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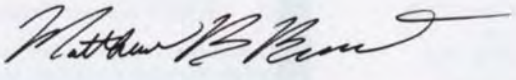
Perhaps we said it best in our July/August 2000 issue: The Best Entertainer category might as well be called "Wayne's World." After all, Wayne Newton won or shared the honor in our annual Best of Nevada readers' poll from 1998-2005.

It's that time of year again, and it seems fitting that Mr. Las Vegas returns to his prestigious post in 2008, bringing full circle an 11-year *Nevada Magazine* tradition. Newton brings familiarity to this year's results, but what set apart this poll was that readers voted online for the first time. See the complete list of winners starting on page 10, and thanks to all those who participated.

Lake Tahoe is another "best" that readers choose year after year. It was an eight-time winner in our original '98 poll, including Best Lake, and this year it shows up in six categories. To see the crystal-clear mountain lake from a new point of view, I recently rented a kayak and dropped in at Sand Harbor near Incline Village. I couldn't agree more, Nevada—in whatever capacity you visit, the lake just doesn't get old. For more about kayaking in Tahoe, read this issue's feature on circumnavigating the lake's 70-plus miles of shoreline. In the southern part of the state, Lakes Mead and Mohave are premier houseboating destinations—so much so that even a man who calls the Land of 10,000 Lakes home ventures there regularly. He tells his story in this magazine.

If spending summer on the water is not your thing, we also visit the rustic remains of Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park and the non-gaming burg of Boulder City, then take you on the Vegas Mob Tour and behind the scenes of two Cirque du Soleil productions.

Remember to visit our award-winning Web site for bonus material and extra stories.



Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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LYNN GOYA



Lynn Goya enjoys writing about environment, travel, business, design, entertainment, and family. The author of *Fun with the Family in Las Vegas* and *Ghost Towns, Legends and Levis*, Goya is an Emmy-nominated writer for the PBS series, *Outdoor Nevada*. "I find people fascinating—who they are and how they live," says the Boulder City resident, who wrote about Cirque du Soleil and Henderson dining in this issue.

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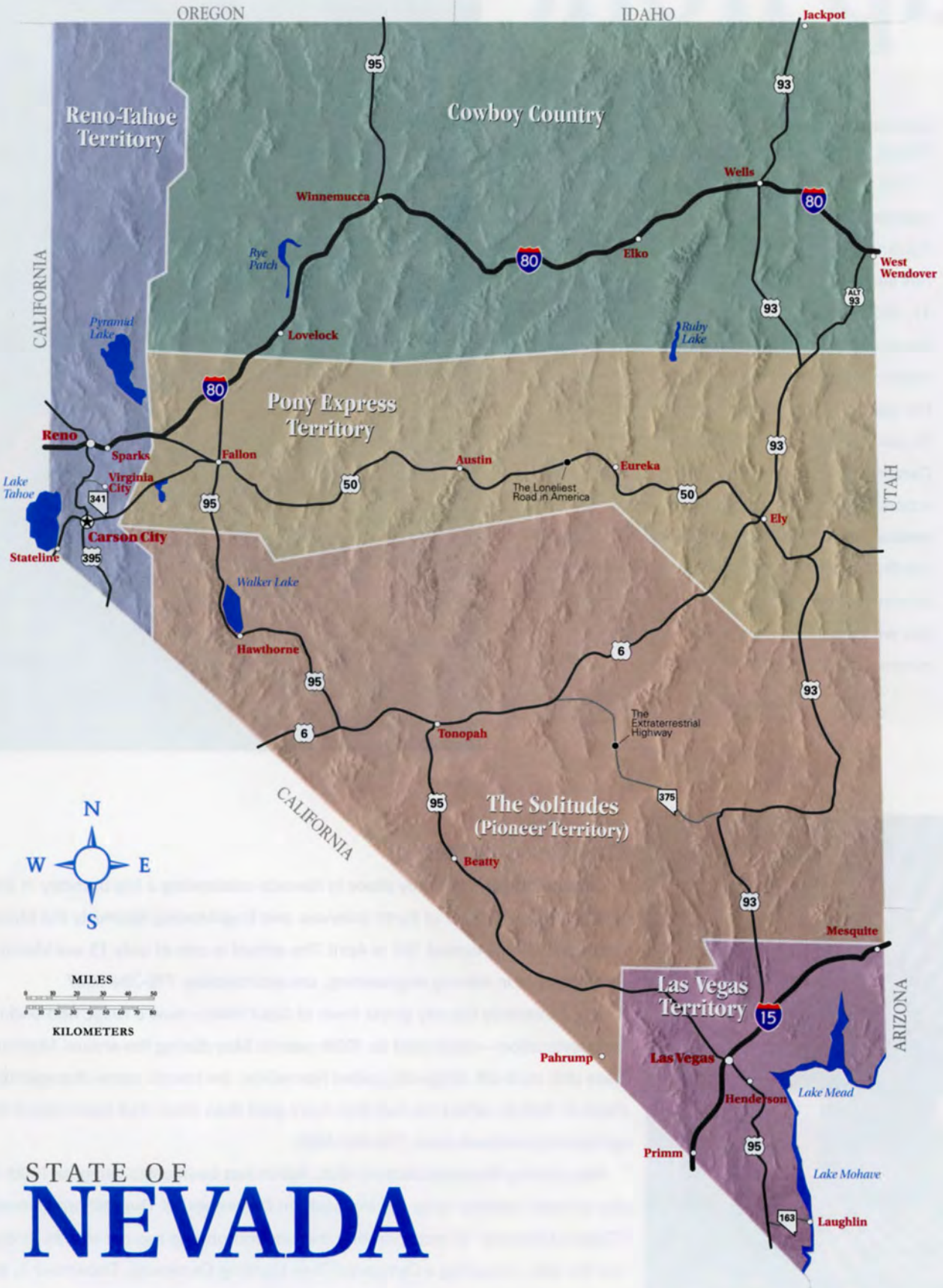
TIM HAUSERMAN



In the summer, you'll find Tim Hauserman kayaking along the shores of Lake Tahoe—see "Happy (Water) Trails"—hiking in Desolation Wilderness, or pedaling up Donner Summit on Highway 40. In the winter he teaches cross-country skiing in his hometown, Tahoe City, California. Hauserman wrote the official guidebook to the Tahoe Rim Trail, *Monsters in the Woods: Backpacking with Children*, and *Cross-Country Skiing in the Sierra Nevada*.

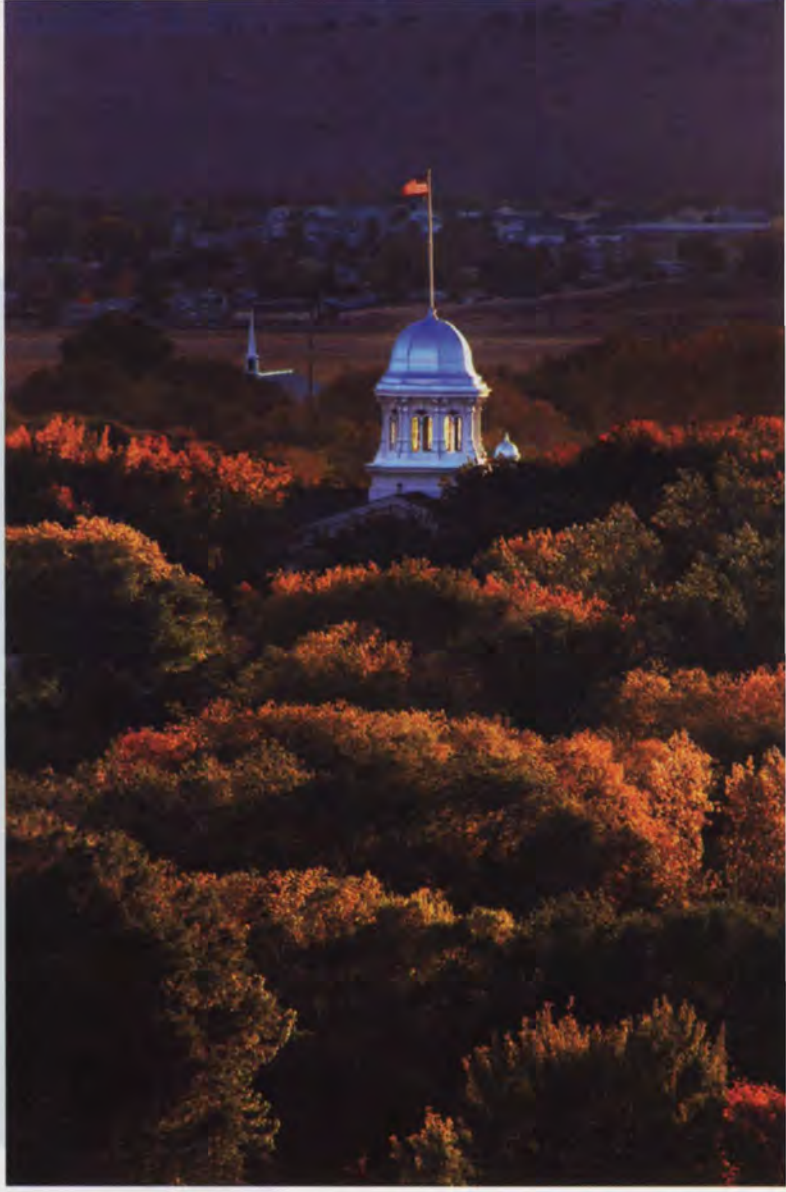
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STATE OF NEVADA

up front



SESQUICENTENNIAL

Happy Birthday, Capital!

The Pony Express, Mark Twain, statehood, legalized gaming, world championship prize fighting, suffrage, and prohibition—Carson City has seen a lot in its 150 years. Founded August 12, 1858, more than six years before Nevada became the nation's 36th state, the city was envisioned as a political center decades before the Capitol's silver-colored dome was forged. To recognize the auspicious milestone, the Carson City Sesquicentennial Committee has scheduled events throughout the summer leading up to a birthday weekend celebration starting August 16. Highlights will include the minting of a limited-edition coin, block parties with live music, and a giant birthday cake. eventsnevada.com, 775-887-1294



Gold Point

CENTENNIALS

One Century Young

Carson City isn't the only place in Nevada celebrating a big birthday in 2008. UNR's Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering (formerly the Mackay School of Mines) turned 100 in April. The school is one of only 13 worldwide to offer degrees in mining engineering. unr.edu/mackay, 775-784-6987

The Esmeralda County ghost town of Gold Point—now a rustic bed-and-breakfast destination—celebrated its 100th year in May during the annual Memorial Daze chili cook-off. Originally called Hornsilver, the town's name changed to Gold Point in 1932 to reflect the fact that more gold than silver had been mined there. goldpointghosttown.com, 775-482-4653

Also joining Nevada's century club, Fallon has been celebrating its 100th birthday all year, leading up to the big bash on December 18. The self-proclaimed "Oasis of Nevada" is incorporating the celebration into regular events throughout the year, including a Centennial Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 5, and a Centennial Ball on December 18. fallontourism.com, 775-423-4556

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COUNTERCULTURE

Burning Man 2008

Now in its 23rd year (19th in Nevada), the Black Rock Desert gathering Burning Man has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, attracting almost 50,000 participants from around the globe. This year's art theme is the American Dream, focusing on nationality, identity, and the nature of patriotism.

The August 25-September 1 event organizers suggest that participants—"burners"—"leave narrow and exclusive ideology at home; forget the blue states and the red; let parties, factions, and divisive issues fall away; and carefully consider [their] immediate experience." Tickets can be purchased online, at The Melting Pot in Reno, and various other stores in Northern California for $295 while supplies last. burningman.com, 415-863-5263

NEVADA ONLINE

View David Long's Burning Man 2007 slideshow at **longviews.com**.





BARBECUE

Southern Eats in Northern Nevada

Whether you crave St. Louis spareribs, Louisiana hot links, or Southern-style slow-cooked brisket, Circus Circus Reno has it. Smokin' Gecko's BBQ, the resort's latest restaurant, opened in May with a menu practically dripping with lip-smackin' barbecue sauce. For an authentic experience, pair your smoky meat dish with fried okra, drunken barbecue beans, and homemade cornbread with whipped honey butter. circusreno.com, 775-329-0711

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up front



THE ARTS

Live-In Art

The architectural and interior designs of Frank Lloyd Wright are an American institution. From Fallingwater in Pennsylvania to New York's Guggenheim Museum, his work has captured imaginations for decades. Through July 20, *Frank Lloyd Wright and The House Beautiful* is on exhibit at Reno's Nevada Museum of Art.

Also on exhibit at the NMA, *Elemental Nature* is drawn primarily from items in the museum's permanent collection, united by a focus on the natural elements: earth, water, air, and fire. *Elemental Nature* will be on exhibit through September 7.

The Art + Environment Conference, an exploration of nature and culture, is scheduled for October 2-4, and the $400 registration is open through September 26. nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333



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The AAA Five-Diamond-rated Bellagio unveiled its $60-million suite redesign, combining high style and high tech. The 512 suites' new décor highlights dark woods and colors ranging from neutral beige to vibrant ambers. Italian marble entries elegantly contrast with mahogany furnishings, and contemporary art hangs on the walls alongside views of the Las Vegas Strip.

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Art aficionados will appreciate the new Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art membership program with members-only exhibition previews, discounted admission for guests of members, and priority seating at lectures. Annual memberships begin at $50 and can be purchased at the gallery box office. bellagio.com, 800-987-6667



HISTORIC TRAIL

Wagons West!

Construction of the California National Historic Trail Center, about midway between Elko and Carlin off Interstate 80, was completed earlier this year. Although the center's exhibits won't be finalized until 2011, visitors can still enjoy period reenactments and an artful outdoor scale model of the Nevada section of the trail on the plaza in front of the center. Group tours are available by appointment. elkocva.com, 800-248-3556

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11th Annual Poll



the readers speak...

NEVADA MAGAZINE'S Best of Nevada 2008

Nevada lovers far and wide voted for their favorite places, stars, and attractions for the first time online—the 2008 Best of Nevada readers' survey was available on nevadamagazine.com from February 15 to May 1.

The list was shortened this year, and we added a new category: My Nevada Favorites. Lake Tahoe led the list of Nevada favorites and the "tried and true" categories that readers have voted for over the past 11 years.

Following is the complete list of winners. To read some of the voters' comments, or to comment yourself, visit nevadamagazine.com.

MY NEVADA FAVORITES

MY FAVORITE NEVADA GETAWAY
Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com

MY FAVORITE NEW NEVADA RESTAURANT
The Firkin & Fox, Carson City
thefirkinandfox.com

MY FAVORITE NEW NEVADA PLACE TO SHOP
The Summit Reno
thesummitonline.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA ATTRACTION
Tie: **Lake Tahoe/Nevada Northern Railway Museum,** Ely
bluelaketahoe.com/nnry.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA VIEW
Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA SAYING
"What Happens Here, Stays Here"
visitlasvegas.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA AUTHOR
Tie: **Robert Laxalt/Rich Moreno**
unpress.nevada.edu

MY FAVORITE NEVADA HIGHWAY
Highway 50, "The Loneliest Road in America"
travelnevada.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA PLACE I VISITED IN 2007
Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com

MY FAVORITE NEVADA PLACE I WISH NO ONE ELSE KNEW ABOUT
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redrockcanyonlv.org

PLUS: THE NEVADA PERSON I'D LIKE TO SPEND A DAY WITH
Wayne Newton
waynenewton.com

TRIED AND TRUE CATEGORIES

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North: Atlantis, Reno
atlantiscasino.com

South: Bellagio, Las Vegas
bellagio.com

Rural: Cactus Petes, Jackpot
ameristarcasinos.com

FRIENDLIEST HOTEL-CASINO
North: Peppermill, Reno
peppermillreno.com

South: Caesars Palace, Las Vegas
harrahs.com

Rural: Carson Valley Inn, Minden
cvinn.com

BEST BUFFET
North (tie): **Toucan Charlie's, Atlantis,** Reno/**Rum Jungle, Casino Fandango,** Carson City
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South: Carnival World Buffet, Rio All-Suite, Las Vegas
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South: Tao, Venetian
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BEST PLACE TO TAKE KIDS

North (tie): **Lake Tahoe/ Circus Circus,** Reno
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South: Circus Circus, Las Vegas
circuscircus.com

Rural: Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely
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BEST PLACE TO TAKE A DATE

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South (tie): **Liberace Museum/ Atomic Testing Museum,** Las Vegas
liberace.org/ atomictestingmuseum.org

Rural: Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely
nnry.com

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SHOWS/ENTERTAINMENT

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COZY LITTLE BURG

This quaint southern town takes the gaming out of Nevada, but not the action

BY JOAN PATTERSON

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The Nevada State Railroad Museum offers seven-mile, roundtrip train rides from the Boulder City Depot (opposite page). Left: The Western and Mexican Center curio shop was featured in the movie *Fools Rush In.*

THE WESTERN AND MEXICAN CENTER IN DOWNTOWN BOULDER CITY is one of those roadside tourist shops that makes you grin, advertising its leather goods with a big outdoor sign that reads: "Dead Cows on Sale Here."

Customer Svetlana Ermeeva, 38 and petite with reddish-brown hair and large brown eyes, is lingering near the front door by a table covered with paperweights made from tarantulas mummified in domes of glass. In terms of Western curios, it doesn't get much better. But the real find for Ermeeva on this spring afternoon seems to be the peaceful little enclave of Boulder City itself.

"We're from Russia. We're staying in a hotel on the [Las Vegas] Strip and drove here this morning to see Hoover Dam," says Ermeeva, who is traveling with her brother, aunt, and mother. "It's very different here. This is a little, cozy town. I would say a typical American, real town."

Boulder City is 23 miles southeast of Las Vegas, but it has about as much in common with its hyperkinetic neighbor as do penny slots and high-stakes baccarat. It is the only Nevada town where gambling has always been outlawed, taverns are rare, and growth is strictly controlled by an ordinance that requires voter approval for the sale of city land exceeding an acre.



PHOTO: SUSANNE REESE

The River Mountains (above) offer a panoramic view of quaint Boulder City, where pizza shops and cafés are hangouts for locals and tourists (right).



WORTH A VISIT

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The city, which has a population of about 15,000, was created during the Great Depression to house Hoover Dam workers and their families. It was supposed to be a temporary government settlement. Each tiny wooden house could be built in a day and was designed to be torn down once everyone left. But many of the families decided to remain, and by 1960 the little desert outpost became an incorporated city.

Drive the tree-lined main street, Nevada Way, and you get a feel for what it was like in the hamlet's earliest days. Some of the original buildings stand much as they did in the '30s, with long breezeways and arched entries that loop business to business. Mel's Diner, which serves tasty steak and eggs, is located in what was once the Browder Café, where dam workers were fed more than seven decades ago.

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The gem of the downtown historic district is Arizona Street's Boulder Dam Hotel, a two-story Dutch Colonial building constructed in 1933 that served as lodging for visitors to Hoover Dam, including an amazing collection of corporate VIPs, foreign dignitaries, and celebrities. A list of famous guests available at the hotel's front desk bears names from James Cagney to Pope Pius XI.

Visitors are welcome to tour the hotel's lobby, which is wrapped in rich Southern-sweet-gum paneling and highlighted by a grand piano and the original brick fireplace. Some of the upstairs rooms have been converted into shopping space that includes a gallery run by the Boulder City Art Guild. There also is the highly regarded Boulder City/Hoover Dam Museum, which displays an old telephone switchboard where visitors can plug into actual recordings of the city's founders reminiscing about the early days.

But the beauty of Boulder City is that it isn't just about its past. Recent additions to the downtown area, for example, include the English-style Treasured Times Teahouse, the Boulder Dam Brewing Company, and Goat Feathers Emporium, a giant





Left: Bikers pass by "The Grand Dame of Boulder City," which contains the Boulder City Museum. Patrons enjoy the outdoor patio at Tony's Pizza (above).

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Boulder City Blues Fest, Sept. 6
Chautauqua, Sept. 13
Worstfest, Sept. 27
Art in the Park, Oct. 4-5
Bantam Society 40th Annual Car Show, Oct. 9-11
Discover Aviation Show, Oct. 18
Winterfest Art Show, Nov. 8-9
Santa Train, Dec. (date TBA)
Parade of Lights on Lake Mead, Dec. (date TBA)
Christmas Tree Lighting, Dec. 5
Santa's Picture Party, Dec. 6
Electric Night Parade, Dec. 6
Luminaria, Dec. 12
"The Nutcracker," Dec. 12-14
Dam Short Film Festival, Feb. 2009
Boulder City Fine Arts Festival, April 2009
Best Dam BBQ, May 2009

Above: Boulder City Art Guild member Deb Mays (left) assists a customer in choosing a print. The print shown is "Ready to Leave," by Jane Marquez. Opposite page: Californian Matt Gardner contemplates a mountain-bike trail at Bootleg Canyon.

gift and antique store. At Goat Feathers, a glassblower demonstrates his craft almost daily, and an entire section looks like an old-time grocery, right down to the barrels of penny candy.

A popular bistro, Milo's Cellar, recently added an upstairs bed and breakfast. The four Tuscan-inspired rooms include details such as burgundy-colored down comforters and marble fireplaces. Each room has access to the courtyard, a tranquil escape where guests can receive massages near the Koi pond fed by a fountain.

Take a walk along Nevada Way on any given Friday or Saturday night, and you'll see tourists sipping wine and eating lasagna at Milo's outdoor café or on the breezeway outside Tony's Pizza. It's all one big party—OK, maybe one big laid-back party—and not a lick of neon to be seen or a clang-clang-clang from a slot machine to be heard.

"Down the hill people can tend to focus on gaming and not each other, and what I like about this town is everybody knows everybody," says David Rivera, a managing partner at Milo's. "Vegas is such a fast-paced mentality; you get over here and life just slows down."

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Visit **nevadamagazine.com** for Lynn Goya's in-depth description of Milo's Cellar: sidewalk café, wine bar, and retail liquor.

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Bootleg Canyon

SOUTHERN NEVADA PLAYGROUND

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

If you need extra incentive to get outside, just the name Boulder City should have you itching to navigate Southern Nevada's craggy terrain via mountain bike. Not convinced? Boulder City doesn't allow visitors the option of parking their fannies in the local casino to play the slots. So here's a guide to Boulder City area recreation:

Bootleg Canyon

This mountain-bike haven is known for its extensive network of world-class downhill and cross-country trails. The International Mountain Bike Association certified one of the XC trails an "Epic Ride," in case you needed justification for "world class." Check out the River Mountain Trail—closed to biking—for running and hiking, and be cautious of the extreme summer heat. bootlegcanyon.org, brentthomsonart@cox.net
Tourist Tidbit: Greenheart Conservation Company (greenheart.ca) is working on installing a Flightline—another way of saying rip-roaring zip line—system in Bootleg Canyon.

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Boulder City BMX

The bicycle track is sanctioned and governed by National Bicycle League rules. Future plans include hosting NBL pro and national series events. bouldercitybmx.com, 702-334-9718

Boulder City Motocross

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don't fugget about it

Vegas Mob Tour gives a history lesson on who put the Sin in the City.

BY ROGER NAYLOR



BEING TAKEN FOR A RIDE BY THE MOB has sinister connotations. So it's important to know that on the Vegas Mob Tour, you get to sit up front, not in the trunk.

Most towns might downplay a sordid past rife with hit men, jewel heists, and profit skims, but that's not how Vegas rolls. In Sin City, sordid sells. The Vegas Mob Tour turns those underworld connections into a rollicking history lesson. The two-and-a-half hour bus tour covers a chunk of the city and several decades of La Cosa Nostra highlights, from the glamorous vision of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel to the heavy-handed tactics of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro.

Guests gather at the Greek Isles Casino. The tour guide won't be hard to spot since he'll be wearing a pinstriped suit and fedora. Leading guests to a plush mini-bus, guide Adam Flowers sets the tone for the night with snappy, lingo-laced patter: "If you have any questions, feel free to ask. If I don't know the answer, I'll lie. And youse guys will believe me. Got it?" After a brief orientation film detailing the early days of Las Vegas, the bus pulls onto the neon-splashed streets.

Before taking the tour, do yourself a favor and rent director Martin Scorsese's classic, *Casino*. Along the way you'll see where scenes were filmed and where real-life events that inspired the movie occurred. If you think Scorsese went over the top with graphic violence, just wait till the guide delivers the unvarnished stories.

When viewing *Casino*, watch for a burly hit man whacking a guy in rampaging fashion—chasing him through his home and shooting him repeatedly. That's no actor—that's Frank Cullotta, mob henchman turned informer. He served as technical adviser to the movie's producers, and, at Scorsese's urging, recreated a hit Cullotta carried out during his time as Spilotro's lieutenant. In the film, Joe Pesci portrays a thinly veiled version of Spilotro, a ruthless enforcer who is later murdered and buried in a cornfield. The mob tour uses Cullotta as a consultant, along with FBI Special Agent Dennis Arnoldy (who once arrested Cullotta) and retired investigator and author Dennis Griffin. The tour is largely based on Griffin's book, *The Battle for Las Vegas*.

Driving through back neighborhoods of Vegas, the guide evokes a haunting mood. "Tony Spilotro had a death stare. When he gave it, you either moved on or put your affairs in order," says Flowers before detailing exploits of the volatile mobster. Although the tales are raw and gritty, they never cross the line into sensationalism. Characters on both sides of the law, the innocent and guilty, the living and dead, are accorded their respect.

The tour concludes with a stop at a monument dedicated to Bugsy Siegel at the Flamingo. In 1946, the gangster built the casino using $6 million in mob money. Unfortunately, that exceeded what his backers wanted to spend. They registered their displeasure by aerating his skull with .30 caliber slugs. Almost hidden among the gardens of the wildlife habitat, the simple stone pillar can easily go unnoticed.

No matter. The Vegas Mob Tour is a vivid and fitting tribute to the town's founding fathers.

Mob Museum Coming to Las Vegas

The success of the Vegas Mob Tour has paved the way for one of the town's most innovative new attractions, a mob museum. Scheduled to open in 2010, the museum will chronicle the major role that organized crime played in developing Las Vegas into a gambling capital and destination.

The FBI will provide the museum with a wealth of exhibits, including photographs, histories, and transcripts of wiretaps. The museum also will tell the tales of the lawmen who sought to bring the gangsters to justice.

Dennis Barrie, who directed the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C., will design the downtown museum, to be housed in a former federal building.

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Cirque du Soleil

NEVADA MAGAZINE TAKES YOU BEHIND THE SCENES



BY LYNN GOYA

The hottest ticket in Las Vegas would be even hotter if not for the air vents under every seat. While keeping an auditorium a comfortable 68 to 70 degrees may not seem an impressive feat, it is one of the behind-the-scenes innovations that have Cirque du Soleil's "O" routinely selling out even as it approaches its 10-year anniversary in October.

While Cirque audiences marvel as athletes plummet into water, do battle in midair, and leap from raft to beam, few look beyond the spectacle to see the technical wonders that make Cirque shows so visually spectacular. *Nevada Magazine* takes you backstage with the wizards behind two Cirque shows, "O" and "KÀ," to find out what it takes to keep an audience enthralled night after night.

While the patrons remain cool, "O's" pool maintains a temperature of 88 degrees to prevent chills as performers spin in and out of the 1.5-million-gallon pool. Seven moveable platforms separately rise and fall almost 20 feet at speeds ranging from one to 20 feet per minute. Designers keep the water tranquil via hundreds of tiny holes in the platforms that allow the water to slip through instead of creating hazardous and distracting waves. A thick layer of randomly sized pebbles surrounding the perimeter of the pool and a sophisticated lift system keep the surface seemingly

city limits



undisturbed. "O's" water playground can accommodate a 60-foot high diving act or a series of rapid-fire across-the-floor flips. Couples frolic in a free-fall diving sequence just moments after backlit acrobats skip across a pond, kicking up watery plumes.

Off-stage technicians keep things running smoothly through constant communication with key divers via facemasks equipped with talking devices. Underwater cameras scan the environment looking for hazardous conditions. Other divers guide performers—who may have just plunged into the pool after a series of quick somersaults—to breathing stations or lead them off stage through hidden underwater exits. Because water, electricity, and humans don't mix, underwater connectors—which are checked daily—were adapted from NASA and offshore oil rig technology.

Backstage, Cirque du Soleil choreography is as fluid as the moves onstage. "KÀ" staffs almost 200 employees to support its 80 performers. Half take care of makeup, hair, and 1,500 costume pieces; half fill eight distinct tech crews that run the show and maintain the set. Crewmembers begin their day at 6 a.m., seven days a week, following strict maintenance schedules. Each of the 400 shoes, for instance, is checked daily, along with hats, costumes, and props. Three full-time shoemakers build each shoe individually for each performer, matching the painted surfaces to individual skin color.

"Every artist on the stage has the exact same shoe with the same sole that can grip the stage the exact same way," says "KÀ's" technical director, Erik Walstad. Surfaces are repainted the same way with the same paint. The smallest change in set or costume, from a subtle change in paint color to a replacement fabric that comes from a new vendor, is tested to ensure that it works in action. The crew may run up to 40 of these validations per week. "If we change out one rope somewhere in the system, we may have to [bring in the cast to] run a complete validation. Things start to develop patterns [of wear]," says Walstad. "We log everything we do, so we might see that a certain bolt wears at a certain rate," letting the crew know to replace it before it might fail. Set, costumes, and rigging are meticulously scrutinized before, during, and after each



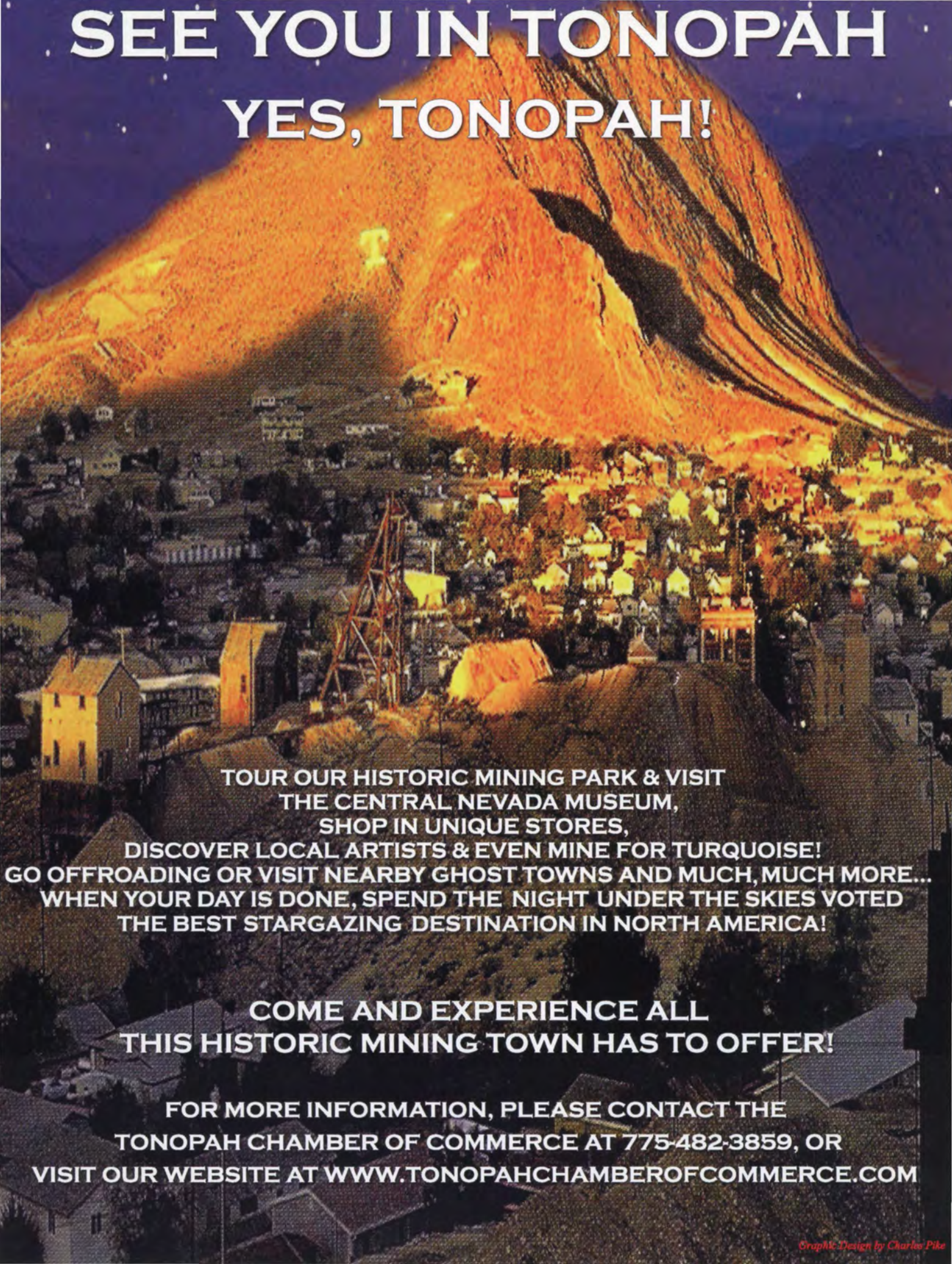
performance. Anyone, cast or crew, has the ability to stop the show if they find something unexpected.

"We are very careful," says Walstad. "Safety comes first—from there our job is to make sure the show happens every night. It's unlike any other production I've worked on."

SHOW NOTES

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nevada's rugged history

Explore fossils and wander through a ghost town at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park

BY TERI RUSSMAN





PHOTOS: RYAN JERZ (TOP), SCOTT T. SMITH (BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT)



Opposite page: The view across Ione Valley from Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park (top). Bottom left: The inside of the Berlin Mill looks much like it did when mine operations ceased nearly 100 years ago. The fossil shelter (bottom right) was built in 1966 to protect the 55-foot long exposed Ichthyosaur remains. Right: A life-sized rendition of an Ichthyosaur greets visitors at the fossil site.

More than 200 million years ago, giant marine reptiles known as ichthyosaurs swam in the shallow ocean that once covered what is now Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park. A century ago it was the site of a bustling mining town. Lying against the western slope of the Shoshone Mountains in central Nevada, the 1,540-acre park offers visitors a window into Nevada's rugged history.

Ichthyosaur fossils were discovered in the area in 1928, and excavations were conducted from 1954 through the 1960s. Remains of about 40 ichthyosaurs have been found in the park, and several specimens remain undisturbed. Miners found many uses for the vertebrae such as dinner plates and doorstops. A fossil shelter built in 1966 covers the largest nearly complete skeleton, measuring 55 feet long, and houses other partial skeletons and interpretive displays. The shelter is open for tours, but for those unable to attend one, large viewing windows are at both ends of the structure.

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park was established in 1957 to protect and display the most abundant concentration and largest known specimens of ichthyosaur fossils found in North America and to preserve the ghost town of Berlin. As you enter the park, stop on your left at the visitor center/museum—the former mine superintendent's home—to pick up a map of the town, mining sites, fossil shelter, and campground.

The town of Berlin sprang up in 1896 when substantial gold veins were discovered nearby. By 1905 the population reached about 250 people, but in 1911, when mining declined, the town was abandoned.

A self-guided walking tour winds through the remains of Berlin, including a 30-stamp ore mill, stagecoach station, black-



GETTING THERE

Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park is located 23 miles east of Gabbs. From Gabbs, drive north on State Route 361 for about two miles, then turn east on S.R. 844. You will cross Brunton Pass and continue across the expansive Ione Valley.

PHOTO: RYAN JERZ

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HELPFUL INFO

Entrance fee: $4 per vehicle

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Fossil shelter tour: 40 minutes

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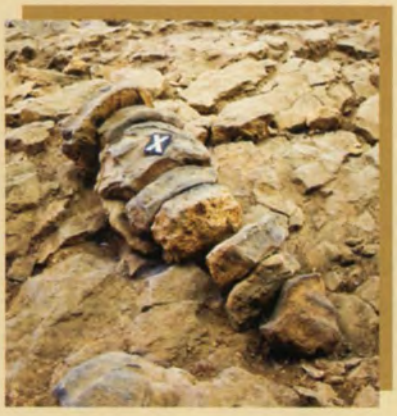
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smith shop, assay office, machine shop, houses, and a cemetery. Peering through the windows of the former residents' homes, visitors can see bed frames, pipe stoves, tattered Bibles, rocking chairs, frayed suitcases, and kitchen utensils.

The campground has 14 sites, each with a fire ring, barbecue grill, and covered table. Drinking water is available from mid-April to October, and vault restrooms are nearby. Some sites are suitable for RVs up to 25 feet, and a sanitary station is available. A one-half-mile nature trail connects the campground to the fossil shelter.

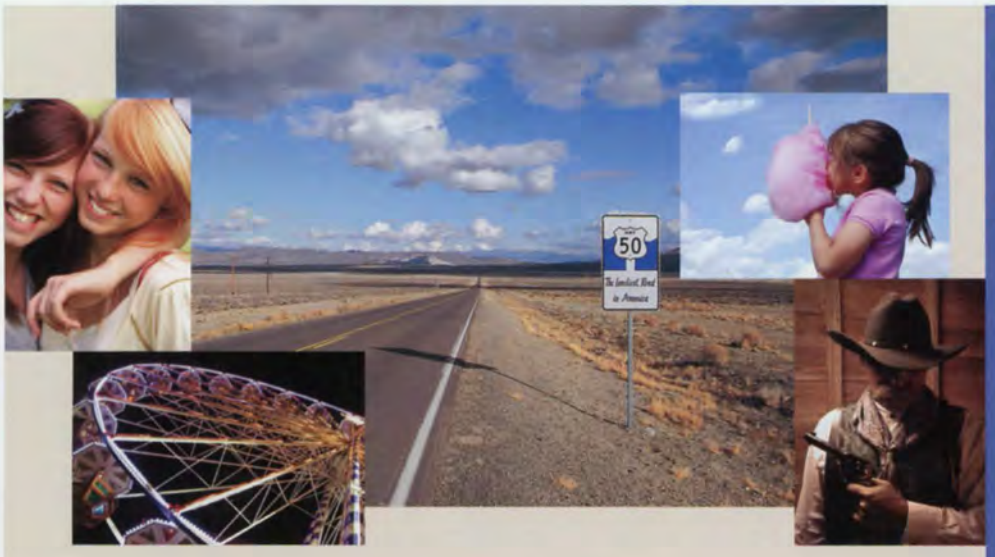
The park ranges in elevation from 6,840 to 7,880 feet. It is open year-round; the most popular times to visit are late spring and early fall. Call ahead for winter conditions. Services are sparse, so plan carefully and pack everything you need for this remote region. The nearest gas station is in Gabbs; it has limited hours and is closed on Sundays.

The Berlin Mill (top) sits on the hill above the ghost town and below the fossil site. Bottom left: A section of Ichthyosaur vertebrae. The Berlin assay office (bottom right).





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Top: Ione Valley. A hands-on, miniature replica of an Ichthyosaur fossil (middle) is popular among young visitors. Bottom: The Berlin Mill.



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ICHTHYOSAUR FAST FACTS

- Ichthyosaurs lived from about 250 million to 90 million years ago, appearing slightly earlier than dinosaurs. They were the largest animals of their day, measuring more than 50 feet long and weighing up to 60 tons.
- Ichthyosaurs were stuck in the mud by receding waters, covered by silt and mud, buried in lava flows and ash falls from massive volcanism, uplifted by mountain building, exposed by erosion, and eventually discovered on this high desert hillside.
- The fossil shelter at Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park houses the second-largest known fossil; the largest was discovered in British Columbia, Canada, in 1991.

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BY TIM HAUSERMAN

Nevada Magazine Editor Matthew B. Brown (top left) gets ready for an early morning put-in at Sand Harbor. Top right: *Nevada Magazine* Associate Editor Charlie Johnston tests a pedal kayak in Lake Tahoe.

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IT'S AS IF YOU ARE FLOATING IN SPACE. You glide slowly through the calm, crystal clear water with each paddle stroke. To the starboard, emerald green water rests above a sandy bottom; on the port, a deep dark blue that appears to go on into infinity. It's 8 a.m., the quiet is surreal, and you have the lake to yourself.

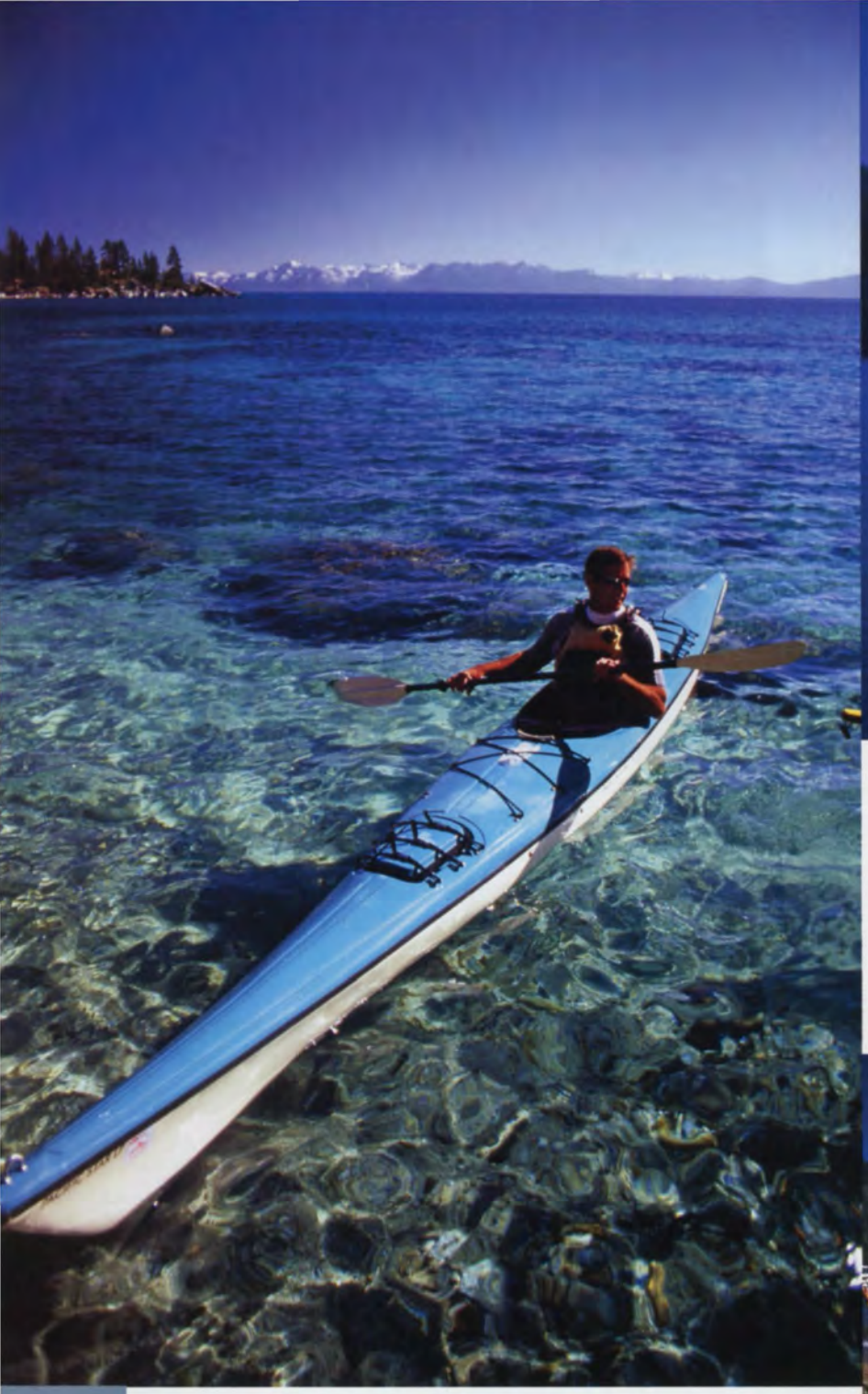
This is kayaking Lake Tahoe. "It gives me goose bumps to talk about the clarity of the lake," says Don Sullivan, author of *Kayaking Tahoe: The Unofficial Guide*. "It's just amazing."

Whether you are paddling along the west shore toward Emerald Bay or moving past the sparkling white beaches of Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe is a splendid place to spend a day in a kayak. As peaceful as a day of kayaking on the lake can be, it pales in comparison to the six-day, 72-mile circumnavigation that is the Lake Tahoe Water Trail. Kayaking the rim of Lake Tahoe is a challenging undertaking, even for those well acquainted with the sport. Following is a snapshot of the journey, which starts (and ends) at Sand Harbor.

Day one consists of a paddle west past Incline Village and the boulders at Bucks Beach before reaching Tahoe Vista, where there are a variety of lodging options right on the beach and Spindleshanks restaurant across the highway. On day two you can camp right next to the lake at Tahoe City, then stroll past dozens of shops and restaurants. If your arms are up for it, paddle another two miles to William Kent Campground and dine next door on the spacious deck at Sunnyside Lodge.

Day three takes you along the west shore, past palatial lakefront estates, to beachside camping at Meeks Bay or D.L. Bliss State Park, named for Duane Leroy Bliss. Both parks have inviting sandy swimming beaches. Meeks Bay has a snack bar and a store just above the waterside. On day four, wave at hikers on the popular Rubicon trail as you paddle to the Emerald Bay Boat Campground or nearby Camp Richardson. At Camp Richardson you can enjoy live music and great food at The Beacon Bar and Grill. Day five takes you past busy South Lake Tahoe, back into Nevada, and to Zephyr

PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (LEFT), MATTHEW B. BROWN (RIGHT)









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Clockwise from left: Incline Village local Chuck Swing takes to the water in a sea kayak. All types of recreational watercraft share Lake Tahoe. Matthew B. Brown works on his paddling near Sand Harbor. Kayaks at Incline Beach.

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Cove, where you can dine at Sunset Bar and Grille and find camping. The last day will be the longest, but many would argue the prettiest, taking you on a 15-mile run from Zephyr Cove—past sacred Cave Rock, and secluded east shore beaches such as Skunk Harbor, Secret Harbor, and Chimney Beach—to Sand Harbor.

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tasty trifecta

Here are three scrumptious reasons to venture away from the Las Vegas Strip

BY LYNN GOYA

Although celebrity chefs on the Strip continue to be the big news on the Las Vegas food scene, an interesting trend is developing off the Strip. We all know that Emeril and Wolfgang don't sauté onions in their namesake kitchens.

Instead, they pick the best and brightest young chefs and install them as head chefs of their signature restaurants. A number of these top-notch restaurateurs have decided to stay in the Vegas area and make a name for themselves in their own right. Still others forgo the Strip altogether to set up shop in locations that can put them in the heart of a culinary explosion but with less hassle, more autonomy, and lower costs that they are able to pass along to their devoted patrons.

We offer the following restaurants in Henderson run by chefs who may be a little less known but have the gusto to create their own dining traditions.

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Todd's seared, rare ahi tuna (top) sits atop zesty wasabi mashed potatoes in a savory soy garlic butter sauce. Fried, Julienne carrots and potatoes and fresh pea sprouts finish the dish.

Ventano's grilled Shrimp on a Stone appetizer (middle), named one of the "75 Great Things to Eat" in Las Vegas by *Las Vegas Life*, is prepared with chili pepper, garlic, and olive oil and served on a 700-degree, scorching-hot stone.

Chandelier's shish kabab (bottom) is marinated in garlic, onion, and olive oil and grilled on an open flame. Lemon rice, with a sprinkling of chopped tomato and parsley, adds a light, zesty flare.

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Todd Clore (top) is the owner and executive chef of Todd's Unique Dining in Henderson. Bottom: Gaurav Varma, managing partner and chef at Chandelier Mediterranean Restaurant & Hookah Lounge, enjoys one of more than 20 hookah flavors, including mint, Coke, and mango, available at the lounge.

Todd's Unique Dining

Todd's Unique Dining is a charming little restaurant under the stewardship of Denver native Todd Clore, who garnered a national name for himself before undertaking this solo venture. Clore turned the brunch at Bally's into a national sensation with accolades from the likes of *ZAGAT* and *The Food Channel. Gourmet Magazine* called him a "chef to watch." Clore specializes in intense flavors that are hard to dissect.

You'll want to try the Malaysian Barbeque Shrimp with cucumber salad, Johnny Cakes ($10), and Goat Cheese Wontons ($8). The giant shrimp are rubbed with a smoky, slightly tangy barbeque sauce that flares within your sinuses only to be doused by the vinegary cucumbers and warm pancakes. The snappy wontons are filled with a creamy goat cheese and adorned with a raspberry sauce seasoned with a hint of basil.

Clore's braised boneless short ribs ($26) are one of the restaurant's signature dishes, with deep earthy flavors of wine and herbs complemented by zesty jalapeño mashed potatoes and sweet caramelized onions. If the beef is earth, the seared ahi tuna ($26) is deep blue summer sky pierced with a shaft of wasabi sunlight. The meal pairs well with an Australian wine suggested by the staff, assuring that Clore's wine cellar is as impressive as his food.

Chandelier Mediterranean Restaurant & Hookah Lounge

The wide range of Greek, Turkish, Italian, and Indian dishes presented under the theme of Mediterranean cuisine at Chandelier comes naturally to Gaurav Varma. Born and raised in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and schooled in Switzerland, Varma earned his degree in hospitality at UNLV. You could even say the restaurant business runs in his blood. Varma's family owns more than 15 restaurants and food establishments around



Top: Ventano Italian Gill & Seafood in Henderson. Arnauld Briand (left) is the owner and executive chef of Ventano.

the globe. Wine dinners, offered every four weeks or so, sell out weeks in advance and have become a networking as much as a culinary event. Varma shoves the tables together in a family-style get-together.

The signature dish is chicken makhni ($15.95), which also can be ordered as a vegetarian or seafood meal. Varma's mother sends the spices directly from the Middle East to his house where he prepares the makhni seasoning in secret—the only way his mother agreed to pass along her recipe. The classic shish kabab ($15.25), made of tender chunks of beef marinated in garlic, onion, and olive oil, is superb. A light lemon rice ($3.75) adds a touch of citrusy fragrance to both dishes.

Ventano Italian Grill & Seafood

Executive Chef and Owner Arnauld Briand is one of those chefs who paid his dues before venturing out on his own. He studied at the French Culinary Institute, L'Ecole Hoteliere, before he perfected his classic French cooking at Societe Lenotre, the largest pastry shop in Europe. He later served as the private chef for General Simon, France's last five-star general. He was only 24 when he became the executive chef at Cellar in the Sky, the gourmet room at the World Trade Center, where he quickly came to be recognized as one of the top chefs in Manhattan. Caesars Palace in Vegas snatched him up to become chef de cuisine for the late Palace Court, which repeatedly won a *Mobil Travel Guide* Four Star Award, before Desert Inn lured him to be executive chef for the resort's four restaurants.

Ventano in Henderson has a spectacular view of the Strip and Spring Mountains. Inside, an oyster bar and separate cocktail lounge (with meal service) attract the lunch, happy hour, and late-night crowd. As expected, Briand's wine list is superb and Ventano is adding wine dinners. Briand and his partner, Carmine Vento, are particularly pleased that Ventano is seen by locals as a family restaurant. A favorite for young and old is the grilled Shrimp on a Stone appetizer ($11.95), a half pound of gently spiced marinated shrimp with a sizzling presentation. Traditional Shrimp Scampi ($18.95) is a subtle combination of lemon and garlic butter served over risotto. The Costoletti Di Maiale ($19.95) simmers baby back ribs in honey, balsamic vinegar, and bay leaves, then dishes them up with garlic roasted potatoes. Ventano offers wine pairing by the glass, including impressive dessert pairings.

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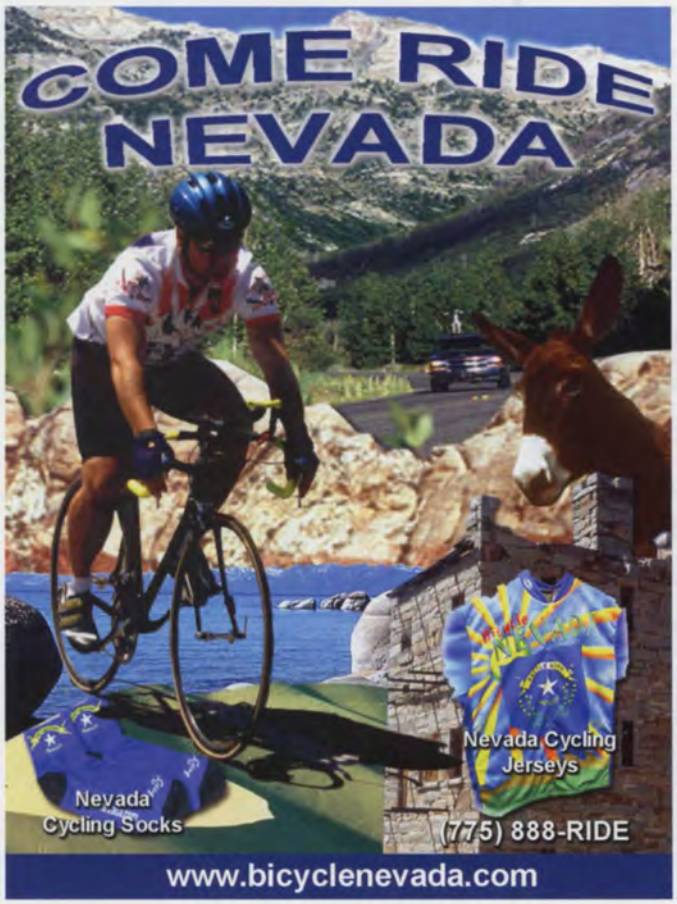
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southwestern charm

Cactus and old farm equipment add character to this desert dream house.

BY JOYCE HOLLISTER

When Tim Hafen and Janet McJunkin brainstormed the design for their new Pahrump house, they each had definite ideas. Influenced by 1920s-era Scotty's Castle in Death Valley, he said no flat roof. She, who loves the southwest, said no straight lines. The result: a burgundy-hued home with a tower, a hint of Tuscany, and curves everywhere.

Architect Tom O'Neil of Architecture Design and Development in Las Vegas spent 18 months on the couple's design, but from the beginning Hafen and McJunkin agreed that their outdoor space must reflect a southwestern desert environment and keep water use and maintenance to a minimum. What sets their 2 1/2 acres apart from other xeriscaped yards is how Jordan Chelsa Landscape Inc.'s Pat DeJean and Tom Santelmann mixed desert plants with rusty and broken tractors, graders, and old farm tools.

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Hafen came to Pahrump from Mesquite in 1951 to grow cotton. Over the years, out-of-date equipment was tossed into the ranch junkpile. DeJean calls it "the boneyard," where she rummaged around for decorative objects. She also drew on Hafen's collection of old equipment he has gathered on trips around the southwest.

"Pat's an artist," Hafen says of DeJean, to whom he gave free rein on the project. "And I know with artists, you have to get out of their way. We worked on a landscape plan, then as Pat went along we could see the results, and we were really pleased. She took old stuff that I thought was completely useless and made quite a statement."

While on a trip Hafen and McJunkin made during the house's construction, McJunkin received a call on her cell phone. She turned to Hafen, who was driving, and told him with a perplexed laugh, "Pat wants to use some of the old well casings for the fire pit. I think she's crazy."

DeJean was poking around the boneyard when she came across the casings. "Tim and Janet wanted something unusual for the fire pit. I thought that if the casings could hold heat, they would work," she explains. Santelmann put the pit together using varying heights of pipe



The roofline and curves of the home built by Tim Hafen and Janet McJunkin reflect their love of the southwest (opposite page). Left: the couple relax by the backyard waterfall, which flows into a rock-lined hot tub. Grandkids love to splash here. Top, the old grader is Hafen's favorite piece of farm equipment. The grasses wave in the wind and add to the landscape's undulating feel.

PHOTOS: BILL COOKSTON (TOP), JOYCE HOLLISTER (BOTTOM)



McJunkin enjoys the morning light in her kitchen (left). The cabinets, hardware, doors, and furniture were custom made—the living room couch has legs constructed of mesquite from the Hafen ranch. Below: Hafen lights the propane in the well-casing fire pit.



pieces and a 50-year-old ammo box to house the propane valves. McJunkin loves the result. "It can be cool here in the evenings," she says, pointing to the backyard's rock-lined hot tub. "When you get out of the Jacuzzi and head toward the house, you can stop at the fire pit to warm up."

Hafen ran an alfalfa and cotton operation before becoming a real estate broker and general contractor in the late 1960s and early '70s. He developed Cottonwoods at Hafen Ranch in 1992 and Artesia at Hafen Ranch in 1999. Hafen has long ties to the Pahrump area and Nevada, serving as a state assemblyman from 1966 to 1974. He was chairman of the Nevada Department of Agriculture board, president of the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, and chairman of the Valley Electric Association. Hafen Elementary School in Pahrump was named for him.

DeJean has landscaped several of Hafen's construction projects, and their working relationship is based on mutual admiration. "My respect for Tim Hafen was my absolute inspiration," DeJean says. "I wanted to give him a landscape that enhanced the house's design and reflected the personalities of its owners."

Every plant in the landscape thrives on a small amount of water, which is delivered on a drip irrigation system Santelmann designed. DeJean installed eight mature saguaros, the only plant that McJunkin insisted upon. Although Pahrump is hot in summer, winter temperatures can drop to the teens. The saguaros have to be wrapped to protect them against freezing.

The tall cactuses give the landscape a distinctive vertical element. "To bring your eye back to the ground," DeJean says, "we chose the yucca families—varieties that would best suit Pahrump." The ground is covered with chat, a product that emulates desert soils, and river rock and massive boulders highlight specific areas. DeJean added color with lantanas and desert redbird of paradise. Large round pots hold seasonal plants—petunias and vinca in the summer, pansies and snapdragons in the winter, and

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Landscaper Pat DeJean (below) used mature saguaro cactuses to lend a vertical element to the Hafen-McJunkin garden. River rock mimics dry streambeds, and boulders add a natural element.



chrysanthemums in the fall. Trees include palo verdes and desert willow.

Texture and dramatic shadows are provided by the old ranch equipment. "I just like it," Hafen says of his collection. "A lot of it came from my dad's farm in Mesquite and Southern Utah." A few decades ago, Hafen could pick up cast-off tractors for nothing. "I used to ask farmers if I could have the old equipment if I hauled it off, and they'd say yes."

The landscape provides a patch of green grass for grandkids to play on and a patio for grownups to gather. Hafen and McJunkin like to lay back in the hot tub and enjoy the night sky. "I love to look at the stars and watch the airplanes go by," McJunkin says.

Architect O'Neil found it a challenge to draw the house's original plans by hand because there wasn't a straight line in the place, but he says working with Hafen and McJunkin was great. DeJean concurs. "I had a wonderful time," she says. "The last days on the project were bittersweet. I often thought, 'I just want to do this all over again.'"

DESERT PLANTS

Pat DeJean of Jordan Chelsa Landscape Inc. in Pahrump suggests this quartet of plants, which do well in dry desert gardens. It's always good to know what kind of microenvironment exists in your yard so you can choose the right varieties.



Bulbine

A low succulent evergreen, bulbine has tall stalks of small flowers that bloom all summer. DeJean used a variety with tangerine-colored flowers for the Hafen landscape, but it also comes in yellow.



Desert Spoon

Noted for its vertical structure, the spiky desert spoon has a spoon-shaped leaf and can stand alone as a statement plant.



Palo Verde

This bushy tree, the state tree of Arizona, has a fine leaf structure and yellow flowers in the spring. There are two varieties, one with yellow-green leaves and branches and one with blue-green.



Yucca

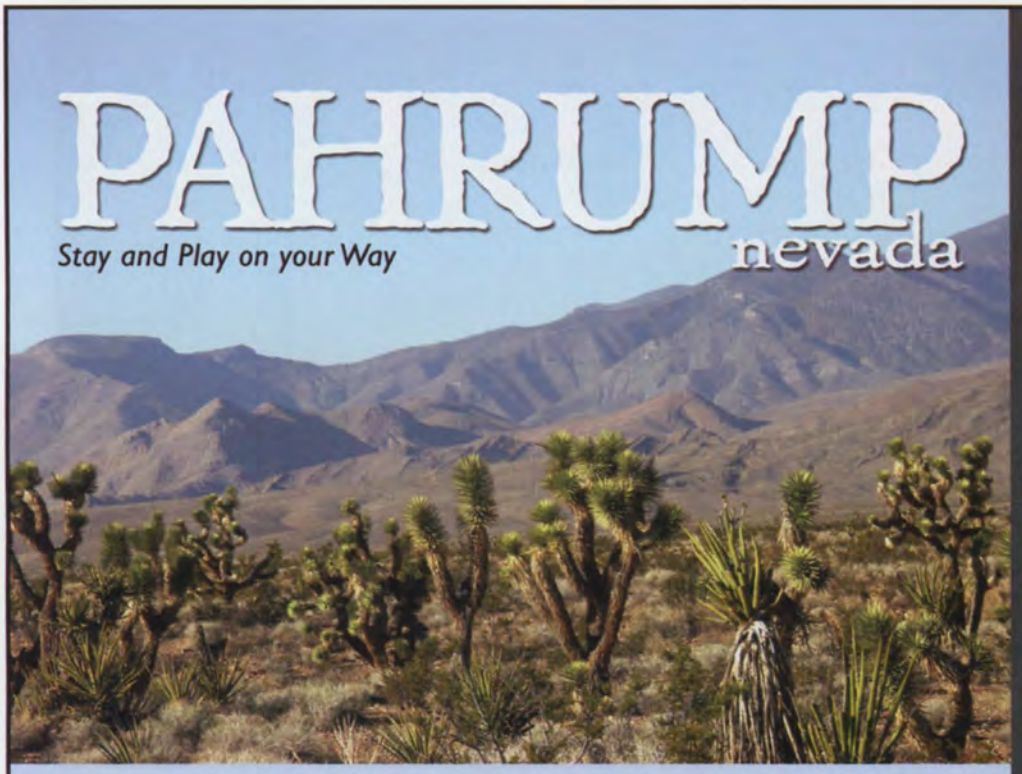
There are scores of different types of yucca, but for the Hafen landscape DeJean chose red yucca for its blade-like structure and the early spring and summer bloom.

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We gladly forego TV and cell phones—modernity—for silence. We relax, play whist or solitaire, or games such as Scrabble and Apples to Apples, which we enjoy immensely.

We fish, so to speak, but never snag any finny fellows, not even slow marina carp. We'd rather read or work crossword puzzles than eye a bobber. One time a bobber disappeared for 10 seconds before it popped up, baitless. "Couple pages left in my book," was the excuse.

Open doors funnel breezes through the interior as we head out exploring. We might have a picnic beneath a tamarisk in an isolated cove with hummingbirds flitting. If we're lucky, we get a glimpse of wild burros. We observe nature often: majestic bighorn sheep climbing crags, eagles screeing, and western grebes popping up with lunch wriggling in their beaks. Once we watched a coyote battle a gull for a dead carp.

When we get too hot, we careen down our waterslide and plunge into the cool water.



The dip can be refreshing or jarring. "Like smearing ice cream in your hair," my wife, Nikki, explains.

The NOAA radio provides weather updates as well as short-wave radio entertainment. We chuckle as first-time houseboaters ask, "Where are the brakes?" or "How do you lower the engines?" to stunned base camp employees. We also relay help messages.

Food takes center court. What should we buy? Which refrigerator runs with the boat off? Who will cook? When all that's resolved, we dine well: salmon, shrimp, prime rib, stir fry—on the barbie or campfire—along with onions, rutabagas, carrots, potatoes, and mushrooms in beer, all sealed in aluminum foil, and wild rice, fruit, chips, and Snickers.

When familiarity breeds discontent, there's plenty of retreat space in our bedrooms, located in back or front, even on top. Or we can stop at a sandy coulee and seek a shaded oasis for silence, solitude, and contemplation.

Night is my favorite time. We build a crackling-wood fire on the beach while velvet-dark evening falls, talk, and tell ghost stories. We also listen to other strangers in the night—the splashes of fish and rustles of rodents.

The last night of each trip, loaded with lake memories, we sit around the campfire and listen to the echo of joyous coyote songs. Yet, sometimes they seem mournful. The howls express, I realize, exactly how I feel.

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Q&A

with Rossi Ralenkotter

What happens here, stays here· the man behind the slogan

If you were to name Las Vegas' most influential movers and shakers, Rossi Ralenkotter, president and CEO of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA), has to be on the short list. The 61-year-old Ralenkotter recently marked 35 years as an executive with the tourism agency, four years as CEO. The quasi-governmental agency hopes to attract 39.8 million visitors during 2008.

Ralenkotter's story is not all about crunching numbers. He and his agency invented the catch phrase, "What happens here, stays here," which has become a worldwide phenomenon. The humorous award-winning "stories" that advertise Las Vegas have become the most successful tourism campaign in history.

A Kentucky native, Ralenkotter moved to Las Vegas in 1951, attended local schools, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He holds a bachelor of science degree in marketing from Arizona State University and a master's degree in business administration from UNLV. Ralenkotter and his wife, Mary Jo, have three children and seven grandkids.

He spoke with *Nevada Magazine's* Events and Shows Editor, Ann Henderson, in April.

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Rossi Ralenkotter escorts the LVCVA's float during Helldorado Days, Las Vegas' annual Western-themed celebration.

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Q What was your reaction when you first heard the phrase, "What happens here, stays here?"

A Part of the genesis behind the slogan was our decision to switch from a sales organization to brand marketing. When we talked to our focus groups, about 3,000 people, the image of "adult freedom" resonated with them. The actual slogan was a team effort, developed with R&R Partners [LVCVA's ad agency], and to convey the message, we drew on actual anecdotes from our customers to create the "stories" used in the new campaign.

Q Have there been other variations on the theme since it was introduced in 2003?

A "What happens here..." is our mainstay, but we have added two parallel versions: the alibi campaign, which

focuses on our world-class shopping and dining, and "Your Vegas is showing," in the same creative mode. Both were designed to talk about specific amenities and support the main theme.

Q What was Las Vegas like around the time you graduated from Bishop Gorman High School in 1965?

A I really didn't grow up in a big town. In the '60s Vegas was a small town [approximate population 64,000] with a limited number of high schools. We were into sports, movies, swimming, and golf. We'd ride bikes in the desert and play basketball at Doolittle Recreation Center. Yes, I cruised Fremont Street; it was like living the movie *American Graffiti*. Before Fremont Street was enclosed with the Fremont Street Experience canopy, on Friday and Saturday nights we'd drive through the loop at the train station where The Plaza Hotel stands today. After a slow crawl down Fremont, we'd end up at either the Tip Top or Blue Onion drive-ins drinking Coke and swapping stories with friends.

Q I understand you are a devoted Beatles fan. Were you in the audience when the British invaded Las Vegas on August 20, 1964?

A They performed two shows that night and I was in the audience for both. It was the height of Beatlemania, so stopping in Las Vegas was something special. The 6,300-seat convention center rotunda was the smallest arena they played on their tour.

Q Do you think we'll see the day when Las Vegas lands a professional sports team?

A I answer the question this way: it is not a matter of IF, it is a matter of WHEN. It will ultimately be a business decision, but I think we'll eventually see a pro team. Being a baseball fan, I hope it is baseball. We have a growing local population [nearly two million] and 35 million visitors. A visionary just needs to step up and decide if Las Vegas is marketable.

Q The LVCVA is undergoing a huge convention center renovation. What is the cost and scope of the project, and when will it be completed?

A The price tag is $890 million, and construction should be finished in 2011. Three years ago we did a master plan based upon what was happening in the U.S. and international marketplaces. It became clear we needed a more appealing customer experience for convention delegates and trade-show attendees and to connect the three buildings in the complex.

Q What sort of challenges do you face making sure the number of visitors and convention delegates increases each year?

A Economic challenges and competition are at the forefront. Every destination is really competing with Las Vegas, which will always be a factor and become fiercer in the future. Part of staying on the cutting edge is maintaining our market share and finding new markets. We need to expand the number of trade shows and increase the number of international visitors. We exist in a global economy, which is something we weren't dealing with 35 years ago. The world economy is becoming smaller and we're all competing for the same customers.

Q Do you think Las Vegas will ever lose its luster and become just another ordinary vacation spot?

A In the past, Vegas met the increased competition with innovative hotels and amenities. If there is a crisis or challenge, we collectively work together, which I think will keep us on top.

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For more of the interview with Rossi Ralenkotter, including further insight into the future of Las Vegas tourism, visit **nevadamagazine.com**.

BASKETWEAVERS

Rebecca Eagle

Wadsworth

Pyramid Lake Paiute Rebecca Eagle, taught by her grandmother to weave baskets at age 12, is noted for her miniature beaded baskets—some smaller than a dime. She won the Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Folk and Traditional Arts in 1998 and was featured in the July/August 1989 issue of *Nevada Magazine*. Eagle also makes beaded pictorial baskets up to 15 inches tall.

Eagle will demonstrate her work and show baskets in various stages of production June 28 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The museum owns several of her miniatures and a larger pictorial basket, which depicts the Stone Mother at Pyramid Lake and Lake Tahoe (see photo). As she created the image, Eagle recalled photos of her grandmother wearing a flowered head scarf and wrapped in a blanket. "The bead colors in the blanket—red, yellow, and blue—have meaning," she says. The basket is in the *Selections from the Collections* exhibit, where Datsolalee and other Washoe "fancy" baskets are displayed. nevadaculture.org, 775-687-4810



Until the end of December, 30 of Eagle's pictorial baskets from Gene and Julie Quintana's private collection are on exhibit at the Gatekeeper's Museum operated by the North Lake Tahoe Historical Society in Tahoe City, California. northtahoemuseums.org, 530-583-1762



Leah Brady

Elko

A celebrated Western Shoshone basketweaver and retired special education teacher, Leah Brady waited until her adult years to adopt a family tradition. Her grandmothers were weavers and her mother, Elizabeth Brady, is known for her cradleboards—Elizabeth won the Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Folk and Traditional Arts in 2005.

Brady chairs the Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association and conducts classes for members, mostly Native women who want to preserve their heritage. The group's mission, Brady says, is "keeping the baskets alive for another thousand years."

The GBNBA will hold tule-basketweaving classes at the Fallon Powwow on July 19 and demonstrate weaving and sell work at the Wa She Shu It Deh Festival at the Tallac Historic Site in South Lake Tahoe, July 26-27 (washoetribe.us). The group's annual Gathering at Stewart Community Building in Carson City, October 24-26, will include a coiled-basket class, demonstrations, and sales. For information, call Brady at 775-753-6931.

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oh, what a night

"Jersey Boys" rocks The Palazzo in Las Vegas

BY ANN HENDERSON

The rollercoaster story of the personal and professional lives of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons makes for great drama. The Four Seasons' '60s-era music in the Tony Award-winning "Jersey Boys" at The Palazzo wraps effectively around their struggles to overcome tragedy, disappointment, brushes with the law, and more than a few bad decisions. Through it all, the doo-wop group, once considered "too white," sold more than 100 million records, survived the British Invasion, and flourished during the "hippie years." No tie-dyes for the boys from the projects, which from onstage references could easily be considered Armpit, New Joisy.

It's the kind of play I would recommend and would see again. The vocals are A-plus. There is, however, a "but." I would suggest doing a little homework before seeing "Jersey Boys." A visit to frankievallifourseasons.com/bio.asp will help showgoers follow the play's portrayal of The Four Seasons' formative years in the opening scenes.

I conducted post-show and intermission mini-surveys, and there was agreement: The beginning story line is hard to follow because it moves so quickly. Cast members later narrate what is happening from their point of view, but until then the production relies on characters popping in and out without much opportunity to absorb who they are and their importance to the group.

Prep work will help explain Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi's crime time, the suggestion of mob ties, and the frequent mention of actor Joe Pesci, who brought songwriter Bob Gaudio into the group. Gaudio co-wrote the novelty hit "Short Shorts" for the Royal Teens, and was responsible for a string of Four Seasons chart toppers beginning with the 1962 "Sherry," which launched Valli's falsetto style on TV's *American Bandstand*. Prophetically, Valli was seen as the quartet's "ticket out."

Rick Faugno stars as Valli, Erich Bergen as Gaudio, Jeremy Kushnier as DeVito, and Jeff Leibow as Massi. Their harmony on "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)," "Who Loves You," and "My Eyes Adored You" create one giant sing-a-long in The Palazzo Showroom.

John Salvatore plays Bob Crewe, the songwriter-producer so important to the group's story. John Altieri was slated for the part, but the 38-year-old actor died tragically in Las Vegas of pneumonia the day after "Jersey Boys" opened on May 3.





In real-life 1970, DeVito left The Four Seasons and moved to Las Vegas, where he became a music producer. He later told the *Las Vegas SUN* that he quit because he was fed up with the group and touring. The show alludes to his money and gambling problems.

A little bit of trivia: the Pesci connection to The Four Seasons came from a boyhood friendship with DeVito. When Pesci landed the role of a mobster in *Goodfellas*, he used the name Tommy DeVito, a moniker Pesci took to mobster heaven in the film.

Valli's character gets solo time performing "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and a sad tribute, "Fallen Angel," to the death of his daughter. Despite infidelity, family problems, and the suggestion of drug use, "Jersey Boys" is sprinkled with humor. There is dialogue about needing a car that makes a statement, even though it only gets eight miles to the gallon. Also, parental acceptance of the group's success was judged by the fact that mom and pop stopped mentioning trade school.

The set is made up of simple scaffolding in which giant comic-art cutouts or performance videos form the background. Street-tough language fits the play's tone but is not recommended for children younger than 12. "Jersey Boys" runs two hours and 10 minutes with an eight-minute intermission.

Until I can see the show again, I purchased a CD for the car. I'm the one bobbing her head to "Let's Hang On (To What We've Got)" and "Working My Way Back to You."

SHOW NOTES

"Jersey Boys" plays nightly except Wednesday. Showtimes are Tuesday and Thursday through Monday at 7 p.m., with a late show at 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Saturday. Tickets are $70.70, $103.70, $147.70, and $257.70; prices include taxes and fees. 702-414-9000, tickets.venetian.com

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Sept. 15-17, Oct. 13-15,
Nov. 16-18, Dec. 21-22
George Lopez, Aug. 1-2
Barry Manilow, Aug. 17, 29, 30,
Sept. 3, 5-6, 24, 26-27,
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Nov. 1, 12, 14-15, 19, 21-22,
Dec. 17, 19-20, 29, 30

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Donny and Marie, MGM Grand

Luxor

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du Soleil, opens Sept. 1, dark
Sept. 8-9, 13, Nov. 5-13

ONGOING
Carrot Top
"Fantasy," adult revue
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HEADLINERS
Journey w/Heart &
Cheap Truck, July 18
Kathy Griffin, July 18
Jim Gaffigan, July 25
Motley Crue w/Buckcherry
& Papa Roach, Aug. 1

HOUSE OF BLUES
Natasha Bedinfield w/
The Veronicas, July 2
Rancid w/The Aquabats
& Urchin, July 3
Joe Rogan, July 4
Rooney w/Locksley &
The Bridges, July 10
Boy George, July 11
Less Than Jake &
Goldfinger, July 24

SPECIAL EVENTS
UFC 86: Jackson vs.
Griffin, July 5

ONGOING
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musical thru Jan. 4
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mandalaybay.com

MGM Grand

HEADLINERS
David Copperfield thru July 16
Donny & Marie, July 17-23
Coldplay, July 19
Craig Ferguson, July 24-30
Wayne Newton,
July 31-Aug. 6
Rod Stewart w/Bryan
Adams, Aug. 2
Tom Jones, Aug. 7-20

SPECIAL EVENTS
Miss Vietnam Global, July 5
Cotto vs. Margarito,
welterweight title
fight, July 26

ONGOING
"KÀ," Cirque du Soleil
production, dark Sun.-Mon.,
July 13-16, Sept. 7-15, Nov. 2-4
cirquedusoleil.com
"Crazy Horse Paris,"
adult revue
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The Mirage

HEADLINERS
Jay Leno, July 11-12, 25-26,
Aug. 8-9, 19-20, Sept. 19-20,
26-27, Oct. 10-11, 17-18,
Nov. 21-22, Dec. 12-13
Ray Romano & Kevin
James, Aug. 1-2, Nov. 7-8
Brad Garrett, Aug. 15-16
Lewis Black, Aug. 30-31

SPECIAL EVENTS
The Fest for Beatles Fans
2008, June 29-July 1
thefest.com/fest/2008/vegas

ONGOING
"Love," Cirque du Soleil
production, dark Tues.-Wed.,
July 29-Aug. 6, Oct. 9,
Dec. 2-27
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thru Nov. 22
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HEADLINERS
Damon Wayans, July 4-6
Imelda Papin, July 5
Jim Belushi & the Sacred
Hearts Band, July 11-12
Trisha Yearwood, July 18-20
Kool & the Gang, July 25-27



Buddy Guy, Hard Rock Hotel

Don Rickles, July 31-Aug. 3
George Carlin, Aug. 7-10, 14-17
Steve Miller w/Joe Cocker, Aug. 9
Gladys Knight, Aug. 22-24
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SPECIAL EVENTS
Maxxis EnduroCross, July 5
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The Palazzo Resort

ONGOING
"Jersey Boys," Broadway musical, dark Wed.
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HEADLINERS
Katt Williams, July 4
VAZ, July 6
Eddie Izzard, July 26
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Poison, Aug. 22
Judas Priest, Sept. 1
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ONGOING
Hypnotist Anthony Cools, adult material
"Ooh La La," topless revue
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HEADLINERS
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ONGOING
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ONGOING
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ONGOING
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ONGOING
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HEADLINERS
Peter Frampton, July 11
UB40, Aug. 9
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ONGOING
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HEADLINERS
Atomic Punks, July 5
Bo Bice, July 26
Craig Chaquico, Aug. 2
The Romantics, Aug. 8
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John Heffron, July 11-13
Howard Jones, July 16
Michael John's Billy Joel Tribute, July 18-19
Chris Bliss, July 25-27
Jack Jones, Aug. 1-3
Kyle Cease, Aug. 8-10
Gary Puckett, Aug. 15-17
Bill Medley w/Paul Revere & The Raiders, Aug. 22-24
Ralphie May, Aug. 29-31
SPECIAL EVENTS
Lipizzaner Stallions, July 18-20
Celebration of the Spanish Horse, Aug. 27-30
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ONGOING
American Superstars, tribute revue
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HEADLINERS
Las Vegas Tenors, July 4-6
Say Goodnight Gracie, July 11-13
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HEADLINERS
Rick Braun & Richard Elliot, July 18
Chris Botti, July 26
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The District at Green Valley Ranch
Wine Walks, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 18
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Henderson
Florentine Tea, Sat.-Sun.
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Trisha Yearwood, The Orleans

Sunset Station
Henderson
HEADLINERS
Cinderella & Warrant, July 5
Ky-Mani Marley, July 11
Rocking the Colonies w/The Fixx, The Alarm, & The English Beat, July 25
Dave Koz, Aug. 22
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Aquarius Resort
Laughlin
HEADLINERS
Little Anthony & The Imperials, Aug. 9
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Lounge Entertainment
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DJ Sun.-Thurs.
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Harrah's Laughlin
HEADLINERS
Todd Luxton: Elvis Tribute, Aug. 2-14
B.B. King, Sept. 6
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Laughlin
HEADLINERS
Kiss Army: Tribute to Kiss, July 2-6
Americana on Tour, July 9-13
Arrival: Journey Tribute, July 17-20
The Tennessee Three, July 23-27
Skininn Lynard: Tribute to Lynard Skynard, July 30-Aug. 3
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North Las Vegas
HEADLINERS
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Little Anthony & The Imperials, July 12
The Zombies, July 18
Peter & Gordon, Chad & Jeremy, July 19
Michael John, July 25
Music of Abba Tour, July 26
Little River Band, Aug. 2
Celebration of the King w/Jamie Aaron Kelly, The Imperials Gospel Quartet, Sonny West & Friends of Elvis, Aug. 8-9
The Dells & The Manhattans, Aug. 16
The Cowsills, Vanilla Fudge & Electric Prunes, Aug. 23
End of Summer Bash, Aug. 30
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Texas Station
North Las Vegas
HEADLINERS
'70s Soul Jam, July 18
Thunder, Aug. 30
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Primm
HEADLINERS
Reba, July 5
Boz Scaggs, July 12
Ringo Starr, July 26
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, Aug. 2
Liza Minelli, Aug. 16
Bill Cosby, Aug. 30
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Kansas, Aug. 30-31
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Eldorado
"FloorPlay," thru Aug. 10
"Blast," Aug. 19-Nov. 2
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Grand Sierra Resort
HEADLINERS/
SPECIAL EVENTS
Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra w/Wynton Marsalis, July 5
Beers of the World, July 12
Mike Ness, July 12
Andrew Bird, July 16
Dinner w/California Winemakers, Aug. 2
Michael McDonald, Aug. 15
Terry Fator, Aug. 23
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Greg London's ICONS, thru Nov. 29, impersonators
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John Ascuaga's Nugget
Sparks
HEADLINERS/
SPECIAL EVENTS
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Lyle Lovett, July 29
The Bo Deans, Aug. 16
Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Aug. 27-Sept. 1
The Blasters, Aug. 28
Bucky Covington, Aug. 29
Night Ranger, Aug. 31
Joe Bonamassa, Sept. 1
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Peppermill
HEADLINERS
Boston, July 4
Donna Summer, Aug. 15
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HEADLINERS
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Dana Carvey, MontBleu Resort, Stateline

Reno Events Center
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Steve Miller & Joe Cocker, Aug. 16
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HEADLINERS/
SPECIAL EVENTS
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The Jason King Band, July 18-19
Audiobox, July 25-26, Sept. 19-20
Luau, Aug. 9
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HEADLINERS/
SPECIAL EVENTS
Joan Rivers, July 12
Styx, July 18
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Buddy Guy & George Thorogood, July 31
Chris Isaak, Aug. 1
Engelbert Humperdinck, Aug. 2
Hot August Nights Prom w/Papa Doo Run Run, Aug. 7
The Beach Boys, Aug. 8-9
Rodney Carrington, Aug. 15
KT Turnstall, Aug. 22
Jason Aldean, Aug. 30
Chicago, Aug. 31
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Stateline
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HEADLINERS
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Stateline
HEADLINERS
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Rita Rudner, July 12
America, July 19
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Kenny Loggins, August 1
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Rather than KFC, Tahoe playgoers have been known to bring out the candelabra to accompany their wine and cheese. Those not wanting to pack their food and drink can purchase dinner at Shakespeare's Kitchen.

About 30,000 people are expected to watch this season's three plays from July 10-August 17 "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Richard III" are on a rotating schedule, while "CAMBIO," an original non-Shakespeare production, is performed Mondays.

Carson City's Summer Stock Theater features "Smokey Joe's Café," a musical, and the comedic farce "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)." Outdoor performances are held at the Brewery Arts Center, Thursday through Sunday, July 24-August 10.

In Las Vegas, Super Summer Theatre, 13 miles west of the city via Charleston Boulevard, is performed on the expansive lawn of a historic ranch house. Before it became Spring





Mountain Ranch State Park, horse thieves, a cutthroat or two, radio personality Chet Lauck, the "Lum" of Lum and Abner, and German actress Vera Krupp of THE Krupp diamond resided at the oasis.

The ranch is bounded by the sandstone beauty of the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and is, on average, about 10 degrees cooler than the Las Vegas Valley. Showgoers sprawl on blankets or set up chairs while picnicking before the show. Instead of the Bard, Super Summer Theatre offers musicals, which include "1776," July 10-26, and "Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA," August 14-30.

When Southern Nevada temperatures start to cool off, look for "Romeo and Juliet" at Henderson's Shakespeare in the Park, October 3-5. I know I'll be there to watch poor Romeo's fate. You'd think after all these years he'd learn his lesson.



Opposite page: "Othello," at the Utah Shakespearean Festival. This page: musicals at the Super Summer Theatre (top) in Las Vegas and the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival (bottom).

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Las Vegas
"1776," July 10-26
"Elton John and Tim Rice's AIDA," Aug. 14-30
702-895-2787
unlvtickets.com

Shakespeare in the Park
Henderson
Oct. 3-5
Free admission
702-565-2171
hendersonlive.com

Shakespeare on the Lawn
Valhalla Estate, Lake Tahoe
"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Aug. 6
Children's version free with reservation
530-541-4975
valhallatahoe.com

WORTH A VISIT

Utah Shakespearean Festival
Cedar City, Utah
(63 miles from Nevada border)
Thru Oct. 25
Tony Award-winning company presents nine productions
800-PLAYTIX
bard.org

july/august

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ONGOING

Fremont Street Experience & Fremont East
Concerts, light shows, events
Entertainment includes Riders of the Thunderdome & a new show, "A Tribute to Queen"
702-678-5600
vegasexperience.com

Desert Love Buggy
Restored 1911 Sears-Roebuck Model K, one of the oldest operating cars in Nevada
775-687-8323
nevadaculture.org

Las Vegas Farmers' Markets
Tuesdays at Gardens Park
Wednesdays on North Rampart
702-562-CORN
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com

Henderson Farmers' Market
Thursdays
702-579-9661
hendersonfarmersmarket.com

North Las Vegas Farmers' Market
Thursdays, City Hall
Fridays, Aliante Nature Discovery Park
702-784-7666
Email: boujhee@cox.net

Third Thursday Arts Walk
Henderson
Monthly
702-267-4849
hendersonlive.com

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Fourth of July fireworks and celebrations, statewide

Train Excursion Rides
Boulder City
Saturday-Sundays
Restored Pullman Coaches
702-486-5933
nevadaculture.org

Movies al Fresco
Henderson
Thursdays thru Aug. 28
702-564-4799
montelagovillage.com

CSI: Crime Scene Insects
Thru Sept. 1
Criminal investigations & forensic entomology
702-384-3466
lvnhm.org

Concerts at the Lake
Henderson
Fridays thru Sept. 26
702-564-4799
montelagovillage.com

Jazz on the Lake
Henderson
Saturdays thru Sept. 27
702-564-4799
montelagovillage.com

Racing at the Bullring
Saturdays thru Nov. 1
702-644-4444
lvms.com

JULY

Las Vegas 51s Pacific Coast League Baseball
June 30-July 3 vs. Salt Lake City
July 7-10 vs. Tucson
July 11-14 vs. Tacoma
July 22-25 vs. Omaha
July 26-29 vs. Iowa
Aug. 8-11 vs. Sacramento
Aug. 25-28 vs. Fresno
Aug. 29-Sept. 1 vs. Colorado Springs
702-386-7200
lv51.com

Night of Fire: Fireworks & Stock Car Racing
July 3
702-644-4444
lvms.com

New Moon Sandstone Canyon Hike
July 3
Easy to moderate two-hour hikes
702-875-4141
parks.nv.gov

CineVegas From the Vault
July 3, *Malachance*
Aug. 7, *The Talent Given Us*
702-992-7979
cinevegas.com



Kenny G, Lake Las Vegas, August 16



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Nevada.com
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www.travelnevada.com

events



Basketball comes to Las Vegas with the NBA Summer League, July 11-20, and USA Basketball Challenge, July 25

Star Spangled Spectacular
July 4
Las Vegas Philharmonic outdoor concert
702-895-2787
lvphil.com

Damboree Celebration
Boulder City
July 4
Parade, fireworks, activities in the park
702-293-2034
bouldercitychamber.com

Anthem Hills Park Celebration
Henderson
July 4
702-267-4849
hendersonlive.com

Rockets Over the River
Laughlin
July 4
Fireworks display
702-298-2214
laughlinchamber.com/events

Stars on the Lake: America Concert
Henderson
July 4
702-565-7400
lakelasvegas.com

Independence Day Celebration
Henderson
July 4
Fireworks, Henderson Symphony Orchestra, games
702-267-2171
hendersonlive.com

***American Idols* Concert**
July 5
702-739-FANS
unlvtickets.com

Ash Grove Night Hike
July 9
Easy to moderate two-hour hike
702-875-4141
parks.nv.gov

"Peter & The Wolf"
July 9
Hudson Vagabond Puppets
702-229-6383
artslasvegas.org

"1776"
July 9-12, 16-19, 23-26
Outdoor theater
7092-895-2787
supersummertheatre.com

Las Vegas Import Nationals
July 11-12
Drag racing
702-644-4444
lvms.com

NBA Summer League
July 11-20
Young players, free agents, & draft picks
unlvtickets.com

Asian Community Festival & Expo
July 12
702-233-2070
visitlasvegas.com

SCORE Las Vegas Cup IV
July 18-19
Dirt track racing
702-644-4444
lvms.com

Summer Cool Off
July 19
Ice cream & park presentation
702-875-4141
parks.nv.gov

Moonlight Madness
Boulder City
July 19
Full moon half marathon, 5K run/walk
702-449-5652
desertdash.org

USA Basketball Challenge
July 25
702-739-3267
unlvtickets.com

AUGUST

AMPLIFY Music Festival
Aug. 5-8
Workshops, concerts
702-631-2888
Email: productionave@aol.com

"Elton John & Tim Rice's Aida"
Aug. 13-16, 20-23, 27-30
702-895-2787
supersummertheatre.com

Stars on the Lake Concert: Kenny G
Henderson
Aug. 16
ticketmaster.com

Black Music Awards
Aug. 16
702-982-3390
visitlasvegas.com

Vegas to Reno
Aug. 21-23
Longest off-road race in the U.S.
702-457-5775
bitd.com

NAHVA Volleyball Tournament
Aug. 23-24
626-676-2250
visitlasvegas.com

PSCA Labor Day Nationals & NHRA Division 7 Jr. Dragster Racing
Series Championship
Aug. 30-31
702-644-4444
lvms.com



Hudson Vagabond Puppets perform July 9

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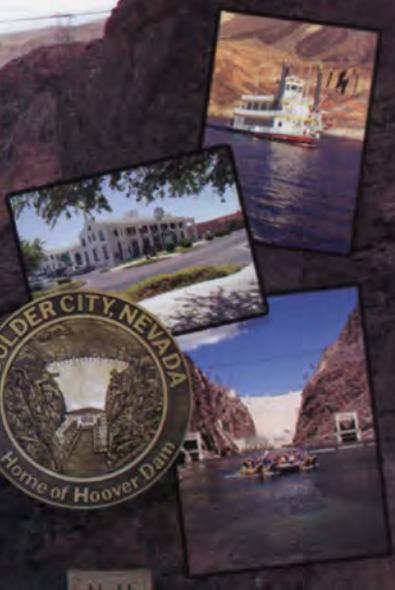
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ONGOING

Carson Valley Art Association
Second Saturday
Carson Valley art tours
775-782-5606
visitcarsonvalley.org

Capitol City Music Series
Carson City
Sundays thru Aug. 10
775-687-7410
visitcarsoncity.com

Somersett Town Square Farmers' Market
Wednesdays thru Aug. 20
775-787-4500
Email: esimonton@somersett.com

Town Square Farmers' Market
Wednesdays thru Aug. 20
775-323-1405

Sparks Hometowne Farmers' Market
Sparks
Thursdays thru Aug. 21 (except Aug. 7)
775-353-2291
sparksrec.com

Kings Beach Farmers' Market
Lake Tahoe
Thru Aug. 26
foothillfarmersmarket.com

Carson City Farmers' Market
Carson City
Wednesdays thru Aug. 27
775-746-5024
visitcarsoncity.com



Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, July 10-August 17

Homewood Mountain Ski Resort Farmers' Market
Lake Tahoe
Thru Aug. 30
foothillfarmersmarket.com

Gardnerville Farmers' Market
Gardnerville
Wednesdays thru Sept. 17
775-782-9828
dcparks-recreation.co.douglas.nv.us

Truckee Farmers' Market
Truckee
Tuesdays thru Sept. 30
foothillfarmersmarket.com

Sparks United Methodist Church Farmers' Market
Sparks
Tuesdays thru Sept.
775-358-0925

West Street Farmers' Market
Saturdays thru Sept.
775-746-5024
Email: crystibrdg@clearwire.net

Minden Farmers' Market
Minden
Thru Sept.
775-782-2444
Email: twindrs2@aol.com

Village Center Farmers' Market
Saturdays thru Oct. 4
775-746-5024
Email: crystibrdg@clearwire.net

Shoppers Square Farmers' Market
Thru Oct. 7
775-746-5024
Email: crystibrdg@clearwire.net

Tahoe City Farmers' Market
Lake Tahoe
Thursdays thru Oct. 16
foothillfarmersmarket.com

V&T Railroad Steam Train Rides
Virginia City
Daily thru Oct.
35-minute excursion
775-847-0380
virginiatruckee.com

JULY

Riverside Urban Market
Outside market Wednesdays & Fridays in July
Inside market during October
775-334-2594
Email: craigk@ci.reno.nv.us

MAGIKO!
Carson Valley
Thru July 5
Air show, arts festival, music, athletic events
800-727-7677
magikonv.com

Red, White, & Tahoe Blue
Lake Tahoe
July 1-4
Parade, entertainment, boat parade, fly-over
775-832-1606
gotahoenorth.com

A Celebration of Native American Heritage
Sparks
July 1-Aug. 15
Artifacts represent different tribes
775-355-1144

Artown Festival
July 1-31
775-322-1538
renoisartown.com

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Free Movies at Commons Beach
Tahoe City
July 2, 9, 23, 30,
Aug. 6, 13, 20, 30
gotahoenorth.com

RSVP July 4th Celebration
Carson City
July 3-6
Carnival, games,
crafts, fireworks
775-687-4680
visitcarsoncity.com

Pops in the Park & Chicken BBQ
Genoa
July 4
Reno Symphony Orchestra
775-782-8696
visitcarsonvalley.org

Ohlinger & The Bayou Boys
Lake Tahoe
July 4
530-541-4975
valhallatahoe.com

Parade & Fireworks
Virginia City
July 4
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

Star Spangled Sparks
Sparks
July 4
visitrenotahoe.com

Patriotic Parade in Somersett Town Square
July 4
$5 per entry
775-787-4500
Email: esimonton@
somersett.com

Ride the Rails
Carson City
July 4-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27,
Aug. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17,
23-24, 30-Sept. 1
Historic train excursions
775-687-6953
visitcarsoncity.com

Comstock Motorcycle Show 'n' Shine
Virginia City
July 5
800-718-7587
visitvirginiacitynv.com

An Americana Celebration
July 5
11 performing artists including
fiddlers, dancers, music
775-348-4692
nevadabluegrassproject.org

Great International Chicken Wing Society Cook-Off
July 5-7
800-FOR-RENO
visitrenotahoe.com

Jazz Under the Stars
Carson City
July 8
775-883-4154
milehighjazz.com

American Century Championship
Lake Tahoe
July 8-13
Celebrity golf tournament
tahoecelebritygolf.com

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival
Lake Tahoe
July 10-Aug. 17
Outdoor theater
800-74-SHOWS
laketahoeshakespeare.com

Concert in the Park
Minden
July 11
Comstock Cowboys
775-782-9828
visitcarsonvalley.org

Comstock Bluegrass Festival
Virginia City
July 11-13
775-348-4692
nevadabluegrassproject.org

Wakeboard World Finals
Sparks
July 11-13
407-628-4802
kingofwake.com

Tahoe Arts Festival
Crystal Bay
July 12-13
530-542-3632
tahoeartsproject.org



Hot August Nights, Reno and Sparks, August 1-10

"Vortex"
July 13-14
Rock ballet by A.V.A.
Ballet Theatre
775-762-5165
renoisartown.com

Lake Tahoe Music Festival
North Lake Tahoe
July 17-Aug. 9
Dave Koz, The Christian
Scott Quintet,
Reno Philharmonic
Orchestra, Strunz & Farah,
Jim Messina & Band,
Big Bad Voodoo Daddy,
Sophie Milman, Jeffrey Biegel
530-581-1184
tahoemusic.org

Railway Reflections
Carson City
July 17-Aug. 17
International railroad art
exposition to benefit
V&T Railroad restoration
775-813-8935
railwayreflections.org

Reno Basque Festival
July 19
800-FOR-RENO
visitrenotahoe.com

Art & Wine Festival
Gardnerville
July 19
775-782-2555
historicnevada.org

Squaw Valley Art, Wine, & Music Festival
Lake Tahoe
July 19-20
530-584-6266
thevillageatsquaw.com

The Surf All-Stars Concert
Minden
July 25
Outdoor picnic
775-782-9711
cvinn.com

Hawkins Amphitheater Summer Concert Series
Raul Malo, July 26
Calexico, July 27
David Bromberg w/
Angel Band, Aug. 2
Phoebe Snow, Aug. 24
Neko Case, Aug. 27
hawkinsamphitheater.com

Legends Reno-Tahoe Open
July 28-Aug. 2
Golf tournament
775-322-3900
legendsrenotahoeopen.com

AUGUST

Hot August Nights at The Summit
Aug. 1-2
Show 'n' shine
dance party, Aug. 1
Show 'n' shine, Aug. 2
775-853-7800
thesummitonline.com/reno

events



Lake Tahoe wooden boat show, Concours d'Elegance, August 7-9

Silver Dollar Car Classic
Carson City
Aug. 1-3
775-687-7410
visitcarsoncity.com

Hot August Nights
Reno/Sparks
Aug. 1-10
Celebration of '50s & '60s cars & music
775-356-1956
hotaugustnights.net

Pyramid Lake Sprint Triathlon
Pyramid Lake
Aug. 2
USA Triathlon-sanctioned event
renoareatriathletes.com

Taste of the Towns
Gardnerville
Aug. 2
Music, food, entertainment
775-782-2555
hitoricnevada.org

Concours d'Elegance
Lake Tahoe
Aug. 7-9
Historic wooden boats
800-824-6348
laketahoeconcours.com

Lake Tahoe Wooden Boat Week
Tahoe City
Aug. 7-13
Show, water events
775-581-4700
laketahoeconcours.com

Railfest
Virginia City/Carson City
Aug. 8-9
Railroad festival
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

Jazz & Beyond
Carson City
Aug. 15-17
More than 25 musical acts
775-883-1976
breweryarts.org/jazzfest

Carson City Sesquicentennial
Carson City
Aug. 16
Chili cook-off, entertainments, crafts
775-887-1294
eventsnevada.com

Chillin' 'n' Grillin' on the Comstock
Virginia City
Aug. 16
Food festival
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

Reno-Tahoe Blues Fest
Aug. 16-17
775-857-3378
renotahoebluesfest.com

Brews, Jazz, & Funk Fest
Lake Tahoe
Aug. 16-17
Performers include Papa Grows Funk, The Motet, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Henry Butler Quartet
530-584-6266
thevillageatsquaw.com

Reno Gay Pride
Aug. 16-17
Parade, entertainment, beer garden
800-FOR-RENO
renogaypride.com

Nevada State Fair
Aug. 20-24
Carnival, truck & tractor pulls, demolition derby, booths
775-688-5767
nvstatefair.com

Reno Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering
Aug. 22-23
775-354-6093
visitrenotahoe.com

Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off
Sparks
Aug. 27-Sept. 1
800-648-1177
janugget.com

Michael Powers Group Concert
Minden
Aug. 29
Free outdoor event
775-782-9711
cvinn.com

Civil War Reenactment
Virginia City
Aug. 29-Sept. 1
Parade on Labor Day
775-786-9754
visitvirginiacitynv.com

Alpen Wine Festival
Lake Tahoe
Aug. 31
530-584-6266
thevillageatsquaw.com

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ONGOING

Fernley Farmers' Market
Fernley
Wednesdays thru Aug. 27
775-287-2811

Fallon Farmers' Market
Fallon
Tuesdays thru Sept. 11
775-423-4802
fallontourism.com

Caliente Farmers' Market
Caliente
Fridays thru Sept. 26
775-726-3109
Email: gatzkeh@unce.unr.edu

Tonopah Farmers' Market
Tonopah
Mondays thru Oct. 3
775-482-3118
Email: tonopahfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

Hawthorne Farmers' Market
Hawthorne
Fridays or Saturdays thru mid-Oct.
775-945-3954

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events



Eureka County Fair, August 8-10

Pahrump Farmers' Market
Pahrump
Saturdays thru Oct.
775-727-5532
unce.unr.edu

Elko Farmers' Market
Elko
Fridays-Saturdays thru Oct.
775-777-8913

Lattin Farms
Fallon
July thru Oct.
Roadside produce stand
866-638-6293
lattinfarms.com

JULY

Western Stories in the Park
Elko
July 1, 15, 29, Aug. 5
775-738-3418
elkocva.com

Silver State International Rodeo
Fallon
July 3-6
Youth rodeo
775-423-4674
fallontourism.com

Fourth of July Parade & Street Games
Eureka
July 4
775-237-5484
co.eureka.nv.us

Austin Independence Day
Austin
July 4
Games, sack race, egg toss
775-964-2200
austinnevada.com

Old-Fashioned 4th of July
Carlin
July 4
Poker walk, parade, games, BBQ, fireworks
775-754-6354
explorecarlinnv.com

Fireworks & BBQ Train
Ely
July 4
Ride aboard historic train
775-289-2085
nnry.com

July 4th USO Celebration
Hawthorne
July 4
Music, dancing, arts, crafts
775-945-5854

Ely Fourth of July
Ely
July 4-5
Parade, games, fireworks
800-496-9350
elynevada.net

National Basque Festival
Elko
July 4-6
Bull run, picnics, ethnic dances & music, strongmen events
775-738-3295
elkocva.com

Jarbidge Fourth of July Celebration
Jarbidge
July 4-6
775-488-2311
elkocva.com

McDermitt Ranch Rodeo
McDermitt
July 4-6
775-623-5071
winnemucca.nv.us

Freedom Festival Fireworks
Pahrump
July 5
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

Tonopah Farmers' Market
Tonopah
Mondays, July 7-Oct. 6
775-482-3118
Email:
tonopahfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

A Night at the Museum
Elko
July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
Northeastern Nevada Museum
775-738-3418
elkocva.com

Silver State Stampede
Elko
July 10-12
775-778-5724
elkonevada.com

Western Days Team Roping & Barrel Racing
Fallon
July 11-13
775-224-8020
fallontourism.com

Ruby Mountains Jeep Jamboree
Elko
July 11-13
Involves 10,000-foot climb
530-333-4777
jeepjamboreeusa.com



Fallon Hearts o' Gold Cantaloupe Festival, August 29-September 1

Winnemucca Junior Rodeo
Winnemucca
July 12-13
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

Wine Train
Ely
July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 13
775-289-2085
nnry.com

Fallon 300 Race
Fallon
July 18-20
Desert competition
vorra.net

Nevada Indian Days Powwow
Fallon
July 18-20
National gathering of tribes
775-423-6075
fallontourism.com

44-Hour Softball Tournament
Winnemucca
July 18-20
775-623-5087
winnemucca.com

Black Irish Band
Eureka
July 19
Irish, Italian, & American folk music
775-237-6006
co.eureka.nv.us

Superior Livestock Auction
Winnemucca
July 23-27
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

Motorcycle Run & Rodeo
Elko
July 19
Fundraiser
775-777-4568
elkonevada.com

Lund Pioneer Days
Lund
July 24-26
Gymkhana, branding,

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parade, BBQ,
games, horseshoes, rodeo
775-238-5387
whitepinechamber.com

A Night in the Country Music Festival
Yerington
July 25-26
Billy Ray Cyrus, Chris Cagle, Collin Raye, Clay Walker, Taylor Ware to perform
775-463-5114
nightinthecountry.org

Wells Fun Run Car Show
Wells
July 25-27
775-752-3540
elkonevada.com

Battle Mountain Music Festival
Battle Mountain
July 25-27
Cedar Hill, Lonesome Traveler Bluegrass Band, Westwind, Sawmill Road, Moonlight Hoodoo Revue, Larry Maurice, John Tyson to perform
775-635-1112
battlemountain-arts.org

Bluegrass Festival
Hawthorne
July 25-27
775-945-5854

Ely Shoshone Powwow
Ely
July 25-27
Co-ed softball, hand games, card games, horseshoe tournament
775-289-3013

St. Augustine's Cultural Center Dinner
Austin
July 26
Fundraiser
775-964-1100
austinnevada.com

Chocolate Train
Ely
July 26, Aug. 30
Chocolate desserts served on evening excursion
775-289-2085
nnry.com

Mid-Summer Classic Men's Softball Tournament
Eureka
July 26-27
775-237-5578
co.eureka.nv.us

High Country Pickout
Ely/Ward Mountain Campground
July 26-27
Bluegrass music
775-289-4823
whitepinechamber.com

AUGUST

Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation Contest Powwow
Ibapah
Aug. 1-2
Dance competitions, hand games, BBQ, drum contest
435-234-1138
goshutetribe.com

The Oasis Stampede
Fallon
Aug. 1-3
Donkey & mule show, country fair
775-423-0525
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Eureka County Fair
Eureka
Aug. 8-10
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Hot August Nights Street Drags
Fernley
Aug. 8-10
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Jarbidge
Aug. 8-10
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Elko/Lamoille
Aug. 9
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Perseids Meteor Shower Campout
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Bull Riding
Ely
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Aug. 16
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White Pine County Fair
Ely
Aug. 16-17
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Horseracing
Ely
Aug. 16-17
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Elko County Fair
Elko
Aug. 22-Sept. 1
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Hawaiian Luau
Pahrump
Aug. 23
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Chris Proctor Concert
Hawthorne
Aug. 23
Acoustic guitar
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Lions Club Fly-In
Austin
Aug. 23
Steak feed, low-key flight contests
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Contests, dances, exhibits, food, art show, pig wrestling
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Elko
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Eureka
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Winnemucca
Aug. 29-31
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UFO Conference
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Aug. 29-31
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Yerington 300 Race
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Desert competition
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Hearts O'Gold Cantaloupe Festival
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Winnemucca

There's More Than Meets the Eye...









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July 12-13, 2008

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LOOKING WEST FROM U.S. 93 toward the Sheep Range on a hot summer evening, Incline Village photographer Chris Talbot waited for the clouds hovering over Hayford Peak to get into position. "As soon as they got behind that mountain, I knew it would be special," he recalls. That stretch of desert north of Las Vegas can be lonely, Talbot says. "It was just me and some Gila monsters."

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