklaus, Reflection's about as good an introduction as exists on the public side of playing life. The course is approachable and potentially explosive, and no course in the desert that coexists with housing is less affected by the housing. It is just flat-out nice in Lake Las Vegas, 20 miles but a world away from the Strip. ($295. Rates quoted are high-season rack; twilight, midweek, seasonal, and/or package reductions may apply.)

Bobby Weed and Raymond Floyd indulged in an exercise in aestheticism when they crafted TPC Canyons. They also added a whopping dose of white-knuckle. The first attribute comes courtesy of TPC's all-of-Vegas views. The second condition is a function of the word "canyon" in the course's name. And by canyon, grand, albeit with a lowercase "g," comes to mind. On the outward nine, the canyon is a broad arroyo through which holes are snaked. Coming home, it's a chasm that golf balls, clubs, and carts—and players—should avoid at all cost. ($275)

With three courses by Pete Dye and a to-the-horizon setting worthy of a John Ford western, Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort just might be the most complete golf spot in southern Nevada. There's not a lamb in this flock, so if one course is booked, simply sign up



on another. You won't be disappointed. Wolf is the most challenging of the group, and that's only partly due to its 7,600 yards. Sun Mountain is more what you see is what you get. Snow Mountain is beguiling, the trickster of the clan, offering risk/reward opportunities aplenty. Located on Native American land northwest of town, Paiute is refreshingly free of urban encroachments. ($189-$220)

For the highest of hole-y rollers, there's the trinity, Sin City-style, starring Shadow Creek Golf Club, Wynn Golf Club, and Cascata Golf Club.

This is as rarefied as it gets. Vegas' most uber ubercourses. The $500-per-round, 800-pound gorillas—the Tom Fazio/Steve Wynn collaborations of Shadow and Wynn that require you to be a guest of MGM Mirage and Wynn Las Vegas, respectively, and the Harrah's-owned, Rees Jones-stunner Cascata. (Cascata has no residency requirements but now charges an additional $50 per player as a base gratuity for the standard-for-these-courses forecaddie that is provided.)

Friends and strangers alike ask two questions: "What are they like?" and "Are they worth it?"

Well, they are great, and there's not a wave or an 80-year-old pedigree in sight, two of the long-time standards by which courses are judged. Each serves up a thoughtful design, holes that stick in your mind, impeccable conditioning, almost eerie tranquility within the Green Felt Jungle, and on- and off-course service that's Ritz-Carlton-worthy.

In the words of University of Nevada, Las Vegas men's golf coach Dwaine Knight, "The saying was, 'Steve [Wynn] had an unlimited budget for Shadow Creek and he exceeded it.'

"Whatever it took to make the place special, they did."

Knight could have said the same thing about Cascata and Wynn.

PHOTOS

1. Reflection Bay
2. Cascata
3. Wolf Course, Las Vegas Paiute

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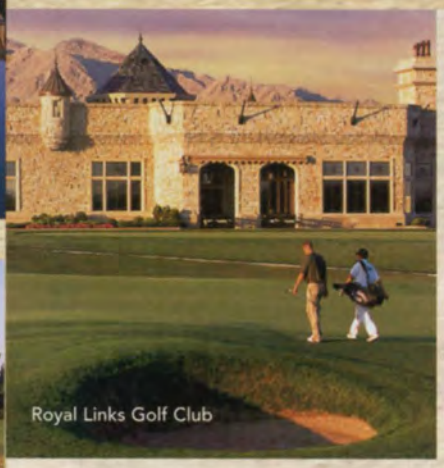
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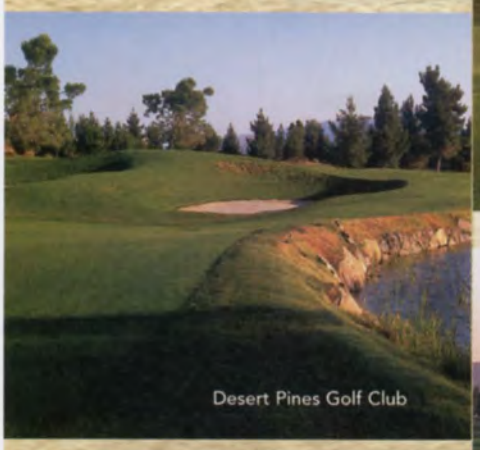


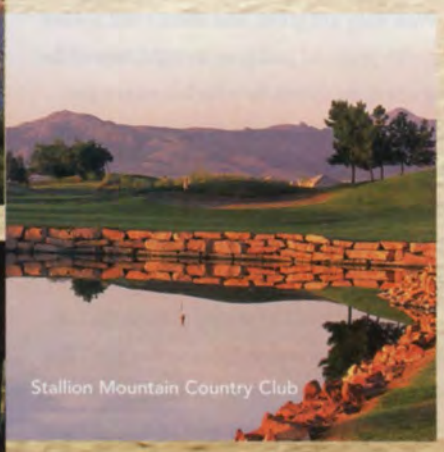
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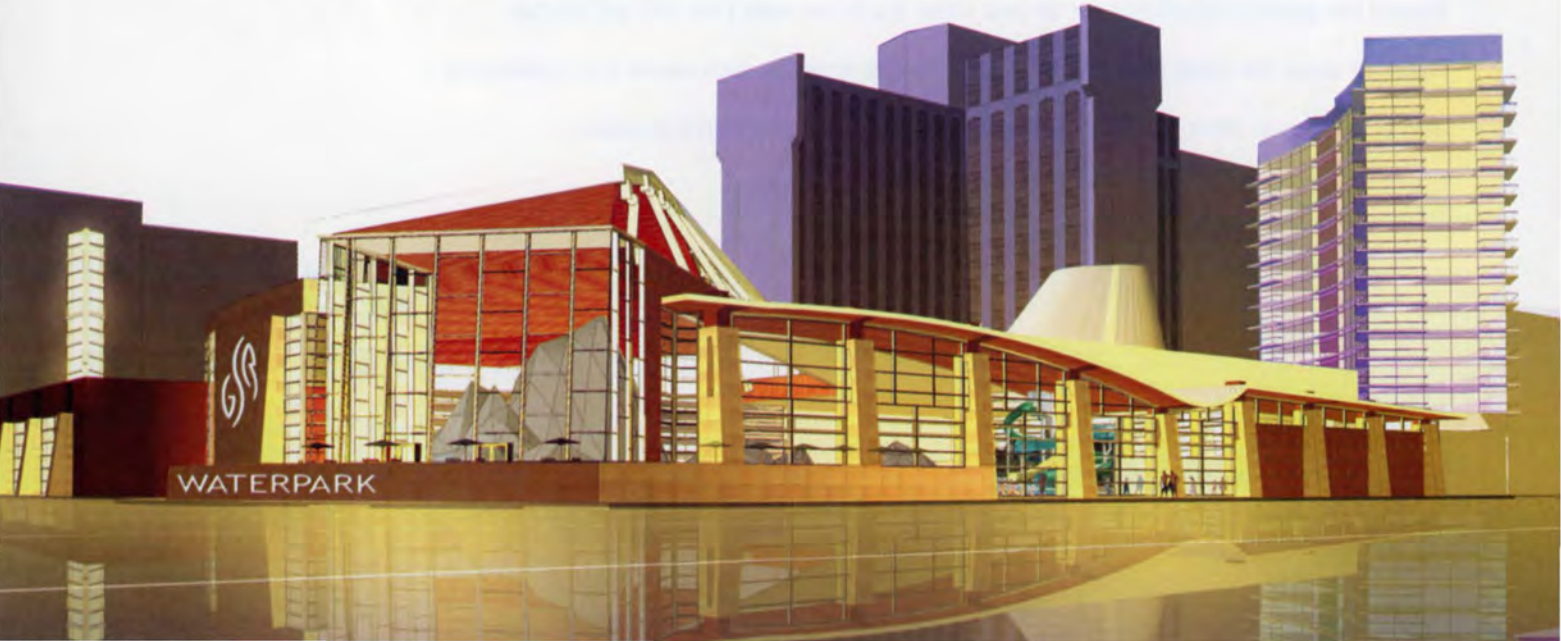
RENO RENAISSANCE

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

PRETEND IT'S 2010. RENO AND SPARKS ARE. A peek into the region's crystal ball will entice your inner child like a slippery water slide. In three years, or less, Northern Nevada should claim the largest indoor waterpark in the nation, the world's biggest all-sports superstore, and a minor-league baseball stadium.

At the same time, two downtowns less than five miles apart will bustle with new condominium developments. Add to the mix hip entertainment establishments, top-of-the-line restaurants, and posh clubs, and you've got an urban plastic surgery that would make even Dr. 90210 blush.

That is, if everything goes as planned.









DRAMATIC CHANGES PLANNED FOR RENO AND NE GHBORING SPARKS

Grand Sierra Shines

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino President Michael Carsch believes the stage is set for a Reno renaissance, and his 145-acre facility will be front and center during the transformation. Some of the most ambitious renovation and building projects in Washoe County are complete, underway, or projected at the former Reno Hilton property, where eight of the hotel's floors have been converted into more than 600 lavish condos. This fall construction on a 150,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, the nation's largest, should break ground.

Grand Sierra Resort Corporation bought the Hilton in 2006 with plans to forge Northern Nevada's first luxury destination. "We have the basics of a fabulous hotel, what I call a tired grande dame that we need to dust off and put the sparkle back into," Carsch says. "In line with the changing face of Reno it just makes sense."

With an estimated completion date of 2009, the waterpark tops an impressive Grand Sierra to-do list. Also proposed are a 200-room hotel next to the waterpark, two 48-story Kobi Karp-designed twin condo towers, a waterfront retail esplanade, an 80,000-square-foot day spa, and a $45-million water show, similar to the Las Vegas Bellagio fountain display. Celebrity chef Charlie Palmer plans to open two restaurants on the property, a steakhouse and a seafood restaurant.

Carsch says the changes speak to the community—locals looking for an upscale facility, better dining, and an environment that isn't gaming-specific—and the traveling public. It's an enormous undertaking, but Carsch is realistic. "We need people to understand this doesn't happen overnight. We're talking a five- to seven-year build out," he says. "People say, 'We're skeptical.' All understandable, but at the end of the day, watch us do something spectacular that Reno hasn't seen."

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Grand Sierra Resort and Casino plans to build an indoor waterpark (rendering at left) and an upscale water show (right) in the coming years.



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In February, Grand Sierra announced a partnership with elegant lifestyle and entertainment brand Nikki Beach. Plans call for a Nikki Beach Hotel—about 165 rooms—to occupy Grand Sierra's top three floors, a poolside Nikki Beach Club, and multiple nightclubs inside the resort. Nikki Beach could build another 200-room hotel next to the waterpark.

Change at Grand Sierra started almost the moment new ownership took control. One of three in the United States, Dolce Enoteca e Ristorante—actor Ashton Kutcher is an investor in the Dolce Group—opened inside Grand Sierra late last year and was Los Angeles designer Dodd Mitchell's initial stamp on the premises. In the same vein as the restaurant's dark, sleek décor, Mitchell designed The Summit at Grand Sierra, the name of the condo conversion of floors 17-24. The condos—ranging in price and size from $280,000 to $1.9 million and 420 to 2,100 square feet—were completed in April.

For those uninterested in an upscale condo investment, $3 will buy a ticket to the Grand Sierra Cinema. The movie theater, formerly the Keystone II Cinema, opened late last year after a $120,000 upgrade in digital sound equipment. Construction on a new lounge and wine bar, tentatively titled Reserve, began in March. Grand Sierra didn't forget the gamers, either. The revamped casino floor includes new slot and table games, new carpet, and fresh paint.

Downtown Reno's Critical Mass

When Charles McNeely took his seat as Reno City Manager in March 1996, he recognized a disconnect in the heart of the city. "The prevailing view was that nobody came downtown," he says after speaking at the Directions 2007 forum in Reno in February. "So what [the city government] wanted to do was make a concentrated effort to put in place amenities that would attract people."

According to McNeely, whose Directions presentation focused on the continuing enhancement of downtown, the City of Reno is fulfilling its mission. At the core are more than a dozen condo developments centered around the lifeblood of the city, the Truckee River. More than a decade ago, McNeely and the Reno City Council realized a vital resource was being ignored, similar to how Grand Sierra Resort Corporation President Thomas Schrade and other visionaries saw the former Reno Hilton. So the City of Reno took action. "Part of

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2009

BELVEDERE
A SoHo color scheme will cover the former Sundowner Casino, which will house more than 300 condos. 450 N. Arlington Ave.



2009

THE DISTRICT
Under the "urban-village" vision, this will be the City of Sparks' first mixed-use development. Victorian Square, downtown Sparks



2010

LEGENDS
With a two- to three-year build out, this whopping destination development will be constructed in phases. Sparks Marina



2015

GRAND SIERRA
The resort and casino—the former Reno Hilton—is planning a number of luxurious renovations in five to seven years. 2500 E. Second St.

the first step was to get control of the river and those properties that were boarded up and vacant and a source of vagrants and panhandlers," McNeely says.

Little by little, downtown began to transform. In 1999, an old parking garage became Century Riverside 12 Theater, a nice complement to the Truckee River Walk. Shortly after, Riverside Artist Lofts and Residences at Riverwalk paved the way for the mixed-use (live, work, and shop) trend, and, in late 2005, Rink on the River breathed life into a space once occupied by the historic Mapes Hotel. The ice rink is part of a public plaza under construction on North Virginia Street. The winds of change also blew on the old Grenada Theater. In its place is Palladio, a 12-story, 92-unit, mixed-use condo complex scheduled to open this spring.

With construction underway and a projected March 2008 completion date, the old Golden Phoenix Hotel Casino will become Montage, a $150-million luxury condo tower with units ranging in size from 500 to 3,200 square feet. At the site of the former Sundowner Hotel Casino, the Belvedere should open its north tower some time this year and offer close to 370 upscale condos by 2009. Grant's Landing, also set to open this year, will feature 137 townhouses next to the National Automobile Museum. The existing Kings Inn will be renovated into 130 condos and retail space and renamed Denovo.

The residential flow doesn't stop there. Arterra (16 stories, 185 units), Freight House District (50 lofts and townhomes), The Waterfront (35 stories, mixed-use), and Wingfield Towers (499 condos, mixed-use) are in downtown Reno's future plans. The city is working on a master plan for the ReTRAC corridor—a two-plus-mile train trench through downtown completed in 2005—that will open up more real estate opportunities like plazas and mixed-use developments. Not only is Reno "giving people a reason to come back downtown," as McNeely says, but it's also giving people a reason to live downtown, which in turn promotes business and builds what McNeely calls a critical mass.

Too much, too fast? Not in Reno Mayor Bob Cashell's estimation. "I'm excited about all the different projects we have working here," says the fifth-year mayor. "I'm just tickled to death about the condos that are being built. Over the next five years you're going to see some dramatic changes in this region."

THE NEW RENO

Downtown Reno Ballroom
35,000-square-foot, $25-million convention space slated for completion in early 2008 at former City Center Pavilion (Fourth and Center streets).

Nevada Discovery Museum
55,000 square-foot, $16-million family learning center set to open in spring 2008 at former Reno City Hall (Center and Liberty streets).

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Putting Sparks on the Map

Like Siamese twins, it's difficult to separate Sparks from Reno or Reno from Sparks. The difference is so subtle, a matter of seconds on I-80 East is all it takes to pass through the Reno-Sparks continuum. One mammoth development, the estimated 1.35-million-square-foot Legends at Sparks Marina, will finally distinguish the city from Reno on a national level. "It's definitely going to put us on the map," says Sparks Mayor Geno Martini. "It's almost a billion-dollar project. No other development in Truckee Meadows is going to be close to Legends."

With a projected two- to three-year build out, the 100-acre Legends is being tagged as a destination development. In contrast to a typical Northern Nevada retail center, it's projected that most visitors will come from more than 100 miles away, with more than 10,000 visitors expected daily. The Red Development project will be anchored by the largest Scheels outdoor superstore in the world. There will be golf, bike, ski, whitewater, and fishing shops and special attractions such as giant aquariums, an indoor Ferris Wheel, shooting galleries, and interactive simulators where customers can test their athletic skills.

Move over *Jurassic Park*, because Rainforest Café founder and creator Steven Schussler is bringing T-Rex: A Prehistoric Family Adventure to Legends. Enormous animatronic dinosaurs will greet diners and shoppers. Just the third T-Rex planned for the U.S., it will offer interactive activities such as dinosaur digs with actual fossils and artifacts. If sporty superstores and prehistoric playgrounds don't do it for you, you'll be able to ride the mechanical bull at Saddle Ranch Chop House, but make sure you do it before you indulge in a savory steak and a one-liter specialty drink.

Other tenants announced by Red are Brooks Brothers, Camping World/FreedomRoads, Corona Cantina, Pin-Up Bowl, and Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse. Plans for Legends also include a $500-million resort and casino to be built by Southern Nevada developer Olympia Gaming and a minor-league baseball stadium. "The project itself is a home run," Martini says. "If we get baseball, it's a grand slam." As of February, Red was negotiating with a Triple-A Pacific Coast League team. If Red is unable to attract a baseball team, the stadium land will be used for additional retail, Martini says.

Corresponding with the massive Legends project, Trammell Crow Development will unveil The District at Victorian Square, a community of 171 condos, townhomes, and live-and-work residences. To be located in the Victorian Square Plaza, The District will consist of one four-story and two three-story buildings. The condos and townhomes will offer 20 different floor plans, ranging in size from 760 to more than 2,000 square feet. The project follows the condo trend in neighboring Reno and will result in what developers call an urban village.

"Communities like The District give folks the opportunity to enjoy a city life where nearly everything they need is within walking distance," says Par Tolles, Trammell Crow area director. To break ground later this year with a projected completion date of 2008 or 2009, the project will be the city's first mixed-use development and

will front other construction meant to spruce up downtown Sparks. City Hall will relocate to the downtown square, and roadway improvements, landscaping, additional lighting, and decorative paving will add appeal and charm to an existing tourism area. New Victorian Square construction began in early February.

If you think of Sparks as a big house, as city redevelopment manager Armando Ornelas does, then the new-look Victorian Square will be central to downtown's revitalization. "We want it to play the role of the city's living room," he says. "What we're looking for is a sense of street theater. You can see and be seen."


The District at Victorian Square

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LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA

Ground clearing began in March for this shopper's paradise (rendering below), which could include a baseball stadium.

- Brooks Brothers
- Camping World/FreedomRoads
- Corona Cantina
- Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse
- Pin-Up Bowl
- Saddle Ranch Chop House
- Scheels
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UPCOMING

In our July/August issue, *Nevada Magazine* will take an in-depth look at the outdoor and recreation superstores coming to the Reno-Sparks region.

LAS VEGAS MIGHT BE THE KING of Nevada when it comes to drawing tourists, but its little sister from the north has an irresistible wild side, which happens to be Northern Nevada's marketing advantage. The Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority thought so when it introduced the slogan "America's Adventure Place" in 2002. And the world is taking notice.

National Geographic Adventure featured Reno as its "Adventure Town" in the February 2007 issue. Titled "Rapid Transition," the article reads, "Over the past three years, Reno has begun a transformation from Nevada's runner-up gaming town to an adventure hub on par with Salt Lake City and Seattle." Of course the article doesn't ignore nearby Lake Tahoe's year-round attractions—not counting the back country, there are 22,000 skiable acres and 583 miles of hiking trails. Now Sparks, Reno's close neighbor, has caught the adventure bug.

Riding—or is it kayaking?—the success of Reno's Truckee River Whitewater Park at Wingfield, Sparks city officials want to join the party. If the project is permitted, plans are to turn Rock Park, located 3.5 miles downstream of Wingfield, into an easy-access, easygoing whitewater facility.

"It's going to be on a lesser scale of what's in Reno," says Sparks Mayor Geno Martini. "This will be more for amateurs." The city hopes to complete the 1,400-foot segment of the river by October 1. The *National Geographic* article mentions the possibility of a 15-mile continuous stretch of recreational whitewater in Reno-Sparks. "That's what's planned for a few years down the road," Martini says, "[but] the process to do anything in the river is difficult."

If you're wondering where you're going to buy your favorite outdoor apparel, Reno-Sparks has you covered. Two of the nation's most recognizable outdoor superstores, Scheels and Cabela's, are to become permanent residents of the region. Scheduled to open this fall, Cabela's will encompass 125,000 square feet of hunting, fishing, and outdoor paradise across from Boomtown Hotel and Casino, seven miles west of downtown Reno off I-80. Not to be outdone, Scheels, a 240,000-square-foot portion of the Legends at Sparks Marina project, is scheduled to open in fall 2008. If you're not yet ready to take the bait, a Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World superstore could accompany Station Casinos' proposed resort at Mount Rose Highway and U.S. 395.

Outdoor enthusiasts will soon be falling for Reno, hook, line, and sinker.

—MATTHEW B. BROWN



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Falcon Ridge

The name is apt, as Falcon Ridge Golf Club soars around and across several sharp crinkles in the landscape. This bird takes full wing during its return flight. Numbers 10, 13, 14, and 18 are exemplars, and the 300-yard-ish 11th is textbook when it comes to the short par 4. This is a rising, dogleg left with a carry over water and rock on either side of 260 yards (depending on which tee is selected). You can consider having a go if the wind's up from behind and the hole is front-right as the green moves away to the back and there's no room to miss from any angle. ($115. Rates quoted are high-season rack; twilight, midweek, seasonal, and/or package reductions may apply.)



Palms

The senior statesman in the group is Palms Golf Club, perhaps best known as the site of the annual RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, a cauldron of athletic and technological excess that has to be witnessed in person.

Palms is a yin-yang-like track with a parkland-style front nine and a back nine that tumbles through trees, bluffs, and flats fronting the Virgin River. The course hails from the time when desert tracks tried very hard to be other than desert. While the sere landscape and rugged mountains just beyond ensure you'll not mistake the place for Kalamazoo, you will find a whole lot of green and a fair bit of water. ($100)

Wolf Creek

Wolf Creek Golf Club is best described as a course placed within the Grand Canyon with Pink Floyd heading the design team. Seriously. If grass could grow on the moon, you'd have Wolf Creek. Some have scoffed at the track's Superman-leap elevation changes and blind shots. Cry me a water hazard. It's an athletic endeavor and a challenge—physical, visual, and mental. I can think of several courses in Vegas with big cachet that reach 12, maybe



14 holes on the wowzameter, but Wolf Creek lives up to the hype and ranks close to a perfect 18. ($185)

Oasis—Canyons and Palmer

Oasis Golf Club now serves up two 18-holers. Neither course is long, maxing out in the mid-6,000 yard range, and while there are plenty of places to air it out, a driver is not always the solution. Mesquite veterans will recall the front nine of Canyons as the old Vistas track, and it's now mated to a new nine with better visual appeal and a more compelling, sometimes-perplexing-at-first-look mix of holes. Palmer is the play, however. The heart of the course ambles through terrain similar to Wolf Creek in feel if not scope. Water, canyon, desert, forced carries, and true opportunities for decisions on many holes—come ready to play. ($110, $140)

CasaBlanca

Openness is the watchword at CasaBlanca Golf Club, a play of minimal urban intrusion and a whole lot of wetlands. The course runs out to the margin of the Virgin River, doubles back through a series of lake-bound holes, then returns to an edge-of-the-floodplain close. Whatever adjective might be attributed to the course—sporty, fun, verdant—the one characteristic that most comes to mind is smooth, as in greens that'll have normal folks rollin' it like Phil Mickelson (that is, when Mickelson is putting like Mickelson). Stop for a commendable lunch on the clubhouse veranda, and watch the action coming in on 18 and the changing colors on the mountains beyond. ($100)

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Silver Oak Golf Course - Carson City

Mint Condition

Welcome to Year-Round Golf in Rural Nevada Paradise

by John Marshall

Mesquite and Carson City/Carson Valley may be 500 miles apart but they have a whole lot in common when it comes to golf. Both are chock full of high quality courses in mint condition throughout the year and with price tags that don't require a second mortgage. Add in the 24/7 excitement of their world class casino resorts and you end up with the perfect recipe for the ultimate golf destinations. And that's a win-win for virtually every golfer.

Mesquite

Golf Mesquite serves up seven terrific golf options including two in nearby St. George, Utah. They are all rich in variety with the common thread being breathtaking mountain and desert views from opening tee shot to final tap in. From the gently rolling fairways and greens of CasaBlanca Golf Club to the plunging elevation drops just across the expressway at Falcon Ridge, golfers will experience some of Nevada's best designed layouts. Mesquite is also home to numerous annual golf events including the RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship and the Mesquite Amateur.

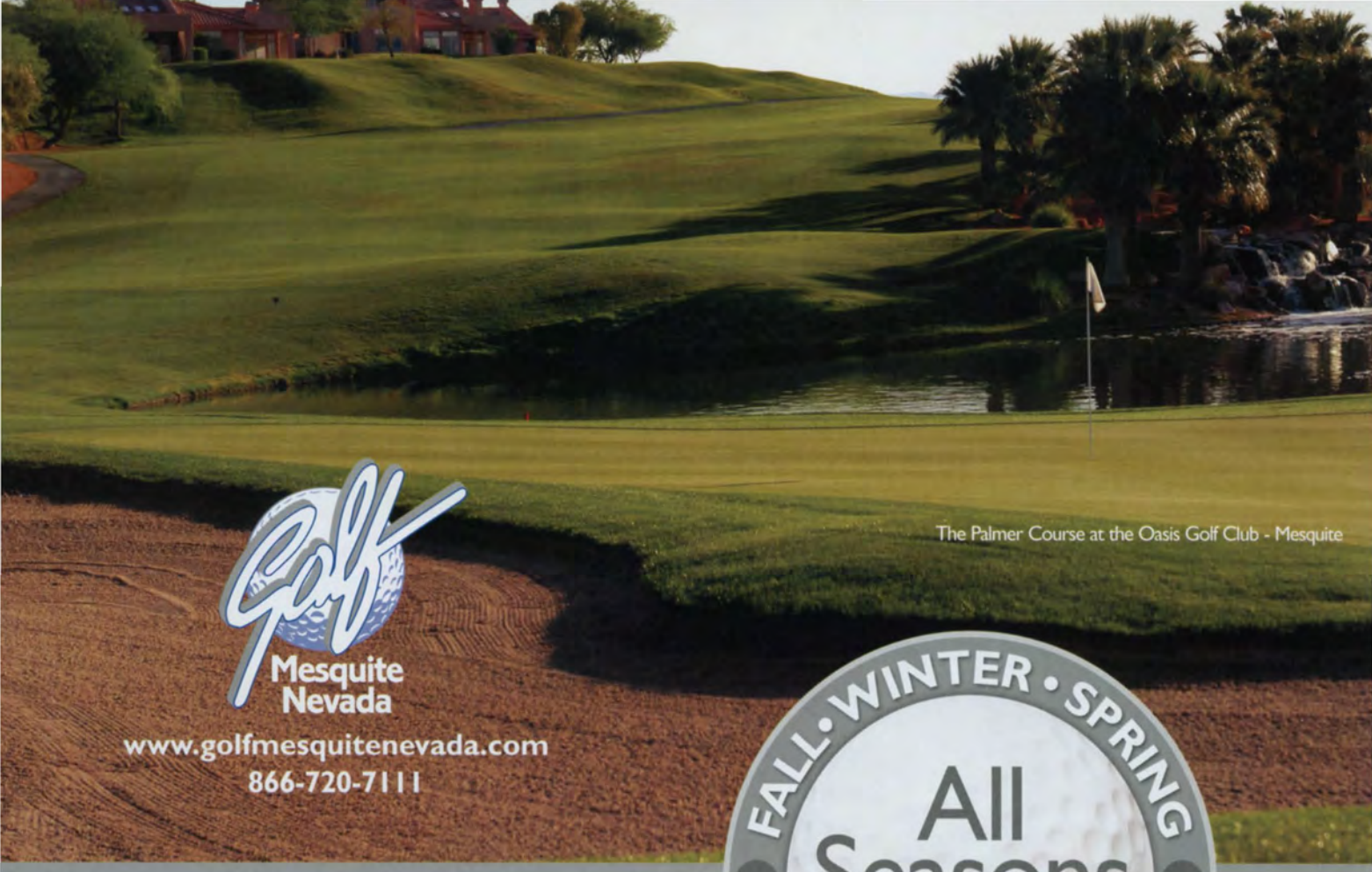
Mesquite lodging options are many and varied and include the CasaBlanca Resort, Oasis Resort, the Eureka Casino Hotel, the Virgin River Casino Hotel and Falcon Ridge Hotel. Golfers are well known for their enjoyment of red hot gaming action, and all of these first class facilities except Falcon Ridge contain every one of the popular table games and slot options. In addition, both CasaBlanca and Oasis have world class spas where golfers and non-golfers alike can sooth tired muscles and invigorate their spirits with a relaxing massage or with any number of other very special treatments.

Carson City / Carson Valley

While southern Nevada temperatures are perfect for golf in the spring, fall and winter and a tad on the warm side in the summer, the Carson City area fills in that blank to perfection and can claim three ideal golf seasons of its own. The Carson City/Carson Valley co-op group is justifiably proud of its Divine Nine, a memorable collection of nine area courses as well as eight lodging options that make golf getaways to Nevada's capital city not only fun but an irresistible bargain as well. The courses run the gamut from high desert and open valley layouts with meandering rivers and creeks, sage-brush lined fairways, dramatic elevation changes and well-manicured fairways both wide and narrow. Among the most popular and highly rated are Dayton Valley at Legado, Genoa Lakes Golf Resort and The Golf Club at Genoa Lakes.

Equally varied are the Carson City and the Carson Valley accommodations which run the gamut from historic bed and breakfasts to comfortable motels, to exciting casino-hotels such as Carson Valley Inn & Casino and Gold Dust West which have all the games as well as top notch entertainment. There are options and rates to fit every taste and budget as well as such features as swimming pools, fitness centers, meeting space, business centers and much, much more.

Both destinations are easy to reach with flights into Las Vegas or Reno and both offer extraordinary golf packages that can be customized to fit anyone's needs and desires. For more information about these two popular areas, visit both **www.golfmesquitenevada.com** and **www.divine9.com**.



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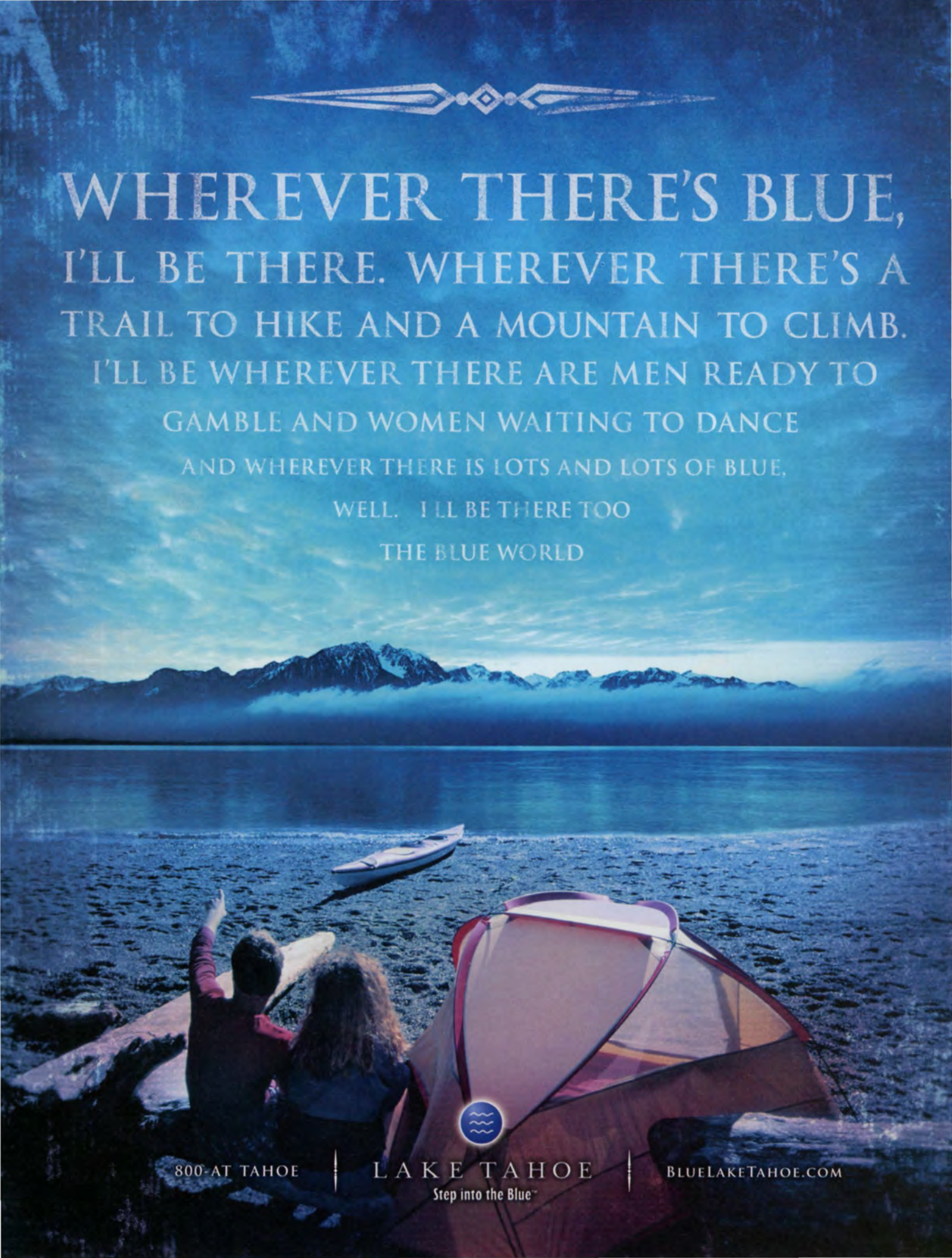
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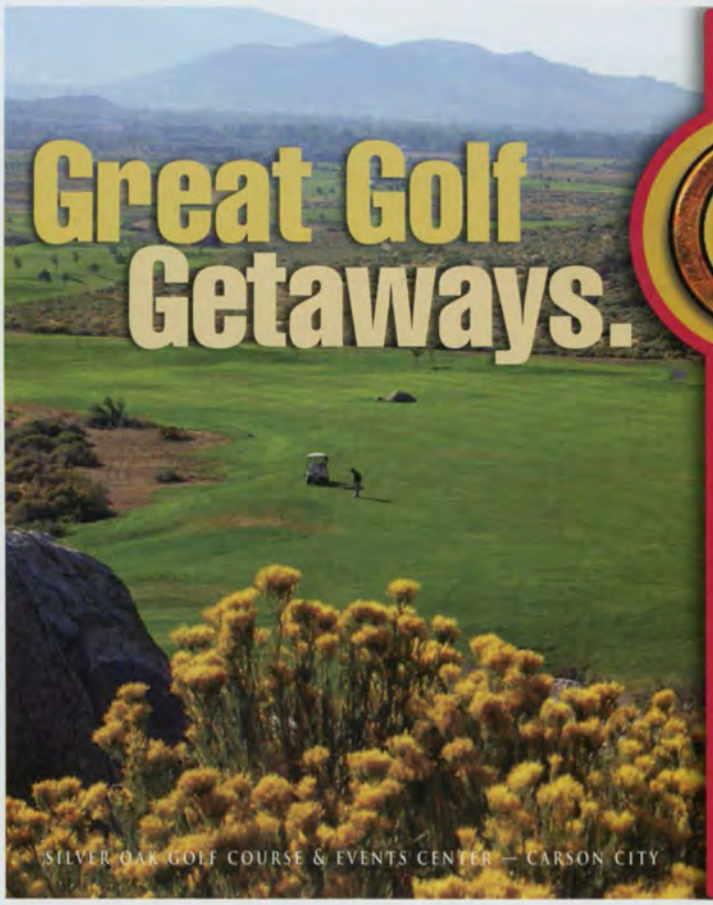
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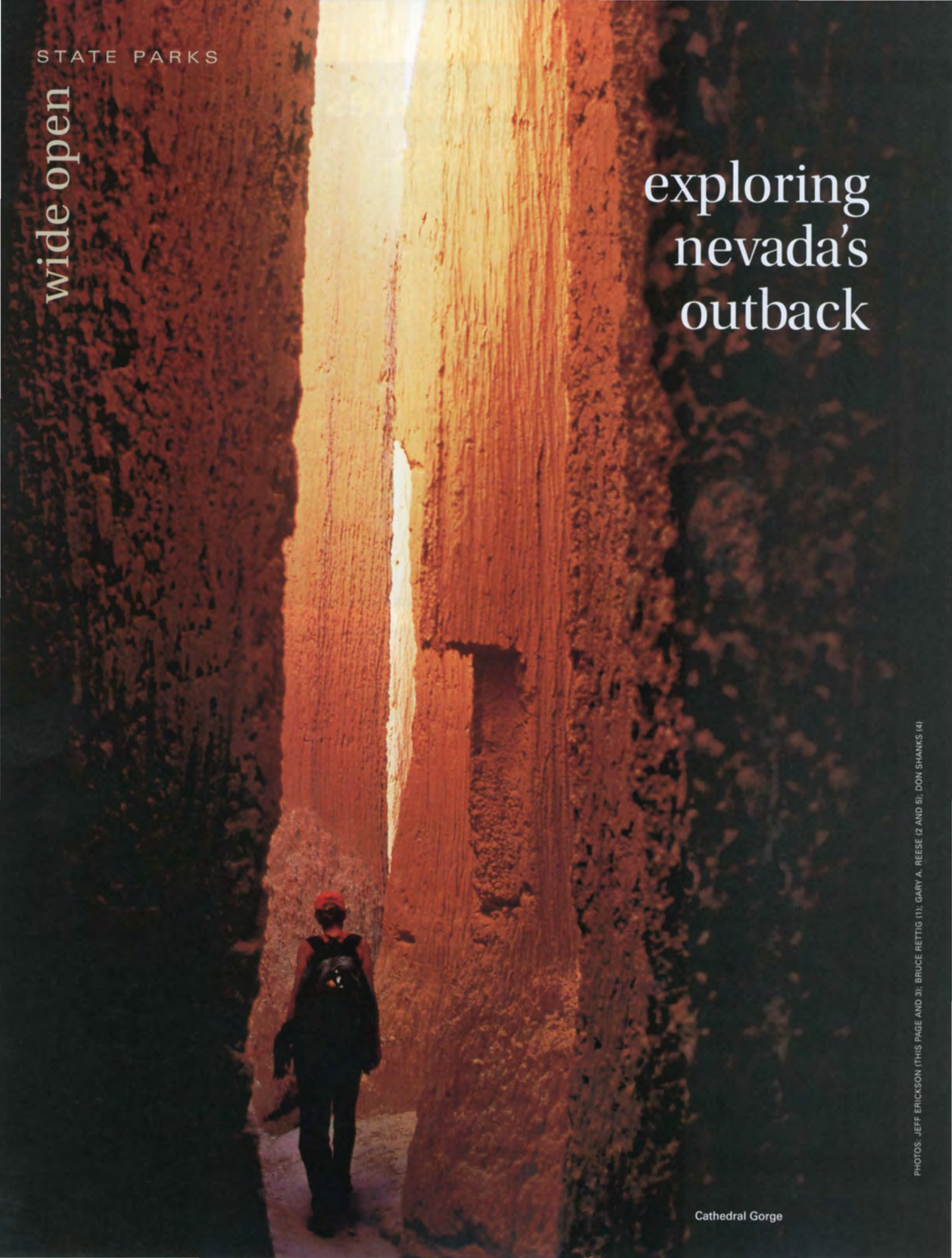
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1. Spring Valley
2. Cathedral Gorge
3. Spring Valley
4. Kershaw-Ryan
5. Echo Canyon

Camping, picnicking, and sightseeing in Lincoln County's six state parks.

BY ANN HENDERSON

SPINNING GRUESOME GHOST STORIES, toasting marshmallows over the campfire, and planning the next day's fishing, hiking, and sightseeing trips. And, singing. I still remember the lyrics to that sappy old song, "When it's Nighttime in Nevada."

I've been there and sung that in five of Lincoln County's state parks, each of which has its own personality and attractions. Cathedral Gorge, Echo Canyon, Spring Valley, Beaver Dam, and Kershaw-Ryan are located within a 30-mile radius of the Cathedral Gorge visitor center. A sixth park was designated in 2005, the Elgin One-Room School State Historic Site, located south of Caliente.

The parks are a magnet for Las Vegas and Southern California residents looking for clear skies and cooler high-desert temperatures. They fill the campgrounds with their mountain bikes, fishing gear, and small boats. Riding dirt bikes and ATVs are not allowed within park boundaries, but rangers can direct you to public lands away from other campers. Lincoln County also is known for its pine nut-gathering, Christmas-tree cutting, and wild game hunting.

Travelers without a tent or motor home can opt for one of the 83 motel/hotel rooms in Pioche or Caliente. Early reservations are suggested because visitors often reserve rooms as much as a year in advance, particularly for Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. An early start also is recommended for those wanting a campground or RV spot during summer.

A trip to Lincoln County's state parks should begin at the regional visitor center, which is located two miles northwest of Panaca at the entrance to Cathedral Gorge. The center (775-728-4460) has information on area attractions and events, maps, brochures, exhibits, and a gift shop. Ranger Barbara Rohde conducts programs and hikes April through October at Cathedral Gorge. Walks are planned May 27 and September 2 at Beaver Dam. A tip: in late summer, ask locals for suggestions on where you can purchase produce raised by Panaca residents. The tomatoes and corn are excellent. In Caliente, you can check out the Farmer's Market every Friday evening.



1. Spring Valley

2 & 3. Cathedral Gorge

4. Elgin One-Room School State Historic Site









NEVADA ONLINE

Visit **nevadamagazine.com** for information on Lincoln County area attractions, events, and accommodations, such as RV parks, hotels/motels, and restaurants. Other helpful Web sites include **piochenevada.com**, **lincolncountynevada.com**, and **parks.nv.gov**.

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Cathedral Gorge is often compared to a small-scale Bryce Canyon. The site's clay spires and cave-like recesses are the remnants of an ancient lakebed. The ghostly rock formations were formed by wind, water, and erosion. Because of its buff color, the lunar-like landscape is a challenge for photographers and best snapped early or late in the day.

Wildlife at Cathedral Gorge includes small hawks, roadrunners, hummingbirds, coyotes, kit foxes, jackrabbits, and deer. The park has 24 campsites, restrooms, showers, and a large picnic area.

Echo Canyon and Spring Valley, located 12 miles east and 18 miles northeast of Pioche, respectively, have reservoirs stocked with trout. Both parks were created to provide water storage and flood control for downstream ranches. At 65 acres, Echo Canyon's reservoir has a boat launch, as does the 59-acre lake at Spring Valley.

Echo Canyon has 33 campsites, picnic tables, and the challenging Ash Canyon hiking trail, a 2.5-mile trek that climbs 800 feet in one-third mile before dropping into the canyon. Birdwatchers can spot blue herons and loons in summer and in spring and fall, migratory waterfowl and wading birds.

Spring Valley has two campgrounds with a total of 42 campsites, showers, picnic tables, and a trail to the Stone Cabin. Built by Mormon pioneer Henry Rice in the 1870s, the cabin was restored in 1996. For tour information check with the ranger or call 775-962-5102.

Beaver Dam State Park, with its 33 campsites, is for the more adventurous outdoorsman. The park is located 37 miles from the regional visitor center (28 miles via dirt road off U.S. 93). Remote and primitive, Beaver Dam was designated a Watchable Wildlife Area by Watchable Wildlife, Inc., a nonprofit group that published the *Nevada Wildlife Viewing Guide*. Look for mule deer, coyotes, porcupines, wild turkeys, or blue herons. Trailers and motor homes more than 24 feet long are not advised. Beaver Dam is being redeveloped after a 2005 flood destroyed Schroeder Dam.

Kershaw-Ryan, Elgin School House, and apples await picnickers and sightseers traveling S.R. 317 south of Caliente.

There are no camping facilities at Kershaw-Ryan, one of Nevada's most beautiful parks and, at 264 acres, one of the smallest. Located two miles south of Caliente, Kershaw-Ryan is tucked between steep volcanic cliffs covered with wild grapevines. Springs feed the vines and the wild horses, deer, coyotes, and variety of birds that drop by. The park's picnic area has horseshoe pits, volleyball courts, and a wading pond, and there are great views of Rainbow Canyon from the Overlook Trail.

Further south of Kershaw-Ryan is the End of the Rainbow, home of the Elgin One-Room School House and the Bradshaw Ranch.

The school, which served students from railroad and ranching families from 1922 to 1968, has been carefully restored. Deeded by the Bradshaw family to State Parks in 2005, the historic building's interior has been decorated with donations of original furnishings. Museum hours can fluctuate. Call the regional visitor center for times and tours.

Across the road from the school is the Bradshaw Ranch with 2,000 apple trees. Don Bradshaw raises four varieties of the organically grown fruit: red and golden delicious, Jonathan, and Winesap. During September and October you can pick your own for $7 per bucket. Call 775-726-3373.

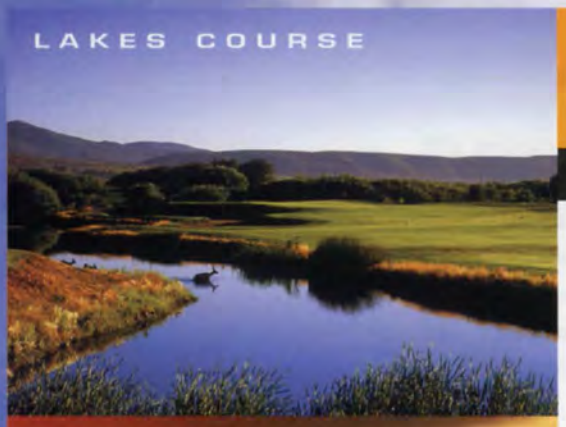
Picking apples is on my to-do list when I attend Pioche's Labor Day weekend celebration. Although the embers may glow in a barbecue instead of a campfire this year, you can bet there'll be a song sung there somewhere.

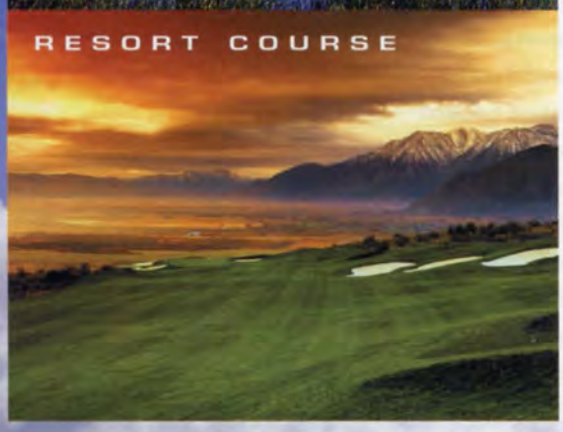


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Thousands of geological formations on public lands in Lincoln County are waiting to be photographed for the Greater Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce's Name the Rock Photo Contest. Photographers are invited to submit up to six photos of rock formations—giving each formation a catchy name—by the week after Labor Day. Prizes will be given to the top three entries based on quality of the photo and name. For contest rules visit **lincolncountynevada.com** or write to the chamber at Box 915, Panaca, NV 89042.

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Edgewood's Edge

When executive chef Frank Stagnaro is asked what makes Edgewood Tahoe Restaurant stand out, he doesn't rattle off exquisite entrées or a doozy of desserts. In fact, he doesn't utter a word. He pauses, smiles slyly, and points at Nevada and California's most serene natural wonder, Lake Tahoe, viewable through tall, triangular windows from all of the restaurant's white tablecloth settings. With such an amazing expanse of liquid blue and Sierra Nevada for customers to gaze on, Stagnaro could probably get away with serving tuna casserole.

Don't worry, food lovers. For Stagnaro's 15 years at the restaurant—near South Lake Tahoe and next to Edgewood's 18-hole lakeside golf course—fine dining has been the norm in the mountain-style clubhouse. "What you can get here that you can't get in a lot of places is a consistent, high-quality, great-value product with good service," says Stagnaro, an Oakland, California, native with Italian roots. "It's all part of the meal."

A few dishes you'll find on the menu are an ostrich medallion appetizer ($11.25); ahi and avocado napoleon salad ($9.75); entrées like stuffed chicken breast ($21.75), sautéed marinated prawns ($26.75), seared elk chops ($30.75, see recipe), and aged angus filet mignon ($33.75); and six $8 desserts.

Unlike most executive chefs, Stagnaro prepares many dishes himself, a part of the job he enjoys. But it's not the best part. "I play golf at least once a week here in the summertime," says Stagnaro, referring to the George Fazio-designed Edgewood course that opened in 1968. "It's well maintained, and it's absolutely beautiful, especially the holes near the water. When I got this job, I became one of the most popular golfers around." That's because Stagnaro can always entertain friends and family with a free round of golf.

When he's not polishing his golf game, Stagnaro stays busy serving group functions, mostly weddings. "We have a huge banquet business," he says. "We rock in the summertime." The most glittering gathering comes every July when 80 or so celebrity golfers flock to the property for the American Century Championship. For one week, celebrity madness rules at Edgewood. "I'm not a big celebrity guy, but I have met Michael Jordan and Lance Armstrong," Stagnaro says. "We have a celebrity chef come in every year, too—a celebrity chef for the celebrities," he adds, laughing.

During the warmer months, the restaurant is open nightly from 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday to Sunday during the colder months. Call ahead for reservations. From May to October, Brooks' sports bar serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the clubhouse.

—MATTHEW B. BROWN

SEARED ELK CHOPS WITH SUN-DRIED CHERRY SAUCE

CHERRY SAUCE

- 2 cups diced yellow onions
- 4 peeled, diced shallots
- 1 diced carrot
- 2 diced celery stalks
- 2 cups cabernet
- 1/4 cup cherry brandy
- 8 ounces sun-dried tart cherries
- 4 cups demi-glace (veal stock)

Sauté onions, shallots, carrot, and celery until slightly browned. Add cabernet, cherry brandy, and sun-dried cherries. Reduce liquid by half. Add demi-glace and reduce by half. Whirl in blender, and pass through a chinoise (strainer). Set aside.

ELK CHOPS

- 2 to 4 Cervena elk chops (Note: the best way to acquire elk is via the Internet)
- Cabernet

Sear elk chops until browned, flip, and place in 375-degree oven. Cook eight to 10 minutes. Remove from pan and set aside.

Deglaze pan with cabernet to loosen brown bits. Add cherry sauce to pan. Place chops on plate and drizzle with cherry sauce.

Presentation: Edgewood serves the chops on top of grilled polenta cakes next to roasted beets and steamed asparagus.







NEVADA ONLINE For Legado's osso buco-style pork shanks (above) and Wynn's chorizo-stuffed flank steak, visit **nevadamagazine.com**.

Lovely views and tables dressed in crisp linens are hallmarks of Dayton Valley's Legado Grille (top) and Wynn's Country Club (opposite page).

Legado Calm

After finishing a round at the Arnold Palmer-designed Dayton Valley Golf Club you can relax in wide comfy chairs at the Legado Bar and Grille. Deep lavenders and earthy beiges create a serene feel in the Southwestern-themed dining room, which looks onto the course through tall windows on either side of the bar.

The Legado's chef, Leo Mordhorst, came a year ago to Dayton, a growing community 12 miles east of Carson City, but he's no stranger to Northern Nevada. Mordhorst was chef for Harvey Gross when Harveys Casino-Hotel opened at Lake Tahoe in 1963. Mordhorst returned to the area after cooking at Maxim's in Paris, the Ritz-Carlton at Rancho Mirage, and many five-star hotels in Germany, Switzerland, and the United States.

"I like the atmosphere, the surroundings, and some day I'll get to play more golf than I do now," says the Chicago-born Mordhorst, whose grandchildren live nearby, another reason he moved to Dayton.

Mordhorst draws upon fresh ingredients and his background in classic French cuisine—the "mother of all cooking," he says—to plan the Legado menu daily. "To create a new and innovative dish you have to know the foundations," Mordhorst says. "You have to know what cream and butter can do."

But his menus reflect a Mediterranean influence, too, with generous applications of olive oil and tomatoes. Main dishes ($15.95 to $18.95) range from fettuccine with chicken, sun-dried tomato, and asiago Alfredo sauce to osso buco-style pork shanks. Angus beef steaks are charbroiled to order. The lunch menu ($5.95 to $10.95) appeals to all appetites and offers a cup of minestrone, salads, specials like chicken cacciatore, cooked-to-order burgers, and the "ultimate" roast beef sandwich. You can top off your meal with spumoni Amaretto cheesecake or a rich gourmet ice cream. The restaurant is open daily, with Sunday brunch and a themed buffet on Wednesday. —JOYCE HOLLISTER

Wynn's Prime Cuts

Wynn Las Vegas is an environment staged solely for escape—a kind of symbiosis of nature and the high life. In keeping with this world-within-a-world concept, the resort has an 18-hole golf course and an adjoining restaurant called The Country Club ... A New American Steakhouse, which feels about as Vegas-y as a mountain retreat.

The restaurant provides both indoor and patio views of the course's lush landscape, including a cascading waterfall, mature trees, and flowering shrubs. The décor has the elegance of a mature East Coast club with a large fireplace, mahogany furniture, and a tartan carpet in greens and reds.

On any given afternoon, you will find golfers in casual attire sitting side-by-side with businesspeople wooing clients and travelers looking for an escape from the bustle of Las Vegas Boulevard. They may be attracted to the atmosphere, but what keeps them coming back is a steakhouse concept taken to another plateau. This is fine dining, from the Black Angus sirloin burger to Kobe beef carpaccio dressed with a black truffle vinaigrette.

"We look for the best available prime cuts of beef in the country, corn fed, aged for 21 days," notes executive chef Rene



Lenger. "It's a constant search to get the best meat in this country, and on a biweekly or weekly [basis] we go out to taste the meat and get the best product."

The French dip is made from prime rib and finished with caramelized onions and a mustard cream, while the flank steak is rolled with chorizo, pine nuts, orange zest, thyme, and sherry vinegar.

The mouth-watering meats are accompanied by side dishes such as truffle cream spinach or the popular Country Club Crisp Potatoes, which are poached in duck fat before being roasted in the oven with fresh garlic. The menu is sprinkled with inspirations such as an appetizer of roasted quail with wild mushrooms and fruit chutney (starters range in price from $9 to $20), and entrées such as roasted free-range chicken, herb-crusted Colorado lamb chops, Chilean sea bass, and a red snapper with sweet pea verjus sauce ($16-$46).

The restaurant, open to the public for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, is located at the far end of the casino, adjacent to the pro shop. The lounge menu is available from 3 to 5 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended for dinner. —JOAN PATTERSON

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BY JESSIE LANGLEY

Players and nongolfers alike find the good life in Nevada s golfing communities

This page: A great room and a marble-lined bath are features in the Seville model at Reno's Somersett golf community.

Opposite page: Rhodes Ranch in Las Vegas offers homes with two-story living spaces and second-floor balconies.



TO SOME NEVADANS, GOLF is as good as it gets, and dwelling on or near the greens is a hole-in-one lifestyle. But nongolfers also like living in a master-planned community where they're surrounded by meticulously maintained green spaces and families can gather at the clubhouse with friends. Following are four such Nevada developments.





Somersett

Meet Dave Hughes, who lives on the 16th hole of an 18-hole Tom Kite-designed course—the centerpiece of Somersett, a master-planned community in west Reno. "The first time we saw this golf community we knew it was a natural fit," Hughes says. "We like the social life here. We play golf and travel with our neighbors."

Hughes produces "Those Golf Guys," which airs on Reno's CBS affiliate, KTVN-TV, Channel 2. Hughes and his wife, Bonnie, a Somersett Ladies Country Golf Association member, hit the course about two to three times a week, as do their two teenage sons and daughter.

The couple bought their house when the community, which rests against a dramatic backdrop of high-desert mountains, opened three years ago. It will ultimately contain 3,300 homes.

The 5,729-square-foot Seville model by Toll Brothers, which is located inside Sonterra, Somersett's new gated community, is the neighborhood mansion, priced at close to $1 million. The home's large master suite can become a secluded retreat for the tired golfer. After a challenging 18 holes, she can rest her tired muscles in the jetted tub and relax in the sitting area with a cool glass of tea. Later, she can host a get-together with her golfing buddies in the large courtyard adjacent to the kitchen and family room.

The community, which will be built out in another three years, also offers a nine-hole, par-3 executive course, Canyon Nine. Residents can use the course for $5, visit the $9 million recreational center, and hike and bike on 27 miles of trails. (somersett.com, 775-746-7222)

Rhodes Ranch

Rhodes Ranch in Las Vegas is home to the 18-hole, Ted Robinson-designed golf course, which opened in 1997 The course has a resort feel with waterfalls, palm trees, and pools of water.

In addition to catering to retirees and golf-lovers, this development is family friendly. A seven-acre water and recreational park, The Fun Zone, will open this spring, with water slides, a lagoon pool, rope bridges, and squirt gun stations. The area also will offer a lap pool, spas, cabanas, tennis, basketball, and sandy volleyball courts.

After a round of golf or tennis, the homeowner can put his feet up in a deluxe second-floor master suite in The Collection Van Gogh, Rhodes Homes' top-of-the line design at 4,138 square feet and priced at more than $800,000. Later, he can sip his wine on the adjacent balcony. When night falls, he can adjourn to the third-story loft for some ESPN time or get caught up on office work.

The three-story home offers five bedrooms and four baths, large guest room off the patio, kitchen with breakfast nook, dining area, library, bonus room, and three-car

tandem garage. Interior features include nine-foot vaulted ceilings and Euro-design cabinetry.

The 162-acre master-planned community, which lies in the southwestern valley against the dusky Spring Mountains, is still under construction and offers homes from the high $300,000s to nearly $1 million. (rhodes homes.com, 702-740-4111)

Mountain Falls

With housing prices skyrocketing, many folks are looking to rural areas for their little slice of the grassy ninth hole. In Pahrump that means Mountain Falls, a master-planned golf course community designed by William Lyon Homes. Pahrump, a satellite community of Las Vegas, has ballooned to more than 35,000 people, and a growing percentage of them commute to their larger neighbor.

The 18-hole golf course, which opened in 2002, features pockets of water lying in a nest of lush green grass lined with Mondale pines and poplars, silhouetted against the rugged desert. Cal Olson designed the back nine, and the Nicklaus Design team created the other nine holes.

Four William Lyon Homes neighborhoods offer Tuscan-style homes from 1,429 to 2,897 square feet with prices ranging from the mid $200,000s to the high $300,000s—about 30 percent less than a comparable home in the Las Vegas Valley. At Bella Sera, residents can house out-of-town guests in a quaint casita off the entry courtyard. Later, the family and guests can enjoy dinner in the great room or gather on the back patio.


Montaña

The homes range from 2,495 to 2,897 square feet with three to five bedrooms and two-and-a-half to three-and-a-half baths and three-car garages. They feature custom recessed lighting, walk-in closets, ceramic tile entries, and in the kitchens oak cabinets and food preparation islands with counter seating. Classic Homes, Desert Wind Homes, and Celebrate Homes will debut this year. (mountainfalls.com, 866-468-3255)

Montaña

Last summer Monterey Development Group opened model homes at Montaña at Genoa Lakes Golf Resort, a gated community nestled between Reno and Lake Tahoe anchored by a par-72 course designed by Peter Jacobsen and John Harbottle.


Mountain Falls


Montaña

Montaña lies two miles north of the 10-year-old Genoa Lakes Golf Club and community, site of the area's first 18-hole course, which was designed by Johnny Miller. In 2005 the two golf courses merged, offering residents access to both courses and clubhouses. Montaña's 8,000-square-foot recreation and fitness center with pool and tennis courts will open October 1.

Craftsman- and European-style homes on one-quarter to one-half acre sites have views of 10,000-foot Sierra Nevada peaks. The Denali is the crown jewel of the semi-custom residences. The 4,492-square-foot luxury home features 10-foot ceilings, a spiral staircase with solid maple railings, Kohler china bathroom basins, and granite-slab kitchen countertops. It includes four bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths, bonus room, master suite, guest suite, courtyard, and study. Homes range from 3,000 to 4,500 square feet with prices starting in the high $700,000s. (mdghomes.com, 775-783-4951)

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Laughlin Ranch
This residential golf community is in Laughlin near the Arizona/Nevada border on the Colorado River. Laughlin Ranch features an 18-hole David Druzisky course that's one of four planned golf courses for the development. Various architects and designers, including "green" builders, design custom homes. (laughlinranch.com, 866-866-5720)

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The 1,100-acre master-planned community, Mesquite Vistas, is about an hour's drive from Las Vegas and features the Arnold Palmer-designed Palmer Golf Course and the Canyons Golf Course. One- and two-story Southwestern-style homes have course views. (mesquitevistas.com, 800-346-7990)

Montrêux
This Reno development features a Nicklaus-signature 18-hole private golf course. There is a 19th hole designed by Patty Sheehan, three practice holes, and a 33,000-square-foot clubhouse. Montrêux is home to the Reno-Tahoe Open, an official PGA Tour event. Building sites and luxury homes and cottages are available. (montreuxgolf.com, 775-849-9444)

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playing dress up

Mom shares a love of culture with her young daughters in Las Vegas

BY CORRINE FULTON
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ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF LIVING IN LAS VEGAS is having access to music and theater. Although this may evoke images of feathered headpieces or blue makeup, the city's residents know that cultural events—concerts, plays, and ballet—can be found here as well. Now that my girls are old enough, it is this cultural side of Vegas that I want to introduce them to, in a way that they will always treasure.

I let the girls choose their own cultural events to attend. First, however, comes a shopping trip to Strasburg for new dresses. Influenced by the characters Nellie and Samantha from the early 20th-century *American Girl* book series, we peruse the racks at the shop, which specializes in heirloom clothing. Ten-year-old Ellcha decides on a pink silk dress with tiny buttons up the back and a white bow, and Spring, eight, picks a matching blue gown. On the way home, I explain that when we go out, we will have to mind our manners. They sit up straighter.



Ellcha has been playing the violin for a year and a half and wants to see "Peter and the Wolf" performed by the Las Vegas Philharmonic. After waiting patiently for our tickets to arrive, Ellcha is thrilled when it's time to attend the concert. With two dozen violinists to watch, she gently taps along to the music in her new velvet shoes.

Spring has taken dance classes intermittently since she was four, so she selects the "Nutcracker" at the Nevada Ballet Theatre. In the weeks leading up to the ballet, Spring has told everyone she knows about the outing. As she sits in the theater next to Ellcha and me, hands folded in her lap, the magic in her eyes lets me know that she gets it.

"This is Tchaikovsky, Mommy," she whispers.

Facing page: Spring (left) and Ellcha sit in a puddle of silk. Above right, 10-year-old Ellcha and Spring, eight, wait for the ballet to begin.







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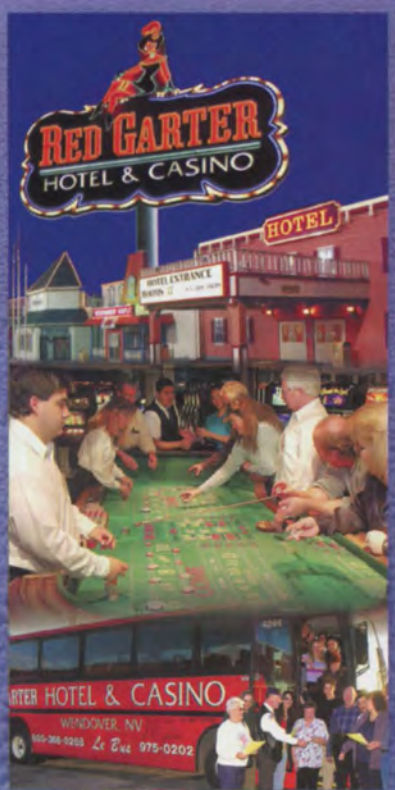
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She's got the looks, but she's got game, too. In 1997 at age 14, the Sacramento native was the youngest player to qualify for an LPGA tournament, until 12-year-old Michelle Wie broke the record in 2002. In her sixth pro season, Gulbis has yet to win a tournament on the LPGA Tour, but she has three top-five finishes in majors. It's only a matter of time before the 24-year-old hoists a first-place tour trophy.

After playing a round of golf at her favorite Nevada course, Reflection Bay, in February, Gulbis spoke with *Nevada Magazine* associate editor Matthew B. Brown.

Q A few years ago you moved to Lake Las Vegas. Why?

A I like the sun [laughs]. My instructor, Butch Harmon, is based in Las Vegas, and I wanted to do everything I could to improve my golf game. The easiest way for me to get to him was to move to Las Vegas.

Q How much does it matter to you to earn that first LPGA victory?

A A lot. It's why I practice every day and why I compete every week on tour.

Q With so much going on in your life outside of golf, is it ever difficult to focus on your game?

A No, but at times it gets tough to say no to some of the cool things I get invited to.

Q What's it like starring in a reality TV show?

A It's not as bad as I originally [thought] because I can be myself. And that's what makes me feel at ease. They're just shooting me as I am—a golfer, daughter, and friend, and hopefully that's what they can capture, my personality.

Q Reflecting on your own career, do you see a problem with teenaged athletes becoming involved at the professional level?

A Absolutely not. Sports has done so much for me, and growing up as an athlete provided me with such a positive state of mind. I attribute a lot of the success I've had in life to golf, to being an athlete.

Q What's one tip you'd give to recreational golfers?

A They should really work hard on their alignment and setup, how they address the ball. There's so much of the golf swing that can be fixed by your setup, for a professional, amateur, everybody.

Q Australian Open chairman Paul McNamee said earlier this year, "I think women's sports needs to be unashamedly glamorous." What's your take?

A I think what's really neat right now in women's sports is that women are being recognized for their athletic ability, the way they play, their personality—and their looks.

Q I read that at one time women's committees at some golf clubs would measure the lengths of players' skirts. Could you have played under that scrutiny?

A I've had my skirts measured before. At certain golf clubs they have very strict dress-code policies. It's like anything else. You have a dress code in golf, at a nice restaurant, or at work. You have things that you can and can't wear

Q How much attention is given to fashion on the women's tour?

A Lots. Style and fashion have really changed in women's golf. One of my friends on tour, [Annika Sorenstam], has her own clothing line and is very into fashion and design. She just happens to be the number one player in the world. A lot of players have clothing deals and are very proud of their clothing because it fits their personalities. Let's face it, they're females, and females tend to like clothes and style.

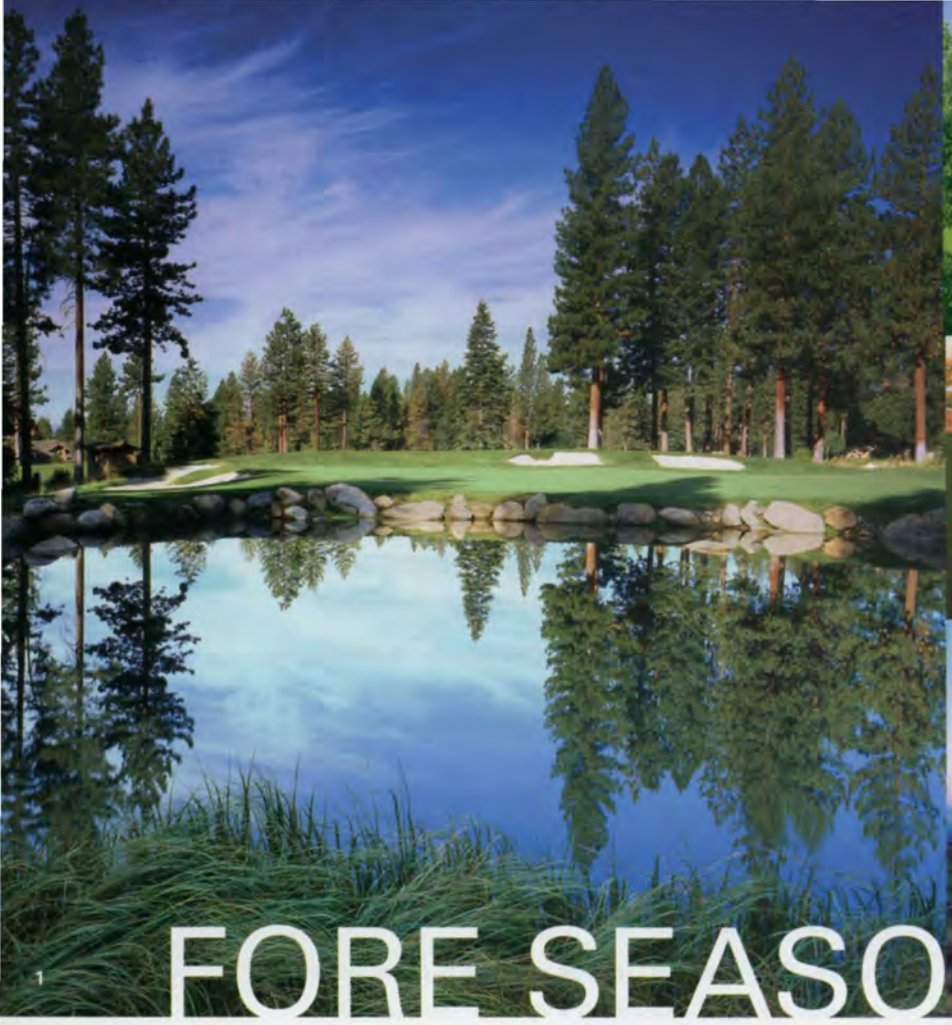
Q What was it like playing on the boys' golf team at Granite Bay High School in California?

A It taught me a lot about my golf game and was a very intricate part of my getting into professional golf. I loved the competitiveness of it.

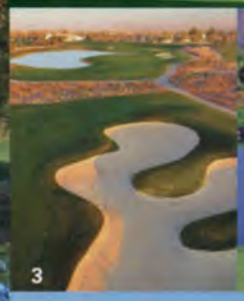
Q Tiger Woods is an intimidating force on the PGA Tour. Is there a woman player that strikes fear in you?

A No. If I had to play against Tiger Woods, yes.

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FORE SEASONS

In Nevada, you can tee off any day of the year

BY KEN VAN VECHTEN

THE SILVER STATE TURNS UP A LOT OF GREEN regardless of the season, and that's pure gold for golfers. From the glamour of Glitter Gulch to the big skies up north, there's a course and just-right weather year-round. And if the nongolfer in your group is clamoring for attention: Hello, it *is* Nevada. There is at least one great trail, museum, restaurant, shop, historic site, casino, or secret government installation worth visiting for every golf hole you can name.

With spring sprung, montane golf is back in swing. The north end of Tahoe's Incline Village Golf Courses serve up a tasty Robert Trent Jones Sr. and Jr. father-and-son double. The late, great elder's Championship Course is one of the West's best-kept secrets. Jones Jr.'s Mountain Course, perhaps fittingly, is a chip off the old block as it checks in with a par 58. This is high-altitude golf, so the rock flies, but the alpine views divert attention from the corridors of pines that must be threaded. ($165, $65. Rates quoted are high-season rack; twilight, midweek, seasonal, and/or package reductions may apply.)

The continental side of the Sierra is hot, from a golfing point of view. Of the several Reno-area courses that vie for top billing, a couple always rise to the top. ArrowCreek Country Club is a 36-hole private club allowing public play on its Arnold Palmer-penned Legend Course, one of the best to come out of the King's design house. ($100)

With courses by Jones Jr. and Hale Irwin and an 18-hole putting course for resolving disputes, the Resort at Red Hawk is about choices. Irwin's open, ambling Hills Course is private but available on a limited basis with a $30 upcharge. Cottonwoods and lakes are prominent on the Jones course. ($125)

Divine 9 is comprised of eight Carson City-area clubs that have banded together to bring players to the capital and environs. Carson Valley, Dayton Valley, Eagle Valley (East and West), Empire Ranch, Genoa Lakes Golf Club, Genoa Lakes Golf Resort, Silver Oak, and Sunridge embrace an array of styles, looks, and prices. Palmer, Johnny Miller, and Peter Jacobsen handled some of the design duties. ($25-$120)

At Toana Vista Golf Course out West Wendover way, a long, narrow target-oriented design grabs golfers' immediate attention. The long-range vistas over the Bonneville Salt Flats hoving into Utah allow those with an imaginative bent to see the curvature of the earth. That's not your usual fade or draw, is it? ($43)

Don't be put off by summer in the flatlands; it's golf, not

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marathon running. But if it all seems just too Bedouin, wait till fall and winter arrive, lifting the veil of heat.

OK, Primm Valley Golf Club isn't Shadow Creek, even if Tom Fazio dictated the action at both. Primm is 40 miles south of Las Vegas and the course is in, shhhh, California. The Lakes Course gets the attention; save the tree and water for the Carolinas and play the enthralling Desert Course. ($175, $200)

Divide and conquer sums up the design philosophy at Arroyo Golf Club at Red Rock, half of a 36-hole private-public facility on Vegas' western edge in Summerlin. Aside from the views, Arroyo gives players the chance to experience the work of one of the greatest players of all time and one of its most prolific designers—Palmer. ($189)

Don't buy that garbage you hear about "links-style." Can't happen. You're in the desert. Play desert golf. And no one serves up desert golf in all its raucous, thorny glory as well as Summerlin's 27-hole Badlands Golf Club, by Hall of Famer Miller. ($200)

Artifice does not just rule the Sin City skyline. When it comes to elsewhere-in-Vegas, Bali Hai Golf Club's south Strip locale sporting a South Seas look might be incongruous, but the swaying palms, shimmering waters, and shock-white sand say otherwise. ($325)

Great golf. Great price. You can find 'em together at Henderson's Black Mountain Golf & Country Club. Black Mountain offers 27 holes, and that's one part of this game where more is always better. The paternity is varied, as the three nines appeared in 1957 1963, and 2002, respectively. That genetic diversity produced some unique playing attributes. ($95)

That's a lot of turf to cover chasing a little white ball. But all across Nevada it's worth the effort. And it's nice to be able to find a good game, whatever the season.

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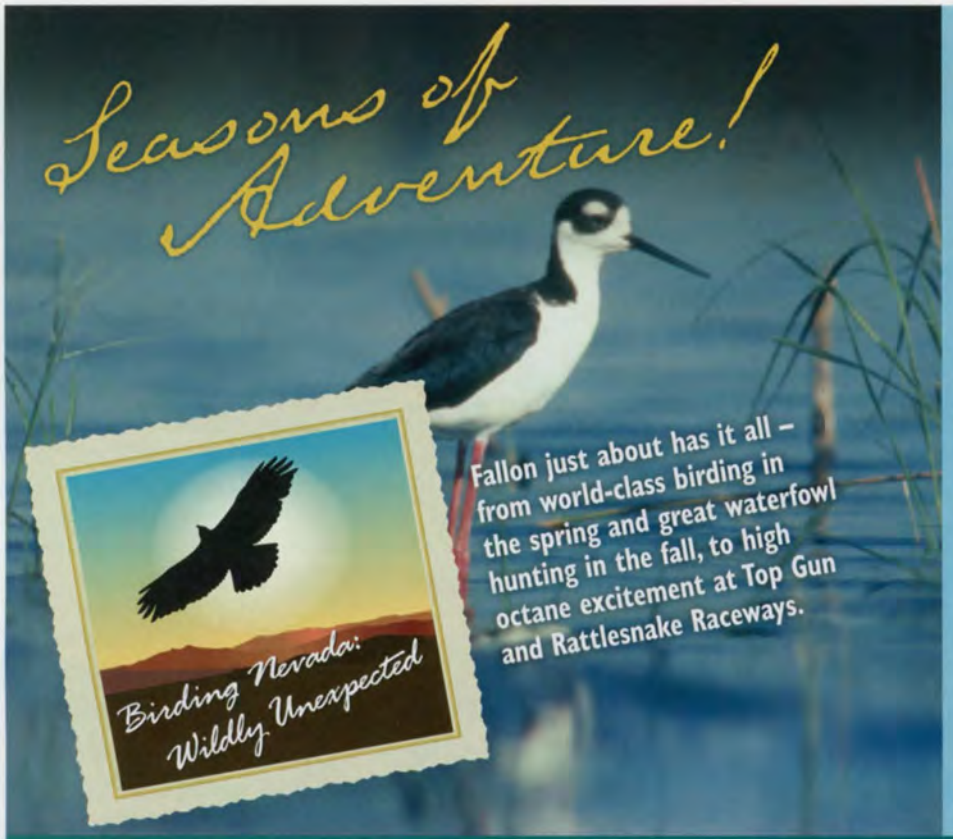
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ARROYO GOLF CLUB AT RED ROCK	2250 C Red Springs Dr	702-258-2300	800-934-4653	arroyogolfclubatredrock.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	call
BADLANDS GOLF CLUB	9119 Alta Dr	702-363-0754	888-TROON-US	badlandsgc.com	Jan-Dec	27	72	80-200
BALI HAI GOLF CLUB	5160 Las Vegas Blvd S	702-450-8170	888-427-6678	balihaigolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	125-325
BEAR'S BEST GOLF CLUB	11111 W Flamingo Rd	702-804-8500	866-385-8500	bearsbest.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	205-255
CALLAWAY GOLF CENTER	6730 Las Vegas Blvd S	702-896-4100			Jan-Dec	9	27	30-37
CRAIG RANCH GOLF COURSE	628 W Craig Rd	702-642-9700			Jan-Dec	18	70	19-35
DESERT PINES GOLF CLUB	3415 E Bonanza Rd	702-450-8170	888-427-6678	waltersgolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	59-165
DESERT ROSE GOLF COURSE	5483 Club House Dr	702-431-4653		americangolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	34-80
DURANGO HILLS GOLF CLUB	3501 N Durango Dr	702-229-4653		durangohillsgolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	58	17-45
EAGLE CREST GOLF CLUB Sun City	2203 Thomas Ryan Blvd	702-240-1320		golfsummerlin.com	Jan-Dec	18	60	30-70
HIGHLAND FALLS GOLF CLUB Sun City	10201 Sun City Blvd	702-254-7010		golfsummerlin.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	40-100
LAS VEGAS GOLF CLUB	4300 W Washington Ave	702-646-3003		americangolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	49-99
LAS VEGAS NATIONAL GOLF CLUB	1911 E Desert Inn Rd	702-734-1796		lasvegasnational.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	59-179
LAS VEGAS PAIUTE RESORT Snow Mountain Course	10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd	702-658-1400	800-711-2833	lvpaiutegolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	95-189
LAS VEGAS PAIUTE RESORT Sun Mountain Course	10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd	702-658-1400	800-711-2833	lvpaiutegolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	95-189
LAS VEGAS PAIUTE RESORT Wolf Course	10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd	702-658-1400	800-711-2833	lvpaiutegolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	110-215
LOS PRADOS COUNTRY CLUB	5150 Los Prados Cir	702-645-5696		losprados-golf.com	Jan-Dec	18	70	25-70
NORTH LAS VEGAS GOLF COURSE	324 E Brooks Ave	702-633-1833		cityofnorthlasvegas.com	Jan-Dec	9	27	7-18
PAINTED DESERT GOLF CLUB	5555 Painted Mirage Rd	702-645-2570		painteddesertgc.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	45-159
PALM VALLEY GOLF CLUB Sun City	9201 Del Webb Blvd	702-363-4373		golfsummerlin.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	40-100
RHODES RANCH GOLF CLUB	20 Rhodes Ranch Pkwy	702-740-4114	888-311-TEES	rhodesranch.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	50-130
ROYAL LINKS GOLF CLUB	5995 E Vegas Valley	702-450-8170	888-427-6678	royallinksgolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	100-250
SHADOW CREEK	3 Shadow Creek Dr	702-791-7111	866-260-0069	shadowcreek.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	500
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SILVERSTONE GOLF CLUB	8600 Cupp Dr	702-562-3770	877-888-2127	silverstonegolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	27	72	35-165
STALLION MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB Secretariat Course	5500 E Flamingo Rd	702-450-8000	888-397-2499	stallionmountaincc.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	60-195

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SUNRISE VISTA GOLF COURSE Nellis AFB (Military Use Only) Eagle/Falcon Course	2841 Kinley Dr	702-652-2602		nellisservices.com/golf.asp	Jan-Dec	18	72	25-45
SUNRISE VISTA GOLF COURSE Nellis AFB (Military Use Only) Raptor/Thunderbird Course	2841 Kinley Dr	702-652-2602		nellisservices.com/golf.asp	Jan-Dec	18	72	25-45
TOURNAMENT PLAYERS CLUB AT THE CANYONS	9851 Canyon Run Dr	702-256-2000		tpccanyons.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	170-275
WYNN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB	3131 Las Vegas Blvd S	702-770-7100	877-321-WYNN	wynnlasvegas.com	Jan-Dec	18	70	500
Laughlin								
LAUGHLIN RANCH GOLF CLUB	1360 William Hardy Dr	928-754-1243	866- 684-GOLF	laughlinranch.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	65-145
MOJAVE RESORT GOLF CLUB	9905 Aha Macav Pkwy	702-535-4653		mojaveresortgolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	39-99
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CASABLANCA GOLF CLUB	1100 W Hafen Ln	702-346-6764	888-711-GOLF	golfmesquitenevada.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	80-100
FALCON RIDGE GOLF COURSE	1024 Normandy Ln	702-346-6363	877-270-4653	golffalcon.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	45-110
OASIS GOLF CLUB Canyons Course	100 Palmer Ln	702-346-7820	888-367-3386	theoasisgolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	90-110
OASIS GOLF CLUB Palmer Course	100 Palmer Ln	702-346-7820	888-367-3386	theoasisgolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	130-140
PALMS GOLF CLUB	711 Palms Blvd	702-346-5232	800-621-0187	palmsgolfclub.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	50-100
WOLF CREEK GOLF CLUB	403 Paradise Pkwy	702-346-1670	866-252-4653	golfwolfcreek.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	85-185
Pahrump								
DESERT GREENS	350 W Wilson Rd	775-751-1999		desertgreens.com	Jan-Dec	9	27	15
LAKEVIEW EXECUTIVE COURSE	1471 E Mt Charleston Dr	775-727-4040		pahrumpgolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	59	20-22
MOUNTAIN FALLS GOLF CLUB	5001 Clubhouse Dr	775-537-6553		mountainfallsgolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	40-65
WILLOW CREEK GOLF COURSE	1500 Red Butte	775-727-4653	877-779-4653	wcgolf.com	Jan-Dec	18	71	25-50
Pioche								
LINCOLN COUNTY GOLF COURSE	Off Hwy 322	775-962-5206			Jan-Dec	9	29	Donation
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PRIMM VALLEY GOLF CLUB Desert Course	1 Yates Well Rd	702-679-5509	800-386-7867	primmvalleyresorts.com	Jan-Dec	18	72	85-200
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WILDCREEK GOLF COURSE Championship Course	3500 Sullivan Ln	775-673-3100		wildcreekgc.com	Jan-Dec	27	72	30-78
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GRAEAGLE MEADOWS GOLF COURSE	P.O. Box 310, Hwy 89	530-836-2323		playgraeagle.com	Apr-Nov	18	72	30-80
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PLUMAS PINES GOLF RESORT	402 Poplar Valley Rd	530-836-1420		plumaspinesgolf.com	May-Nov	18	72	45-95
PONDEROSA GOLF COURSE	10040 Reynold Wy	530-587-3501		ponderosagolfclub.com	May-Oct	9	35	32-52
TAHOE DONNER GOLF COURSE	12850 Northwoods Blvd	530-587-9443		tahoedonner.com	May-Oct	18	72	50-130
WHITEHAWK RANCH GOLF CLUB	768 Whitehawk Dr	530-836-0394	800-332-HAWK	golfwhitehawk.com	Apr-Oct	18	71	55-135
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CRYSTAL PEAK	450 River Pines Dr	775-345-1551		verdi.us/golf.html	Mar-Dec	9	36	30-60
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CHIMNEY ROCK GOLF COURSE	750 Ventosa Ave	775-752-3928			Apr-Nov	9	70	15-25
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TOANA VISTA GOLF COURSE	2319 W Pueblo Blvd	775-664-4300	800-852-4330		Feb-Nov	18	72	32-43
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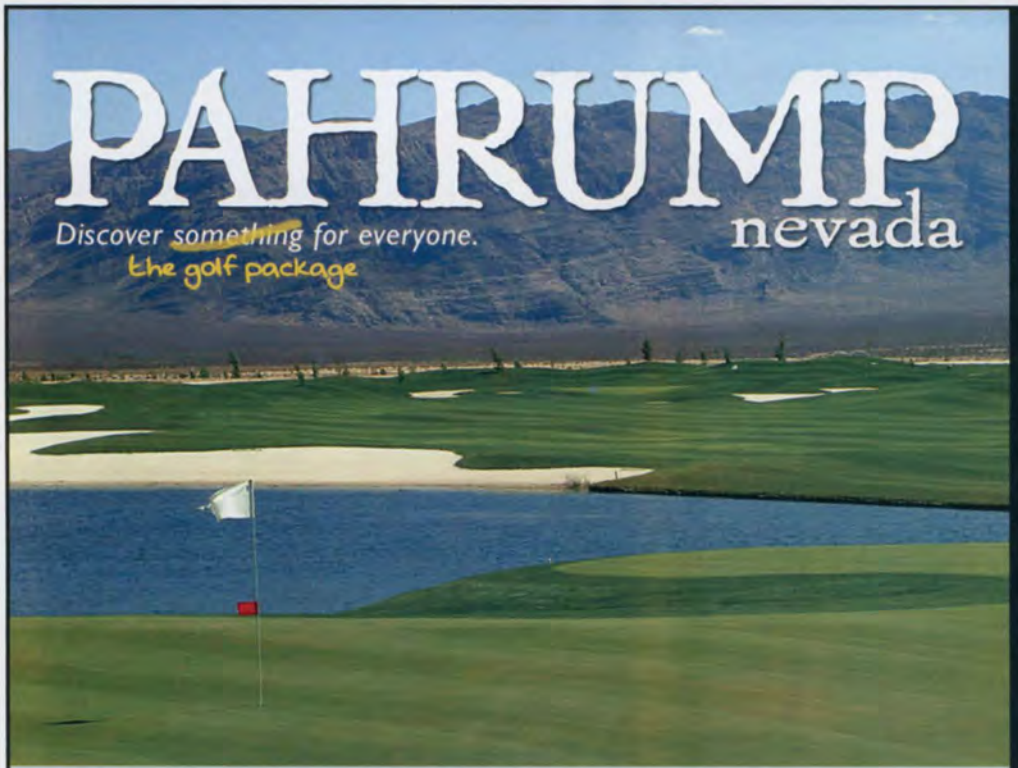
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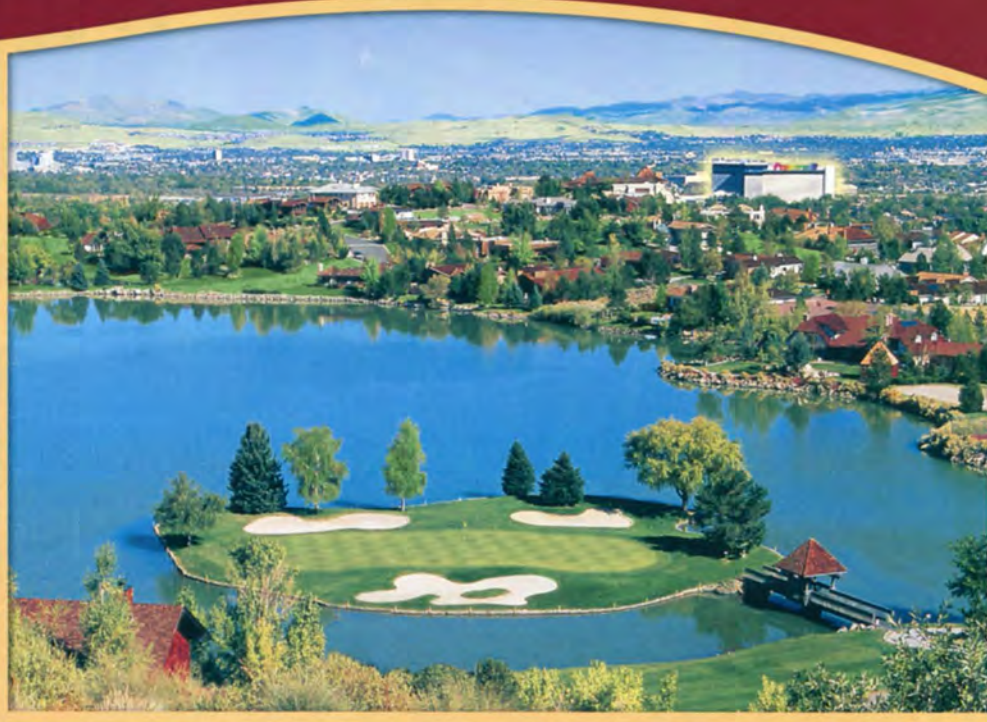
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