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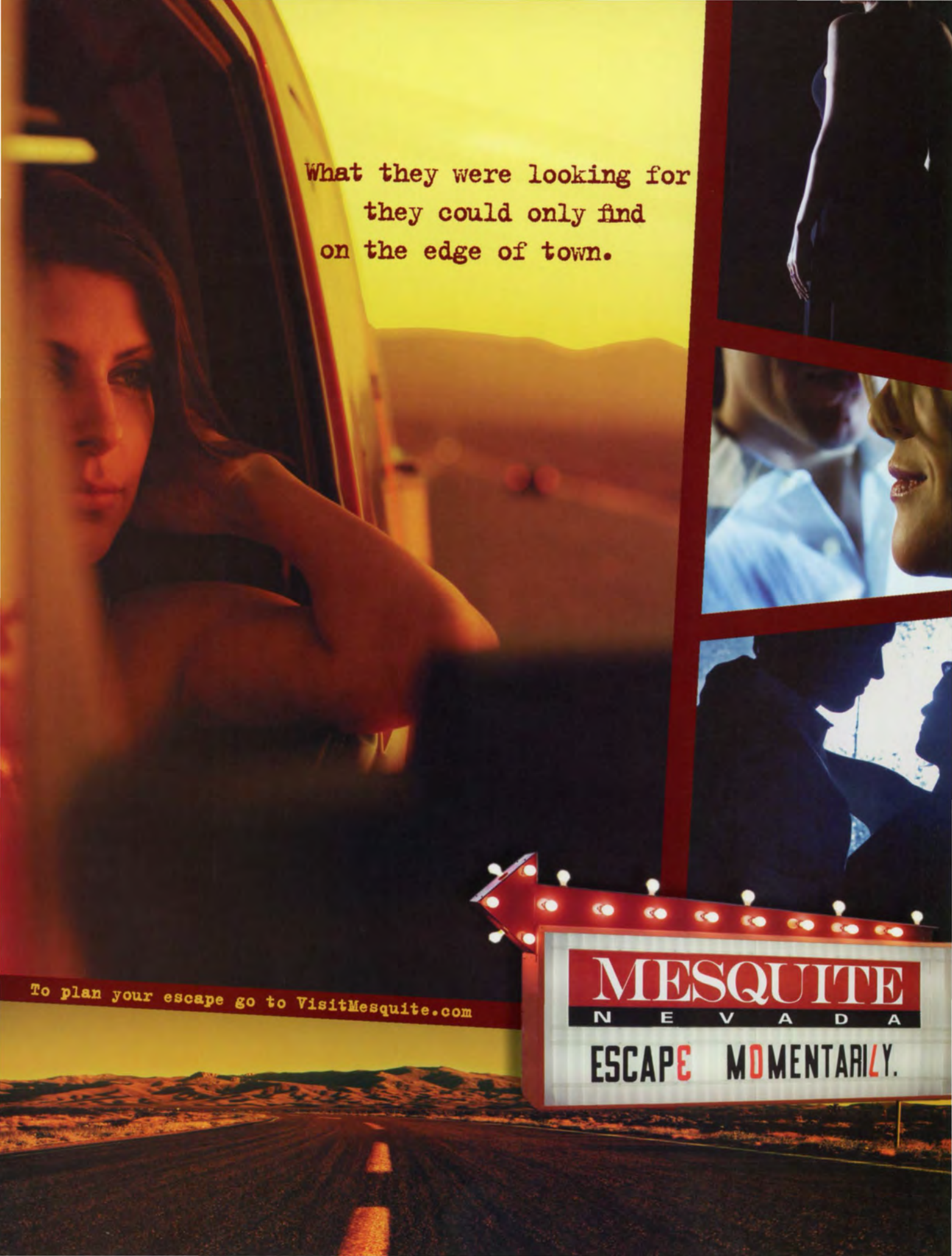
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THE NEW BEST OF NEVADA

The annual **Nevada Magazine readers' poll** of the best places to go and things to do in the Silver State is going digital.









After 10 years of marking paper ballots, beginning on February 15 you can vote for your 2008 Nevada favorites at **nevadamagazine.com.** No trees will be harmed in this year's poll!

We've also added "new" categories—such as Favorite New Restaurant and Favorite New Nevada Hideaway—and a couple of surprises.

The ballots will be tallied and the results published in the July-August 2008 issue of *Nevada Magazine*. and on nevadamagazine.com, of course.

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we've got you covered

Ever find yourself asking, "Where is that?" after reading a *Nevada Magazine* story? Not anymore. See the map below for a snapshot of Nevada places featured in this issue.

Arts and History

We visit **Fallon's** Oats Park Art Center and **Reno's** Lake Mansion.

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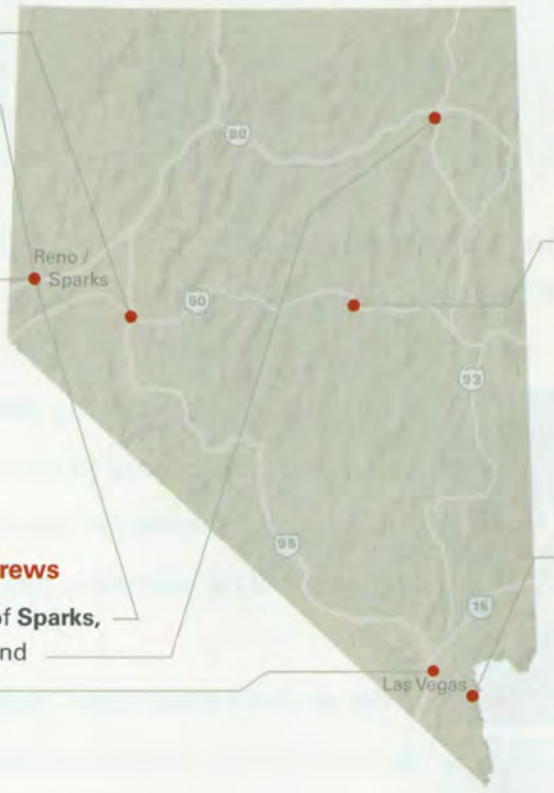
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Rural Nevada enthusiast Wally Cuchine talks about **Eureka** and art.

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A **Boulder City** couple constructs a sustainable hacienda.

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BOB BARNES

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ROGER NAYLOR

In the fifth grade, Roger Naylor discovered that his allotted lunch money would buy a fresh-grilled hamburger at a diner near his school. He never ate another sloppy Joe. The Arizona resident and former stand-up comic traveled to Vegas to write **"Patties Aplenty"** and **"Relax and Reminisce."**

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Tonopah

Tonopah. It's not a new constellation.

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And while you're waiting for all those stars to light up the heavens, spend the day underground exploring the over 100 acres of Tonopah's Historic Mining Park. It's a great way to experience the rich history of Tonopah.







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The raceway's inaugural CORR event, November 3-4, drew more than 17,000 fans. corracing.com, 866-501-2677—MIKE HENLE

The Legend Returns

The return of the Mint 400, "The Great American Desert Race," has been scheduled for March 27-30 in Las Vegas and Primm. The legendary event was run in Southern Nevada from 1968 to 1988.

Tech and contingency inspection to verify that the vehicles are fit to compete and that the proper contingency decals and their representative parts are present—a huge attraction of the old Mint 400—will again be staged on Fremont Street, March 27-28. A meet-and-greet kickoff party with the drivers and live music will be held on March 27, followed by the position-draw and drivers' meeting the next day. The race takes place March 29 in Primm, with an awards presentation on March 30. themint400.com, 702-452-4522—MIKE HENLE

NEW RESORT

Bravo at The Palazzo

Las Vegas' newest resort, The Palazzo, celebrated its grand opening in January. The all-suite resort features more than 3,000 European-designed rooms, the Canyon Ranch SpaClub, restaurants by top chefs Wolfgang Puck and Emeril Lagasse, and 450,000 square feet of retail space anchored by Barneys New York. palazzolasvegas.com, 866-263-3001

Jay-Z's 40/40 Club at The Palazzo—the newest addition to the Las Vegas sports bar scene—has 85 plasma TVs, five bars, leather couches, and five VIP rooms. The lounge-style hangout, named for the Major League Baseball milestone of 40 home runs and 40 stolen bases in a season—accomplished by only four players—is the third 40/40 location. The others are in New York and Atlantic City. the4040club.com



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REMODEL

Tahoe Queen Gets the Royal Treatment

Some might say brass isn't a precious enough metal for a 25th-anniversary gift, but the *Tahoe Queen* isn't complaining. In celebration of her quarter-century of plying Lake Tahoe, the authentic paddle wheeler is undergoing a half-million-dollar renovation, complete with a new brushed-brass look for all the deck railings.

Other improvements in the saloon-style upgrade are a new wooden railing around the third deck, an open deck with chandelier, and lounge-style furniture. The *Queen* will be out of operation for renovations from mid-March to early spring. A re-opening celebration, scheduled to coincide with the annual Battle of Paddles race against her sister ship, the *MS Dixie II*, is set for June 21.

Lake Tahoe Cruises will operate its usual ski shuttle service through early April, depending on the snowpack. Throughout the summer, the *Queen* will feature special 1983 rollback prices and '80s dress-up nights. laketahoecruises.com, 800-23-TAHOE



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Silver Trails Goes Green

Following the "green" trend sweeping the nation, Tonopah's new visitor center uses the latest technology to minimize its impact on the environment. The building, supported with a grant from the Nevada Commission on Tourism to Nevada Silver Trails, Inc., is made from recycled materials. Powered by solar and wind energy, it features a display that explains how light and wind are converted to usable power.

Visitors also can get information on local attractions, such as the Tonopah Historic Mining Park and stargazing. The center is open 24 hours a day. tonopahnevada.com, nevadasilvertrails.com, 775-482-6336



Brewery Arts Center





Nevada State Museum, formerly the U.S. Mint

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You'll love Nevada's colorful capital with attractions that appeal to so many interests. Take the Brewery Arts Center where you'll find concerts, plays, classes, and original work in the Artisan Store, 775-883-1976. Or the Nevada State Museum, a former U.S. Mint where you can walk through a silver mine, visit a life-size ghost town and more, 775-687-4810. Or the Nevada State Railroad Museum, showcasing vintage equipment like steam engines from the V & T, America's richest short line, 775-678-6953.

For directions to these attractions and more, you can call **1-800-NEVADA-1** or go to **visitcarsoncity.com**. For special offers and information, stop in at the Visitors Center, 1900 S. Carson St., Suite 100, next to Nevada State Railroad Museum.

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Peppermill Reno takes the resort concept to new heights

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

RESORT-CASINOS IN RENO AND SPARKS see 2008 as a rebuilding year, and there might even be a few new ones in the coming years if all goes as planned. Leading the way is Peppermill Reno, which opened its 19-story Tuscany Tower late last year. The highlight of the resort's $400-million expansion is the addition of 600 European-style luxury rooms, all with high-def TVs, marble bathrooms, pillow-top king-sized beds, custom-made furniture, hand-painted art, and Wi-Fi access.

Closer to the ground, the Peppermill added 62,000 square feet of meeting space with the Tuscany Ballroom, the largest free-span convention space in Northern Nevada, bringing the property's total to 102,000 square feet. Some established groups are already taking notice. The 2008 Nevada Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held at the resort in December, and one of the area's largest and most profitable conventions, Safari Club International, was held in January at the resort and will return to the Peppermill in 2009 and 2010.



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Left: The 19-story Tuscany Tower opened late last year. Penthouse suites on the 17th floor (above) can be used for receptions, meetings, and private parties. Rooms in the tower (right) have an Italian décor.

Other completed additions include Biscotti's restaurant, the Terrace Lounge, and two wedding chapels.

The Peppermill is far from finished. Projects scheduled for completion in 2008 include a new pool area, spa and salon, poolside restaurant, barbecue restaurant, and nightclub. The pool deck will include three pools, three Jacuzzis, cabanas, and Tuscan gardens, all scheduled for completion by summer. The three-story European spa and salon, set to open in September or October, will feature separate relaxation and rejuvenation spaces for men and women, an infinity pool—designed to give the visual effect of extending into the horizon—and a caldarium, a steam room modeled after those of ancient Rome.

The poolside nightclub and Caribbean steakhouse, Bimini, are scheduled to open in fall 2008. Menu highlights at the tropical eatery will include lobster fritters with Key lime butter, pistachio-crusted grouper with rock shrimp fricassee, and wood-grilled bone-in rib eye with Tortuga Rum peppercorn sauce.

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MORE RENO AREA RESORT PROJECTS

Atlantis
$50 million expansion underway. Skyway will connect resort to the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.
atlantiscasino.com
800-723-6500

Circus Circus Reno
Planning $5 million worth of improvements: renovation of north tower and the resort's first pool.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

John Ascuaga's Nugget
$15 million renovation of east tower should be finished by March.
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Olympia Gaming
Las Vegas company scheduled to break ground on 1,000-room hotel-casino in Sparks (part of Legends).
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Wildlife viewing can truly be an adventure. Nevada, no doubt, is an "adventure place," with many regions of the state still relatively unspoiled.

What better reason to explore Nevada's unique and rugged landscapes than to search out and see the wonderous wildlife species that grace our valleys, hills, lakes, and mountainsides?—MIKE COX, NDOW

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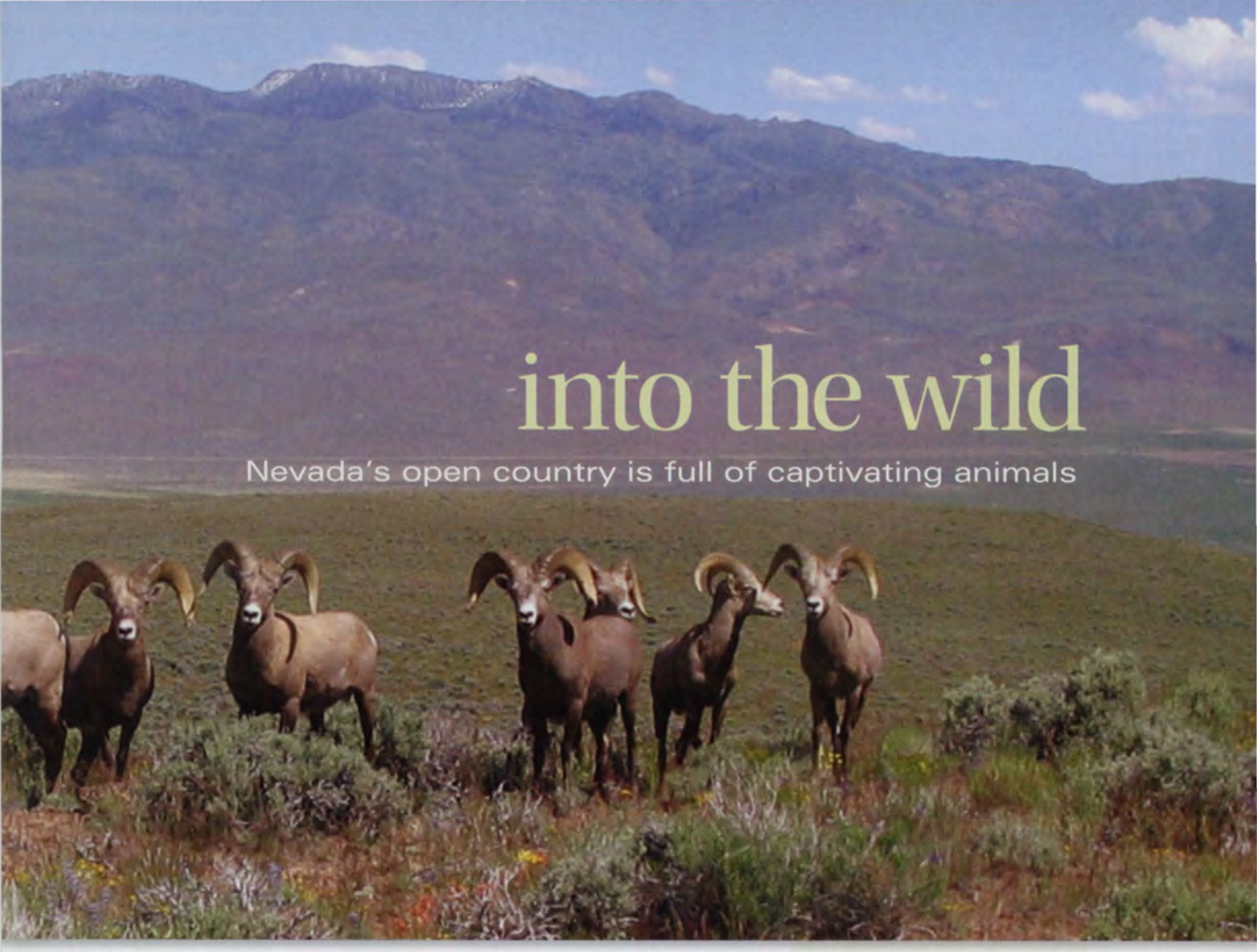
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WHERE IN NEVADA..

Bighorn sheep inhabit more than 70 mountain ranges around the state. They can be difficult to spot because they blend into the rocks around them. Areas of consistent bighorn use may show trails on the faces of talus slopes or slight depressions dotting an open hillside where the animals slept during the night.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Desert bighorn (Nelson) rams join ewes and lambs in late summer, and Rocky Mountain bighorn rams mix with ewes in the fall.
- During breeding season, if you are quiet and attentive enough, you may hear the loud thunder of males ramming their horns or jousting to determine the dominant ram for mating.
- The desert bighorn sheep is the Nevada state animal.



Bighorn Sheep

Scientific Name: *Ovis canadensis*

Size: 3 to 3 1/2 feet at shoulder

Weight: ewes: 100 to 160 pounds, rams: 160 to 280 pounds

Diet: grasses, flowers, and occasionally shrubs

Life Span: 12 years for rams, 18 for ewes

Species: two primary subspecies in Nevada: desert (Nelson) and Rocky Mountain

wide open





Mountain Goat

Scientific Name: *Oreamnos americanus*

Size: 3 feet at shoulder

Weight: 100 to 225 pounds

Diet: grasses, sedges, and mahogany leaves

Life Span: 10 years

Nevada Population: about 400

WHERE IN NEVADA...

Mountain goats are found in the highest, steepest cliff areas of northeastern Nevada ranges and seldom travel far from this terrain. The best place for viewing goats is Lamoille Canyon in the Ruby Mountains. Early morning and late afternoon trips are most productive, and the best months are typically during the rut in November and spring thaw in April.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The goats were first introduced into the Ruby Mountains in 1964 and the East Humboldt Range in 1981 by NDOW. These animals have historically resided exclusively in these two ranges. However, recent sightings of goats have been reported in the Diamond Range to the south.
- Both males and females have horns.

PHOTO: LARRY SPRADLIN

WHERE IN NEVADA...

Sage grouse are a sagebrush obligate species—they need sagebrush to survive. The birds nest under large sagebrush bushes with a thick grass and forb understory. Females raise the young and take their chicks to feed on forbs and insects in meadows, riparian areas, and irrigated pastures.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The sage grouse courtship displays and vocalizations are among the most extraordinary of any bird in the world.
- Between March and April on flat areas called leks, where the vegetation is low and sparse, males display their yellow air sacs, white breasts, and fanned-out tail feathers in hopes of wooing mates.
- Sage grouse and their subspecies have been petitioned for listing under the Endangered Species Act nine times.
- They are often called sage hens.



Sage Grouse

Scientific Name: *Centrocercus urophasianus*

Size: up to 28 inches long (males)

Weight: up to 6 pounds (males)

Diet: sagebrush leaves, grasses, flowers, and insects, including Mormon crickets

Offspring: 6 to 9 eggs





Common Barn Owl

Scientific Name: *Tyto alba*

Size: length: 13 to 16 inches, wingspan: 3 to 4 feet

Diet: primarily small rodents

Life Span: up to 17 years

Offspring: 3 to 11 eggs

WHERE IN NEVADA...

Barn owls have statewide distribution, but the highest densities are found in agricultural and riparian areas. The best opportunity to view these owls is in Fallon during the Spring Wings Bird Festival, May 9 to 11. The owls got their common name because they prefer to roost and nest in an enclosed, secure place like a barn, mine shaft, or hollow tree. In the Lahontan and Carson valleys, barn owls also roost and nest in haystacks.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Females start incubating when the first egg is laid, resulting in staggered ages of owlets. This allows the species to survive even in times when food is sparse.
- Barn owls are sometimes referred to as "monkey-faced owls" because of their elongated skulls.
- Their left and right ear openings are located at different points on either side of the head, which helps in locating prey from the air.

PHOTOS: STEVE TING

wide open





Mule Deer

Scientific Name: *Odocoileus hemionus*

Size: 3 to 3 1/2 feet at shoulder

Weight: 125 to 250 pounds

Diet: sagebrush, bitterbrush, serviceberry, flowers, and grasses

Life Span: 10 to 15 years

WHERE IN NEVADA...

Native to the Great Basin, mule deer are found throughout the state anywhere adequate water and foliage can be found. They are typically found at high elevations during the summer and migrate to lower elevations with less snow during the winter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Mule deer rely on their strong running and jumping ability to avoid predators.
- Only male mule deer have antlers.





Rocky Mountain Elk

Scientific Name: *Cervus elaphus*

Size: 4 1/2 to 5 feet at shoulder

Weight: 500 to 700 pounds

Diet: grasses, flowers, and shrubs

Life Span: 12 to 18 years

WHERE IN NEVADA...

Elk inhabit Clark, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, White Pine, and Elko counties. They tend to be active at daybreak and sunset. In warm weather elk seek shade to conserve energy, usually under trees. In moderate temperatures elk can sometimes be seen in large herds in open terrain just below the tree line.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Elk bugle—a high-pitched squeal, uncharacteristic of such a large animal—in mid-September to mid-October during their breeding season.
- Hunted by natives, settlers, and miners, elk nearly disappeared in Nevada by the early 1900s.
- Elk were obtained from Yellowstone National Park and shipped to Nevada to repopulate the ranges.





White Pelican

Scientific Name: *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos*

Size: length: 50 inches, wingspan: up to 9 feet

Diet: fish

Life Span: 12 to 14 years

WHERE IN NEVADA...

White pelicans maintain a nesting colony at Pyramid Lake's Anaho Island. The birds make daily foraging flights to wetlands in Western Nevada and can often be seen during warm months in shallow marshes like Stillwater or deep lakes like Pyramid and Walker.

DID YOU KNOW?

- White pelicans are masters of wind currents and updrafts, often soaring great distances with minimal use of energy.
- These birds form cooperative foraging groups and circle an area at the water's surface to entrap fish. They then plunge their heads into the water, beaks open and pouches expanded, in hopes of catching startled prey.

PHOTOS: TIM TORELL (TOP LEFT, RIGHT), STEVE TING (LEFT)



Eared Grebe

Scientific Name: *Podiceps nigricollis*

Size: length: 12 to 14 inches, wingspan: 20 to 22 inches

Diet: water bugs, brine shrimp

Markings: dark gray with white accents during winter, bright reddish-orange eyes

Range: worldwide

WHERE IN NEVADA.

Eared grebes are found in most Nevada marshes and wetlands during the fall migration and, to a lesser extent, in the spring. When ephemeral playas hold water long enough for brine shrimp to flourish, grebes arrive.

DID YOU KNOW?

- For much of the year grebes cannot fly because their bodies transform to prepare for migration. Their digestive organs enlarge and they put on fat while their pectoral muscles shrink, rendering them flightless. Just before migration, the birds' digestive organs shrink to one-fourth peak size and their pectoral muscles enlarge.
- Breeding plumage includes chestnut-colored flank feathers and golden-feathered crests flaring from the sides of their heads, hence their namesake.
- Grebes fly only at night, and there have been instances in which flocks have been stranded when they mistake rain-slicked playas for wetlands.





Antelope

Scientific Name: *Antilocapra americana*

Size: up to 3 1/2 feet at shoulder

Weight: 100 to 150 pounds

Speed: close to 60 mph

Diet: grasses, flowers, and shrubs

Nevada Population: more than 23,000

WHERE IN NEVADA.

Pronghorn antelope prefer open brushlands and sagebrush areas in the Great Basin.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Antelope are the only animals in the world with branched horns (not antlers) and the only animals in the world to shed their horns.
- Their horns consist of an outer sheath made of compressed (almost glued) hair on top of a bony core protruding from their skulls.
- Antelope can pick up movement as far as three miles away.
- They are the fastest mammals in North America and the second fastest in the world.
- If chased by a predator, pronghorn herds run in perfect unison in tight, oval-shaped formations, much like flocks of birds.

PHOTOS: TIM TORELL

wide open



Townsend's Big-Eared Bat

Scientific Name: *Corynorhinus townsendii*

Size: 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches long

Diet: insects (up to 3,000 per night, nearly equaling their body weight)

Life Span: 27 years

Species: 23, including Townsend's, in Nevada

WHERE IN NEVADA..

Bats inhabit most parts of the Silver State from the low Mojave Desert to the highest alpine mountains. They form large maternity and hibernation roosts in caves and abandoned mines.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Bats use echolocation—a form of sonar—which enables them to fly and catch insects in the dark.
- A mother bat will fly with her baby on her back while searching for food.
- Radio-telemetry studies conducted by NDOW in east-central Nevada have found that bats prefer to forage in open forest woodland consisting of piñon, juniper, mahogany, white fir, aspen, and cottonwood.



Western Banded Gecko

Scientific Name: *Coleonyx variegatus*

Size: 4 to 6 inches long

Diet: insects and spiders

WHERE IN NEVADA..

It's a common misconception that geckos live in tropical rainforests, but banded geckos inhabit the Mojave Desert in Clark and southern Nye counties. They dwell in creosote and blackbush desert flats and surrounding rocky washes and may even range upslope into piñon-juniper hillsides. They spend much of their time under rocks, dead Joshua trees or yucca plants, in rodent burrows, and underneath thick vegetation at the base of bushes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Banded geckos have soft translucent skin unlike most lizards, which have scaly rough skin.
- They have vertical pupils, unlike any other lizard.
- Banded geckos communicate by chirping and, if caught, make a peculiar squeaking sound.
- They are almost entirely nocturnal.



Great Basin Collared Lizard

Scientific Name: *Crotaphytus bicinctores*

Size: 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches long

Diet: spiders, grasshoppers, beetles, smaller lizards, some plant material

Offspring: 3 to 7 eggs, usually laid in May or June

Markings: black bars interrupted by white on the neck

WHERE IN NEVADA..

Collared lizards prefer rocky terrain and are found throughout the state in the Great Basin and Mojave Desert. The best time to view them is in the spring during the day and in the summer during the early morning, especially in the Mojave.

DID YOU KNOW?

- NDOW is working with its mapping partners, Southwest Gap Analysis Project, to better chart the lizard's habitat.

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travel through time

Let the state s informative signs provide you with a blast from Nevada's past.

BY LINDA R MOORE

SINCE 1967, WHEN THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE launched the historical marker program, tourists and residents have had a vehicle to learn about the people and places that have shaped the Silver State.

Building a trip around the markers provides a fascinating glimpse into the richness of Nevada's history and is as simple as picking a road or county and looking for the "historic marker ahead" signs. When you spot a marker, pull over to read the little snippet of Nevada history—and prepare to be intrigued.

I rode my motorcycle some 5,500 miles up and down Nevada's highways on my quest to track down countless historical markers. It was a marvelous treasure hunt, bringing me to landscapes I never dreamed existed.



There are more than 260 Nevada historical markers, such as Arrowhead Trail (above, marker 168 on State Route 169 at Valley of Fire State Park), to build a trip around. Marker 249 in Caliente talks about the mission-style Union Pacific Depot (top), built in 1923.





Chasing Nevada's History

The map and mileage chart loosely document Linda R. Moore's 5,500-mile Silver State journey.

Dayton: 11 miles east of Carson City on U.S. 50

Fallon: 50 miles east of Dayton on U.S. 50

Ely: 259 miles east of Fallon on U.S. 50

Pioche: 108 miles south of Ely on U.S. 93

Panaca: 11 miles south of Pioche on U.S. 93

Caliente: 14 miles south of Panaca on U.S. 93

Tonopah: 190 miles west of Caliente via highways 375 and 6

Goldfield: 26 miles south of Tonopah on U.S. 95

Mill City: 136 miles east of Reno on I-80

Elko: 152 miles east of Mill City on I-80

Jarbidge: 101 miles north of Elko via S.R. 225 & dirt roads

Take Dayton, for example, with seven markers in close proximity. Marker 199, Camels in Dayton, is a unique read. In the mid-1850s, Lieutenant Edward Beale "tested the animals for possible caravan operations in the deserts of the southwest. The experiment was not successful and the animals were auctioned off." Camels were used to carry supplies from Dayton to the Comstock, but they tended to spook the horses and thereby were abandoned in the desert. There have been no feral camel sightings since the 1880s, but the Nevada Camel Company, based in Stagecoach, still keeps a few tame ones.

East of Dayton, numerous markers line The Loneliest Road in America, U.S. 50. Looking for them can add a new dimension to your trip across the state. Ten miles east of Fallon is Grimes Point (marker 27), with a short interpretive trail that leads past hundreds of petroglyphs etched on basalt rock. Archaeologists believe that these timeless markings were used in hunting rituals. When these inscriptions were made, this was beachfront property: the high-water marks of long-lost Lake Lahontan are visible on the distant mountains.

Continuing east on U.S. 50 you'll eventually reach Ely. Take U.S.

PHOTOS: LINDA R. MOORE

93 south to Lincoln County, home to several markers and three historic towns: Pioche, Panaca, and Caliente. Pioche, the seat of Lincoln County, is remembered as a wild, lawless place. According to marker 5, it "gained a reputation in the 1870s for tough gunmen and bitter lawsuits." Marker 5, high above the town and near a fenced-off mine shaft, faces a glorious vista of Lake Valley to the north. Although not designated by a state marker, the "Million Dollar" Courthouse, built in 1871, is worth the detour if you have time for a bonus history lesson.

Southern Nevada's first permanent settlement, Panaca (marker 39), was founded as a Mormon colony in 1864, and the post office was established shortly thereafter. Caliente is named for hot springs in the area and is an excellent place to relax or use as a base for exploring the county's five state parks, including Cathedral Gorge. Railroads accelerated the western expansion, and the 1923 Union Pacific Depot (marker 249) "represents an imposing example of Mission Revival design." The building houses a civic center and government offices. Nearby there's a railroad museum hosted in a brightly painted boxcar.

In 1902, Harry Stimler and Billy Marsh discovered gold in Esmeralda County—and Goldfield (marker 14) was born. South of Tonopah on U.S. 95—reached via highways 375 and 6 west of Caliente—Goldfield boomed for about 12 years in the early 1900s. While





Above: A stone courthouse is one attraction in the Goldfield (marker 14) Historic District. Camels (right) are the subject of two Nevada historical markers, 199 in Dayton and 104 near Laughlin. In the 1850s the miltary considered the animals for transportation of supplies, but the experiment failed.

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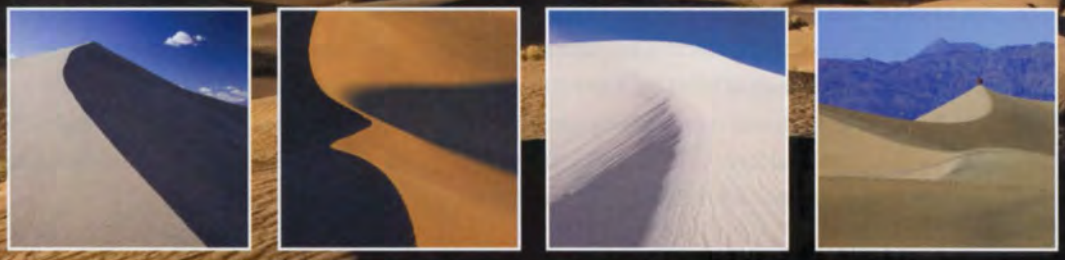
A Guidebook to Nevada's Historical Markers is available from most visitor centers and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office in Carson City (775-684-3439). It gives locations for the state's more than 260 markers organized by county.

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here, be sure to visit the imposing stone courthouse. The Goldfield Historic District includes dozens of buildings from the town's prosperous years.

Not all markers in Nevada are conveniently reached. Wherever rich mineral deposits were discovered, settlements sprang up, often in remote, lonely areas. For a taste of this isolation, try Star City in northcentral Nevada. Its marker (231) is reached via State Route 400 about 20 miles south of Mill City, a small town off I-80. Founded in 1861, this was a thriving community of more than 1,200 residents where $5 million worth of silver ore was extracted. Its lonely marker laments, "All that remains today are crumbling foundations, rusted mill equipment, and memories."

The true adventurer, however, might enjoy a visit to Jarbidge (marker 69) and its Commercial Hall (153). Once a major gold-producing area in the state, Jarbidge Wilderness is now popular for its hunting, fishing, and camping. The town, north of Elko in northeastern Nevada, can be reached by traversing several miles of dirt roads via S.R. 225.

Even in all of Nevada's remoteness, there are plenty of reminders of the state's past, immortalized in its historical markers.







U.S. 93, which runs along Nevada's eastern edge, will lead you to three historic towns, Pioche (top left, marker 5), Panaca, and Caliente, home of the railroad boxcar museum (top right). Right: Petroglyphs at Grimes Point, east of Fallon off U.S. 50.

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BY MERRIE LEININGER

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TICKETS

All performances are $17 for Churchill Arts Council members, $20 for nonmembers, and $10 for students. Season tickets for the performing arts series are $140 for members, $180 for nonmembers.

THE REACTION OF VISITORS TO THE OATS PARK ART CENTER in Fallon is often one of pleasant surprise, especially when they set foot in the stunning Barkley Theatre.

"I wait for it now—there's a sharp intake of breath, and they say 'I had no idea,'" says Valerie Serpa, Churchill Arts Council executive director. Tourists are taken aback to find such an elegant, welcoming hub in rural Nevada, but even Fallon residents are still discovering the center, home to all Churchill Arts Council programs and activities.

Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, the center hosts world-class performances, film screenings, author readings, and visual artists in a place where many Fallonites learned the three Rs. Those who fondly remember their school days here worked together with rural artists to save the building and create a top-tier arts center. An elementary school designed in 1914 by Frederic J. DeLongchamps, Oats Park operated as such for almost seven decades before it closed in the early 1980s.

Serpa and other Churchill Arts Council members began putting on art exhibits and performances in 1985 in venues as diverse as the livestock sale yard and the convention center. The school district still owned the boarded-up school, which wasn't being used. "Here's this beautiful building, and there was a group who was interested in the arts and a group interested in saving the building, and it created this nice synergy between all these people," Serpa says.

Renovation began in 1995, leading to the grand opening on Valentine's Day 2003. To date, more than $5 million has been raised for the project from public and private sources. Major funding has been received from the Nevada Commission for Cultural Affairs—which coordinates a statewide program for the renovation of historic structures into a network of com-





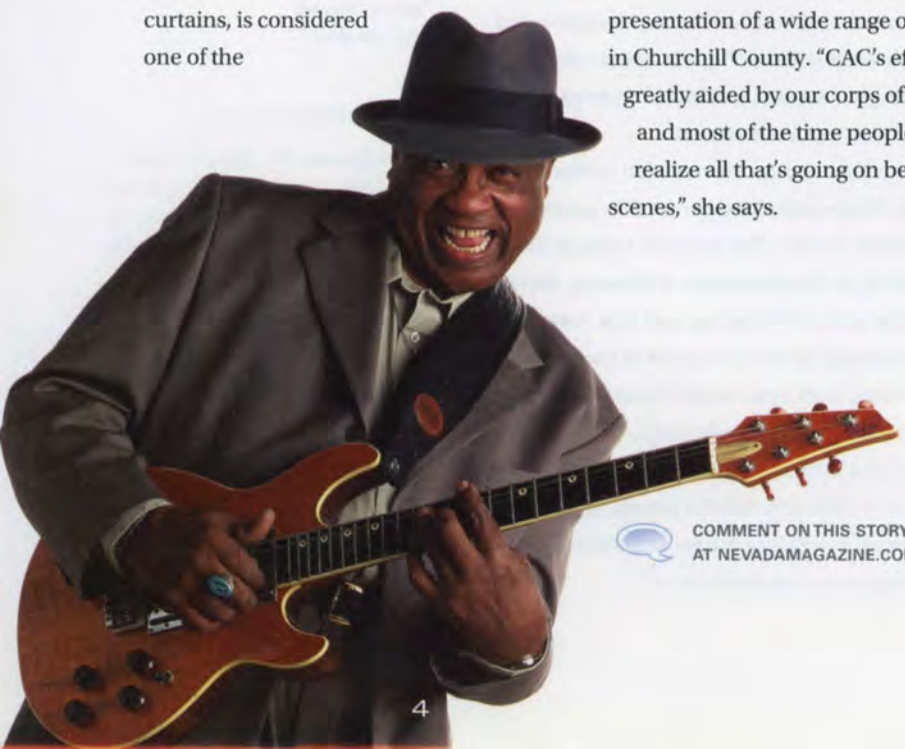
1. The Churchill Arts Council's permanent collection is on display in the (2) Oats Park Art Center's lobby and corridors.
3. Jazz singer Sophie Milman performs April 5. W.C. Clark (4) and Lynn Arriale (5) have played at the center in the past.

munity cultural centers—as well as the E.L. Wiegand Foundation, E.L. Cord Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, and Nevada Arts Council.

Following the initial $1.4 million of renovation work, the core of the building opened, highlighted by a huge red oak bar created by two local woodworkers. This spurred the Art-Bar gatherings, which continue once a month and are open to the community. "The focus is the arts, but it's also a social hub," Serpa says.

The Barkley Theatre, with its 350 seats, stage, and deep red curtains, is considered one of the finest small performing arts spaces in Nevada. Visitors can catch music and dance presentations or watch classic and foreign film screenings. In addition to the theater, the center houses three art galleries and the ChArts Store, with photographs, prints, books, ceramics, and jewelry.

Work is underway on the last major phase of the project, the lower level spaces. Planned are a group dressing room, gallery storage and prep area, administrative offices, and a kitchen-catering area connected to an outside courtyard. Serpa says the council works hard to facilitate the presentation of a wide range of art forms in Churchill County. "CAC's efforts are greatly aided by our corps of volunteers, and most of the time people don't really realize all that's going on behind the scenes," she says.



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OATS PARK EVENTS

Performing Arts

March 1 22nd annual "An Evening with the Arts," a fundraising dinner with a silent auction of regional artists' work and items donated by local businesses.

April 5 Sophie Milman (above) performs songs from her album "Make Someone Happy."

Visual Arts

Thru April 26 Reno artist Nolan Preece presents his photo exhibit, "Nevada Sky/Nevada Walls," along with "Almost Gone/ Photodynamics," works by San Francisco's Marie Jose Durquet.

Literary Readings

March 7 PEN/Robert Bingham Fellowship-winning author Christopher Coake.

April 18 Award-winning Western author Teresa Jordan.

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Visit **nevadamagazine.com** for an extended listing of Oats Park Art Center events.



Reno's Lake Mansion (left), built in 1877, is home to VSA arts of Nevada. The mansion is available for public and private functions. The main floor can accommodate up to 100 people, and the lower level (below) can hold about 50. For more information, visit **lakemansion.com**.

enduring home

Reno arts organization has kept alive the city's most famous Italianate mansion.

BY MARY ELLEN HORAN

After 130 years, Reno's Lake Mansion has found a permanent home and is once again "Reno's First (art) Address." Maria Smith and Washington Jerome Marsh built the mansion in 1877. Many prominent Reno families called the mansion home including Jane Conkey Lake and Myron Lake, who is considered to be the founder of Reno—hence the enduring name, Lake Mansion.

To prevent its demolition, the mansion was first moved in 1971 three miles south from its original location on the corner of Virginia Street and California Avenue to the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. There the mansion sat, housing many different entities, but not really living up to its moniker of "Reno's First Address," listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. In 2001, the Reno-Sparks Convention Center expanded, and it was decided that the mansion should be moved again. VSA arts of Nevada, which had occupied the mansion since 1996, raised more than $1 million for the relocation and renovation. On July 11, 2004, the mansion slowly crept back up Virginia Street—in front of hundreds of onlookers—to Court Street and Arlington Avenue, just blocks from its original location and steps from the Truckee River. The move took seven hours.

VSA arts of Nevada moved its administrative offices back to the mansion in March 2005, taking ownership from Washoe Landmark Preservation, the nonprofit organization which originally prevented the building's demolition in 1971. The mansion hosts public art camps and workshops for children and adults, such as Fundamentals of Drawing, Mommy and Me Art, Start with the Arts, Clay, Pastels, Watercolor, Oil Painting, and Kids Acting. There also are tours and special events. The Art Access Gallery is housed in two rooms of the mansion, allowing artists to exhibit and sell their work year round. During March, VSA arts of Nevada celebrates "Youth Art Month," showcasing children's works.

The historic main floor, lower level art studio, and the new Garden Pavilion, which opened in January 2008 next to the mansion, are available to rent for private parties, weddings, receptions, and meetings. The Lake Mansion serves as a model to encourage the preservation and development of historic buildings into cultural facilities.



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WORTH A READ

Author and historian Patty Cafferata published *Lake Mansion: Home to Reno's Founding Families* in 2006. Those interested in learning about five of these families and Reno's early history can find the book at the Lake Mansion and several area bookstores.

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battle-born brews

BY BOB BARNES



Above: Victor Cephas (left) and Nick Augustine fill kegs at Big Dog's Brewing Company. A neon sign (top left) lures passersby to the Draft House, connected to the brewery. Great Basin Brewing Company (top right and opposite page) and Ruby Mountain Brewing Company (top center) also offer an original taste of Nevada.

PHOTOS: GARY A. REESE (TOP LEFT, BOTTOM), CHARLIE JOHNSTON (TOP CENTER), JAZZ ALDRICH (TOP RIGHT)

Thank Nevada's founding "fathers" for the state's bevy of breweries.

BREWING BEER IS AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE. After all, the Pilgrims and Founding Fathers George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Samuel Adams engaged in this fruitful enterprise. Nevadans must be true patriots, evidenced by the medley of breweries that dot the Silver State. Three of Nevada's earliest modern breweries have set a precedent of excellence and originality.

From Cow to Dog

Holy Cow! opened in 1993 as one of Nevada's first brewpubs. For nearly a decade, an iconic Holstein cow perched atop the roof of a building on the Las Vegas Strip beckoned travelers. The cow beckons no more; the brewery has been relocated to northwest Las Vegas and the name changed to Big Dog's Brewing Company.

Big Dog's has won awards at the Great American Beer Festival and World Beer Cup. Variety flows here with styles such as Holy Cow! Original Pale Ale, light amber; Red Hydrant Ale, caramel malt with a hint of English hops; Dirty Dog India Pale Ale, full strength and hoppy; Tailwagger Wheat Bavarian Hefeweizen, with banana and clove aromas; and Black Lab Stout, with hints of coffee and cocoa. Brewmaster Dave Otto has a knack for creating adventurous seasonals, such as Barley Wine, Watermelon Wheat, and Pumpkin Ale. The flavors lean toward the strong side, making this a destination for the real aficionado, but the uninitiated can lean on such brews as the Leglifter Light.

The Wisconsin-themed Draft House, connected to the brewery, is a mainstay among northwest Vegas eateries. The exterior is shaped like an oversized barn; inside there's a semi-private Silo Room that seats up to a dozen. In the dining barn you'll find a loving tribute to cows and all things country, while the bar and gaming area is a shrine to Wisconsin football, with University of Wisconsin and Green Bay Packers displays adorning the walls. Show up on a Badgers or Packers game day and you can hoot and holler with hundreds of other fanatics.

If you're not a Cheesehead, you're still welcome, with college and NFL games playing on nearly a dozen plasma screens. On Sundays a $3 food-and-drink menu is rolled out, and if you like your beer to go, there's a two-for-one deal on 64-ounce jugs. Large windows provide a bird's-eye view of the brewers hard at work. Midwestern munchies include bratwurst, pecan-crusted walleye, cheese curds, meatloaf, and chicken-fried steak.

Nevada Beer Pioneers

Great Basin Brewing Company in Sparks began operation shortly after Holy Cow!, due in part to founders Tom Young and Eric McLary working with others to successfully lobby the Nevada Legislature to legalize brewpubs.

Great Basin has won more major awards than any other Silver State brewery, garnering eight GABF and three WBC honors. The beers are for the most part named after Great Basin themes, including Wild Horse Ale, a German Altbier; Ichthyosaur Pale Ale, full strength and hoppy; and Nevada Gold, in the German Kölsch tradition with a spicy hint from imported Saaz hops.



PHOTO: JAZZ ALDRICH

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A uniquely Nevada beer is the Harvest Ale, made every fall with piñon pine nuts, juniper berries, sagebrush, and honey, resulting in a malt-accentuated, aromatic amber. It is often referred to as "Nevada in a Glass." Pine nut-cracking parties are held in mid-October, when customers volunteer their services, giving real meaning to the phrase, "Will Work for Beer"

Co-owner Young still brews often and is assisted by head brewer Jazz Aldrich. A UNR graduate with a biology degree, Aldrich applies his expertise in the brewery's yeast lab, where he cultivates and propagates yeast used to ferment beer.

Open-mike comedy shows take place on Thursday nights, and occasionally you can catch a live band. The interior features two murals, one depicting Wheeler Peak and the other a collage of Great Basin themes. An outdoor patio allows patrons to enjoy the outdoors when the weather is pleasant.

Beer and food specials run throughout the week, including "Tightwad Tuesdays," when most pints are $2. Dining choices include ale-battered fish and chips, steak and prawn skewers, desperado pepper steak, blackened salmon tacos, and shepherd's pie with lamb.



RUBY MOUNTAIN'S PORTER

Beer, Beef, and Bales

Ranches across Nevada produce some of the finest beef in the country, but one in Elko County offers something to wash your steak down with. In 1995, Steve and Maggie Safford, who have produced top-quality hay and cattle since 1991, started Ruby Mountain Brewing Company on their 1,500-acre Angel Creek Ranch in Clover Valley, six miles south of Wells.

Four styles, all award-winning, are produced: Angel Creek Amber Ale, slightly sweet with a roasted flavor; Wild West Hefeweizen, a fruity and spicy Bavarian-style wheat; Bristlecone Brown Porter, a roasted chocolate-malt character; and Vienna Style Lager, a lighter version of an Oktoberfest beer with a toasted malt flavor.

Ruby Mountain is the only brewery in the state that bottles its beer, which is distributed throughout northern and central Nevada and southern Idaho. The brews are truly Nevadan with water pumped from a well derived from the melting snow of the Ruby Mountains. The company's labels are adorned with the snow-white mountain goats that frequent the East Humboldt Range next to the ranch.

Although there isn't a pub or tasting room, you can call to set up a tasting and private tour of the facility.

BEER-TASTING EVENTS

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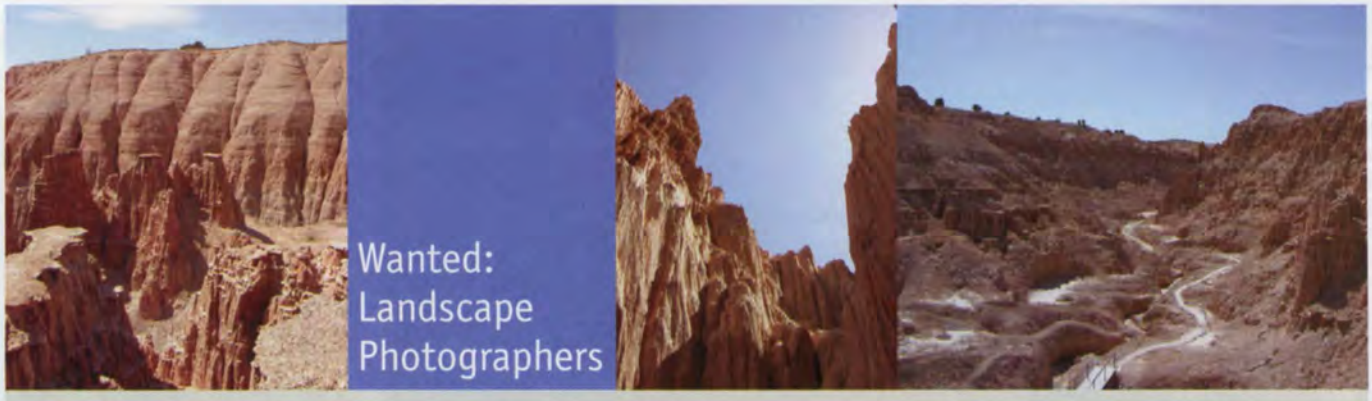
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After picking up supplies in the nearby town of Panaca, a photographer's paradise is just around the bend. Cathedral Gorge State Park offers a myriad of trails that lead to spectacular rock formations and cathedral-like spires. One of Nevada's first state parks, Cathedral Gorge has 1,608 acres of awe-inspiring landscape. To scout out photo locations at Cathedral Gorge State Park, go to **LincolnCountyNevada.com/Panaca**.

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BURGER BAR (ABOVE & LEFT)



BINION'S SNACK BAR

PATTIES APLENTY

Four Vegas eateries put transcendent twists on an American favorite.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

WHEN THE GREAT CHEFS OF LAS VEGAS turn their attention to the humble hamburger, the results prove delectable. Here are four of the best, the tastiest, the coup de grease.

Don't walk into Mandalay Place's Burger Bar and order "one with everything." You'll create a burger so toweringly high, Sherpas will be required to hoist the final pickle. With more than 50 topping options, Burger Bar has converted a simple sandwich into a scrumptious work of art.

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Stripburger should be declared the official patio of Las Vegas. Adjacent to Fashion Show Mall, across from Wynn Las Vegas, this beautiful outdoor venue makes the perfect place to people watch. But once the food arrives, you'll have eyes for nothing else.

They dish up classic burgers here, carefully constructed. Each topping complements the organic, hormone-free beef. The patty comes cradled on a lightly toasted bun. Try the popular blue cheese burger. It arrives wearing a crown of hearty Maytag Bleu blended with thin-sliced fried onions. Milkshakes at Stripburger are a must. Using premium ice cream and handmade sauces, these rich creations are so reminiscent of the days of malt shops and poodle skirts you'll

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LE BURGER BRASSERIE



THE NUGGET, RENO

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At Le Burger Brasserie inside Paris Las Vegas, you are challenged to think outside the cow. The gourmet burger choices include chicken, salmon, lamb, or veggie patties. If you stick with beef, expect a jaw-unhinging half-pound of Black Angus. Choose from one of four fresh-baked buns to swaddle your burger, then peruse the toppings menu featuring selections from around the globe. Veggies are so crunchily fresh you suspect there's a garden out back.

Glancing around at this lovely high-ceilinged room dripping in chocolate hues you would never guess the burgers are less than $10. With one notable exception. The signature dish is the Kobe Beef and Maine Lobster Burger, topped with caramelized onions, imported brie, crispy prosciutto, and 100-year-aged balsamic vinegar. Served with a bottle of Rose Dom Perignon champagne, the lavish beast runs $777

If you love burgers it's probably because of Binion's Snack Bar (inside Binion's Gambling Hall and Hotel), or a place just like it. Before fast-food joints this was how we got our burger fix: a guy in an apron tossing a ball of fresh meat onto a flat top. There's still something magical about it. You won't be paralyzed by options because there aren't a whole lot. Cheese it or don't. What you'll get is fresh ground prime cuts of meat with just the right hint of grease to remind you this ain't soy, baby. You'll be transported to a simpler, less-hurried time because that's what a burger is ultimately, a flashback on a bun.

STRIPBURGER



PHOTO: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (TOP RIGHT)

Awful Big, Awful Good

The Nugget's Awful Awful burger—"it's awful big...and awful good!"—has been providing Renoites their burger fix for more than 60 years. Sitting on a one-pound mountain of seasoned fries, it's so big you can barely wrap your hands around it. At $5.50 (cash only) and stacked high on an onion bun with a half-pound patty, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, and dripping with The Nugget's own special sauce, the Awful Awful can satiate even the most ravenous—and frugal—of burger lovers. Luckily, the obscene amount of napkins you will require is free.

Tucked away in the back of The "little" Nugget on Virginia Street, the cramped, tiny restaurant is packed shoulder-to-shoulder on Friday and Saturday nights. The few stools are staked out well in advance by those wise—or sober—enough to think about where they will devour the grease-feast that awaits them.

A recent lunchtime visit proves that the burger's following extends beyond late-night crowds. At noon a line of businessmen, construction workers, families, and others snakes through the casino. Other menu staples include the Hangover Omelet, $6.95 and served with a Bloody Mary, and a $1.99 breakfast special. There is an ATM in the casino for those wallets devoid of cash.—CHARLIE JOHNSTON

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At one time Linda Faiss and her husband, Bob, were living the American dream, content in their home overlooking the Boulder City Golf Course. That was until six years ago, when they stumbled across a lot on the outskirts of town with spectacular views of Lake Mead and Fortification Hill showcasing impressive pink and purple sunsets.

Not only was it the picturesque southwest setting they had envisioned, it was the ideal location for them to live "green"—a practice that is, for more and more people, becoming the new American dream. The Faisses decided that their new home, in the spirit of a traditional Santa Fe-style hacienda, would best blend with nature if they built it with sustainable resources. "I wanted it to look as if it were of the earth, not just on the earth," Linda says.

Whenever possible, the contractor, Wayne Blue of Blue Design, used recycled, reclaimed, and handmade materials. Wood from a dismantled 1800s Great Salt Lake trestle bridge was used for the floors and exposed support beams over the entry, linear hallway, patio, and kitchen, as well as built-in bookcases and a custom desk for Bob's den. When the supplier, Trestlewood, made the delivery,

PHOTO: DARRYL MARTIN (LEFT)



of the earth

This Boulder City hacienda truly blends into its southwest surroundings.

BY LYNN GOYA

the Faisses were shocked. "We wouldn't have believed that anyone would want it," Linda recalls. "It was gray and cracked. Wayne sanded it and made that wood new all over again." Yet for months, when it rained, the salt crystals that filled the crevices of the support beams showered her cookbooks and counters. When the beams were capped with copper, the crystalline rain stopped. "Actually," Linda says, "the salt crystals were very pretty."

For the perimeter landscape walls and the house's thick, heavy walls, Blue found a Pahrump company that produced Cempo Forms, 10-inch-thick blocks made from a composite of cement and recycled Styrofoam that mimic the appearance of adobe. The walls retain heat or cool air as the seasons change. High windows let in natural light, minimizing the use of electricity.

Barrel clay roof tiles stripped from a 1940s Las Vegas apartment building add another authentic feature. "We went to look for tiles, and the distributor told us he had just gotten a pile of old tiles, and he could give it to us for half price. Wayne turns to him, 'Don't tell her that! She would have paid extra for them,'" Linda says with a laugh. When reused or traditional products weren't available, the owners asked Blue to give them an old feel. "I wanted the fence to look rusty and worn," Linda says.

Linda Faiss, owner of this Boulder City home, says don't be fooled by the pool. "A pool uses less water than grass would in the same area," she says. The hacienda-style house—Mr. Puppy models in the living room on the opposite page—was built "green."

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PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER SEDGWICK (RIGHT)





Above: Linda and Bob Faiss pose with their 12-year-old malamute-Akita mix in the backyard. Much of the interior, including the kitchen area (left), was trimmed with reclaimed 1800s trestle wood.

The kitchen-area flooring, handmade sun-baked clay tile from Saltillo, Mexico, is similar to that which is found in traditional Mexican haciendas. "It is uneven and real soft," notes Linda, who was willing to forgo convenience in this instance. "It has cracks, and if you spill red wine on it, it will be in it for a while. But I think you have to be true to the house. That became our guiding phrase, 'Be true to the house.'"

The patio bricks also were reclaimed and are sand set, with no mortar between them. "They give with the ground," Linda says. The yard, which in 2003 won awards from the Southern Nevada Water Authority Landscape and Nevada Landscape Association, looks as if it naturally grew from the surrounding hills. Using very little water, it features indigenous plants and subterranean irrigation for the zoysia grass lawn, which rarely—if ever—needs mowing.

Linda fought paving the driveway, preferring packed dirt or sand-laid brick, but was talked out of it by more practical minds and settled on an attractive aggregate alternative. The massive boulders, however, stayed. While others wanted to blast the stones into submission, she insisted that the driveway be built around them, creating a natural division to the edge of the property.

The couple had imagined an enclosed central courtyard, a traditional hacienda feature. To embrace the view, however, the Faisses went with an open feel and linked the inside to the outside with an oversized porch, tall windows, and double-glass doors.

The interior was painted a traditional cream with splashes of cobalt blue, turquoise, terra cotta, coral, aqua, and yellow. "I wanted the colors of the sky and the sunset, the colors of Mexico and Boulder City," says Faiss of her modern hacienda. "This house wouldn't work in Boston. It couldn't be transplanted anywhere east of the Rockies or north of Reno, but it works here and is an expression of what we love and where we want to be."

HOW THEY DECORATED

Linda and Bob Faiss filled their hacienda-style home with original art culled from Boulder City artists and the annual Boulder City Arts Fair. A Brent Thompson oil painting (page 38) of the tip of a sailboat as it glides toward Fortification Hill presides over the fireplace. "I love the motion of the water," Linda says. "We also have Cliff Segerblom's painting of St. Jude's looking over Lake Mead and Austine Wood-Comarow's 'Desert Colors Cactus.'"

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natural mystic

Truckee hotel gives its guests an education in sustainable design

BY MELISSA SIIG

WHEN THEY BUILT THEIR TOWN'S FIRST SUSTAINABLE HOTEL, Jeff and Patty Baird wanted to prove that going green isn't synonymous with skimping on comfort. The couple would like for their Cedar House Sport Hotel to inspire guests to incorporate sustainable practices into their lives and connect with the environment.

"We want the hotel to serve as a vehicle to educate people," Patty says. "We hope they learn that there are things they can do to make a small footprint."

One rule of green building is to disturb as little land as possible. The Bairds accomplished this by finding an abandoned construction site with three usable foundations. Their discovery grew into the 42-room hotel, which opened in May 2006 in Truckee, California, off Interstate 80 about 30 miles west of Reno.

The couple used local materials to minimize transport. The building's cedar exterior came from a reforestation project near Nevada City, California, as did the sequoia that constitutes the lobby's bar countertop. The check-in counter is made out of Richlite, composed of recycled paper and plastic resins. The steel used also is recycled.

The lobby's garden roof is another example of green innovation. Native plants and flowers act as a natural insulator, control stormwater runoff, and reduce carbon dioxide. Rain chains channel water from the roof to the lower garden.

Less noticeable green elements are the hotel's centralized mechanical rooms. With tankless water heaters in the middle of each building, water doesn't have to travel long distances to reach the guest rooms' showers and faucets. According to Patty, this system has cut energy costs in half.

The owners hope their guests take away more than an understanding of green building, however. They also want visitors to get outdoors and experience nature. Cedar House has partnered with adventure groups such as North American Ski Training Center to create skiing, rock-climbing, kayaking, and hiking packages. "Technology tends to keep us indoors," Patty says. "We encourage our guests to reclaim a connection back to Earth through mountain activities."



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Jeff and Patty Baird (above) built the Cedar House Sport Hotel to promote green design and sustainable development. Water drains from the roof (top) through gutters and down a hanging chain to the landscape. The lobby (top left) features a full bar in an atmosphere that reminds guests of the surrounding environment.

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YOU'RE GUARANTEED TO FEEL WELCOME AT THESE LAS VEGAS HANGOUTS.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

Consider this a lesson in lounging. If you play dress up, wait forever in line behind a velvet rope, get eyeballed by beefy bouncers, and pay a cover charge, you're about to enter a nightclub. If you go casual, waltz in unhindered, plop into a cushiony chair, and relax, then you're lounging.

Nightclubs, it seems, hone their reputations on exclusivity while lounges welcome one and all. In a 24/7 town like Las Vegas, lounges provide necessary catch-your-breath moments. Maybe you want a place for a quiet drink or chat. Or maybe you're just walking by and the haunting strains of "Summer Wind" snag you. That kind of scenario makes the Galleria Bar in Caesars Palace the quintessential modern Vegas lounge.

Classy understated décor helps the joint blend into its surroundings. Sitting just off the casino floor, you could pass by repeatedly without a glance. Then one night, the crisp notes and artful phrasing slices through the jangling clamor. The singer leans against the piano, mike in one hand, glass in the other, his voice rubbed raw by regret—and who hasn't been there before? You order a scotch rocks and listen to the guy pour

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The Galleria Bar in Caesars Palace (opposite page), the Fireside Lounge in Peppermill, and Luxor's Aurora (this page) epitomize the modern Las Vegas lounge experience.

his heart into songs that were hits before you were born. Weeks later, that ring-a-ding memory reminds you that you went to Vegas, baby, Vegas.

Luxor's Aurora exemplifies a new generation of lounge. With sleek styling and a contemporary vibe, even the trendiest scene-sters will want to be spotted sipping a specialty cocktail. Try the namesake Aurora consisting of Stolichnaya Blueberi vodka, juice of a lime, rock candy syrup, and fresh blueberries. You may get smashed, but you'll be brimming with antioxidants.

The Aurora juts into the lobby at the very heart of the pyramid. The swoop of sky overhead provides an open feeling seldom found in crowded casinos. The other part of the lounge, tucked into comfortable back corners, offers a more intimate space.

Wherever you sit you can enjoy the show, an emulation of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights. Hundreds of fiber optic tubes suspended above the bar ripple with soothing ever-changing colors. Along with unfolding nature scenes on hi-def wall monitors, the Aurora may be the most tranquil spot on the Strip.

As soon as you saunter into the Peppermill Fireside Lounge, you'll see why it was recently voted one of America's 10 best make-out bars by *Nerve Magazine*. This retro palace is rimmed with mirrors and infused with soft neon. Cozy booths are scattered among the darkness and ferny foliage, providing a semi-private setting for couples feeling smoochy. Grab a booth and order a lavish drink, like the infamous Scorpion, a soup of alcohol served in a glass as big as a birdbath.

The exotic fire pit testifies to the Pep's romantic mojo. In the center of the room, flames flicker in a bubbling fountain. The lesson? Everybody—even fire and water—pairs up at the Peppermill.

WORTH A VISIT

Now that you've honed your lounging skills, go in search of the nearly extinct—but not forgotten—old Las Vegas hideaway. Fortunately, a few bastions of the smoky, dimly lit lounge that epitomize the city Bugsy built do exist.

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Q&A with Wally Cuchine

Eureka mainstay preserves the state's history and collects it, too.

We Nevadans are proud of our rugged rural landscape. Others say "desert" while we describe the rainbow of colorful rocks and invigorating aroma of sagebrush.

We're a proud people, but none more so than Wally Cuchine, a longtime Eureka resident. Cuchine is the unofficial cheerleader of rural Nevada, singing the praises of small-town living. Officially he is the director of Eureka County Facilities. He runs the Eureka Opera House and Eureka Sentinel Museum and is serving his 12th year on the Nevada Humanities Board of Directors. The Nevada System of Higher Education named him a Distinguished Nevadan in 2006 for his extensive contributions to the arts, and he arguably owns the state's largest individual collection of Nevada art. Not bad for a small-town guy.

Cuchine spoke with Nevada Commission on Tourism's Bethany Drysdale in November.

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PHOTO: DEON REYNOLDS

Q What drew you to Eureka?

A The Opera House. There was a job opening to run the Opera House while they were in the process of restoring it; the restoration was finished in October 1993. I've been in Eureka 15 years, moving from Ely. I've lived all over the state. We have a couple of the richest gold mines in the world, so the county has lots of money, and that's what's enabled it to do historic preservation.

Q How has the promotion of Highway 50, "The Loneliest Road in America," helped Eureka?

A I've worked with Pony Express Territory since I was in Ely, and that promotion has been incredibly important. We're still stamping passports [NCOT's *Highway 50 Survival Guide*] on a daily basis at the Opera House. I think the promotion of the Loneliest Road has seen a continual increase of people coming through.

Q You seem very proud of Eureka's motto, "The Loneliest Town on the Loneliest Road." Why did you become so involved in the town?

A I grew up in small towns in Montana, and I've always liked little places. Eureka is incredibly well preserved for an 1800s mining town, and because of the pride the people of Eureka take in their town, it's been a really great place to live and work. I've wanted to live here since I worked here in the early 1980s as an environmental scientist. I graduated from Sierra Nevada College at Lake Tahoe with an environmental science degree in 1979, and I ran an air-quality monitoring site out of Eureka for a year and a half.

Q Every small Nevada town has a little-known claim to fame, something only the locals know. What's Eureka's claim to fame?

A I give cemetery tours. Eureka has seven cemeteries, which means there are probably more dead people here than there are live people.

Q Why is preservation of local history important to you?

A Because I think it addresses our history, and we need to preserve that history so future generations can see where we come from. We think we need to move forward, but we also need to keep track of where we've been. History is extremely important to us so we don't repeat the same mistakes. But preservation needs to take the route that the Opera House did—it's a fully functional events center, and it brings tourism to Eureka and incredible economic development to an otherwise very small town that could be considered quite isolated. We probably have people in the Opera House 200 days out of the year. The arts and humanities are important for any society to interpret who they are.

Q You have a vast art collection on display at the Opera House. What kind of art attracts you? Are you an artist?

A We've put together a fine arts collection that includes 23 Great Basin artists. I'm not an artist, just a collector. And I probably have one of the largest Nevada collections in the state—a collection about Nevada by Nevada artists. I really like paintings of historic places. So a whole lot of my collection is paintings, etchings, drawings. The Nevada Historical Society put "Wally's World, the Loneliest Art Collection in Nevada" on display for five months in 2005. It was 64 pieces and curated by Jim McCormick, a professor emeritus at UNR who worked in the art department for 32 years.

Q How did your love for art develop?

A I started collecting art—a lot more art—when I moved to rural Nevada towns. My first rural Nevada home was Hawthorne, and there were a lot of artists who lived there, and I have a great deal of art from those people. As I moved from town to town throughout Nevada, including Reno and Las Vegas, I just kept collecting.

Q Rumor has it you're retiring soon. What will you do after you retire?

A I'm going to retire in 2011. That's a few years yet. Hopefully I'll open an art gallery in Eureka. One of the things I think is important is when it's time to go, give all of your support to the place you're leaving, but don't try to hang on and make it what it was.

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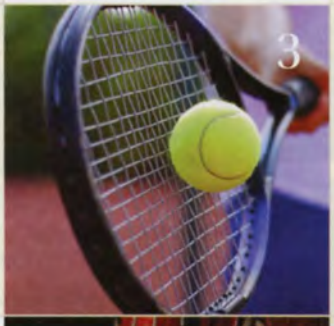
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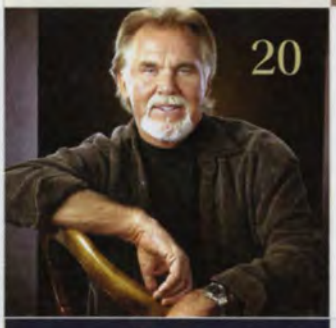
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he's got talent

Terry Fator and his millionaire puppets wow Nevada audiences

BY ANN HENDERSON

ENTERTAINER TERRY FATOR IS ONE OF THE NEWEST, and most unusual, showroom headliners in the Silver State. Last fall the Las Vegas Hilton valued the singer-impressionist-ventriloquist's worth at $1.5 million by signing him to a contract that runs through May 18. That paycheck followed his $1 million win on the NBC reality show, *America's Got Talent*.

Not bad considering Fator's first paying gig as a 10-year-old ventriloquist—at a church picnic in Richardson, Texas, on July 4, 1976—earned him $25. "Appearing in Las Vegas has been my dream since I was 15," Fator told a sold-out Hilton crowd in October. Now 42, he seemed in awe of the hotel's show-business legacy, ranging from Elvis to Barry Manilow. "I've been [performing] for so long," he says, "but on the stage in Vegas it feels different. It feels huge."

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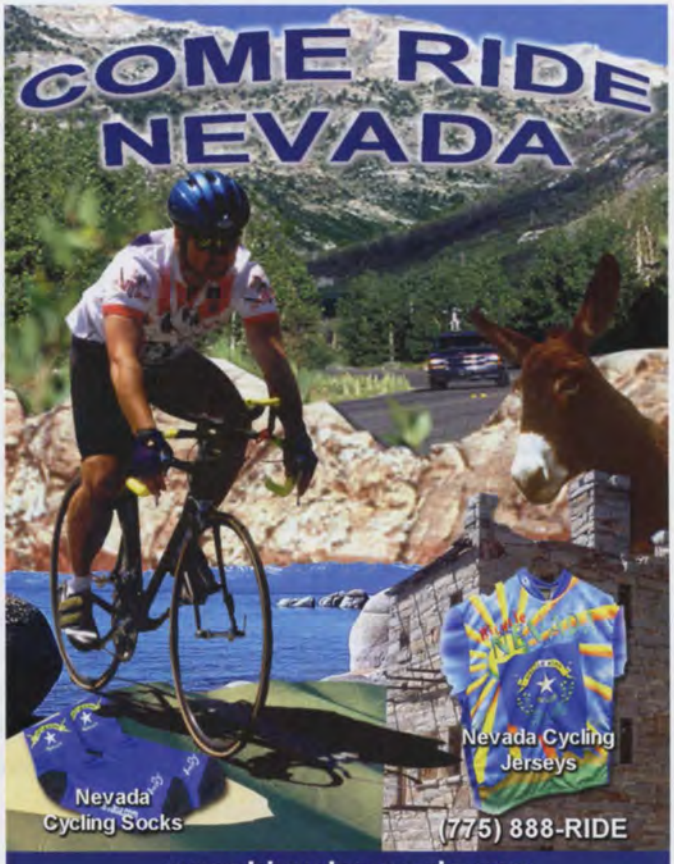
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Fator is scheduled to headline on March 22 at the Peppermill in Wendover (**wendoverfun.com**, 775-664-2255), and on May 24 at MontBleu at Lake Tahoe (**montbleuresort.com**, 775-588-3515).

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singing impressions—something he added to his act about two years ago. "As soon as I did that, my career took off," Fator says.

Since then his repertoire has grown to about 100 impressions, including Garth Brooks, the Bee Gees, Kermit the Frog, Michael Jackson, Etta James, Louis Armstrong, Nat King Cole, and an amazing Roy Orbison.

Of his impressions, Fator says his turtle puppet's take on Orbison is extremely tough to do. "'Crying' is not difficult when your lips are moving," he says, "but when I close my lips, it's another story."

Fator calls choosing Orbison for the final rounds of *America's Got Talent* a "stroke of luck" and a collaborative effort between his wife, Melinda, his mother-in-law, Shirley Walker, and his sister, Debi. Shirley and Debi make the costumes for his puppets, including Walter T. Airedale, Johnny Vegas, Maynard (a stuttering Elvis), Emma Taylor, and Julius, the master of soul.

Duets are sprinkled throughout Fator's show. Winston the turtle impersonates Kermit, with Fator as Armstrong, while singing "What a Wonderful World." Johnny Vegas offers "That's Amore" as Dean Martin and alternates with "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" as Tony Bennett.

Asked how he responds when people say he has an amazing talent, Fator calls it a gift. "I can't take credit for a gift that has been given to me," he says. "But I am proud of the hard work, which is an ongoing process."

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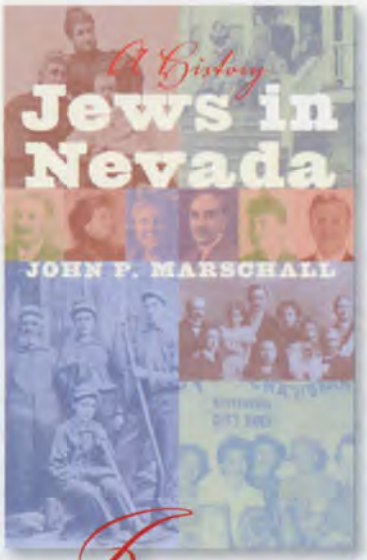
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Hypnosis Unleashed
dirtyhypnosis.com
702-836-0836

RED ROCK STATION

HEADLINERS

Average White Band, April 18

ONGOING

Zowie Bowie
702-797-7777
stationcasinos.com

RIO ALL-SUITE HOTEL

ONGOING

Penn and Teller, comedy-magic show
Chippendales: The Show, male revue
Tony n' Tina's Wedding, dinner theater
702-252-7776
harrahs.com

RIVIERA

ONGOING

Ice, The Show from Russia
An Evening at La Cage, impersonators
Crazy Girls, adult revue
Riviera Comedy Club
The Soprano's Last Super, interactive
Neil Diamond Tribute, w/Jay White
Hypnotist Dr. Scott Lewis, Mon.
Barbra & Frank: The Concert That Never Was
An Evening with Dean & Friends
702-794-9433
rivierahotel.com

SAHARA

ONGOING

Platters, Drifters, & Coasters
Fab Four Mania
Trent Carlini: The Dream King
702-737-2515
saharavegas.com

SANTA FE STATION

HEADLINERS

Kenny Rankin, March 1
Jonathan Butler, March 29
Chuck Wicks, April 18
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com

SOUTH POINT

HEADLINERS

The Kingston Trio, Feb. 29-March 2
Ragus: Irish Passion, March 7-9
Bill Medley w/Paul Revere & The Raiders, March 14-16
Paul Williams, March 21-22
Tony Orlando, March 28-30
James Darren, April 4-5
Ben Vereen, April 11-13
Collin Raye, April 25-26
702-796-7111
southpointcasino.com

STRATOSPHERE

ONGOING

American Superstars, tribute revue
Bite, revue
American Storm, male revue
702-382-4446
stratospherehotel.com

SUNCOAST

HEADLINERS

Night of 1,000 Guidos, Feb. 29-March 2
Air Supply, March 7-9
Lou Christie, March 14-16
Brandon Bennett: Elvis My Way, March 21-23
Jimmy Hopper, March 28-30
Frankie Avalon, April 11-13
702-636-7111
suncoastcasino.com

TREASURE ISLAND

ONGOING

"Mystère"
702-894-7111
cirquedusoleil.com

TROPICANA

ONGOING

Les Folies Bergere, production show

Extreme Magic w/Dirk Arthur
The Comedy Stop
702-739-2411
tropicanalv.com

VENETIAN

ONGOING

"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular"
phantomlasvegas.com
Blue Man Group, percussion theater
Comedian Wayne Brady
702-414-9000
venetian.com

WYNN LAS VEGAS

ONGOING

"Le Rêve"
Monty Python's "Spamalot"
702-770-7000
wynnlasvegas.com

GREEN VALLEY RANCH

Henderson

HEADLINERS

Rick Springfield, Feb. 29-March 1
The Wailers, March 21-22
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, March 29
Keiko Matsui, April 4
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com
702-564-8595
thedistrictatgvr.com

SUNSET STATION

Henderson

HEADLINERS

Dokken, April 5
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com

AQUARIUS RESORT

Laughlin

Entertainment TBA
702-298-5111
aquariuscasinoresort.com

COLORADO BELLE

Laughlin

Lounge Entertainment
702-298-4000
coloradobelle.com

EDGEWATER

Laughlin

Lounge Entertainment
702-298-2453
edgewater-casino.com

HARRAH'S LAUGHLIN

HEADLINERS

The Spinners, March 1-2
The Legendary Johnny Cash Band: The Tennessee Three, March 27-April 7
Merle Haggard, April 12
The Black Crowes, April 24
702-298-8510
harrahslaughlin.com

RIVERSIDE RESORT

Laughlin

HEADLINERS

Mary Wilson of The Supremes, Feb. 26-March 2
The Tennessee Three, March 4-9
Riders in the Sky, March 5-9
Irish Passion, March 11-17
Glen Campbell, March 19-23
Mark Chesnutt, March 25-30
Collin Raye, April 15-20
Ron Stubbs, The Outrageous Rock & Roll Hypnotist, April 29-May 4
702-298-2535
riversideresort.com

CASABLANCA

Mesquite

Comedy Club & lounge entertainment
877-GETAWAY
casablancaresort.com

CANNERY

North Las Vegas

HEADLINERS

Peace Frog: Tribute to The Doors, Feb. 29-March 1
Viva! Tribute to Santana, March 7-8
Ides of March, March 14
Rattle & Hum: Tribute to U2, March 15
The Nelson Riddle Orchestra, March 21-22
Limey Bar Stewards, March 28
Chuck Negron, March 29
Sammy Shore & Jimmy "JJ" Walker, April 4
Fran Cosmo: The Amazing Voice of Boston, April 5
The Fab, April 11
Creedence Clearwater Revisted, April 12
Pure Aloha Concert, April 18
British Invasion Concert w/The Searchers, The Manfreds, April 26
702-507-5700
cannerycasinos.com

TEXAS STATION

North Las Vegas

HEADLINERS

Isaac Hayes, April 11
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com

BUFFALO BILL'S RESORT

Primm

HEADLINERS

Julio Iglesias, March 29
Merle Haggard, April 5
Michael McDonald, April 26
800-FUN-STOP
primmvalleyresorts.com

WHISKEY PETE'S

Primm

COMING SOON

Temptations Revue Featuring Dennis Edwards, May 9-10
Smokey Robinson, May 24
800-FUN-STOP
primmvalleyresorts.com





Don Rickles, The Orleans

Elton John, Caesars Palace

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Collin Raye, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks

Michael Bolton, John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, & Peppermill, Wendover

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CARSON NUGGET
Carson City
Lounge entertainment
775-882-1626
ccnugget.com

CARSON STATION
Carson City
Lounge entertainment
775-883-0900
carsonstation.com

CARSON VALLEY INN
Minden
Lounge entertainment
775-782-9711
cvinn.com

ATLANTIS
Lounge entertainment
775-824-4467
atlantiscasino.com

CIRCUS CIRCUS
Circus acts daily
775-329-0711
circusreno.com

ELDORADO
ONGOING
"The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron," thru March 23
"Floor Play," April 1-July 27
SPECIAL EVENTS
Collegiate Western Regional Boxing, March 20-22
775-786-5700
eldoradoreno.com

GRAND SIERRA RESORT
HEADLINERS
Abbacadabra, March 5-9
SPECIAL EVENTS
Scott Harvey Winemaker's Dinner, March 1
Miss Hawaiian Tropic Regional Finals, April 12
775-789-2285
grandsierraresort.com

HARRAH'S RENO
ONGOING
Greg London's ICONS, thru July 14
775-786-3232
harrahs.com

JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET
Sparks
HEADLINERS
The Oak Ridge Boys, Feb. 29-March 2
Michael Bolton, March 8
Collin Raye, March 29
Gin Blossoms, April 18
775-356-3304
janugget.com

PEPPERMILL
HEADLINERS
Howie Mandel, March 1
775-826-2121
peppermillreno.com

RENO EVENTS CENTER
HEADLINERS
Matchbox Twenty w/ Alanis Morissette & Mute Math, March 14
800-687-8733
silverlegacyreno.com

SILVER LEGACY
HEADLINERS
The Moody Blues, March 7-8
Collective Soul, March 21
Craig Ferguson, March 22
Frank Caliendo, April 4
Julio Iglesias, April 5
Chris Rock, April 12
Creedence Clearwater Revisited, April 18
Kenny Rogers, April 25
ONGOING
Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club
800-MUST-SEE
silverlegacyreno.com

HARRAH'S LAKE TAHOE
Stateline
HEADLINERS
Huey Lewis, March 7
800-HARRAHS
harrahs.com

HARVEYS
Stateline
ONGOING
The Improv
775-588-2411
harrahs.com

HORIZON
Stateline
ONGOING
Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles
775-588-6211
ticketmaster.com

MONTBLEU RESORT
Stateline
HEADLINERS
Three Dog Night, March 29
775-588-3515
montbleuresort.com

HYATT REGENCY LAKE TAHOE
Incline Village
Lounge entertainment
775-832-1234
laketahoe.hyatt.com

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LONGSTREET INN
Amargosa Valley
Lounge entertainment
775-372-1777

STAGECOACH CASINO
Beatty
Lounge entertainment
775-553-2419
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COMMERCIAL HOTEL
Elko
Lounge entertainment
800-648-2345, ext. 498
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STOCKMEN'S HOTEL
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800-648-2345, ext. 498
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EL CAPITAN
Hawthorne
Lounge entertainment
775-945-3322
elcapitanresortcasino.com

CACTUS PETES
Jackpot
HEADLINERS
Man In Black, March 7-8
800-821-1103
ameristarcasinos.com

HORSESHU CASINO
Jackpot
Lounge entertainment
775-755-2321
ameristarcasinos.com

PAHRUMP NUGGET
Pahrump
Lounge entertainment
775-751-6500
pahrumpnugget.com

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Pahrump
Entertainment during special events
775-727-1111
saddlewest.com

MONTEGO BAY
Wendover
Lounge entertainment
775-664-9100
wendoverfun.com

PEPPERMILL
Wendover
HEADLINERS
Night Ranger, March 1
Michael Bolton, March 7
Craig Morgan, March 8
Sara Evans, March 14
Debby & Glen Campbell, March 15
Saigon By Night, March 16
Mel & Pam Tillis, March 21
Terry Fator, March 22
Travis Tritt, March 28
Bill Cosby, April 4
Rick Springfield, April 5
Tony Orlando, April 11
Sinbad, April 18
Neal McCoy, April 19
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Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Julio Iglesias, and Frank Caliendo, Silver Legacy

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(Counterclockwise from top) *Photos:* Smoke from a California wildfire drifts into Southern Nevada, a great horned owl rests in a Joshua Tree, and a raven takes flight. *Painting:* A quail and prickly pear cactus on canvas.

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Clark County Fair & Rodeo, Logandale, April 10-13

Southern Highlands Collegiate Golf Championships, March 6-9

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SPORTS

2008 NASCAR Weekend
Feb. 29-March 2
702-644-4444
lvms.com

Kawaski Team Green Laughlin U.S. Hare Scrambles
Laughlin
Feb. 29-March 2
Off-road race
702-457-5775
bitd.com

Tennis Channel Open
March 3-9
tennischannelopen.com

Southern Highlands Collegiate Golf Championships
March 6-9
15 colleges
702-242-3001
lvfcgolf.com

Laughlin River Stampede
Laughlin
March 27-30
Pro rodeo
800-308-2253
laughlinchamber.com

Big League Weekend
March 28-29
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners
702-386-7200
lv51.com

Red Rock Rendezvous
March 28-30
Rock-climbing festival
800-829-2009
redrockrendezvous.com

Monster Jam World Finals
March 29
702-739-FANS
unlvtickets.com

NHRA SummitRacing.com Nationals
April 10-13
702-644-4444
lvms.com

Xtreme Bulls Ride Hard Tour
Laughlin
April 12-13
Pro bull riders
702-298-2214
laughlinchamber.com

Terrible's 250
Primm
April 17-20
Off-road race
702-457-5775
bitd.com

FESTIVALS/FAIRS/CULTURE

Coldstream Guards & The Royal Scots
March 1
Pipes, drums, dancers
702-895-ARTS
unlvtickets.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival
Henderson
March 13-17
702-267-2171
hendersonlive.com

Easter Cultural Festival
March 22
702-229-6713
artslasvegas.org

Extreme Thing
March 29
Sports & music festival
702-455-8200
accessclarkcounty.com

Clark County Fair & Rodeo
Logandale
April 10-13
Pro rodeo, entertainment
888-876-FAIR
ccfair.com

Viva Las Vegas Rockabilly Weekend
April 10-13
Car show, burlesque, & jive contests, vintage slide show
vivalasvegas.net

Children's Festival
April 12
Stage performances, games
702-455-8200
accessclarkcounty.com

Spring Parade & Festival
Henderson
April 19
Car show, parade
702-267-2171
hendersonlive.com

Boulder City Fine Arts Festival
Boulder City
April 19-20
More than 100 artists, entertainment
702-293-2138
bouldercityartguild.org

Laughlin River Run
Laughlin
April 23-27
Harley-Davidson rally
800-357-8223
laughlinriverrun.com

Mesquite Days
Mesquite
April 24-27
Carnival, parade, fireworks, entertainment
702-346-8732
mesquitenv.gov

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St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival, Henderson, March 13-17

Boulder City Fine Arts Festival, April 19-20

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Earth Day
April 26
Las Vegas Natural History Museum
702-384-3466
lvnhm.org

ART EXHIBITS

Nicholas A. Price: Playground of the Gods
Thru April 30
Exhibition at Springs Preserve of Valley of Fire State Park photos
702-471-7709
naprice.com

MUSIC/THEATER

"Don't Start Me to Talking or I'll Tell You Everything I Know"
March 1
Drawn from 100 years of African-American oral history
702-229-6211
artslasvegas.org

Fremont Street Experience & Fremont East
Ongoing
Concerts, light shows, events
Race Jam, March 1-2
St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 15
Mint 400 Fanfest, March 27
Metric Revolution, April 4-5
Chicken Wing Cook-Off, April 11-13
702-678-5600
vegasexperience.com

Mark Nadler & KT Sullivan
March 2
Broadway cabaret stars
702-229-6383
artslasvegas.org

Vegas Valley Legacy Band
Mesquite
March 4
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com

Killian's Angels
March 8
Celtic, country, & rock music
702-229-6211
artslasvegas.org

The State Symphony Orchestra of Mexico
March 12
702-895-ARTS
unlvtickets.com

Grand Derangement in Concert
March 16
Arcadian & Celtic music
702-507-3459
lvccld.org

Pamela Whitman
March 16
Concert celebrates Gandhi's peace principles
702-229-6211
artslasvegas.org

Drama de la Pasion: Jesus de Nazaret
March 20-22
Spanish-language production
702-507-3606
lvccld.org

"East Meets West"
March 21-22
Nevada Ballet Theatre
702-895-ARTS
nevadaballet.com

K.J. & Friends & Joey Hines & The Hard Goodbye
March 28
Las Vegas rock bands
702-229-1515
artslasvegas.org

"That '50s Show"
Mesquite
March 28-29
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com

"The Pied Piper"
Henderson
March 29, April 5
Missoula Children's Theatre
702-267-2171
hendersonlive.com

"Lysistrata"
April 4-6, 9-13, 16-20
Adult comedy
705-895-ARTS
unlv.edu

Las Vegas Philharmonic
April 5
702-258-5438
lvphil.com

Sophie Milman Concert
April 11
Jazz singer
702-267-4849
hendersonlive.com

Roland Dyens
April 25
Classical guitar
702-895-ARTS
pac.unlv.edu

Yellow Brick Road
Henderson
April 26
Rock concert
702-267-4849
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Jazz in the Park
April 26, May 10, 31, June 7, 21
Nationally known performers
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City of Lights Jazz & R&B Festival
April 26-27
Norman Brown, Paul Taylor
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lasvegasevents.com

BYU Singers
Mesquite
April 29
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Cross-country skiing at Lake Tahoe

Dawg Pull at North Lake Tahoe Snow Festival, Feb. 29-March 9

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SPORTS

Virginia City Grand Prix
Virginia City
April 26-27
Off-road motorcycle race
775-530-6738
vcgp.com

SKI EVENTS

Guided Backcountry Ski Tours
North Lake Tahoe
Thru April
530-583-6955
squaw.com

Last Tracks
Lake Tahoe
Saturdays thru April 12
775-832-1177
diamondpeak.com

Winter Blue Adventure Race
Lake Tahoe/Reno
March 1
Backcountry & Nordic activities
530-546-1019
bigblueadventure.com

Great Ski Race
Lake Tahoe
March 4
Trek from Lake Tahoe to Truckee
thegreatskirace.com

Sick 'n' Twisted Halfpipe
Lake Tahoe
March 8
530-426-6726
sugarbowl.com

Full-Moon Snowshoe Trek
Lake Tahoe
March 15
209-258-7248
kirkwood.com

Sick 'n' Twisted Slopestyle
Lake Tahoe
March 16
775-832-1177
diamondpeak.com

St. Patty's Day Celebration
Lake Tahoe
March 17
530-426-6773
sugarbowl.com

St. Patrick's Day at Northstar-at-Tahoe
Lake Tahoe
March 17
800-GO-NORTH
northstarattahoe.com

St. Patrick's Day at Kirkwood
Lake Tahoe
March 17
209-258-7248
kirkwood.com

Spring Loaded 2008
Lake Tahoe
March 21-April 5
Jackpot railjam, snowboarding, pond skimming
775-586-7000
skiheavenly.com

Alpine Meadows Backyard Slopestyle
Lake Tahoe
March 22
877-845-5944
skialpine.com

Easter Festivities at Northstar-at-Tahoe
Lake Tahoe
March 23
Egg toss, fun race, egg hunt, Easter Bunny
800-GO-NORTH
northstarattahoe.com

Easter Sunday at Kirkwood
Lake Tahoe
March 23
Easter Egg hunt, church service
209-258-7248
kirkwood.com

Easter Egg Hunt at Squaw Valley
Lake Tahoe
March 23
530-583-6985
squaw.com

North America Free Skiing Championships
Lake Tahoe
March 25-29
Extreme skiing
209-258-7248
kirkwood.com

Diamond Peak Dummy Downhill
Lake Tahoe
April 5
Dummies on skis & snowboards
775-832-1177
diamondpeak.com

Dummy Downhill
Lake Tahoe
April 5
Fun race
800-SKI-ROSE
mtrose.com

FESTIVALS/FAIRS/CULTURE

Torchlight Parade & Fireworks
Lake Tahoe
Feb. 29
Kicks off Snow Festival
530-583-6985
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Area wide
Feb. 29-March 9
Polar bear swim, parties, parades, concerts, wacky competitions
530-583-7167
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ART EXHIBITS

Like, Love, Lust: Michael Sarich Exhibit
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nevadaart.org

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automuseum.org

1908 New York to Paris Great Race: 100th Anniversary
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Carson Valley Art Association Second Saturday
Carson Valley art tours
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MUSIC/THEATER

"Gypsy"
Broadway comes to Reno
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Reno Chamber Orchestra
March 3-9
Guest pianist Fabio Bidini
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March 6
Contemporary jazz & funk
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March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18
Variety show
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Brenn Hill in Concert
Minden
March 8
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Aaron Copland's "The Tender Land"
March 14-16
Nevada Chamber Opera
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Pints & Paddles
Lake Tahoe
March 22
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laketahoecruises.com

"Sounds of Broadway"
Minden
April 4-6
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"Romeo & Juliet"
Carson City
April 11-26
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April 18
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TOP TO BOTTOM

Shooting the West photographers, Winnemucca, March 7-9

Easter festivities statewide, March 22-23

MUSIC/THEATER (Cont.)

Reno Chamber Orchestra
April 19-20
Mozart's "Requiem"
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Carson City Symphony
Carson City
April 28
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GENERAL INTEREST

Gold Hill Hotel Lecture Series
Dennis Cassinelli, "Prehistoric Nevada," March 4
Neal Cobb, "Reno: Then & Now," March 11
Lochie Paige, "The Donner Party," March 18
Marilyn Melrose, "A Century of Hats," March 25
Fox Carlton Hughes, "Rainbow Rhino," April 1
Rinn & Karen Wright, "Restoration of an 1877 Square-Rigged Tall Ship," April 8
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Lost in Poverty
Carson City
March 6
Lecture on African children
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Soroptimist Savor the Flavor
Gardnerville
March 8
Wine & microbrew tasting
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Railroad Rhythms
Carson City
March 12
Concert by the "Little Toots"
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Historical Lecture: Alkali Angels
Gardnerville
March 13
Speaker: Marilyn Newton
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High Noon at the Historical Society
March 24
Video by Bill Metscher on Tonopah

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Spring Game-A-Thon
Minden
March 28-29
Slot & blackjack tournaments
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Trolleys of Japan
Carson City
April 9
Railroad lecture by
Phil Stevenson
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Historical Lecture
Gardnerville
April 10
Speakers: Guy Rocha,
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Become a Railroad Motorman
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April 18-20
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High Noon at the Historical Society
April 28
Video by John Marschall
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SPORTS

Pahrump Valley High School Rodeo
Pahrump
March 3
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

Ranch Hand Rodeo
Winnemucca
March 3-4
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

Ice Fishing Derby
Elko
March 8
Dunn's Wildhorse Resort
775-758-6471
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Baker to Las Vegas Run
Pahrump
April 19
Annual law enforcement
relay competition
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

Ranch Rodeo
Spring Creek, Elko
April 19-20
775-753-6295
elkocva.com

Rainbow Ridge Challenge
Fallon
April 20
Mountain bike race
775-423-7733
fallontourism.com

FESTIVALS/FAIRS/CULTURE

Halleck Bar Party
Elko
March 7
Northeastern Nevada
Museum fundraiser
775-738-3418
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Shooting the West XX
Winnemucca
March 7-9
Photography symposium
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TOP TO BOTTOM

Rodeo events in Winnemucca, Elko, & Laughlin

Virginia City Grand Prix, April 26-27

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Ice Fishing Derby, Elko, March 8

Rainbow Ridge Challenge mountain bike race, Fallon, April 20

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For more events in the Silver State, visit nevadamagazine.com.

FESTIVALS/FAIRS/ CULTURE (Cont.)

Easter Egg Hunt
Silver Springs
March 22
Lake Lahontan
775-577-2235
parks.nv.gov

N.Y. to Paris Great Race Centennial Celebration
Tonopah, Goldfield
March 22
thegreatautorace.com

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Pahrump
March 30, April 27
Re-enactments
775-727-5800
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Rides Aboard Trains Pulled by Antique Engines
Ely
April 12-May 31
775-289-2085
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Earth Day
Pahrump
April 13
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Walker Lake Loon Festival
Hawthorne
April 19
Lectures & boat rides to observe loons
775-573-2581
walkerlake.org

Tonopah Celebrates Spring
Tonopah
April 25
Cowboy poetry, music, food, contests
775-482-9680
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ART EXHIBITS

Nevada Sky/Nevada Walls
Fallon
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MUSIC/THEATER

Evening With the Arts
Fallon
March 1
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Jeni Fleming Acoustic Trio
Elko
March 11
775-738-5475
elkocva.com

"Romeo & Juliet"
Eureka
April 4
Utah Shakespearean Festival
775-237-6006
co.eureka.nv.us

Sophie Milman Concert
Fallon
April 5
Jazz singer
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Ruby Mountain Symphony
Elko
April 12
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Lulu LaFever
Eureka
April 18
Jazz, blues singer-songwriter
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Fallon
April 26
Country music
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Fallon
April 29
775-883-4154
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GENERAL INTEREST

Hidden Cave Tours
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March 8, April 12, 26, May 10, 24
Archaeological sites
775-885-6000
ccmuseum.org

Kerak Shrine Circus
Elko
March 10
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A Night at the Museum
Elko
March 11, April 8
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the reel deal

IGT unveils its latest round of video slot machines

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

DESIGNERS AT IGT STAY ON TOP OF TRENDS, and the company's new eBay video slot machine is no exception. "The eBay brand has had tremendous staying power, and just about all of us have visited their Web site at least once," says Tom O'Brien, IGT's MegaJackpots director. "We think the combination of eBay and the game's design will capture players' imaginations."

IGT's new eBay video slots represent the latest in a new wave of slot-machine gaming. Up to 10 players can experience the excitement of online eBay bidding and interact with other slot players, a revolutionary idea for a traditionally solitary pursuit. Five 40-inch big-screen reels display all the group-play action. Players can wager up to 250 credits, and group bonuses give you 10 free spins.

That isn't the only new IGT product you'll see gracing casino floors this year. Other developments include an upgrade to the player-favorite Wheel of Fortune Super Spin. One of the most recognizable video slots in the industry has been given a new look and feel with a semi-circular layout and large vertical wheel. The community game does not require a max bet to enter the bonus round and awards both a progressive jackpot and stand-alone prizes. Extra-wide seats make it possible for a friend to sit with you while you play.

Rounding out IGT's 2008 lineup, the company's newest multi-level progressive slot, Diamond Jackpots, will feature Triple Red Hot 7s, Triple Double Stars, Double Times Pay 3X4X5X, and Super Times Pay.


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