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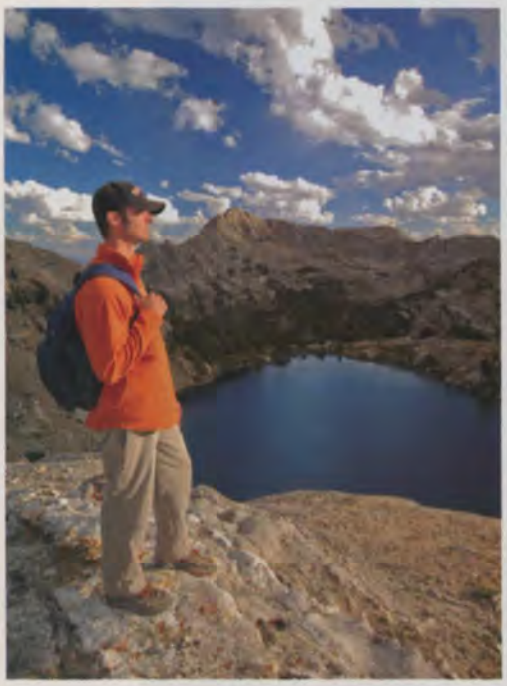
- Take a trip down Classic Car Lane at Reno's National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection).
- Remember when the Ramones (pictured) rocked the Reno Livestock Events Center in 1978?
- *Nevada Magazine* flies with Minden glider company Soaring Nevada.
- The Papillon Grand Canyon tour companies have a new home in Boulder City.
- The Nevada Commission on Tourism recently launched nv.mobi, a great tool for travelers using mobile phones.


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Ah, spring. A season of hope and optimism. Freshly bloomed flowers, rushing mountain streams, and longer, warmer days. There's no time of year when truth and honesty are more refreshing. And, with that...

There are two common misconceptions about *Nevada Magazine*, a division of the Nevada Commission on Tourism. One, that it is state-funded; and two, that it covers mostly Northern Nevada. Why is it an especially important time to debunk these myths? Because the publication as you know it largely depends on your support, and how can you stand by something if you're not properly informed?

Nevada Magazine operates as an enterprise fund, meaning it is self-funded and dependent on advertising and subscription revenue and, to a lesser degree, Historical Calendar sales. The Commission on Tourism, funded by room-tax revenue, buys product from the magazine—but the state buck stops there.

That leaves you, the consumer and advertiser. If compelling, timely stories about the Silver State interest you, this is the time to support the magazine that supports Nevada tourism—the state's number-one revenue-producing industry.

Soon, we will introduce the Friends of *Nevada Magazine* program. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3), we will be accepting tax-deductible donations on our Web site. Next issue, we will provide detailed information on how to donate and membership benefits. Your donations will go to maintaining the quality of the 73-year-old publication.

As for its editorial focus, rest assured *Nevada Magazine* lives up to its name. In this issue, you'll find two stories about attractions in and around Las Vegas that might surprise you: Bonnie Springs, a Wild West extravaganza, and Neon Museum, a quirky homage to the city's once-lit signs. Our Up Front section is always loaded with Southern Nevada tidbits, and *Events & Shows* has your entertainment options covered.

Also in this issue are the cover story/photo gallery on Lamoille Canyon (the picture above overlooks Liberty Lake), a look into Minden's fertile business market, and a heartwarming annual classic car tour. *Nevada Magazine* is dedicated to informing readers about Nevada's people and places, and you can help that cause now more than ever—even if it's simply passing your issue along to someone who's never seen it.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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I received the [March/April 2009 issue] with the Morelli House feature on page 22 (below). It looks beautiful and reads so well. Thank you for plugging the "Morelli and His Music" event on your Web site, and the Events & Shows listing is a nice touch, too. We are truly grateful for your support.
Dedee Nave, Las Vegas
(Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Junior League Endowment Fund)


(in) a league of their own

Thank you for the excellent article on the Morelli House, saved and restored by the Junior League of Las Vegas. [In addition to tours], the house is also available for organizational meetings. Friends of Classic Las Vegas and Las Vegas High School Alumnae Foundation, to name a couple, have taken advantage of the offer. There is no charge for tours, but appointments are necessary. The fact that my special daughter-in-law, Madeleine Andress, was modeling the orange midcentury style suit was a great addition to the article.
Donna Andress, 50-year Association of Junior Leagues member

[As a follow up to last issue's Jarbidge feature], I wanted to let folks know about Jarbidge Community Association, Inc. We are incorporated as a 501(c)(3). We are approaching the town's centennial and have many activities planned for our August 14-16 celebration. I am co-chairman of the event, and Pat Henning of Fallon is the other.
Roberta Skelton, Spring Creek

My husband and I stumbled upon Jarbidge a few years ago during Labor Day weekend. We were able to see the Labor Day parade. When we heard about the Halloween party/pig roast, we knew we had to return for it. We've been regulars ever since. Everyone makes you feel like family. Jarbidge has a certain aura about it that needs to be experienced to be understood.
Karyn Schmidt, Las Vegas

Find more information about the Jarbidge Centennial celebration, August 14-16, at nevadamagazine.com.
EDITOR

Thanks for last issue's story on Battle Mountain. However, it's my understanding that the Pony Express Open Road Race event will not take place in August.
Carmen Kofoed, Winnemucca

Thanks, Carmen. You are correct, per Kim Nelson, Lander County Convention & Tourism Authority executive director.
EDITOR

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LAURA **DAVIS**



Laura Davis is in love with writing and nature, and her story on Bonnie Springs Old Nevada exudes both passions. In it, she shares what she calls "the beautiful simplicity of the mining town" with *Nevada Magazine* readers. Growing up in Las Vegas, Davis would escape to Bonnie Springs to get away from the bright lights of the city. For those who don't know about the attraction already, she is happy to promote her biggest little secret in this issue.

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STEVE **NOBLE**



Steve Noble is a professional wildlife and nature photographer, teacher, and lecturer. For more than 35 years, he's traveled the globe to experience and shoot unique "Moments in Time"—the name of his Gardnerville-based photography business (*stevenoblephotography.com*). For this issue, Noble participated in our Nevada Adventure Challenge by gliding with Soar Minden. Adventure tourism is one of Noble's passions, as evidenced by the link to the subject on his homepage. His images are displayed in galleries throughout the United States and around the world.

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WENDY **DAMONTE**



Wendy Damonte is the evening news anchor at KTVN Channel 2 Reno. Broadcasting so much negative news lately made her realize she needed a fun, creative outlet. It was a perfect fit to write for *Nevada Magazine* and sample a few gourmet cocktails and appetizers at the same time. Damonte's mom, a gourmet cook, spurred her interest in fine-cooking magazines. She saw a couple articles about a new form of bartending called mixology and set out to see if it exists in Nevada. Sure enough, it does!

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NEVADA news

- An eight-plex movie theater is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend (May 23-25) at the **Pahrump Nugget** in Pahrump. **pahrumpnugget.com**, 866-751-6500

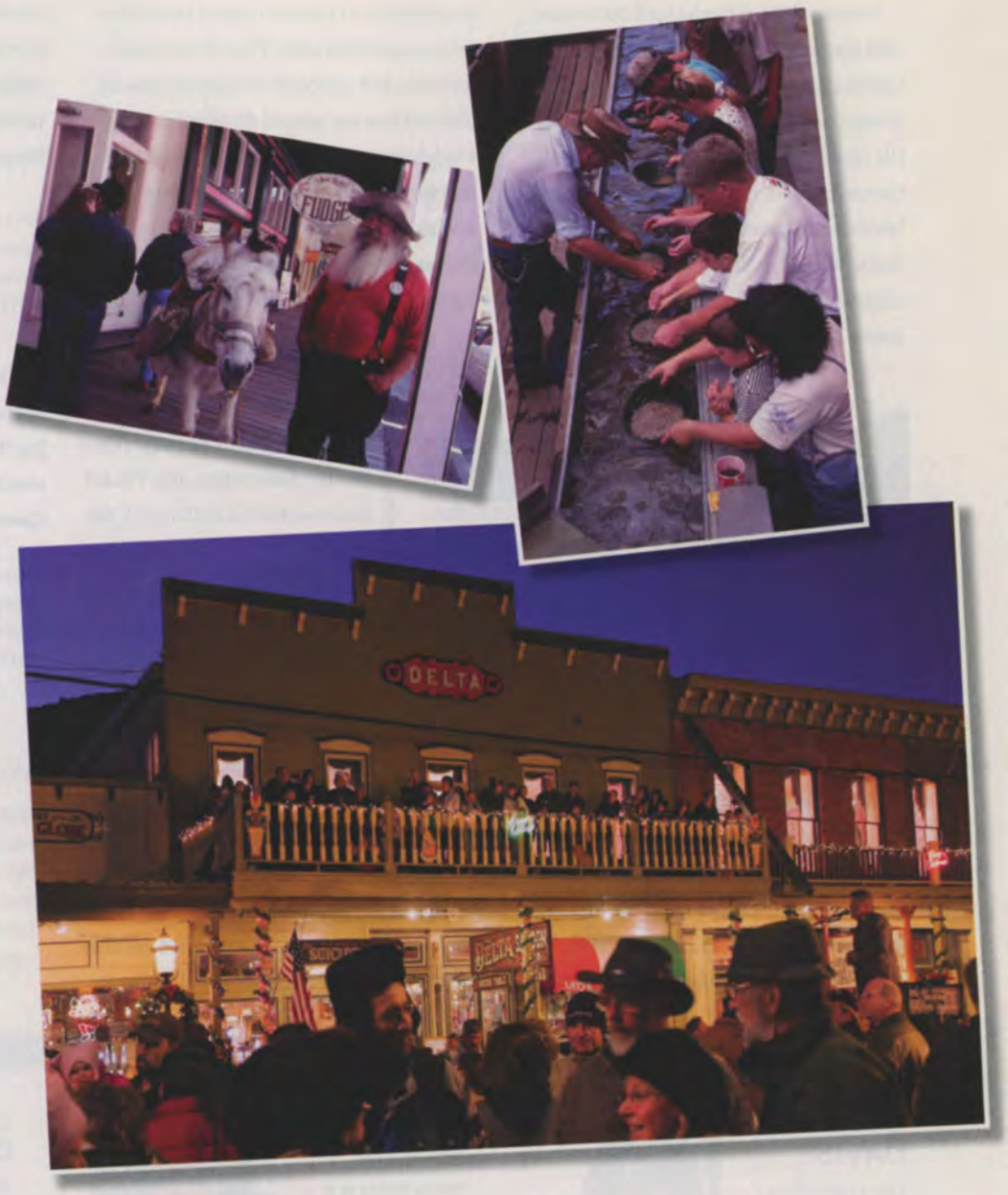
- **Andre's Restaurant and Lounge** at Monte Carlo in Las Vegas reopened earlier this year after a $2-million renovation. New features include a cigar lounge and expanded wine bar. **montecarlo.com**, 702-798-7151

- The **Reno-Fernley Raceway** outside of Fernley opened its new season in April with $7 general admission tickets. Check out the Double Header Weekend, June 26-27—one of many events at the 500-acre raceway, less than an hour from Reno. **nevadaracer.com**, 775-291-8908

- **High Altitude Fitness** in Incline Village recently unveiled a new indoor climbing wall. A day pass with gear rental is $35, and classes for novice to advanced climbers are available. **highaltitudefit.net**, 775-831-4212

- Las Vegas' Light Group recently partnered with Cirque du Soleil to manage **The Beatles' REVOLUTION Lounge** inside The Mirage. The psychedelic lounge is Cirque's first nightlife creation. **lightgroup.com**

- **Papillon Airways** opened its new $9-million Boulder City Heliport in March. The terminal houses Grand Canyon Helicopter Tours, Grand Canyon Airline, Grand Canyon Coaches, and Scenic Airlines. **papillon.com**, 702-736-7243



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SESQUICENTENNIAL

Virginia City Turns 150

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WALKING TOUR

Monument Capital of Nevada

Spring and early summer are ideal for visiting parks, especially those surrounding Carson City's Capitol complex. Scattered around the complex, about a half dozen statues immortalize important figures who have helped shape the Silver State. Pioneer explorer Kit Carson sits warily astride his horse while Abraham Curry stands forever surveying the grounds. Curry, often called the "Father of Carson City," donated the four-acre plaza on which the Capitol stands and was responsible for laying out and building much of the early town. A miner, forever frozen with his pick in midswing, honors the industry that gave Nevada its Silver State nickname, and the law enforcement memorial honors those men and women who have died in the pursuit of keeping Nevadans safe. After your monument visit, venture out along the 2.5-mile Kit Carson Trail, on which you'll see and learn about more than 60 historic landmarks that also played a part in shaping Nevada's capital. **visitcarsoncity.com**, 800-NEVADA-1



NEVADA news

✦ **Las Vegas Indoor Soccer** features two regulation-size arenas and league play for children, teens, and adults. The 55,000-square-foot facility also offers youth soccer clinics. **lvsportspark.com**, 702-233-3600

✦ **Zero-G Weightless Experience** launched in Las Vegas earlier this year. The commercial flights are identical to those used by NASA for astronaut training. The next two flights ($4,950 per person) depart July 18 and September 19. **gozerog.com**, 703-524-7172

✦ The **Massage Heights** chain of spas opened its first Nevada location in Henderson earlier this year. Fourteen more are planned for the Las Vegas area by 2013. **massageheights.com**, 702-431-1300

✦ Flights from Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta to West Wendover were launched in April. The MAXaire flights depart once monthly. **wendoverfun.com**, 800-537-0207

✦ The **Palms** in Las Vegas introduced "Live in a Flash" USB technology, which allows immediate live recordings of concerts and events. The upscale John Huntington Tattoo Lounge also opened earlier this year. **palms.com**, 702-942-7777

✦ The **Miracle Mile Shops** at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino in Las Vegas unveiled a new fountain earlier this year. The free attraction combines lighted water effects and music. **miraclemile shopslv.com**, 702-866-0703



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DINING

Soaring Supper

The words "airborne food" usually conjure images of childhood food fights and prepackaged airline meals. But in Nevada's entertainment capital, they equate to a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience. Dinner in the Sky Las Vegas takes guests more than 160 feet into the air for an unforgettable dinner with spectacular views of the Strip. The 22-seat Sky Table is equipped with harnesses to ensure patrons stay in their seats as the staff of five attends to their dining needs. Dinner in the Sky can pick you up and drop you off at your hotel, and flights/meals include a complimentary photo of your experience and access to the Sky Lounge. **dinnerintheskylv.com**, 702-257-7303

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Lake Tahoe's newest hotel is also its first to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) compliant. Opened in January, the 968 Park Spa Resort is made from recycled and reclaimed materials on a pre-existing foundation. The resort utilizes low-energy appliances and features organic linens, recycled paper products, and furniture made from recycled timber. The spa features natural soaps and lotions, as well as organic coffees, teas, wines, and foods. Treatments, such as the Sports Massage and Skier Massage, focus on aiding recovery from the very activities that make Lake Tahoe such a popular destination.



968parkhotel.com, 877-544-0968

CAMPGROUND

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A 15-unit campground opened at Kershaw-Ryan State Park in March. The facility includes potable water, shade structures, picnic tables and barbecue grills, flush toilets, coin-operated showers, and an RV dump station. Campsites are $10 per night, and one is designed to accommodate disabled campers.

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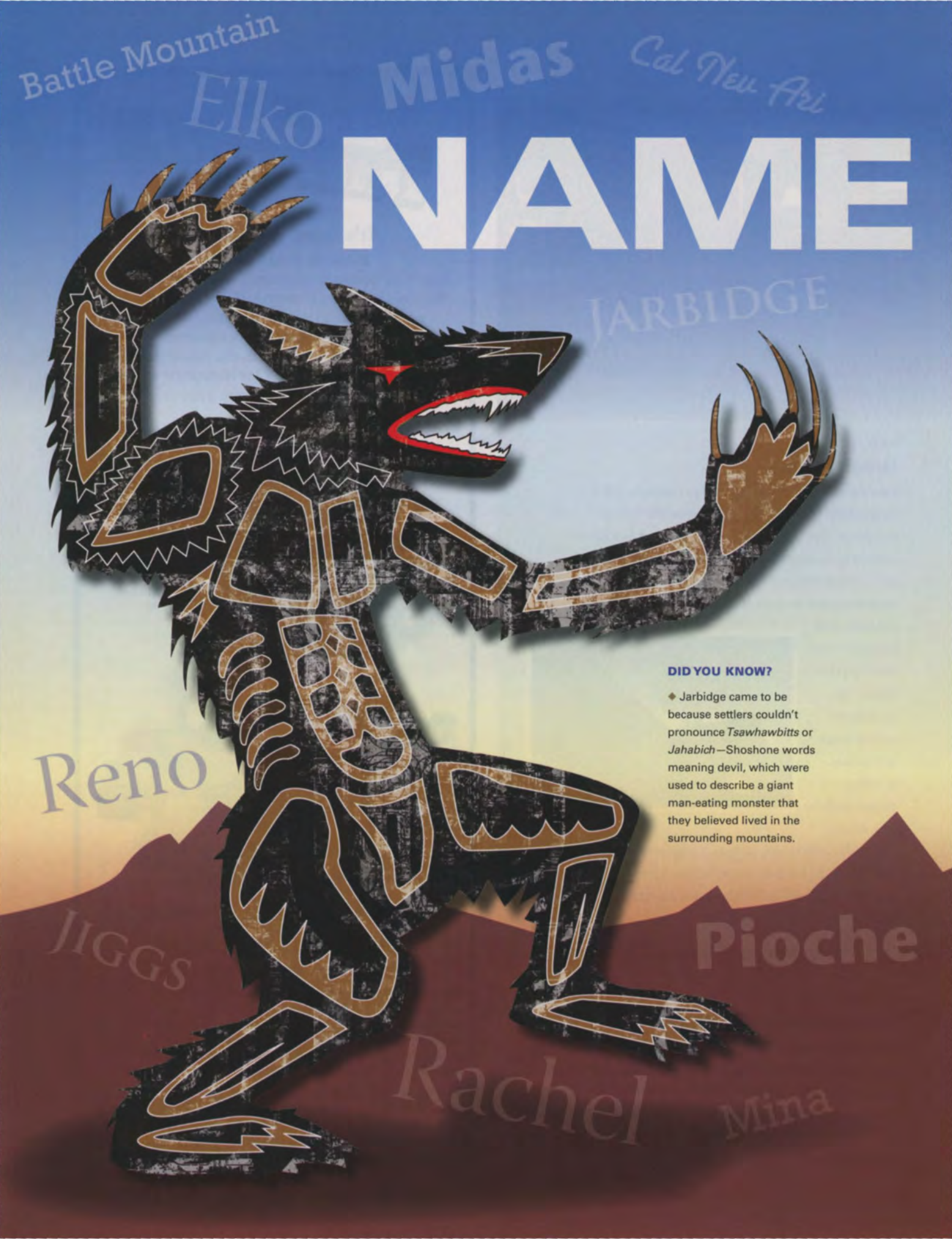
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DID YOU KNOW?

◆ Jarbidge came to be because settlers couldn't pronounce *Tsawhawbitts* or *Jahabich*—Shoshone words meaning devil, which were used to describe a giant man-eating monster that they believed lived in the surrounding mountains.

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We (should) know the capital's named after "Kit" Carson, but some Nevada monikers are less obvious

BY BETHANY DRYSDALE

Famed explorer Kit Carson blazed through the West, leaving behind hope for future travelers and a landscape proud to bear his name. Today the eponymous Carson River rollicks through Carson City, Nevada's capital, which pays homage to the pioneer. Other Nevada town names, however, aren't quite as obvious. Where did Jarbidge get its peculiar name? And who was Rachel, and why did she have a town named after her? Following is a look at how some Nevada towns and cities got their names.



Carson City, Carson River, Carson Pass, and Carson Valley can all be attributed to Christopher Houston "Kit" Carson (left). The American frontiersman gained recognition as a Western guide in the 1800s.

LAS VEGAS

Let's start with our most famous city, Las Vegas. For having a reputation as hot and dry nearly all year long, many are surprised to learn that Las Vegas translates to "the meadows" in Spanish. When early Spanish settlers ventured into what would become Nevada, they found respite in this area of lush meadows and cool springs. The site of those springs has been restored in the form of Springs Preserve, a spectacular attraction and a contrast to the lights of the Strip only a few miles away.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN

Battle Mountain is perhaps the biggest misnomer in the state, primarily because no particular battle can be accurately traced to the naming of the town. According to the Central Nevada Emigrant Trail Association, there is a story about a prospector who, in 1866, stopped in at the *Reese River Reveille*, the area's main newspaper at the time, to brag about his mine and its rich copper ore. The editor asked why the prospector named the mining district Battle Mountain, and he was treated to a tall tale of a fight that the prospector and 22 fellow emigrants had with local Indians nearly a decade earlier. However, because Battle Mountain and the surrounding area were so crucial to the overland route to California, skirmishes with Indians were thoroughly recorded, and there is no record of this specific battle.

DID YOU KNOW?

- No specific battle is connected to the town of Battle Mountain.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Elko is a common name—you can visit one in five states outside of Nevada.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You've heard of the Midas touch? Well, the Nevada mining town was named after the mythological Greek character, whose touch turned objects into gold.



CAL NEV ARI

The winner of the most obvious, but still interesting, town name goes to Cal Nev Ari, a small town near the southernmost point of Nevada. It's between Nevada's borders with California and Arizona. Enough said.

ELKO

Elko, a common railroad-station moniker, was settled by railroad workers. There are Elkos in Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Nevada, South Carolina, Virginia, and British Columbia. There are many local legends surrounding the origin of the name, including that it was named after the abundance of elk in the area. Another theory is that it's the Shoshone name for "white woman," and a local American Indian named the town Elko after seeing a white woman for the first time there. The legends are more interesting, but it's most likely that the town was named by the railroad.

JARBIDGE

Jarbidge is a combination of several misinterpretations of its original American Indian name. Indians avoided the mountains in the remote northeastern corner of Nevada because of their belief that a giant man-eating monster named *Tsawhawbitts* or *Jahabich*—pronounced Tuh-Saw-Haw-Bits and Jah-hah-bich, respectively—lived there. When miners and ranchers moved into the area, they couldn't pronounce the Shoshone name, which means devil, and instead called it Jarbidge. The name is still often mutated into Jarbridge, but no, the town is not named for a bridge.

JIGGS

Some squabbles are so comical they deserve to be remembered. Residents of Jiggs couldn't decide which of its three names to call it: Mound Valley, Skelton, or Hylton, so local ranchers submitted their suggestions to the Post Office in 1918. The name Jiggs was the lucky winner. Why Jiggs? It's the name of the comic-strip character known for constantly squabbling with his wife, Maggie, in "Jiggs and Maggie" (also known as "Bringing Up Father").



MIDAS

Many Nevada towns were founded by miners and given very obvious names like Gold Hill, Gold Point, Goldfield, Silver City, Silver Peak, Copper Hill, Copper Valley...you get the idea. So why'd they get creative with Midas, an allusion to the fabled king whose touch turned everything to gold? "It was going to be called Gold Circle, but the Post Office said, 'No, you can't name it anything else gold!'" says Nevada historian David Toll, coincidentally of Gold Hill. "I think they came up with a rather creative name."

MINA

The official story behind the name Mina is that it's the Spanish word for "mine" or "ore." Toll, however, shares the unofficial story. "It's supposedly named for someone either named Wilhemina or Mina, but who that was, well, there are a couple of different stories," he says. "One was that it was a prostitute doing business, I suppose in a tent in the middle of nowhere. Mina was a railroad station on the Carson and Colorado, and it was bigger than Hawthorne during World War II."

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PAHRUMP

If George Wheeler were around today, he would refer to the Southern Nevada establishment as *Pahrimp*. That's what the 19th-century surveyor called it in an 1872 document. He described a desert that "contains several beautiful little oases, the principal one being at Pah-rimp Springs..." The name evolved into Pahrump, but the area could still be described in the same manner—only now it boasts a winery, golf, fine dining, and recreation galore.

PIOCHE

A pioche is a pickaxe as well as the stack of undealt cards in a card game. Both definitions are appropriate for this now-quiet but once-raucous town founded on mining. Pioche once rivaled Deadwood, South Dakota for its rowdy brawls and cutthroat poker games. Miners protected their earnings with the help of their favorite six-shooter, and rumor has it that nearly 100 people were buried in Pioche (pictured below) before anyone died of natural causes. While a pickaxe or stack of cards would be a great story behind the town's name, it's more likely it was named for Alfred Pioche, a San Francisco stockbroker who purchased most of the land in the area.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Pioche was likely named for Alfred Pioche, a San Francisco stockbroker who purchased most of the land in the area, not in reference to the French word for pickaxe.



RACHEL

Lovely little Rachel Jones, so sweet she had a town named after her. The town is relatively new, founded in 1973, and was named after the first baby born there. The Jones family left for Alaska when their daughter was only three, says Toll, leaving behind a town that celebrates its namesake every year with Rachel Days—sans Rachel. The Extraterrestrial Highway (375), a popular attraction, passes through town.





RAWHIDE

The name evokes images of wild cowboys ropin,' ridin,' and carousing. But the town was probably named for the rawhide straps used to hold up mailboxes for the prospectors working the mines. "The town didn't really have a name at all," Toll says, "but the stagecoach knew to drop mail at the rawhide mailbox." It could have also been named for the surrounding rawhide-colored hills.

RENO

Reno old-timers know the city was once called Lake's Crossing to honor Myron C. Lake, who owned the bridge rights over the Truckee River. But before that, it was called Fuller's Crossing after C.W. Fuller, the first to build a bridge over the river. So who was Reno? It turns out that in 1868, railroad officials named Lake's Crossing after celebrated Army officer Jesse Lee Reno (inset), who was killed in action at Pennsylvania's South Mountain in 1862. Reno never saw his namesake city.



SEARCHLIGHT

This dusty little town in Southern Nevada is well known for being the birthplace of U.S. Senator Harry Reid. But for historians like Toll, the more interesting story is in how it could have got its name. "There were guys gathered in a circle trying to decide what to name it. One guy wanted to name it after his girlfriend, but the other guys said, 'No, she's not *our* girlfriend,'" Toll says. "They took a book or piece of paper to write down the dimensions of the (mining) claims, and they saw that they used the cover of a box of Searchlight matches." Another legend is that a searchlight was necessary to find ore there. The town most likely honors Lloyd Searchlight, however, an owner of a group of claims in the district.

WINNEMUCCA

This Northern Nevada town was named after a famous Indian chief, Chief Winnemucca, but it was his daughter who brought the most fame to the name. Sarah Winnemucca was the first American Indian woman to publish a book in English. A bronze statue of her was added to the National Statuary Hall Collection in the U.S. Capitol in 2005.

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SILVER STATE GREENS

Nevada does fairways the right way.

Mountain Falls, Pahrump

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Rolling hills of lush green grass, majestic pines, swaying palms, languidly flowing streams, serene waterfalls...not what comes to mind when you think of Nevada? Perhaps you should think again.

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If you find the lights, buzz, and endless options in Las Vegas a little overwhelming, it's easy to find peace and quiet in Southern Nevada without venturing too far. Mesquite, Boulder City, Primm, and Laughlin, all no more than two hours from the metropolis, offer courses that compete with the biggest and best around. Cascata in Boulder City is considered one of the finest courses not only in Nevada, but the entire country. For an experience unlike any other, try Wolf Creek in Mesquite, described in the May/June 2007 issue of *Nevada Magazine* as a course where, "If grass could grow on the moon, you'd have Wolf Creek."

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From the city-adjacent PGA tour course at Montrêux, to Silver Oak Golf and Event Center in the Carson Valley, to Edgewood-Tahoe Golf Course at South Lake Tahoe, the golf courses of northwestern Nevada are a scenic dream come true. And with more than two-dozen courses within an hour of Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the area is prime for a quick weekend golf getaway or a prolonged, multicourse tour such as the Divine Nine, a collection of nine courses in and around Carson City and Dayton, which hosts the Arnold Palmer-designed Dayton Valley Golf Club.



Edgewood-Tahoe Golf Course

Given Reno's northern latitude, windy, cold, and even snowy days occasionally ruin an otherwise superb round of golf. Don't fret, you can ride out the storm at Scheels' indoor golf simulator in nearby Sparks. While there, stop in at the massive pro shop to pick up the latest clubs and golf fashions.

RURAL NEVADA

Las Vegas, Reno, and Lake Tahoe are obvious choices for a Nevada golf getaway, but for a uniquely Silver State experience, intrepid golfers should explore some of the state's rural courses.

Pahrump, about an hour outside of Las Vegas, provides four courses—Desert Greens, Lakeview Executive Course, Mountain Falls, and Willow Creek—that are all on par with anything offered in the state. The world's lowest-elevation course, 214 feet below sea level, is at Furnace Creek in Death Valley. Play a round and see what effects the slightly greater gravity and barometric pressure have on your game. Pioche, in eastern Nevada, is home to a nine-hole course that was built with funds raised by locals. Artificial greens and dirt fairways require no watering and reduce the environmental impact of the course.

Known for its sweeping views of big skies, untamed mountain ranges, and an unparalleled ranch lifestyle, rural Northern Nevada is a scenic, relaxed, and casual place to take a few swings. Though the options are limited—less than 10 courses exist in the entire region—the hospitality of locals in towns such as Battle Mountain, Elko, and Winnemucca and the beauty of the open country will make for a memorable golf experience.

Driving across the "Loneliest Road in America," U.S. Highway 50, takes on a whole new meaning when you stop to golf. Anchored on either end by the White Pine Golf Course in Ely and The Golf Club at Fernley, golfing in central Nevada is as relaxing as living there. Fallon is home to a nine-hole course, the perfect break before making the long haul east to Ely.



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Mint Condition

Welcome to Year-Round Golf in Rural Nevada Paradise

by John Marshall

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

Mesquite

Golf Mesquite serves up eight terrific options including two in nearby St. George, Utah. They are all rich in variety with the common thread being breathtaking mountain and desert views from opening tee shot to final tap in. From the gently rolling fairways and greens of The Ledges Golf Club to the plunging elevation drops at The Palms Golf Club, golfers will experience some of Nevada's best-designed layouts.

The new Jack Nicklaus Signature course-The Chase at PGA Golf Club Coyote Springs has won many awards from national golf publications and is the newest member of the Golf Mesquite Nevada partnership. It's a stunning course and a must play for many golfers.

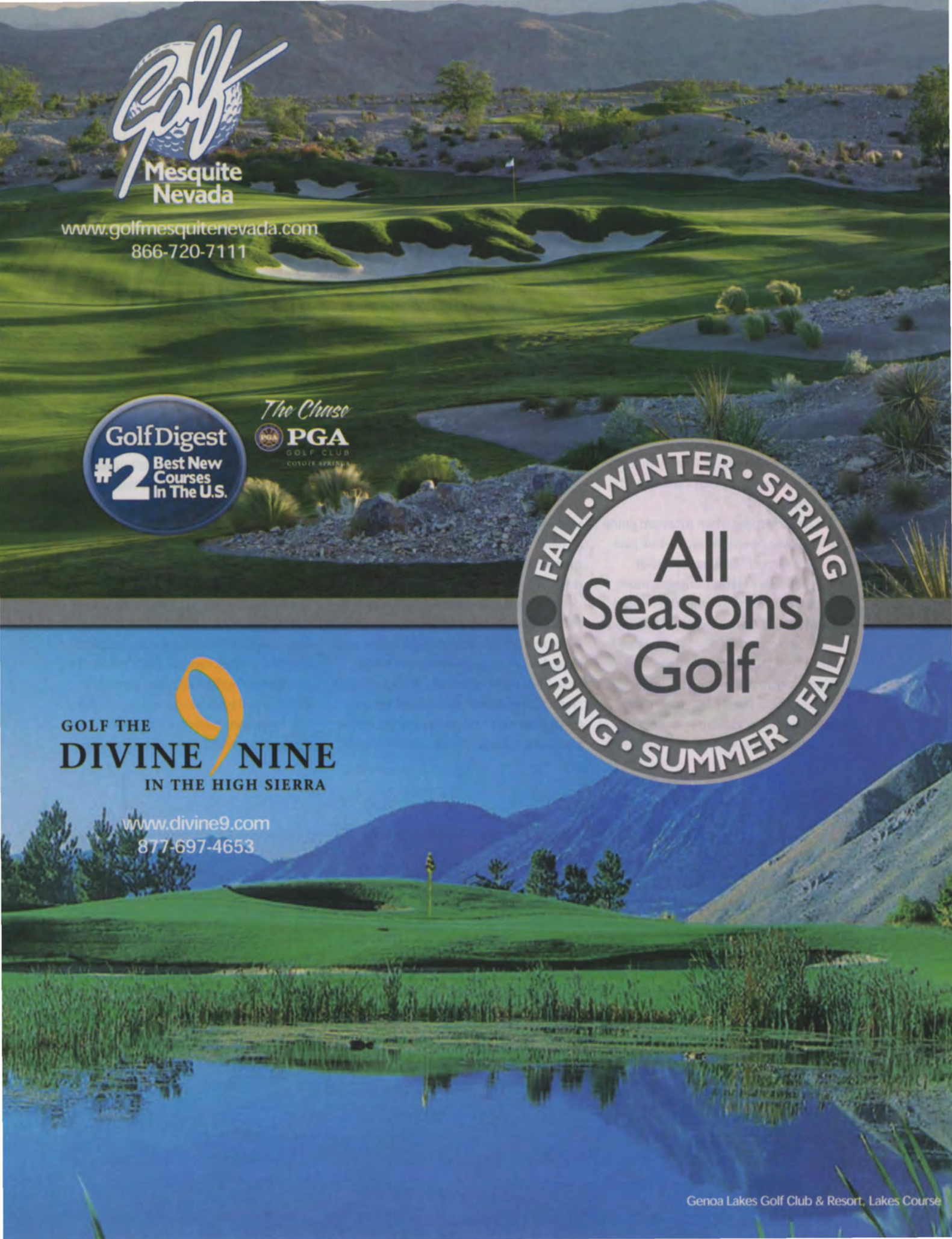
Mesquite lodging options are many and varied and include the CasaBlanca Resort, the Eureka Casino Hotel, the Virgin River Casino Hotel, Falcon Ridge Hotel and Highland Estates. Golfers are well known for their enjoyment of red-hot gaming action and all of these first class facilities except Falcon Ridge and Highland Estates contain all of the popular table games and slot options.

Carson City / Carson Valley

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

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

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signs of the times

Las Vegas' Neon Museum offers a shrine to the city's gone-but-not-forgotten icons.

BY KATE SILVER

If the Young Electric Sign Company created a neon sign illustrating the Neon Museum, it might be an exaggerated, shiny, clean-cut, cartoon-like diamond, glimmering in the rough. Can't you just see the flashing glow? Can't you hear the buzz of the neon?

I'm daydreaming when museum guide Chris LeBlanc opens the chain-link gate to "The Boneyard." LeBlanc is one of many volunteers at this nonprofit museum, guiding tours through the twisted signs and remains twice a day. "This is a part of our history," says LeBlanc, as he guides about 10 of us through the yard. "We're trying to restore and remember."

The museum plays a big part in preserving Las Vegas' culture by collecting and restoring its neon artifacts, and it all began with YESCO. One of the first sign companies to manufacture neon signs, YESCO would lease its work rather than sell it outright. At the end of the lease, the company takes the sign back and refurbishes it or puts it in the boneyard. Over the years, interest in the boneyard grew, and YESCO donated the pieces so the Neon Museum could share them with visitors from around the world.

Now, 12 years later, the skeletal fragments of 155 neon signs sprawl throughout two lots. With no plaques or historical descriptions, it doesn't feel like your typical museum. Instead, there are discarded 40-ounce bottles, broken light bulbs, and jagged tubes of neon everywhere you look. That's part of the allure, though. The Neon Museum isn't a sanitized version of the past—it's real, unvarnished, and in your face. Though it looks like a disheveled junkyard, the attraction is more like a scattered jigsaw puzzle of Las Vegas history.

Straight ahead, letters of varying fonts spell out "Boneyard." Next to them is an ironic amalgam of signs: Aladdin's giant lamp, a "Wedding Chapel Information" sign, and large, white letters that spell out "SIN." Someone here has a sense of humor.

Some of the most storied signs, like the Silver Slipper, rest in this lot. LeBlanc tells us the tale of Howard Hughes, who lived at the Desert Inn, right across from the Slipper. A paranoid eccentric, Hughes was convinced that there was a camera within the shoe, keeping tabs on him. He was further bothered by the fact that it blinked and rotated, disrupting his sleep. "He asked several times if they could turn off the light, which they would not, and



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so he eventually bought the place and turned the light out," LeBlanc says.

Other signs fill the yard, from the familiar to the less familiar: casinos that are still around such as Binion's Horseshoe and the Golden Nugget, to the long-buried Lucky Cuss and Sassy Sally's.

Some of the signs will be restored—for instance the 10 that make their home in an outdoor gallery along Fremont Street. But it's an expensive process. Each of those signs, which include the Hacienda Horse and Rider, The Flame, and Chief Hotel Court, cost between $5,000 and $50,000 to refurbish.



Others will never make it out of the Boneyard. Mr. O'Lucky, for example, once waved at passersby from the top of Fitzgeralds casino. He was donated to the museum in good condition. Now, he's a burned mess of chicken wire, lying prostrate on the ground. It seems a vagrant snuck into the museum and crawled inside Mr. O'Lucky to get warm. He started a fire, and it engulfed the not-so-lucky leprechaun.

Perhaps the greatest acquisition of the museum is the lobby of the La Concha. Paul Revere Williams, a notable African-American architect, designed the shell-shaped building in 1961.

La Concha's lobby was slated for demolition in 2006, but local preservationists stepped in and saved it. In 2007, the lobby was cut into eight pieces so it could be transported under nearby U.S. 95 and into The Boneyard. When it opens as the Neon Museum visitors center in late spring 2010, the site will be open to the public (now, tours must be booked ahead of time). It's possible thanks to an $800,000 grant from the National Scenic Byways Program.

Even now, with limited access, the Neon Museum has become a cultural icon, appearing on The Travel Channel, "CSI," The Killers' "All These Things I've Done" video, "Vegas Vacation," "Mars Attacks!," and more. It's no surprise that the place is a media magnet. The museum is one of the most unique in the country and a tribute to years gone by in Las Vegas.



history united

A sheepherder's wagon and more await visitors in the new Nevada State Museum, Carson City entrance.

BY JOYCE HOLLISTER

Thanks to a new glass-and-steel central admission area, visitors to the Nevada State Museum, Carson City no longer enter the museum's two buildings through separate doors. Completed this spring, the corridor (above) unites the historic U.S. Mint—the home of the museum since 1941—and the north building, a former bank.

"The entrance removes a confusing situation," says Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs Director Mike Fischer, "and serves as an invitation to our visitors." With its resemblance to a mine headframe complete with rotating wheels, Gardnerville architect Robbie Oxoby's dramatic design invokes the state's mining heritage. "The steel is reminiscent of heavy timbers, yet the glass is light and transparent," Oxoby says.

The corridor has space for exhibiting large objects that previously were not for public view, and the museum's prized sheepherder's wagon—a historic American model mostly used by Basques who came to the country to handle sheep—is the first to be displayed. Several flat-screen monitors offer information on museum programs and exhibits. A glass elevator provides better access for wheelchair-bound patrons. Visitors can take the elevator down for a tour of the famous underground mine replica below the Mint, where Nevada silver and gold were struck into coins from 1870 to 1893.

The north building's museum store has been expanded and features more Nevada items. A gallery with Dat So La Lee and fine Washo baskets (right) will be added to "Under One Sky," the acclaimed American Indian exhibit focusing on Paiute, Shoshone, and Washo culture. Outdoors, visitors can relax on benches at the repaved and replanted plaza.



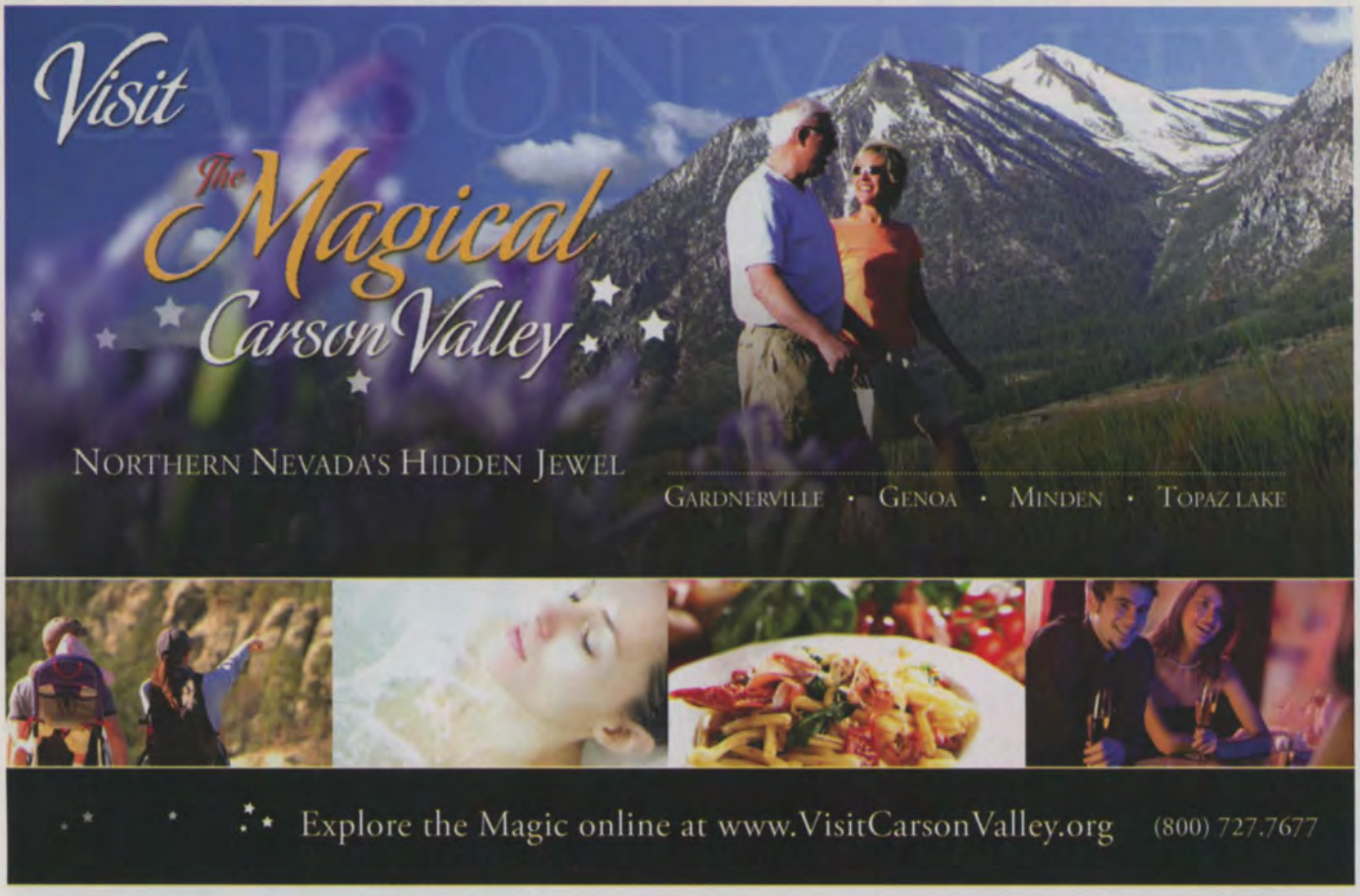
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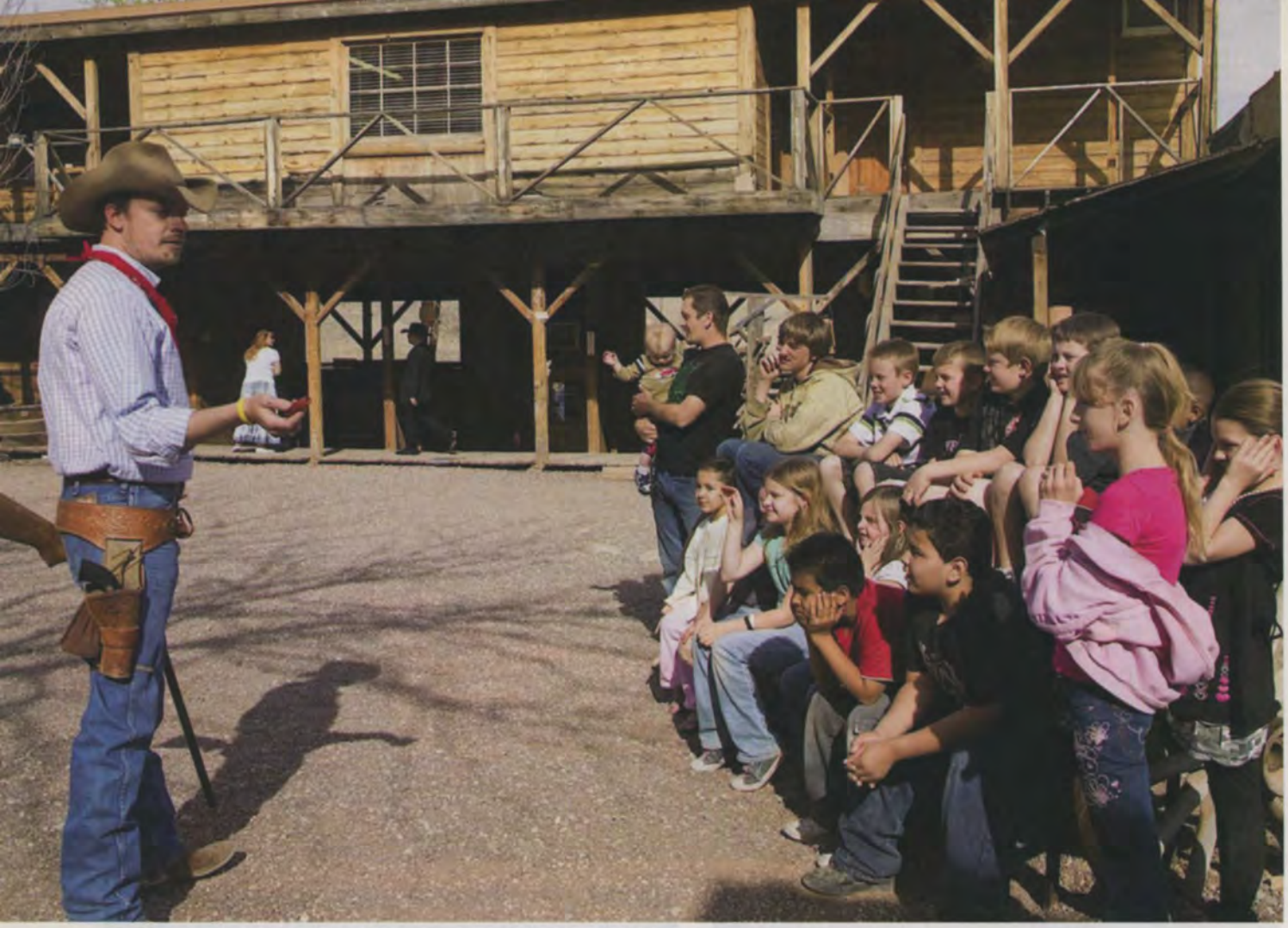
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John Blank (left) teaches children that guns are real and dangerous. The children are part of a posse that will catch the "bad guy."

stroll back in time

Bonnie Springs, a short drive from the Strip, is a fitting tribute to the Old West.

BY LAURA DAVIS
PHOTOS BY RANDA BISHOP

A visit to Bonnie Springs is akin to taking a trip back in time. Designed to look like an 1880s mining town, the ranch, just 25 minutes away from the Las Vegas Strip, features original artifacts as well as replicas from the Wild West's past. The attraction's namesake, Bonnie Levinson, started the venture in 1952. Born Bonnie McGaugh, she worked as a dancer and showgirl until meeting her husband, New York native Al Levinson. After they wed, the two set out to fulfill their dream of reinventing the Old West. The Levinsons began building their "desert oasis" after extensive historical research.

In addition to the mining-town replica it's known for—which is full of activities such as gift shops, a wax museum, and a reenactment of a Western shootout—Bonnie Springs also has a petting zoo, horseback riding, and its newest feature, the Red Rock Arena. Bringing in people from all over the country, the arena hosts a series of rodeos from early summer to fall. The events include barrel racing, bronc and bull riding, and team roping.

The petting zoo is popular among children. Although there are typical farm animals wandering the grounds—sheep, chickens, and goats—there are more exotic creatures living on the ranch, but they aren't all available to touch. One such animal is the Canadian Lynx named Simba. He was hand-raised by Bonnie, bottle-feeding and all. The lynx isn't the only wild animal Bonnie has had hands-on experience with. The gray wolves see Bonnie on a regular basis. "She goes in the cage with them every day and feeds

Born Bonnie McGaugh, she worked as a dancer and showgirl until meeting her husband, New York native Al Levinson After they wed, the two set out to fulfill their dream of reinventing the Old West.



Bonnie Springs Old Nevada, about a 25-minute drive west of Las Vegas, is a replica of an 1880s mining town on more than 100 acres.

them," says Joe Tasso, event manager. Some of the other animals Bonnie cares for include Coatimundis (a member of the raccoon family), Emus, and Wallabies.

A day in the Old West can leave people hungry. The Bonnie Springs Bar and Restaurant, nestled next to a duck pond for diners to view out the windows, serves up Western home-style cooking. The eatery is famous for its Bonnie Burger, a bacon cheeseburger on sourdough. For children without monstrous appetites, there's a kids menu boasting the Little Lariat, a quarter-pound hot



dog, and the Rowdy Rancher, a barbecued burger with fries. The menus are cleverly glued onto large bottles in the middle of the table.

The atmosphere of the restaurant fits well with the town's theme. A jukebox plays country favorites, and a fireplace blazes in the corner. The full bar has the option of video poker and is covered with pictures of Bonnie as a young dancer, as well as photos of the ranch animals. The most noticeable thing upon entering the restaurant, however, is the strings of dollar bills hanging from the bar ceiling. Customers make their mark

in the Old West by scribbling their name and date on a bill and adding it to the rest. The bills have only been taken down once. "After 9/11, all the money was donated to the New York Fire and Police Department Foundation," Tasso says.

The motel at Bonnie Springs is an attraction in itself. There are regular rooms available, but the real fun rests in the themed rooms. "Ms. Bonnie designed most of these rooms herself," Tasso says. "Some of them have real Old West antiques inside." There is a wide range of themes to choose from, but the real decision rests on the question, hot tub or fireplace? The hot tub becomes a bit more enticing with the option of a bottle of sparkling cider or champagne included with the reservation.

What's the most popular room? "Definitely our [American] Indian room," says clerk Tracie Tineda. "It has antlers on the ceiling and an old-fashioned wooden chair covered in fur, which is one of our favorite parts of the room." The motel also brings in customers who are getting away for special occasions. "That's when people tend to book the theme rooms. They're our most expensive rooms, and people stay there to splurge a little, get away, spend an extra dollar or two, and just relax in a Jacuzzi," Tineda says.

The ranch opens its doors for weddings as well. There is a chapel available for traditional Old West ceremonies, or an optional wedding on horseback. For the truly adventurous, brides and grooms can choose the Shotgun Wedding, complete with gunfights and ending with the groom being hanged at the gallows.

To sum up the Wild West experience of Bonnie Springs, Tasso puts it best, "It's a family operation that just keeps on going. It's good clean fun for the whole family!"



You can munch on a Bonnie Burger at the Bonnie Springs Bar and Restaurant, then ride the miniature train.





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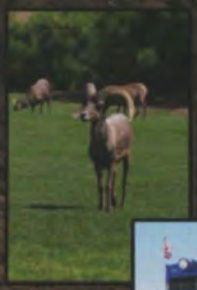
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A sailplane, or glider, is a sleek aerodynamic fixed-wing plane without a motor. The sailplane is towed behind a single-engine airplane. When the pilot of the glider reaches the altitude and location desired, the towrope is released (opposite page). This process is part of an exhilarating ride, which I recently experienced thanks to Soar Minden...

We're approximately one-mile up when my pilot, Sam Whiteside, releases the towrope. The noise of the single-engine towplane quickly fades into the distance, and we slow to 45 mph. We're on our own, gliding over Heavenly Mountain Resort with the snow-capped Sierra Nevada and magnificent Lake Tahoe below.

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Three prominent peaks loom in front of us: Jobs, Jobs Sister, and Freel. We slowly bank to the north. Amazing views of Lake Tahoe unfold. Sam asks me if I want to pilot the plane. I place my right hand on the stick and my feet on the pedals. As I ease the stick forward, the nose of the plane dips and our speed increases. Pulling the stick makes the nose rise and the speed decrease. Moving the stick to the right while pressing on the right foot pedal makes the plane gracefully bank right. It feels so natural; I can see how people get hooked on gliding.

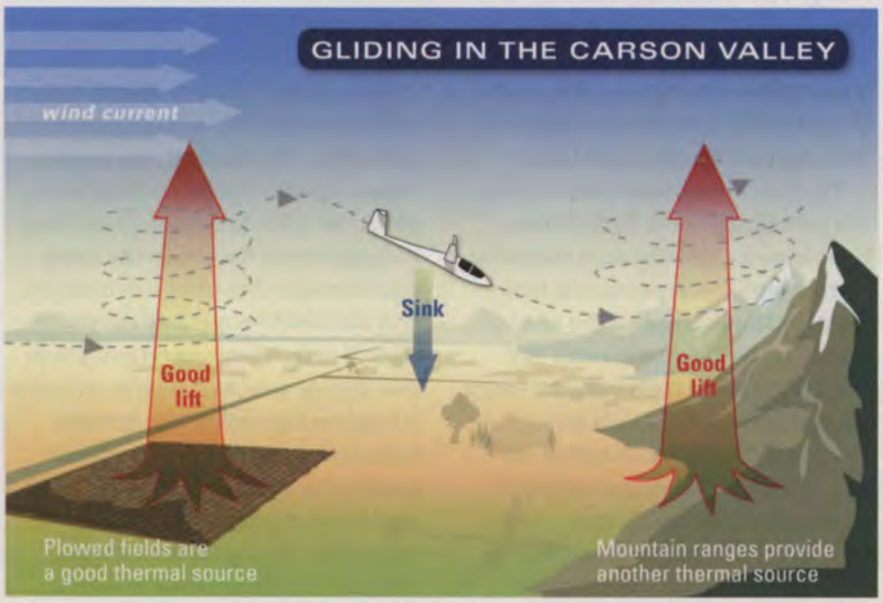
Gliding is a great recreational experience for newcomers like me, but many consider it a competitive sport. How high can I go, how far can I glide, and how long can I remain in the air? These are records that pilots strive to achieve.

If you were to ask gliding enthusiasts, "Where are the best places on earth to glide?" you would likely hear the Andes in Chile, the Southern Alps in New Zealand, the Breede River Valley in South Africa, and Nevada's Carson Valley. In fact, Tony Sabino, owner of Soar Minden, says the second-longest glider flight on record went out of Minden.

Experienced pilots come from around the globe to glide in the Carson Valley. The "record board" in Soar Minden's office shows altitude, distance, and duration records set by pilots from Belgium, Denmark, India, Japan, Pakistan, Poland, and Portugal.

Why is the Carson Valley ideal for gliding? The combination of heat from the Carson Valley and the cooler air of the Sierra Nevada range creates an ideal environment. A glider is a "heavier-than-air" plane and, therefore, is generally descending. A glider can ascend, however, when thermals are encountered. Thermals are streams of rising warm air that are formed on the ground through the warming of the surface by sunlight. When a glider ascends using thermals, it is called "soaring."

When I was a boy I remember vivid dreams in which I was flying. Soaring in a glider may be as close as I'll come to reliving that thrill, and, best of all, it's right here in our own backyard.



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hidden haven

Genoa offers a quiet reprieve for residents and visitors—and even a few celebrities

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN



GENOA

Established: 1851
Population: 255
(*nvenergy.com*)
Elevation: 4,806

During most of the 1990s, Christine Adamson was caught up in what she calls the rat race in Southern California. While her busy life in Newport Beach wasn't all bad, she most looked forward to her once-a-month escape to her parents' house in Genoa. "I liked the slower, kicked-back pace," says Adamson, whose parents moved to Nevada from Saudi Arabia. "People there liked me for the things I liked to do, instead of asking me what I did and sizing me up." Adamson realized she's a "country girl at heart" and relocated to the Western Nevada town.

Really, Adamson's story is a fitting encapsulation of the Genoa lifestyle and attitude. Ask anyone familiar with the town why they like it, and you'll likely get a similar answer. "It's like stepping into the 1800s," Dianna Borges says. "It still has [some of] the old dirt roads and buildings dating to the 1850s." Adamson echoes that sentiment: "I like that stepping-back-in-time feel," she says. "People ride their horses to the corner store and up to the [Genoa Bar]. Where can you really find that anymore? It's like a secret spot."

The town's long history helps explain this prevailing pride in the Old West. Established in 1851 (the town claims the title of Nevada's first permanent settlement) by Mormon traders, the area was known as Mormon Station until 1855 when Judge Orson Hyde named it Genoa, for the Italian birthplace of Christopher Columbus. The town's more than 150 years of existence gives way to historical attractions such as Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa Courthouse Museum, Genoa Bar ("Nevada's Oldest Thirst Parlor"), and a host of other old-time sites, such the Pink House, constructed in 1853 by John Reese, one of Mormon Station's founders.

This appreciation for history is reinforced in the hamlet's businesses and events. With her husband, Dwight, Dianna operates Borges Carriage Rides, which also offers horse rides, in addition to sleigh rides in the winter. The family establishment of 40-plus years hosts dinners and weddings and leads historical tours. "I make it more entertaining than your average tour," says Dianna, who lives in neighboring Gardnerville but does business in Genoa during the warmer months. The company's hay wagons are used in community events such as Halloween. "It's safe, and it's unique," Adamson says about the fall celebration.

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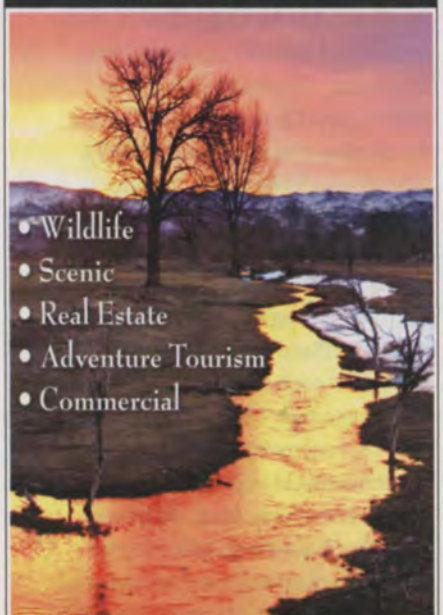
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Genoa has some of the most popular events in the state, highlighted by the Candy Dance Arts and Crafts Faire, held every September, with more than 300 craft and food vendors and thousands of visitors. The event provides a big boost for local business owners like Adamson, who runs Genoa Trading Company. Both Borges and Adamson mention the family oriented Fourth of July Pops in the Park and Sunday Concert on the Green events when asked what their favorite activities are.

Marian Vassar, a dedicated volunteer in area schools and Genoa's new library, loves the annual Christmas gatherings. "They're nice home-spun, American, apple pie kinds of activities," says Vassar, who has been associated with Genoa since 1954, when she met her husband, Kay. She has been a permanent resident since 1994.

Genoa can be a resort destination as well. The area offers three bed and breakfasts, as well as the tempting David Walley's Hot Springs and Spa.

Even given Genoa's general national obscurity, it has still managed to attract some notable characters. Adamson's husband, Marty, worked at the Genoa Bar for more than 20 years and served the likes of John Denver, The Judds, Clint Eastwood, Willie Nelson, and Charlie Daniels. During the filming of the "Shootist" (1976), John Wayne's last movie, Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, Lauren Bacall, and Hugh O'Brian paid to have the bar to themselves. Ann Margaret also visited the town during the filming of her TV movie, "A Place Called Home."

So does each new celebrity appearance mean that Western Nevada's best-kept secret is officially out? Some residents would argue yes. "Marty has seen the revolving door," Adamson says. "He'll often say, 'It used to be that I'd work all night and see two cars drive through.'" Of course, Marty isn't counting all the people on horseback who have passed through. They fit in so well around here, they nearly go unnoticed.

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June 21, July 19, Sept. 13
Pops in the Park,
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BY WENDY DAMONTE | PHOTOS BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Sake, vodka, green tea liqueur, and salted cherry blossom. Wow! Whatever happened to good ol' Budweiser in the can? But at the Tender Bar in Tokyo (the subject of a September 2008 article in *bon appétit*), that's what cocktail hour entails. Since its Japanese beginning nearly 100 years ago, the mixology phenomenon has spread across the globe. Its latest incarnation takes the concept of a cocktail to a new level—far beyond the Manhattans and gin martinis we know so well. We have entered a new era in alcohol, one with drinks whose ingredient lists read like an intricate dessert recipe. While Japan may be the originator, Nevada has to be on the mixology map somewhere, I thought. We have Charlie Palmer and Bobby Flay for Pete's sake. So I set out to see what Nevada has to offer.

Reno's Atlantis has the only certified mixologist in Northern Nevada, Erik Tirums, and he's kicking it up a notch for the property's Seafood Steakhouse, expected to be renovated by late summer. "We are pushing the envelope a little," he says. "We are going to molecular mixology—to the chemicals—separating fats into dust so they can be used as a cocktail rim and marrying different temperatures, such as a frozen gin fizz with a hot gin foam. It really creates a new experience."

Tirums says the hot trend at Bistro Napa's bar is bringing back the classics with a modern twist. He pours me a Hibiscus Manhattan. The bourbon is Basil Hayden, and the decorative flower was flown in from Australia. As the amber libation flows into my mouth, my first sense is warmth, followed by subtle sweetness, and finally the taste buds on the back of my tongue sing out in chorus, "Hallelujah, bourbon is back!"

Award-winning mixologist Patricia Richards calls Las Vegas home. She oversees more than 25 bars at the Wynn and Encore Las Vegas properties. She says mixology is about having a "discerning power to know quality spirits versus non-quality spirits." At Sinatra restaurant, inside Encore, she created the Sinatra Smash. It blends fresh blackberries with sweet and sour, Sonoma vanilla-infused simple syrup, crème de cassis, and Gentleman Jack Tennessee Whiskey. "Any girl who doesn't like whiskey [will still] love this cocktail," Richards says.

At Charlie Palmer, inside Grand Sierra Resort, Barry Rockburn muddles basil leaves with simple syrup and vodka in the Basil Martini. The earthiness of the herb creates the depth while the sugar brings you back up for air and back to the bar for another round. Fellow taster Melissa Batchelder says, "It tastes like..." and then purrs while clawing at the air with her pretend paw. About another drink, the 775, Neda Iranpour says, "It's a local's drink. You're just so proud to order it."

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Lou DiAngelo of Roxy's, inside the Eldorado, is making his own flavor-infused vodkas. He puts anything from espresso beans to cantaloupe chunks into a jar of vodka and lets it meld for a few days. One of the best cocktails I try is cantaloupe vodka, soda, and a touch of 7/11. He's also pouring a mojito with absinthe. Absinthe used to be illegal in the U.S. because of its alleged hallucinogenic qualities. In my opinion, it should remain illegal because of its taste.

A few blocks south of the casino district, we head into Frank Perez's Polo Lounge. It's wall-to-wall people, so my group is ushered up to his private office—a loft where zebra skin couches, dark green walls, and pictures of famous faces all blend together to make the perfect parlor.

Bartender Shawn Waldron stirs up new cocktails based on customers' personal tastes. "It's like asking them how they like their steak," he says. He personalizes his mixology, but he's becoming well known for one drink in particular, Liquid Sex. It's a delightful combination of vanilla vodka, Chambord (raspberry liqueur), Grand Marnier (orange liqueur), and cranberry juice. After a few of those, I was grateful my husband had come along as my designated driver. On the ride home, I relaxed into my seat assured that mixology is alive and well in Nevada.

In the article in which I read about those exotic ingredients of sake, green tea liqueur, and salted cherry blossom, the author divulged that he had a hangover the next day and went for tempura. That's Japan. This is Nevada. While the hangover is the same, I'm headed for a chili-cheese omelet.





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3 oz. sweet & sour
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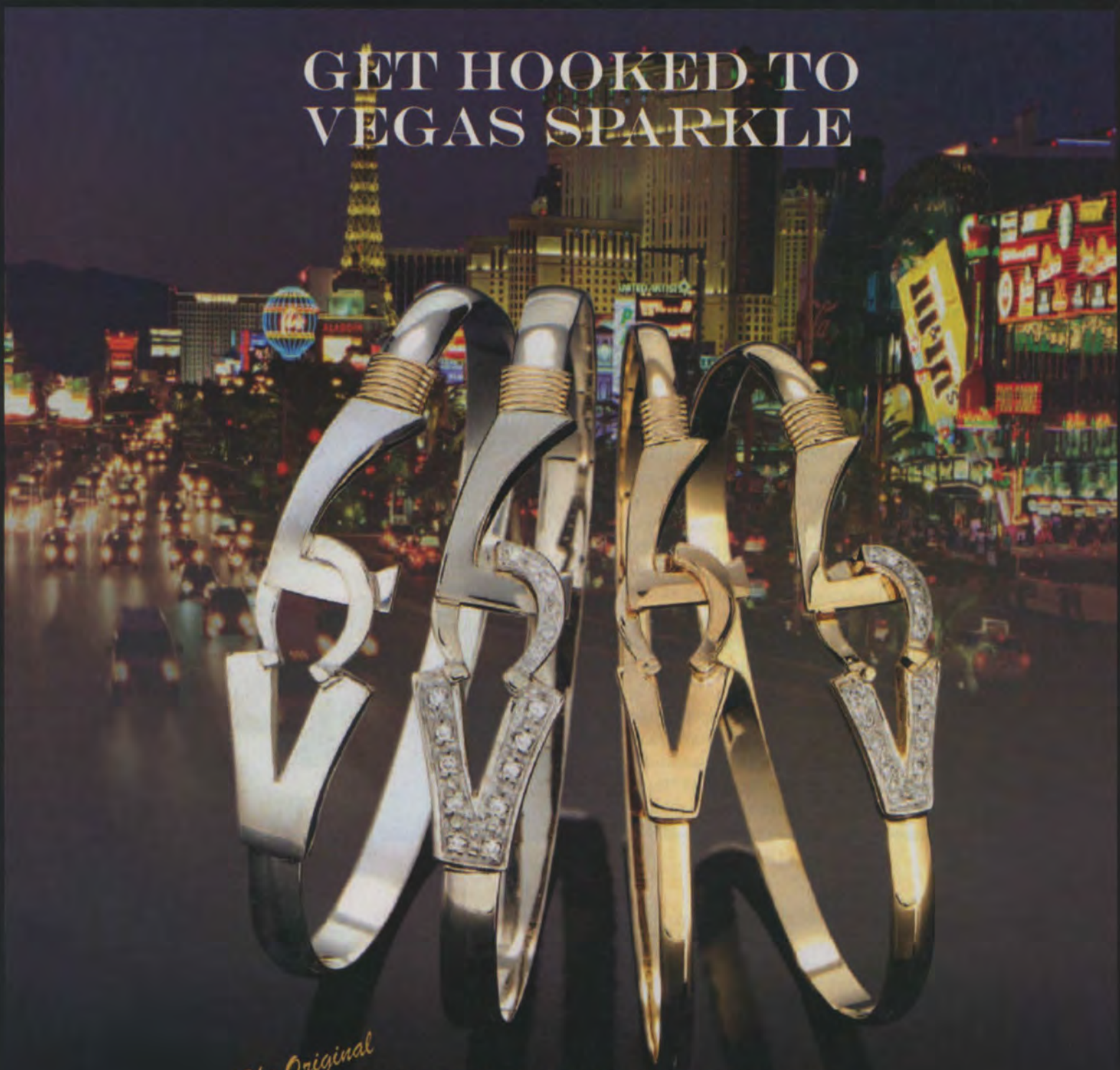


Hibiscus Manhattan
2 oz. Basil Hayden Bourbon
1/4 oz. sweet vermouth
1/4 oz. Australian Hibiscus syrup
Dash of bitters
Hibiscus blossom
Chill a cocktail glass. Mix all liquid ingredients in a mixer glass and pack with ice. Stir vigorously. Dump the ice from the cocktail glass, and gently place the hibiscus blossom at the bottom. Strain the cocktail into the glass.



Sinatra Smash
4 fresh blackberries
1 1/2 oz. fresh sweet & sour
1/4 oz. Sonoma vanilla-infused Simple Syrup
1/2 oz. Briottet Crème de Cassis
1 1/2 oz. Gentleman Jack Tennessee Whiskey
In a mixing glass, muddle the blackberries with the sweet and sour. Add the remaining ingredients and shake with ice until chilled. Strain over cracked ice in an old-fashioned glass. Garnish (a beautiful mint sprig, dusted with icing sugar), and serve.

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ADVENTURER

Rick Gunn

South Lake Tahoe

Technically, Rick Gunn's journey began (and ended) on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. Philosophically, it began much sooner, when his dad took the training wheels off his purple Schwinn Stingray, and he discovered the freedom of pedaling. "I found something in that simple act of motion, atop that simple machine of rubber and steel, that brought me back to myself," Gunn told an audience of about 100 at Reno's McKinley Arts Center in March. The center was one of many stops on a tour in which Gunn shared images from his recent three-year, 25,811-mile bicycle journey around the planet.

Dubbed "Soulcycler," the presentation takes the audience on an emotional rollercoaster, following Gunn through 33 countries, including a grueling 1,200-mile stint over 12 passes in Tibet ranging from 15,000 to 18,000 feet. He spent time in an orphanage in Nepal, volunteered at an AIDS Hospice in Thailand, covered bomb extraction and mine victim rehabilitation in Laos and Vietnam, and planted trees in Borneo.

Gunn has 20 years of journalism experience, including tenures as a photographer for the *Nevada Appeal* and *Tahoe Daily Tribune*. What possessed the 45-year-old to cycle the world, risking his health and mental stability? "The purpose of my photos and writings are to move people into action," he says. **rickgunnphotography.com**, 530-545-8586







ARTIST

Sharon K. Schafer

Boulder City

As a former field biologist and naturalist, Sharon K. Schafer has a long-held passion for wildlife and landscapes of the desert southwest. It's that love and Schafer's inborn artistic talent that have led her to a life as a full-time artist. Schafer shares her photography, paintings, and drawings from her Skydance Studio in Boulder City and her show, The Art of Nature: Images from the Wildlands of Southern Nevada. The exhibit runs at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City through August 31. In stark contrast to her usual desert subjects, Schafer has spent more than 80 days as an artist in residence in the Arctic and Antarctic. She also teaches art- and nature-related classes at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Canyonlands Field Institute, and Joshua Tree National Park's Desert Institute. **skschaferart.com**, 702-239-3673

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PHOTOGRAPHER

Cynthia Delaney

Elko

Growing up in rural northeastern Nevada instills patience and a deep respect for the beauty of nature. Cynthia Delaney's upbringing in such an environment—riding horseback through endless miles of sagebrush and bouncing along ranch roads with her parents and brothers—has served her well as a nature, wildlife, and travel photographer. Her career has taken her to such exotic locales as Botswana, Ecuador, and Norway, and her work has appeared in *Nevada Magazine* numerous times as well as other publications including *Montana Magazine*, *Range* magazine, *Reno Gazette-Journal*, and *RV Journal*. Delaney also teaches photography at Great Basin College in Elko and offers photo workshops in Nevada (May 29-31 in Elko/Lamoille Canyon) and international locations. **cynthiadelaney.com**, 775-753-5833



ROLE MODEL

Miguel Hernandez

Reno

With only six or seven hours a day at school, most teens and preteens have a fair amount of free time. Few, however, receive awards for how they choose to spend it. Damonte Ranch High School senior Miguel Hernandez has for the last eight years been a member of the Boys and Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows. For his participation in Club activities that include SMART Moves, Leaders in Training, Money Matters, and NetSmartz, the 18-year-old was named the 2008 Youth of the Year. He was chosen for his positive attitude, work ethic, and commitment. Hernandez has already received a $1,000 scholarship in recognition of his success and is in the running for the regional and national awards, which include a $10,000 and $15,000 scholarship, respectively. **bgctm.org**, 775-331-5437

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Brett Sodetz

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Brett Sodetz acts and looks like any other seven-year-old boy. But his shaggy hair, missing front teeth, and nonchalant demeanor belie his fame; Sodetz is a world-champion golfer. The 3-foot-10-inch golfer has been swinging clubs since he was 18 months old, and today he can drive a ball 150 yards. After two years of formal competition, Steve and Nancy Sodetz (Brett's parents) moved the family from Chicago to Las Vegas so their son could hone his uncanny skills year-round.

To keep Sodetz from burning out, his parents involve him in other activities such as baseball, soccer, and tae kwon do. He is also an exceptional student and takes advanced math and Spanish courses. His parents make it a point not to put too much pressure on him. "It's all about him having fun," says Steve, also his son's caddy. Gary Xavier, a youth tournament coordinator, confirms this. "Kids here cry all the time on the course because parents put a lot of pressure on them, and they just snap," he says. "But Brett is always smiling."



Kimberly Yee

Las Vegas

Some athleticism is hereditary, some is earned through countless hours of hard work, and some is a product of both. As the daughter of a tennis pro, it seems fitting that Kimberly Yee is a tennis success, but it is her determination and drive that have her consistently atop the United States Tennis Association's 12-and-under ranking. In December 2008, the 12-year-old won the 12-and-under singles championship, doubles championship, and received the sportsmanship award at the USTA National Winter Championship in Tucson. In a February story from the Las Vegas Sun, Yee's coach Tim Blenkiron of the Las Vegas Hilton Tennis Academy said she has the potential to play on the professional tour. "She deals with pressure well and she has never had much fear," Blenkiron says.



Shoshone houses near Upper Hot Creek Ranch.
Right: Lower Hot Creek Ranch, circa 1890.



western nostalgia

Nevada's Hot Creek Range brings travelers back to a simpler, yet rougher, time.

BY PATRICIA COOPER-SMITH

A few hours drive east of Tonopah off U.S. Highway 6, the eastern slope of the Hot Creek Range is a testament to rural Western culture. Tucked into canyons and near scarce water sources are crumbling monuments to mid-19th- and early 20th-century miners and ranchers. The Shoshone Indians left evidence of their existence and carved their stories into the rock. A trip to the area transports visitors to a time when life was hard and self-reliance was the order of the day.

The range is accessible north of Warm Springs, which marks the junction with State Route 375. The dots on this part of the Nevada map are chock-full of history, geography, and wildlife. The sky appears endless, and ribbons of roadbed snake into infinity. The mountains change color as the sun rises and falls. You may meet a herd of wild mustangs, a rising flock of antelope, a stand of Bighorn sheep, or a soaring golden eagle. Place names trigger the imagination—Rawhide, Amethyst, Empire, Keystone, Old Dominion, Tybo, and Hot Creek.



Petroglyphs

Sonia Barndt DeHart (1906-2003) was raised in the area. In her oral history document, DeHart remembers that the land was "...just lying out there. It didn't belong to anyone. ...People made their own boundaries. ...It was a gun-fighting thing." By the 1870s there were several thousand people there, mostly men. Fortunes were made and lost in these mining towns, and numerous lost treasure stories are still being told. Stage coaches regularly operated between Eureka, Belmont, Morey, Hot Creek, and Tybo.

Ten miles north of Warm Springs, Hot Creek Road leads to Tybo. Mining began at Tybo in the 1870s and continued sporadically into the 1930s. DeHart's son, Gil Cochran, from Reno and Upper Hot Creek Ranch, says Tybo was a "thriving mining town with stores, bars, stables, and a newspaper, the *Tybo Sun*." At its largest, he estimates its population was about 3,000. Today, there is a collection of original buildings, a few residents, and two old charcoal kilns beyond the town site. Charcoal kilns, large brick beehive-shaped structures used to make charcoal for smelters at the mines, are scattered throughout the area. From Tybo, if you continue north past Keystone, where a few old stone buildings remain, you reach Hot Creek Ranch at the mouth of Hot Creek Canyon.

PHOTOS: COURTESY OF GIL COCHRAN (TOP & MIDDLE), DON SOUTHWICK (BOTTOM)



Large brick beehive-shaped structures were used by miners to make charcoal.

Today, Hot Creek Ranch is a privately owned cattle ranch with an 1890s stone house and a long history. This was Cochran's great-grandparents'—J.T. and Sophie Williams—home and hotel. The Williamses built the structure in the 1870s to accommodate the many teams, stagecoach drivers, passengers, and horses that passed through. DeHart recalls, "Grandmother said some evenings they had 300 horses...put up in the meadows to rest from the stagecoaches." The home-hotel was destroyed in an 1882 fire and rebuilt. DeHart describes her grandfather's home as "a big stone hotel where they [threw parties]" with a racetrack for horses. The former town of Hot Creek, the center of the mining district, was nearby.

Continuing north, you skirt along the northeastern slope of the Hot Creek Range, passing a string of canyons. Dry camping is permitted in the side canyons off the main road, but four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended as these roads are not maintained and road conditions quickly change. Between Hobble and Morey Canyons is Morey Peak—a commanding presence at 10,246 feet. The once-bustling mining town of Morey has ruins of stone cabins. DeHart recalls a group of Shoshone known as the "Morey Indians," who told "the white people about the ore," and groups of Shoshone from Morey, Tybo, and Twin Springs gathering at Hot Creek "for big fandangos" in which they would sing and gamble. In the 1870s, Moores Station was a stagecoach stop on the Belmont-Tybo-Eureka line. Today, the stone house has been restored and is a private residence.

When you drive through this land, imagine scraping together a living as a hunter-gatherer Shoshone or a miner adjusting to a harsh, dry, unforgiving land. This is a place of great beauty and extremes; treat it kindly.



PHOTOS: DON SOUTHWICK (TOP)



RURAL TRAVEL TIPS

- Carry a detailed atlas when traveling the Nevada outback.
- Auto safety: Start with a full gas tank. Check your tires (have a spare, a jack, and know how to use it), oil, water, and the general condition of your car.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry a flashlight, sleeping bags or blankets, a day's supply of food, and plenty of water. Outside of Tonopah there are no stores or places to eat.
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No. 3 1958

Virginia City Centennial: In 1958, we previewed the town's 100th-birthday celebration of 1959. The historic landmark turns 150 this June.

MAY

1, 1871 – Initial construction of the Capitol Building in Carson City is completed.



CAPITOL BUILDING

3, 1906 – Ruby Mountains Forest Reserve is established by Presidential Proclamation.

8, 1841 – The Bidwell Party, the first expedition to cross Nevada on the way to California, departs Independence, Missouri.

15, 1876 – Snowshoe Thompson, the first Sierra Nevada mail carrier, dies and is buried in Genoa.



SNOWSHOE THOMPSON

13, 1868 – Reno is established. The area was formerly known as Lake's Crossing, named for Myron Lake's toll bridge across the Truckee River.

19, 1900 – Jim Butler discovers rich deposits of silver ore at Tonopah.

31, 1950 – The last run of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad—until it opens again very soon as a tourist attraction.



RENO: ESTABLISHED IN 1868

JUNE

6, 1933 – The first concrete is poured at Hoover Dam.



HOOVER DAM

8, 1859 – Peter O'Riely and Patrick McLaughlin discover the Comstock Lode.

COMSTOCK LODE



17, 1914 – The first transcontinental telephone line is completed, with the last pole installed near West Wendover.

18, 1868 – The first passenger train crosses the Sierra Nevada into Reno.

24, 1893 – A Nevada post office, Los Vegas, is established, perhaps to distinguish it from Las Vegas, New Mexico Territory

TRANSCONTINENTAL TELEPHONE LINE



27, 1859 – The claim resulting in the Yellowjacket mine is recorded. This mine yielded millions of dollars according to Gold Hill records.

Nevada Magazine volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.



This year marks the 17th annual Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club Convention.

lady luck and miss memorabilia

South Point welcomes annual Las Vegas gaming collectables convention

BY JACK BULAVSKY

Sheldon Smith is the education and publicity director for The Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. There are many reasons why he gives so much time and attention to this group, but make no mistake—he's a collector, too. "My wife and I have always enjoyed playing in the casinos but haven't been able to win many chips," he says. "So we decided to collect them instead."

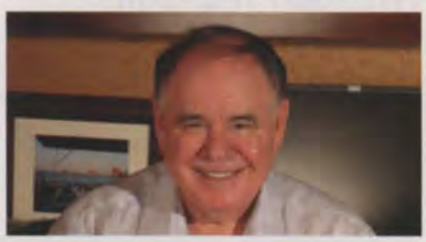
Smith and his wife will be joining other fanatics during the group's 17th annual convention, June 24-27 at the South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. There are 2,500 members in the U.S. with international membership reaching into Australia, Canada, England, the Far East, France, Germany, and Spain.

Collectors will be after more than just casino chips and gaming tokens. The show floor, open to the public, will display napkins, matchbooks, coasters, posters, and other items from casinos that are distant memories (think Showboat, Desert Inn, and Hacienda) and recently opened ones such as Encore Las Vegas and The Palazzo.

Smith says each club member has his or her own reason for collecting. "Many are not interested in gaming, per se, but are intrigued by the names of some of the casinos, or for that matter, casinos named after Nevada towns," he explains. "A man whose last name was Gabbs was fascinated by all the gaming items he found with that name printed on them and eventually became an avid collector. I had an ashtray from Sharkey's [Nugget] in Gardnerville and put it on eBay. A Mr. Sharkey bought it only because the ashtray had his name on it."

Smith's favorite story is about a woman who went to the Showboat in 1961 on her honeymoon and took home a $1 chip as a memento. On one side was the famous Showboat paddlewheel, and on the other was a picture of people on the gaming floor. Since casinos were smaller then, not many chips were made, and this one was unique. After returning home, she placed the chip in her jewelry box and rediscovered it 45 years later. She placed it on eBay and, in March 2008, sold it for $28,000. There is another story about a man who bought a 1950s $100 Sahara chip—with a pyramid on one side—for $100,000 because it was the only one of its kind still in existence.

Las Vegan Gene Trimble is a collector and avid historian who has written about illegal gaming and chips. He has personally collected more than 30,000—legally, of course. "I was already collecting coins when chips caught my attention," he says. "The more I collected, the more history I discovered, and that really peaked my interest. Collecting chips or other gaming tokens and paraphernalia is taking a chance because someday someone may find a box of chips stashed away somewhere, and your one-of-a-kind becomes one of 100...or 1,000."



EVENT

What: The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club Convention
When: June 24-27
Where: South Point Hotel & Casino
Keynote Speaker: Michael Gaughan (above), South Point owner

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BY JOYCE HOLLISTER

Bucolic Carson Valley is the last place you might expect to find the latest in green fuels and cutting-edge manufacturing technology These three Minden businesses will make you think otherwise.

GASSING UP WITHOUT THE GU LT

Motorists can fill their tanks with alternative fuels at the Bently Biofuels Outpost Retail Station 24 hours a day. The station regularly pumps three blends of biodiesel and two blends of ethanol.

Nearly any car on the road can operate on at least one of the competitively priced blends, says founder Don Bently.

The Outpost's biodiesel begins life as used cooking oil purchased from Northern Nevada restaurants. About 10,000 gallons of pure biodiesel are produced weekly at Bently's nearby plant.

The oil, which smells vaguely of French fries, is combined with ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel in varying percentages to produce the blends sold at the retail station. "It's a simple chemical process," Bently says. The station's ethanol fuel is a mixture of unleaded gasoline and bioethanol that is purchased in California.

The filling station itself is "green." Solar panels provide heat, and high-efficiency lighting fixtures illuminate the fuel plaza. Constructed of sustainable materials, the station is in the process of becoming gold-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council. The convenience store sells organic snacks and is open mornings to evenings. Recycling bins accept plastic, tin, aluminum, and glass.

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CARBON-FIBER COOL

Surfers looking for durability and high performance might want to invest in an Aviso American Made surfboard. Owner John Omohundro is the third generation of

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North Sails workers are suspended from moveable gantries as they inspect every intricate step of the sailmaking process. Inset: the underside of a 3DL mold.

his family to manufacture leading-edge products—such as nose cones for jets and masts for racing yachts—with composite resins and carbon fibers.

Aviso's surfboards are hollow. Riding a wave, the carbon-fiber board flexes, storing and then releasing kinetic energy. This allows the rider to accelerate rather than decelerate through turns, an advantage over conventional surfboards.

Traditionally built foam, wood, and fiberglass surfboards give up within a few months, but Aviso boards can last for years. "I've taken my board all over the world, from New Zealand to Fiji to Mexico," Omohundro says.

Light weight is another advantage of the carbon-fiber and hollow construction—even the smallest surfer can carry an 8-pound, 9-foot Aviso board up a hill. Top surfboard shapers, among them Cole Simler and Jeff "Doc" Lausch, design the boards, which are available in 83 styles and range from 5 to 10.6 feet. Surfers can choose from 10 colors—but many think Aviso black is the coolest.

SET YOUR SAILS TO THE NORTH

Racing yachts crisscross the ocean thanks to North Sails, the world's largest sailmaker, which has 63 major manufacturing facilities, also known as lofts, worldwide. The North Sails Nevada loft in Minden specializes in custom-designed sails for America's Cup and other seagoing competitors who use the company's proprietary 3DL technology.

Crews in the Volvo Ocean Race must plan in advance how many sails they will need, as they frequently sail thousands of miles away from land. "We build all the sails for those boats," says J. Brandon, quality assurance and training manager for North Sails Nevada. "Sails are a custom product, and a number of factors go into the design."

Shaped like a triangular airfoil, the 3DL (the "L" is for laminate) sail is a durable sandwich of plastic film, tough synthetic yarns, such as lightweight carbon fibers, and adhesives. Built on an adjustable 3DL mold, the layers are compressed, then bonded with heat. Computer software guides the entire process. Workers are suspended from moveable gantries as they inspect every step.

Renowned sail designers create each sail on a computer. They take into account where and under what conditions the sails will be used and test the designs in virtual wind tunnels. The sails for a 90-foot trimaran with a 158-foot mast are now in production. The vessel's owners hope to claim victory in the next America's Cup race.

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THE CHANGING SEASONS

LAMOILLE CANYON



Lamoille Canyon lies in the heart of the Ruby Mountains, Nevada's wettest mountain range. A spectacular byway winds around the base of the 11,387-foot Ruby Dome and climbs through the glacier-carved canyon to nearly 9,000 feet. Four interpretive panels lead travelers past meadows bursting with blazing wildflowers, abundant wildlife, waterfalls, and avalanche chutes. Mountain goats, Bighorn sheep, and an array of birds can be spotted in the rocky outcrops. Besides wildlife watching, other popular activities include hiking, camping, fishing, rock climbing, and backcountry skiing and snowboarding—depending on the season.—*U.S. Forest Service*



Lamoille Canyon and the surrounding Ruby Mountains are a fisherman's paradise. Numerous creeks snake through the area, providing anglers with a number of waterways in which to try their luck. There's nothing quite like a cast of autumn gold around a grove of aspens, of which plenty exist in the area. Photos by Ryan Salm



Autumn



There's nothing quite like a cast of autumn gold around a grove of aspens.





Photos: Deanna Esplin (top & bottom right), Carol Petrie (bottom left)











Clockwise from top left: Mule deer move lower into the canyons and valleys in the winter to escape the biting cold of the mountains. Photo by Carol Petrie. Snowmobiling is one of Lamoille Canyon's most popular winter activities. Photo by Jodi Esplin. Snow covers most of the plant life during the harsh winters on the high ridges. Photo by Deanna Esplin. Bighorn sheep blend in well with the high-desert landscape. Photo by Jodi Esplin. The mountains around Lamoille Canyon offer superb backcountry skiing and boarding. Save yourself the trek, and drop in via helicopter with Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience (*helicopterskiing.com*). Photo by Jodi Esplin.

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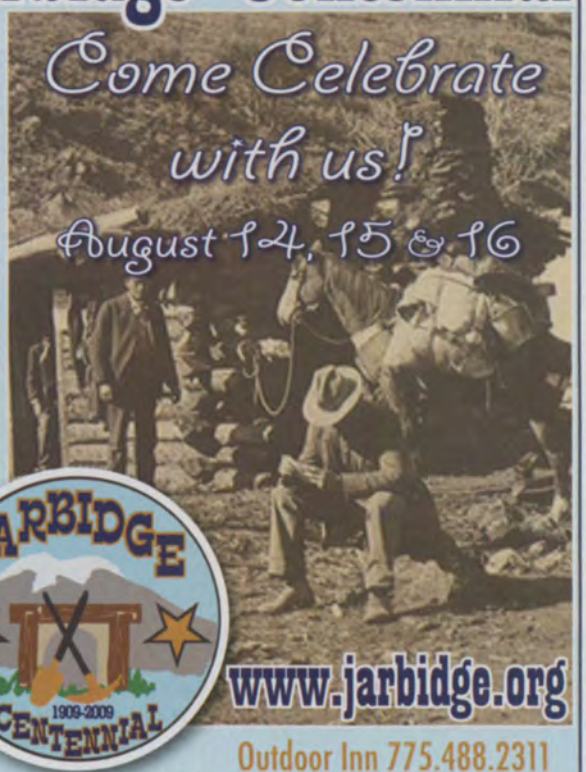
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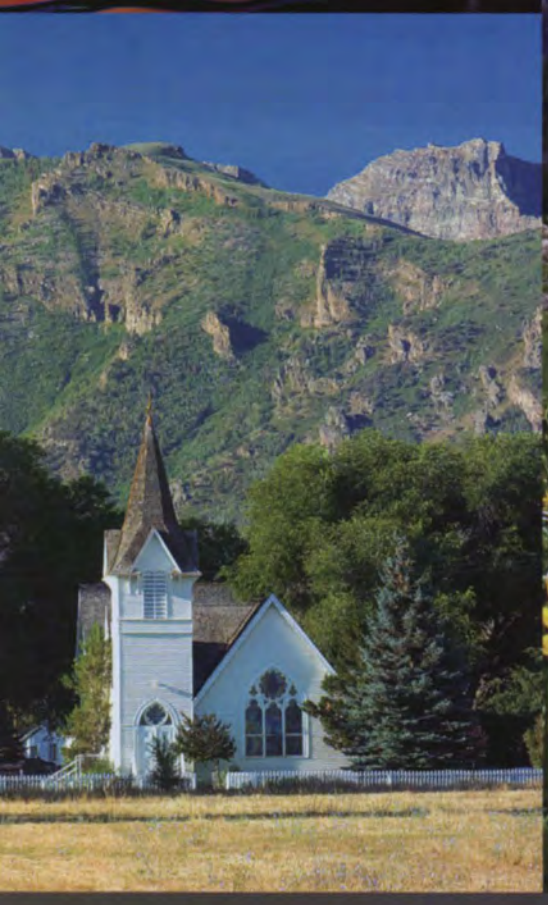
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The Ruby Mountains' typically heavy snowpack makes for a robust spring wildflower bloom in the canyon. Spring and summer activities run the gamut from sightseeing, cycling, and horseback riding to hiking—Lamoille Canyon Road provides access to the 37-mile Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail. The Scenic Byway is plenty big for RVers,

Spring













and you might even see classic car drivers cruising with the top down. If you're traveling east from Elko or Spring Creek on State Route 227, and you don't make a right onto Lamoille Canyon Road, you come to the pleasant village-like town of Lamoille. Dating to 1905, the Little Church of the Crossroads (bottom left) stands out in the tiny community. Small businesses such as Lamoille Woodcrafters (far right) beckon visitors.

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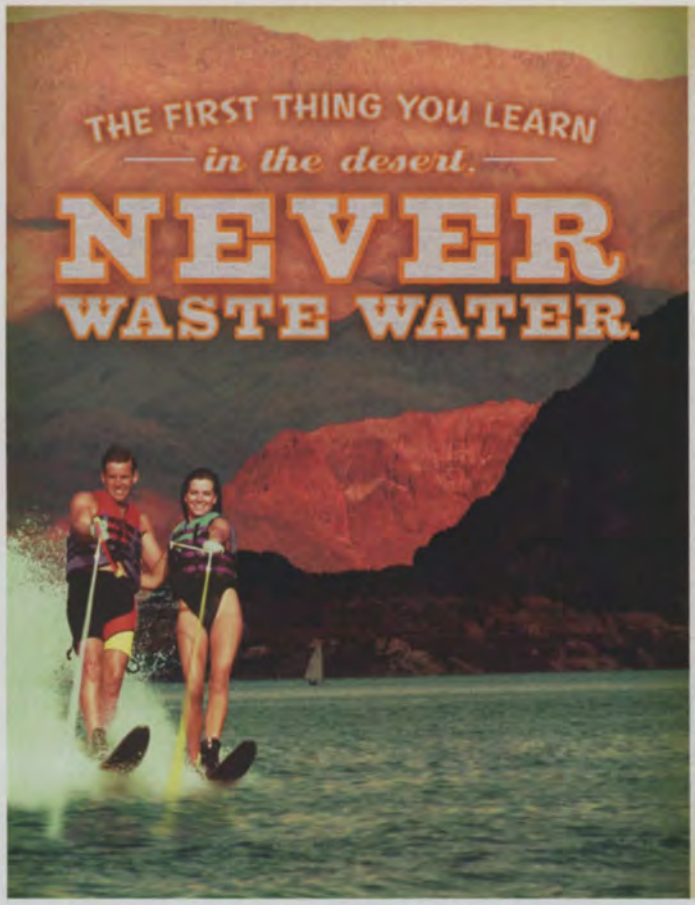
"The Lion King" takes the stage at Mandalay Bay.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON



Lions, monkeys, and other exotic animals on the Las Vegas Strip are hardly a novelty any more. But get those animals to sing and dance, and you're bound to turn a couple of heads. After 12 successful years on Broadway and tours around the world, "The Lion King" roars into Sin City on Friday, May 15. With its laundry list of accolades and awards—a Tony for best musical director, six Tonyâs, and the New York Drama Critics award for best musical to name a few—this show, like its namesake animal, is king of the jungle.

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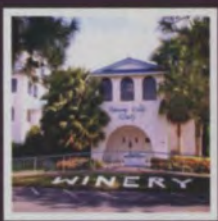
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to reacquaint with their favorite characters from the film as only live actors can portray them—Simba *still* can't wait to be king; Scar is more evil and devious than ever before; and Timon and Pumbaa are just as carefree as you remember. Creative costumes and puppets artfully meld the humanity of the actors with the animalism of the characters, and unique sets transform the theater into the African Savannah. The diverse cast includes actors from around the world with résumés that include performances in such Broadway plays as "Grease," "Miss Saigon," "Rent," and "The Color Purple."

The score features Elton John and Tim Rice's music from the animated film, along with three new songs by the duo. Additional music is produced by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Hans Zimmer, and director Julie Taymor. Las Vegas native John Morgan was so excited for the show that he waited in line for 36 hours to be first to get his tickets when they went on sale in March. For his patience, Morgan received free tickets to the show, a one-night stay at Mandalay Bay, and various show-related merchandise.

Preview performances begin May 5, with the official opening on May 15.

SHOW NOTES

The Lion King
Mandalay Bay
Opening night: May 15
Dark Fri. thereafter
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A car show and charity event at the East Ely Railroad Depot. Bottom Left: Alan Crawley shines his 1939 two-door Chevy Sedan with a big-block engine.



EVENT

'Round Nevada Classic Car Tour
June 1-6
Departs National Automobile Museum, Reno
nevada-rides.com
e-mail: nevada-rides@lycos.com

classic "care" tour

Philanthropy is priority number one on annual Nevada car tour

BY NOELLE MACHADO

"High profile, below the radar" is how Gary Davis and Alan "Big Al" Crawley describe the 'Round Nevada Classic Car Tour, due to the prominent characters who have joined the event over the years. There have been Microsoft executives and federal and state judges, but it's not the names that are important on this journey (in fact, participants are asked not to divulge their last names, and the tour is unaffiliated with a specific club or group). It's the cause.

The 'Round Nevada Classic Car Tour was started in 2005 by Davis and a small group of friends who wanted to do something different: tour Nevada in their classic cars and put on car shows, but help people at the same time. As they travel to various small towns, they support charitable organizations and give 100-percent access to their vehicles. "They can have sidewalk sales, take pictures, bring in the local car clubs, anything they can derive from the cars they can have. It's about the benefit that others get from our being there," Davis says.

The group makes sure to stop at each senior citizens center and share car stories while asking, "What can we do for you?"—never asking for anything in return. Even the

$75 entry fee goes to organizations such as Boys & Girls Clubs, Lions Clubs, or individuals who have fallen on hard times. "We like to do for others when they don't expect it," Crawley says. For instance, they've bought replacement blanks for a group that put on a re-enactment show for them, funded dental work for seniors, paid for a little girl to go to an educational camp, and purchased furniture for a medical center.

Each year the tour kicks off with a free car show at the Atlantis in Reno called Concours d'Arrogonce. The May 31 event is open to everyone with an American-made 1972 or older vehicle. There is no judging and no classes to enter. "It's a car show; come show your car," Davis says.

The yearly turnout for Concours d'Arrogonce is close to 200, and everyone who participates gets an award. This year KOLO Reno weathercaster Dick Stoddard will DJ and play popular '50s and '60s music.

There are no ribbons, prizes, or trophies on the 'Round Nevada Classic Car Tour. It's invite only, and applications are accepted via e-mail. Organizers will pick 75 vehicles to depart the Atlantis on June 1 at 8:30 a.m. (the drivers enjoy a mixer at the Elks Club the night before). "And the tour begins," Crawley says.

In 2009, instead of traveling around Nevada, the tour will go mostly through California and Oregon. The itinerary for the five-night, six-day tour starts with a charity event at the National Automobile Museum in Reno on Monday morning, June 1. After departing the museum, the convoy heads north through eastern California and southern Oregon. Then the tour returns to California and travels south along the coast before returning to Reno.

Some stops along the way include Susanville, Burney, Klamath Falls, Bob Drake's Ford Shop in Grants Pass, Cresent City, Eureka, and lunch in the Redwoods. Each stop they make will have some kind of food or snacks and a coinciding charitable event with donations. Remember, there are no rules on the tour. Simply leave one town in the morning and arrive in the next in the evening—you can stop anywhere you wish along the way.

The tour is one of the most unique car events in Nevada. For a group of people like Davis and Crawley, it is about getting your car on the road and enjoying it to the fullest, helping the local communities, and giving back to people who need it most. This tour could not be put on without the help of many dedicated people. Davis and Crawley are thankful for people like Claire Blurton. Blurton is a very special addition to the team. The 81-year old not only handles the registration, she also drives herself every year as a support vehicle and bakes fresh cookies for the dinners.



PHOTO: NOELLE MACHADO (TOP RIGHT)

Residents check out classics in Carlin. Top Right: 1960 Cadillac at the Wells Fun Run.



UPCOMING NEVADA CAR EVENTS

Show What Ya Brung
May 15-16
Eureka
eurekacarshow.info
775-340-7599

Battle Born Showdown
May 22-24
Virginia City
myspace.com/battlebornshowdown
775-229-1268

Gasoline Alley's Birthday Bash
May 23-24
Las Vegas
Cannery Casino & Eldorado Park
birthdaybask.net
702-371-7469

Koyote Kruisers Show & Shine
June 20
Winnemucca
Vesco Park
775-623-9543

Karson Kruzer's Run What Cha Brung
June 26-28
Carson City
Fuji Park
775-883-0927

Wells Fun Run
July 24-26
Wells
775-340-5555

Hot August Nights
July 31-Aug. 9
Reno-Sparks
hotaugustnights.net
775-356-1956 x.1

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SOUTHERN NEVADA

may/june

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MAY

1

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World Market Center
World View Room
theaffairtoremember.org
702-477-0048

Black Label Society w/ Dope & Cycle of Pain
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Boz Scaggs
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-732-7117

Jennifer Hudson & Robin Thicke
The Palms
livenation.com
800-745-3000

Jr. Dragster Test 'n' Tune
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Midnight Mayhem
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Rusted Root
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

(1, 15-16)
Viva!
Tribute to Santana
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

(1-2)
Claudine Castro Band
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(1-2, 7-8)
David Spade
The Venetian
ventian.com
866-641-7469

(1-3)
The Las Vegas Tenors
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
702-636-7111

(1-3)
Four Tops
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
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MAY

2-4

World Tea Expo
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
worldteaexpo.com
702-745-3000

WORLD TEA EXPO is offering a cure for the economic flu. Held in conjunction with this event is the second annual World Tea Championship, an independent evaluation of the top teas from around the world. The winners are announced during the expo awards ceremony. The expo is a robust marketplace that brings together hundreds of new products and the latest industry innovations, providing tea professionals a one-stop opportunity to help drive business.

2
SATURDAY

The Cult & Steel Pulse
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

Mesquite Days Parade
Meet & Greet, BBQ, & Maypole dance
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

Monster Energy Supercross
UNLV
Sam Boyd Stadium
unlvtickets.com
702-895-3761

Pacquiao vs. Hatton
Junior Welterweight Championship
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
702-474-4000

Short Line Express Jr. Dragster Series
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Silver State Classic Jr. Dragster Championship
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
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Stephen Lynch
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
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WAR
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

(2-4)
World Tea Expo
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
worldteaexpo.com
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(2, 9)
Marta Becket
Shoshone, CA
Amargosa Opera House
amargosa-opera-

house.com
760-852-4441

(2-9)
Fighter Pilot For a Day
Combat training for civilians
aircombat.com
800-522-7590

3 SUNDAY

Jr. Dragster
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Latin Vida
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

Static-X & Saliva w/ Burn Halo & The Flood
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

United Way Cinco de Mayo
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

5

Mesquite Days Cinco De Mayo Celebration
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

(5-10)
IDOLIZED
Featuring Nikki McKibbin, Haley Scarnato, Rj Helton, & Jasmine Trias
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

6

(6-10)
San Gennaro Feast
Grand Canyon Drive Shopping Center
sangennarofeast.com
702-286-4944

7

(7-10)
Weekend of Wheels
Laughlin
visitlaughlin.com
702-298-3321

(7-20)
Tom Jones
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

(7, 14, 21, 28)
The Fab–Tribute to The Beatles
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300



MAY

8-9

Dave Matthews Band
With special guest Jason Mraz
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

THE DAVE MATTHEWS BAND is returning with its first studio album in four years. On this tour, fans can experience the group's first-ever live performances of songs from the new album and performances with special guest Jason Mraz, who also plays The Palms on May 9. The Dave Matthews Band has sold 35 million albums and more than 15 million concert tickets. The group has also been named the top-drawing American band in the world by *Billboard* magazine.

8

Test 'n' Tune
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(8-9)
Chuck Magione
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(8-9)
Dave Matthews Band
With special guest Jason Mraz
MGM Grand
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★ ONGOING

The Adventuredome Theme Park
Indoor theme park
Circus Circus
Daily
adventuredome.com
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Amazing Johnathan
Planet Hollywood
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harmontheater.com
877-333-9474

"American Storm"
Male-review dancers
V Theater at Planet Hollywood
Fri. & Sat.
varietytheater.com
702-932-1818

"American Superstars"
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
stratospherehotel.com
800-998-6937

"An Evening with Dean & Friends" Starring Tom Stevens
Riviera
Fri.-Sun.
rivierahotel.com
800-634-6753

Anthony Cools
Comedic hypnosis
Paris Las Vegas
parislasvegas.com
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ArtsWalk
Henderson
Water Street District
Third Thurs.
702-267-2171

"Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was"
Riviera
Dark Mon. & Sat.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

"Bette Midler: The Showgirl Must Go On"
The Colosseum at Caesars Palace
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
caesarspalace.com
877-723-8836

"Big Elvis"
Starring Peter Vallee
Bill's Gambling Hall & Saloon
Dark Sat. & Sun.
billslasvegas.com
702-737-2100

"Bite"
Topless revue
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
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Blue Man Group
The Venetian
Nightly
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Claudine Castro
North Las Vegas
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MAY

16 SATURDAY

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TIGER JAM IS BACK with renowned music talent, amazing guests, and a legendary host–Tiger Woods. Joining Woods, and kicking off its first tour in five years, is No Doubt. Also hitting the stage is Paramore and The Sounds. There will be an epicurean fare, live and silent auctions, and dinner. This event benefits the Tiger Woods Foundation and select Las Vegas-based charities. Since 1998, Tiger Jam has raised more than $11 million for the Tiger Woods Foundation through its sold-out concerts and one-of-a-kind auctions.

(8-9)
Mesquite Days Family Softball Tournament
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

(8-10)
Frankie Avalon
Suncoast
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702-636-7111

(8-10)
The Randy Anderson Band
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(8-9)
Ray Romano & Brad Garrett
The Mirage
themirage.com
800-627-6667

9 SATURDAY

Billy Ray Cyrus
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Bracket Series Race No. 7
"Hot Rods, Hot Dogs, Bikes, & Brew Cruise Night"
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

David Foster & Friends
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Hats Off to Child Focus Mother's Day Tea
JW Marriott Valencia Ballroom
childfocusnv.org
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Jason Mraz
The Palms
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Bounce house, Guitar Hero challenge, & fireworks
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Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
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"Country Superstars Tribute"
Fitzgeralds
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"Crazy Girls"
Topless revue
Riviera
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ballyslasvegas.com
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Mons.
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Dark Thurs.
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"Fantasy"
Topless revue
Luxor
Nightly
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Excalibur
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excalibur.com

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First Fri.
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MAY

18

Nine Inch Nails w/ Jane's Addiction
The Palms
palms.com
800-745-3000

NINE INCH NAILS LIGHTS UP THE STAGE May 18 with newly reunited Jane's Addiction at The Pearl Concert Theater inside The Palms. Nine Inch Nails is one of the most popular industrial names to cross over into mainstream success. The band was created by frontman Trent Reznor (pictured) and has gained popularity with fans and critics throughout the last two decades. Completing the tour lineup and reuniting for the first time with all four original members, Jane's Addiction is set to tear up the stage with Nine Inch Nails. The first time the two bands joined forces was during the 1991 inaugural Lollapalooza tour.

Short Line Express Jr. Dragster Series
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
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Hard Rock Hotel
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SUNDAY

Corvette Association Drags & Autocross
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

"Dancin' Feet"
Romantic musical comedy
South Point
southpointcasino.com
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(12-17)
Ronn Stubbs
"The Rock & Roll Hypnotist"
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

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Michael John
Tribute to Billy Joel
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Midnight Mayhem
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

NHRA Hot Rod Heritage
Series test session
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

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Joey & Rory
Santa Fe Station
santafestationlasvegas.com
866-767-7771

"The Lion King" Grand Opening
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
800-745-3000

Michael John– Tribute to Billy Joel
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
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Staind & Shinedown
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
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Three Dog Night
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
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Travis Tritt
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4TIX

(15-16)
Alonzo Bodden
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(15-16)
Frontier Days & Chili Showdown
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

(15-16)
Jay Leno
The Mirage
themirage.com
800-627-6667

(15-17)
Dennis Miller
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
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(15, 16, 22, 23)
Mesquite Days "Catch Me If You Can"
Theater Play
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

16
SATURDAY

America
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone
Aliante Station
aliantecasinohotel.com
877-477-7627

Jeff Foxworthy
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band
Summerzcool Tour
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
702-474-4000

Mesquite Day Bake-Off
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

REO Speedwagon, Styx, & .38 Special
UNLV
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
702-739-3267

Tiger Jam XII Starring No Doubt
Mandalay Bay
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702-745-3000

(16-17)
NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Series Speed Spectacular Car Show
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

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MAY

23
SATURDAY

Taylor Swift
"Fearless Tour 2009"
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
800-745-3000

TAYLOR SWIFT TAKES THE STAGE at Mandalay Bay with Kellie Pickler and Gloriana. Swift topped Nielsen SoundScan's all-genre year-end music sales in 2008. She also spent eight consecutive weeks in the No. 1 position atop *Billboard* magazine's all-genre Top 200 Albums list. Swift plays five different guitars as well as the piano during her show, which features a theatrical presentation of graphics, sets, and visual elements designed by Swift.

(16-17)
World Record Board Break-A-Thon
A fundraiser
for H.U. Lee
Scholarship Foundation
The Palms
mykidzmatter.com
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mykidzmatter.com

17
SUNDAY

Next Movement
Eastside Cannery
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18

Nine Inch Nails w/Jane's Addiction
The Palms
livenation.com
800-745-3000

19

(19-24)
Ralphie May
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

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Joe Cocker
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

21

Mesquite Days Founders Forum Essay & Photo Contest
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-5295

(21-23, 28-30)
Platinum Masters' Monster Circus
Rock concert combined with circus acts
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-732-7117

(21-24)
Air Supply
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(21-July 1)
David Copperfield
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
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Joe Rogan
Mandalay Bay
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★ ONGOING continued

George Wallace
Flamingo Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
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Gordie Brown
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Dark Sun. & Mon.
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800-634-3454

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Lied Discovery
Children's Museum
Dark Sun. & Mon.
ldcm.org
702-382-3445

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V Theater at
Planet Hollywood
Dark Wed. & Thurs.
varietytheater.com
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Nightly
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Ice skating & aerial acrobatics
Riviera
Dark Fri.
rivierahotel.com
702-794-9433

"Jersey Boys"
The Venetian
Dark Tues., Wed., & Sat.
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montecarlo.com
702-730-7160

Las Vegas Farmers' Market
Tues. at Gardens Park
Wed. at Bruce Trent Park
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-CORN

"Le Reve"
Wynn Las Vegas
Dark Tues. & Wed.
wynnlasvegas.com
888-320-7110

"Legends in Concert"
Celebrity tribute
Harrah's Las Vegas
Dark Wed.
harrahslasvegas.com
800-392-9002

"Legends in Concert"
Celebrity tribute
Imperial Palace
imperialpalace.com
800-351-7400

The Lion Habitat at MGM
MGM Grand
Daily
mgmgrand.com
877-880-0880

"The Lion King"
Mandalay Bay
Starts May 15
Dark Fri. thereafter
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7800

"Louie Anderson: Larger Than Life"
Excalibur
Dark Fri. & Sat.
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

Mac King Comedy Magic Show
Harrah's Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harrahslasvegas.com
800-427-7247

"Marriage Can Be Murder"
Four Queens
Dark Sun.
marriagecanbemurder.com
800-634-6045

★ ONGOING continued

"Menopause: The Musical"
Las Vegas Hilton
Dark Wed.
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

"The Mentalist—Gerry McCambridge"
Hooters Casino Hotel
Dark Fri.
hootersIv.com
866-584-6687

"Mesmerized"
Comedy & hypnosis
V Theater at
Planet Hollywood
Dark Fri.
varietytheater.com
877-333-9474

"More Girls"
Gregory Allred Exhibit
Left of Center
Art Gallery
Thru May 29
leftofcenterart.org
702-647-7378

"Mystere" by Cirque du Soleil
Treasure Island
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
treasureisland.com
800-392-1999

"Nathan Burton Comedy Magic"
Flamingo Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
flamingolasvegas.com
702-733-3333

Neil Diamond Tribute Starring Jay White
Riviera
Dark Fri. & Sat.
rivierahotel.com
800-634-6753

New York-New York Roller Coaster
New York-New York
Daily
nynyhotelcasino.com
800-689-1797

"O" by Cirque du Soleil
Bellagio
Dark Mon. & Tues.
bellagio.com
888-488-7111

"PEEPSHOW"
Planet Hollywood
Dark Wed.
planethollywoodresort.com
877-333-9474

Penn & Teller
Rio All-Suite
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7482

"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular"
The Venetian
Dark Sun.
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

The Platters, Cornell Gunter's Coasters, & The Marvelettes
Sahara
Nightly
saharavegas.com
888-696-2121

"The Price Is Right"
Bally's Las Vegas
Daily
ballyslasvegas.com
800-634-3434

"The Rat Pack is Back"
Plaza Hotel
Dark Sun.
plazahotelcasino.com
800-634-6575

"The Real Deal!"
Poker-themed show
The Venetian
Dark Wed.
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

Rita Rudner
Harrah's Las Vegas
Various Days
harrahslasvegas.com
800-427-7247

"The Sopranos Last Supper"
Greek Isles
greekislesvegas.com
702-952-8000

Shark Reef Aquarium
Mandalay Bay
Daily
mandalaybay.com
702-632-4555



JUNE

◗ 10-15

CineVegas Film Festival
The Palms &
Brenden Theatre
cinevegas.com
702-952-5555

THE 11TH ANNUAL CINEVEGAS FILM FESTIVAL will be held at The Palms and Brenden Theatre. The CineVegas Film Festival is a platform for artists and art lovers who are drawn to the edge. It is held amidst the unique, unpredictable, and intoxicating environment of Las Vegas. The festival pushes the boundaries of cinema. It presents the work of innovative, uninhibited, and renegade artists to an audience of local and national film lovers, journalists, and film-industry representatives. The screenings are all free and open to the public.

Ozomatli
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

Sax for Stax
Starring Gerald
Albright &
Kirk Whalum
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
800-683-7777

(22-23)
James Darren
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(22-23)
Sixtiesmania
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(22-23)
The Vogues
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(22-24)
An Evening with Clint Holmes
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
702-636-7111

(22-24)
Dane Cook
The Palms
livenation.com
800-745-3000

(22-24)
Las Vegas Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo
Circus Circus
bickinternational.com
866-226-0507

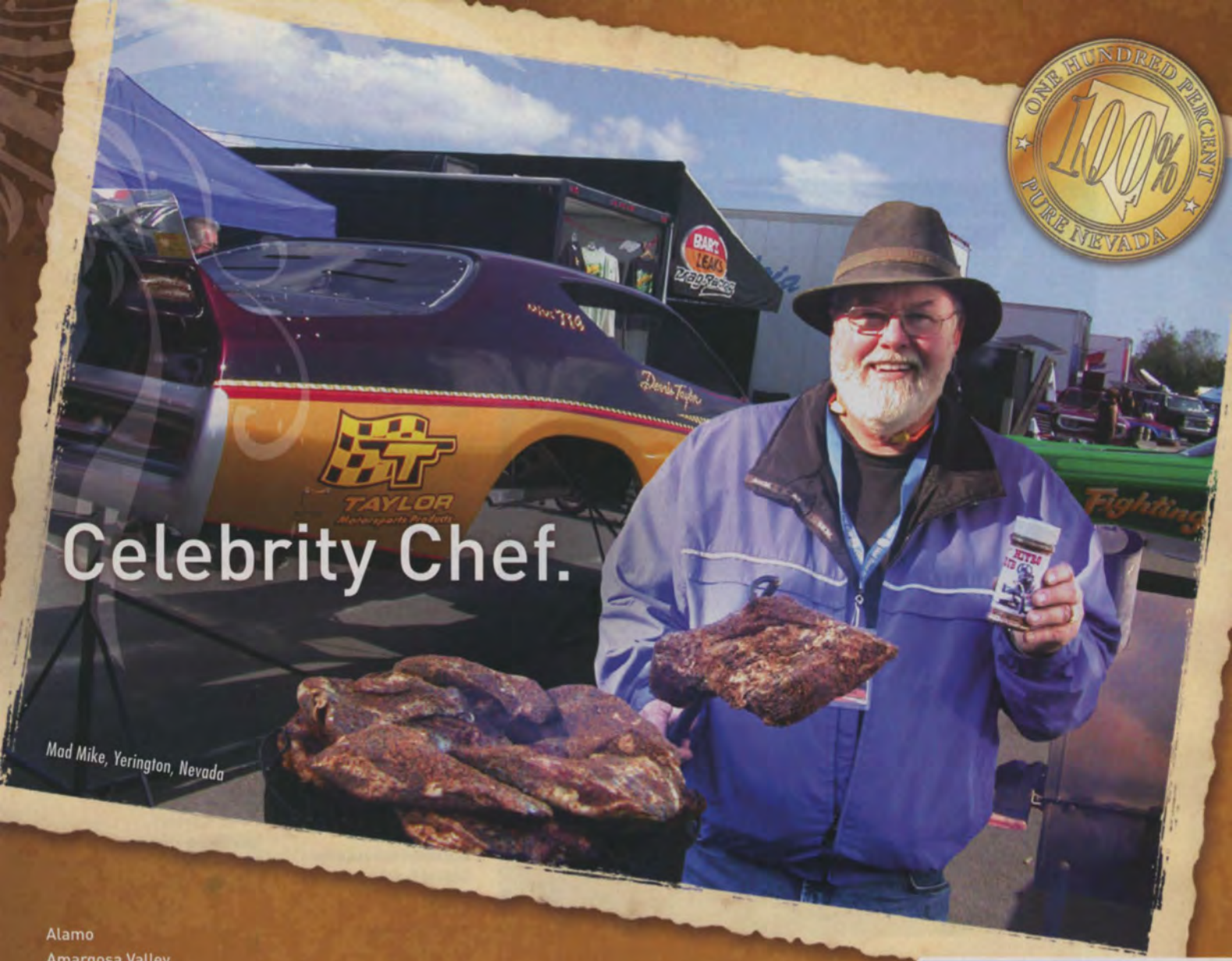
◗ 23
SATURDAY

Cheech & Chong
The Palms
livenation.com
800-745-3000

Flight of The Conchords
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

Smokey Robinson
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

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Amargosa Valley
Ash Meadows
Ash Springs
Beatty
Caliente
Carver / Hadley
Death Valley
Delamar
Gabbs / Berlin
Gold Point
Goldfield
Hawthorne
Luning / Mina
Manhattan / Belmont
Pahrump
Panaca
Pioche
Rachel
Rhyolite
Round Mountain
Scotty's Castle
Silver Peak / Weepah
Tonopah
Yerington

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TravelNevada.com
877.848.5800

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JUNE

27
SATURDAY

Eric Clapton & Steve Winwood
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

ERIC CLAPTON AND STEVE WINWOOD ARE HITTING THE STAGE at MGM Grand this summer for an exclusive performance. After a stunning collaboration at the Chicago Crossroads Guitar Festival and three performances at Madison Square Garden, they announced they would join forces for a 14-city tour. The duo promises some solo hits from each musician as well as collaborative sets.

Summer of Fun Kick-Off Party
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Taylor Swift
"Fearless Tour 2009"
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
800-745-3000

(23-24)
Lewis Black
The Mirage
themirage.com
702-792-777

24
SUNDAY

The Allman Brothers Band
Red Rock Casino
redrocklasvegas.com
866-767-7773

John Earl & The Boogieman Band
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(24-30)
Nicky's Week Fundraiser
RA Sushi
Fashion Show Mall
rasushi.com

25

(25-30)
Nathan Burton Comedy Magic
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

29

Bill Maher
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

Pennywise & Pepper
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Sugar Ray
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

(29-30)
Evenflow
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

(29-30)
Ray Romano & Kevin James
The Mirage
themirage.com
800-627-6667

(29-31)
David Sanborn
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

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SATURAY

Animal Collective w/ Black Dice
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Fleetwood Mac
"Unleashed"
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
702-474-4000

KWNR Country Summer Bash
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Loverboy & Night Ranger
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-547-7777

Robin Trower
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
800-683-7777

31
SUNDAY

Goodfellas
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5300

JUNE

5

Gavin Rossdale
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

Lon Bronson All-Star Band
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Midnight Mayhem
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Test 'n' Tune
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(5-6)
Henry Cho
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(5-6)
Jay Leno
The Mirage
themirage.com
800-627-6667

(5-6)
Julio Iglesias
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-732-7117

6
SATURDAY

Chuck Negron & Bobby Kimball
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Disabled American Veterans Event
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

Bracket Series Race No. 8
"Hot Rods, Hot Dogs, Nikes, & Brew Cruise Night"
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Short Line Express Jr. Dragster Series
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

10

(10-15)
CineVegas Film Festival
The Palms & Brenden Theater
cinevegas.com
702-952-5555

12

King of Diamonds
Rob Garette's Tribute to Neil Diamond
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

(12-13)
Karon Kate & Marty Allen
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(12-13)
Ray Romano & Kevin James
The Mirage
themirage.com
800-627-6667

13 SATURDAY

Bobby Vinton
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Faster Pussycat & Bang Tango
Santa Fe Station
santafestation
lasvegas.com
866-767-7771

Pauly Shore
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

19

Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-547-7777

Midnight Mayhem
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

PSCA Test 'n' Tune
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(19-20)
Paul Williams
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

20 SATURDAY

Big & Rich
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Blues, Brews, & BBQ
North Las Vegas
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
866-287-4643

Gallagher
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
800-683-7777

PSCA Father's Day Nationals
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

PSCA Qualifying
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Squirrel Nut Zippers
Green Valley Ranch
greenvalleyranchresort.com
866-782-9487

(20-24)
"The Bluzmen: A Tribute to The Blues Brothers"
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

24

Andre Rieu
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

Neal McCoy
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

26

Blue Oyster Cult
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
800-683-7777

Gin Blossoms
Hard Rock Hotel
hardrockhotel.com
800-473-7625

(26-27)
Gary Puckett
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

27 SATURDAY

Bill Engvall
Primm
Buffalo Bill's
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Eric Clapton & Steve Winwood
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

Yanni
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

★ ONGOING continued

"Shear Madness"
Town Square Las Vegas
Dark Mon.
702-949-6123
shearmadnesslv.com

Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat
The Mirage
Daily
mirage.com
800-963-9634

"Sin City Heat"
Las Vegas Hilton
Dark Mon.
lvhilton.com
800-732-7117

"Sin City Kitties: Burlesque Show"
Primm
Whiskey Pete's
Dark Mon.-Wed.
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-386-7867

"Sirens of TI"
Free pirate show
Treasure Island
Nightly
treasureisland.com
702-894-7111

Smashtime
Weekly party
Hard Rock Hotel
Body English
Sat.
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

The Spazmatics
'80s entertainment
Four Queens' Canyon Club
Thurs.
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

The Stars of Magic
Royal Resort Hotel
Sun.-Tues.
thestarsofmagic.com
702-457-8448

"Superstar Voices in Concert"
Starring Larry G Jones
Royal Resort
Mon.-Wed.
lasvegasacts.com
800-595-4849

Terry Fator
The Mirage
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mirage.com
800-963-9634

"Thunder From Down Under"
Male-review dancers
Excalibur
Nightly
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit
Luxor
Daily
luxor.com
800-557-7428

"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding"
Planet Hollywood
Dark Sun.
planethollywoodresort.com
702-932-1818

"Tournament of Kings"
Dinner show
King Arthur's Arena at Excalibur
Dark Tues.
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

Trent Carlini
"Elvolution"
Planet Hollywood
thedreamking.com
702-777-9974

United States Bowling Congress Open Championship
Cashman Center
Thru July 24
visitlasvegas.com
877-847-4858

"The Ultimate Variety Show"
V Theater at Planet Hollywood
Nightly
varietytheater.com
702-932-1818

"ZUMANITY, Another Side of Cirque du Soleil"
New York-New York
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
nynyhotelcasino.com
866-606-7111



NORTHERN NEVADA

may/june

All listings are in Reno unless otherwise noted. Multiple-day events are listed on the first day. Call ahead to confirm details such as times and age restrictions. For more Northern Nevada happenings, visit nevadamagazine.com. To submit an event or show, e-mail nmachado@nevadamagazine.com.

★ ONGOING

Art Collection of Bill & Jo Janowski
National Automobile Museum
Thru June
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

The Art of Nature
Sharon K. Schafer's photographs, sketches, & paintings
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Thru Aug.
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.236

Between Grass & Sky: Rhythms of a Cowboy Poem
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru May 17
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Between Grass & Sky: Trappings of a Ranch Life
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru Aug. 29
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

Bounce
Circus Circus
Dark Mon.
circusreno.com
775-329-0711

Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club
Silver Legacy
Dark Mon.
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Celtic Legends
Traditional Irish show
Eldorado
Opens May 15
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

Coin Press No. 1 Demonstration
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Last Fri.
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.233

Downtown Beer Crawl
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Fallon Farmers' Market
Fallon
Every Tues. thru Aug. 25
775-423-4556

Fallon Trap Club
Season-long events
Fallon
fallontourism.com
775-427-4556

First Thursday
Refreshments & music
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center
Exhibits & shows
University of Nevada, Reno
planetarium.unr.edu
775-784-4811

Greg London's "ICONMAN"
Harrah's Reno
Dark Mon. & Tues.
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

Hidden Cave Tours
Thru July
Second & fourth Sat.
Fallon
ccmuseum.org
775-423-3677

MAY

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Big Organ Trio
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock Dwarfs
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

(1-2)
Americana Festival
Virginia City
americanafest.org
775-348-4692

(1-2)
Atomika
Eldorado
The Brews Brothers
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

(1-2)
Sammy Hagar & The Wabos
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

2 SATURDAY

Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-off
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

Daniel Tosh
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
775-325-7396



MAY

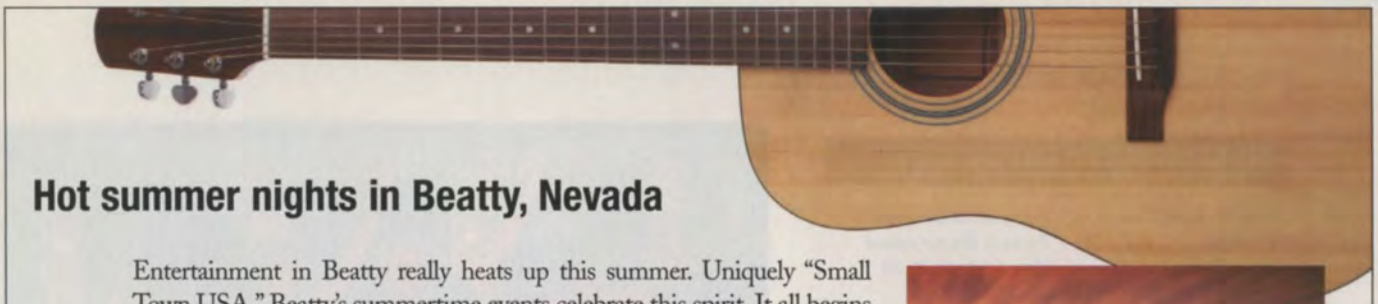
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Americana Festival
Virginia City
americanafest.org
775-348-4692

THE AMERICANA FESTIVAL takes place in historic Virginia City. Events during the two-day festival include a Tim O'Brien (pictured) concert, Maypole dancing, a contra dance, Mark Twain impersonator McAvoy Lane, and more. Weekend prices for adults are $70, $110 for couples, and children younger than 16 are free. Virginia City celebrates its sesquicentennial in 2009. Go to visitvirginiacitynv.com for more events.

Mississippi Delta Blues
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Reno Chamber Orchestra Concert
Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413



Hot summer nights in Beatty, Nevada

Entertainment in Beatty really heats up this summer. Uniquely "Small Town USA," Beatty's summertime events celebrate this spirit. It all begins with an explosion of colors during the spring wildflower blossom. Then, an old-fashioned Fourth of July features a parade, fireworks, games and a watermelon-eating contest. From the beauty of nearby Death Valley to the nostalgic rituals of summer, summertime is a hot time in Beatty, Nevada. **Come share the adventure. Beatty, Nevada.**







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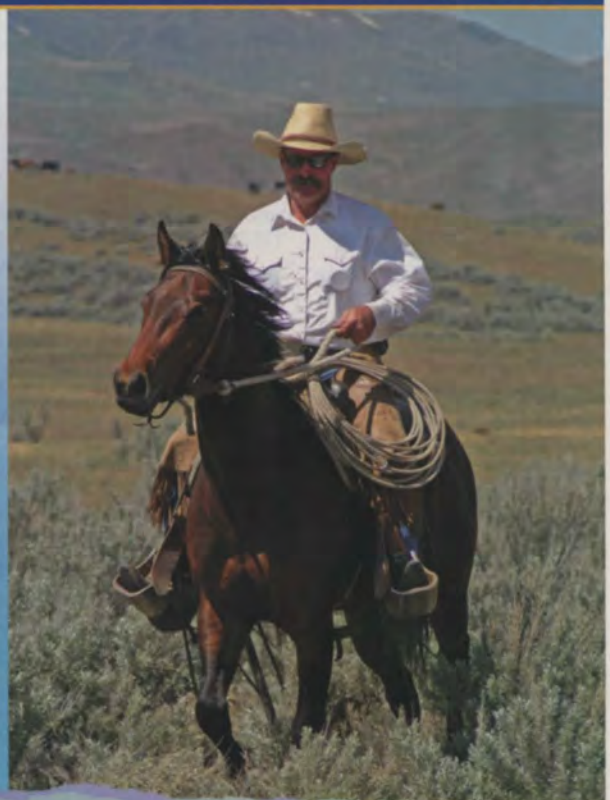


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1-877-626-9269 ext. 650.
Or visit **www.cowboycountry.org**

Nevada's Cowboy COUNTRY
www.cowboycountry.org
www.travelnevada.com



★ ONGOING continued

Imperial Acrobats of China
Circus Circus
Dark Wed.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

Improv Comedy
Stateline
Harveys Lake Tahoe
Dark Mon. & Tues.
harveystahoe.com
775-586-6266

JR Johns Pet Show
Circus Circus
Dark Tues. & Thurs.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

Katie Holten: Atlas of Memory
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru May 17
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

"Menopause: The Musical"
Eldorado
Thru May 10
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

Movie Cars: Cinematic Stars On Wheels
May 22-Nov. 19
Thurs. movie nights,
May 28-Nov. 19
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Nevada Kaleidoscope
Art Exhibit
Scenic Nevada Art Gallery
May 1-July 30
scenicnevada.org
775-378-1694

Northern Nevada Railway
Train Rides
Ely
Fri. & Sat.
nnry.com
866-407-8326

Old Town Wine Walk
Carson City
First Sat.
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Reno Aces Baseball
Triple-A (home dates)
May 1-3, 8-11, 21-28
June 11-17, 27-30
renoaces.com
775-334-4700

Reno Beer Crawl
Fourth Sat.
Tastings of specialty beers
renobeercrawl.com
775-996-1811

Riverwalk Arts Walk
Downtown Reno
Riverwalk District
Last Thurs.
renoriver.org
775-825-WALK

Slot Machines:
The Fey Collection
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
775-687-4810 x.237

Steppen Stonz
Carson City
Carson Station
Wed.-Sat.
carsonstation.com
800-501-2929

Western Folklife Center Wiegand Gallery
Elko
Interactive exhibitions & multimedia presentations
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

Will James: Life & Art of a Lone Cowboy
UNR's Mathewson IGT Knowledge Center
Thru May 29
knowledgecenter.unr.org
775-682-5665

Wine Walk on the River
Third Sat.
Wine tasting along the Truckee River
renoriver.org
775-323-7766

Wolf Pack Baseball
(home dates)
May 8-10
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-PACK



ONGOING

"Menopause: The Musical"
Eldorado
Thru May 10
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

"MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL," billed as "The Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change," runs in Reno's Eldorado Showroom through May 10. The off-Broadway musical begins with four women: "Professional Woman," "Soap Star," "Iowa Housewife," and "Earth Mother" at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale. The women share their trials and tribulations through a collection of 25 re-lyricized baby boomer songs from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Written by Jeanie Linders and produced by South Florida-based GFour Productions, the show has become an international phenomenon.

Tim O'Brien
Virginia City
Piper's Opera House
americanafest.org
775-348-4692

(2-3)
Tournament Charro—Mexican Rodeo
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

(2-3)
Wilderness First-Aid Course
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

◗ 3 SUNDAY

Rainbowridge Challenge
Mountain Bike Race
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

Rock-n-River Marathon & Half Marathon
Starts at Reno Arch
rock-n-riverhalf marathon.com

◗ 5

(5-6)
"Sesame Street Live! Elmo's Green Thumb"
Lawlor Events Center
unr.edu/lawlor
775-784-4444

(5-10)
Dat Phan
Stateline
Harveys Lake Tahoe
harveystahoe.com
775-586-6266

(5-11)
The Millionaire$
Minden
Carson Valley Inn Cabaret Lounge
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

◗ 7

Open House Celebration
"Nevada Kaleidoscope"
Art Exhibit
Scenic Nevada Art Gallery
scenicnevada.org
775-378-1694



Fernley

Wednesday-Sunday, August 5 - 9
American Traveling Shows Carnival
Fernley Out of Town Park

Saturday-Sunday, September 19 - 20
National Senior Pro Rodeo
Fernley Out of Town Park

For more information about Fernley events, call the Fernley Chamber of Commerce at (775) 575-4459 or visit FernleyChamber.org

Dayton

Saturday, May 9
The 8th Annual Oodles of Noodles
Pike Street, Old Town Dayton

Saturday-Sunday, September 19 - 20
Dayton Valley Days
Pike Street, Old Town Dayton

Thursday-Sunday, September 17 - 20
The Wild West Shootout and Sports Expo
Dayton Valley Country Club

For more information about Dayton events, call the Dayton Chamber of Commerce at (775) 246-7909 or visit DaytonNvChamber.org

Fallon

Friday-Sunday, May 8 - 10
Spring Wings Bird Festival
For more information, call (775) 428-6452 or visit SpringWings.org

Thursday-Sunday, June 11 - 14
Octane Fest
For more information, call Ty Erquiaga, (775) 240-2851

Friday-Saturday, July 31 - August 1
The Oasis Stampede & Country Fair
For more information, call (775) 423-0525

September - October
Lattin Farm's Nevada Maze
For more information, call (775) 867-3750 or visit LattinFarms.com

Friday-Monday, September 4 - 7
Hearts O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival
For more information, call (775) 423-2544 or visit FallonChamber.com

Thursday-Saturday, October 1 - 3
World Cowboy Fast Draw Championship
For more information, call Cal Elrich (775) 575-1802

For more information about Fallon events, call (800) 874-0903 or (775) 423-4556 or visit FallonTourism.com

Austin

Saturday, July 4
Parade, Street Events, & Activities
For more information, call (775) 964-2200

Saturday, July 25
St. Augustine's Cultural Center
Annual Fundraiser
For more information, call Jan Morrison (775) 964-1100

Thursday, September 17
Oat Bran Bike Tour
Lake Tahoe to Great Basin Nat'l Park
For more information, call TGFT (775) 588-9658

For more information about Austin events, call the Austin Chamber of Commerce at (775) 964-2200 or visit AustinNevada.com

Eureka

Friday-Saturday, May 15 - 16
2nd Annual Show What Ya Brung Car Show
For more information, call (775) 340-7599 or visit EurekaCarShow.info

Saturday, May 16
National Hwy 50 Yard Sale
For more information, call (775) 237-5663

Saturday-Sunday, June 20 - 21
Nevada Bowhunters Jamboree
For more information, call (775) 237-7027

Friday-Saturday, June 26 - 27
Don Edwards The Cowboy Troubadour
The Eureka Opera House
For more information, call (775) 237-6006

Saturday, July 4
Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade and Celebration

For more information about Eureka events, call (775) 237-5484 or visit co.Eureka.nv.us

Ely

Friday-Saturday, May 15 - 17
Nevada Open Road Challenge Car Race

Saturday, July 4
Community breakfast, parade, kids games, quilt show and fireworks

Saturday, July 4
July 4th BBQ and Fireworks Train
For more information, visit NevadaNorthernRailway.net

Saturday-Sunday, August 1 - 2
Arts in the Park
White Pine County Park

Saturday, August 8
White Pine Rodder's Car Show
White Pine County Park

Friday-Saturday, August 21 - 23
White Pine Horse Races and County Fair
For more information, call (775) 289-8877 or visit WhitePineChamber.com

Friday-Saturday, September 18 - 20
Silver State Classic Challenge Car Race

For more information about Ely events, call the White Pine County Chamber of Commerce at (775) 289-8877 or visit ElyNevada.net

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Dayton Fernley Fallon Austin Eureka Ely

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MAY

9
SATURDAY

How to Grow a Giant Pumpkin Workshop
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0600

THIS ONE-HOUR, FUNNY, EDUCATIONAL, AND ENTERTAINING workshop will teach participants how to be the envy of pumpkin growers everywhere. You will learn about the history of pumpkins, preparation, seed germination, seedling transplanting, watering, and fertilizing—all of the critical steps involved in growing a giant pumpkin. The instructor is Stuart Shim, University of California Certified Master Gardener and Giant Pumpkin Kahuna.

(7-10)
RSVP Spring Fun Fair
Carson City
775-687-4680

8

Dinner Theatre: Western Music w/ Bryan Ballinger & Friends
Virginia City
Gold Hill Hotel
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock Dwarfs
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

(8-10)
Reno River Festival
renoriverfestival.com
775-784-9400 x.119

(8-10)
Spring Wings Bird Festival
Fallon
Oats Park
fallontourism.com
775-423-4556

9
SATURDAY

Bettye LaVette & Booker T
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

How to Grow a Giant Pumpkin Workshop
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0600

LIVE
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
775-325-7396

Oodles of Noodles
Craft fair & noodle cook-off
Dayton
daytonnvchamber.org
775-246-7909

Run-A-Muck
Two-person relay fun run
renoriverfestival.com
775-784-9400 x.119

SnoCore
Featuring Static-X w/ Saliva, Burn Halo, & The Flood
Sparks
The New Oasis
newoasisreno.com
530-898-1497

10,000 Maniacs
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(9-10)
Chainsaw Training
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

(9-10)
Mother's Day Weekend Steam Up
Carson City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-684-8282

10
SUNDAY

Arts in Bloom Festival
Sparks
Sparks Marina
sparksrec.com
775-353-2291

Mother's Day Bed & Breakfast Open Houses
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

Mother's Day Brunch Buffet & Dining
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

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Cool River Trio
Virginia City
Gold Hill Hotel
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

(12-17)
James Stephens III
Stateline
Harveys Lake Tahoe
harveystahoe.com
775-586-6266

(12-17)
Shake, Rattle N' Roll
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

13

Royal Family Presents "The Up Here Tour"
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

15

The Greencards w/ Corinne West
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Patrick Ball The Flame of Love: The Legend Of Tristan and Iseult
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
775-237-6006

(15-16)
Show Watcha Brung
Car Show
Eureka
eurekacarshow.com
775-237-6006

(15-17)
Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend
Virginia City
Fourth Ward School Museum
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

(15-17)
Donnie Waters Invitational Roping Classic
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-7093

(15-17)
Nevada Open Road
Challenge Car Race
Race between Lund & Hiko
Ely
elynevada.net
702-631-6166

(15-17)
Trails Leadership & Training
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

16
SATURDAY

Cedric "The Entertainer"
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
775-325-7396

Hot Tuna
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Joan Rivers
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

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May 22-24, 2009

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May 29-31, 2009

Winnemucca Basque Festival
June 13, 2009

Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals
June 10-14, 2009



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MAY

16

SATURDAY

Rhythm & Rawhide
Reno Ballroom
rhythmandrawhide.org
775-323-2380

ON MAY 16, AMERICA'S FAVORITE COWBOYS, RIDERS IN THE SKY, will join Reno Philharmonic for the Wells Fargo Rhythm & Rawhide Benefit Concert at the Reno Ballroom. There will be a VIP cocktail party, followed by dinner and an auction in addition to the concert. There will be some new additions to this year's event, such as an amateur poetry contest.

Mountain Warfare Training Challenge
Bridgeport, CA
y-events.com/mwtc

National Highway 50 Yard Sale
Eureka
775-237-5484

Pro-4, Gen-X, Pure Stock Minis, TT Motorcycle & Flat Track, ATV, Mud Drags
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

Rhythm & Rawhide
Reno Ballroom
rhythmandrawhide.org
775-323-2380

(16-17)
Champagne & Candle Making
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(16-17)
Lyon County Fly-In
"Wild West Air Fest"
Silver Springs Airport
lyoncountyflyin.com
775-887-1294

17

SUNDAY

Climb The Legacy
Fundraiser for lung health research
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
775-325-7396

(17-19)
Lego Workshop
Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center
planetarium.unr.edu
775-784-4812

18

The Gardners
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

19

(19-24)
Hindsight
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

(19-27)
W.E. Rock Western U.S. Nationals
Sands Regency
renorocks4x4.com
800-233-4939

20

(20-29)
"Footloose"
Broadway production
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

22

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock, Dwarfs
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

Staind
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
775-325-7396

(22-24)
Battlebom Showdown
Car show
Virginia City
myspace.com/battlebornshowdown
775-229-1268



MAY

22-24

Run-A-Mucca
Winnemucca
runamucca.com
775-623-5071

RUN-A-MUCCA IS ONE OF NORTHERN NEVADA'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE RALLIES. Get ready for tons of action, free live concerts, a $1,000 poker run, amazing stunts, and the burning bike. There are numerous classes to show your bike in, including Sport, Cruisers, Touring, Vintage, Classic, Builder, Rat, Trikes & Sidecars, Best of Show, and Participants Choice. Don't forget to purchase your Run Package to get a T-shirt, pin, food coupon, one $1,000 poker hand, one $400 poker stagger hand, and free entry to the tattoo contest. If bikers are interested in more events and rides, *Nevada Magazine's* 2009 *Nevada Rides Guide* will be available at Run-A-Mucca and on nevadamagazine.com.

(22-24)
Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally
Winnemucca
runamucca.com
775-623-5071

(22-25)
Black Rock Rendezvous
Gerlach
blackrockrendezvous.com
775-557-2900

23

SATURDAY

Celebration of Heroes Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

Robin Trower
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247


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- Oasis Stampede & Country Fair
- Hearts of Gold Cantaloupe Festival
- No Hill 100 Bike Tour
- Lattin Farms Nevada Maze
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MAY

22-25

Black Rock Rendezvous
Gerlach
blackrockrendezvous.com
775-557-2900

JOIN THE FRIENDS of Black Rock, Nevada Outdoor School, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and other partner groups in the Black Rock Desert for a weekend of fun, education, exploration, and music. The Black Rock Rendezvous celebrates the diversity of land uses and history of the Black Rock Desert region while fostering stewardship. There will be cowboy poetry, Fly Geyser tours, rocket launches, a kids camp, guest speakers, and a hot springs tour. This is a Leave No Trace event. Bring your own food and water.

(23-24)
24 Hours of Lemons
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
24hoursoflemons.com
510-655-5980 x.23

(23-25)
Steam Train
Carson City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-481

24 SUNDAY

Buddy Guy
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

Lea Salonga
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
775-325-7396

Sharon Cuneta
Peppermill
peppermillereno.com
800-648-6992

25

Naked City
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

26

Frances Humphrey Lecture Series
Secrets of the Dark Past: Prehistoric Cave Finds from the Nevada State Museum Collections
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
775-687-4810 x.237

$1,500 Blackjack Tournament
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

(26-31)
Trey Stone Duo
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

29

Jeff Jones Band
Minden
Minden Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

Porcelain & Painting Show
Gerlach
Planet X Pottery
planetxpottery.com
775-557-2500

(29-30)
Kit Carson Trail
Ghost Whisperer Tour
Carson City
775-687-7410

(29-30)
Reno-Tahoe Odyssey
Relay event
renotahoeodyssey.com
775-825-3399

(29-31)
Northeastern Nevada Photo Workshop
Cynthia Delaney Photography
Lamoille/Elko
cynthiadelaney.com
775-753-5833

(29-31)
Hike Leader Guide Training
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

(29-31)
"Love Song"
Hug High School Theater
renolittletheater.org
775-826-8835

(29-31)
Mule Races Show & Draft Horse Challenge
Winnemucca
cowboycountry.org
877-626-9269 x.650

(29-31)
Pat De Verre Glasswork
Class w/ Philip Teefy
Wildflower Village
wildflowervillage.com
775-787-3769

30 SATURDAY

Cave Springs Trail Nature Hike
Ely
Cave Lake State Park
parks.nv.gov
775-728-4460

Rick Springfield
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

Suds 4, Pro-4, Gen-X, Pure Stock Minis, TT Motorcycle & Flat track, ATV
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

(30-31)
Free Container Planting
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0600

31 SUNDAY

$120,000 Blackjack Series
Harrah's Reno
totalrewardstahoe.com
800-HARRAHS

JUNE

1

(1-8)
Major Link
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

5

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock, Dwarfs
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

(5-6)
Rafting Trip
Carson City & Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

(5-7)
Virginia City Sesquicentennial
Celebration weekend
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

(5-7)
Street Vibrations
Spring Rally
Sparks
Victorian Square
road-show.com
775-329-SHOW

6 SATURDAY

Bob Newhart
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

Festival of the Arts
Downtown Minden
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-782-2444



JUNE

13-14
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lake Tahoe Geocaching
South Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com
800-AT-TAHOE

MORE THAN 100 PRIZES WILL BE HIDDEN around South Lake Tahoe for this weekend geocaching event. Join hundreds as you explore South Lake Tahoe and all of its wonder in this high-tech treasure hunt. GPS receivers and a downloadable passport clue book will guide you along your hunt. Prizes include T-shirts, and three-day and two-night stays in South Lake Tahoe. There will be a raffle entry for each cache found and a celebration party. So put on your hiking shoes and get ready to win.

National Trails Day
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Sesquicentennial Celebration on the V&T Railroad
Virginia City
Train Depot
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

NEVADA ONLINE

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

Sesquicentennial Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

(6-7)
Holy Spirit Fiesta
Celebration of Portuguese culture
Yerington
775-463-2763

7
SUNDAY

America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride
Around Lake Tahoe
Stateline
Horizon Casino
bikethewest.com
800-565-2700

8

(8-10, 12-14)
Carson City Rendezvous
Living History Weekend
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

(8-12)
Elko Mining Expo
Elko
Elko Convention Center
exploreelko.com
775-738-4091

9

(9-14)
Red Hot Smokin' Aces
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

10

(10-14)
Nevada State High School Rodeo Finals
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

11

(11-14)
Octane Fest
Fallon
octanefest.com
775-240-2851

(11, 18, 25)
Sparks Hometowne Farmers' Market
Sparks
Victorian Square
sparksrec.com
775-353-2291

13
SATURDAY

Basque Festival
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

Brenn Hill Concert
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

Crosscut Training
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Free Fishing Day
Fish any public water in Nevada without a license
ndow.org
775-688-1915

George Thorogood & The Destroyers
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

Julio Iglesias
Silver Legacy
Grande Exposition Hall
silverlegacy.com
775-325-7396

Relay For Life
Run/walk
Fallon
Churchill County Junior High
fallontourism.com
775-423-8111

Saffire, The Uppitty Blues Women
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(13-14)
Bonsai Show
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0602 x.130

(13-14)
Lake Tahoe Geocaching
South Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com
800-AT-TAHOE

(13-14)
Leave No Trace Training
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

14
SUNDAY

$120,000 Blackjack Series
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
totalrewardstahoe.com
800-HARRAHS

(14-18)
Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive
renorodeo.com
775-329-3877 x.104

(14-20)
ATV Jamboree
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

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The Gardners
Minden
Carson Valley Inn



JUNE

14-27

Reno Rodeo
renorodeo.com
775-329-3877 x.104

THIS YEAR MARKS THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY of one of the Biggest Little City's most popular events, the Reno Rodeo. Each year about 120,000 fans visit the richest PRCA tour. It starts on June 14 with the Cattle Drive and continues through the 27th with steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, bull riding, barrel racing, and more.

Reno Livestock
Events Center
silverlegacyreno.com
775-325-7401

(18-27)
Reno Rodeo
90th anniversary
Reno Livestock
Events Center
renorodeo.com
800-225-2277

cvinn.com
775-782-9711

(15-18)
Pony Express Re-ride
Traveling from
Utah border to
California border
xphomestation.com

801-539-4095

16

(16-21)
M8trix
Minden
Carson Valley Inn

cvinn.com
775-782-9711

17

Chautauqua in the Park
Minden
Mormon Station

State Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-265-6097

18

ESPN Extreme Bulls Tour

19

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock, Dwarfs
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

165-Mile Hikes Begin
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012



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JUNE

19-21

Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance
Wooden boat show
Carnelian Bay
Sierra Boat Company Marina
530-581-4700 x.103

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE IS A COMPETITIVE AND EDUCATIONAL event designed to encourage and teach new standards of wood craftsmanship, finish, and detailing on classic watercraft. The competition will be highlighted by a Marque Class. There will be an opening ceremony and a VIP preview day on Friday. For this event, ticket holders can stroll along the docks and view the boats as they are judged. There will also be gourmet cuisine, wine, and champagne.

(19-20)
The Smothers Brothers
South Lake Tahoe
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
775-427-7247

(19-21)
Elko Motorcycle Jamboree
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(19-21)
Lake Tahoe Concours d'Elegance
Wooden boat show
Carnelian Bay
Sierra Boat Company Marina
laketahoeconcours.com
530-581-4700 x.103

20 SATURDAY

CW Bayer
Virginia City
Visitor Center
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

Pet Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4FUN

(20-21)
Nevada Bowhunters Jamboree
Eureka
ponyexpressnevada.com
775-237-7027

(20-21)
Pacific Fine Arts Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(20-21)
Steam Train
Carson City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810

21 SUNDAY

Concert on the Green & *Nevada Magazine's* Tour Around Nevada
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Downhill Mountain Bike Race
North Lake Tahoe
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

22

Mack & Tom
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

23

(23-28)
Rolland Dempsey
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

26

IMCA Modifieds, Pro Stock, Hobby Stock, Rat Mods
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
nevadaracer.com

Shane Dwight
Minden
Minden Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

(26-27)
Don Edwards
The Cowboy Troubadour
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
775-237-6006

(26-28)
Karson Kruzer's Run What Cha Brung Car Show
Carson City
Fuji Park
775-883-0927

(26-27)
Oak Ridge Boys
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

27 SATURDAY

Eddie Griffin
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
775-325-7396

Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews, & Blues Festival
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