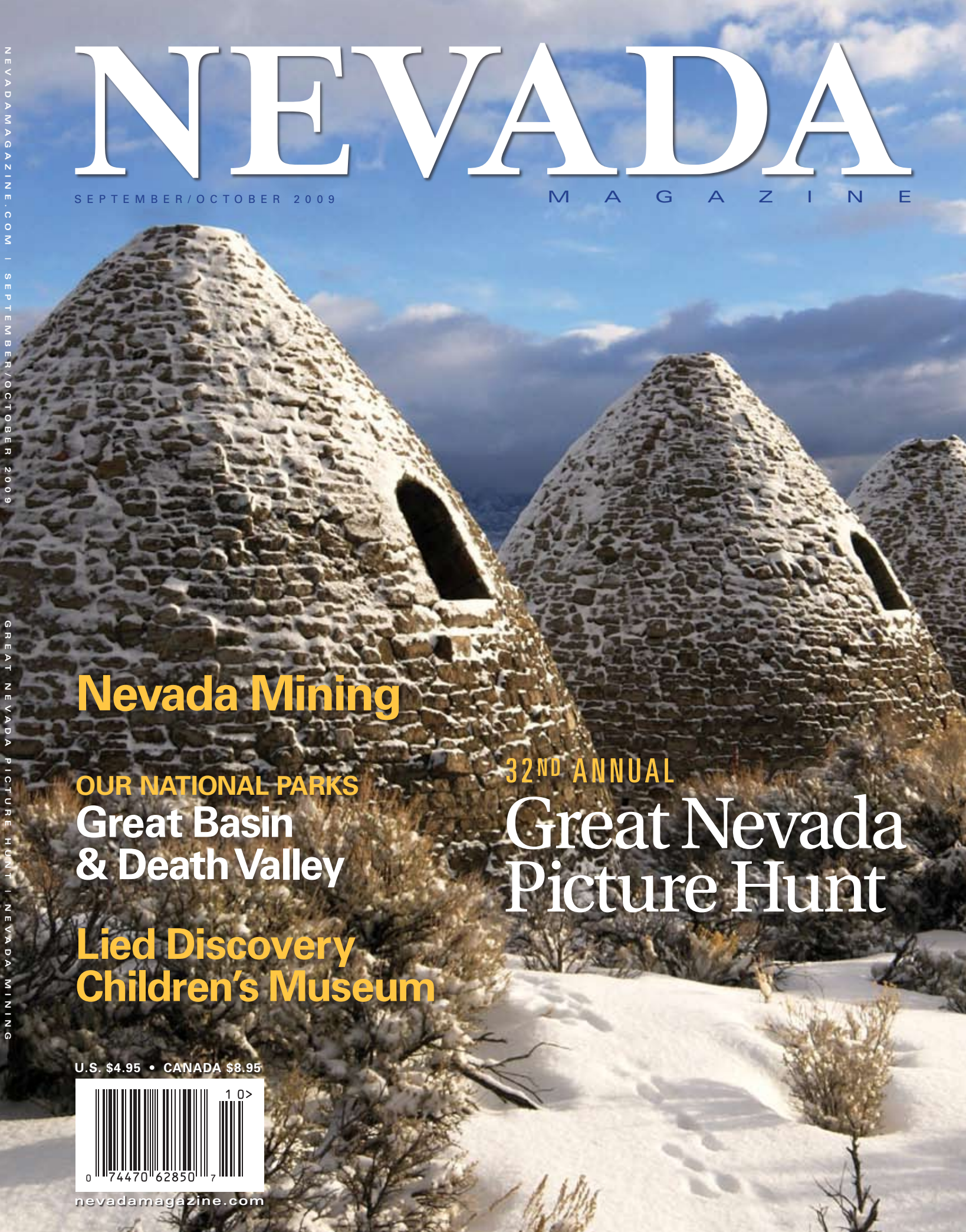
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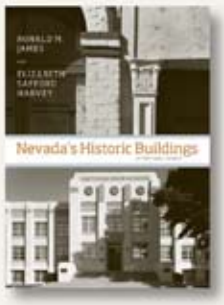



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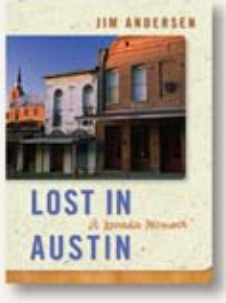
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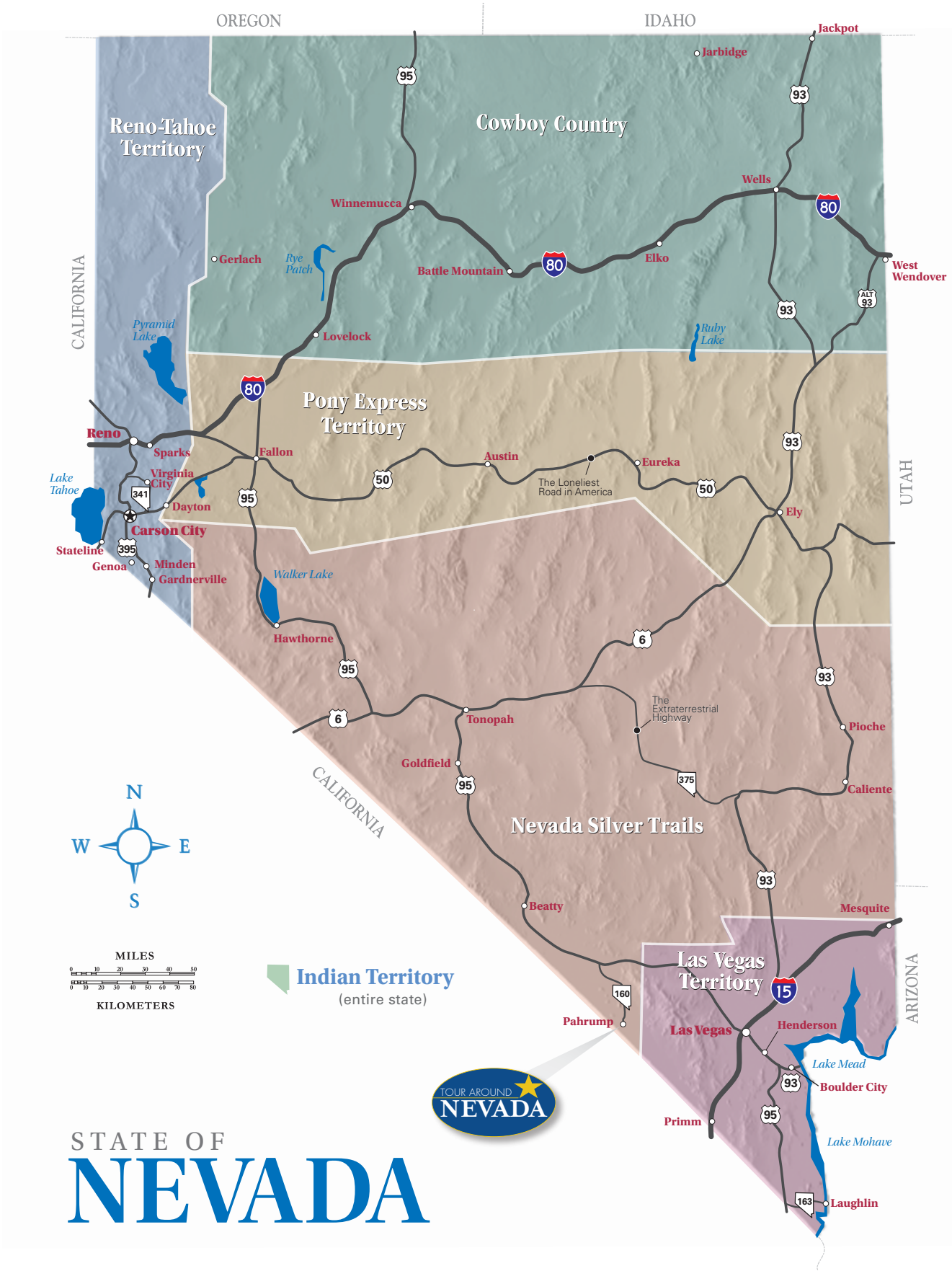


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- Lora Wimsatt reminisces about the 2002 Bonanza Friendship Convention in anticipation of the 50th-anniversary gathering, September 10-14 at South Lake Tahoe.
- The Virginia and Truckee Railway has reopened the route from Virginia City to Carson City.
- The Carson Valley is abuzz as Nevada Motocross Park opens in Gardnerville (see picture above).
- Get a front-row seat to Las Vegas' blockbuster show, "The Lion King."
- What happened to Nevada's Goodwill Moon Rock (a gift given to all 50 states by President Richard Nixon in honor of Apollo 17)?


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# nevada's modern boom

*"In tough times, people need a backup for their money, and that backup is gold."*

—Omar Jabara, Newmont Mining Corporation spokesman

This year, articles on Battle Mountain and Elko have appeared in *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*. Why have national media outlets turned their attention to northeastern Nevada? The simple answer: mining.

Some small Nevada towns are experiencing booms not unlike those that occurred more than 100 years ago in Tonopah and Goldfield in the southwestern region of the state. You could even go back 150 years when prospectors flooded Virginia City upon the discovery of the Comstock Lode.



"Times are good around here. People are happy," a Battle Mountain miner says in *The New York Times* story, published in January. With the general economic outlook as grim as ever, gold producers—and their employees—are thriving. That's because the precious metal has historically had an inverse relationship to the overall economy.

The unemployment rates in Lander, Elko, and Eureka Counties are well below those of Nevada's most populated counties, Clark and Washoe. The mining giants in the area, Barrick Gold Corporation and Newmont Mining Corporation, employ nearly 8,000 people according to April's *Wall Street Journal* article. Home foreclosures are practically nonexistent in Battle Mountain and a rarity in neighboring Elko. In turn, the prosperous mining industry has had a trickle-down effect on the region's construction business.

Earlier this year, associate editor Charlie Johnston and I toured Barrick's largest mine, Goldstrike, north of Carlin. As we motored around miles and miles of underground roads, I thought about how much more complex and enormous these mining operations have become. Weeks earlier, I was looking down a small shaft at Queen Mine, near Nevada's Boundary Peak (anyone who travels Nevada's rural expanses is bound to come across a similar defunct operation).

Now, the number of workers on any given day at Newmont and Barrick outnumber the populations of many small towns in Nevada. Barrick has a bus system to keep traffic light on its properties. Workers drive on the left side of the road because of the big rigs' enormous blind spots. Drivers can't start a vehicle until every passenger is buckled up. They can't go in reverse or make a turn without a cautionary honk. This is serious business.

In this issue's feature, we explore Nevada's mega industry. How long will this boom last, and what are the economic and environmental ramifications? Although Nevada is known as the Silver State, these days it's gold and copper that are making some Nevadans a pretty penny.



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**Philip DeManczuk,**
Sterling's Seafood Steakhouse in Reno

Harrah's Laughlin would like to extend our thanks to *Nevada Magazine* readers for acknowledging the Range Steakhouse as Best Restaurant in Southern Nevada. We are humbled to be in the running with all the wonderful eateries in the area. Our employees feel this is quite an honor to be voted the best. Harrah's Laughlin commends your readers for their great taste!
**William C. Hockney,**
The Range Steakhouse in Laughlin

[I recorded your July/August] magazine for our patrons in Nevada Talking Book Services and wanted to add a little info about the state insect. Carson City's Legislative Gift Shop is offering two different pins depicting the image of the [Vivid Dancer] Damselfly that are very nice. Your readers may find it of interest as a Nevada souvenir. You can also get a copy of the Nevada Revised Statute that made it a reality. I know the school kids really had a good time with this project.
**Kimberly A. Macaluso,**
Nevada Talking Book Services

In response to last issue's "Resurrected Riches," the Werly family does not own the Techatticup Mine, and no rights to tour or market the mine have ever been discussed. My partner, Joe Davidson, and I have owned it since February 2005. Also, the mine tour does not begin at the entrance to Techatticup, but at the entrance to the Real Good. The tunnels for the two mines intersect several hundred feet farther along. The work done in the area, such as the restoration of buildings, was not done on the Techatticup claim, but instead on the property the Werlys do own.
**Ellen Ross,** Las Vegas

This letter is in reference to last issue's "A Distinguished Drive." While it's a nice turn-of-phrase for Alice Ramsey to go from Hell Gate Bridge (in New York) to the Golden Gate Bridge (in San Francisco) in 1909, alas the Golden Gate Bridge did not open until 1937.
**Nick Gregoric,** Seattle

Our mistake, Nick. The word "Bridge" should have been omitted following Golden Gate (the name for the opening of the San Francisco Bay onto the Pacific Ocean).
**EDITOR**

I read the article "Rescuing the Range" by David Bunker. I was born in 1930 in San Francisco, and I remember all the farms from there to San Jose (more than 50 miles). They are all gone. I also remember what Carson City, Lake Tahoe, and Reno were like in the 1940s through 1970s. All this loss of farms and ranches is a result of population growth. And it's the same all over the country. Who is going to produce the food when all the land is developed?
**Allen Christie,** San Francisco

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### DEON & TRISH REYNOLDS



Great Basin National Park created the Darwin Lambert Artist-Writer in Residence Program in honor of the late Darwin Lambert, an author and proponent for the creation of the park. The husband-and-wife team of Deon and Trish Reynolds was the first to earn the distinction in 2007. As a result, the Eureka residents explored the only national park solely in Nevada for a two-week period that fall. Learn their story and see their images in "Cave Dwellers." More of their work can be found at Eureka Gallery, which they operate, and deonreynolds.com.

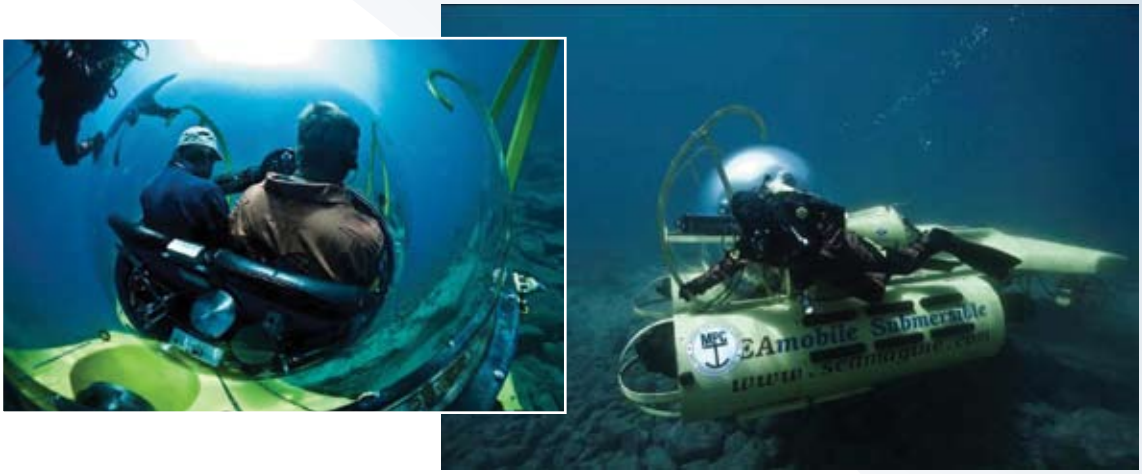
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### KATHIE TAYLOR



Minden's Kathie Taylor has written for industry and local publications for the past several years. Two years ago she returned to college at the University of Nevada, Reno to finish her journalism degree and jumped at a summer internship opportunity at *Nevada Magazine*. "Where else can you get such variety—history, adventure, and celebrities?" she says. For this issue, Taylor was thrilled to interview Harrah's Reno's resident impressionist Greg London, voted Best Entertainer in Nevada and Best Show in Northern Nevada by readers in our annual Best of Nevada survey.

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EXPLORATION

## 20,000 Leagues Under Lake Tahoe

Ever since Scott Cassell saw the movie "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" as a child, he has been fascinated with the deep unknown reaches of the world's mid-ocean range. Though nowhere near the hyperbolic depth suggested by the film, Lake Tahoe's 1,645-foot bottom is steeped with mystery, some of which Cassell's May expedition set out to uncover. Aided by a submersible from SeaMagine Hydrospace Corporation of Claremont, Cassell and his team of divers and researchers made a number of exciting observations. Among those are a fault line that likely caused earthquakes capable of producing 300-foot tsunamis on the lake's surface thousands of years ago and evidence of catastrophic, centuries-long droughts from dives in adjacent Fallen Leaf Lake. Trees that appear to have been rooted in the lake bottom suggest water levels hundreds of feet lower than now. With the help of his nonprofit Under Sea Voyager Project, Cassell plans to complete similar dives in 33 countries. A video of the Lake Tahoe and Fallen Leaf Lake dives is planned for release in early September. **underseavoyager.org, visitinglaketahoe.com**



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## Bacon Bloody Mary

Everyone's favorite morning cocktail has been upgraded to breakfast. Las Vegas' Double Down Saloon has added a twist to the standard tomato juice and vodka-based drink with bacon-infused vodka and a crispy strip of pork for garnish. The scrumptious swine swill runs $6 a glass. **doubledownsaloon.com**, 702-791-5775

TRANSPORTATION

## Bridge on the River Colorado

The Hoover Dam Bypass over the Colorado River at Black Canyon is on schedule for a fall 2010 opening. The four-lane, divided extension of U.S. Highway 93 is aimed at relieving pressure from the current two-lane roadway, which crosses atop the dam. According to the Nevada Department of Transportation, more than 14,000 vehicles cross the dam daily and, according to bypass officials, such large traffic volume is potentially unsafe for motorists, dam visitors, and the dam itself. In addition to accommodating rising traffic loads, the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge—O'Callaghan was a former Nevada Governor, and Tillman was a pro football player turned soldier who was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan—will include a pedestrian walkway with unparalleled views of the dam. Other visitor amenities include a parking area, trail to the bridge, and pedestrian plaza. The total estimated cost of the project is $240 million. **hooverdambypass.org**, 520-885-9009

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## The V&T Adds a New Route

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DIVING & SWIMMING

## Shark Bait



North America's only predator-based aquarium at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas is home to more than 30 species of sharks, and now you can swim with them. Open to certified divers 18 and older, the resort's Dive with Sharks experience gives hotel guests the opportunity to connect with these powerful, often misunderstood creatures during an up-close educational program. During the four-hour course, which costs $650 for a single diver and $1,000 for two, participants learn about shark behavior and health and are educated about Shark Reef Aquarium research projects that aid in the preservation of the property's endangered species. Daily dives are limited to two participants and vary depending on the sharks' needs and moods. **sharkreef.com**, 702-632-4555



If a few feet of water between you and the frightening fish is a little too intense, stop by Las Vegas' Golden Nugget, where an encased waterslide takes guests through the resort's shark tank. **goldennugget.com**, 800-634-3454

## NEVADA news

- **Mesquite** is looking for volunteers to assist in a day-long project, Saturday, October 10, to restore the community's natural wetlands. The area was damaged during flooding in 2005. E-mail: **wetlands@viewonmesquite.com**

- The **Nevada Motocross Park**, south of Gardnerville off U.S. Highway 395, opened this summer. The park provides a space for dirt bikers of all ages and skill levels to ride and race in a safe and controlled venue. **nevadamotocrosspark.com**, 775-690-0150

- The **Reno Bighorns**, Northern Nevada's NBA D-League franchise, will be affiliated with the Sacramento Kings and Eastern Conference Champion Orlando Magic for their 2009-10 season. **renobighorns.com**, 775-284-2622

- The **Smith Center for the Performing Arts** broke ground in May on a 4.75-acre complex in Las Vegas. When the facility opens in 2012, it will house the Nevada Ballet Theatre and Las Vegas Philharmonic. **lvpacfoundation.org**, 702-614-0109

- The Nevada Waterfowl Association selected the Northern Shoveler as the subject for the **2010 Nevada Duck Stamp Art Contest**. Entries must be original creations (in any drawing medium) and received by the Nevada Department of Wildlife no later than October 23. **ndow.org/wild/stamp**, 775-688-1915

# NEVADA news

✦ Construction began this summer on the **Big Wheel Truck Stop & Casino** in Fernley. The property, which is planned to include slots and table games, a trucker's service area, bar, convenience store, and gas and fuel stations, is slated for completion next spring. **bigwheelnevada.com**

✦ **The Meadows School** in Las Vegas is the first location in North America to debut the heat-reducing synthetic field turf Astroflect. The artificial grass is ideal for the arid, hot climate—it reduces field temperature for athlete comfort and does not require water like natural turf. **astroturfusa.com**, 877-TURF-HELP

✦ **The Silver State Peace Officers Museum** opened in Virginia City this summer. The museum, housed in the historic 1876 Storey County Jail, honors and celebrates the men and women who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting Nevadans. **peaceofficersmuseum.org**, 775-846-5948

✦ The **Nevada Commission on Tourism** awarded more than $659,000 in grants—such as $7,000 to promote a boxing event in Fallon—this summer to help rural communities promote their attractions. "[The grants] enable our rural communities to advertise and promote public awareness of all the fun things to see and do in historic mining towns and the majestic high desert," says Lieutenant Governor Brian Krolicki. **travelnevada.biz**

BIKING

## Linking the Lakes

Though connected by the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake share little else in common—for two lakes that lie roughly 50 air miles apart, they couldn't be more different. The partially completed Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway will incorporate existing paved urban paths and dirt rural trails to give cyclists and adventurers the opportunity to see the splendor and unique beauty of both as they travel 116 miles along the Truckee River, passing through Reno, Sparks, and other communities along the way. Some sections, such as the Mogul-Verdi Bike Link and the 25-mile Pyramid Lake Reservation Bikeway have already been completed, while others are in the works over the next several years. **tpbikeway.org**, 775-825-9868




Call 866-736-3716 to inquire about the Beatty birding brochure.

WILDLIFE

## Beatty-ful Birds

The desert surrounding the town of Beatty, Oasis Valley, and the Amargosa River is visited or called home by more than 250 bird species from raptors to waterfowl to songbirds. The area's location along the Pacific Flyway makes it a prime place to spot migratory birds in the spring and fall, and resident birds can be viewed year-round. The area is recognized as a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area. **beattynevada.org**, 866-736-3716

NEW STATE MUSEUM HOURS

A number of Nevada State Museums changed business hours this summer as a result of budget cuts. New hours are as follows: Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Wed.-Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Fri.-Mon. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Nevada Historical Society, Reno, Museum Galleries Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Research Library Wed.-Sat. noon to 4 p.m.; East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, Ely, Wed.-Sat. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Lost City Museum, Overton, Thurs.-Sun. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Wed.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, Train Operations Sat.-Sun. as scheduled, Museum Wed.-Sun 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **nevadaculture.org**



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# THE GOLD STATE

## By the numbers, gold is king in the Silver State.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

More than 150 years ago, the discovery of gold on the western flanks of the Sierra Nevada encouraged one of the largest human migrations in American history. Almost every settler who reached the California gold fields by land—nearly 200,000 people—crossed through what is now Nevada, mostly along the California Trail. Many of them made camp near the confluence of the Humboldt River and Maggie Creek in northeastern Nevada. As the settlers slept, many surely dreamed of the riches that awaited them after another month of arduous travel, ironically unaware that they were mere thousands of feet above one of the most prolific gold deposits the world would ever know.

The gold in the area, often referred to as the Carlin Trend or Unconformity, has yielded more than 50 million ounces—worth about $47 billion at current rates—since its discovery in the mid-1960s, helping to make Nevada the fourth-largest gold producer in the world. The state is also responsible for 80 percent of gold produced in the U.S. By comparison, the entire California Gold Rush produced about 40 million ounces, worth about $37 billion at today's rates.

Mining is the major employment engine in rural Nevada and of huge historic significance to the state—many towns would not exist if not for their mining legacy. It is responsible for unemployment rates in counties such as Elko, Eureka, and Lander that hover as low as four percent while statewide unemployment climbs past 10 percent. Mining has been a key player in Nevada's history since before statehood in 1864, and all indications point to it remaining just as important for many years to come. As Tim Crowley, president of the Nevada Mining Association puts it, "If it isn't grown, it has to be mined."

### GOLD (AND SILVER) FEVER

Nevada's large-scale mining history started with the discovery of silver on the Comstock in 1859. Over the next 20 years the deposits of high-grade ore produced nearly $400 million in silver and gold and spurred many advances in mining technology. The mines of the Comstock started declining in 1874, and by 1880 Nevada's mining industry was almost dormant. The discovery of silver in Tonopah in 1900 brought Nevada mining

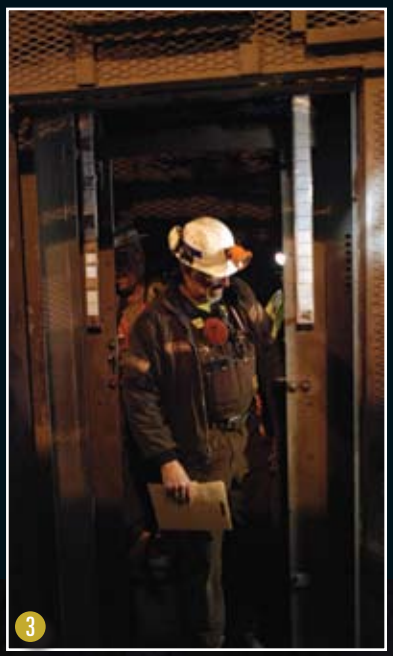
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One of Goldstrike's many pieces of heavy equipment awaits repair in an underground mechanics' shop.



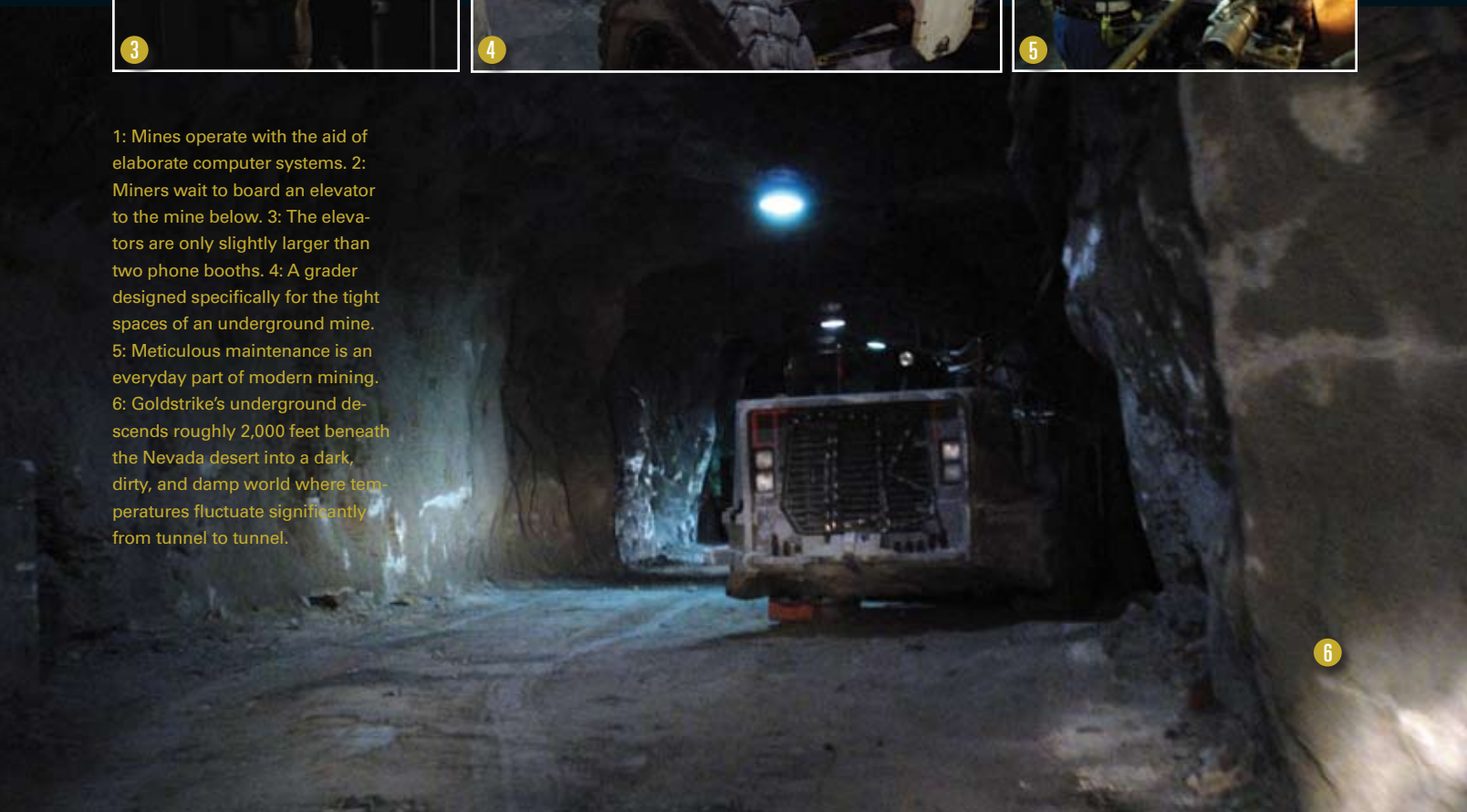








1: Mines operate with the aid of elaborate computer systems. 2: Miners wait to board an elevator to the mine below. 3: The elevators are only slightly larger than two phone booths. 4: A grader designed specifically for the tight spaces of an underground mine. 5: Meticulous maintenance is an everyday part of modern mining. 6: Goldstrike's underground descends roughly 2,000 feet beneath the Nevada desert into a dark, dirty, and damp world where temperatures fluctuate significantly from tunnel to tunnel.



back to its feet and was followed shortly by the discovery of gold in Goldfield two years later. By the time Tonopah's mines ceased operations in 1921, their yield reached about $120 million; Goldfield's operations halted in 1918, earning about $125 million. Though silver and gold dominated early Nevada mining, prospectors were aware of vast low-grade copper deposits in the mountains west of Ely as early as 1900.

By 1908 rising copper prices encouraged greater attention, and Ely's copper mines were born. The operations experienced phases of prosperity and decline through the Great Depression and both World Wars, but continued to produce ore. Copper-mining operations continue in the area today. The copper reserves of White Pine County are, however, an exception. Most precious metal-rich deposits are, as history shows, short lived. Even the Carlin Trend is not expected to yield ore for more than another 15 to 20 years.

Nevada's early precious mineral discoveries on the Comstock and near towns such as Tonopah and Goldfield were hard-rock operations, in which miners followed rich veins of gold and silver in shafts and tunnels descending thousands of feet into the earth. The copper operation in Ely marked a new method of ore removal in Nevada mining. The low quality of the ore made tunnels and shafts inefficient, so engineers instead opted to remove large quantities of dirt from the earth via open-pit mining, in which immense holes are dug above deposits of ore to extract thousands of tons of rock. The rock is transported to facilities where the target mineral is extracted, and the resulting overburden is returned to sites near the mine and deposited onto adjacent hillsides.

Today, gold and other minerals continue to be removed via hard-rock and open-pit mining. The similarities stop there. Mining today is drastically different from the common conception of a dusty miner striking a sparkling vein of gold in a poorly lit tunnel—most miners in fact rarely see the gold they extract. Nevada's gold is microscopic and dispersed through tons of rock. A truckload of the richest ore in the state looks no more valuable than a truckload of regular rock. This means large quantities of rock must be processed to yield relatively small amounts of gold. And isolating the microscopic gold particles within the ore requires extensive, costly processes (see sidebar on page 14). All of these factors combine to make Nevada's gold mines immense, multimillion dollar operations. A single mine in Elko County, Barrick's Goldstrike, covers more than 10,000 acres and has cost Barrick about $7 billion to operate since the company's 1987 acquisition of the property. In the same period, Goldstrike has made Barrick more than $3 billion in profits. Though Goldstrike is the state's largest mine, more than a dozen other gold mines experience similar success.

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF BOOM

Early discoveries of silver and gold in Nevada brought with them staggering population booms. Virginia City exploded from a handful of residents to a bustling city of nearly 30,000 by the height of the Comstock Lode in the early 1870s; Tonopah was established following the discovery of silver in 1900 and grew to more than 3,000 residents in two years; and Goldfield, founded in 1902, reached 30,000 residents by 1906. Equally astounding were the individual fortunes amassed in these boomtowns. Men such as George Hearst, John Mackay, and William Ralston used their influence and ingenuity to become multimillionaires. Hearst eventually became a U.S. Senator.

The mood of today's mining boom is remarkably less frenetic, but significant nonetheless. Modern mining towns, such as Battle Mountain and Elko, have experienced more modest population surges—Battle Mountain's population has increased by about 30 percent since 2000, and Elko has grown modestly in three decades from 8,700 residents in 1980 to an estimated 17,000 in 2007.

Where the boomtowns of old were often lawless clusters of hastily built bars, brothels, and shacks that sprang up solely to serve the mines, today's mining communities are just like










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7: Shafts are stabilized with rock bolts, steel mesh, and shotcrete (spray concrete) for safety. 8: When miners enter the underground they leave "brass" on a check-in board and wear a tag with correlating numbers to ensure no one is lost, particularly in the event of an evacuation. 9: Mining is full of seemingly endless safety inspections, including this one that must be conducted before driving one of the mine's off-road vehicles.



The massive, multistory shovels at open-pit mines can fill a 400-ton-capacity dump truck in two passes.

any other American town. Their established infrastructures and diversified industries make them less likely to suffer the same busts experienced by their predecessors. And while miners' incomes sit comfortably above statewide averages—in 2007 the average mine worker grossed $67,392, about $25,000 more than Nevada's statewide average—the overnight millionaires that typified earlier booms are absent. Earnings from modern mines also go to help their surrounding communities and the entire state. Services and goods required by the mines and their more than 14,000 employees generate another 102,000 jobs in Nevada and adjacent states, according to Crowley. And in 2007, Nevada mines paid more than $200 million in taxes.

## MINING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Few, if any, people are critical of the benefits to Nevada's economy afforded by mines. But an industry that relies so heavily on land use is bound to raise environmental concerns. Historically, Nevada's mines have a less than stellar environmental record. In James W. Hulse's book, *Nevada's Environmental Legacy: Progress or Plunder*, Comstock reporter Dan DeQuille writes that at least 80 million feet of timber and lumber were consumed annually on the Comstock Lode, used for tunnel support and fuel for smelting. DeQuille adds that more than seven million pounds of mercury (used to separate precious metals from ore) were lost into the ground over the life of the Comstock Lode. Hulse points to numerous other environmental low points for Nevada mining, such as violations of the Environmental Protection Agency's federal clean-air standards associated with Ely's copper operations and McGill smelters, numerous relocations of the town of Ruth to accommodate expanding open pits, and uranium contamination associated with the Anaconda Copper Mine near Yerington.

Today, mining interests are striving to change this image. "Mining is one of the most regulated industries in the nation, and Nevada mining sets the bar for safety and environmental excellence," Crowley says. Nevada mines played major roles in implementing Nevada's Voluntary Mercury Reduction Program in 2006 and cyanide, a component of the gold extraction process, is voluntarily handled in accordance with the International Cyanide Management Code, which standardizes the safe handling and disposal of the chemical. Barrick and Newmont both follow the standards of the ICMC.

Heap leach pads, ponds, and process facilities are engineered to meet strict regulatory standards that prevent cyanide from being released into the environment, and monitoring systems are placed for all leach pads to ensure that no cyanide escapes. Stringent chemical-handling standards employ double-walled tanks and other measures to reduce spills and protect groundwater from contamination. Water used in mines, for ore processing and dust suppression, is recycled or treated and returned to the aquifer or used for irrigation on nearby ranches.

Mines, particularly open pits, require a lot of acreage and thereby disturb wildlife habitat. Through cooperation with government and non-government organizations, areas that have outlived their mining use are returned to their previous state by re-contouring and re-vegetation. Barrick won the 2007 Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Award for wildlife habitat restoration at Goldstrike.

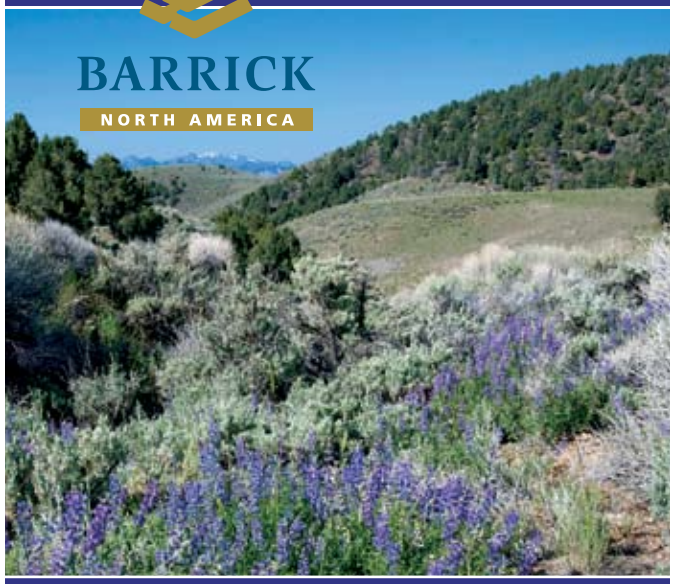
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Once gold ore is removed from the ground, it is trucked to a crusher where it is pulverized. The loose ore is oxidized by either of two processes: roasting or autoclaving. A roaster accomplishes oxidation by heating ore to high temperatures (1,000 degrees Fahrenheit) while an autoclave uses high pressure to achieve high enough temperatures and oxygen levels to facilitate oxidation. The oxidation step helps to separate sulfur and organic carbons from the ore, thereby making it more susceptible to cyanide leaching, the next step in the process. The ore (now called a slurry) is combined with a sodium cyanide mixture to further isolate the gold particles through a chemical reaction called the Eisner Equation in which cyanide and oxygen separate gold from other molecules in the slurry. At this point the gold molecules are attached to carbon molecules and exposed to high temperatures and an acid solution that separate the gold and carbon. The resulting gold is refined through electrowinning, in which a current is passed through the gold, and smelting, then poured into bars for shipping. This gold will eventually be used for jewelry, space exploration, computer circuits, electronics, pharmaceuticals, dentistry, foods and beverages, and even beauty products.

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# child's play

## Las Vegas' Lied Discovery Children's Museum puts the fun in education.

"Green Village" features actual companies, such as Bank of America, NV Energy, and Smith's, which sponsor the exhibit. Each "store" offers advice on how to shop green.

BY JON FORTENBURY

Kids love to have fun. Parents love when their kids participate in educational activities. Everyone loves a win-win situation, which Lied Discovery Children's Museum achieves by combining the two elements.

"We like for kids to learn by using the exhibits and having that hands-on approach," says Tiffer-ney White, director of programs and education. "We know that they're having fun going from one exhibit to another, but as they have fun, they're also picking up knowledge."

Located in downtown Las Vegas, Lied Discov-ery Children's Museum features nearly 100 exhib-its in the arts, sciences, and humanities. With so many children's museums having an arts focus, White thinks this one goes beyond the norm. "Our second floor feels a lot like a science center, and our first floor feels a lot like a children's mu-seum," White says. "I think that makes us unique."

The Junior League of Las Vegas and Allied Arts Council founded the museum as a private, nonprofit educational institution in 1984. The museum moved to its current location in 1990, sharing space with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library. The property has ongoing, featured, and traveling exhibits.

The current featured exhibit, "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body," is on display until September 7. The attraction teaches children about the science behind necessary bodily functions of a healthy person, with an emphasis on the not-so-pleasant functions. It includes a burp machine and a lesson from Pro-fessor Nigel Nose It All on mucus.

"Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee" is a Lied innovation that is currently on a museum

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tour across the country. The 1,500-square-foot exhibition takes kids on a journey into the lives of children forced to leave their homes and find new ones. The exhibit returns to Las Vegas in 2010. "It's presented in a way that lightens the topic a little but still gives kids exposure to refugees," White says. "We just want to raise awareness on the issue."

Even with "Torn From Home" torn from its Las Vegas home, there are several ongoing exhibits at the museum. "It's Your Choice" highlights the importance of health. "Green Village" is a mini city, teaching children everyday lessons by way of a grocery store, bank, and more. The exhibit also teaches kids how to shop green. "Jacob's Ladder" lets kids create a surge of electricity. Desert Discovery, an area designed for children five and younger, teaches shape identification and the tendencies of nocturnal wildlife, common in the desert. There's even a puppet show and a crawling area for infants.

Donna Popp-Bruesewitz brought her two- and four-year-olds to the museum during her visit from Osage, Iowa. She heard great reviews about the museum and wanted to see for herself. "It's been interesting and very hands on," Popp-Bruesewitz says. "There's lots of stuff for this age group to do. It's been a good experience."

Laura Ward and her two children, ages two and six, also had a positive experience. The Las Vegas family got free museum tickets from the summer reading program at the neighboring library. "I'm glad they have something like this for kids," Ward says. "It's easy to get to, affordable, and a great family event."

The museum hosts many celebrations, including birthday parties—the available themes are classic (exhibit based), slime time (science based), and bubblemania (art based). Cake and ice cream are provided, among other goodies. "We like to think that we're the best place in Las Vegas for [children's] birthday parties," says Brock Radke, marketing and public relations manager.

All age groups can participate in many different programs and volunteer opportunities. One is the Youthworks Program, which provides high school students with job-skill training, homework support, career and educational guidance, and museum discounts. The museum offers a number of memberships. As well as access to members-only events, members can visit the museum for a year free of charge. The family membership even earns participants reciprocal membership to other museums throughout the country.




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Parents walk their children around "It's Your Choice," an exhibit that teaches visitors about the effects of healthy and unhealthy lifestyles.

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Clockwise from top left: Stalactites in Lehman Caves. Lexington Arch, accessible via a 3.4-mile roundtrip hike. The Bristlecone Trail at the base of Wheeler Peak is a 2.8-mile roundtrip hike. Great Basin National Park's Snake Range is one of Nevada's highest with six named peaks above 11,000 feet; 13,063-foot Wheeler Peak is the first from the right.

# a great discovery

## Great Basin National Park is full of natural wonders and light on crowds.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The rangers at Nevada's Great Basin National Park like to tell stories. One of their favorites is that of Absalom Lehman and his unlikely discovery. The story starts circa 1885 when Lehman's lunch was stolen off his plate by a pack rat. Not about to let his meal slip away, Lehman gave pursuit. During the chase his horse tripped in a hole and broke its leg. That hole was the natural entrance to what is now Lehman Caves. Although the truth of the caves' discovery will never be known, we do know that Lehman was instrumental in making them the popular tourist attraction they are today.

Over the next few decades Lehman and others gave tours until a National Monument was created in 1922. The national park, which encompasses more than 77,000 acres around Lehman Caves, was designated in 1986.

In addition to the caves, the park is home to Nevada's second-highest point, 13,063-foot Wheeler Peak, Nevada's only rock glacier, and the six-story Lexington Arch. The park's compact size and easy access from U.S. Highway 50 make it an attractive getaway for a long weekend, and some of the smallest crowds in the National Park system ensure peace, quiet, and, most importantly, open campsites. The park is also home to four groves of bristlecone pines—among the oldest living organisms on earth—which have been recorded to live to nearly 5,000 years.




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Lehman Caves has an unusually high number of shield formations, with more than 300. Shields form in caves with highly fractured limestone and can grow from ceilings, walls, and floors at all angles.

# CAVE DWELLERS

## Nevada couple won't forget their two–week trip to Great Basin.

BY DEON & TRISH REYNOLDS

We knew we were in for an exciting adventure during our two-week residency at Great Basin National Park in October 2007. We hiked and explored more than 60 miles of trails and photographed everything, including Basque carvings on aspens, snow-covered bristlecone pines, and Wheeler Peak and its surrounding creeks and lakes.

We were also granted the privilege of a special photography session in Lehman Caves. First, we scouted the caves during a regularly scheduled tour to assess lighting needs and other logistics. We then ascended on the caves with our cameras, lights, and tripod with park ranger Roberta Moore, who's been leading public tours for years.

It turns out that two weeks in the park was not enough. We plan to return during different seasons to explore and photograph some of the park's more remote areas.



Fall colors abound along the road to Lexington Arch Trailhead.

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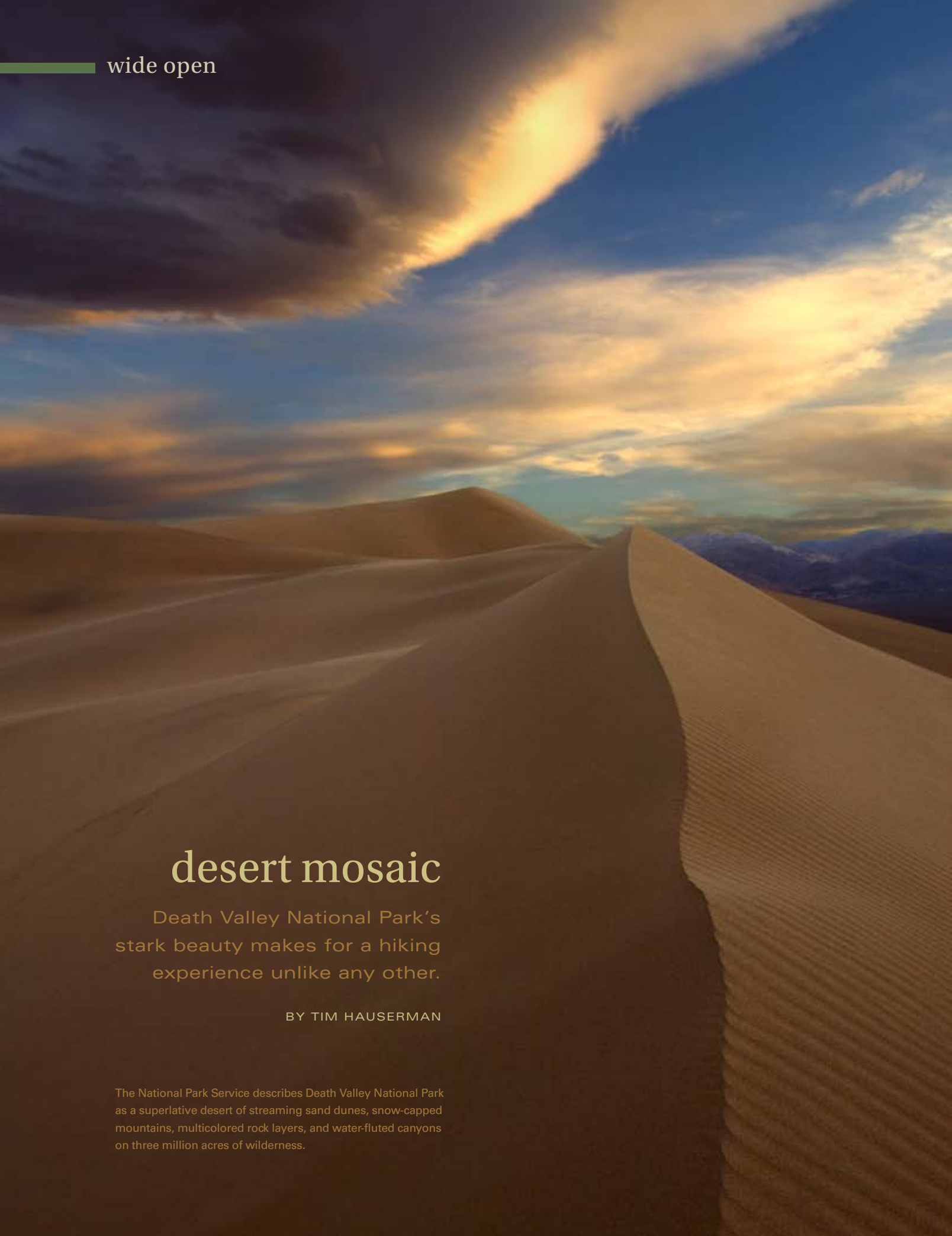
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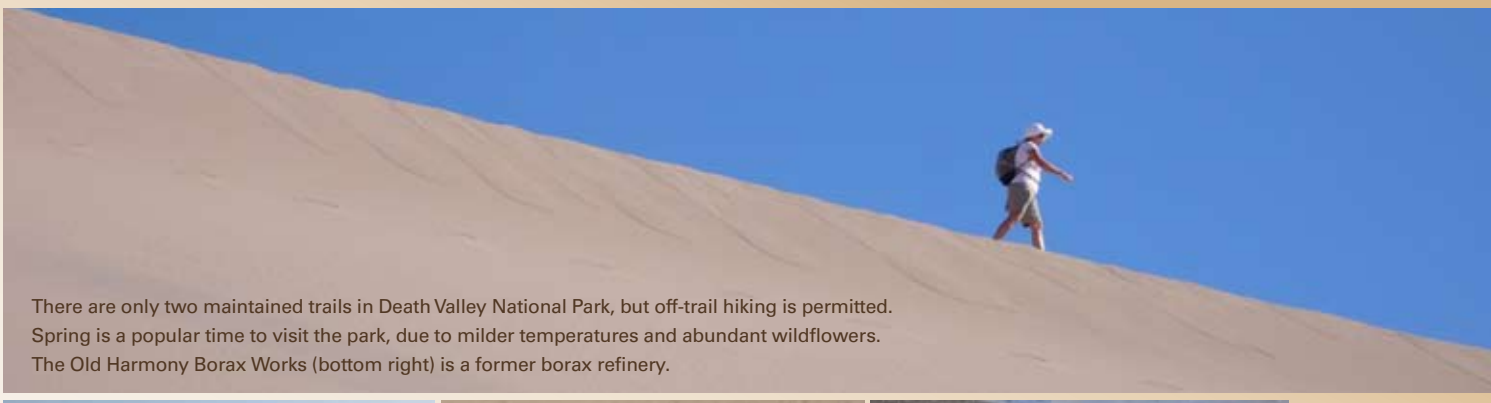


# desert mosaic

Death Valley National Park's stark beauty makes for a hiking experience unlike any other.

BY TIM HAUSERMAN

The National Park Service describes Death Valley National Park as a superlative desert of streaming sand dunes, snow-capped mountains, multicolored rock layers, and water-fluted canyons on three million acres of wilderness.



There are only two maintained trails in Death Valley National Park, but off-trail hiking is permitted. Spring is a popular time to visit the park, due to milder temperatures and abundant wildflowers. The Old Harmony Borax Works (bottom right) is a former borax refinery.








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You made it to the top, the star dune. Directly below, countless smaller dunes, like waves of sand, throw deep shadows in the early morning sun. To the south, the seemingly endless expanse of Death Valley eventually leads to Badwater—282 feet below sea level, it's the lowest point in North America.

To the southwest, amid the purple expanse of the Panamint Mountains, is Telescope Peak. Rising to 11,049 feet, its summit lies just a few miles from Badwater. While the temperature at the sand dunes on a spring day can reach 90 degrees, the upper reaches of Telescope are still covered in snow.

Death Valley National Park is all about extremes: It's the hottest and driest region in the United States and the largest national park outside of Alaska. Death Valley is also about the splendor of the starkly beautiful dunes and canyons. But the most pleasant and peaceful surprise is that it seems to be absent of sound.

There are only two maintained trails in the park, but don't let that stop you. Some of the best hiking is off trail, where you can easily follow canyon bottoms, wander over salt flats, or climb sand dunes. The canyon hikes are short, so relaxed hikers can be finished in a few hours, and the more adventurous can pick a hike in the morning and still have time for another in the afternoon.

Three miles from the park's hub at Furnace Creek Ranch is Golden Canyon, the most popular hike. The highlight of most canyon walks is the narrows, where the sheer rock walls on both sides of the canyon close in to just a few feet wide. The Golden Canyon hike starts in the narrows, then widens as you wander through a dramatic landscape of what looks like vanilla fudge swirl with views dominated by aptly named Red Cathedral and the distinctive Manly Beacon. Given the lack of water, it is hard to believe that thousands of years ago much of the area was under Manly Lake, which covered Death Valley in more than 600 feet of water. The moderately difficult four-mile roundtrip route reaches Gower Gulch and continues downhill past old borax mining tunnels before passing through narrows less than six feet across.




The Mosaic Canyon trail begins just a few miles from Stovepipe Wells. Named for the mosaic-like rock formations found in the canyon, the best part of this hike (up to four miles roundtrip) is the first half-mile, featuring narrow canyon walls with rock polished smoothly into marble and short fascinating scrambles through tight passageways. The canyon widens to showcase high multicolored



Death Valley is generally sunny and dry throughout the year. The winter months, December through March, are mild with occasional winter storms, but summers are extremely hot and dry. Temperatures at the lower elevations consistently exceed 120 degrees.

rock walls and pineapple-sized cactus hanging on rock ledges before narrowing again at a chokestone. Chokestones are huge boulders that were carried by infrequent, but powerful, flash floods to a spot in the canyon where they block the route.

While floods are very rare, visitors should check the weather forecast and avoid canyon areas during thunderstorms. In Mosaic Canyon, an easy climb leads around the blockage and to more narrows before the route is blocked again, this time by a high dry fall.

The hike up Fall Canyon begins with a .75-mile traverse across a huge alluvial fan—often covered with wildflowers in the spring—before dropping into the mouth of the canyon. For the next 2.5 miles it continues past towering gold, red, and green rock walls.

Although the canyons are the highlight of a hiking excursion in Death Valley, there are a variety of other fascinating places to explore. When tempatures soar, seek refuge by climbing Wildrose Peak. Take the hour-and-a-half drive from Furnace Creek, which leads to the trailhead at the charcoal kilns, built in 1877 to make charcoal for use in mining operations 25 miles away. Stand inside the kilns, and you will notice the incredible acoustics and the still distinctive odor of charcoal. The trail begins at 6,900 feet, travels 4.2 miles past piñon pine and mistletoe-infested juniper, and culminates at 9,064-foot Wildrose Peak. What makes this hike unique is that it provides views of Mounts Whitney and Badwater—the highest and lowest points in the lower 48 states.

Another Death Valley highlight is Ubehebe Crater. The crater looks like a giant wicker basket of deep reds and golds plopped onto the black volcanic landscape. An exciting challenge is to hike the steep trail of soft cinders 500 feet down to the bottom.

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Here's what first-time visitors to Death Valley National Park had to say.

*"The diversity of the terrain was totally unexpected. From below sea level to over 9,000 feet. From sand to snow."*
—Gary & Jackie Chaffkin

*"Contrary to its forbidding name, Death Valley is a vibrant time machine that allows visitors to witness a billion years of geologic history in a matter of days."*—Timothy Tye

*"Just a few miles away from the small settlement of Furnace Creek we found spectacular views of a universe of stars that simply cannot be seen near cities."*
—Mark Wilcox

### VISIT BEATTY

While many begin their Death Valley trip in Las Vegas, you can also make Beatty your launching point. It's a charming town just seven miles east of the park border and 40 minutes from Furnace Creek. You can post up at the Stagecoach Casino, and next door is the Death Valley Candy Store, which prides itself on being the largest confectionary in Nevada. beattynevada.org, 775-553-2424

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# PAHRUMP

## Southern Nevada border town has grown into one of the region's premier getaways.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN




**PAHRUMP**

Established: 1960s
Population: 37,000
Elevation: 2,650

If there's anyone who knows Pahrump, it's Tim Hafen. After all, he beat paved roads and electricity to the Southern Nevada town.

A former farmer, Hafen came to Pahrump in 1951 to grow cotton and alfalfa. "I would say cotton is what made Pahrump Valley. It enabled us to make a little money to expand, which brought a road, [State Route] 160, from Vegas," he says. According to Hafen, 1963 brought electricity, and telephone lines followed a few years later. "Now we had the ingredients to start a community."

Pahrump, 62 miles west of Las Vegas, has indeed grown up, blossoming to a community of more than 30,000. "When I moved out here, there were probably 150 people," says Hafen, who became a broker in the early 1980s when development began to boom in the area.

Although it might be a stretch, given the population, to call it rural, Pahrump still hasn't lost its small-town feel. "I can drive all over Pahrump Valley very comfortably, even though we have three traffic lights," Hafen says sarcastically. "I know a lot of people, and it has a good climate—it cools down in the evenings."

The town has become a bedroom community for Las Vegas, but Carolene Endersby values its diverse citizenship. "We have spillover from Las Vegas, California, and all points east," says Endersby, a resident for seven years and a member of the League of Women Voters of Pahrump. "It's a mix of suburbanites and urbanites woven into the fiber of the old west."

That perspective helps explain such popular local events as the Frontier Days & Chili Showdown, Gunfighters Gathering, and Wild West Extravaganza & Trail Ride, with the latter two in September. The beloved Fall Festival also occurs in September. The Pahrump Powwow, in November, is one of Nevada's largest.

As much as it is a nice place to live and retire, it's also become a great Nevada getaway. Pahrump is one of the state's more RV-friendly destinations. It boasts six major RV resorts and makes a great base camp for adventures at nearby Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and Mount Charleston. The area offers three golf courses, one of which (Furnace Creek) is at 214 feet below sea level.

Along with neighboring Beatty, Pahrump is one of Nevada's gateways to Death Valley National Park. Furnace Creek, California, the park's hub, is 57 miles west of Pahrump. En route is the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, a fulfilling wildlife-viewing area.

One of the more popular attractions is Pahrump Valley Winery, featuring the fine-dining restaurant Symphony's and an annual Grape Stomp event. Other destinations at the top of visitors' lists are the Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch,

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Pahrump Valley Museum, China Ranch Date Farm, and Tecopa Hot Springs Resort.

Mount Charleston, to the east, was the inspiration for Anthony Alosi's town song, "West Side of Charley." Also a former farmer—"Everyone went crazy over our tomatoes," Alosi gloats—the 21-year Pahrump resident is a general contractor who capitalized on the area's building boom as well.

In that way, Alosi has contributed to the town's development into one of Southern Nevada's most intriguing stops on the road. "When we moved here in 1988, there wasn't much town to go to," he says with a laugh.

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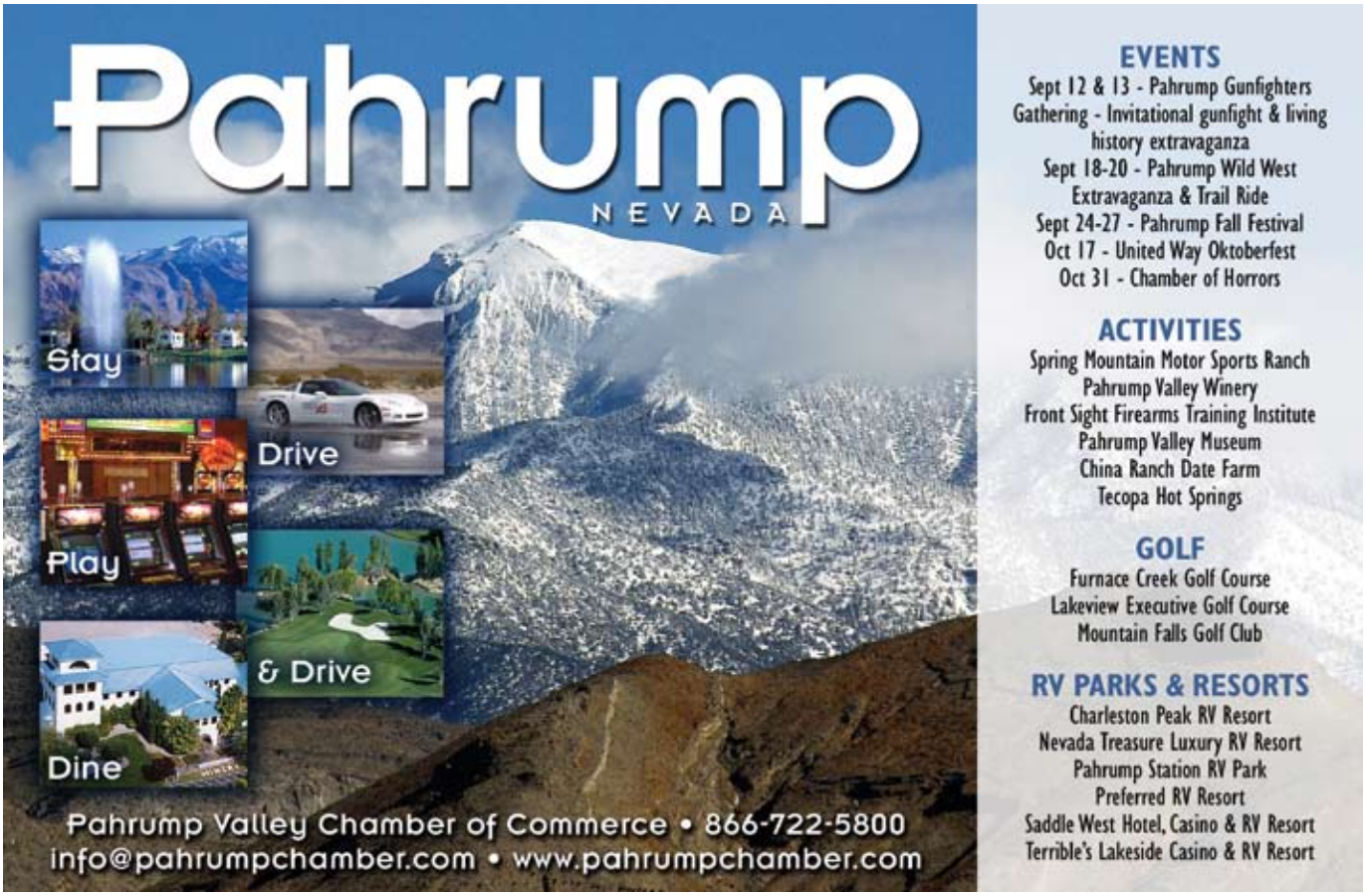
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# QUALITY AND QUANTITY

For more than 50 years, John Ascuaga's Nugget has done diners proud.

STORY & PHOTOS
BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Throughout John Ascuaga's five decades as a casino owner he has never lost his passion for food and beverage service. His Sparks resort, John Ascuaga's Nugget, is one of Northern Nevada's largest hotel-casinos and home to eight unique eateries. And while nearly everything about the property has changed since its early days as a 60-seat coffee shop with a handful of slot machines, Ascuaga's philosophy has remained steadfast: never sacrifice quality.

## JOHN'S OYSTER BAR

One of the Nugget's oldest, most-loved restaurants is John's Oyster Bar, which opened in 1959. The locals' favorite has changed little in its 50 years, and its no-nonsense menu is about one thing: fresh seafood. "You'll notice there are no fried items," says Executive Vice President of Food and Beverage Dave Brody. "It's all basted, steamed, or grilled."

The lack of batter and hot oil makes the seafood taste like, well, seafood. One menu highlight is the Seafood Extravaganza, a veritable ocean in a dish of lobster, crab, jumbo shrimp, scallops, calamari, clams, and mussels sautéed with tomatoes, garlic, shallots, herbs, butter, white wine, and lemon juice served with saffron rice. From the buttery lobster and tender scallops to the demure flavor of the calamari, every item stands out with its own distinct taste.

If there had to be only one menu item the

From left to right: The Seafood Extravaganza is John's Oyster Bar's tribute to fresh, abundant fish and crustaceans; New York Steak Teriyaki is marinated in sake and ginger for a uniquely Asian, Trader Dick's taste; Seafood Zarzuela at Restaurante Orozko is a taste of the Mediterranean in a pan; sautéed mushrooms complement any of the top-quality steaks at The Steakhouse Grill.



John's 20-ounce Bone-in Rib Eye Steak is more than a meal in itself. If you can find the room, pair it with asparagus and Béarnaise sauce.

Oyster Bar was famous for, it would be the pan roasts. These stews meld cream, white wine, clam broth, butter, cocktail sauce, and lemon juice with a variety of seafood to create one of the richest, most decadent soups imaginable. Though Ascuaga would never reveal a favorite among his restaurants, frequent lunchtime sightings of the casino mogul suggest the Oyster Bar is a strong contender.

## TRADER DICK'S

On the opposite end of the traditional eatery spectrum from John's Oyster Bar is Trader Dick's, a Polynesian-Asian-American amalgam with the resort's largest, most eclectic menu. "There's something for everyone here," Brody says.

Singling out any of the nearly 70 offerings (that's excluding desserts) as a standout would be next to impossible. Thankfully, the menu offers John's Recommendations to assist in the daunting prospect of selecting a meal. Prawns with Honey Glazed Walnuts are marinated and deep fried before being tossed in a honey dressing and served with white rice. The subtle sweetness of the prawns and robust honey flavor of the walnuts make this one of the richest dishes at Trader Dick's. Don't worry about flavor overload; your whole table will gladly share in the indulgence.

Trader Dick's and its adjacent bar—home to one of the largest saltwater aquariums in Northern Nevada—host more parties and celebrations than any other Nugget restaurant. "The bar is a big part of the experience," Brody says. "It's just a fun restaurant."

## THE STEAKHOUSE GRILL

As much as Ascuaga loves food, beef is perhaps closest to his heart. It comes as no surprise that The Steakhouse Grill is widely regarded as one of Northern Nevada's best places to find bovine bliss. One of the menu's most popular starters is the Creamy Five Onion Soup with leeks, shallots, and white and green onions served in a hollowed-out Caruso onion and topped with a Gruyère and Swiss cheese crust. Steaks run the gamut from the juicy and succulent Jackpot Filet Mignon to the colossal 24-ounce porterhouse—and all are

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## Q&A with John Ascuaga

John Ascuaga, president of John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks and one of the most recognized Basques in Nevada, has emphasized care, quality, and integrity since the hotel-casino opened in March 1955. The mantra has proved successful for the property's eight award-winning eateries.

**Q** What do you think about your restaurants?

**A** I know everyone thinks I'm being a little egotistical, but we'll put the quality of our food up against any restaurant in the country. We excel in quality—that's the number-one reason why we're so successful.

**Q** What's your favorite Basque restaurant?

**A** My home (he laughs). My wife is Basque. I still feel there's not really an authentic Basque restaurant [in the area]. They all have a dish or two, but if you go back to the Basque country, I don't think many of them would know what top sirloin is. That's what most [modern Basque restaurants] serve.

**Q** What's your favorite traditional Basque meal?

**A** Bacalao codfish, chuleta, and red peppers.



Trader Dick's Prawns with Honey Glazed Walnuts are served with steamed rice. Paella, served in a traditional pan, is a Restaurante Orozko favorite.

U.S. beef. John's 20-ounce Bone-in Rib Eye Steak, at nearly two inches thick, is easily one of the best pieces of beef in Nevada—pair it with sautéed button mushrooms or a creamy Béarnaise sauce. For dessert, indulge in bananas foster, prepared in an applause-worthy flaming tableside display by the servers.

### RESTAURANTE OROZKO

The Nugget's newest restaurant, Restaurante Orozko, is named for the Basque village where Ascuaga's parents lived before immigrating to America. With such a personal significance to Ascuaga, not a single detail has gone unnoticed by his paternal eye—even the stone columns are made from granite collected at his Genoa ranch—and the attention shows. Not your typical family-style Basque eatery, Orozko is an upscale celebration of fine Basque and Spanish cuisine. Paella is a perennial favorite of lobster, prawns, clams, mussels, chicken, and chorizo sausage, cooked with saffron rice and served in a traditional pan. Its close cousin, Seafood Zarzuela, replaces the chicken and chorizo with calamari and cod and incorporates a spicy tomato sauce. These massive, flavorful creations are great to share. A traditional *tapas* menu provides great starters—try the jumbo prawns in spicy garlic sauce—and complements an evening of cocktails in the Orozko Lounge, which features live entertainment Tuesday through Saturday.

### DISTINGUISHED EMPLOYEE



Spend time at John's Oyster Bar, and you'll recognize a few friendly faces. That's because many of the employees have been there for a while. In November, Ruthie (pictured) celebrates her 43rd year at the restaurant.

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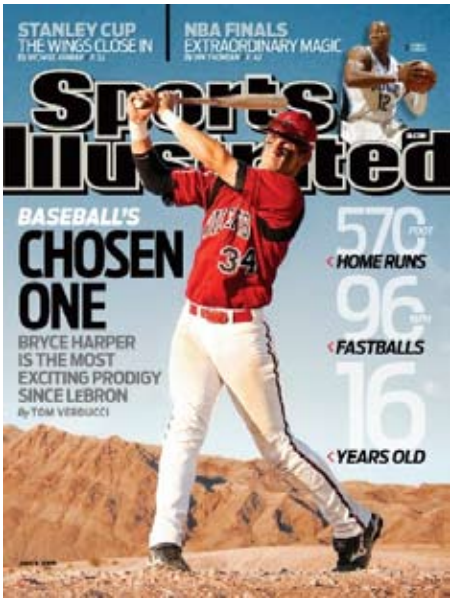
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BASEBALL

## Bryce Harper

Las Vegas

Johnny Bench, Mike Piazza, Ivan Rodriguez, and Bryce Harper. OK, it's a bit premature to include Harper on such a prestigious list of catchers, but consider the 16-year-old's sophomore year. He amassed a .626 batting average, 14 home runs, and 55 RBIs—all this with 42 walks, by the way. In January, the 6-foot-3, 205-pound Las Vegas High School sensation crushed a ball 502 feet at Tampa Bay's Tropicana Field, the longest homer in the history of the park and 68 feet short of Harper's high-school record 570-foot blast. Harper plans to forego his final two high school seasons to play for College of Southern Nevada.

It's possible that the baseball prodigy—who has been compared analogously to basketball's LeBron James—will enter the Major League Baseball draft in 2010. One American League scouting director predicts he'd go in the top five picks; a National League scout predicts top two. When asked about his goals as a ballplayer in an interview with *Sports Illustrated*, Harper replied, "Be in the Hall of Fame, definitely. Play in Yankee Stadium. Play in the pinstripes. Be considered the greatest baseball player who ever lived. I can't wait." Check out Harper's impressive power display by searching his name on YouTube.

ADAPTIVE ATHLETE

## Amy Purdy

Las Vegas



In 2001 at age 19, Amy Purdy was the first Las Vegan in more than 20 years to contract and survive Niesseria meningitidis (an infection of the bloodstream), losing her spleen and her legs below the knees as a result. Since, she has also been the first Nevadan to receive a laparoscopic kidney transplant, and less than a year after her transplant operation, she was one of the first bilateral below-the-knee amputees to medal in a snowboard competition. "I was scared I'd never be able to snowboard again," she says of her ordeal. "I was on a mission." By trial and error, she learned to ride again and was soon receiving e-mails from people around the world asking how. In 2005 she and partner Daniel Gale formed Adaptive Action Sports to help adaptive athletes get involved in extreme sports—snowboarding, skateboarding, motocross, and wakeboarding. AAS partnered with Element Skateboards this summer for an adaptive youth skateboard camp, and in October, she will participate in a triathlon to raise money for the Challenged Athletes Foundation, the organization that once provided her with a snowboard on which to compete. "I always knew I'd give back someday," she says. **amypurdy.com**—STORY BY KATHIE TAYLOR

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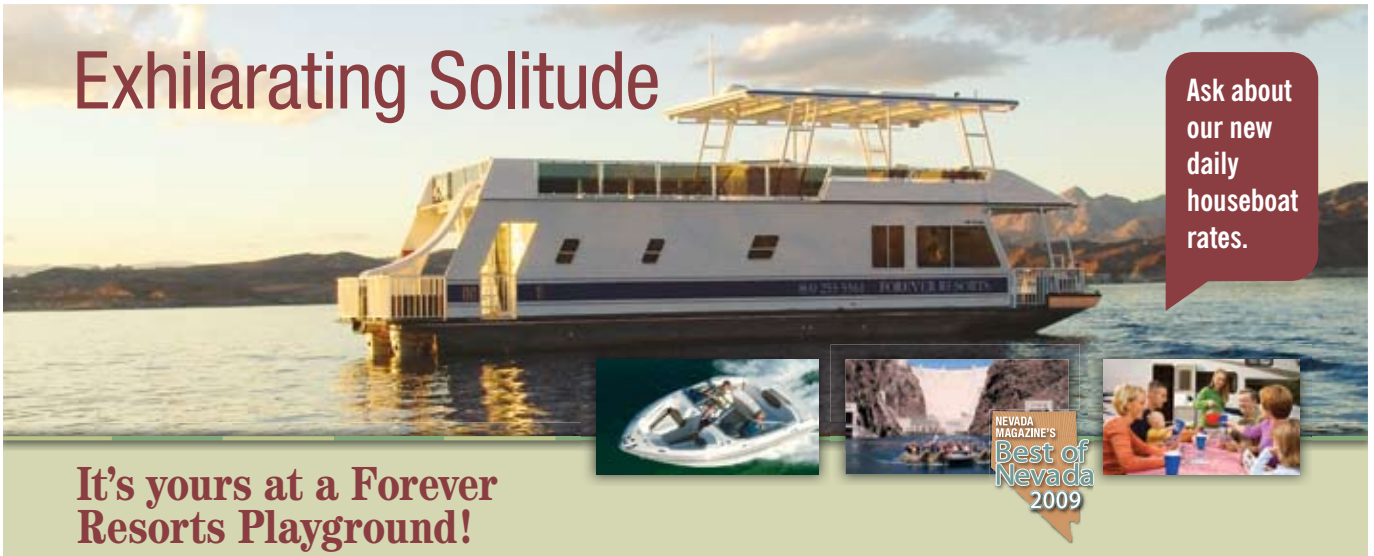
## Tatum Boehnke & Ryan Hogan

Carson City



While most recent high school graduates bounce among myriad barbecues and parties following their big day, Tatum Boehnke and Ryan Hogan packed their swimsuits and goggles and embarked on a journey to the English Channel. The duo completed the 21-mile crossing from Dover, England to the European mainland near Calais, France in 10 hours and 40 minutes. Their crossing of the frigid strait—early June water temperatures average 55 degrees—is the third fastest two-person relay across the channel and the fastest ever by a male-female pair. Boehnke and Hogan both swim for the Carson City Tigersharks and completed their feat in part to help raise money for a three-year-old Carson City boy with a malignant brain tumor. The pair raised $3,500 to help with medical expenses. Boehnke plans to attend and swim for the University of Northern Colorado starting in the fall. Hogan plans to play water polo for the Air Force Academy.

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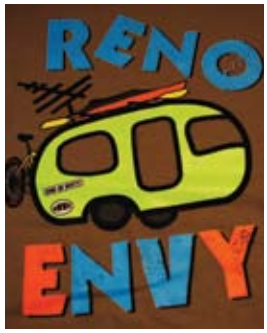
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# putting the envy in "nv"

## Reno eNVy pokes fun at The Biggest Little City, but does it proudly.

BY JON FORTENBURY
PHOTOS BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON




It took more than a century for someone to make the connection. Okay, maybe not, but Reno eNVy founder Scott Dunseath is the first to capitalize on it. And it started with a simple phone conversation.

About seven years ago, Dunseath was telling his friend his mailing address. Upon reaching the "Reno, NV" part, the two realized the link between "NV" and "envy." It became a running joke; three years later, it became a business. "I'm sure I'm not the first guy to think about that, but I was the first guy to act on it," Dunseath says.

You could say he has used Reno's sometimes-unfavorable reputation to his advantage—but it's all in fun. One trademark symbol of the brand is a trailer. Some shirts address gambling and the "white trash" culture. Dunseath says the root of Reno eNVy, though, is to celebrate the Reno community. "If you don't live in Reno, and if you don't understand Reno, there's this stereotype that Reno is a lot like 'Reno 911,' with hookers, casinos, and trailer parks," he says. "Reno eNVy plays off those stereotypes, like [outsiders would wonder], 'What's there to be envious about in Reno?'"

Dunseath is happy that some people who call Reno home can appreciate the self-deprecating humor. "Before we did this there weren't many options to wear your Reno pride," he says. "It makes me feel good that people are as stoked about this community as I am."

Last December, Reno eNVy opened its first store in downtown's West Street Market. Prior to that, the company's apparel—including shirts, scrubs, dresses, and novelty souvenirs—was primarily sold online. Now, in addition to the main store, eight other retailers carry Reno eNVy products.

Shortly before opening his inaugural store, Dunseath launched the Tahoe Envy brand, which is also sold at the







West Street location. Dunseath's goal is to get Tahoe Envy into retail shops around Lake Tahoe and eventually Northern California and the Bay Area. "[Tahoe Envy] is just really more about what a great place it is and what a playground it is," Dunseath says.

In late 2010 or early 2011, Dunseath hopes to introduce Vegas eNVy. He would like it to be a large launch and will look for key partners in Las Vegas. Vegas eNVy will play off many stereotypes, including the world-famous Strip and "Sin City." He thinks Las Vegas has an extra tie-in with the name—envy being one of the seven deadly sins.

Dunseath would like to launch additional eNVy brands in Nevada and have the company become the Silver State's signature brand. "It allows a rural town to rally around what there is to be envious of in that town," he says. "But also, all the individual pieces come back to the state of Nevada and what a great place it is to live."

Originally coming to Reno with no intention of staying, Dunseath now considers himself a spokesperson for the state of Nevada. In 1986, he came to Reno with plans to spend two years at the University of Nevada, Reno, then head back to Northern California as soon as possible.




Now, 23 years later, he promotes the city. "Reno has a vacuum effect," he says. "It sucks you in. The city has a gravitational force."

Samantha Reveley, co-owner of the West Street Wine Bar, feels Dunseath's passion. Last year for Christmas, she bought her Texas family Reno eNVy shirts, and they loved them. "When you think of something original about Reno or any town you live in, you wish you had a Reno eNVy that makes fun of and celebrates everything about the place that you call home," Reveley says.

# IN WITH THE INN CROWD

## Carson Valley Inn hosts two intriguing gaming events in October.

In October, Minden's Carson Valley Inn hosts two unique gaming events—one that benefits a great cause and another that interjects an unusual twist: the ability to win other players' money.

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Later in the month, CVI hosts the Fall Game-A-Thon on October 23-24, in which participants can try their luck in tournaments on the slots or blackjack table, but not both. For $99 (or $164 if you're a non-Inn Club Member), gamers have a chance to win big, but they're also treated to an opening-night reception and an awards banquet featuring a prime-rib dinner and prizes. Every penny of the entry fees is returned to contestants in the way of winnings.

The Carson Valley Inn celebrated its 25th anniversary in August and will continue the party throughout the year. Visit cvinn.com or call 775-782-9711 for more information.







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Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno has introduced two themed gaming nights: Treasures Terrific Tuesdays Slot Tournament and Thursday Night Blackjack Madness. The Terrific Tuesdays Slot Tournament runs from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. every week, and guests can play a five-minute slot session for every slot-tournament entry they obtain. Club Eldorado members can win entries into the tournament by playing Treasures of the Eldorado up to six times daily. Blackjack Madness happens every Thursday starting at 6 p.m. on the casino floor. For a $20 buy-in, members can play up to five rounds. Gold Plus members pay a $10 buy-in, while Premier and Presidents members are free. Winners from both nights get prize money from a $1,000 prize fund, with a first-place prize of $500.
**eldoradoreno.com**, 800-648-5966

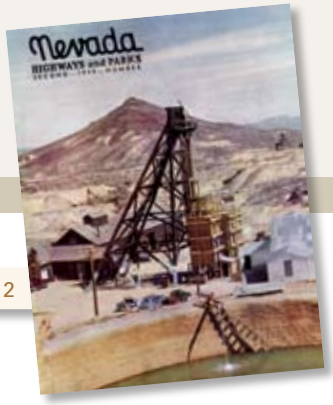
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Since the 2009 CineVegas Film Festival ended in June, fans may go through withdrawals until the movie madness returns in 2010. Luckily, CineVegas has come up with a quick fix with the CineSlots iPhone App. CineSlots is a slick three-reel slot machine game that provides information on hundreds of films, honorees, and wild stories from the festival. Users can win "bonus content" not available anywhere else, from special edition iPhone wallpapers to rare video clips and trailers.
**cineslots.com**, 888-8VEGAS8

### A Nugget for Club Members

Playing the pit is more rewarding than ever as Jerry's Nugget Casino in Las Vegas offers cash and higher comps for its More Club members. Launched in early July, high-limit players will receive immediate cash back from table games with a new feature at the More Club Kiosk. When finished gaming in the pit, More Club members will be instructed by the staff to go to the More Club Kiosk to play the Cash Reward Kiosk Game in which players can receive up to $300 cash. In addition to cash back, pit players now have the option to earn comps at three times the level previously offered.
**jerrysnugget.com**, 702-399-3000

# LOOKING BACK




1949—NUMBER 2

Sixty years ago, a Newmont Mining Corporation gold mine—appropriately in Goldfield—graced our cover.

## SEPTEMBER

**1, 1900** – David Bartley and Edwin Grey discover copper deposits at Ruth, which produce profits rivaling the Tonopah and Goldfield discoveries.

**3, 1906** – The "Baby" Joe Gans-Oscar "Battling" Nelson fight is held in Goldfield. The match goes 42 rounds, with Nelson being disqualified for a low blow.



GANS–NELSON FIGHT

**12, 1885** – The cornerstone is laid for Morrill Hall, the first building at the University of Nevada, Reno.



MORRILL HALL

**15, 1871** – A fire in Pioche starts at the rear of a restaurant on Main Street. More than 300 pounds of gunpowder stored in the cellar of a leading mercantile store explode and shake the surrounding mountains to the core.

**17, 1930** – Nevada Governor Fred Balzar and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ray Wilbur join other dignitaries at a ceremony near the Colorado River to mark the beginning of the construction of Hoover Dam.



THE WILD BUNCH

**19, 1900** – Members of the Wild Bunch rob the First National Bank in Winnemucca. Contrary to popular belief, Butch Cassidy does not partake.

## OCTOBER

**1, 1861** – The first territorial legislature in Carson City opens, during which the first transcontinental telegram pledging loyalty to the Union is sent.



CHIEF WINNEMUCCA

**15, 1882** – *The San Francisco Call* publishes the story, "Chief Winnemucca's end comes to him at Coppersmith Station." His death is attributed to being bewitched by his young wife, so she and their three-year-old child are stoned to death as punishment.



THE 36TH STATE

**18, 1968** – The $15-million Circus Circus Casino opens on the Las Vegas Strip.

**19, 1905** – Virgil Earp—brother of lawman Wyatt, survivor of the famous shootout at the O.K. Corral, and Deputy Sheriff of Goldfield—dies of pneumonia in Goldfield.



VIRGIL EARP

**31, 1864** – Nevada is admitted to the Union as the 36th state.

*Nevada Magazine* volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.

# passing through the furnace

## William Lewis Manly's description of his harrowing ordeal in Death Valley was appropriate literally and figuratively.

BY SCOTT SMITH

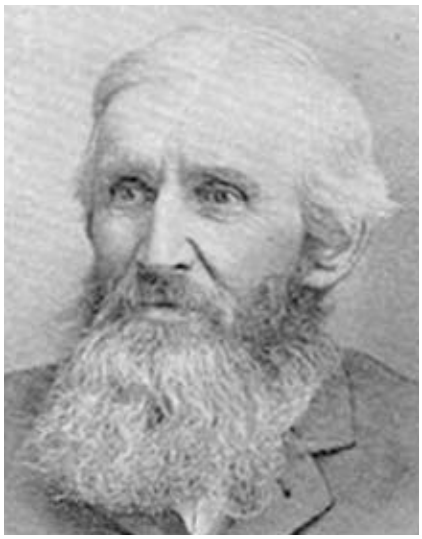
William Lewis Manly and John Rogers filled their canteens with brackish water, loaded their rifles, and stuffed as much ox meat as they could fit into their makeshift packs.

Striking west from near Furnace Creek Wash in early 1850, they shouldered the forlorn hopes of a dozen men, women, and children lost in the Nevada-California desert for three months.

They were the remnants of a wagon train of 500 people who, eager to reach California's gold fields, refused to wait out the winter in Salt Lake City. But with the Donner Party's fate three years earlier fresh in their minds, the emigrants were hesitant to chance crossing Northern Nevada via the California Trail. Instead, with a guide, they planned to head southwest along the Old Spanish Trail to Los Angeles, then turn north to the mines.

Shortly after crossing what is today the Nevada-Utah state line, many of the emigrants placed their hopes on a dubious map showing a shortcut across the Great Basin to the mines. Most found the terrain along the "shortcut" too rough, returned to the trail, and reached California in due course. The rest plodded on, hardship and disagreement splintering them into smaller and smaller groups.

Manly's and Rogers' group, including Asahel and Sarah Bennett with their three children and Jean Baptiste and Abigail Arcan with their baby boy, and several others, struggled across Nevada. A month's trek found them at the base of



the Timpahute Range in modern Lincoln County, their oxen weak from lack of forage and the children begging for water. It was here they finally thought they found deliverance. "We had been without water for 24 hours, when suddenly there broke into view to the south a splendid sheet of water," remembered one traveler, a boy at the time. "[But] as we hurried toward it, the vision faded, and near midnight we halted on the rim of a basin of mud, with a shallow pool of brine."

The mirage was one of dozens of trials the party faced as it drifted toward one of the most desolate patches on earth. After another month of broken wagons, lame oxen, and American Indian depredations, the Bennett-Arcan Party found itself stranded near Furnace Creek Wash, reduced to slaughtering draft animals for the meager sustenance their emaciated carcasses offered.

It was here two heroes emerged.

The youngest and fittest of the group, Manly and Rogers, were selected to go for help. The two loaded what food, water, and clothing they could carry, along with $60—all the money in camp—and headed west while the others waited at a spring and rationed their remaining food.

Ten days and 250 miles into a grueling trek through the Amargosa Desert, Manly and Rogers staggered parched and lame from another mountain pass and into a most welcome sight. "There before us was a beautiful meadow…and over the broad acres of luxuriant grass was a herd of cattle," Manly later wrote. This, thankfully, was no mirage. The friends located a stream and dispatched a calf. "How we felt the strength come back to us with that food and the long draughts of pure clear water," Manly continued.

The relief Manly and Rogers felt upon reaching Rancho San Francisquito (northwest of Los Angeles) was palpable, but their ordeal was far from over, for their moral obligation would find them plunging back through the unforgiving desert not once, but twice more in the coming month.

At Rancho San Francisquito they bought three horses, a mule, sacks of beans and flour, and an orange for each of the four children they had left behind. Spurred by desperation, Manly and Rogers drove the animals hard, and the horses soon gave out. But "our little mule…stood the work the best of anyone. The mule had no shoes, and it was wonderful how her little hoofs clung to the

smooth rocks. We put the dreary steps steadily one forward of another, the little mule the only unconcerned one of the party," Manly recalled.

Even as Manly and Rogers threaded their way over California's Panamint Mountains and through narrow passes and rocky, dusty terrain, several they left at the spring lost faith in the duo.

Believing that "if those boys ever get out of this cussed hole, they are damned fools if they ever come back to help anybody," Captain Richard Culverwell packed out. Culverwell turned back but perished before he could return to the camp. Rogers and Manly found his body on their return trip. Henry Wade, his wife, and four children, who followed and camped near the Bennetts and Arcans for most of the odyssey, found their way through the desert to the Mojave River and escaped via the Old Spanish Trail.

As the families' camp finally loomed, Manly's and Rogers' hearts sank. Three of the seven wagons they had left were gone, and the others had been burned. There was no sign of their friends. "The thought of our hard struggles between life and death to go out and return, with the fruitless results that now seemed apparent, was almost more than the human heart could bear," Manly wrote. "When should we know their fate? When should we find their remains? If ever two men were troubled, Rogers and I surely passed through the furnace."

But eventually the camp stirred, and when Bennett spied the figures in the distance, he erupted with shouts of "The boys have come! You have saved us all!"

The travelers nourished themselves for a few days, made packs for the oxen, then headed toward Los Angeles, abandoning their wagons. As they reached a high point on their exodus, they paused to remember their struggles and give thanks. A lone voice summed up their ordeals and gave the barren landscape the name it's known by to this day: "Goodbye, Death Valley."




William Lewis Manly (opposite page) produced the rough inset map for a book he wrote later in life. Manly and a number of men, women, and children were stranded in what is now Death Valley National Park. Above is an approximate look at their route through Nevada.

32nd Annual

# GREAT NEVADA PICTURE HUNT



**GRAND PRIZE**



BRIAN**GARNER**

Images of Nevada's striking landscapes still comprise the majority of entries into our annual photo contest. Out of the hundreds of submissions into our Wide Open category, a snow-covered state park captured our Nevada hearts. This year, a new Adventure category emerges, replacing Living. The other four categories—City Limits, Wide Open, People, and Events—return for another year.

**BRIAN GARNER**

**Hometown:** Fort Worth, Texas
**Title:** "Ward Charcoal Ovens"
**Location:** South of Ely

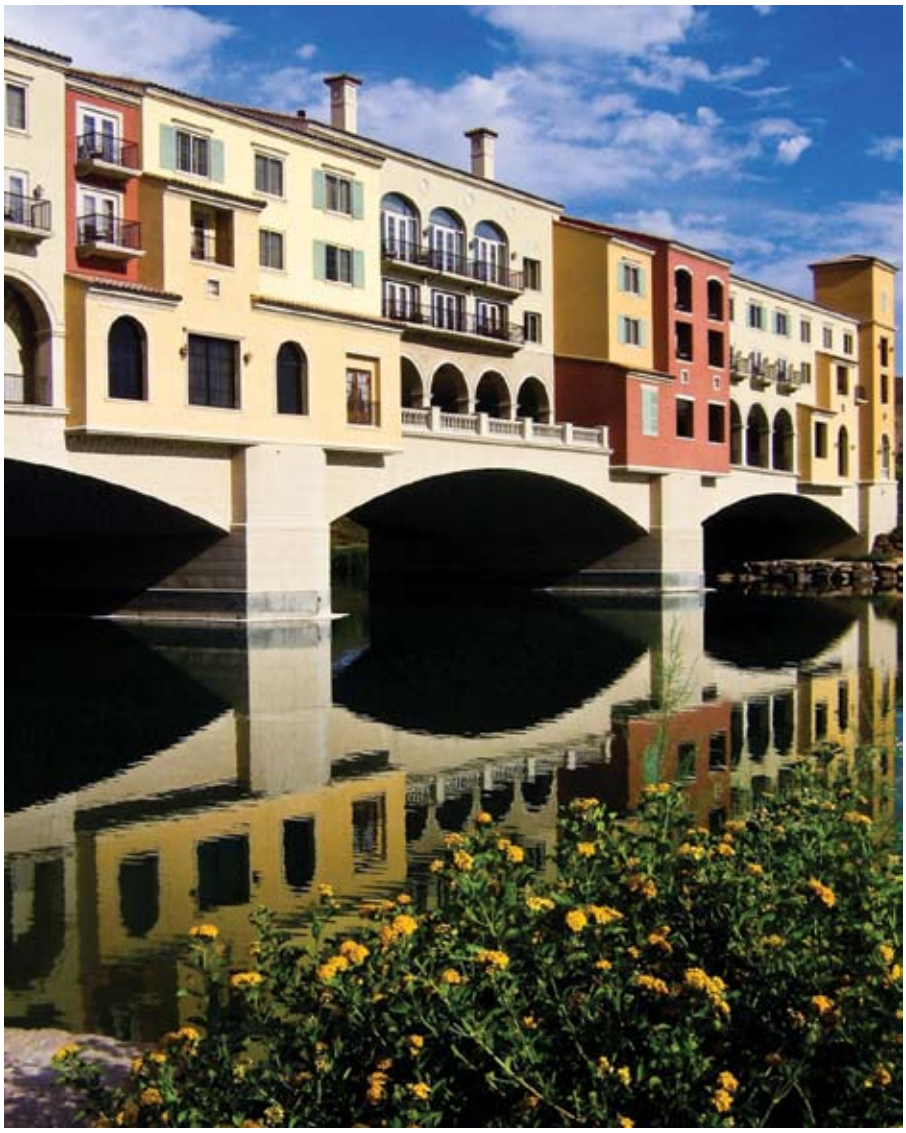
On his first visit to Nevada, Brian Garner arrived a day early for his scheduled photo shoot sponsored by the Nevada Northern Railway. Interested in ghost towns, he planned to visit Osceola, but his rental car couldn't handle the snow. Consulting his Nevada atlas for something interesting to photograph, the Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park near Ely captured his attention—and the Grand Prize in this year's contest. Several inches of fresh snow had fallen overnight, and sunlight was breaking through the clouds, setting up the shot. "I was out of breath," he says of the walk to the ovens. "I live in Texas at 700 feet above sea level, and this was [nearly] 7,000 feet, but it was well worth the hike." Garner used a Sony A-100 outfitted with a Sigma 10-20 lens.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Historic beehive ovens aside, Ward Charcoal Ovens offers trails for hiking, biking, and ATV riding; wildlife-viewing and birding opportunities; trout fishing in Willow Creek; and campsites and picnic grounds. parks.nv.gov/ww.htm

**Grand Prize Sponsor:**
Garner will receive a complimentary tour of Valley of Fire State Park.




adventurephototours.com



WINNER—CITY LIMITS

## JORDAN GERRARD

**Hometown:** Las Vegas
**Title:** "Lake Las Vegas"
**Location:** Henderson

Like father, like son, except son was just a bit better in this case. Eleven-year-old Jordan Gerrard and his dad submitted photos, making Jordan one of the youngest photographers to participate in our contest. They both took similar photos and submitted their best result. "I got up before sunrise and headed out to Lake Las Vegas with my dad to attempt some early morning photography and beat the heat," says Jordan, who shoots with a Canon PowerShot A410. "We both agree mine was better."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Less than 20 minutes from the Las Vegas Strip, Lake Las Vegas features The Ritz-Carlton, Las Vegas, Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort, and MonteLago Village Resort. You can hit the links on the championship golf course, take a romantic gondola ride on the 320-acre lake, or relax at a spa. lakelasvegas.com

## MIKE LIENHARD

**Hometown:** Reno
**Title:** "The Sentinels"
**Location:** Hoover Dam overlook

"It looked like something out of a science-fiction movie," says Mike Lienhard. He and a friend stopped on a road trip to Arizona. "Most of the photos from the Grand Canyon didn't turn out, but those ones did," says Lienhard, who used a Nikon N80 and 35mm film set on a tripod.

**Tourist Tidbit:** The one-hour Hoover Dam tour costs $30. usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam



RUNNER-UP—CITY LIMITS



WINNER—WIDE OPEN

## WILLIAM LANE

**WILLIAM LANE**
**Hometown:** Las Vegas
**Title:** "Joshua Tree Blooms"
**Location:** Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
Joshua trees flower in the spring but don't produce their greenish-white blooms every year. "Last year was a spectacular year of bloom in Red Rock Canyon," William Lane says. "This photo was taken at the entrance to Spring Mountain at sunrise with the camera set on hyperfocal distance to get the foreground and background sharp."

**Tourist Tidbit:** Spring Mountain Ranch is a historical landmark honoring the pioneers of Las Vegas. Visitors can choose between docent- or self-guided tours and participate in living-history demonstrations. parks.nv.gov/smr.htm



RUNNER-UP—WIDE OPEN

## ANN BRINKOETTER

**Hometowns:** Logandale & Winnemucca
**Title:** "Beauty at Night"
**Location:** Black Rock Desert
"Lighting the night sky, Fly Geyser adds unusual brilliance to Northern Nevada's desert moonscapes," says Ann Brinkoetter.

**Tourist Tidbit:** As oft photographed as it is, the Fly Geyser is on private property, with few sanctioned entrances per year. blackrockdesert.org



WINNER—ADVENTURE

## TOM COMPTON

**TOM COMPTON**
**Hometown:** Reno
**Web site:** thomascompton.com
**Title:** "2007 Tour de Nez"
**Location:** Reno
"I was taking a photo class at the time, and our assignment was to take some panning images," says Tom Compton, who in this instance placed his Nikon D200 on a Bogen Monopod. "I thought, 'What a perfect opportunity.'" The photo was snapped during what Compton refers to as the "magic hour"— when the sun is low enough on the horizon to give warm light. Compton is a former racer and still rides often. "As with ski racing, my love of cycling drives me to want to photograph and capture the essence of the sport."

**Tourist Tidbit:** The 2009 Tour de Nez occurred in June over five days in three locations: Truckee, Reno, and Northstar-at-Tahoe. tourdenez.com

## JOHN HARRISON

**Hometown:** Las Vegas
**Title:** "Four Hikers"
**Location:** Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
"I go to Red Rock quite often to take photos," says John Harrison. On this day, he went to Calico Hills looking for Agave to photograph, but they were not in bloom. He made his way to Calico Tanks and noticed four hikers. "I had photographed reflections at Calico Tanks before, so I went to the edge of the water on the north side. When they started walking I figured I had a good photograph," says Harrison, who has owned his Minolta SRT 101 for 36 years.

**Tourist Tidbit:** The daily entrance fee for Red Rock Canyon is $5, and a season pass costs $20. There's a 13-mile, one-way scenic drive. redrockcanyonlv.org



RUNNER-UP—ADVENTURE



WINNER—PEOPLE

JODI **ESPLIN**

**JODI ESPLIN**
**Hometown:** Spring Creek
**Web site:** jodisperception.com
**Title:** "Little Cowboy"
**Location:** Spring Creek
The town of Spring Creek, south of Elko, isn't in Nevada's Cowboy Country by mistake. The chance to forever remember her three-year-old son, Tanner, playing on a wooden fence—and playing cowboy—was too tempting for Jodi Esplin to pass up. The image, with a postcard-like impact, illustrates Tanner's innocence. "He doesn't yet realize what a special gift it is to have wide-open spaces [in which] to play," Esplin says.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Spring Creek offers "rural Nevada living with all the amenities"—according to the town's official Web site—including swimming, fishing, hunting, camping at the Ruby Dome trailhead, and golfing at the base of the Ruby Mountains. springcreeknv.net




LARRY
**TURNER**
larryturnerphotography.com

RUNNER-UP—PEOPLE

**Hometown:** Malin, Oregon
**Title:** "Nevada Gordon"
**Location:** Winnemucca
Gordon Allen, founder of Gordon's Photo Services in Reno and Carson City, at this year's Shooting the West.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Shooting the West is Northern Nevada's premier photography symposium. shootthewest.com



WINNER — EVENTS

## CHRIS TALBOT

**CHRIS TALBOT**
**Hometown:** Incline Village
**Web site:** talbotimages.com
**Title:** "Fast Draw"
**Location:** Fallon
Guns weren't the only things firing at the Cowboy Fast Draw World Championship in Fallon last October. Talbot pulled the trigger on his Nikon D200 to get an image he had to have. "The idea was there right when I walked into the gate," he says. "I thought, 'I have to line up those guns and get the smoke pouring out.'" In doing so, he made papa proud. "My dad's a cowboy," Talbot says. Spoken like a true Nevadan.

**Tourist Tidbit:** Fallon's Cowboy Fast Draw World Championship comes to the Churchill County Fairgrounds on October 1-4. Talbot is still impressed one year later. "Young to old, everybody there is fast. It was amazing," he says. cowboyfastdraw.com

## MARY ALEXANDER

**Hometown:** Las Vegas
**Title:** "Dancer's Detail"
**Location:** Snow Mountain Indian Reservation
This photo was taken at the Snow Mountain Pow Wow in May 2009. "I took it at the Second Grand Entry at 6 p.m., because I thought the light would be warm at that time of day and complement the skin tones and fabrics," says Mary Alexander, who utilized a Canon Rebel XT and Tamron lens. "The wind made it more challenging, but the intricate beadwork and color designs against the skin were what made me want to capture the image."

**Tourist Tidbit:** The Las Vegas Paiute Tribe hosts the Snow Mountain Pow Wow annually on Memorial Day Weekend. lvpaiutetribe.com



RUNNER-UP — EVENTS

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# greg london

## The entertainment "icon" shares his story through others' voices—for now.

BY KATHIE TAYLOR

Greg London, master impressionist, actor, comedian, musician, and star of ICONMAN, one of the longest-running shows in the history of Sammy's Showroom at Harrah's Reno, is fast becoming just that—an icon.

ICONMAN is a comedic story about an entertainer who wants to find his own voice but has other voices inside him. London's wife, Monika, says the show was created around London's talents for impersonation, singing, and playing the piano, trumpet, and harmonica.

A loosely autobiographical satire, ICONMAN is about London's rise to fame—embellished and made larger than life. Take, for example, the show's opening sequence featuring a young London doing musical impressions in his bedroom, much to the chagrin of his eccentric British mother. "We were tripping along this path in the entertainment world, and I woke up one day and said, 'This is really funny,'" Monika says. "The whole premise is really endearing."

London's show-business odyssey is on the upswing: Harrah's Reno has renewed ICONMAN through November 28. London has entertained there since July 2007. Last fall, London made an appearance as a doo-wop singer in the movie "The Dukes." And this spring, his cover of the classic '70s ballad "Everything I Own," originally recorded by Bread, peaked at No. 5 on Friday Morning Quarterback's adult contemporary Top-40 list. It also landed on the Mediabase AC chart at No. 25 and Radio & Record's AC chart at No. 26, earning it the title of highest charting new artist single and independent label release of 2009. In June, London released a follow-up single, a remake of The Little River Band's "Cool Change," which also rose to Top-40 status on the charts.

London's success has come at no small cost. Usually, the London family resides wherever he is performing, but right now, Monika and their daughter, Jessika, live in the family's 16th-century chateau in France, and London and their son, Jason, live in Reno. London spends Mondays and Tuesdays in Los Angeles, recording songs for an upcoming album release. Wednesdays through Sundays he performs his musical mimicry in Sammy's Showroom. "Greg is a positively charged human being," Monika says. "He doesn't have down time." When he's not performing, London and son join the rest of the family at the chateau.

Despite owning a home in Europe, London is ardently patriotic. In 2002, he released his CD of traditional American melodies, "Song of America," and personally delivered 125,000 copies to military bases across the United States, including Walter Reed Army Medical Center. "I wanted to go myself to tell them we are proud of them," he says.

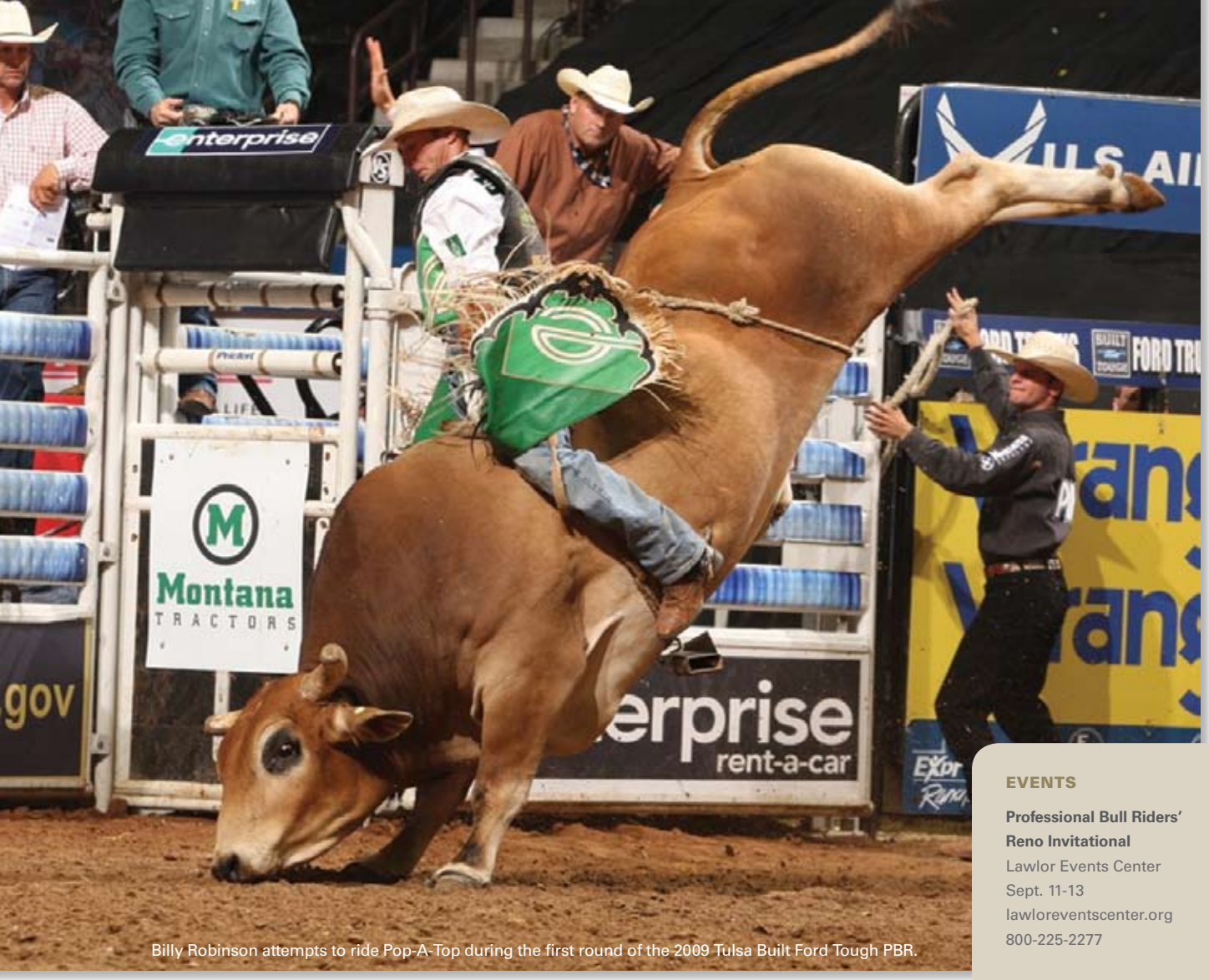
To his delight, London was invited to sing the national anthem at the Reno Aces Ballpark in May. "The opportunity to share that amazing piece of music with so many people was incredible," Monika says. London also sang "God Bless America" during the seventh-inning stretch on July 4 at the Reno ballpark.

London's love of all things American applies to Nevada as well. "The terrain here is so terrific—what a great setup. Mountains, lakes, flatlands, and deserts…there's something here that's just magical. Out of all the places in the world I've been—London, France, Switzerland—this is just as beautiful. I like the lifestyle. What can't I do here?"

He admits Reno surprised him. "I thought I'd have to change my show, but there's a sophistication [here]," he says, gesturing toward the black chandeliers overhead at the Chocolate Bar at The Summit Reno mall. "I love Reno. It's fabulous. One minute it can be raining, the next it's snowing. Then the sun is shining. Lake Tahoe is the most beautiful lake in the world."

London is most impressed with how Nevada, Reno in particular, pulls together in a crisis. "Reno takes care of its own," he says. He is very involved in children's charities and will perform at the Midnight Garden Gala benefit in the fall for Reno's Addi and Cassi Fund to fight Niemann Pick Type C, or children's Alzheimer's. The fund is named for the twin girls living in Reno who are afflicted with the disease. London made a personal appearance at the Give Hope Foundation's June 19 fundraiser in Reno, and he has chosen Children's Miracle Network to benefit from his album sales.

The irony for London is that the quest to find his own voice has so far been through the voice of others—yet it is his talent for impersonating others that sets him apart. Take, for example, his goose bump-raising rendition of Sammy Davis Jr.'s "I've Gotta Be Me." While he writes his own music, he does not use his own songs in ICONMAN. "My songs are not big enough [yet]," he says. London's story is hurtling toward its apex: stardom through his own voice. "The whole thing is like a train," he says. "And I'm just holding on."




Billy Robinson attempts to ride Pop-A-Top during the first round of the 2009 Tulsa Built Ford Tough PBR.

PHOTO: ANDY WATSON

**EVENTS**

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Lawlor Events Center
Sept. 11-13
lawloreventscenter.org
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An estimated 116,000 rodeo fans will travel from all over the world to join the excitement. Mandalay Bay, the official hotel of the PBR World Finals, will be the center of the action. The FanZone & Marketplace features shopping opportunities ranging from Western-style vendors, household goods, and jewelry to trailers and PBR merchandise.

There are interactive exhibits such as Wrangler University with Mutton Bustin' and Junior Bull Riding, plus the Enterprise Main Stage with the Flint Rasmussen Show and other live entertainment. Other booths include Ford, Jack Daniel's, Priefert, and the United States Air Force. The World Finals are broadcast live each night on VERSUS and NBC.

A month earlier, the PBR invades Reno's Lawlor Events Center for the Reno Invitational, stop number 26 on the PBR's elite Built Ford Tough Series. The Reno event, September 11-13, will feature the top 40 bull riders in the world and is the final regular-season stop on the 2009 Bull Team Challenge competition, in which 14 teams compete for a total purse of more than $500,000.

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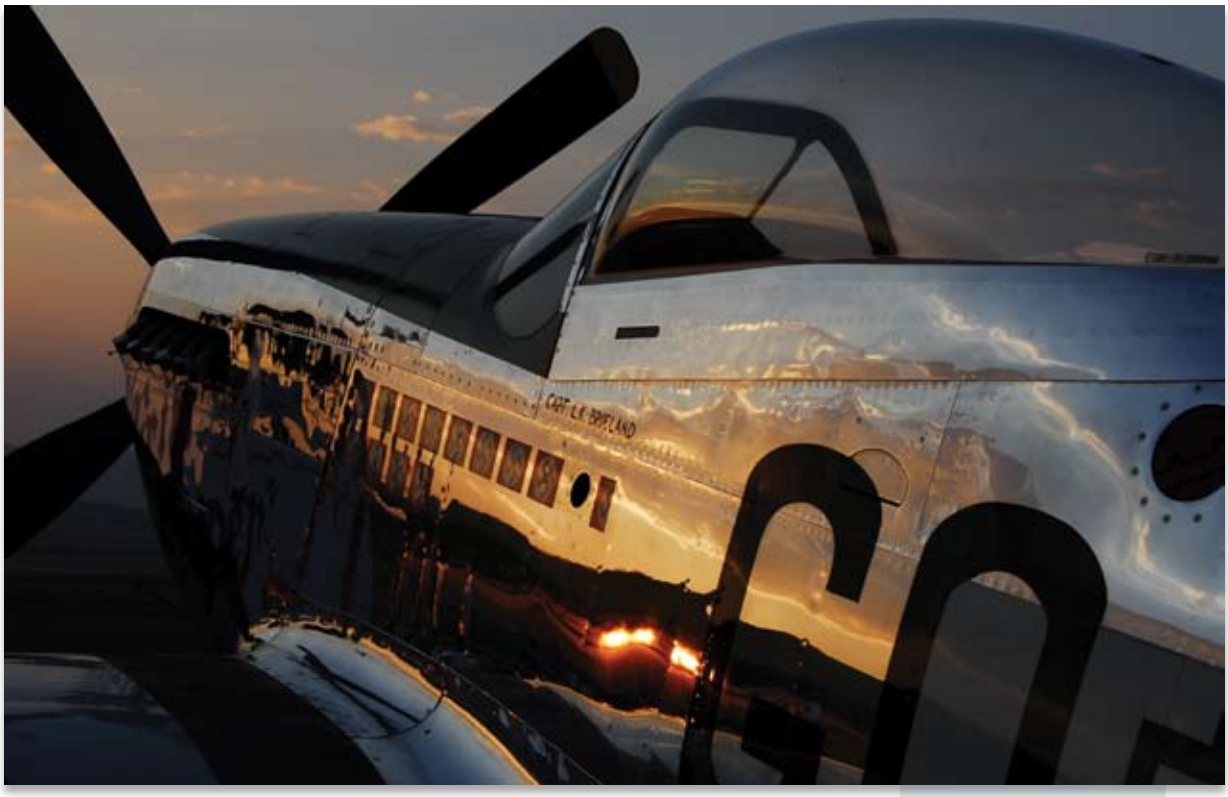
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**EVENT**

**National Championship Air Races & Air Show**
Stead Field, Reno
Sept. 16-20
airrace.org
775-972-6663

BY CHARLENE ARO

In 1909, six years after the Wright Brothers made the first successful powered, piloted flight in history, newly formed aero clubs from the United States, France, and England gathered for the first international air meet near Rheims, France. Since, the sport has taken off, and Reno's National Championship Air Races and Air Show has been at the forefront for the past 46 years. This year's event, September 16-20 at Stead Field, celebrates the 100th anniversary of air racing.

Air racing reached a climax in the 1930s before fading into obscurity by the 1950s. That was until September 1964, when Bill Stead, a wealthy Nevada rancher, pilot, and powerboat racer, held an air race at his Sky Ranch near Reno. The races later moved to Stead Field, a former Air Force base named for Stead's brother, Croston. The Reno gathering has become a world-class event, featuring six racing classes and a supporting air show. Each year, 200,000 race fans and airplane buffs make the pilgrimage to witness the pageant dedicated to speed and flight.

Qualifications and time trials are September 13-15. More than 100 pilots, competing at speeds approaching 500 mph, race everything from souped-up World War II vintage fighter planes to jets. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels precision flight demonstration team makes its first appearance in nine years. Air show acts include aerobatics by David Martin, a former Air Force F-16 pilot, and Patty Wagstaff, an international aerobatic medalist. The Red Eagle aerobatic team of Dan McClung and Buck Roetman maneuver their Christian Eagle biplanes, and spectators can witness Smoke 'n' Thunder jet car acceleration demonstrations. A variety of vintage military and civilian aircraft, some dating to the 1920s, compete for the Heritage Trophy.

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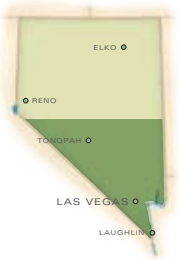
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*(1-3)*
**Las Vegas 51s**
Triple-A baseball
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*(1-4)*
**Red Flag Air Exercises**
Rachel
rachel-nevada.com

*(1-23)*
**David Copperfield**
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

### 2

**The Pretenders w/ Juliette Lewis**
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

### 3

**CineVegas From the Vault**
Free movie screening
Clark County Library
cinevegas.com
888-8VEGAS8

*(3-5)*
**Joan Rivers**
The Venetian
venetian.com
702-414-900

*(3-5)*
**Smokin' in Mesquite BBQ**
Mesquite
CasaBlanca Resort
casablancaresort.com
702-346-7529

*(3-6)*
**Air Supply**
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

*(3-6)*
**Jon Reep**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
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### 4

**Frank Sinatra Jr.**
The Canyon Club
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**Hal Ketchum**
Boulder Station
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**Jaguares**
Primm
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**Mixed Martial Arts**
Santa Fe Station
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**Puddle of Mudd**
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

*(4-5)*
**The Kenny Dee Band**
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

*(4-7)*
**End of Summer, What a Bummer Bash**
"Summer of '69" celebration
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
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*(4-7)*
**Labor Day Celebration**
Pioche
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*(4-12)*
**High Roller Reining**
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### 5 SATURDAY

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**Chris Botti**
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Laughlin
Tropicana Express
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**Reba**
Primm
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*(5, 19, 20)*
**Short Line Express/Chevron Jr. Drag Racing Series**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
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*(5-6)*
**Frank Sinatra Jr.**
Suncoast
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*(5-6)*
**Las Vegas Gun Show**
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### 6 SUNDAY

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**Gary Sinise & The Lieutenant Dan Band**
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**Nickelback**
MGM Grand
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**NHRA Pacific Division Jr. Drag Racing Championship Series**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
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*(6-7)*
**MDA Labor Day Telethon**
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### 7

**Pool Party**
Hard Rock
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### 8

*(8-13)*
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## 9

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## 11

**Collective Soul**
Hard Rock
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**Symphony Orchestra**
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
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**Midnight Mayhem**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
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**Strange Brew**
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
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*(11, 18)*
**Movies on the Beach**
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7701

*(11-12)*
**Mariah Carey**
Pearl Concert Theater
palms.com
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*(11-12)*
**Red Ryders Weekend**
Pioche
piochenevada.com
775-962-5544

*(11-13)*
**Frankie Avalon**
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

*(11-13)*
**Home Improvement & Travel Expo**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

*(11-13)*
**Las Vegas CultureFest**
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vegasexperience.com
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*(11-13)*
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Off-road race
Primm
score-international.com
818-225-8402

*(11-13)*
**Tower of Power**
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## 12 SATURDAY

**Wine Tasting Fundraiser**
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CasaBlanca
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Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
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**Wine Tasting**
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Pahrump
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*(12-13)*
**Prince Jonah Kuhio Ho'Olaule'A Festival**
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Events Plaza
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*(12-13)*
**Ray Romano & Brad Garrett**
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

*(12-13)*
**E.T. Bracket Series**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

*(12-15)*
**Luis Miguel**
Caesars Palace
caesarspalace.com
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Dennis Angel's work
Las Vegas Boulevard
lvartscommission.com

**Ali Spuck**
Liberace Museum
Sun.
liberace.org
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V Theater
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varietytheater.com
702-932-1818

**Anthony Cools**
Paris Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Wed.
parislasvegas.com
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**ArtBeat**
Henderson
Fri. thru Oct. 9
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

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

**Barry Manilow**
Las Vegas Hilton
Sept. 4-6, 24-26
Oct. 1-3, 8-10, 29-31
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

**Bette Midler: The Showgirl Must Go On**
Caesars Palace
Sept. 1-2, 4-6
Oct. 14, 16-18, 20-21, 23-25
bette.aeglive.com
877-723-8836

**Blue Man Group**
The Venetian
Nightly
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

**Bobby Slayton: The Pitbull of Comedy**
Tropicana
Dark Mon.
tropicanalv.com
702-739-2411

**Carrot Top**
Luxor
Dark Tues.
luxor.com
800-557-7428

**Centennial-Themed Geocaching Program**
Clark County
Thru Nov. 1
accessclarkcounty.com
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**Cher**
Caesars Palace
Sept. 19-20, 22-23, 26-27, 29-30
Oct. 3-4, 6-7, 10-11
cher.aeglive.com
866-510-2437

**"Crazy Horse Paris"**
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MGM Grand
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mgmgrand.com
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luxor.com
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Excalibur
Daily
excalibur.com
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Mandalay Bay
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**Jay Leno**
The Mirage
Sept. 4-5, 25-26
Oct. 2-3, 16-17, 30-31
mirage.com
800-963-9634

**Jerry F'n Misko**
Las Vegas paintings
Henri & Odette gallery
Dark Sun. & Mon., thru Sept. 21
henri-odette.com
702-686-3164

**"Jersey Boys"**
The Venetian
Dark Wed.
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

**"KÀ" by Cirque du Soleil**
MGM Grand
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mgmgrand.com
866-774-7117

**Lance Burton**
Monte Carlo
Dark Sun. & Mon.
montecarlo.com
702-730-7160

**Las Vegas Wranglers**
ECHL hockey
Orleans Arena
Oct. 8, 16, 22-24, 29
lasvegaswranglers.com
702-471-7825

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

## 13 SUNDAY

**Randy Anderson Band**
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

*(13-15, 17-19, 21-23)*
**"Sgt. Pepper Live," featuring Cheap Trick**
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

## 14

**Far From the Ocean But Still Connected: A Talk By the Ocean Doctor**
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

*(14-15, 27-30)*
**Bloodless Bullfighting**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
702-797-8055

## 15

**Alejandro Fernandez**
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
800-745-3000

*(15-20)*
**Cirque Shanghai Bai Xi**
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

*(15-20)*
**San Gennaro Feast**
Italian celebration
sangennarofeast.com
702-286-4944

## 17

*(17-20)*
**Greek Food Festival**
lasvegasgreekfestival.com
702-248-3896

*(17-20)*
**The Temptations**
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

## 18

**Bonnie Raitt & Taj Mahal**
House of Blues
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

**John Legend**
Red Rock Las Vegas
redrocklasvegas.com
866-767-7773

**Journey & Queen Tribute**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

**Peter Frampton**
Pearl Concert Theater
palms.com
800-745-3000

*(18-19)*
**Johnny Fortuno**
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

*(18-19)*
**Ron White**
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

*(18-19)*
**Sheena Easton**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-791-7626

*(18-20)*
**David Spade**
The Venetian
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

*(18-20)*
**Home Decorating & Remodeling Show**
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-736-5958

*(18-20)*
**Las Vegas Circus Spectacular**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
702-797-8055

*(18-20)*
**Wild West Extravaganza & Trail Ride**
Pahrump
Saddle West Hotel
wildwestextravaganza.com
866-722-5800

*(18-20, 25-27)*
**"Reefer Madness: The Musical"**
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

## 19 SATURDAY

**Chautauqua**
Boulder City
boulder-city-chamber.com
702-293-2034

**Doggie Paddle & Play Day**
Henderson
Black Mountain Recreation Center
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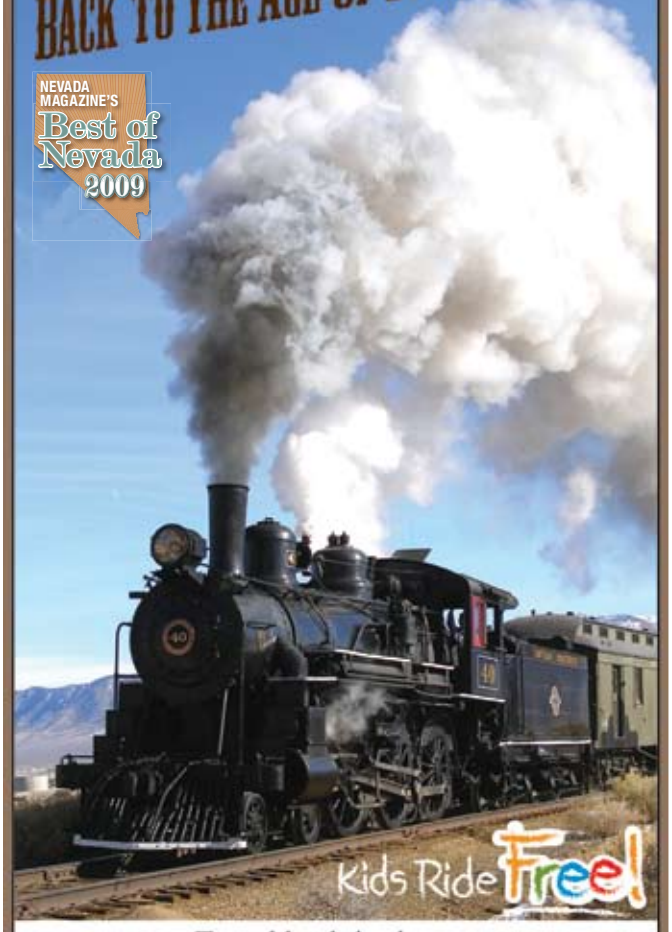
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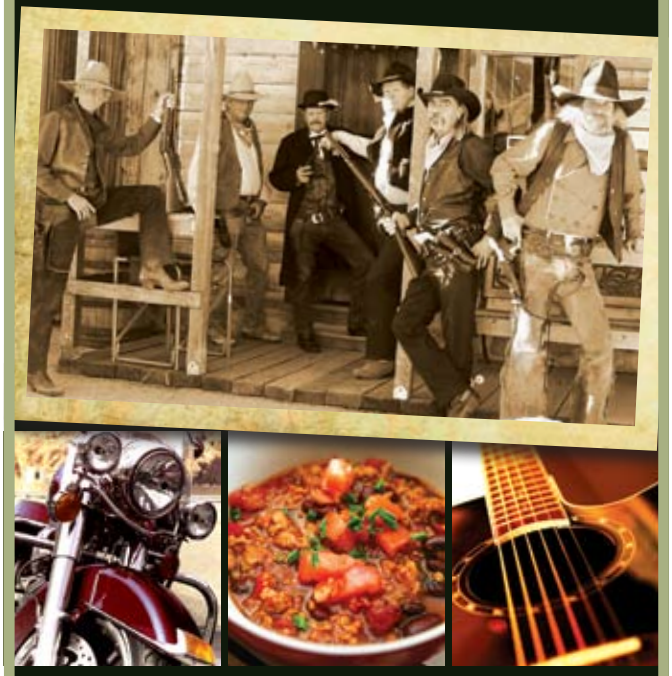
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liberace.org
702-798-5595

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

**"LOVE," by Cirque du Soleil**
The Mirage
Dark Tues. & Wed.
mirage.com
800-963-9634

**"Marriage Can Be Murder"**
Fitzgeralds Nightly
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com
702-388-2400

**Matt Goss**
The Palms
Fri. & Sat.
(begins Sept. 4)
mattgoss.biz

**"Men of X"**
Male revue
Hooters Nightly
hooterslv.com
866-584-6687

**"Menopause The Musical"**
Luxor Nightly
luxor.com
800-557-7428

**"MENTAL"**
O'Sheas
Tues.-Sat.
mrjermay.com

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

**Nathan Burton**
Flamingo Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
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**"O" by Cirque du Soleil**
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Dark Mon. & Tues.
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**"PEEPSHOW"**
Topless revue
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Dark Wed.
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**Penn & Teller**
Rio All-Suite
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
riolasvegas.com
702-777-7776

**"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
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**"The Rat Pack is Back"**
Plaza Hotel Nightly
plazahotelcasino.com
800-634-6575

**Rita Rudner**
Harrah's Las Vegas
Various days
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5222

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**
Red Rock Las Vegas
redrocklasvegas.com
866-767-7773

**Mayweather vs. Marquez**
Boxing
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

**NASCAR Whelen All-American Series**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

**Rick Springfield**
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

**Street War Saturday Night**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

## 20 SUNDAY

**The Australian Pink Floyd Show**
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

**Peter Frampton**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

**Pink Martini**
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4849

**Sixtiesmania**
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

## 21

*(21-26)*
**Talent Quest 2009 National Finals**
Laughlin
Tropicana Express
tropicanax.com
800-243-6846

## 22

**Billy Squier**
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-4849

*(22-27)*
**The Tennessee Three**
Featuring Bob Wootton
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

## 24

**Flogging Molly**
Pearl Concert Theater
palms.com
800-745-3000

**Sugar Ray**
House of Blues
Mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

*(24-26)*
**Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event**
Mandalay Bay
visitlasvegas.com
877-632-7000

*(24-27)*
**Fall Festival**
Pahrump
Bob Ruud Community Center & Petrack Park
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

*(24-27)*
**Roddin' On The River Car Show**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
rivercruizers.com
928-754-5598

*(24-27)*
**Super Run Classic Car Show**
Henderson
Events Plaza
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

## 25

**Vanessa Williams**
Primm
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primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

*(25-26)*
**Desert Outlaws**
Eastside Cannery
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702-856-5300

*(25-26)*
***Nevada Magazine's* Tour Around Nevada**
Pahrump
Petrack Park
nevadamagazine.com
775-687-0602

*(25-26)*
**Olympia Weekend**
Bodybuilding
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

*(25-27)*
**Debbie Reynolds**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-791-7626

*(25-27)*
**Silver State 300**
Off-road race
Mesquite
bitd.com
702-457-5775

*(25-27)*
**Wynonna**
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

## 26 SATURDAY

**Fall Fest**
Mesquite
CasaBlanca Showroom
mesquitenv.com
702-346-7777

**Frozen Fury XII**
NHL hockey
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
702-474-4000

**Goodstuff Garage Sale**
Boulder City
Lake Mountain Estates
boulder-city-chamber.com
702-293-5181

**Grape Stomp**
Pahrump
Pahrump Valley Winery
pahrumpwinery.com
800-368-9463

**Herman's Hermits**
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

**Jack's Big Boy Toy Box**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
702-797-8055

**James Otto**
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-547-7777

**Las Vegas 350**
NASCAR Camping World Truck Series
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

**Miley Cyrus**
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
702-895-3761

**Pet Shop Boys**
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

**So Long Summer**
Street celebration
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-346-2902

**Sunrise Rotary Wurstfest**
Boulder City
Bicentennial Park
boulder-city-chamber.com
702-280-4088

*(26-27)*
**The Circus Starring Britney Spears**
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

*(26-27)*
**Lincoln County Trails Day**
Lincoln County
lincolncounty nevada.com

## 27 SUNDAY

**Creed**
Hard Rock
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## 29

*(29-30)*
**The Chinese Acrobats**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

## 30

**Bikes, Brats, & Brews**
Mesquite
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## OCTOBER

## 1

*(1-4)*
**The Chinese Acrobats**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
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702-298-2535

*(1-4)*
**Las Vegas BikeFest**
Motorcycle rally
lasvegasbikefest.com
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## 2

**Movie Madness**
North Las Vegas
Eldorado Park
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702-633-1171

*(2-3)*
**Tierra & Malo**
Laughlin
Tropicana Express
tropicanax.com
800-243-6846

*(2-4)*
**New Disney Live!**
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

*(2-4)*
**"Reefer Madness: The Musical"**
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

*(2-4)*
**SNORE 250**
Off-road race
snoreracing.net
702-277-2295

*(2-4)*
**Tony Orlando**
South Point Casino
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

*(2-14)*
**Howie Mandel**
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

*(2, 16)*
**Midnight Mayhem**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
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## 3 SATURDAY

**AC/DC**
MGM Grand Garden Arena
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**America**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

**Kylie Minogue**
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Nightly
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**"Shear Madness"**
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Dark Mon.
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**The Show Wednesdays**
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Wed.
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**"Sin City Bad Girls"**
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lvhilton.com
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**"Sin City Heat"**
Las Vegas Hilton
Wed.-Sat.
lvhilton.com
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**"The Sopranos Last Supper"**
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Dark Sun. & Mon.
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702-SEE-TONY

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springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

**"Steve Wyrick: Real Magic"**
Planet Hollywood
Dark Fri.
stevewyricktheatre.com
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**Supernatural Santana—A Trip Through the Hits**
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Sept. 4-6, 9, 11-12, 14-15
supernaturalsantana.com
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**Susanne Reese Gallery Exhibit**
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hendersonlive.com
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mirage.com
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**Thirsty Third Thursday Pub Crawl**
vegas4locals.com
702-382-4421

**"Thunder From Down Under"**
Male revue
Excalibur
Nightly
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

**Todd Paul**
Hooters
Sat.-Thurs.
hooterscasinohotel.com
702-739-9000

**Train Rides**
Boulder City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
Sat. & Sun.
nevadaculture.org
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**VivaVision**
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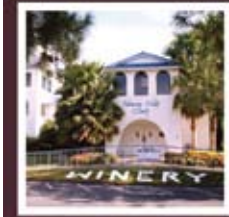

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mesquitenv.com
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*(3-4)*
**Art in the Park**
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artinthepark.org
702-293-0214

*(3-4)*
**Beatty Motorcycle Grand Prix**
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702-236-6482

## 4 SUNDAY

**Bugorama**
Volkswagen car show
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
bugorama.com
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**Lori's Yard Sale**
Pahrump
Pahrump Nugget
pahrumpchamber.com
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## 6

*(6-11)*
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*(9-10)*
**Mariah Carey**
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*(9-10)*
**Ray Romano & Brad Garrett**
The Mirage
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*(9-11)*
**Bluegrass Festival**
Logandale
Clark County Fairgrounds
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702-834-5872

*(9-11)*
**Dennis Miller**
The Orleans
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800-675-3267

*(9-11)*
**Rockstar Energy Drink U.S. Open**
Motorcycle race
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*(9-19)*
**Futurity & Aged Event & MillionHeir Classic**
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## 10 SATURDAY

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Community Theatre
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## 12

*(12-18)*
**Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospital for Children Open**
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## 13

*(13-15)*
**$100,000 Blackjack Tournament**
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*(13-16)*
**Frank Hawley Drag Racing School**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

*(13-18)*
**The Lettermen**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

## 14

**Connoisseur Series I**
Las Vegas Philharmonic
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
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**Classical Guitar Series**
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## 15

**L.A. Lakers vs. Sacramento Kings**
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*(15-17)*
**BBSC Endurance Sports Triathlon**
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
boulder-city-chamber.com
702-293-8990

*(15-18)*
**Engelbert Humperdinck**
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

## ★ ATTRACTIONS

**The Adventuredome Theme Park**
Indoor theme park
Circus Circus
Daily
adventuredome.com
702-794-3939

**The Auto Collections**
Imperial Palace
Daily
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

**BODIES... The Exhibition**
Human body specimens
Luxor
Daily
luxor.com
800-288-1000

**CSI: The Experience**
MGM Grand
Daily
csiexhibit.com

**Desperado Rollercoaster**
Primm
Daily
vegas.com

**Don Laughlin's Classic Car Collection**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
Daily
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

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

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

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

**Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat**
The Mirage
Daily
mirage.com
702-791-7188

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

**Viva Vegas Room**
Features 27 wax figures
Madame Tussauds Las Vegas
Daily
mtvegas.com
702-862-7800

## ★ FARMERS' MARKETS

**Backyard Farmers Market**
Winchester Cultural Center
3 times/year
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-7340

**Bicentennial Park**
Boulder City
Thurs.
702-293-5933

**Las Vegas**
Gardens Park, Tues.
Bruce Trent Park, Wed.
Fremont Street, Fri.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

**Lincoln Street**
Caliente
Fri. thru Oct. 30
nevadagrown.com
775-726-3109

**Pocket Park**
Tonopah
Mon. thru Oct. 5
localharvest.org
775-482-3118

**Water Street**
Henderson
Thurs.
waterstreetdistrict.com
702-579-9661

## 16

*(16-17)*
**George Lopez**
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

*(16-17)*
**Mark Chesnutt**
South Point Casino
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

*(16-17)*
**Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

*(16-18)*
**Terrible's Grand Prix**
Off-road race
Primm
bitd.com
702-457-5775

## 17 SATURDAY

**Cheech & Chong**
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

**Children's Hands-On History**
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov
702-486-3511

**Lift Your Spirits—A Celebration of Libations**
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

**Fall Festival & Car Show**
Overton
Overton Park
moapavalley.com
703-373-9146

**United Way Oktoberfest**
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

*(17-18)*
**Crossroads of the West Gun Show**
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
801-544-9125

*(17-18)*
**"Timeless Innovation"**
Nevada Ballet Theatre
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
nevadaballet.com
702-243-2623

## 18 SUNDAY

**The Crop Walk**
Food drive
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
702-345-5178

## 20

*(20-25)*
**Kevin Johnson**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort
riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

## 21

**Gordon Lightfoot**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

## 23

**Gordon Lightfoot**
Aliante Station
aliantecasinohotel.com
877-477-7627

**U2**
Sam Boyd Stadium
unlvtickets.com
877-522-8499

*(23-24)*
**Ray Romano**
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

*(23-25)*
**Las Vegas Home & Outdoor Living Show**
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
760-720-7181

*(23-25)*
**Tony Danza**
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

## 24 SATURDAY

**Las Vegas Youth Orchestra**
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

**Mutts on Main Street**
Pet adoption
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

**Rob Thomas**
Pearl Concert Theater
palms.com
800-745-3000

**Soldiers of the Fort**
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov
702-486-3511

## 25 SUNDAY

*(25-30)*
**RE/MAX Long Drive Championship**
Mesquite
Mesquite Regional Sports & Event Complex
longdrivers.com
888-233-4654

## 27

*(27-Nov. 1)*
**Mel Tillis**
Laughlin
Riverside Resort

riversideresort.com
702-298-2535

## 29

**NHRA FanFest**
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
877-VEGAS4U

*(29-Nov. 1)*
**NHRA Nationals**
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

## 30

*(30-Nov. 1)*
**Beatty Days**
Beatty
Cottonwood Park
beattynevada.org
886-736-3716

*(30-Nov. 1)*
**Vicki Lawrence**
South Point Casino
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

*(30-Nov. 1, Nov. 5-8)*
**Professional Bull Riders World Finals**
Thomas & Mack Center & Mandalay Bay
unlvtickets.com
702-739-3267

## 31 SATURDAY

**Bright Lights City Cruise**
Ford car show
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
877-VEGAS4U

**Canyon Halloween**
The Canyon Club
canyonclub.net
818-879-5016

**Chamber of Horrors**
Pahrump
Saddle West
pahrumpchamber.com
775-727-5800

**NevadaWeen**
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov
702-486-3511

**Nevada Day Halloween Party**
Moapa
Stagecoach Depot
glendalehaunted cornmaze.com
702-864-2277

**Speed Fest 2009**
Halloween Spectacular
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444






Come play in our backyard this fall.



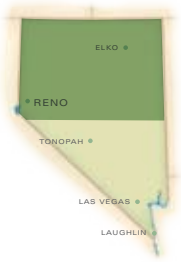
Come to Lincoln County to celebrate our trails during the cooler weather of fall. Lincoln County Trails Day will highlight many of the trails with scenic hikes, ATV rides, a Jeep adventure tour, family motorcycle ride, and an equestrian trail ride September 26-27. For more information, please visit **LincolnCountyNevada.com.**

LincolnCounty Nevada.com
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**Bureau of Land Management** (775) 726-8100 **Nevada State Parks** (775) 728-4460








NORTHERN NEVADA

# september/october

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 editor@nevadamagazine.com.

## SEPTEMBER

### 1

*(Aug. 28-Sept. 7)*
**Elko County Fair & Horse Races**
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

*(Aug. 31-Sept. 7)*
**Burning Man**
Black Rock Desert
burningman.com
415-TO-FLAME

*(1-6)*
**Hindsight**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

*(1-7)*
**Reno Aces**
Triple-A baseball
Aces Ballpark
renoaces.com
775-334-7000

*(1-30)*
**SPCA Fundraiser**
Artists Co-op Gallery of Reno
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-0890

### 2

**Studebaker John & The Hawks**
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

**Saddle Tramps**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(2-6, 9-13)*
**Joey Carmon**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

*(2-7)*
**Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-off**
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
nuggetribcookoff.com
800-648-1177

### 3

**The Avett Brothers**
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

**Hot Club of Cowtown**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(3-5, 11-13)*
**"The Rabbit Hole"**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Theater
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

### 4

**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Friday Night Fights**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-4556

**Full-Moon Guided Hike**
Tahoe Rim Trail
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

**Full-Moon Special Train**
Virginia City
virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

**Kids Adventure Program**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

**Labor Day Parade**
McGill
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

**Restless Heart**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(4-5)*
**Melissa Dru**
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUN-STAY

*(4-5, 7)*
**ABBACADABRA—The Ultimate ABBA Concert**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

*(4-6)*
**ABA BMX Blackjack Nationals**
Livestock Events Center
visitrenotahoe.com

*(4-6)*
**Tri-County Fair & Labor Day Rodeo**
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

*(4-7)*
**Hearts O'Gold Cantaloupe Festival**
Fallon
fallonchamber.com
775-423-2544

### 5 SATURDAY

**Bull Riding**
Ely
White Pine County Fair Grounds
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

**Chickenfoot**
Stateline
Harveys Lake Tahoe
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

**The Fixx**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

**Joel McHale**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

**Open Practice & Freestyle Event**
Gardnerville
Nevada Motocross Park
nevadamotocrosspark.com
775-690-0150

**Ruth Labor Day Celebration**
Ruth
whitepinechamber.com
775-296-0285

*(5, 19)*
**IMCA Oval Dirt Track Racing**
Fallon
Rattlesnake Raceway
fallontourism.com
775-427-9120

*(5-6)*
**Candle Making**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

*(5-6)*
**Civil War Encampment & Reenactment Special Trains**
Virginia City
virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

*(5-6)*
**Hooked On Driving Track Day**
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

*(5-6)*
**Jarbidge Labor Day Celebration**
Jarbidge
elkocva.com
775-488-2311

*(5-6)*
**Street Fair & Sidewalk Sale**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

*(5-7)*
**Labor Day Backcountry Camp**
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

### 6 SUNDAY

**Alpen Wine Fest**
Squaw Valley USA
thevillageatsquaw.com
530-583-6955

**Ely Renaissance Village Open**
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

**Jonny Lang**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

**Labor Day Fireworks**
McGill
McGill Ball Park
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

**Fireworks Extravaganza**
South Lake Tahoe
bluelaketahoe.com
530-544-5050

**Larry the Cable Guy**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Pro Race**
Gardnerville
Nevada Motocross Park
nevadamotocrosspark.com
775-690-0150

**Wowowee**
Stateline
Harveys Lake Tahoe
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

## 7

**The Iguanas**
Sparks
Victorian Square
janugget.com
800-648-1177

**Labor Day Parade**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

**Mark Twain's Tales of Tahoe**
Starring McAvoy Lane
Incline Village
activitytickets.com
775-833-1835

**The Robeys**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

*(7, 27)*
**Local Race**
Gardnerville
Nevada Motocross Park
nevadamotocrosspark.com
775-690-0150

## 8

**The Cool River Band**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

*(8-13)*
**Tony Vee**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

## 9

**Tours In Natural History**
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

*(9-13)*
**North Tahoe Plein Air**
Art event
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northtahoearts.com
530-581-2787

## 10

**Wine Grape Harvest Workshop**
Fallon
Churchill Vineyards
wnc.edu/sci
775-423-5186

*(10-14)*
**50th-Anniversary "Bonanza" Friendship Convention**
Stateline
bonanza-convention.com
718-261-4128

## 11

**Blues Traveler**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**NAS Fallon Air Show**
Fallon
Naval Air Station
fallontourism.com
775-426-2880

**Pro Quick 16 Races**
Fallon
Top Gun Raceway
fallontourism.com
775-423-0223

*(11-12)*
**Lander County Fair**
Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

*(11-12)*
**Tahoe Star Tours**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

*(11-13)*
**Autumn Food & Wine Festival**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
tahoefoodandwine.com
888-229-2193

*(11-13)*
**The Great Reno Balloon Race**
Rancho San Rafael Park
renoballoon.com
775-826-1181

*(11-13)*
**International Camel Races**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

*(11-13)*
**Mixed Scramble Golf Tournament**
Carson Valley
cvinn.com
866-284-7766 x.9

*(11-13)*
**Morrodders Car Show & Gamblers Run**
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

## ★ ONGOING

**After Dark Haunted House**
Elko
Oct., various days
elkocva.com
775-738-3038

**Art and Infrastructure: Patricia Johanson & the Petaluma Wetlands Park**
Nevada Museum of Art
Sept. 19-Jan. 10, 2010
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Birds in Flight**
Bird show
Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary
Sat. thru Sept.
birdsinflight.us
775-846-7007

**Blink: George Legrady**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Dec. 20
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**"Bounce"**
Circus Circus
Dark Sun. & Mon.
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

**Candy Making**
Genoa
Mon.-Fri.
genoanevada.org
775-782-4584

**"Carnival Cabaret"**
Stateline
Horizon
Dark Tues.
carnivalcabaret.com
800-683-8266

**Carson Valley Harvest Festival**
Gardnerville
The Corley Ranch
Oct., Sat. & Sun.
corleyranch.com
775-721-1047

**Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club**
Silver Legacy
Dark Mon.
silverlegacy.com
800-MUST-SEE

**Classic Film Festival**
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Sat.
elkocva.com
775-738-3418

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

**Corn Maze**
Fallon
Lattin Farms
Daily, Sept.-Oct.
lattinfarms.com
775-867-3750

**DBA Wine Walk**
Elko
Second Sat.
elkodowntown.com
775-778-9555

**Dinner With Your Dog**
Wild River Grille
Mon. thru Sept.
wildrivergrille.com
775-284-7455

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

**Downtown Wine Walk**
Carson City
First Sat.
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

**Even in Africa: Paintings by Robert Cinkel**
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 11, 2010
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**Faces: Chuck Close & Contemporary Portraiture**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Oct. 18
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Fallon Goat Days**
Fallon
Lattin Farms
Sept.
775-867-4580
lattinfarms.com

## ★ ONGOING continued

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

**Free Guided Bike Tour**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Fri.-Sun.
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

**Free Guided Hikes**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Thurs.-Sun.
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

**"Get Hypnotized!"**
Starring Chris Cady
The Pioneer Underground
Fri. & Sat.
renohypnotist.com
775-324-7474

**The Gold Hill Hotel Lecture Series**
Gold Hill
Tues.
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

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

**The Grid: Bernd & Hilla Becher**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 15
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Guided Tours**
Nevada Museum of Art
Various days
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Helen Lundeberg: The History of Transportation**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Dec. 6
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Holland Friday Nights**
Art & music
West Street Market
renoweststreetmarket.com
775-334-2594

**Honest Horses**
Fernley
Fernley Civic Center
Thru Oct. 9
775-784-9800

**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

**In the Sierra Shadows**
Artists Co-op Gallery
Oct. 1-Nov. 10
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

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

**The Lingo of our Calling: The Legacy of Cowboy Poetry**
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Sept. 23- Nov. 13
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

**Lordy Rodriguez: Surface Depth**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 8
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**More Precious Than Silver: 150 Years of Water on the Comstock**
Virginia City
Fourth Ward School
nevadamuseums.org

**Mountain-Bike Racing**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Thurs.
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

*(11-13)*
**Paradise Valley Chili Cook-off**
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
775-578-3313

*(11-13)*
**Professional Bull Riders Reno Invitational**
Lawlor Events Center
lawloreventscenter.org
800-255-2277

*(11-13)*
**Shelby Joanette Memorial Barrel Race**
Livestock Events Center
acbra.com

## 12 SATURDAY

**Blues Traveler**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

**Collective Soul**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Elko Senior Expo**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-1240

**Fat Boy Biking Poker Run**
Sparks
fatboybiking.com

**Governor's Tin Cup Tea & Chuck Wagon BBQ**
Carson City
Governor's Mansion
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-4810 x.237

**Green Living Festival**
Gardnerville
Lampe Park
cvsustainables.org
775-265-6827

**Kids Auction & World's Greatest BBQ**
Boys & Girls Clubs fundraiser
Carson City
Mills Park
bgcwn.org
775-882-8820

**NRA High Power Rifle & Sport Rifle Contest**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-7241

**RAAVE Exotic Bird Convention**
Livestock Events Center
raave.com
775-358-7222

**Swap Meet**
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

**Tee It Up 4 Kids Golf Tournament**
Lakeridge Golf Course
e-mail: cnevin@storeycounty.org
775-230-1474

**Wayne Brady**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

*(12-13)*
**Fallon Horseman's Association**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-5074

*(12-13)*
**SCCA Nor Pac Division Championship PDX & Time Trials**
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

*(12-13)*
**"The Silver Queen Comstock Review!"**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

*(12-13)*
**Street Celebration**
Minden
Esmeralda Avenue
williamsltd.com
775-782-2444

*(12-13)*
**Summit ET Race**
Fallon
Top Gun Raceway
fallontourism.com
775-423-0223

## 13 SUNDAY

**Concert on the Green**
Genoa
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

**Gary Allan**
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristarcasinos.com
800-821-1103

**Tour De Tahoe—Bike Big Blue**
Lake Tahoe
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

*(13, 15)*
**"The Celebration"**
Reno Philharmonic
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

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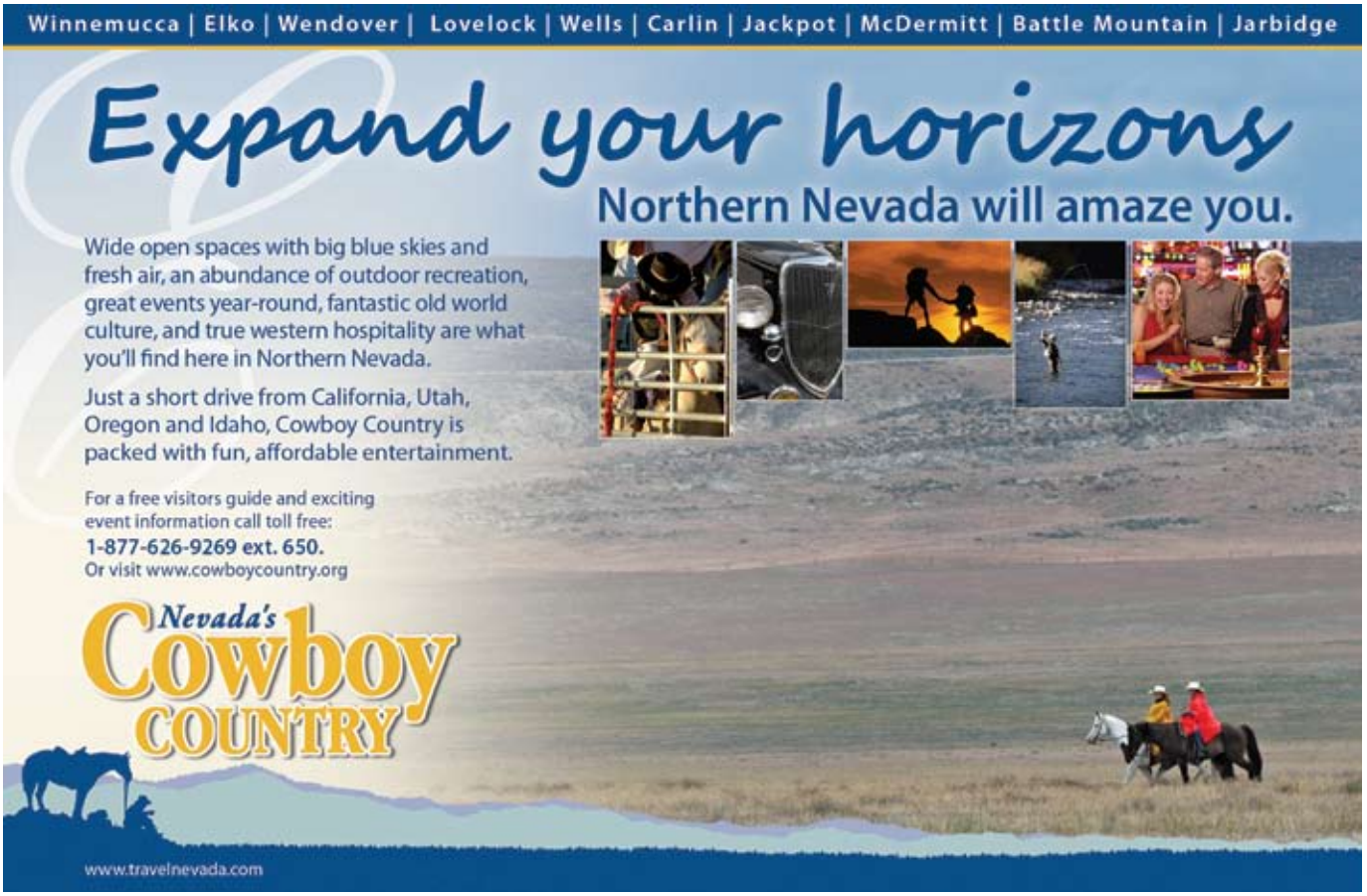
*(14-19)*
**World Human-Powered Speed Challenge**
Battle Mountain
ihpva.org
775-635-1112

## 15

*(15-20)*
**Major Link**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

*(15-20)*
**World of Speed**
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207


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Nevada's Cowboy COUNTRY
www.travelnevada.com

## ★ ONGOING continued

**Movie Cars: Cinematic Stars On Wheels**
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 11, 2010
Thurs. movie nights thru Nov. 19
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides**
Ely
Dark Tues.
(Visit Web site for specialty rides)
nnry.com
866-407-8326

**New York to Paris Automobile Race of 1908**
National Automobile Museum
Thru 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**Open Air: Impressions of the California Landscape**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 29
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**On the Road with Alice Ramsey: 100 Years Ago**
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 11, 2010
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**The Plaza Summer Concert Series**
Harrah's Reno
Sept. 5, 12, 19, 24-26
harrahsreno.com
800-HARRAHS

**Reno: Biggest Little City in the World**
Permanent exhibit
Nevada Historical Society
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

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

**Retro Skate Night**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Tues.
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

**Ride the Rails**
Carson City
Railroad Museum
Sat. & Sun.
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-6953

**Riverwalk Arts Walk**
Last Thurs.
renoriver.org
775-825-WALK

**Roadside Attractions: Photography by Howard Goldbaum**
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 11, 2010
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

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

**Tuan Phan: Root | Bound**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Oct. 27
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Unlocking an Archive: Michael Heizer & Walter De Maria**
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Sept. 13
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

**Virginia & Truckee Railroad Rides**
Virginia City to Gold Hill
Daily
virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

**Wine Walk on the River**
Third Sat.
renoriver.org
775-323-7766

**"42nd Street"**
Eldorado
Thru Oct. 25
Dark Mon.
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

## 16

*(16-20)*
**National Championship Air Races & Air Show**
Reno Stead Field
airrace.org
775-972-6663

*(16-20)*
**Tina & Company**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

## 17

**Adopt-A-Car Wax & Shine Party**
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**Handful of Luvin'**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Theater
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

**Southern Culture on the Skids & Los Straitjackets**
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(17-20)*
**Cool September Days Car Show**
Stateline
Horizon
goodsamsaferide.com
530-541-7300

*(17-20)*
**Walker River Paiute Tribe Pinenut Festival**
Schurz
wrpt.us
775-773-2306

*(17-20)*
**The Wild West Shootout & Sports Expo**
Dayton
Dayton Valley Country Club
daytonnvchamber.org
775-246-7909

## 18

**A Celebration of Writers Around the Lake**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Tahoe
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

**Friday Night Street Drags**
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

**Rick Springfield**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**World Dance Open Floor**
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

**Z2Z Big Red Challenge**
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

*(18-19)*
**Carlin Smokin' Hot Chili Cook-off**
Carlin
Carlin City Park
explorecarlinnv.com
775-754-6354

*(18-19)*
**Stock Car Silver Cup**
Battle Mountain
Battle Mountain Raceway
bmraceway.com
775-635-1112

*(18-19)*
**Van Norman Horse Sale**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-756-6508

*(18-20)*
**Nevada Paint Horse Association**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-5074

*(18-20)*
**Silver State Classic Challenge Car Parade, Show, & Race**
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

## 19 SATURDAY

**Big Blue Adventure Race Series**
Northstar-at-Tahoe
bigblueadventure.com
800-GO-NORTH

**Capriolas Ranch Rodeo**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-5816

**Oktoberfest!**
Carson City
Carson City Library
visitcarsoncity.com
887-2244 x.1019

**Community Yard Sale**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

**Gary Allan**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Hill Climb Races**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

**River to Lode: Brunswick Canyon Mills & V&T to Gold Hill**
Explore w/ geologists
Carson City
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

**The Robert Cray Band**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

**Sesquicentennial Special Trains**
Virginia City

virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

**Sutro Revisited: A Private Town & A Private Tour**
Sutro
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

**Tahoe Big Blue Sprint**
North Lake Tahoe
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

**Tingstad & Rumbel**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Theater
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

*(19, 26)*
**Oktoberfest Beer Trains**
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
866-407-8326

*(19-20)*
**Art Bark Festival**
Squaw Valley USA
thevillageatsquaw.com
530-583-6955

*(19-20)*
**Dayton Valley Days**
Dayton
daytonvalleydays.org
775-246-7909

*(19-20)*
**National Senior Pro Rodeo**
Fernley
Out of Town Park
fernleychamber.com
775-575-4469

*(19-20)*
**Reno Chamber Orchestra**
Nightingale Concert Hall
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413

*(19-20)*
**Flea Market**
Spring Creek
elkocva.com
775-753-6295

## 20 SUNDAY

**Basque Festival**
Carson City
Fuji Park
basquefestival.org
775-887-2101 x.3

**Bird Hunter's Challenge**
Perdiz sport shooting
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

**Emerald Bay Trail Run**
Lake Tahoe
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

**"Live Electronica" Telepath**
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

**Motocross Racing**
Battle Mountain
Battle Mountain Raceway
bmraceway.com
775-635-1112

**Thunderbird Winemaker's Dinner Series**
Incline Village
thunderbirdlodge.org
775.832-8752

*(20-30)*
**NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Trade Show**
Livestock Events Center
nrcha.com
580-759-4949

## 22

**Trail of Dreams Event**
South Lake Tahoe
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

*(22-27)*
**M8trix**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

## 23

**Film Night**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Tahoe
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

**John Brown's Body w/ Black Seeds**
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

**Thunder on the Comstock**
Motorcycle rally
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

*(23, 26)*
**Open Practice**
Gardnerville
Nevada Motocross Park
nevadamotocrosspark.com
775-690-0150

*(23-25)*
**Nevada Museums Assoc. Conference**
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
nevadamuseums.org

*(23-27)*
**Lake Tahoe Marathon Race Week**
laketahoemarathon.com
530-544-7095

*(23-27)*
**Melissa Dru**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

*(23-27)*
**Street Vibrations**
Motorcycle event
road-shows.com
775-329-7469

## 24

*(24-27)*
**Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival**
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

## 25

**Aaron Tippin**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

**Hawaiian Superstars Cecilio & Kapano**
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

**Richard Elloyan**
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

**Sonny Landreth**
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(25-26)*
**Classic Country Jamboree**
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristarcasinos.com
800-821-1103

*(25-26)*
**George Winston**
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

*(25-27)*
**AKC All-Breed Dog Show, Obedience, & Rally Trials**
Carson City
775-882-4978

## 26 SATURDAY

**After Dark Haunted House**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-3038

**Black Irish Band**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Theater
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

**Brett Michaels**
Peppermill Reno
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

**Charlie Pride**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Man-Mule Race**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-6164

**Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament**
Fallon
Fallon Golf Course
fallontourism.com
775-423-4556

**Merle Haggard**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

**Oktoberfest**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-4187

**Rocky Road to Rock Art: Lagomarsino Petroglyph Tour**
Virginia City
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

**Silverland Art Gallery Exhibit & Reception For Russell Dudley**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

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Elko
elkocva.com
775-778-0787

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(start/finish)

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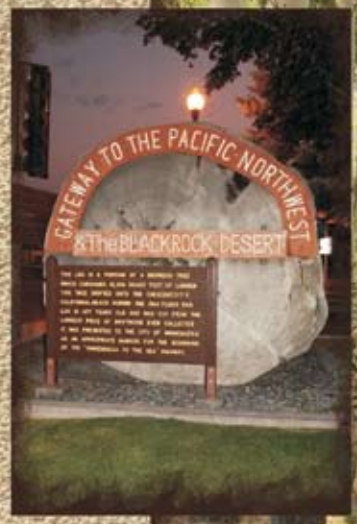
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tahoesierracentury.com
530-583-6955

*(26-27)*
**Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire**
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

*(26-27)*
**Fallon Senior Pro Rodeo**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-867-2115

*(26-27)*
**Motorcycle Track Days**
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

*(26-27)*
**National Alpaca Farm Days**
Gardnerville
tahoebreezealpacas.com
877-773-7717

## 27 SUNDAY

**Oktoberfest**
Gardnerville
Heritage Park
e-mail: bobcutts@verizon.net
775-782-7134

*(27-30)*
**OATBRAN**
Bike ride across Nevada
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

## 29

**Bare Bones Open Mic Night**
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

**Dark Star Orchestra**
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

**$1,500 Blackjack Tournament**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
877-783-7711

*(29-30)*
**Trey Stone Duo**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

## 30

**Tracy Bing**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

## OCTOBER

## 1

*(1-3, cont.)*
**OATBRAN**
Bike ride across Nevada
bikethewest.com
800-565-2704

*(1-4)*
**Cowboy Fast Draw World Championships**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-4556

*(1-4)*
**NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Trade Show**
Livestock Events Center
nrcha.com
580-759-4949

*(1-4)*
**Trey Stone Duo**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

*(1-5, 7-11)*
**Tracy Bing**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

## 2

**The Chieftains**
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

**Northeastern Nevada Barn Tour**
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
elkocva.com
775-738-3418

**Taste of Home Cooking Show**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-9895

*(2, 4)*
**"Carmen"**
Nevada Opera
Pioneer Center
nevadaopera.org
775-786-4046

*(2-3, 7-11)*
**"Ubu the King"**
Nevada Repertory Company
Redfield Proscenium Theatre
unr.edu/arts
800-233-8928

*(2-4)*
**Black Rock Desert Balloon Rally**
Black Rock Desert
e-mail: rseelbach@sbcglobal.net
775-786-5814

## 3 SATURDAY

**Harvest Festival**
Lamoille
elkocva.com
775-738-2823

**Kid Stuff Saturday**
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

**Legendary Rhythm & Blues Revue**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

**Mexican Cooking Class**
Carson City
Marrone Residence
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

**No-Hill Century Ride**
100-mile bike ride
Churchill County
fallontourism.com
775-423-7733

**Oktoberfest**
Squaw Valley USA
thevillageatsquaw.com
530-583-6955

**Randy Travis**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Scarecrow Festival**
Gardnerville
East Fork Gallery
775-782-7629

## ★ FARMERS' MARKETS

**American Legion Hall**
South Lake Tahoe
Tues. thru Oct. 13
eldoradofarmersmarket.com
530-622-1900

**Curry Street**
Carson City
Sat. thru Oct. 3
carsonfarmersmarket.com
775-882-6751

**Community Garden**
Winnemucca
Thurs. thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-623-8413

**Community Roots Nursery**
Dayton
Thurs. thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-250-7884

**Ely Renaissance Village**
Ely
Sat. thru Sep 26
elyrenaissance.com
775-289-8364

**Esmeralda Avenue**
Minden
Tues. thru Sept. 29
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

**Foothill**
Truckee
Tues. thru Oct. 13
Tahoe City
Thurs. thru Oct. 15
foothillfarmersmarket.com
530-823-6183

**Gold Street**
Eureka
Thurs. thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-237-5326

**In Town Park**
Fernley
Sat. thru Oct 3
fernleyfarmersmarket.org
775-846-0494

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Gardnerville
Wed. thru Sept. 30
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**Slanted Porch Restaurant**
Fallon
Sat. thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-423-4489

**Shoppers Square**
Sparks
Tues.
shopperssquare.net
775-323-0434

**Tamarack Junction**
Fri.
tamarackcasino.com
775-852-3600

**United Methodist Church**
Sparks
Tues. thru Sept. 15
nevadagrown.com
775-358-0925

**West Street**
Sun. thru Sept. 13
renoweststreetmarket.com
775-334-2594

**Stand By Your Hand Blackjack Tournament**
Peppermill Reno
peppermillreno.com
800-648-5555

**Super Diamond**
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

*(3-4)*
**Camp Richardson Oktoberfest**
South Lake Tahoe
camprichardson.com
800-544-1801

*(3-4)*
**Hot Spring Tour**
Black Rock Desert
e-mail: dave@
blackrockdesert.org
775-843-6443

*(3-4)*
**World Championship Outhouse Races**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

## 4 SUNDAY

**Full-Moon Guided Hike**
Tahoe Rim Trail
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

**Full-Moon Special Train**
Virginia City
virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

**History, Whiskey, & Warm Beer**
1870s-era dining
Hidden Valley
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

*(4-7)*
**Economic Development Council Conference**
Silver Legacy
iedconline.org
202-223-7800

## 5

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

## 7

**Glenbrook Privileged Peek**
View historic items
Glenbrook
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

## 8

*(8-11)*
**Friesian Horse Association of North America 25th Anniversary**
Livestock Events Center
fhanaconvention.com
920-757-0877

## 9

**American Ballet Theater**
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6610

**Bunco For Breast Cancer**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-215-1027

**Elko Uncorked**
Wine tasting
Elko
Stockmen's
elkodowntown.com
775-778-9555

**Frank Caliendo**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Kenny Rogers**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

*(9-10)*
**Fall Slot Tournament**
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUN-STAY

*(9-10)*
**Montego Bay 6th Anniversary**
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

*(9-11)*
**North Lake Tahoe Classic Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show**
Crystal Bay
Tahoe Biltmore
goodsamsaferide.com
530-541-7300

*(9-11)*
**Serendipity! Antique Show**
Livestock Events Center
serendipityshows.com
559-485-3354

*(9-11)*
**Stockhorse Spectacular**
Fallon
Churchill County
Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-0532

*(9-11, 16-18)*
**"Moon Over Buffalo"**
Carson Valley
Community Theatre
Minden
carsonvalley
communitytheatre.org

## 10 SATURDAY

**Communities in Schools Scarecrow Festival**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-340-6778

**Habitat for Humanity Dinner**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-934-5346

**Oval Dirt Track Racing**
Fallon
Rattlesnake Raceway
fallontourism.com
775-427-9120

**Kenny Wayne Shepherd**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe
.com
800-786-8208

**NRA High Power Rifle & Sport Rifle Contest**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-7241

**Rodney Carrington**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Tour: The Vaults & Jail of the Storey County Courthouse**
Storey County
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

*(10-11)*
**Eldorado Great Italian Festival**
Eldorado
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

*(10-11)*
**Motorcycle Track Days**
Fernley
Reno-Fernley Raceway
reno-fernleyraceway.com
775-575-7217

## 11 SUNDAY

**Oktoberfest Slot Tournament**
Peppermill Reno
peppermillreno.com
800-648-5555

## 14

*(14-18)*
**Tina & Company**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

## 16

**Chippendales**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

**Fall Poker Tournament**
Peppermill Reno
peppermillreno.com
800-648-5555

**Oktoberfest & Beer Tasting**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

**Willson & McKee**
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

**World Dance Open Floor**
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

*(16-17)*
**Poco**
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristarcasinos.com
800-821-1103

*(16-18)*
**Hunters' Widows Weekend**
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

*(16-18)*
**Te-Moak Pow Wow**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-8889

## 17 SATURDAY

**"Cinderella"**
Reno Dance Company
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
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**Gamblers Jackpot/ Manufacturers Shoot-Out**
Fallon
Top Gun Raceway
fallontourism.com
775-423-0223

**Rob Thomas**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

*(17-18)*
**Reno Chamber Orchestra**
Nightingale Concert Hall
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413

## 19

**Greg Mortensen**
Author & speaker
Incline Village
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
squawvalleyinstitute.org
775-832-1234

**Thunderbird Winemaker's Dinner Series**
Incline Village
thunderbirdlodge.org
775.832-8752

## 20

*(20-25)*
**ACTRA Championships**
Livestock Events Center
actra.org
509-947-6450



**NEVADA ONLINE**

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## 21

*(21-25, 28-Nov. 1)*
**Bahama**
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

## 22

**Minden Ghost Walk**
Minden
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

## 23

**Tours In Natural History**
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

**Gardnerville Ghost Walk**
Gardnerville
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

**Loggins & Messina**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

*(23-24)*
**Bob Zany & Drew Hastings**
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristarcasinos.com
800-821-1103

*(23-24)*
**$1,500 Fall Game-A-Thon**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
877-783-7711

*(23-25)*
**Fall Home & Lifestyle Show**
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
visitrenotahoe.com

*(23-25)*
**Reno-Western States Open**
Chess tournament
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUN-STAY

## 24 SATURDAY

**Kit Carson Trail Ghost Walks**
Tours depart every 30 min.
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
800-NEVADA-1

**Frank Sinatra Jr.**
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
harrahslaketahoe.com
800-786-8208

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

**Harvest Hops & Grapes**
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

**"Mr. Smith's Bowl Full of Notes!"**
Reno Philharmonic
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

**Rodney Carrington**
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-MUST-SEE

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

**Thin Veil Investigators: Ghost-Hunting Party**
Virginia City
St. Mary's Art Center
fourthwardschool.org
775-847-0975

*(24-25)*
**Cemetery Tour & Ghost Walk**
Genoa
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

## 25 SUNDAY

*(25, 27)*
**"Life in Contrast"**
Reno Philharmonic
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

## 27

**$1,500 Blackjack Tournament**
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
877-783-7711

## 28

*(28-31)*
**National Senior Pro Rodeo Finals**
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

*(28-Nov. 8)*
**NASF Shuffleboard Tournament**
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-FUN-STAY

## 29

**Great Pumpkin Carnival**
Sparks
Alf Sorensen Center
cityofsparks.us
775-353-2385

## 30

**Cheech & Chong**
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

*(30-31)*
**Haunted House**
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-423-7733

*(30-31)*
**Nevada Day Celebration**
Carson Valley
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

*(30-31)*
**Trailer Park Troubadours**
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

*(30-31)*
**Trick or Treat Street**
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-9895

## 31 SATURDAY

**Dia de los Muertos**
Elko
Western Folklife Center
westernfolklife.org
775-738-7508

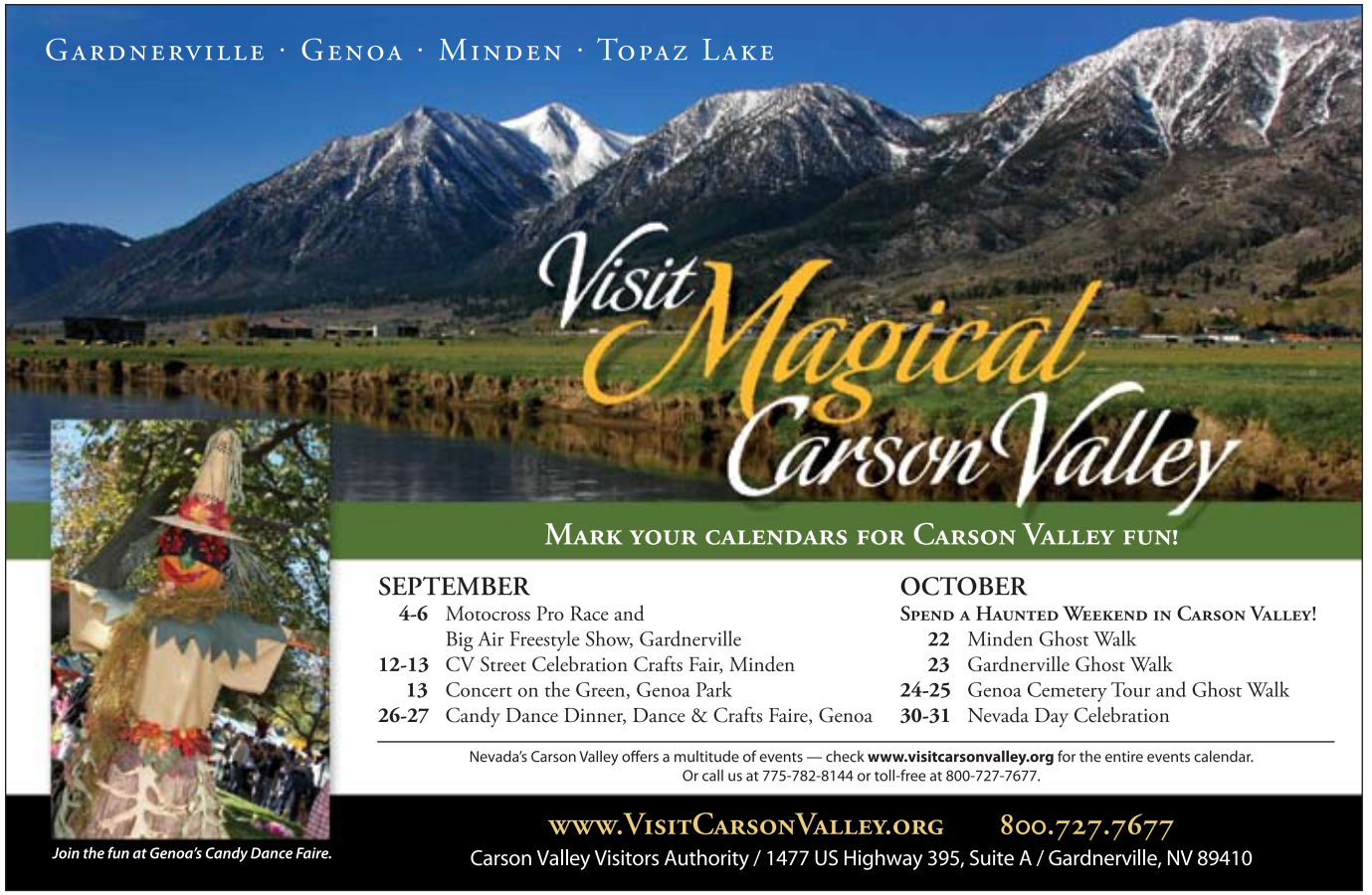
**Halloween Party & Hay Ride**
Genoa
Genoa Town Hall
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

**Halloween Special Haunted Trains & V&T Closing Day**
Virginia City
virginiatruckee.com
888-949-9991

**Halloween Spectacular**
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

**Harvest Festival**
Battle Mountain
battlemountain tourism.com
775-635-1112

**Nevada Day Parade**
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410




Mark your calendars for Carson Valley fun!

**SEPTEMBER**

**4-6** Motocross Pro Race and Big Air Freestyle Show, Gardnerville
**12-13** CV Street Celebration Crafts Fair, Minden
**13** Concert on the Green, Genoa Park
**26-27** Candy Dance Dinner, Dance & Crafts Faire, Genoa

**OCTOBER**

Spend a Haunted Weekend in Carson Valley!

**22** Minden Ghost Walk
**23** Gardnerville Ghost Walk
**24-25** Genoa Cemetery Tour and Ghost Walk
**30-31** Nevada Day Celebration

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# In the middle of Nevada, "hot tubbing" has a new meaning.



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**Austin, Nevada: where adventurous souls meet.**

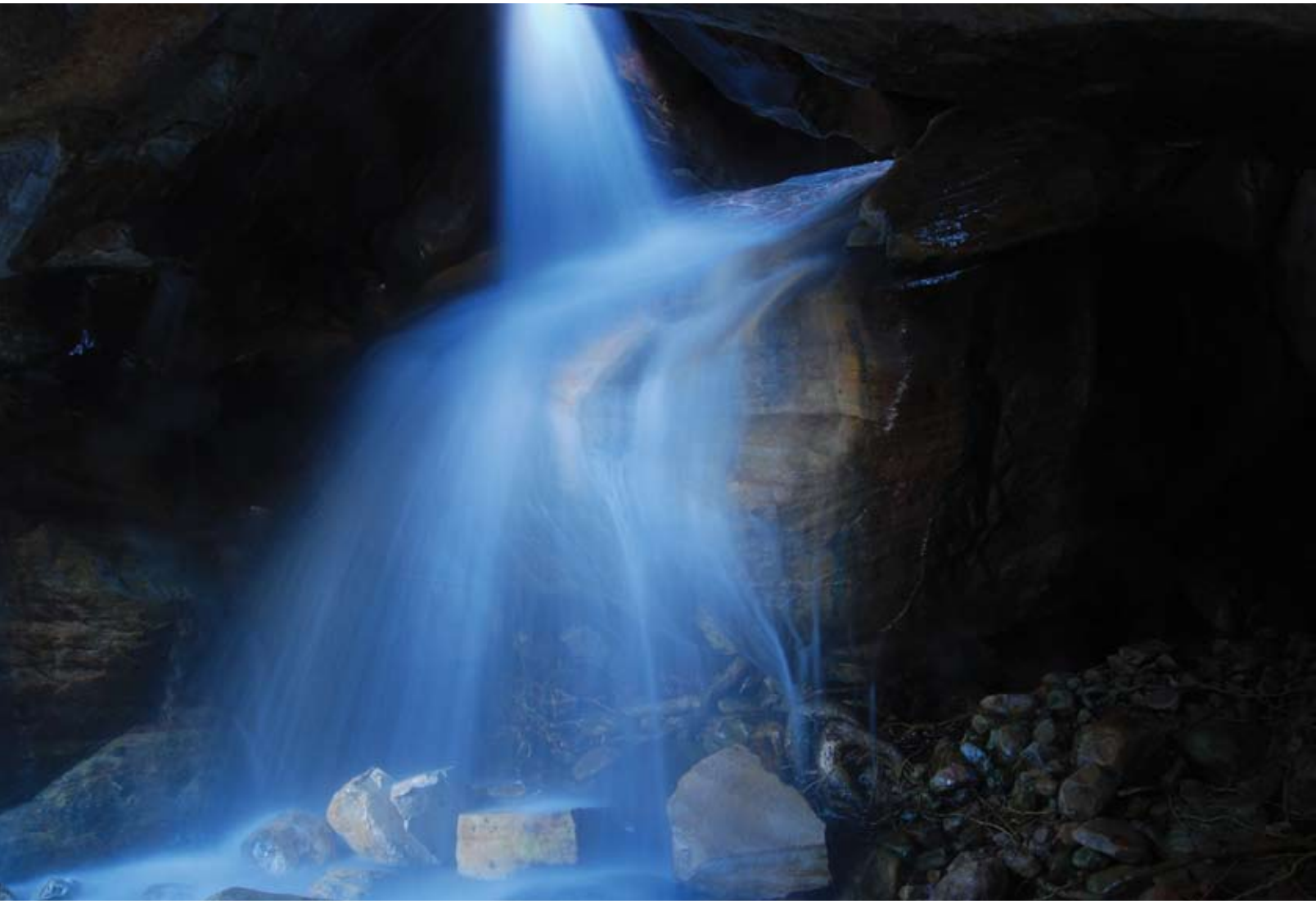




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**The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce**
**775.964.2200**
**AustinNevada.com**

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# IN THE FLOW

British explorer, army officer, and writer Sir Francis Younghusband once said mountains reveal their beauty to those who have struggled with them. The same could be said for the canyons of Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Only after negotiating his way through the folds of Fern Creek Canyon (as it's known to locals) did photographer Eric Wright manage to capture this image of a waterfall. "There wasn't much of a trail, mainly just bouldering [climbing] through the canyon bottom," he says. **thewrightgallery.net**

PHOTO BY ERIC WRIGHT

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In August he helped celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the South Shore Room at Harrah's Lake Tahoe by bringing 'ICONMAN' to the fabled venue.

Greg's New Single "Cool Change" continues its rise on The Adult Contemporary Airplay Chart, just behind Pop Icons Kelly Clarkson, Pink, and Taylor Swift.

He continues to be the HIGHEST CHARTING NEW ARTIST FOR 2009 on the Adult Contemporary Airplay Charts for "Everything I Own" and "Cool Change"

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