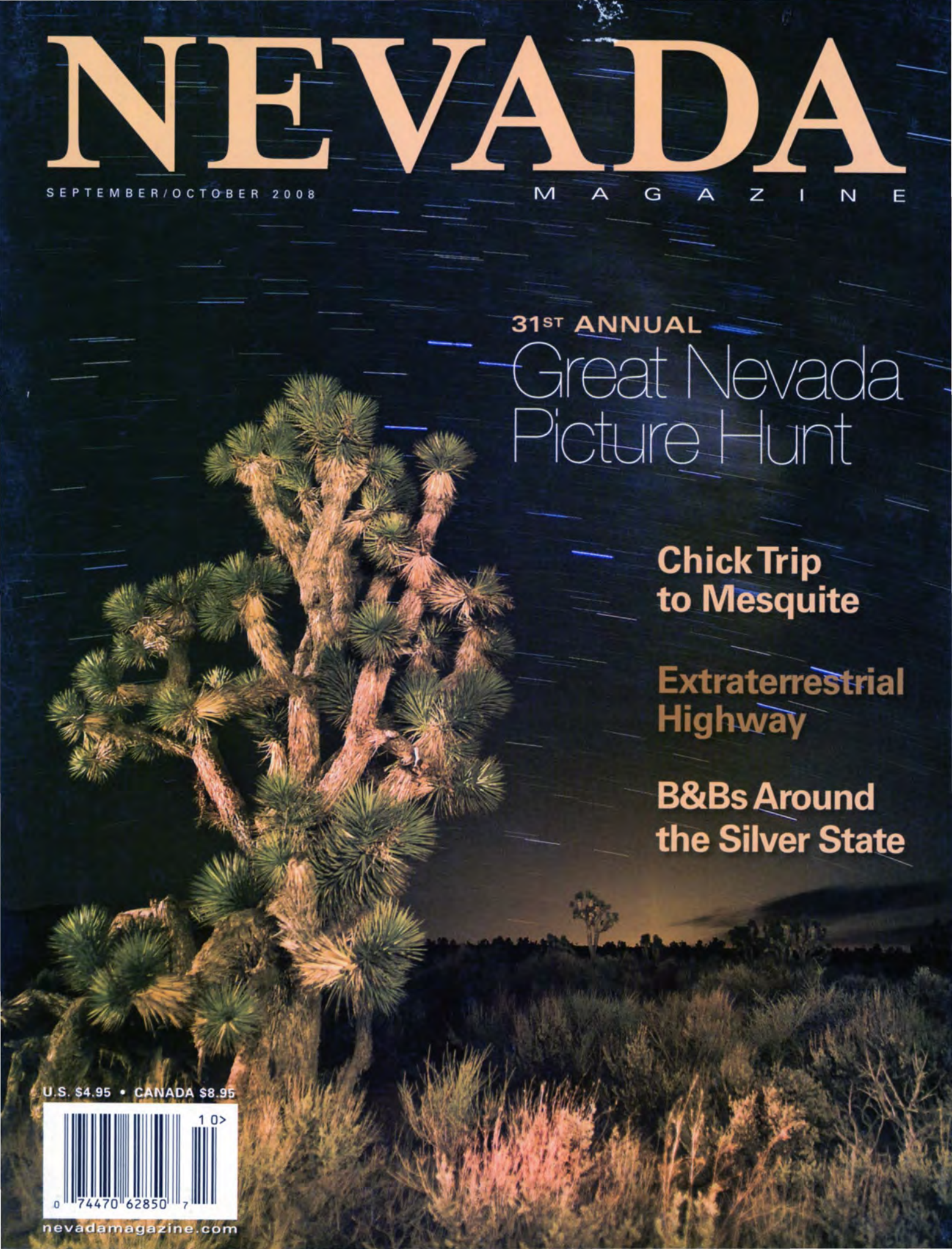
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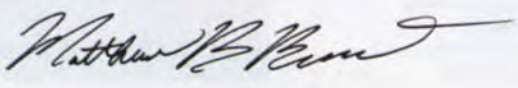
I could sense the excitement in Mike Sevon's response—"Holy...!"—when I called to congratulate him on winning the Grand Prize in our 2008 Great Nevada Picture Hunt. Let's just say Mike was elated to hear the news.

We know the feeling, Mike. Every year in April, May, and June, submissions for the photo contest roll in by the hundreds. We eagerly greet each entry with fascination and anticipation, and I can guess there's been many times in the past 31 years that "Holy...!" has been the reaction of *Nevada Magazine* staffers to yet another captivating Nevada image. This year was no different (see the winners starting on page 10).

Another conversation I had with a GNPH winner, Deanna Esplin, reminded me of the beauty of our annual photo contest. A Spring Creek resident who works at Elko's Star Hotel (popular for its Basque food), Deanna frequently has guests ask her where to go and what to do. Without hesitation, she directs them to Lamoille Canyon, one of Nevada's many scenic delights. They often return to thank Deanna for the suggestion. It's that same idea that encapsulates the GNPH—the pictures remind us that these places and events are in the great state of Nevada and begging to be discovered.

Also in this issue, we tag along on a girlfriends' getaway to Mesquite, uncover the "truth" on the Extraterrestrial Highway, and enlighten you on Nevada's B&B experience. We remind you to visit our Web site, which recently won its second prestigious award of 2008. There, you can comment on stories and, through September, cast your vote in our first Readers' Choice photo contest.

Finally, we regretfully say goodbye to one of *Nevada Magazine's* finest, Joyce Hollister, who retired in July. In seven years, Joyce held three important positions at the magazine—associate editor, editor, and publisher. A Distinguished Nevadan and member of the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame, her expertise will be sorely missed. In Joyce's stead, we welcome new publisher Janet M. Geary. Janet, a longtime Nevada resident, brings 25 years of journalism experience to her new role. "I have spent most of my life in Nevada and have family all over the state, so I am happy to be back home," says Janet, who was working in Coos Bay, Oregon.



**Matthew B. Brown,** Editor

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### BETHANY DRYSDALE



A former newspaper reporter and editor, Dayton resident Bethany Drysdale works in media relations for the Nevada Commission on Tourism while juggling the duties of being a mom and wife. Between changing diapers, making dinner, scheduling conference calls, and getting to work with minimal spit-up on her clothes, she tries to find spare time to read a good book, go hiking with her husband, or get away with girlfriends. She did the latter for this issue's story set in Mesquite.

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### J M LAURIE



Las Vegas-based freelance photographer Jim Laurie is the former director of photography for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* and *CERCA Magazine.* His work has appeared in *TIME Magazine, National Geographic Adventure,* and *USA Today.* "I spent many years photographing championship boxers from Muhammad Ali to Mike Tyson," Laurie says. "I much prefer standing over a beautiful dish at Rosemary's Restaurant smelling the fine aromas than smelling a boxing gym." See his Rosemary's food shots in Cravings.

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### PATTY CAFFERATA



Patty Cafferata spends her leisure time reading, researching, and writing about Nevadans and Nevada history. The Reno resident has authored three books, *The Goldfield Hotel: Gem of the Desert, Mapes Hotel and Casino: The History of Reno's Landmark Hotel,* and *Lake Mansion: Home to Reno's Founding Families.* Cafferata also coauthored her mother's memoirs in *Barbara F. Vucanovich: From Nevada to Congress and Back Again.* She interviewed Vucanovich for our Notable Nevadan Q&A.

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# STATE OF NEVADA

# up front




TOURISM

## Everything "nevăda"

The Nevada Commission on Tourism launched its new Web site, TravelNevada.com, in July. Users will find access to a downloadable Visitors Guide, in addition to specialty guides that cover topics such as adventure and golf. You'll get suggestions on where to stay, what to do—even how to get married—and an extensive and ever-growing list of descriptions of the Silver State's cities and towns.

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COCKTAIL

## Barbecue Booze

University of Nevada, Las Vegas professor and Las Vegas restaurateur Adam Carmer unveiled a drink this summer that he says will become a signature cocktail of the city. "Margaritas and barbecue have been together forever," Carmer says. "We just made the logical leap: marrying our savory barbecue flavor and a terrific tequila... the Barbecue Margarita."

The laudable libation is available at Adam's Ribs on Maryland Parkway or Grand Canyon Avenue. **adamsribslv.com**, 702-242-8227 (Maryland Parkway), 702-221-8227 (Grand Canyon Avenue)

Left: Adam Carmer watches as Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman samples the Barbecue Margarita.



EVENT

## Frontier Culture

Cowboy poetry and music will be celebrated during the 21st Annual Rhymers Rodeer, November 7 and 8, at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden. The Western art forum will attract pianist Dave Bourne and poets Jim and Karen Ross, Jim King (above), and Ross Knox. Mark Twain look-alike McAvoy Layne will host the event. Other activities include an open-mic session and dinner show. cvinn.com/rodeer, 775-783-6679



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The Lake Tahoe east shore icon Thunderbird Lodge (left), with rooms recently restored by the American Society of Interior Designers, was reopened for tours early this summer. The hour-and-fifteen-minute guided tour offers a glimpse of a bygone era as guests are taken through the old lodge, the 600-foot secret tunnel, past the haunted swimming pool and dungeon to the boathouse, the home of the *Thunderbird* yacht. The tour concludes with a visit to the card house, where the mansion's eccentric builder, George C. Whittell Jr., hosted high-stakes poker games.

Tours by shuttle leave from the Incline Village Visitor Center four times a day (9:30 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 and 2 p.m.) through September. gotahoe.com, 800-GO-TAHOE

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# up front




SHOPPING

## Scheels Steals the Show

Scheels, Nevada's largest sporting goods store, is set to open as the first business at The Legends at Sparks Marina on September 27. The 248,000-square-foot facility will feel more like a mall than a retail store, with brand-name shops from Adidas, Columbia, Nike, and The North Face, and a deli, fudge shop, and Starbucks.

Other unique attractions at Scheels include two 16,000-gallon aquariums, a 35-foot-tall wildlife taxidermy mountain, a 65-foot-tall, 16-car Ferris wheel, and shooting galleries and simulators for golf, soccer, and hockey in which customers will be able to test their skills. **scheelssports.com**, 775-331-2700



MUSEUM

## An Educational Twist on Car Audio

The National Automobile Museum in Reno recently introduced a digital audio tour to accompany self-guided tours of the museum. The feature was made possible through a $91,250 grant from the E.L. Wiegand Foundation and enables visitors to get an entire history lesson—with commentary on historical events, cultural trends, and human interest stories—based around the cars.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the audio tour is included with admission. **automuseum.org**, 775-333-9300

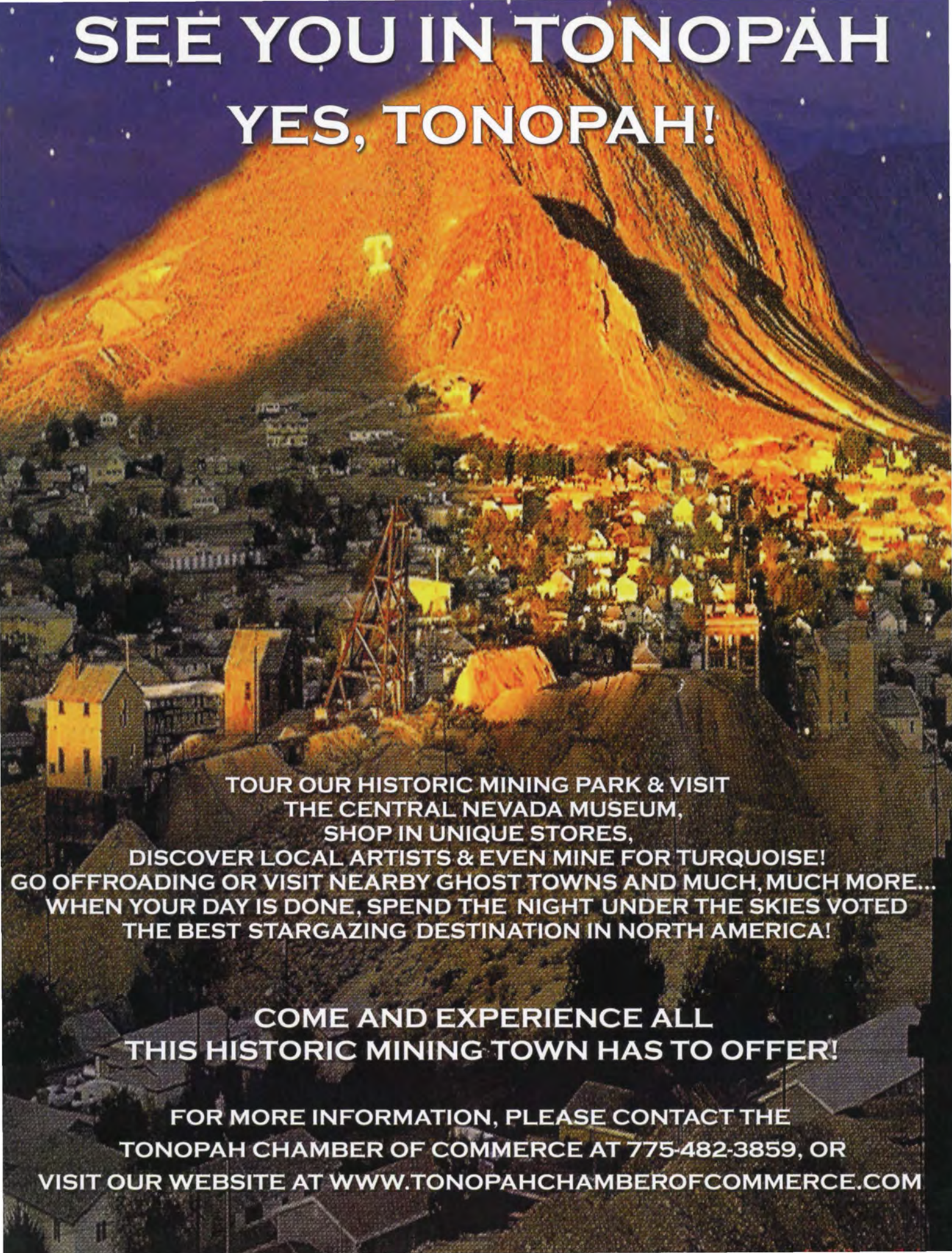


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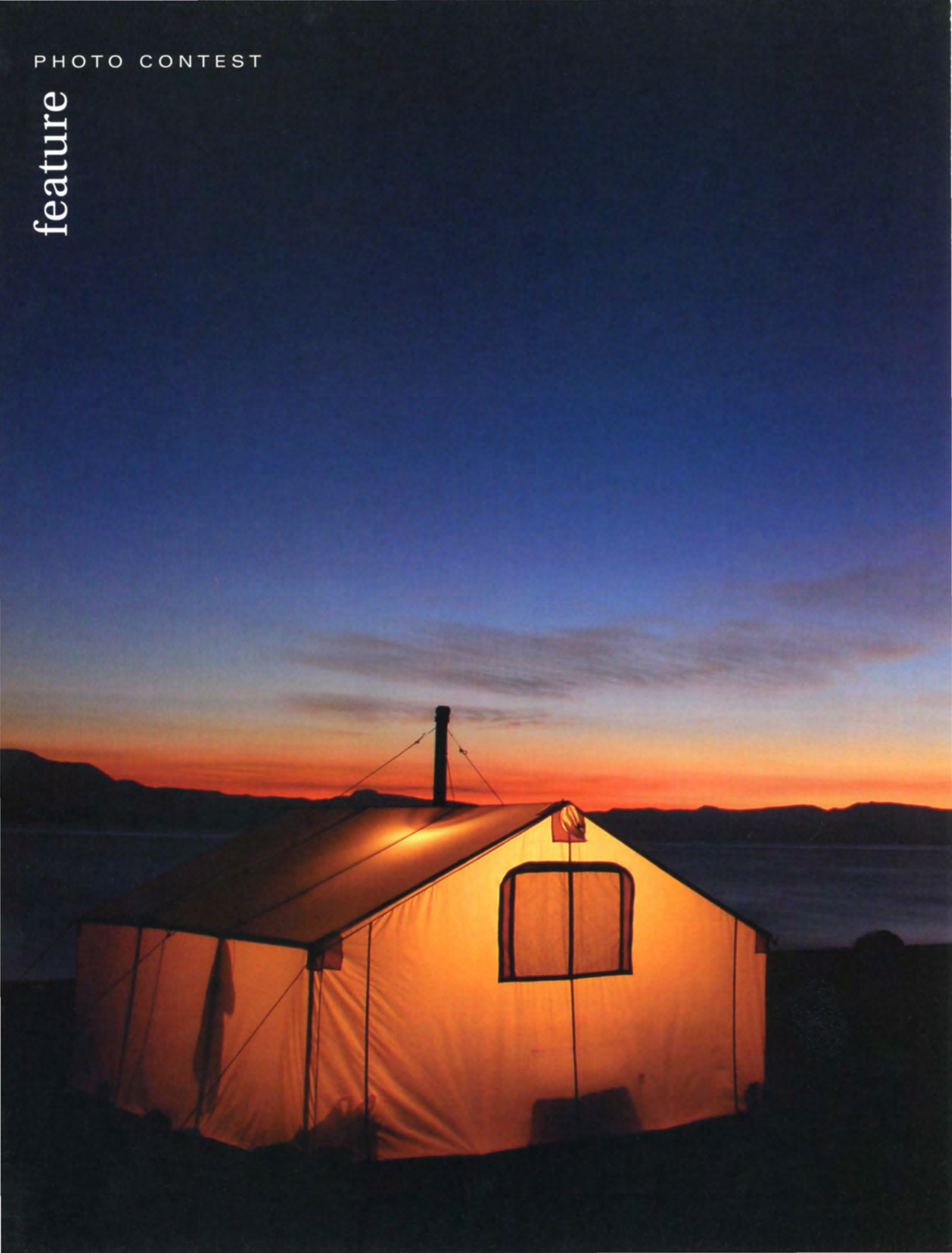
## Bella Fiore Pops the Cork in Carson City

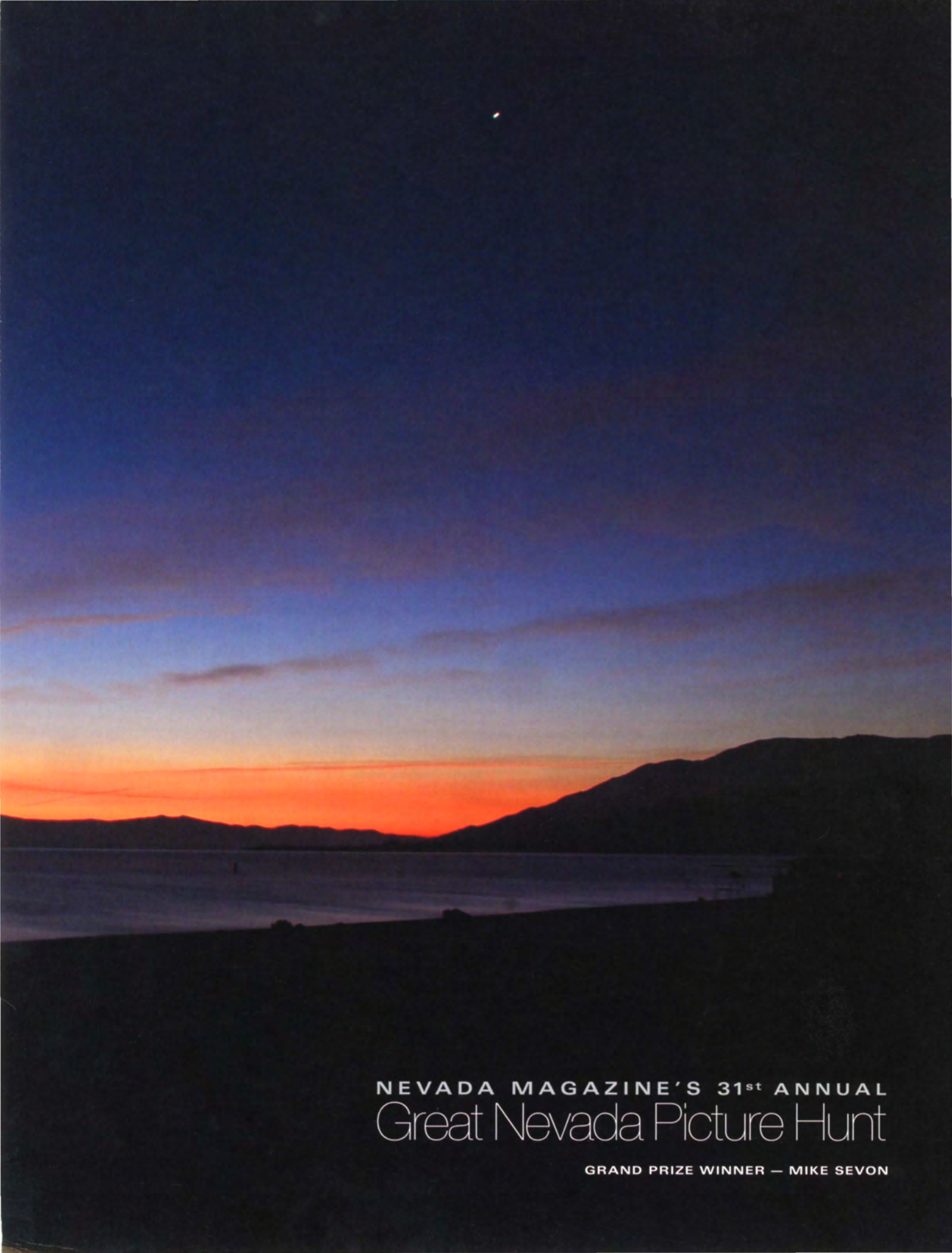
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# Great Nevada Picture Hunt

GRAND PRIZE WINNER — MIKE SEVON



FIRST PLACE OVERALL

GRAND PRIZE
**Mike Sevon, Fallon**
**mikesevonphotos.com**
**"Lonely Sunrise"**

**Location:** Pyramid Lake (near Sutcliffe)

In the Truckee River Flyfishers club the rank of "fishmaster," as prestigious as it sounds, brings with it a certain degree of sacrifice. That was the case for Mike Sevon, anyway, during a December 2007 outing to Pyramid Lake. "It was my responsibility to set up my wall tent as a warming hut for a club fishout," says Sevon. "When I woke up early the following day, the beach was empty, and I was inspired to take this image. The 'star' in the sky (see previous page for a better look) is actually the planet Mars." Sevon, who worked for the Nevada Department of Wildlife for 36 years, holds a special place in his heart for the desert lake. He did work there in the early '70s while attending UNR and has kept going back ever since. "I have a spiritual connection to it," he says. "It's the most beautiful lake in the world."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Pyramid Lake is open to fishing year round, with the exception of trout season, which runs from October 1 to June 30. **plpt.nsn.us**

31st ANNUAL

# Great Nevada Picture Hunt

To us, *Nevada Magazine's* annual photo hunt never gets old. This is the 31st time our staff fielded hundreds of submissions of photos taken in Nevada's spectacular places. This year we've awarded our yearly Grand Prize, in addition to naming a second- and third-place overall winner. Our five categories remain essentially the same as they were in 2007· City Limits, Wide Open, Living (replaces Lifestyle), People, and Events. Also, visit page 20 for details on our Readers' Choice competition, the winner of which will be voted for on nevadamagazine.com and published in our November/December issue.

## city limits

WINNER: CITY LIMITS
**Maria Coulson, Reno**
**betterphoto.com/?matora**
**"Pioneer Center"**

**Location:** Reno

Sometimes you can't fully appreciate art until you hear the whole story, and that's the case with Maria Coulson's intriguing shot. "I went three different times to get the photo I wanted," says Coulson, who is a first-time participant in our picture hunt. "The first time there were too many people; the second time the light wasn't right. I made a mental note to go back in the late afternoon when the sun was behind me. I tried many different angles, but the one I liked best was straight on." The persistence paid off for Coulson, who also waited for the rare Reno day with a fair amount of cloud cover.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts is the home of prominent organizations such as Reno Philharmonic and A.V.A. Ballet Theatre. Visit **pioneercenter.com** for a schedule of events.



RUNNER-UP: CITY LIMITS

Janice Phillips, Las Vegas

"Waterdance"

**Location:** Las Vegas

The Fountains of Bellagio light up the Strip, and Janice Phillips was there to capture it. "I just love the fountains," Phillips says. "It's fun to try to get the right shot—every shot is unique because of the way the water sprays."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Visit **bellagio.com** for a schedule of the mesmerizing complimentary show of water, music, and light.

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# wide open

WINNER: WIDE OPEN

**Deanna Esplin, Spring Creek**

**"Long Dusty Road"**

**Location:** Spring Creek

The saying, "Last, but not least," rings true with Deanna Esplin's image, taken in 2007 on Pleasant Valley Road at sunset. "It was the last photo I took that day because the sun was going down," says Esplin, who was a Runner-Up winner in last year's Great Nevada Picture Hunt. She's received a lot of positive feedback about the above photo. "It just works with the nice gold tones," she says. One of her artistic strategies is to travel a random road and see where it ends up. On this November day, the results were golden, in more ways than one.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Pleasant Valley Road is south of State Route 227, the gateway to Lamoille Canyon Road, a National Scenic Byway. **byways.org**





## living

WINNER: LIVING

Jodi Esplin, Spring Creek

jodisperception.com

"Happiness is..."

**Location:** Spring Creek

"Blue sky, fresh-powder snow, and a run in the hills—it doesn't get much better than that!" says Jodi Esplin, about this picture she took near her house after a heavy snowstorm last winter. Tango, a seven-year-old miniature Australian Shepherd, is difficult to shoot in the snow due to his white markings. "I have so many throwaways of my dogs in the snow," Esplin says. "I was lucky he was coming at me with the sun in his face—it helped to bring his fur out. I have hundreds of photos of him where he blends in, but when I downloaded this one, I said, 'Wow, that's a keeper!"

**Tourist Tidbit:** The Elko Snobowl, the only ski resort in northeastern Nevada, is a short drive from Spring Creek. **elkorose.com/snowbowl.html**

RUNNER-UP: WIDE OPEN

Larry Angier, Jackson (California)

angier-fox.com

"Churchill"

**Location:** Sand Mountain

A summer thunderstorm passes over the dunes east of Fallon. "I took it in color," Angier says, "but realistically it looked better as a black-and-white photo."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Sand Mountain Recreation Area offers nearly 5,000 acres of BLM land available to off-highway vehicle riders, hikers, and sandboarders. The Sand Springs Pony Express Station is in the vicinity. **nv.blm.gov**



RUNNER-UP: LIVING

Dave Faulk, Fallon

"Sled Ride"

**Location:** Reno (outskirts)

Dave's stepson, Ryan Young, enjoys a family sledding trip near Mount Rose. "Ryan was getting his eight-second ride in, hoping to not get bucked off!" Dave says.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Mount Rose Highway is one of Nevada's scenic byways, with access to Galena Creek Park (**washoecounty.us**) and Mount Rose Ski Tahoe (**mtrose.com**).

## people

SECOND PLACE OVERALL

WINNER: PEOPLE

Deanna Esplin, Spring Creek

"Flyfisher"

**Location:** South Fork State Recreation Area

Todd Esplin had to beg his wife, Deanna, to accompany him on a fishing excursion last November. She's glad he talked her into it. "I didn't want to go anywhere, but he said, 'You can take some pictures.' He knew how to get me." But sometimes even a good photo can have its drawbacks. Todd loves it, but isn't too elated with the idea of his favorite fishing spot being exposed. Don't worry, Todd, we'll keep it vague—the photo was taken near South Fork Reservoir.

**Tourist Tidbit:** South Fork State Recreation Area, 16 miles south of Elko on State Route 228, is popular for hunting, camping, boating, picnicking, winter sports, and wildlife viewing. **parks.nv.gov/sf.htm**



RUNNER-UP: PEOPLE

Jodi Esplin, Spring Creek

jodisperception.com

"Gold Miner"

**Location:** Elko

A portrait of Nevada miner Wayde Esplin, who is right at home at Barrick Gold of North America's Goldstrike property. Jodi set up the photo shoot with her husband for a *Popular Photography* contest meant to illustrate someone's career in pictures.

**Tourist Tidbit:** For information regarding Dig Mines tours in the Elko area, visit **elkocva.com**.







THIRD PLACE OVERALL

WINNER: EVENTS

**Janice Phillips, Las Vegas**

**"Let the Sparks Fly"**

**Location:** Las Vegas

In many ways, digital cameras have made photographers' lives easier, but Janice Phillips disagrees when it comes to fireworks. "They tend to overexpose on the digital for me," says Phillips, who captured this colorful display of light behind the Stratosphere Tower on July 4, 2006. "I'm still learning." Judging from this photo, it appears Phillips has *learned.*

**Tourist Tidbit:** The 1,149-foot-tall Stratosphere Tower is the tallest observation tower in the U.S. Visit **stratospherehotel.com** for tower attractions, including three thrill rides.



RUNNER-UP: EVENTS

**Pete Slingland, Reno**

**peteslingland.com**

**"Big Rig Jig"**

**Location:** Black Rock Desert

This sculpture was created by Mike Ross and crew for Burning Man 2007—the theme of which was The Green Man. "This life-size semi-truck sculpture illustrates a future use for the gas-hauling trucks after the fossil fuels run out," Slingland says. "The image was taken at night with just a little light left in the Western sky."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Get your tickets early if you want to attend this late-summer festival, which takes place near Gerlach. The popular event attracts nearly 50,000 participants. **burningman.com**



Kippy S. Lanker, Carson City
"Carson Valley Winter Wonderland"
Location: Minden



Pete Slingland, Reno
"Neon Museum"
Location: Las Vegas



Janice Phillips, Las Vegas
"Steam Ahead"
Location: Ely

## readers' choice contest

There's one more award to be given in this year's contest, and it's up to you to choose the lucky photographer! Visit nevadamagazine.com to cast your vote for one of these five images.



Gary A. Reese, Henderson
"Approaching Storm"
Location: Pyramid Lake




Kippy S. Lanker, Carson City
"Old 76 Station"
Location: Minden

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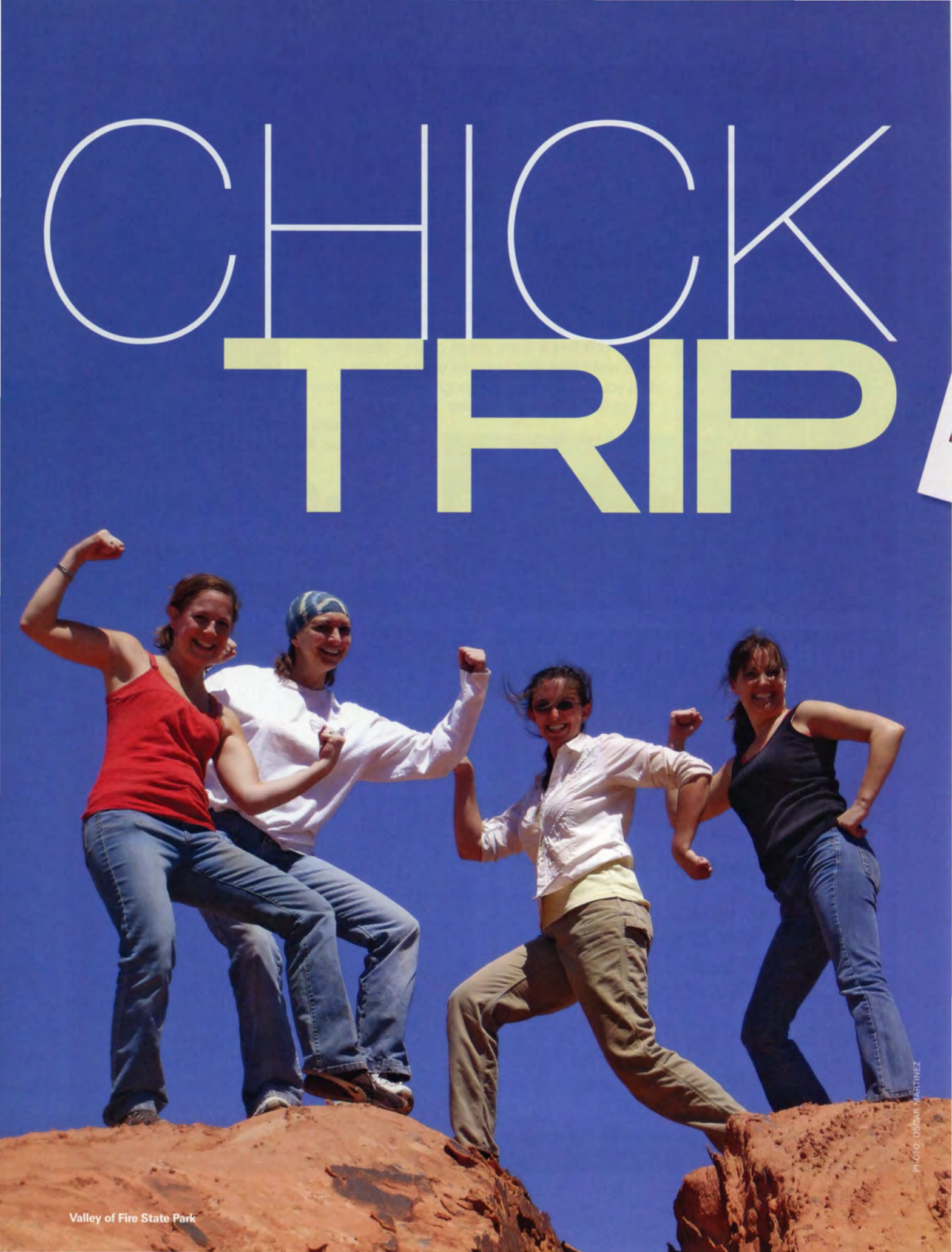
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# CHICK TRIP



Valley of Fire State Park

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# how mesquite it is

## Foursome lets their hair down on a girlfriends getaway to Nevada border town

BY BETHANY DRYSDALE

"I so need this!"

This is what four friends exclaimed in unison as we met at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport one Friday for a much-needed weekend getaway to Mesquite. We were on an adventure—cell phones turned off, emails unanswered, and office deadlines looming...but we didn't have to worry about that until Monday. This group of girlfriends was long overdue for a short escape from a clingy toddler, an upcoming wedding, a finalized divorce, and a job hunt—in other words, an escape from life.

One of the few destinations in Nevada to advertise "girlfriends' getaways," Mesquite attracted us with its mix of all things girly and gritty. The city's three big hotels, CasaBlanca, Virgin River, and Oasis, offer vacation packages that appeal to the warrior and princess in every woman. We wanted to flex our muscles in the great outdoors before subjecting them to deep-tissue massages.


right on target

PHOTOS: BETHANY DRYSDALE (TOP LEFT & MIDDLE), MARIANNE FARRETTA (TOP RIGHT & BOTTOM)






Top: The adventurous chicks prepare to start their Valley of Fire State Park excursion with Adrenaline ATV Tours.

PHOTOS: MARIANNE FARRETTA

Since there are no flights to Mesquite, we flew into Las Vegas and took the opportunity to start the weekend with some good old-fashioned girlfriend fun: shopping. There were some serious sales at the Las Vegas Outlet Center to conquer. Fortified by Bloody Marys and a plate of nachos, we hit the sales racks like the warriors we are and walked away victorious and unscathed, although our credit cards suffered a blow or two.

About an hour-long drive northeast of Las Vegas, Mesquite is a peaceful and welcome respite, and our goal was to relax and rejuvenate. Our trip took us 79 miles from Las Vegas on Interstate 15 to the Nevada-Arizona border, where sandstone and sagebrush meet lush golf courses and sprawling resorts.

We checked into the corporate bungalow at the CasaBlanca and headed out to dinner. Take note: Staying off the beaten path can get you four-star experiences at three-star prices. The three-bedroom, three-bathroom, private-patio bungalow is a steal if you

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split the cost with friends, and the luxury was something we could never afford if we were in a major city. That evening we dined on oysters Rockefeller, king crab legs, perfectly prepared steaks, and bottomless glasses of wine at Katherine's.

Gourmet food, exquisite wine, and a flaming coffee drink called the "Café Diablo" were a great way to start the weekend, but the next day it was time to get dirty. We were up early for our ATV tour through Valley of Fire State Park, where we discovered our inner wild child with a little help from open throttles and sandy trails. Local lore is that Valley of Fire got its name from the way the setting sun lights the scenery ablaze in fiery oranges and reds. The sand dunes, towering rock formations, and vast meadows draped in wildflowers were overwhelming to the senses. Conversation slowed to a standstill as we turned our heads from side to side, barely able to contain our "oohs" and "ahhs."

Adrenaline ATV Tours is the only ATV company licensed to operate tours on the Logandale Trail System at Valley of Fire. In other words, they can take you places other companies wish they could. And owner Oscar Martinez loves to do just that. He let us test our newly discovered love of speed while pointing out the ancient petroglyphs carved into the towering red rocks. More than a tour leader, Martinez knows and loves the landscape like it's an old friend, and he weaved great tales of history and geology into the day's excursion.

Thoroughly dirty and dusty, we returned to the hotel just in time for our afternoon spa appointments. It's remarkably easy to forget about bills, mortgages, crying babies, and bridal bouquets while having every worry kneaded out of your body one muscle at a time.

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Opposite page, from left to right: The wild women show off their guns at Mesquite's Oasis Gun Club. The property includes a scenic marsh. Two of the women wait their turn to shoot. Above: The free-wheeling females enjoy a well-deserved pamper session at the CasaBlanca Spa.

PHOTOS: BETHANY DRYSDALE

You know you're truly spoiled when you dine at not one, but two gourmet restaurants over the course of a weekend and order oysters Rockefeller at each—this time at Charmaine's. We melted into bed that night, muscles soothed and appetites satisfied.

In the morning, we solemnly packed our bags and tried to justify calling in sick to extend the trip one more day. We knew it was time to head home, but we decided to end the weekend with a bang—literally. We stopped at Mesquite's hidden treasure: the Oasis Gun Club. Armed with 20-gauge shotguns and a box of shells, we took aim at the targets that fly over the club's pond and skeet range.

Exhausted and happy, we returned to our normal lives refreshed and feeling like women who still know how to have fun. For two and a half days in the desert oasis of Mesquite, we took the time to remember the carefree women we are underneath the spit-up, wedding dress, and corporate suits.

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# TOP SECRET




## THE RACHEL FILES

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The truth is out there. .on Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway.

If I didn't know the famous moniker of the highway I was turning onto it would be just another change of direction like any other turn on any other highway on any other road trip. But this is different. This isn't just Highway 375, this is the Extraterrestrial Highway. A giddy excitement falls over me as I venture down the desolate byway, the obscure promise of "Low Flying Aircraft" on a road sign pulling my attention skyward...

No UFOs...

Yet.

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THE RACHEL FILES

This 98-mile stretch of asphalt, which connects Highways 6 and 93 in central Nevada, has gained fame over the last few decades due to its proximity to the Nevada Test Site and infamous, secrecy-shrouded Area 51. Hundreds of sightings of unidentified flying objects—presumably from the base—have piqued the world's curiosity and made the area a beacon to enthusiasts of aliens, UFOs, and all things unexplained. At the center of all the fascination is the town of Rachel and the Little A'Le'Inn.

Pat Travis Laundenklos and her late husband, Joe Travis, opened the restaurant, motel, gift shop, and bar 20 years ago and named it for the "little green men" two years later to embrace the lore that already surrounded the area. Pat now runs the establishment with her husband, Bill Laundenklos. Most days Pat can be found in the restaurant, cup of coffee in hand, chatting with curious visitors. Or, there's the legendary characters like Merlin, who often wore alien attire and claimed to be from another planet.

As I come in out of the hot, dusty July wind Pat immediately welcomes me with a genuinely friendly attitude that I find permeates the town of less than 100.

PHOTO: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (TOP)

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THE RACHEL FILES



Top: Travelers on the E.T. Highway enjoy a refreshment break at Rachel's Little A'Le'Inn. Aliens (middle) take center stage at the gift shop. Bottom: The owners of Little A'Le'Inn won't hesitate to tow improperly parked flying saucers.

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After devouring my Alien Burger (don't worry, it's all beef) I start to peruse the gift shop racks. Alien head mugs and lamps, Area 51 dirt, novelty license plates, official alien abduction certificates—I've hit souvenir gold. I resist the urge to buy one of everything and select a shot glass for my brother and an ashtray for my friend, an admittedly backward step in my ongoing effort to get him to quit.



Now that I've satiated my hunger for food and memorabilia, I turn my attention to the wall of UFO photos. The back wall of the restaurant is covered with more than 100 amateur photos of grainy, out-of-focus blobs and lights in the sky. I am drawn to a couple photos and postcards of ominous warning signs and security trucks with dark tinted windows. Pat's grandson, Cody, explains that these are photos of the gates into Area 51. He has my attention. There are three gates into the base within close proximity to Rachel—the main gate, about 35 miles south, the back gate, 10 miles west, and the cedar gate, 25 miles northwest—and as long as you don't cross the boundary, you can visit all of them.




"The black mailbox" (it used to be black, but it's now white and more accurately described as two graffiti-splattered steel safes on a post), 20 miles south of Rachel, is the access point to the main gate. About 15 miles along a well-traveled dirt track is the boundary of Area 51. As I drive toward the gate an unsettling feeling that I am not alone falls over me. Suddenly a reflection on a low hill catches my eye—it's moving slowly

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toward me from about three miles away. My hopes of a UFO sighting are abruptly dashed by the realization that it, like me, is traveling on the ground. As I continue in its direction it stops atop a hill and I realize what it is—Area 51 security. In a couple minutes I reach the warning signs symbolizing the end of the road, no more than 500 yards from the security truck and close enough that I can see its driver and passenger with the use of my Nikon's 135mm zoom lens. I throw them a wave. Nothing. I back my truck into the space between the signs for a "risky" photo and offer another wave. Still nothing. Rumor has it that the guards are former Delta Force and Navy Seals, and our *interaction* confirms this in my mind. A stop at the back gate yields similar results, though it's much more guarded, with roadblocks, floodlights, and guard stands. An interesting and more easily reached attraction is the time capsule outside the Little A'Le'Inn, placed there by producers of the movie *Independence Day* and set to be opened in 2050.




When I return to the Little A'Le'Inn for dinner, three Dutch tourists are well into their series of E.T. Highway questions. Although the bartender, Michele Miller, must repeat the same lines dozens of times any given week, she politely and enthusiastically gives

The WARNING signs and flashing lights at Area 51's back gate (top left) mark the end of the road for unauthorized visitors. Top right: "The black mailbox" (at one time it actually was black) has nothing to do with Area 51; it belongs to a local rancher. Opposite page: Bartender Michele Miller gives a group of Dutch tourists directions to one of the gates into Area 51.

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PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON



the young men the directions they seek: "20 miles down the highway you'll see a big white box on the right—turn and follow that road to the stop sign then turn right again. You can't miss it." They collect their bags of souvenirs and smile at me as they leave. I smile back and settle into my Saucer Burger (it's not on the menu but will undoubtedly gain similar fame as its world-famous cousin, the Alien Burger) as half a dozen locals filter through the door. They pull me into their various conversations, and before I know it we're all laughing and carrying on like old friends.

Even after a few cocktails I fail to see any UFOs, but that doesn't mean I've given up hope. Maybe it's the mystery of Area 51, the idea that I, too, may eventually have a close encounter. Or maybe it's the warmth and hospitality of the people, but something tells me I'm not finished with the E.T. Highway.

## Former Rachel regular's legacy lives on through fire truck

On June 21 Rachel's old '60s-era fire engine was replaced with a 1985 truck, donated by Ceres, California. The donation was made possible through the efforts of people in both communities. Former Ceres Police Sgt. Howard Stevenson, who was killed in the line of duty January 9, 2005, was such a frequent visitor to Rachel that when he died the town erected a cross in his honor. During the memorial dedication in 2007, Stevenson's friend and fellow officer Ron Richter noticed that Rachel's fire protection was inadequate and worked with locals and the Stevenson family to bring the Ceres truck to town. Before the donation, the nearest volunteer fire department was more than two hours away.






PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (TOP), RON RICHTER (BOTTOM LEFT & RIGHT)



# THYME TO TRY ROSEMARY'S

## This off-the-Strip gourmet restaurant has diners *and* reviewers swooning

BY BOB BARNES

Virtually every big resort on the Las Vegas Strip can boast of a top-of-the-line gourmet restaurant run by a celebrity chef. The restaurant that has earned more awards than any other fine-dining establishment in the entertainment capital, however, is not on the Strip, but in a strip mall 10 miles from Las Vegas Boulevard.

Rosemary's Restaurant has been chosen Best Gourmet in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* readers' poll every year since it opened in 1999. Owner and chef Michael Jordan and his wife, Wendy, have borrowed from their roots and life experiences in structuring a menu described on their Web site as "French-inspired, creative American cuisine with regional twists from New Orleans, the Deep South, and the Midwest."

Jordan estimates that half of the restaurant's clientele are visitors venturing out from the resort corridor. Competing with the Strip means tourists have to be willing to shell out an extra $30 to $40 for a cab ride. Jordan says, "Quality fills seats, and we pay close attention to the big three—great food, great drink, great service."

Jordan has a flair for commingling ingredients on your plate. Unlike some gourmet restaurants where everything is a la carte, Rosemary's serves up a full plate, pairing each entrée with accompaniments that compliment each other in taste, texture, and visual appeal. Crowd favorites and the dishes Jordan and Director of Operations Michael Shetler are most proud of include Hugo's Texas barbecue shrimp with Maytag blue cheese cole slaw (see recipe on page 39)—a tantalizing marriage of sweet and tangy barbecue sauce with robust blue cheese; crispy skin striped bass, served with Andouille sausage, rock shrimp, and fingerling potato hash with Southern-style hushpuppies—a tour of Louisiana on a plate; and milk-fed veal sweetbreads, of which there are four to five variations, paired with a rich bacon mustard demi glaze. Shetler calls their sauce work central to their success; all of the creations are made

PHOTO: JIM LAURIE (OPPOSITE PAGE)



Michael and Wendy Jordan (above) aim to share their diverse culinary experiences with diners. "Rosemary's menu reads like a storybook of our lives," Michael says on the restaurant's Web site. Barbecue shrimp with cole slaw (opposite page) is a popular dish.

### CONTACT

**Rosemary's Restaurant**
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## SPEC ALS

**Weekly specials abound with Industry Night on Mondays (25% off of the total bill for restaurant industry workers), Ladies Night on Wednesdays (50% off food for women), half-priced bottled wine on Sundays and a Happy Hour during weekdays from 4 to 7 p.m. with half off on all beer, wine, and cocktails. A good deal on any day is the three-course fixed-price dinner for $55, or lunch for $28.**

Salmon Tartar



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from scratch, including the bread and ice cream. Jordan strives to use fresh ingredients from nearby farms. Greens come from area farmers in Pahrump and nearby Utah, and other ingredients arrive from Los Angeles.

Each meal is prefaced with a complimentary *amuse bouche* (bite-sized appetizer). The *mignardes* (plate of sweets) complete the meals, though there are decadent desserts on the menu, such as crème brûlée and chocolate flourless cake fortified with sweet Scotch caramel sauce and house-made vanilla bean ice cream.

Rosemary's completes the package with excellent wine and beer pairings. An extensive wine list boasts more than 250 labels housed in a wine cellar. Rosemary's was one of the first restaurants in the city to take beer seriously. Its extensive beer list includes more than 30 brews ranging from European lagers to American micros and Belgian Trappist ales offered by very few dining establishments. A beer and wine pairing suggestion appears with every appetizer, soup, salad, and entrée.

The restaurant has seating for 105, including a lounge and private room. The tables are set with crisp white linen, and the walls are adorned with colorful paintings created by local artists. Special events, such as beer, wine, or spirit-pairing dinners, are held at least six times a year.

To replicate your favorite dish, you can visit **foodoflove.com** to purchase "FOOD of LOVE," a CD-ROM that has 238 printable recipes designed by Michael and Wendy Jordan that will give you the know-how to duplicate the chef's mastery.

PHOTOS: JIM LAURIE



## HUGO'S TEXAS BARBECUE SHRIMP WITH MAYTAG BLUE CHEESE COLE SLAW

Three-part recipe serves four

INGREDIENTS

24 shrimp, peeled and de-veined

1/4 cup canola oil

1 cup barbecue sauce (recipe follows)

1/2 head green cabbage, shredded

1 cup Maytag blue cheese mayonnaise (recipe follows)

3 green onions, sliced thin

1/2 cup Maytag blue cheese

Salt and pepper to taste

Make the cole slaw just before cooking the shrimp by tossing the cabbage with just enough mayonnaise to coat. Add half of the green onion, half of the blue cheese, and season with salt and pepper to your preference. Toss well.

Season the shrimp with salt and pepper. Over medium-high heat, place a large sauté pan. Add the oil and, when you see ripples and a slight amount of smoke, add the shrimp, being careful not to overcrowd. Cook the shrimp until golden brown; about two to three minutes on each side. To plate, place a pile of the blue cheese cole slaw in the middle and lean five shrimp against the slaw and the sixth on top. Spoon a little barbecue sauce over each of the shrimp and a little more around the plate. Sprinkle each plate with the remaining green onion and blue cheese. Garnish the rim of the plate with black pepper.

### Barbecue Sauce

Makes four cups

INGREDIENTS

10 ounces Lea and Perrin's Worcestershire sauce

10 ounces Kikkoman soy sauce

2 tablespoons lemon juice, strained

10 ounces ketchup

4 tablespoons dark brown sugar

2 cups heavy cream

Combine the first five ingredients in a small sauce pot and stir over medium heat to dissolve the sugar. Bring to a boil and simmer for five minutes and remove from heat. In a large sauce pot, bring the cream to a boil. Simmer until the cream is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Stir in some of the barbecue base until you like the flavor. Bring the mixture back to a boil and simmer again until it coats the back of a spoon.

### Maytag Blue Cheese Mayonnaise

Makes two cups

INGREDIENTS

1/2 ounce shallots, minced

1 egg

2 tablespoons lemon juice, strained

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar

2 cups canola oil

1/4 cup Maytag blue cheese

In a food processor combine the shallot, egg, lemon juice, mustard, and vinegar. Turn on the machine for 30 seconds and slowly add the oil. Add salt and pepper and pulse the machine two times for one second each. Taste for seasoning. Push the mayonnaise through a fine mesh strainer. Fold in the blue cheese.

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# sweet dreams

Nevada B&Bs, from vintage to modern, offer a relaxing place to unwind.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

It can seem like hotels and motels fill one basic function—a place to sleep. You check in, click the TV on for white noise, go to bed, wake up, and race off to whatever drew you there in the first place. Bed and breakfasts, on the other hand, are about an experience. After you check in, you take a tour and learn about the history of the house. Later, you sit down for tea with the innkeeper and other guests. In the morning you wake to a gourmet, home-cooked meal, followed by hours of lively conversation over coffee in a tranquil garden. Guests that are used to hotel travel find that these "beds" are more than just a place to lay your head.





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Opposite page: The Wild Rose Inn, Genoa. Above: The garden room in Panaca's Pine Tree Inn and Bakery.

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In Virginia City, B&Bs are all about history. The Chollar Mansion, owned and operated by Gena and Jeff Wood, is the 1861 business office of the Chollar Gold and Silver Mining Company. The period antiques and the Woods' extensive knowledge of the building's history add a richness to guests' stays that rivals the best museums. Since the Wood family actually lives at their B&B, visitors receive a level of attention uncommon to even the most posh hotels. Two rooms in the mansion, the Requa and Clark Suites, offer a more traditional B&B experience while the detached O'Connell Cottage provides more space for families. The second floor men's parlor is perfect for a quiet afternoon of reading.

The "B" Street House Bed and Breakfast, the former residence of deceased opera house owner Henry Piper, was ready to fall apart when Carolyn and Chris Eichin purchased and started rebuilding it in 2004. Their toil paid off when they opened the B&B about a year ago. "People would leave letters thanking us for restoring the house, or come to the door to ask for a tour. It just blows our minds," Chris says. The Eichins, who live at the "B" Street House, say their guests appreciate their presence. "We have a close relationship with our guests; it makes them very comfortable," Carolyn says.






Virginia City's "B" Street House Bed and Breakfast (top). Bottom: Guests help prepare breakfast—of their own volition—at the Chollar Mansion in Virginia City.

PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON






Virginia City's largest bed and breakfast is Edith Palmer's Country Inn. Originally opened in 1948, the B&B was reopened in 2003 by owners Leisa and Pat Findley following a three-year reconstruction and refurbishment. The four-building complex—soon to be five—has eight rooms and two family suites. During the filming of The Misfits, Marilyn Monroe stayed at Edith Palmer's. Today, one of the more popular rooms at Edith Palmer's is named for her. Maggie Belle's Room, named for Pat's grandmother, is the only one with a bay window, which fills the space with a warm glow in the afternoon. The Cider Factory at Edith Palmer's, built in 1863, is available for weddings and banquets and open for dinner on weekends.

Outside of Nevada's unofficial B&B capital of Virginia City, other towns from Genoa to Panaca to Boulder City all contribute to the impressive list of small inns around the state. The Wild Rose Inn is one of two B&Bs in Genoa. Owner Sue Knight says her goal is to make people feel at home, and that's why she enjoys welcoming people into her Victorian house and serving English tea. "They just love being here," she says. "They treat it like their own vacation home." The house, built in 1989, has five guest rooms and attracts as many return guests as first-timers. "One man from Philadelphia comes every year to glide (a small, engineless plane is towed to a certain altitude and released) in Minden and stays at the inn for up to 10 days," Sue says. According to Sue, many of her guests are excited to immerse themselves in the history of the town and get to know the locals. "There is something special about this part of Nevada that pulls people in," she says.






Top: Much the same as in private American homes, the kitchen at the Pine Tree Inn and Bakery is often a gathering place. Edith Palmer's Country Inn in Virginia City (middle).

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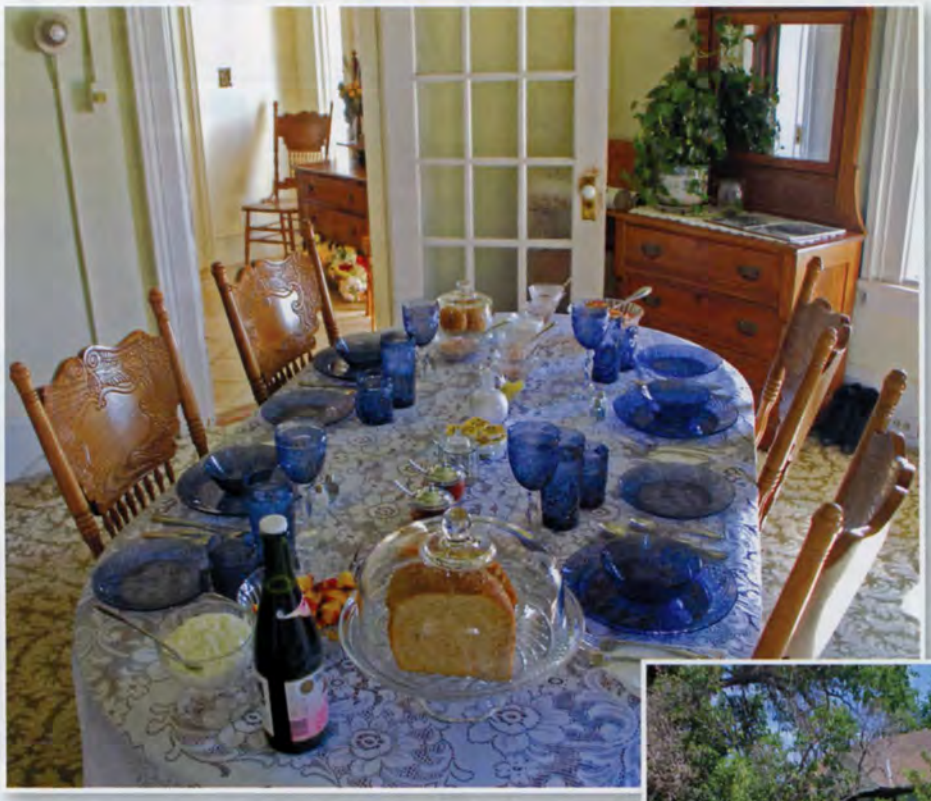
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Gena Wood at the Chollar Mansion says her goal is to provide a breakfast that precludes the necessity for lunch (top). Middle: Pine Tree Inn and Bakery in Panaca.

Panaca's Pine Tree Inn and Bakery is one of the few B&B options in eastern Nevada. Built in 1943, the unassuming home fits comfortably into its quiet neighborhood. Carol and Robert Mathews bought the home when Robert's mother, the original owner, passed away. The transformation from home to B&B required new plumbing and electrical systems, as well as the construction of several new bathrooms and stairways. Carol says the conversion was a logical step. "Everyone stayed here when it was Grandma's," Carol and Robert's daughter, Heather Center, says. "So it has sort of always been a bed and breakfast." Carol especially enjoys the bakery aspect of the B&B—before she retired from teaching, she spearheaded a school-run bakery.

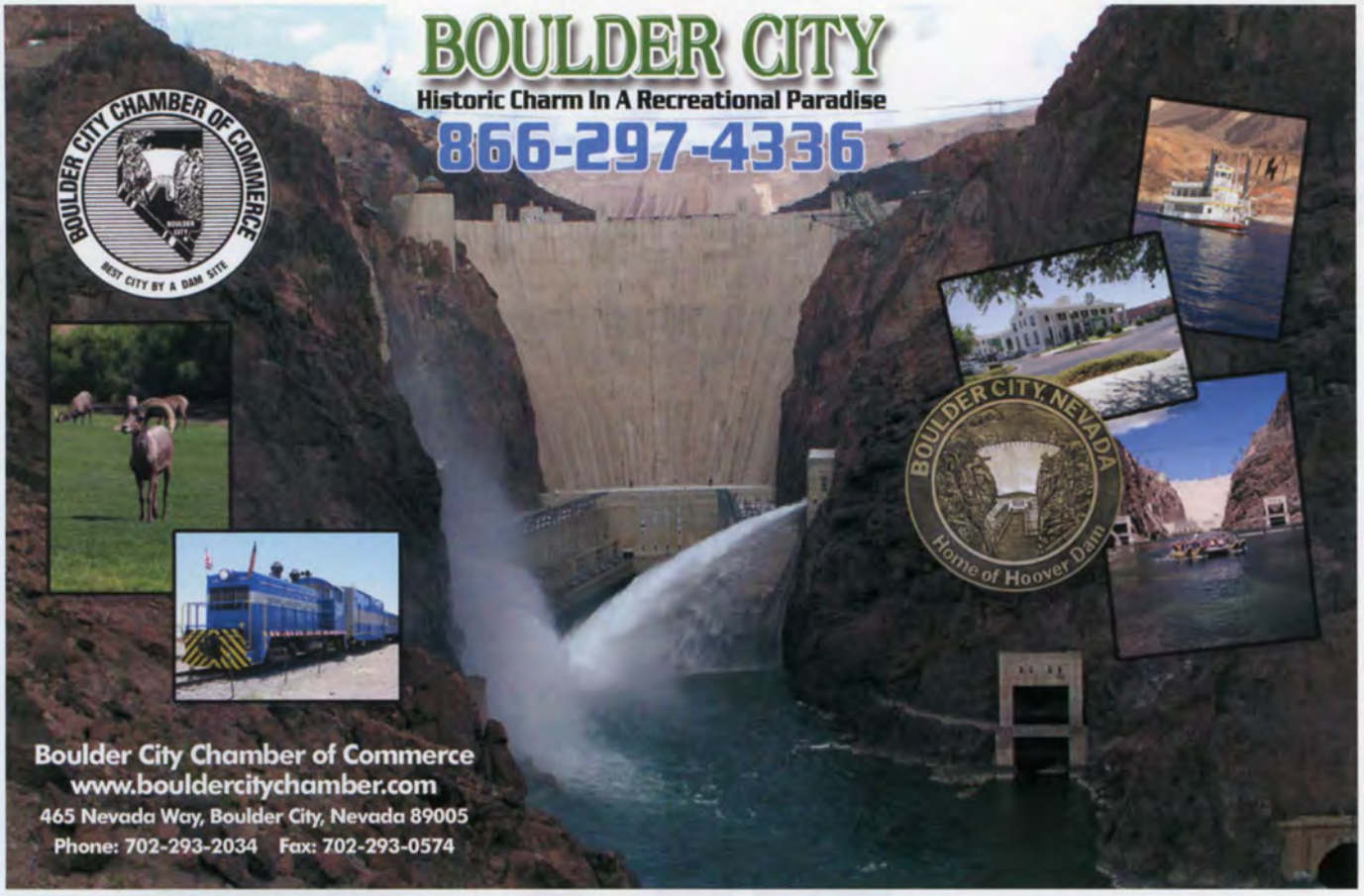


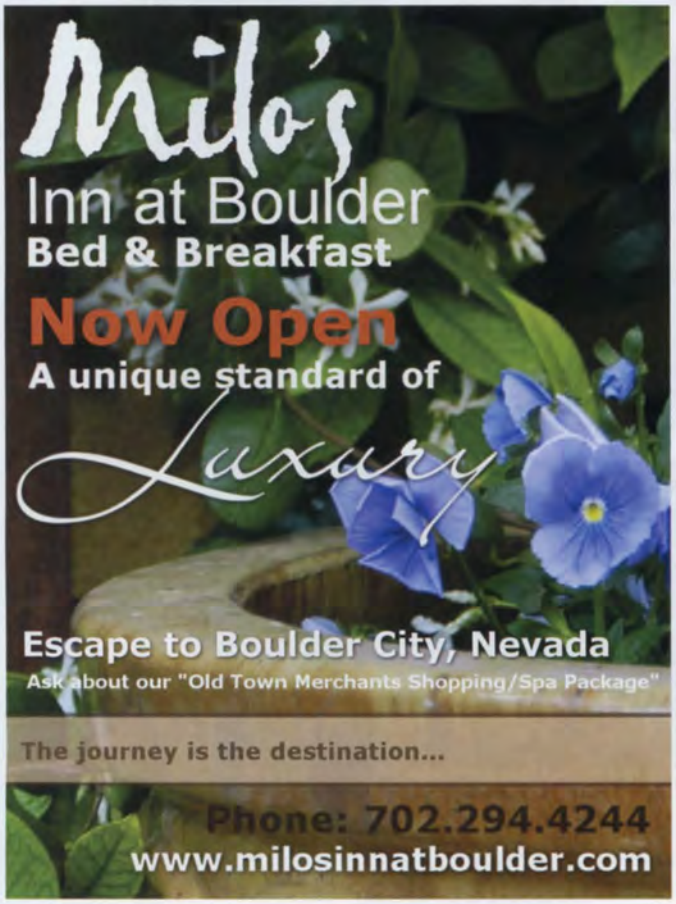



Boulder City's only B&B, Milo's Inn at Boulder, offers guests four Tuscan-inspired rooms. Its most unique feature may be its private wellness room. Owners Karen and Stephen Gay have arranged for local massage therapists to provide guests with various spa treatments. Visitors who don't want to stray too far for food and drink will appreciate Milo's Cellar, the inn's award winning café and wine bar.

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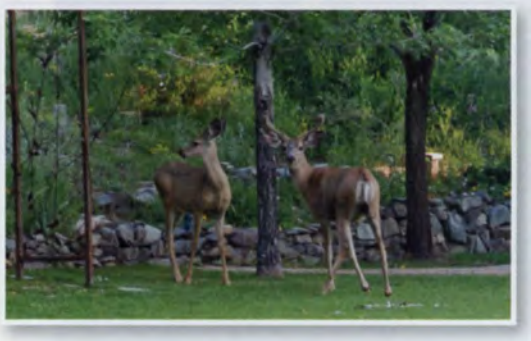
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Top: Maggie Belle's Room at Edith Palmer's Country Inn. Deer frequent the garden at the Wild Rose Inn (bottom).

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# Q&A with Barbara F. Vucanovich



Nevada's first woman Representative talks about how small-town Reno won her over

Barbara F. Vucanovich, the first Nevada woman to be elected to federal office, was an "Army brat." Born at Fort Dix, New Jersey, in 1921, she spent her early years at various Army posts where her father, Tom Farrell, was stationed. Her school years were spent in Albany, New York.

Elected in 1982, Vucanovich was the first woman member of Congress from Nevada and the first female to represent the Second Congressional District. Vucanovich served on the defunct Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, important to Nevada because it decided public policy on resource issues, such as mining and grazing. After she acquired more seniority in the House of Representatives, she served on the Appropriations Committee and chaired its Subcommittee on Military Construction. Because of her position, she was particularly interested in the future of the Fallon Naval Air Station and Nellis Air Force Base.

When she was elected Republican Conference Secretary, she became the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in the House. Vucanovich served seven terms from 1983 to 1997, the second longest of any Nevada member of the House.

Her daughter, Patty Cafferata, who helped her mother author a memoir, interviewed Vucanovich in June.

**WORTH A READ**

*Barbara F. Vucanovich: From Nevada To Congress, And Back Again,* by Patty Cafferata, University of Nevada Press

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**Q Why did you move from New York to Nevada in 1949?**

**A** I left New York for what I thought was the "Wild West." I arrived in Reno on a train for a divorce with no plans to permanently move to Nevada. My divorce attorney met me at the train station and arranged for me to stay in a guesthouse on Hill Street. I met Ken Dillon, a new attorney in town, at the dinner table there. We fell in love and married in 1950. He passed away in 1964.

**Q What was Reno like when you first moved there?**

**A** Reno was a small town where everybody knew everybody. Even though it was considered the "divorce capital of the world," the locals were not particularly welcoming to people like me who came to Reno for a divorce.

**Q How did Nevada compare to the East Coast?**

**A** I lived in Forest Hills, New York, a residential suburb of New York City. Traffic was unbelievable; only wealthy people drove their own cars to work, and everyone else took the train. Reno's population was so small compared to New York's.

**Q What do you miss about "old" Nevada? What do you think is better now?**

**A** People were friendlier to each other, if you lived here. Today, the old families still have connections to each other, but with the many newcomers, Reno has lost part of that feel. One of the best things about Nevada, then and now, is that there is no state income tax.

**Q What do you like most about Nevada?**

**A** I like the people, relaxed lifestyle, weather, closeness of the outdoors, and sporting activities. It is a great place to raise your children. It is my true home.

**Q What prompted you to enter politics?**

**A** I was involved in political campaigns at the local level, volunteering for candidates. I saw serving in office as a way to do something for my state.

**Q What was it like to be a woman legislator in the early '80s?**

**A** When I arrived in the House, only 19 women were serving out of 435 members. You make friends with people on your committees. Since there were so few women, I didn't serve on many committees with another woman. This made it hard to make female friends.

**Q How did learning that you had breast cancer change your life and career?**

**A** In March 1983, right after I was elected, I discovered I had breast cancer. I realized how unpredictable life is and wondered how short my life would be. I decided to deal with the cancer realistically—I took the hard route and had a mastectomy. I was the first woman in my family to have breast cancer, so I didn't know anything about it. I quickly realized I needed to get on with my life and get back to work to accomplish what I could.

I became conscious of others with breast cancer, knowing how vulnerable they felt. I personally reached out to others and publicly spoke out on the need for education and early detection. I sponsored legislation for Medicare to cover annual mammograms. Breast cancer can often be cured with early detection.

**Q What have you been doing since you retired?**

**A** Some important members of my family have passed away. My husband, George, died in 1998, and I've lost a son, brother, and sister. My youngest brother, Steve, now lives with me, and my dog, Charlie, walks me every day to keep me active.

I've been involved in political and community activities. President George W. Bush appointed me to the White House Commission to Select White House Fellows, and I was a trustee on the Board of Saint Mary's Health Network. I've since retired from both activities.

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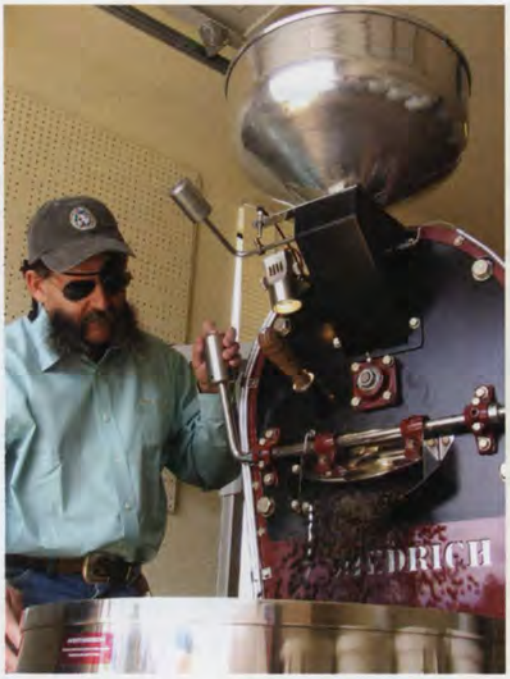
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## Rodrigo Llanos

Morelia, Mexico

Twenty-one-year-old Mexico City native Rodrigo Llanos volunteered his time this summer for the Nevada Commission on Tourism. Llanos traveled Nevada from Carson City to Lakes Tahoe and Mead and reported his experiences to Mexico's Visit USA Committee. "I'm grateful to the State of Nevada and the people at NCOT for giving me this opportunity, which I hope can help develop mutual benefits for both the United States and Mexico," Llanos says. A second-year Industrial Engineering major, he is fluent in three languages: Spanish, English, and Italian. It turns out summer was the perfect time for Llanos to visit Nevada. "I love water sports, everything from swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, and water skiing," he says. "I'm also a hunter and sport shooter. Last year I joined a sport-shooting team and attended several competitions, including a state tournament." Read Llanos' Web Extra story at **nevadamagazine.com** and a few of his blogs at **blog.travelnevada.com/espanol**.





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## Mark Berry

Reno

After becoming completely blind from retinal blastoma, a form of eye cancer that typically starts to affect people in their youth, Mark Berry decided to find a way to fight against childhood diseases. What he found was the Angel Kiss Foundation. Berry is donating five percent of wholesale profits from his Reno business, Blind Dog Coffee Roasters, to the charity. Angel Kiss is a local charity that provides financial assistance to families of children with cancer. **blinddogcoffee.com**

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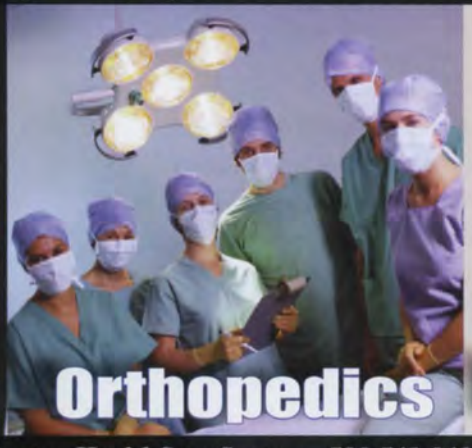
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## Dotti Cullen

Fernley

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775-786-5700, **eldoradoreno.com**
—JILLIAN QUINTOS







## One Hump or Two?

Ambulances are on standby, ready to scoop up unlucky contestants during the Virginia City International Camel Races, September 5 through 7. Jockeys ride on precarious perches, clinging to their cantankerous camels and obstinate ostriches in a mad dash to the finish line. "It's nothing like riding a horse," says Brandi Lee, a 40-year race veteran. "There is no balance to the gait, so you just hope you can hang on." Lee refuses to let a concussion and broken collarbone cut short her racing career. "I started racing when I was a flight attendant in the mid '60s," she says. "I challenged two airline mechanics to compete. They lost." In the past, the event has attracted notable riders, including movie director John Huston.
775-847-7008, **visitvirginiacitynv.com**



## Vegas Lounge Lizard

A rare Komodo dragon is the latest headliner at the Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay. An endangered species, the giant monitor joins more than 2,000 exotic animals at the facility, the only predator-based aquarium in North America. The dragon, one of 75 exhibited on the continent, is the world's largest and heaviest lizard. He is 6.83 feet long and weighs 80 pounds, but male Komodos can reach up to 10 feet and 200 pounds. This fascinating dude is fast moving and not a picky eater. 702-632-4555, **mandalaybay.com**



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Professional and amateur pianists show off their classical talent and showmanship during the finals of the Liberace Piano Competition, September 21, in Las Vegas. Liberace, who was known as Mr. Showmanship, parlayed 17 years of training into a flamboyant entertainment career. His trademark jewels, furs, and priceless cars and pianos are displayed at the Liberace Museum. Proceeds from the event will benefit Family Promise and the Liberace Foundation, which has awarded more than $5.2 million in scholarships. 702-798-5595, **liberace.org**
—SARAH HOLLENDER





## Eyes on the Skies

Giant koi, strands of hot peppers, and a panda bear could be among the dozens of hot-air balloons hovering over Elko during the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival and Sky Fair, September 19 through 21. Ground-bound activities include a barbecue, a balloon glow, live music, and tethered hot-air balloon rides. The Sky Fair features a pancake breakfast, aircraft displays, and radio-controlled aircraft demonstrations on September 20. 775-738-4091 exploreelko.com For more ballooning, check out the Great Reno Balloon Races, September 5 through 7. 775-826-1181, **renoballoon.com**
—SARAH HOLLENDER

## Hail our Public Trails



From hikers to horseback riders, adventure lovers will fan out from Pioche during National Public Lands Day, September 27. They'll explore the area during guided hikes; mountain-bike, motorcycle, ATV, and equestrian rides; and a Jeep/4x4 mountain excursion. An evening Dutch-oven dinner is designed for post-event camaraderie. On September 26 there will be a trail workday at Cathedral Gorge State Park. 775-728-4460, lincolncountynevada.com
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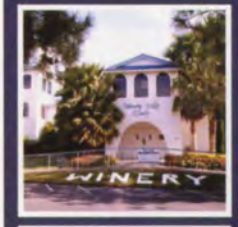
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# cher turns back time

## The diva unleashes a spectacular at Caesars Palace

BY MIKE WEATHERFORD

Las Vegas and Cher have both changed over the years, but neither so much that the two old friends aren't on the same page. Subtlety was never their strong suit, understatement not an option. "Las Vegas is way over the top, and the show that I do is way over the top. I feel that it just has to be," the ageless (but really 62-year-old) star noted in February, when she first spoke of her three-year deal to play about 200 shows at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace.

And so the new opus begins with Cher, dressed in the golden garb of a Mayan princess, taking a ride over the audience, a 40-foot descent to the stage in a contraption that's somewhere between a chariot and a Christmas ornament, one she calls "my Flying Wallenda, Evel Knievel death-mobile."

The opening spectacle makes the gondola ride later in the performance seem rather modest. When it comes to the actual songs and their basic treatment, The Colosseum revue will be familiar to those who caught the singer on one of her "farewell" tour stops, which came to the MGM Grand Garden four times between 1999 and 2005.

"You've got to give people the songs they want," Cher says. "I don't like it if I go to see an act and they don't do any of the songs that I love...If you're going to sing to an audience you have to make them happy."

And showgoers will be happy to see Cher dig into her "closet"—or at least a stage-prop version of it—to dust off such Bob Mackie-designed outfits as her Indian headdress for "Half Breed" and the gypsy garb for "Gypsies, Tramps, & Thieves." In all, Cher and her 18 dancers and aerialists change costumes 140 times.

The creative team around Cher was allowed to amplify the production design and take advantage of the massive Colosseum stage. "We get to do things here we would never even dream of," she says.

The show features bungee jumpers as well as dancers cavorting on a 65-foot, 10,000-pound bridge that moves up and down between two towers of scaffolding. Cher's production puts three-dimensional scenery in front of—and makeshift dressing rooms in back of—the giant video wall that dominated Celine Dion and Elton John's Colosseum revues. The video screen isn't the novelty it was in 2003. "The big danger is that the screen becomes so important that you end up watching TV," says production designer Jeremy Railton.



The video support in this case includes plenty of footage of the late Sonny Bono, singing with Cher in their early days. The duo already had worn through one pop career and was reinventing themselves as a nightclub act when they first played Las Vegas in 1969. Cher continued to play Las Vegas with and without him until her movie career took off in the 1980s during which she won an Academy Award for her role in *Moonstruck*.

She doesn't miss her old Vegas schedule of two shows per night, with the second at midnight. "It just killed me," she says. The new show is "kind of like a party" by comparison.

**SHOW NOTES**

Show time for Cher at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace is 7:30 p.m., dark Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Ticket prices are $95, $140, $175, and $250, plus tax and fees. 866-510-CHER, **ticketmaster.com**

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harrahs.com

### Bellagio
ONGOING
Cirque du Soleil's "O," dark Mon.-Tues., Oct. 12-14, Dec. 8-24
702-796-9999
cirquedusoleil.com

### Boulder Station
HEADLINERS
A Tribute to Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Aug. 29
Showroom dark Sept. thru Oct.
702-432-7777
stationcasinos.com

### Caesars Palace
HEADLINERS
Cher, Sept. 2-3, 6-7, 9-10, 16-17, 20-21, 23-24, 27-28, 30-Oct. 1, 4-5
866-510-2437
Luis Miguel, Sept. 12-15
866-510-2437
Bette Midler: The Showgirl Must Go On, Oct. 7, 9-12, 14-19, Nov. 11-16, 25-26, 28-30, Dec. 2-3, 5-7, 9-10, 30-31
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Elton John: The Red Piano, Oct. 22-25, 29-Nov. 1, 3, 5-9
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David Brenner, Suncoast

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ONGOING
Free circus acts daily
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mgmmirage.com

### Excalibur Hotel
HEADLINERS
Sylvia Browne, Sept. 1-8
ONGOING
Ventriloquist Ronn Lucas
Tournament of Kings
Thunder From Down Under, male revue
Louie Anderson
702-597-7600
excalibur.com

### Fitzgeralds
ONGOING
Comedy After Hours thru Sept. 2
Country Superstars Tribute
702-388-2400
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com

### Flamingo Las Vegas
HEADLINERS
Nathan Burton, comedy-magic, thru Sept. 12
Donny & Marie, Sept. 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-Oct. 4, 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 28-Nov. 1
Psychic John Edward, Oct. 11, Dec. 6
ONGOING
"X," burlesque, adult revue
Comedian George Wallace
702-733-3333
harrahs.com

### Four Queens
HEADLINERS
Cecilio & Kapono, Sept. 26
Cowboy Mouth, Oct. 31
ONGOING
"Marriage Can Be Murder," comedy-dinner show
702-387-5175
canyonclub.net

### Gold Coast
Lounge entertainment
702-367-7111
goldcoastcasino.com

### Golden Nugget
ONGOING
"Defending the Caveman," one-man Broadway show
702-386-8100
goldennugget.com

### Hard Rock Hotel
HEADLINERS
Collective Soul, Sept. 5
The Black Crowes, Sept. 13
My Morning Jacket, Sept. 24
702-474-4000
ticketmaster.com

### Harrah's Las Vegas
ONGOING
Rita Rudner
Mac King, magic
Improv Theater
702-369-5222
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### Hooters Casino Hotel
ONGOING
Bobby Slayton, stand-up comic
Mentalist Gerry McCambridge
866-807-4697
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### Imperial Palace
ONGOING
Legends in Concert, tribute revue
Polynesian Luau, Tues., Sat. thru Sept. 30
702-794-3261
imperialpalace.com

### Las Vegas Hilton
HEADLINERS
Barry Manilow, Sept. 3, 5-6, 24, 26-27, Oct. 1, 3-4, 22, 24-25, 29, 31, Nov. 1, 12, 14-15, 19, 21-22, Dec. 17, 19-20, 29, 30
Ventriloquist Terry Fator, Sept. 15-17, Oct. 13-15, Nov. 16-18, Dec. 21-22

Tony Bennett, Sept. 19-20, Nov. 28-29

ONGOING

"Menopause: The Musical"
Laugh Out Loud
w/The Scintas
Phoenix, rock band, Thursdays
702-732-5755
lvhilton.com

## Luxor

ONGOING

Criss Angel: Believe, Cirque du Soleil, opens mid-Sept., dark Nov. 5-13
Carrot Top, comedy, dark Sept. 24-29
"Fantasy," adult revue
702-262-4400
luxor.com

## Mandalay Bay

HEADLINERS

3 Doors Down, Staind, & Hinder, Aug. 29
Enrique Iglesias, Sept. 13
Alejandro Fernandez, Sept. 15
Janet Jackson, Sept. 19
New Kids on the Block, Oct. 11

HOUSE OF BLUES

Polo Polo, Sept. 12
An Evening w/ Jaguares, Sept. 13
Charlie Murphy, Sept. 27

ONGOING

"Mamma Mia!," Broadway musical, thru Jan. 4
702-632-7580
mandalaybay.com

## MGM Grand

HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

David Copperfield, thru Oct. 1
Casamayor vs. Marquez, World Lightweight Championship, Sept. 13
NHL Frozen Fury: Los Angeles Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche, Sept. 27
Chicago, Oct. 2-15
Carlos Santana, Oct. 4
Rockstar Energy Drink U.S. Open, motorcycle race, Oct. 10-12
Jimmy Buffet & The Coral Reefer Band, Oct. 18, 25
Rodney Carrington, Oct. 31-Nov. 9
Tom Jones, Oct. 30-Nov. 12
Madonna, Nov. 8-9




New Kids on the Block, Mandalay Bay

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Lez Zeppelin, Sunset Station, Henderson, and Santa Fe Station

ONGOING

"KÀ," Cirque du Soleil production, dark Sun.-Mon., Sept. 7-15, Nov. 2-4
cirquedusoleil.com
"Crazy Horse Paris," adult revue
702-632-7580
mgmgrand.com

## The Mirage

HEADLINERS

Ray Romano & Brad Garrett, Sept. 12-14
Jay Leno, Sept. 19-20, 26-27, Oct. 10-11, 17-18, Nov. 21-22, Dec. 12-13
Ray Romano & Kevin James, Oct. 4-5
Howie Mandel, Oct. 24-25

ONGOING

"Love," Cirque du Soleil production, dark Tues.-Wed., Oct. 9, Dec. 2-27
cirquedusoleil.com
Danny Gans, impersonator, thru Nov. 22
702-792-7777
mirage.com

## Monte Carlo

HEADLINERS

Gabriel Iglesias, comedy, Sept. 12-13

ONGOING

Magician Lance Burton
702-730-7160
montecarlo.com

## New York-New York

ONGOING

"Zumanity," adult production, dark Mon.-Thurs. & Oct. 14-15
702-740-6969
cirquedusoleil.com

## The Orleans

HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS

Air Supply, Aug. 28-31
Alice Cooper, Sept. 5-7
The Temptations, Sept. 11-14
NHL Rookie Exhibition Game: Anaheim Ducks vs. San Jose Sharks, Sept. 16
Boys II Men, Sept. 19-21
Hoodie Awards, presented by Steve Harvey, Sept. 20
The Osmond Brothers, Sept. 26-28
Dana Carvey, Oct. 3-5
Playhouse Disney Live!, Oct. 4-5
Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Oct. 10-12
Comedian Jay Mohr, Oct. 17-19
Freestyle Explosion, motorcycle event, Oct. 18

shows



The Long Twins in Folies Bergere at the Tropicana

**THE ORLEANS (Cont.)**
K-9 Metro Trials, Oct. 19
Dennis Miller, Oct. 24-26
Engelbert Humperdinck, Oct. 30-Nov. 2
800-ORLEANS
orleanscasino.com

### Palace Station
L.A. Comedy Club
702-367-2411
stationcasinos.com

### The Palazzo Resort
ONGOING
"Jersey Boys," Broadway musical, dark Wed.
702-414-9000
venetiantickets.com

### The Palms
HEADLINERS
Kiss, Aug. 29
Judas Priest, Sept. 1
Kid Rock, Sept. 20
Flogging Molly, Oct. 24
702-942-7777
palms.com

### Paris Las Vegas
ONGOING
Hypnotist Anthony Cools, adult material
"Ooh La La," topless revue
877-374-7469
parislasvegas.com

### Planet Hollywood Hotel/ Casino
HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
Las Vegas Mariachi Festival, Sept. 13
Placido Domingo, Sept. 15
David Spade, Oct. 10-11, 24-25, Nov. 28-29
planethollywoodresort.com
ONGOING
Stomp Out Loud, dance & percussion
702-785-5000
stomponline.com

V THEATER AT PLANET HOLLYWOOD
ONGOING
Gordie Brown, impressionist
Fab Four Live, Beatles tribute show
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702-932-1818
varietytheater.com

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ONGOING
Magician Steve Wyrick
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vegas.com

HARMON THEATER AT KRAVE
ONGOING
Amazing Johnathan, bizarre magic
702-836-0836
harmontheater.com

### Plaza Hotel
ONGOING
Viva Las Vegas, revue
The Rat Pack is Back, tribute show
800-619-9496
plazahotelcasino.com

### Red Rock Station
ONGOING
Zowie Bowie
702-797-7777
stationcasinos.com

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

### Riviera
ONGOING
Ice—Direct from Russia
An Evening at La Cage, impersonators
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rivierahotel.com

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Comedy w/Roseanne Barr
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Platters, Drifters, & The Marvelettes
Fab Four Mania
Trent Carlini: The Dream King
702-737-2515
saharavegas.com

### Santa Fe Station
HEADLINERS
Brian Culbertson, Sept. 5
Alan Parsons, Sept. 13
Michael Lington, Sept. 19
Atomic Punks, Sept. 20
Soul Express, Sept. 27
Acoustic Alchemy, Oct. 3
BJ Thomas, Oct. 10
Lez Zeppelin, Oct. 18
Ray Price, Oct. 24
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com

### South Point
HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
Ralphie May, Aug. 29-31
Vicki Lawrence, Sept. 5-7
Young Dubliners, Sept. 7
2008 Highroller Reining Classic, Sept. 9-14
Mary Wilson, Sept. 12-14
The Bangles, Sept. 18
Paul Williams, Sept. 19-21
Arena Mountain X-Bike Competition, Sept. 24
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HEADLINERS
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Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9
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John Davidson, Sept. 12-14
Tower of Power, Sept. 19-21
Bobby Rydell, Sept. 26-28
Susan Anton, Oct. 3-5
Linda Eder, Oct. 10-12
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Fred Travalena, Oct. 24-26
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HEADLINERS
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ONGOING
"Mystère," dark Thurs.-Fri.,
Sept. 4-12, Nov. 5, Dec. 24
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cirquedusoleil.com

**Tropicana**

ONGOING
Les Folies Bergere, production show
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Blue Man Group, percussion theater
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**Wynn Las Vegas**

ONGOING
"Le Rêve," dark Tues.-Wed.
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wynnlasvegas.com

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Henderson

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Headliners

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HEADLINERS
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Tribute to Conway Twitty, Sept. 16-21
Chinese Acrobats, Sept. 23-Oct. 5
Ralphie May, Oct. 7-12
Debbie Reynolds, Oct. 14-19
Lynn Anderson, Oct. 22-26
Riders in The Sky, Oct. 28-Nov. 2
702-298-2535
riversideresort.com

**CasaBlanca**
Mesquite
Lounge entertainment
877-GETAWAY
casablancaresort.com

**Aliante Station**
North Las Vegas
Opens Nov. 11
Entertainment TBA
702-692-7777
aliantecasinohotel.com

**Cannery**
North Las Vegas

HEADLINERS
David Allan Coe, Sept. 5
Petula Clark, Sept. 6
Eric Burdon & The Animals & Rare Earth, Sept. 13
Loveshack, Sept. 19
Billy Ray Cyrus, Sept. 20
Bonnie Tyler, Sept. 26
The Lettermen & The Vogues, Sept. 27
Hollywood All Stars, Oct. 3
The Guess Who, Oct. 4
Pure Aloha Fall Festival & Concert, Oct. 10
David Brighton: Tribute to David Bowie, Oct. 17-18
Freda Payne: Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald, Oct. 24-25
Black Diamond: Kiss Tribute Band, Oct. 31-Nov. 1
702-507-5700
cannerycasinos.com

**Texas Station**
North Las Vegas

HEADLINERS
Shawn Barker: Man in Black, Sept. 12-13
Randy Travis, Oct. 17
702-547-5300
stationcasinos.com

**Buffalo Bill's Resort**
Primm

HEADLINERS
Al Green, Sept. 13
Foreigner, Sept. 20
Beach Boys, Oct. 4
Miranda Lambert & Blake Shelton, Oct. 18
800-FUN-STOP
primmvalleyresorts.com

**Whiskey Pete's**
Primm

HEADLINERS
Village People, Dec. 5-6
800-FUN-STOP
primmvalleyresorts.com



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**Beatty**
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Rhyolite Historic Site
**Belmont**
**Caliente**
Caliente Railroad Depot
Kershaw-Ryan State Park
Beaver Dam State Park
**Dayton**
**Gabbs**
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park
**Goldfield**
**Hawthorne**
Walker Lake
**Pahrump**
Pahrump Valley Winery
**Panaca**
Cathedral Gorge State Park
**Pioche**
Eagle Valley Reservoir
Echo Canyon State Park
Spring Valley State Park
**Rachel**
Extraterrestrial Highway
Lunar Crater
**Round Mountain**
**Schurz**
**Tonopah**
Tonopah Historic Mining Park
**Yerington**

shows

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## reno-tahoe

**Carson Nugget**
Carson City
Lounge entertainment
775-882-1626
ccnugget.com

**Tahoe Biltmore**
Crystal Bay
Montana Slim, Sept. 19
VooDoo Rumble Live, Sept. 26-27
775-831-0660
tahoebiltmore.com

**Carson Valley Inn**
Minden
HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
Powerplay, Sept. 1
Major Link, Sept. 2-7
Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament, Sept. 5-7
Red Hot Smokin' Aces, Sept. 9-14
Radio Rage, Sept. 16-21
Street Heart, Sept. 23-28
$1,500 Blackjack Tournament, Sept. 30
Bunco for Breast Cancer, Oct. 10
Oktoberfest & Beer Tasting, Oct. 17
$15,000 Fall Game-A-Thon, Oct. 24-25
$1,500 Blackjack Tournament, Oct. 28
775-782-9711
cvinn.com

**Atlantis**
HEADLINERS
Kansas, Aug. 30-31
775-824-4467
atlantiscasino.com

**Bonanza Casino**
775-323-2724
bonanzacasino.com



Imperial Acrobats of China, Circus Circus

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

**Eldorado**
HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
"Aphelion," thru Nov. 14, Cirque-style production
Comedy Cares for Kids, charity event, Sept. 8
Holiday Ice Spectacular, Nov. 21-Jan. 4
775-786-5700
eldoradoreno.com

**Fitzgeralds**
Lounge entertainment
775-785-3300
fitzgeraldsreno.com

**Grand Sierra Resort**
HEADLINERS
Neal McCoy, Sept. 12
775-789-2285
grandsierraresort.com

**Harrah's Reno**
ONGOING
Greg London's ICONS, impersonators, thru Nov. 29
775-786-3232
harrahs.com

**John Ascuaga's Nugget**
Sparks
HEADLINERS/ SPECIAL EVENTS
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
Amos Lee, Sept. 12
David Sanborn, Sept. 19-20
Hot for Teacher, Sept. 26
Zepparella, Sept. 27
775-356-3300
janugget.com

**Peppermill**
HEADLINERS
Entertainment TBA
775-826-2121
peppermillreno.com

**Reno Ballroom**
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Entertainment TBA
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*Austin*
**Sept. 16** OATBRAN Bike Tour

*Fallon*
**Sept.** **Oct.** Lattin Farms Centennial Maze
**Sept. 20** **21** Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo
**Oct. 3** **5** Desert Oasis Music Festival and Cowboy Fast Draw World Championships
**Oct. 4** No Hill Hundred Century Ride

*Ely*
**Sept. 19** Z2Z Big Red Challenge
**Sept. 20** **21** Silver State Classic Challenge Car Show

*Eureka*
**Sept. 27** Missoula Children's Theatre at the Eureka Opera
**Oct. 17** Richard Elloyan at the Eureka Opera House


Fernley
Fallon
Austin
Eureka
Ely








The Chippendales, Cactus Petes, Jackpot

### Reno Events Center

HEADLINERS

So You Think You Can Dance Tour 2008, Oct. 4
Carlos Santana, Oct. 10
Reba & Kelly Clarkson, Oct. 11
Jeff Dunham, Oct. 12
800-687-8733
silverlegacyreno.com

### Sands Regency

HEADLINERS

Audiobox, Sept. 19-20
John Dawson/Midnight Riders, Sept. 26-27
775-348-2200
terriblescasinos.com

### Silver Legacy

HEADLINERS

Jason Aldean, Aug. 30
Chicago, Aug. 31
Bill Cosby, Sept. 6
KC & The Sunshine Band, Sept. 12
Brian Regan, Sept. 13
Chinese Acrobats of Hebi, Sept. 19
Lisa Lampanelli, Sept. 20
Ted Nugent, Sept. 26-27
REO Speedwagon, Oct. 3
Bill Engvall, Oct. 4
Bret Michaels, Oct. 18

ONGOING

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club
800-MUST-SEE
silverlegacyreno.com

### Harrah's Lake Tahoe

Stateline

HEADLINERS

Lindsay Buckingham, Sept. 12
Al Jarreau, Sept. 20
Royal Crown Revue, Sept. 27
The Smothers Brothers, Oct. 31-Nov. 1
800-HARRAHS
harrahs.com

### Harveys

Stateline

HEADLINERS

An Evening with KISS, Aug. 30
Luis Miguel, Sept. 7
775-588-2411
harrahs.com

### Horizon

Stateline

ONGOING

Yesterday: Beatles Tribute
775-588-6211
ticketmaster.com

### MontBleu Resort

Stateline

HEADLINERS

The Neville Brothers, Sept. 6
David Allan Coe, Sept. 13
775-588-3515
montbleuresort.com

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## rural nevada

### Longstreet Inn

Amargosa Valley
Lounge entertainment
775-372-1777

### Stagecoach Casino

Beatty
Lounge entertainment
775-553-2419
stagecoachhotelcasino.com

### Commercial Hotel

Elko
Lounge entertainment
800-648-2345, ext. 498
commercialcasino.com

### Stockmen's Hotel

Elko
Lounge entertainment
800-648-2345, ext. 498
stockmenscasinos.com

### El Capitan

Hawthorne
Lounge entertainment
775-945-3322
elcapitanresortcasino.com

### Cactus Petes

Jackpot

HEADLINERS

Diamond Rio, Sept. 19-20
Foreigner w/Night Ranger, Sept. 28



Jeff Dunham, Reno Events Center

The Four Tops, Oct. 17-18
The Chippendales, Oct. 24-25
Ray Price, Oct. 31-Nov. 1
800-821-1103
ameristarcasinos.com

### Sturgeon's Casino & Hotel

Lovelock
Entertainment on special occasions
775-273-2971

### Pahrump Nugget

Pahrump
Lounge entertainment
775-751-6500
pahrumpnugget.com

### Saddle West Hotel

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

### Peppermill

Wendover

HEADLINERS

The Neville Brothers, Sept. 5
Collective Soul, Sept. 6
Terry Fator, Sept. 12
Righteous Brother Bill Medley, Sept. 13
Amy Grant, Oct. 25
Carlos Mencia, Oct. 31
775-664-2255
wendoverfun.com

### Winners Casino

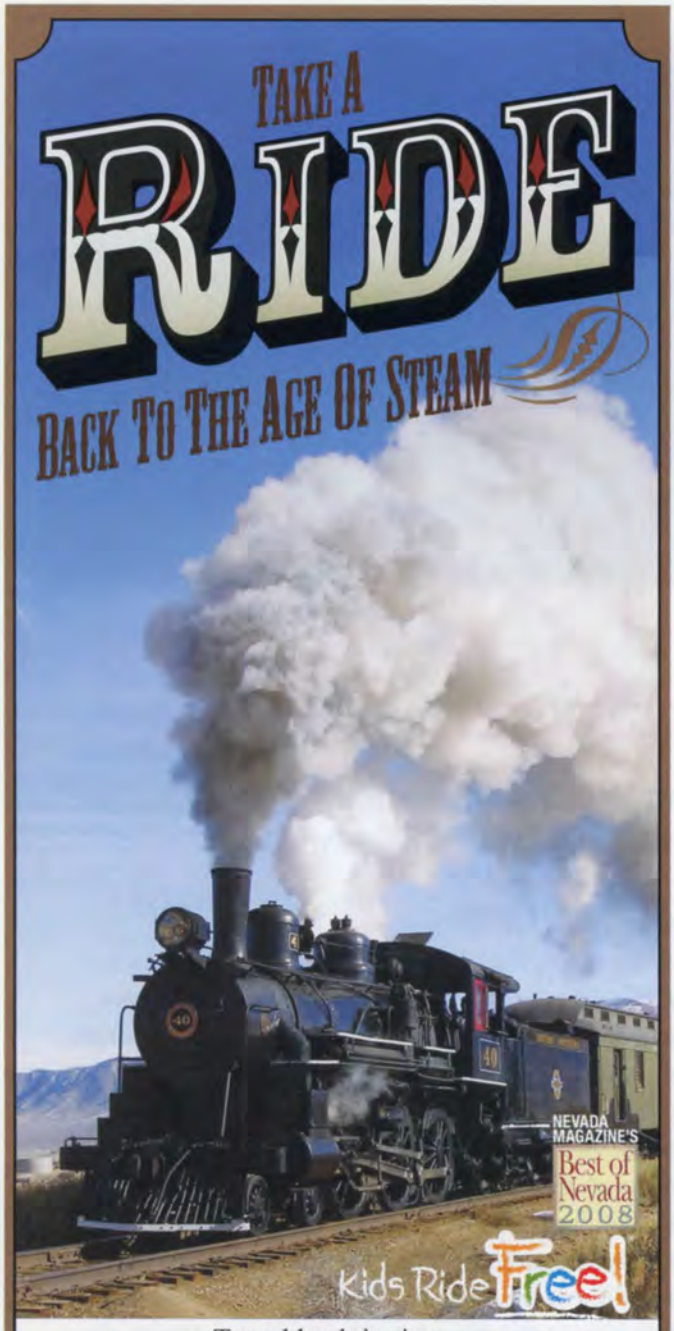
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775-623-2511
winnerscasino.com

### Casino West

Yerington
Lounge entertainment
775-463-2481

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Lounge entertainment
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## Kit Carson Trail - Ghost Walk

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### Saturday, October 25th
### Madame Zamora's Traveling Ghost Show in Carson City

Take an entertaining trip into the past while you take a guided walk along the historic blue line tour and experience famous spirits from the past. Madame Zamora blows into town with her traveling ghost show, and the players are famous hauntings from Nevada's illustrious past including Eilley Oram Bowers, Jennie Clemens, the Lady in Black and more for a colorful and sinister pre-Halloween tour.

*Guided walking tours depart St. Charles Hotel on Third and Carson Street every half hour beginning at 9:00 am & last tour at 3:00 pm*

More Haunted Weekend Events
October 24th – Gardnerville Ghost Walk
October 25th – Mottsville Cemetery Tour
October 26th – Genoa Ghost Walk

*Carson City Ghost Walk Tickets $15 (ages 12 & under free)*

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*Advance Tickets for the Carson City Ghost Walk: www.activitytickets.com*

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# nevadaween

## Celebrating the Silver State's double-decker holiday on Halloween weekend

BY ANN HENDERSON

In the waning days of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln needed Nevada's statehood to help ensure his re-election. So tight was the deadline, the entire state constitution—all 16,543 words—was telegraphed to Washington D.C. The process took seven hours and cost $4,303.27 according to Guy Rocha, Nevada archivist. "Receiving the telegram was a priority because it suspended receipt of other war messages for more than five hours," Rocha says. Statehood was proclaimed on October 31, 1864.

Thus, Nevada adapted the "Battle Born" nickname, and Nevadans were left with a dilemma of sorts: two reasons to celebrate the 31st. A solution came when the state legislature stipulated that beginning in 2000, Nevada Day would be the last Friday in October and the capital parade would follow on Saturday.

Halloween is celebrated around the Silver State with spooky cemetery tours, pumpkin-carving contests, ghost walks, haunted houses, and big-budget fright houses, such as Monster Mayhem at Town Square and Fright Dome at Circus Circus, both in Las Vegas.

In Carson City, spectators will line Carson Street on November 1 for the state's biggest parade. Marching bands, floats, and novelty entrants dodge horseback riders—all in great fun that is pure Nevada.



PHOTO: HELEN OSTER (TOP)





A dog driving? It's just one of many intriguing sites one might see at Carson City's Nevada Day Parade (opposite page), happening this year on November 1. Also part of the three-day festivities are the single-jack drilling contest (top left) and the beard competition (top right).

During the day, you can watch the annual single-jack (rock) drilling contest, the beard competition, listen to local bands, and enjoy carnival rides. Calories from a pancake breakfast or the chili feed can be disposed of during the run-walk event. In all, there are more than 20 events and attractions during Nevada Day weekend in Carson City. This year's theme is "Hollywood in Nevada—Movies and Television."

In Virginia City, on October 25, during the Governor's Ball, there will be Victorian dress, music, dancing, and dinner at Piper's Opera House. On October 31, look for ghosts at the historic Fourth Ward School's Haunted Hall.

Highlights during Beatty's Nevada Day weekend include bed races and a parade. And, a Civil War Reenactment will play out at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park in Las Vegas on November 1 and 2. Perhaps rangers at Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park in Las Vegas have the right idea when it comes to dealing with the Silver State's non-traditional/traditional holiday. On October 24, they host a NevadaWeen Festival in which families can explore Nevada's history while creating Halloween memories.

PHOTOS: WANNETTA BERNARD

### WORTH A VISIT

**PIONEER LIVING**, Las Vegas, Oct. 4, 702-875-4141, parks.nv.gov

**NEVADAWEEN FESTIVAL**, Las Vegas, Oct. 24, 702-486-3511, parks.nv.gov

**KIT CARSON TRAIL GHOST WALK**, Carson City, Oct. 25, 775-687-7410, visitcarsoncity.com

**GOVERNOR'S BALL**, Virginia City, Oct. 25, 775-847-0433, pipersoperahouse.com

**HAUNTED HALLS**, Virginia City, Oct. 31, 775-847-0975, fourthwardschool.org

**NEVADA DAY** Carson City, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 866-683-2948, nevadaday.com

**BEATTY DAYS**, Beatty, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 775-553-2424, beattynevada.org

**CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT**, Las Vegas, Nov. 1-2, 702-875-4141, parks.nv.gov

### NEVADA ONLINE

A guide to Halloween events can be found on **nevadamagazine.com**.

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## ONGOING

**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

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

**Nevada's Cultural Landscapes**
Thru Nov. 3
Gary A. Reese
photo exhibition
702-822-8344
springspreserve.org

## SEPTEMBER

**Blusoul w/Ellis Rice**
Henderson
Sept. 4
Free concert
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**NEVADA ONLINE**

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**Las Vegas Primm 300**
Primm
Sept. 5-6
Off-road race
702-260-8605
score-international.com

**Boulder City Blues Fest**
Boulder City
Sept. 6
702-293-2034
boulder-city-chamber.com

**Las Vegas Philharmonic**
Sept. 6
Pianist Misha Dichter
702-895-ARTS
lvphil.com

**San Gennaro Feast**
Sept. 9-14
Italian festival
702-286-4944
sangennarofeast.net

**Boulder City Chautauqua**
Boulder City
Sept. 13
Living-history presentations
702-293-2034
nevadahumanities.org

**Pacific Islands Festival**
Henderson
Sept. 13-14
702-596-2193
visithenderson.com

**Los Tigres del Norte & Pepe Aguilar**
Sept. 14
Rodeo of the Decade concert
702-739-FANS
unlvtickets.com

**Richard Elloyan Concert**
Henderson
Sept. 18
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Forever Patsy Cline**
Mesquite
Sept. 18-20
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com



Gary A. Reese photo exhibit, through November 3, at Springs Preserve

**BalloonaPalooza**
North Las Vegas
Sept. 19-21
Hot-air balloon festival
702-633-2650
cityofnorthlasvegas.com

**Rockin' Blues Festival**
Henderson
Sept. 20
702-267-4849
visithenderson.com

**Qwik Liner Las Vegas 350**
Sept. 20
Superspeedway event
702-644-4444
lvms.com

**Liberace Piano Competition**
Sept. 21
702-798-5595
liberace.org

**The Downstrokes**
Henderson
Sept. 25
Free concert
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Super Run Car Show**
Henderson
Sept. 25-28
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Stetzen**
Henderson
Sept. 26
Free concert
702-564-4766
visithenderson.com

**Silver State 300**
Mesquite
Sept. 26-28
Off-road race
702-457-5775
bitd.com

**Wurstfest**
Boulder City
Sept. 27
702-293-2034
boulder-city-chamber.com

**Shapiro Project**
Henderson
Sept. 27
Free concert
702-564-4766
visithenderson.com

**Classic Car Show**
Henderson
Sept. 28
702-564-4799
montelagovillage.com

**"Rumplestiltskin"**
Mesquite
Sept. 29-Oct. 4
Missoula Children's Theatre
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com

## OCTOBER

**Las Vegas Bikefest 2008**
Oct. 2-5
Motorcycle rally
702-450-7662
visitlasvegas.com

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**Rita Moreno in Concert**
Oct. 3
702-895-ARTS
pac.unlv.edu

**SNORE 250**
Oct. 3-5
Off-road race
snoreracing.net

**Shakespeare in the Park**
Henderson
Oct. 3-5
"Romeo & Juliet"
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Haunted Corn Maze**
Logandale
Oct. 3-31
Weekends
702-864-2277
glendalecornmaze.com

**Pioneer Living**
Oct. 4
Old-time skills & crafts demonstrations
702-875-4141
parks.nv.gov

**Art in the Park**
Boulder City
Oct. 4-5
Fine art displays by 420 artists
702-293-2034
artinthepark.org

**Logandale Bluegrass Festival**
Logandale
Oct. 10-12
Bands: Sawmill Road, Lost Highway, Silverado, Marty Warburton, Red Desert Ramblers, Digger Davis & Tombstone, Just for Fun, Stuck in Reverse
702-966-9372
snvbluegrass.com



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Nevada Ballet Theatre presents "Giselle," October 18-19

**Monster Mayhem Haunted Village**
Oct. 10-12, 16-19, 22-Nov. 1
Town Square Shopping Center
monstermayhem.net

**Las Vegas Philharmonic: Pops I**
Oct. 11
Tribute to Louis Armstrong
702-895-ARTS
lvphil.com

**Who's Live Anyway**
Henderson
Oct. 11
Improv
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Mesquite Festival of the Arts**
Mesquite
Oct. 11-12
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com

**L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings**
Oct. 12
Preseason game
702-739-FANS
unlvtickets.com

**Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open**
Oct. 13-19
PGA Tour players
702-873-1010
visitlasvegas.com

**Discover Aviation**
Boulder City
Oct. 18
Displays, aerobatic demonstrations
702-293-2034
boulder-city-chamber.com

**Thank Goodness It's Fall: Festival & Car Show**
Overton
Oct. 18
702-397-6000
moapavalley.com

**"Giselle"**
Oct. 18-19
Nevada Ballet Theatre



Las Vegas Bikefest 2008, October 2-5

702-895-ARTS
nevadaballet.com

**Fall Fine Arts Festival**
Henderson
Oct. 18-19
702-564-4799
montelagovillage.com

**Mickey Thompson Tires Fall Nationals, PSCA**
Oct. 18-19
Drag racing
704-644-4444
lvms.com

**"Dracula: A New Musical"**
Oct. 18-19
702-651-LIVE
csn.edu/pac

**Re/Max World Long Drive Championship**
Mesquite
Oct. 20-25
888-233-4654
longdrivers.com

**The Alley Cats in Concert**
Mesquite
Oct. 21
702-346-ARTS
mesquiteartscouncil.com

**NevadaWeen Festival**
Oct. 24
Nevada Day & Halloween celebration
702-486-3511
parks.nv.gov

**Darlene Koldenhoven**
Henderson
Oct. 25
Free concert
702-267-2171
visithenderson.com

**Halloween Spooktacular**
Oct. 25
Pumpkin-carving, campfire stories
702-875-4141
parks.nv.gov

**Championship Off-Road Racing**
Primm
Oct. 25-26
702-386-7867
corracing.com

**American Ballet Theatre II**
Oct. 29
702-895-ARTS
pac.unlv.edu

**Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra**
Oct. 30
Featuring Grammy-nominated Robert McDuffie
702-895-ARTS
pac.unlv.edu

**ACDelco Las Vegas NHRA Nationals**
Oct. 30-Nov. 2
Drag racing
702-644-4444
lvms.com

**2008 PBR World Finals**
Oct. 31-Nov. 9
Bull riders
702-739-FANS
unlvtickets.com

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## reno-tahoe

### ONGOING

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

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

**The Ghost of Twain**
Incline Village
Thru Sept. 29
McAvoy Layne portrays Mark Twain
775-833-1835

**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**
Wed., Fri.-Sat. thru Sept.
Indoor market opens in Oct.
775-746-5024
Email: crystibrdg@clearwire.net



Labor Day Fireworks Extravaganza, Lake Tahoe, August 31

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

**Corley Ranch Harvest Festival**
Gardnerville
Weekends in Oct.
775-265-3045
corleyranch.com

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

**Virginia Street Farmers' Market**
8am-1pm thru Oct. 4
775-351-2551
nevadagrown.com

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

**Tamarack Junction Casino Farmers' Market**
Fridays thru Oct. 10
7750-746-5024
Email: crystibrdg@clearwire.net

**Tahoe City Farmers' Market**
Tahoe City
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

**Riverside Urban Market**
Indoor market during Oct.
775-334-2594
Email: craigk@ci.reno.nv.us

**Carson Valley Harvest Festival**
Gardnerville
Farmers' market weekends in Oct.
Maze, pig races, horse & wagon rides, petting zoo, entertainment
775-265-3045
corleyranch.com

### LABOR DAY EVENTS

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

**Numaga Days Powwow**
Sparks
Aug. 29-31
775-329-2936
rsic.org

**Civil War Reenactment**
Virginia City
Aug. 30-Sept. 1
Parade on Labor Day
775-786-9754
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Labor Day Fireworks Extravaganza**
Lake Tahoe
Aug. 31
530-544-5050
bluelaketahoe.com

### SEPTEMBER

**Ride the Rails**
Carson City
Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, Oct. 19, 26
Historic train excursions

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775-687-6953
visitcarsoncity.com

**International Camel Races**
Virginia City
Sept. 5-7
775-847-7008
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Reno Memorial Races**
Fernley
Sept. 5-7
Historic motor sports test & tune
775-575-7217
reno-fernleyraceway.com

**Great Reno Balloon Race**
Sept. 5-7
More than 100 balloons participate
775-826-1181
renoballoon.com

**Lake Tahoe Autumn Food & Wine Festival**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 5-7
Seminars, grape stomp, demos, wine tastings
800-FOR-RENO
visitrenotahoe.com

**Tin Cup Tea & BBQ**
Carson City
Sept. 6
Music and re-enactors
775-687-4810, ext. 239
visitcarsoncity.com

**Kids Auction & BBQ**
Carson City
Sept. 6
Pablo Cruise concert, fundraiser
775-882-8820
visitcarsoncity.com



Lake Tahoe Triathlon, September 26-28

**Mumbo Gumbo in Concert**
Virginia City
Sept. 6
775-847-0433
pipersoperahouse.com

**Cemetery Tours**
Virginia City
Sept. 6-21
Theater performances
886-415-1476
funtimetheater.com

**Tour de Tahoe: Bike Big Blue**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 7
72-mile ride around lake
800-565-2704
bikethewest.com

**National Championship Air Races**
Sept. 10-14
Thunderbirds, races, aerobatics, aircraft displays
775-972-6663
airrace.org

**Cool September Days**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 11-14
530-541-7300
goodsamsaferide.com

**Tribute to the Best of Broadway: Champagne Gala**
Virginia City
Sept. 12-14, 20-21
Nevada Civic Light Opera
775-847-0433
pipersoperahouse.com

**Kit Carson 24-Hour Adventure Race**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 13
Kayaking, mountain biking, orienteering
bigblueadventure.com

**ArtBark Fest**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 13-14
Dogs, artwork, & wine
530-581-6900
thevillageatsquaw.com



National Championship Air Races, September 10-14

**MS Bike Race at Northstar**
Truckee
Sept. 13-14
530-581-6900
gotahoenorth.com

**Dayton Valley Days**
Dayton
Sept. 13-14
775-246-5746
daytonnvhistory.org

**Bluegrass Concert: Tyme Out**
Sept. 14
775-348-4692
nevadabluegrassproject.org

**OATBRAN**
Lake Tahoe, Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, Baker, Great Basin National Park
Sept. 14-20
Fully supported 420-mile bicycle ride
800-565-2704
bikethewest.com

**"Oliver"**
Sept. 19-21
800-714-5331
pioneercenter.com

**Tahoe Sierra Century Ride**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 20
100-mile bicycle tour
530-581-6900
gotahoenorth.com

**100-Mile Endurance Ride**
Virginia City
Sept. 20
Horseback
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Reno Chamber Orchestra**
Sept. 20
Premier of "Chasing Light"
775-348-9413
renochamberorchestra.org

**Tahoe Big Blue Adventure Race**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 20
530-546-1019
bigblueadventure.com

**Ferrai Hill Climb Races**
Virginia City
Sept. 20-21
775-847-4386
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Renaissance Faire**
Truckee
Sept. 20-25
530-582-1498
truckeerenfaire.org

**Emerald Bay Trail Run**
Tahoe City
Sept. 21
Seven-and-a-half mile run
530-546-1019
bigblueadventure.com




International Camel Races, Virginia City, September 5-7

**Carson City Basque Festival**
Carson City
Sept. 21
775-887-2101
visitcarsoncity.com

**Oktoberfest**
Gardnerville
Sept. 21
775-782-7134
gardnerville-nv.gov

**Thunder on the Comstock**
Virginia City
Sept. 24
Motorcycle rally
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Street Vibrations**
Sept. 24-28
Motorcycle tours, poker runs, parades, concerts
800-200-4557
road-shows.com

**UNR Foundation Banquet**
Sept. 25
Forrest Sawyer, keynote speaker
775-784-4831
Email: ncorbit@unr.edu

**Oktoberfest**
Sparks
Sept. 26-27
800-FOR-RENO
visitrenotahoe.com

**Lake Tahoe Triathlon**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 26-28
530-581-6900
laketahoemarathon.com

**Hawkins Amphitheater Concert Series**
Sept. 27
R. Carlos Nakai
hawkinsamphitheater.com

**The Great Tahoe Bike Race**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 27
Around Lake Tahoe
530-581-6900
laketahoemarathon.com

**Oktoberfest**
Lake Tahoe
Sept. 27
530-581-6900
thevillageatsquaw.com

**Genoa Candy Dance**
Genoa
Sept. 27-28
Arts & crafts, homemade candy
775-782-8696
genoanevada.org

**Lake Tahoe Marathon**
Tahoe City/South Shore
Sept. 28
Full/half marathon & more
530-544-7095
laketahoemarathon.com

## OCTOBER

**"The Cathouse Follies"**
Gold Hill
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24
Dinner theater
775-847-0111
goldhillhotel.net

**International Outhouse Races**
Virginia City
Oct. 4
775-847-9016
visitrenotahoe.com

**Oktoberfest**
Carson City
Oct. 4
Fundraiser
foundationcclibrary.org

**Reno Celtic Celebration**
Oct. 4-5
Pipe bands, highland games
800-FOR-RENO
visitrenotahoe.com

**XTERRA Championship**
Lake Tahoe
Oct. 4-5
Clinics & family outdoor competition
877-751-8880
gotahoenorth.com

**Classic Car Show**
Crystal Bay
Oct. 10-12
530-581-6900
gotahoenorth.com

**Tribute to Patsy Cline**
Virginia City
Oct. 11
Joni Morris & The After Midnight Band
775-847-0433
pipersoperahouse.com

**Chocolate Festival**
Kings Beach
Oct. 11
775-298-0010
gotahoenorth.com

**Eldorado Great Italian Festival**
Oct. 11-12
775-786-5700
eldoradoreno.com

**Run Thru Reno**
Oct. 12
5K, full/half marathon
runthrureno.com

**Oktoberfest & Beer Tasting**
Minden
Oct. 17
775-782-9711
cvinn.com

**Haunted Gardnerville Ghost Walk**
Gardnerville
Oct. 17
6:30, 7:30, 8:30pm
775-782-2555
historicnevada.org

**V&T History Symposium**
Carson City
Oct. 17-19
Workshops, railroad events
775-687-6953
visitcarsoncity.com

**Garden Cemetery Tour**
Gardnerville
Oct. 18
6:30-8pm
775-782-2555
historicnevada.org

**Haunted Genoa Ghost Walk**
Genoa
Oct. 19
10:30-11:30pm
775-782-2555
historicnevada.org

**ACTRA National Finals**
Oct. 20-26
Team roping
visitrenotahoe.com

**Tahoe/Reno International Film Festival**
Oct. 22-26
775-298-0018
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events

**Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk**
Carson City
Oct. 25
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**Governor's Ball**
Virginia City
Oct. 25
Victorian orchestra, period dance, dinner
775-847-0433
pipersoperahouse.com

**Carson City Symphony**
Carson City
Oct. 26
775-883-4154
ccsymphony.com

**Great Pumpkin Carnival**
Sparks
Oct. 30
775-353-2386
sparksrec.com

**Nevada Days**
Carson City
Oct. 30-Nov. 2
Festival celebrates Nevada's statehood
775-687-0680
visitcarsoncity.com

**Haunted Halls**
Virginia City
Oct. 31
775-847-0975
fourthwardschool.org

**Beer & Bratwurst on the V&T**
Virginia City
Oct. 31
775-847-0311
visitvirginiacitynv.com

**Halloween Party Dinner/Dance**
Gold Hill
Oct. 31
775-847-0111
goldhillhotel.net

NOVEMBER

**Nevada Day Parade**
Carson City
Nov. 1
775-882-2600
visitcarsoncity.com



The Great Reno Balloon Race, September 5-7

## rural nevada

ONGOING

**Fallon Farmers' Market**
Fallon
Tuesdays thru Sept. 9
775-423-4802
fallontourism.com

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

**Battle Mountain Raceway**
Battle Mountain
Thru Sept.
Stock car racing
775-636-2784

**Tonopah Farmers' Market**
Tonopah
Mondays thru Oct. 6
775-482-3118
Email: tonopahfarmersmarket@yahoo.com

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

**Reno-Fernley Raceway**
Fernley
Thru Oct. 19
775-575-7217
reno-fernleyraceway.com

**Lahontan Auto Racing**
Fallon
Thru Oct.
Oval dirt track racing
Rattlesnake Raceway
775-423-7483
fallontourism.com

**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 Farmers' Market**
Fallon
Thru Oct.
866-638-6293
lattinfarms.com

**Renaissance Village**
Ely
Saturdays thru Oct.
Art & cultural center
775-289-8877
whitepinechamber.com

**Farmers' Market**
Ely
Thru Oct.
775-289-8769
whitepinechamber.com

**Lattin Farms Centennial Celebration Maze**
Fallon
Thru Oct.
775-867-3750
lattinfarms.com

**Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing**
Fallon
Thru Nov.
775-423-0223
fallontourism.com

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**Tri-County Fair & Rodeo**
Winnemucca
Aug. 28-31
Contests, dances, exhibits, food, art show, pig wrestling
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

**Fiddlers Jamboree**
Eureka
Aug. 29
Email: jclaire@elko.net

**Western Art Roundup**
Winnemucca
Aug. 29-31
Buckaroo Hall of Fame inductees, demonstrations, poetry
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

**Big Bucks Bracket Race**
Fallon
Aug. 29-31
775-423-0223
topgunraceway.com

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**July**
Fifties Fever Car Show

**September**
Tri-County Fair & Stampede

**November**
National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals

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events



UFO Conference, Alamo, August 29-31

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Alamo
Aug. 29-31
Speakers include Joe Sparks, Charles Hall, Ike Bishop
Skywatches over Area 51
Email: ibishop10@hotmail.com

**Burning Man**
Black Rock Desert
Thru Sept. 1
415-TO-FLAME
burningman.com

**Elko County Fair**
Elko
Thru Sept. 1
775-738-3616
elkocva.com

**Yerington 300 Race**
Yerington
Aug. 29-Sept. 1
Desert competition
vorra.net

**Hearts O'Gold Cantaloupe Festival**
Fallon
Aug. 29-Sept. 1
Concerts, cantaloupe foods & games, carnival, petting zoo, fair exhibits, country fair
775-423-2544
fallontourism.com

**Pioche Labor Day**
Pioche
Aug. 29-Sept. 1
775-962-5544
piochenevada.com

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

**Jarbidge Labor Day Weekend Celebration**
Jarbidge
Aug. 30-31
775-488-2311
elkonevada.com

**North American Land Sailing**
Rachel
Aug. 30-31
Mini yacht competition
702-296-7513
nalsa.org

## SEPTEMBER

**International Motorcycle Speed Trials**
Wendover
Sept. 2-8
866-299-2489
westwendovercity.com

**Bonneville Off-Road Race**
Wendover
Sept. 5-6
866-299-2489
westwendovercity.com

**Lander County Fair**
Battle Mountain
Sept. 5-6
775-635-1112
battlemountaintourism.com

**BBQ Train**
Ely
Sept. 6
Excursion aboard historic train
775-289-2085
nnry.com

**Bull Riding**
Ely
Sept. 6
775-289-8877
whitepinechamber.com

**Comstock Cowboys Concert**
Hawthorne
Sept. 12
775-945-5854

**50s Dance**
Pahrump
Sept. 12
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Morrodders Car Club Gamblers Run**
Elko
Sept. 12-14
775-777-7896
elkocva.com

**Race to the Angel**
Wells
Sept. 13
Climb to Angel Lake
775-752-3540
elkocva.com

**Car & Truck Show**
Pahrump
Sept. 13
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Wine Train**
Ely
Sept. 13
Wine served on evening excursion
775-289-2085
nnry.com

**Silver State 300 Pre-Run**
Alamo/Caliente/Pioche
Sept. 13-14
Actual race Sept. 26-28 in Mesquite
702-457-5775
bitd.com

**Rail Days**
Fernley
Sept. 13-14
Historical festival
775-575-2525
fernleychamber.org



Check the listings for statewide rodeos

**OATBRAN**
Lake Tahoe, Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Ely, Baker, Great Basin National Park
Sept. 14-20
420-mile bicycle ride
800-565-2704
bikethewest.com

**World Human Powered Speed Challenge**
Battle Mountain/Austin
Sept. 15-20
Recumbent bicycle race
battlemountaintourism.com

**Bonneville World of Speed**
Wendover
Sept. 17-20
866-299-2489
westwendovercity.com

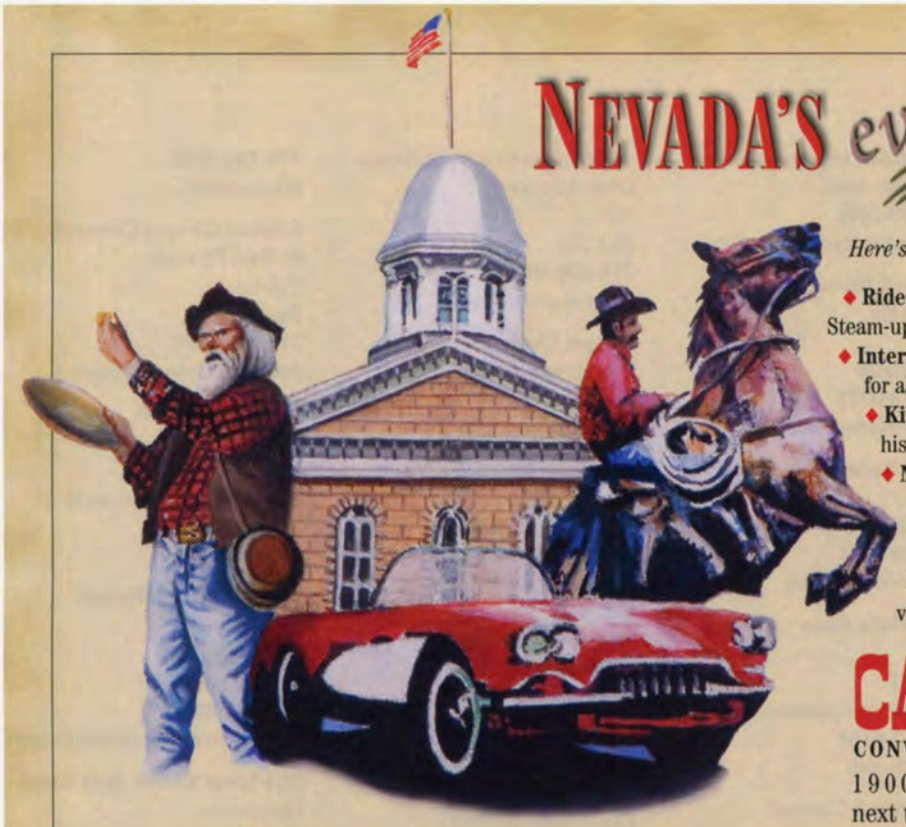
**Cool Down 2008 Hwy. 50 Run**
Eureka/Ely
Sept. 17-24
Camping, exploring, ATV trail riding
775-427-4435
Email: dutyandme@yahoo.com

**Silver State Classic Z2Z Big Red Challenge**
Ely
Sept. 19
702-338-1897
silverstateclassicchallenge.com

**ACTRA Team Roping Finals**
Winnemucca
Sept. 19-21
775-623-5071
winnemucca.nv.us

**Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival**
Elko
Sept. 19-21
775-738-7135
elkocva.com

**Historic Wendover Airfield Fly-In & Air Show**
Wendover
Sept. 20
866-299-2489
westwendovercity.com



# NEVADA'S event CAPITAL

*Here's a sample of Carson City's fall calendar:*

- **Ride the Rails,** Nevada State Railroad Museum. Steam-ups and motor car rides on select fall dates.
- **International Camel Races,** Virginia City. Fun for all ages, September 5-7.
- **Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walk,** Carson City's historic district. Spirits included, October 25.
- **Nevada Day Parade,** Carson City. The state's largest parade, November 1.

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- Fallon Farmers Market all summer long
- Spring Wings Bird Festival
- Octane Fest Motor Sports Week
- Silver State International and Senior Pro Rodeos
- Oasis Stampede Mule & Donkey Show
- Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival
- Desert Oasis Music Festival

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Nevada Day parade, Carson City, November 1

**Pony Express Trail Ride**
Pahrump
Sept. 20
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Wild West Extravaganza**
Pahrump
Sept. 20-21
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo**
Fallon
Sept. 20-21
775-867-2115
fallontourism.com

**Silver State Classic Challenge**
Ely to Hiko
Sept. 20-21
Open-road race
702-338-1897
silverstateclassicchallenge.com

**Oktoberfest**
Ely
Sept. 20, 27
775-289-2085
nnry.com

**Pahrump Fall Festival**
Pahrump
Sept. 25-28
866-722-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**National Public Lands Day**
Pioche
Sept. 26-27
Hikes, Jeep/4x4 excursions; equestrian, motorcycle, & bicycle rides
775-728-4460
lincolncountynevada.com

**Summit Division 7 ET Finals**
Fallon
Sept. 26-28
775-423-0223
topgunraceway.com

**Barrel Races**
Winnemucca
Sept. 26-28
775-623-5071
winnemucca.nv.us

**Man-Mule Race**
Elko
Sept. 27
Off-beat competition
775-753-6164
elkocva.com

**"Robinson Crusoe"**
Eureka
Sept. 27
Missoula Children's Theatre
775-237-6006
co.eureka.nv.us

**Fall Festival**
Pahrump
Sept. 27
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Grape Stomp at Pahrump Valley Winery**
Pahrump
Sept. 27
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**After Dark Haunted House**
Elko
Sept. 27-Nov. 1
775-738-3038
elkocva.com

## OCTOBER

**Elko Uncorked**
Elko
Oct. 3
Wine, beer, & cocktail tasting
775-738-4670
Email: cucinafresca@frontiernet.net

**World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship**
Fallon
Oct. 3-5
775-575-1802
fallontourism.com

**Desert Oasis Bluegrass Festival**
Fallon
Oct. 3-5
775-348-4692
fallontourism.com

**No Hill Hundred Century Ride**
Fallon
Oct. 4
100-mile bicycle ride
775-423-7733
fallontourism.com

**Haunted Ghost Train**
Ely
Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 31
Excursions aboard historic train
775-289-2085
nnry.com

**Bullfrog Grand Prix**
Beatty
Oct. 4-5
Off-road motorcycle race
775-553-2424
beattynevada.org

**Silver Springs Art Show**
Silver Springs
Oct. 4-5
Quilts and fiber arts
775-577-2637
Email: hub22811@aol.com

**World Finals at Bonneville Speedway**
Wendover
Oct. 8-11
866-299-2489
westwendovercity.com

**Stockhorse Spectacular**
Fallon
Oct. 10-12
Reined cow & cutting horse competition
775-867-2115
fallontourism.com

**Barn Tour**
Elko
Oct. 11
Visit historic barns
775-738-3418
elkocva.com

**Annual Gospel Concert & Tent Revival**
Pahrump
Oct. 11
775-727-5800
pahrumpchamber.com

**Richard Elloyan**
Eureka
Oct. 17
Singer, songwriter, poet
775-237-6006
co.eureka.nv.us

**A Night at the Races**
Fallon
Oct. 17
Fundraiser
775-423-8587
premiereventsanddesign.com

**The Inner Circle Jazz Band**
Hawthorne
Oct. 18
775-945-5854

**Founders Day Celebration**
Silver Springs
Oct. 18-19
775-577-4336
silverspringsnevada.com

**Jarbidge Halloween Celebration**
Jarbidge
Oct. 25
775-488-2311
elkocva.com

**National Finals Senior Pro Rodeo**
Winnemucca
Oct. 29-Nov. 1
800-962-2638
winnemucca.com

**Harvest Festival**
Battle Mountain
Oct. 31
775-635-1112
battlemountaintourism.com

**Beatty Days**
Beatty
Oct. 31-Nov. 2
Historical celebration, chili cook-off, music, bed races, parade, wagon rides
775-553-2424
beattynevada.org

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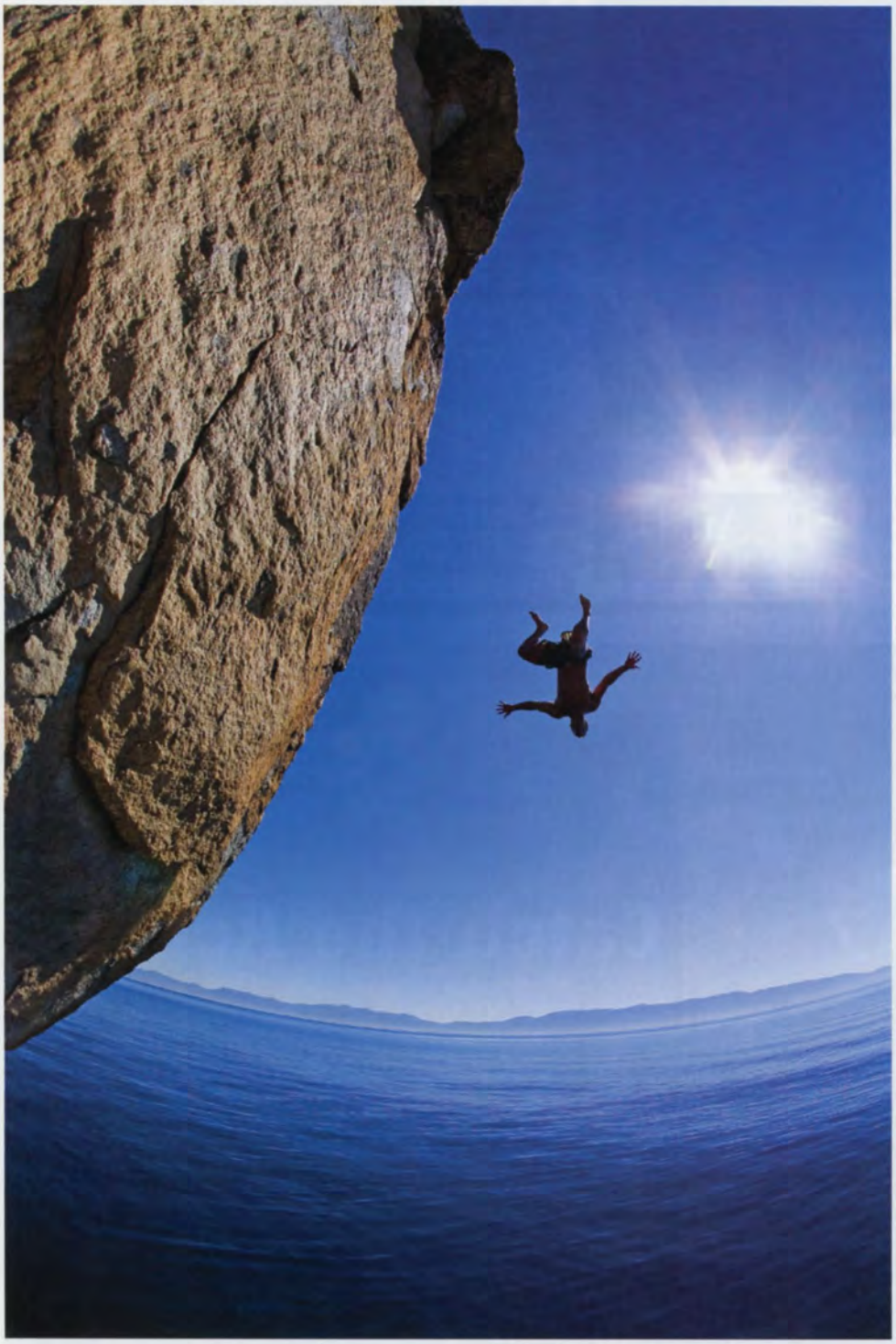




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## TAKING THE PLUNGE

Lake Tahoe photographer Ryan Salm took this shot of his friend, Reno's John Epsteyn, at Lake Tahoe. In the interest of not encouraging jumpers less experienced than Epsteyn, we were asked by the photographer to keep the location as vague as possible. "John is an amazing athlete and he [jumps] with the utmost safety," Salm says. **ryansalmphotography.com**

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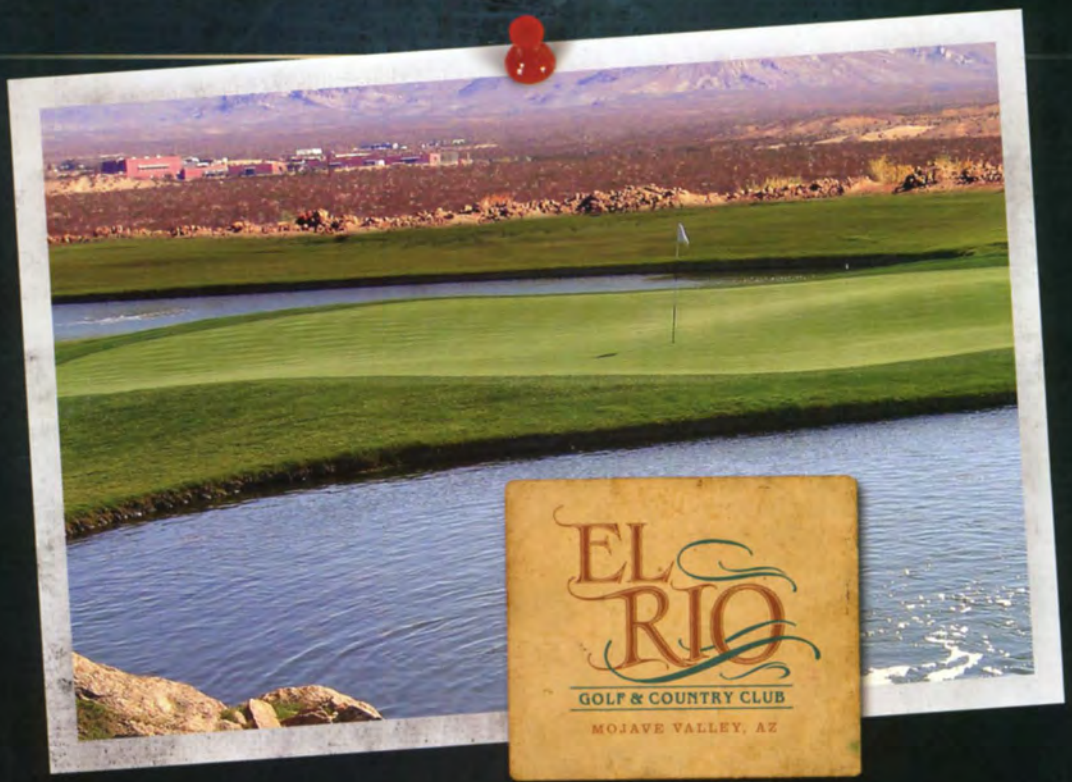
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