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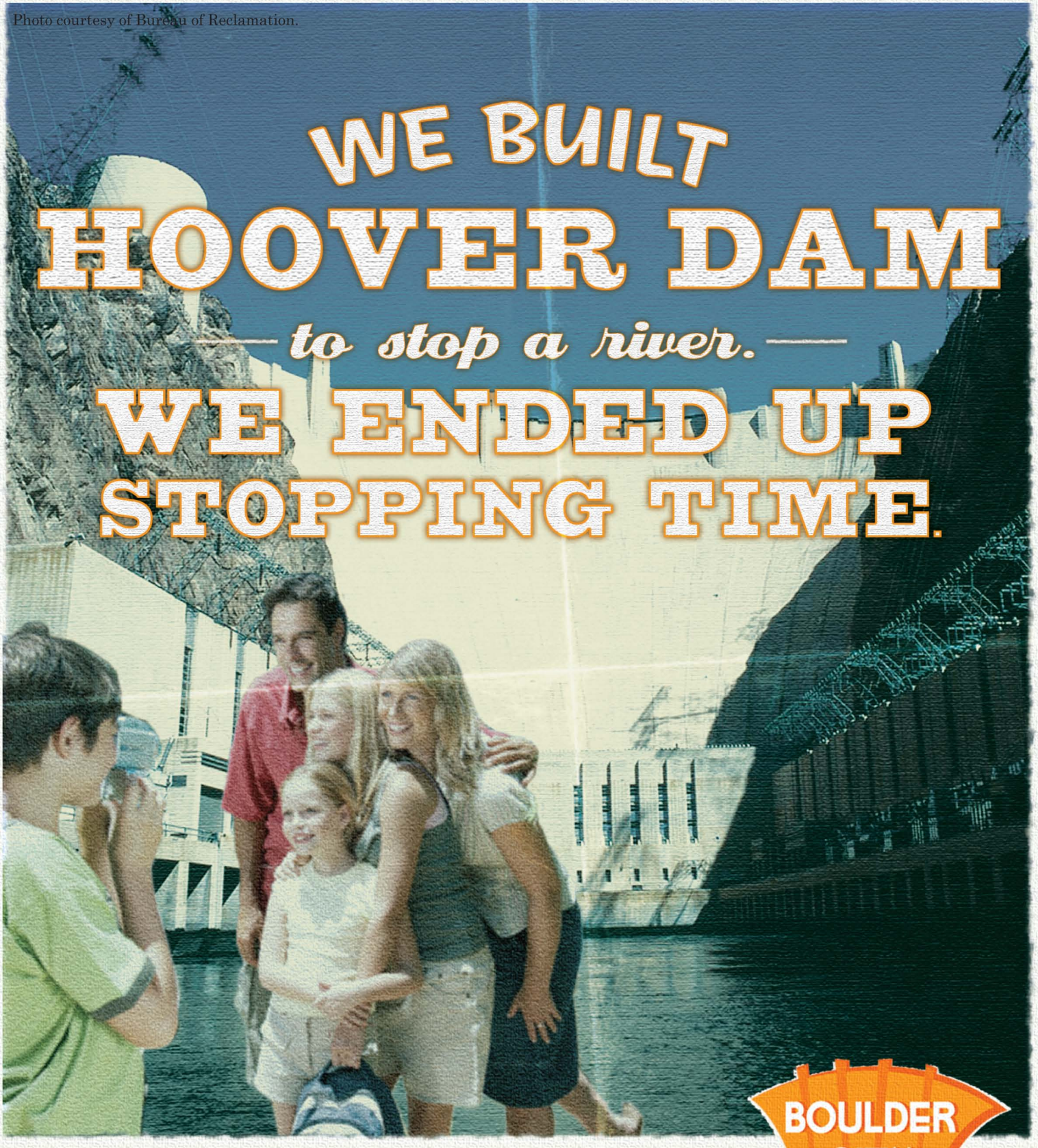
Nevada Railroads

Learn about the Silver State's historic lines–then ride them.

6 Ways to Splurge in Las Vegas

Family-Style Basque Dining

Photo courtesy of Bureau of Reclamation.



Some places are still the way they used to be.

Go to the Nevada Southern Railway Museum, where you can still ride an old-fashioned locomotive. At the Hoover Dam Museum, you hear the tales of the politicians, power brokers and construction workers who created this 6.6 million-ton marvel. You can even travel around Lake Mead in a paddle-wheel boat known as the Desert Princess. The whole town's one big time machine. The trip begins at **VisitBoulderCity.com**.

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Celebrating our State Parks

The Nevada state parks system, which turns 75 this month, ensures that our wide-open spaces are kept pristine, and 2010 is about celebrating the luxury of having so much beautiful land. "Nevada is fortunate that forward-thinking people...saw fit to set aside so many treasured places," says Dave Morrow, administrator of the Nevada Division of State Parks. "It's up to us not only to protect these special places for residents and visitors, but to find innovative ways to expand on the state park estate."



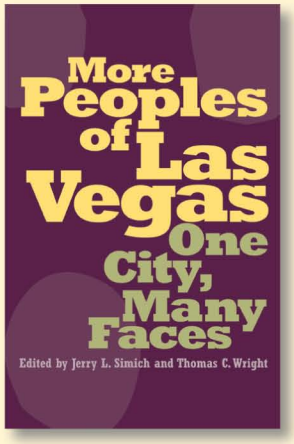
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The Pony Express, 150 Years Later

Although it operated for less than two years, the Pony Express mail service has left an indelible legacy from Sacramento to St. Joseph, Missouri. From their inaugural run in April 1860, to the Express's closing in October 1861, in Nevada riders followed what is roughly the route of today's U.S. Highway 50. Whether it happened in central Nevada's vast expanse, Carson City, or the Sierra Nevada mountains, the Silver State is littered with fascinating tales from the historic route—and a few monuments.

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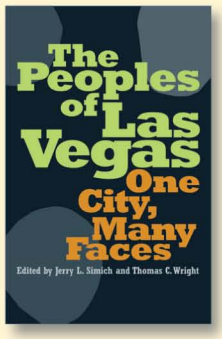
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THIS ISSUE ON NEVADAMAGAZINE.COM

- **Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe** unveiled its new Winters Creek Lodge (above) in December.
- Reno's **Nevada Museum of Art** is one of three U.S. cities to host Raphael's painting, *The Woman with the Veil*, before it returns to its permanent home in Italy.
- What would the proposed **Boulder Bay Resort & Wellness Center** mean for the North Lake Tahoe border town of Crystal Bay? By Melissa Siig
- Everything you need to know to prepare for Fallon's **Spring Wings Bird Festival**, May 14-16. By Parry Theriot
- The **Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation** is working diligently to preserve a fossil bed in northern Las Vegas Valley. By Elke Cote

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Cecilia Marotto: Happy New Year all and especially to the staff at NV Magazine where info about Nevada is at your fingertips!—Facebook

Imednick: Reminds me of the time I spent living in Vegas. Used to go to Valley of Fire and the Moapa fireworks stand!—YouTube, commenting on "Entering Valley of Fire State Park"

Nancy Streets: I was in Laughlin last year, had no idea…I guess a return trip is in order!—Facebook, commenting on Grapevine Canyon photo gallery

James Putman: We are twined like spokes on a wheel on the road with a never-ending passion for adventure.—Blogger, biker commenting on "Chance Meeting on The Loneliest Road in America"

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FEATURED PHOTO GALLERY

Valley of Fire State Park: Visit our Facebook and Flickr profiles to view separate galleries from our August 2009 trip to Valley of Fire State Park, about an hour's drive northeast of Las Vegas. Nevada's largest state park is a photographer's paradise.

FEATURED VIDEO

V&T Railroad: What was it like to ride the rails when the Virginia & Truckee Railroad route reopened last summer? Visit our YouTube page to find out, and while you're there, sing along to "Home Means Nevada."

FEATURED BLOGS

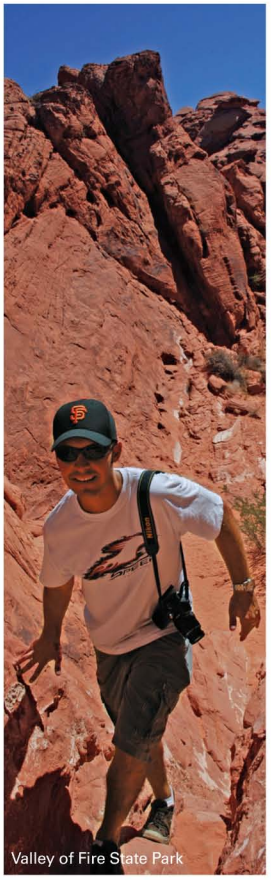
How does it feel to gaze upon an almost 500-year-old painting? You can find out on our personal-experience blog, then see Raphael's *The Woman with the Veil* for yourself at Reno's Nevada Museum of Art through March 21.

we've been everywhere

No, we haven't shot a man in Reno, but in our combined five-plus years at *Nevada Magazine* and 30-plus years as Nevada residents, Associate Editor Charlie Johnston and I have been all over this here land.

Not to shame the Man in Black, Johnny Cash, but I wrote a song about it.

We were totin' our packs along the long dusty Winnemucca road,
When along came a semi with a high an' canvas-covered load.
"If you're goin' to Winnemucca, boys, with me you can ride."
And so we climbed into the cab, and then we settled down inside.
He asked us if we'd seen a road with so much dust and sand.
And we said, "Listen, we've traveled every road in this here land!"


Valley of Fire State Park

We've been everywhere, man.
We've been everywhere, man.
Crossed the desert's bare, man.
We've breathed the mountain air, man.
Of travel we've had our share, man.
We've been everywhere.

We've been to:
Reno, Denio, Elko, Winnemucca,
Montello, Alamo, Hiko, Tuscarora,
Eureka, Vya, Tonopah, Oreana,
Mina, Panaca, Golconda, La Plata Canyon,
Fernley, Ely, Beowawe, Cal Nev Ari,
Virgin Valley, Carson Valley, Las Vegas, home of Killers [the band].

We've been to:
Austin, Minden, Dayton, Candelaria,
Yerington, Fallon, Wellington, Battle Mountain,
Henderson, Laughlin, Santa Fe (Station), Talapoosa,
Lovelock, Black Rock (Desert), Red Rock, North Las Vegas,
(Mt.) Montgomery, Wheeler Peak, Boundary Peak, Walker Lake,
Washoe Lake, Summit Lake, Pyramid Lake, for Pete's sake.

We've been to:
Unionville, Rachel, Belleville, Amargosa,
Gardnerville, Bunkerville, Jacobsville, Genoa,
Goldfield, Spring Creek, Incline Village, Hawthorne,
Lehman Creek, Thousand Creek, Wendover, Gerlach,
Mount Rose, Flamingo, Capriola—
Nothing ends in an "ina," see what I mean-a.

We've been to:
White Domes, Toiyabe, Mouse's Tank, Soldier Meadow,
Beatty, Baker, Luning, Eldorado (Casino),
Pahrump, Pioche, Marlette Lake, Spooner Lake,
Carlin, Lamoille, Moapa, Carroll Summit,
Crystal Bay, Zephyr Cove, Silver Springs, Silver City,
Virginia City, Boulder City, Carson City, ain't they pretty?

OK, we haven't been to Talapoosa, but it fits the song—precisely. As for the other places we haven't been to, there's a good chance they will be on a future itinerary.

Or, you can make us come to you, by voting in our Tour Around Nevada. See page 26 for this issue's story about Lovelock and details on how to cast your vote. Since January 2009, we've written about eight towns, and our staff has visited six. We will be in Austin on Saturday, April 17 handing out magazines and other information during the Lincoln Highway Car Show. We would love to visit your town and connect with more of our fellow Nevadans.

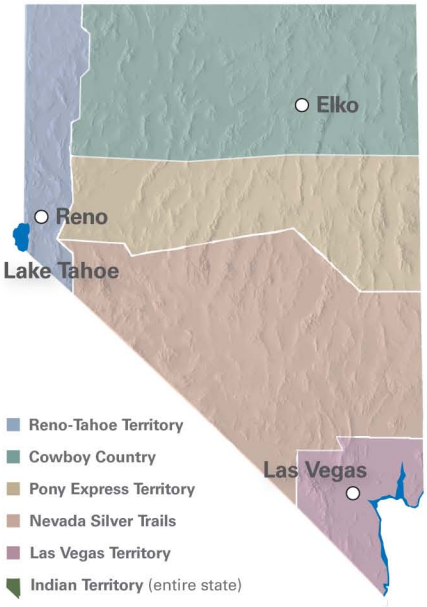
Also in this edition, we pay tribute to two important anniversaries—our state parks system turns 75 in March, and 150 years ago in April, Pony Express riders saddled up. We revisit their rugged route through Nevada—which makes me wonder how their renditions of "I've Been Everywhere" might have gone. They traveled a lot of dusty roads from California to Missouri.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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DRIVE OF A LIFETIME

I was a member of the camp crew on the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive. Even though it's hard work, the people you meet and the experience stay with you forever!
Bonnie Parsons, Reno

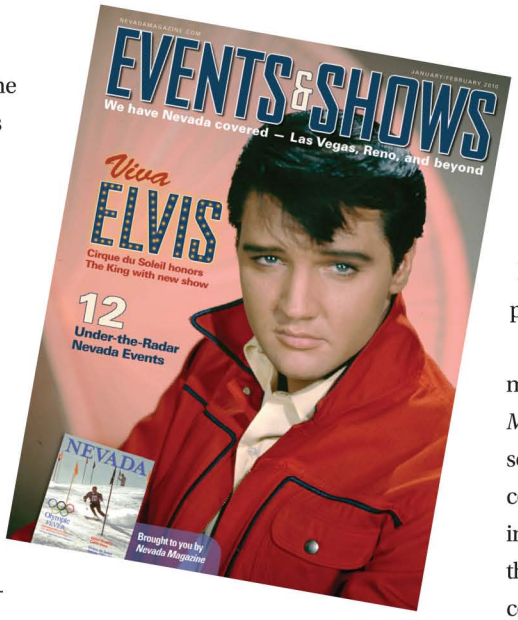
Great coverage of the trip, Charlie. Not a day goes by that I don't reflect on what an outstanding Western experience the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive is.
Barbara Nill, Eugene, Oregon

DEAR JON

Thank you, Sydney, for your detailed article honoring Snowshoe Thompson. It's a credit to the man who came to this country as Jon Torsteinson-Rue.
Sue Knight, Genoa

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Bud Glass and Russ Howe did an excellent job with The King's Ransom Museum. [Cirque du Soleil's] "Viva ELVIS" and King's Ransom are a must if you are in Las Vegas. They're a great tribute to Elvis and his fans.
Barbara Phillips



THE REAL CAMP McGARRY

In *Nevada Magazine's* [July/August 2007] article, "Playa Playground," the writer succumbs to the lore that has given rise to a vernacular culture regarding the location of Camp McGarry. Nevada Historical Marker 162, commemorating the military outpost, is located on a county road in Soldier Meadow (singular when referring to the geographical area), about eight miles southwest of the authentic location near Summit Lake, and has a text plate that contains several errors.

Unfortunately, as of November 2009, the marker remained. A free PDF, titled *Camp McGarry Bibliographic Essay*, discusses some of the popular literature that has contributed to the misinformation and includes historical maps that document the correct location of the camp. Request a copy via e-mail from cbasso@charter.net.
Clarence Basso, Reno

Thanks, Clarence. Sorry this wasn't caught in print. We have fixed the story, however, on nevadamagazine.com.
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Melissa Siig has been writing about Lake Tahoe since she moved to the area in 2001. She started her journalism career at the *Tahoe World* newspaper, where she covered politics, people, and the economy. "Even though Tahoe is a small community, so many exciting things happen here because of the area's appeal—people are drawn to its beauty," Siig says. For this issue, the Tahoe City, California resident wrote about two Crystal Bay attractions—Cal Neva's Secret Tunnel Tours and the proposed Boulder Bay Resort project (find the latter at nevadamagazine.com).
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CYNTHIA & PATRICK **KENNEDY**

From the depths of Chollar Mine to the top of Mount Davidson, Cynthia and Patrick Kennedy have explored Virginia City and the historical remnants of the discovery of the Comstock Lode since moving 20 years ago to what was once the richest place on earth. Producing a video about the area provided inspiration, but like most locals, the couple is just plain fascinated with the area's beauty and history. One of those places is Saint Mary's in the Mountains church, which Cynthia wrote about and Patrick photographed for our History section.
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JONNI **HILL**

Jonni Hill has spent more than 25 years creating pencil sketches dedicated to the memories of people and places. Working in the high country of Desolation Wilderness in El Dorado County, California for 10 years gave her an appreciation for wildlife, namely wild horses. Working on Pony Express drawings for *Nevada Magazine* gave her the chance to combine her love of history and horses. Recently she has added another dimension to her vast body of work—portraits. Hill does commissioned work and can be contacted via e-mail at jhill47@aol.com.
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NEVADA news

- The **Hard Rock Hotel** in Las Vegas recently unveiled its new all-suite HRH Tower. The 374 custom suites range from 700 to 4,300 square feet and feature luxurious furnishings, high-tech toys, and large, lavish bathrooms. **hardrockhotel.com, 800-473-7625**

- Northern Nevada's award-winning **Great Basin Brewing Company** will open a second location this spring. The new Reno location, at 5525 South Virginia Street, will feature a bottling line and pizza oven. **greatbasinbrewingco.com, 775-355-7711**

- The **Fleischmann Planetarium** at the University of Nevada, Reno is selling special telescopes (Galileoscopes, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of an astronomical telescope) and offering free lessons. The planetarium's theater is also showing four feature films, including Academy Award-nominated "The Living Sea," and digital star shows this spring. **planetarium.unr.nevada.edu, 775-784-4811**

- The **Carson Valley Inn** in Minden has come under new ownership and is undergoing extensive remodeling. The $10-million enhancement aims to update the property while maintaining the charming atmosphere locals and visitors have enjoyed during the property's 26 years. **cvinn.com, 775-782-9711**

- Ever dreamed of throwing out the first pitch in Wrigley Field? Well now you can—in Las Vegas. The new **Big League Dreams Sports Park** replicates famous major-league stadiums. **bigleaguedreams.com, 702-642-4448**

WILD HORSES

Inmates at Warm Springs Correctional Facility Train Nevada's Mustangs

Hank Curry knows horses, and he brings that empathy to his job at Warm Springs Correctional Facility in Carson City, where he trains inmates in horsemanship. The inmates break wild mustangs brought in by the Bureau of Land Management, as part of a government initiative to regulate the state's wild horses through adoption programs.

Anywhere from 500 to 600 wild mustangs may be in the corrals at any given time. "There are lots of cowboys out there," says Lorne, one of the inmates, as he strokes a chestnut brown mare. "But they don't know horsemanship. This is the best program I've ever known. Here you learn to listen to the horse, to live with them until they accept you. One minute they're a wild mustang. The next they're your best buddy."

Timothy Bryant, ranch manager, echoes Lorne's thoughts as he drives me around the ranch that includes organic gardening, recycling, and a herd of Black Angus cows. "The men learn patience and responsibility," he says. "These are traits that will help them be successful once they're released."

Curry says he watches the horses for three or four days, getting to know them before



pairing them with a prisoner. He looks in the animal's eyes first to gauge its intelligence, then tries to get a feel for its temperament so he can find the best man for the job. "It's a truism that horses are more honest than men," he says. "If a man isn't being authentic with the horse, that creature will know it. The men learn about themselves here. They have to face things about themselves. They need discipline to work with a horse and ride it for the first time. A man who can't be patient and honest won't stay. The men who don't fit don't make it out here."

The next horse adoption day at the facility is Saturday, May 29. **wildhorseandburroexpo.com, 775-849-3625** —STORY BY JORDAN CLARY

NEVADA ONLINE BLM roundups continue to stir debate across the West. Read more about the subject by searching "Wild Horses" at **nevadamagazine.com**.

PHOTOS: JORDAN CLARY



MUSEUM

Nevada Northern Railway

Trains hold an important place in the early development of Nevada. They transported precious metals, supplies, and people to and from mines. Many Nevada cities and towns may not exist if it weren't for railroads. The Nevada Northern Railway historical museum in Ely preserves and celebrates that legacy.

Visitors can explore historic locomotives and dive into the rich history of the railroad at the expansive indoor and outdoor museum. But the uniquely interactive museum doesn't stop at informative displays. Train buffs and the general public are given the chance to ride these historic locomotives along the lines they used to ply. A variety of rides are available, from regular excursion trains to themed rides such as wine trains, barbecue trains, and the popular Polar Express. The adventurous tourist can rent a steam or diesel locomotive and drive it either 14 or 28 miles—with supervision, of course. **nnry.com, 866-407-8326**

ADVENTURE RACE

Desert Winds Expedition

Four people, 310 miles, and three to five days to complete. The Desert Winds Expedition, September 18-25, is an epic adventure race in Southern Nevada. Participants bike, climb, hike, paddle, and rappel their way between checkpoints through the unforgiving, starkly beautiful Mojave Desert. The expedition is the crown jewel of the Desert Winds Adventure Series, a set of regional adventure races held throughout the year, ranging in length from six to 12 to 24 hours. This year marks the first running of the epic expedition. Registration fees are $2,400 per team through June 30 and $2,800 from July 1 through August 31. **desertwindsexpeditionrace.com, 928-767-3061**

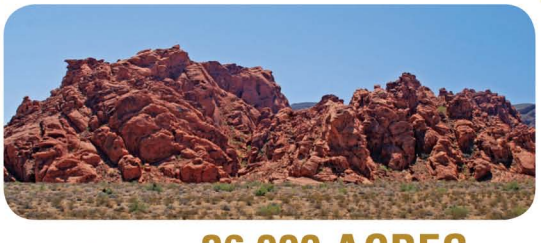
PHOTOS: MATTHEW B. BROWN (TOP), CHARLIE JOHNSTON (RIGHT)

NEVADA news

✦ **Eastside Cannery Casino & Hotel** in Las Vegas recently completed its new state-of-the-art concert venue. The 1,100-seat event center boasts new sound reinforcement and an innovative lighting system, which has drawn big-name acts such as LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Money (March 20). **eastsidecannery.com, 702-856-5470**

✦ **CityCenter** in Las Vegas opened Eva Longoria Parker's contemporary steakhouse, **Beso**, and nightclub, **Eve**, earlier this year at Crystals. The restaurant pairs Latin flair with the culinary talent of celebrity chef Todd English. The nightclub exudes elegance with a 50-foot arched ceiling and lavish VIP booths. **evethenightclub.com**

✦ Nevada's first tire recycling plant started operations late last year. **Phoenix Recycling Technologies'** Las Vegas facility can process more than two million tires annually. The recycled rubber is used in a wide variety of applications, including rubberized asphalt paving and infill material for sports fields. **phoenixrecyclingtechnologies.com, 702-893-0006**



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✦ **968 Park Hotel** in South Lake Tahoe is offering a Stay, Ski, Save Green package through the end of the 2010 ski season. For $99 per person, midweek, guests receive lodging, a bottle of wine at check-in, a lift ticket to Sierra-at-Tahoe, access to the Sierra-at-Tahoe shuttle, and 15 percent off purchases at Sierra Mountain Sports. **968parkhotel.com, 877-544-0968**

✦ **Northstar-at-Tahoe** debuted the only permanent biathlon range on the West Coast earlier this year. Lessons are $199 for the first person and $50 for each additional person (up to four people). The sport, which combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting, debuted as an Olympic discipline in 1960 at the VIII Olympic Winter Games, held in Squaw Valley. **northstarattahoe.com, 530-562-3270**

✦ **Red Mango** natural frozen yogurt opened in January at the Boulevard Mall, located at 3528 South Maryland Parkway in Las Vegas. There is also a Red Mango in Henderson at 9480 South Eastern Avenue and one coming soon to the Miracle Mile Shops at Planet Hollywood. **redmangousa.com**

✦ In April, the **Stratosphere** in Las Vegas will add another thrill ride to its impressive lineup of adrenaline-inducing activities. **Sky Jump Las Vegas** riders drop 855 feet from the top of the Stratosphere at speeds of up to 40 mph. **stratospherehotel.com, 800-998-6937**

✦ The **Great Basin Heritage Partnership** Web site recently received a facelift, rendering it more visually stimulating and easier to navigate. The nonprofit works to preserve the heritage of the central area of the Great Basin, which includes the State of Utah. **greatbasinheritage.org, 775-234-7171**



TRAVEL

Reno-Tahoe Renovation

The 22-month Airport Baggage Check-In Project at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport was completed late last year to provide for a faster, more efficient travel experience in the airport's ticket lobby. Following 9/11, the airport lost 35 percent of its ticket lobby space to the Transportation Security Administration baggage screening machines and the staff who operate them. The machines congested the lobby and created a two-step check-in process. The ABC Project ends the two-step check-in process and relieves overcrowding. **renoairport.com, 775-328-6400**

TOURISM

Nevada Commission on Tourism Awards 68 Grants

"While the tourist attractions in our larger cities are well known, our rural communities have many special treasures awaiting visitors who travel across our state," Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki says. "The Rural Grant Program gives us a unique opportunity to showcase our rural attractions." The grants, totaling more than $365,000, are awarded twice a year to public entities such as visitor authorities, cities, and chambers of commerce and must each be matched in value with local funds or labor.

Examples from the latest round of grants include $8,000 for the Fallon Convention and Tourism Authority for its new upscale food and art event, Tractors & Truffles, April 24, and $7,000 for the City of Carlin to promote its annual Carlin Car Show, August 15. **travelnevada.com, 800-NEVADA-8**

HELICOPTER TOURS

Get to the Chopper!

Ruby Mountains Heli-Experience takes skiers and boarders on the trip of a lifetime, dropping them onto the untouched slopes of eastern Nevada's Ruby Mountains. During the week of March 25, the company is offering a five-day package that includes two days of skiing and lodging at Snowbird, Utah for the same price as its regular three-day excursion. **helicopterskiing.com, 775-753-6867**



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In Southern Nevada, Sightseeing Tours Unlimited of Nevada (**sightseeingtourslv.com, 702-471-7155**) and Look! Tours (**looktours.com, 866-286-3559**) offer a plethora of excursions over Las Vegas, Lake Mead, Grand Canyon, and Hoover Dam.

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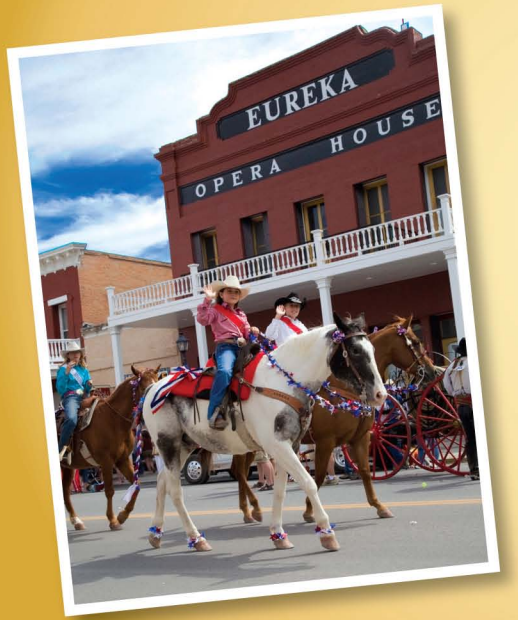
Spread the Word Nevada

The nonprofit organization Spread the Word Nevada was born of Laurie Hartig's realization that many Nevada citizens need extra assistance in literacy. The former Clark County School District librarian saw firsthand during her career that many Nevadans lack some of the resources necessary to lead happy, fulfilling lives and that many programs offering such help lacked resources themselves.

Its flagship program, Kids to Kids, promotes literacy by distributing books to at-risk youths at Southern Nevada elementary schools. People interested in helping can donate new or gently used books, hold book drives, volunteer, or send tax-deductible donations. Other Spread the Word Nevada literacy programs include Breakfast with Books and Books and Buddies. Since 2001, the organization had distributed nearly 1.3 million books to more than 155,000 children. **spreadthewordnevada.org, 702-564-7809**

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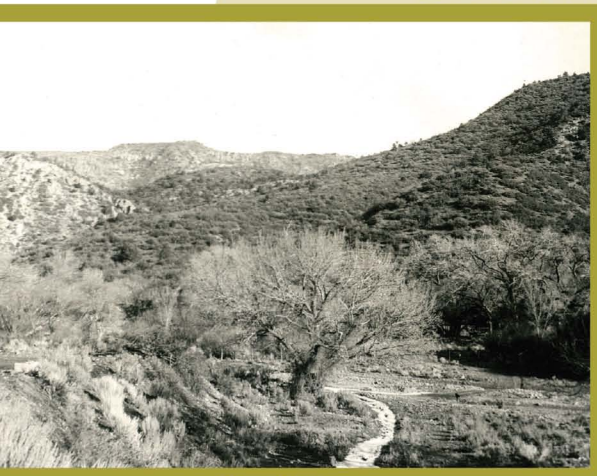
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Beaver Dam



Boulder Dam-Valley of Fire



Kershaw Canyon-Ryan

The four black-and-white photos represent Nevada's original state parks, made official by the passage of two bills in March 1935. Two of the park names have changed slightly over the years.



2010 marks the 75th anniversary of the formal establishment of our state parks system.

BY J. STEVE WEAVER

Seventy-five years ago, on March 26, 1935, the Nevada Legislature passed two momentous bills pertaining to state parks. SB 88 created the nucleus of the state parks system by specifically designating four state parks: "Beaver Dam," "Cathedral Gorge," and "Kershaw Canyon-Ryan" in Lincoln County and "Boulder Dam-Valley of Fire" in Clark County. The four sites were "set aside for all times for state park and recreational purposes." Also, cutting timber, destruction of buildings, and removal of artifacts were prohibited.

SB 94 provided for the creation of a state park commission consisting of five members to be appointed by then Governor Richard Kirman. The commissioners were to serve on a strictly gratis basis, but they were authorized to make and enforce park rules and regulations. Of the commissioners, Colonel Thomas W. Miller of Caliente was elected chairman. Miller came to Nevada in 1933 as superintendent of the Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Nevada and parts of Oregon and California. He is known as the founder of the state parks system and served as chairman from 1935-36, 1953-59, and 1967-73.

Before Miller, there was Governor James Scrugham, who began a progressive campaign for promoting recreation in the 1920s. Realizing the state had become heavily dependent on mining and agriculture, Scrugham saw the need to diversify Nevada's economy. Thus, along with a push to improve the state's roads, he passed a 1923 bill meant to set aside certain areas for recreational use.

By March 1925, 15 sites were designated as "state recreation grounds and game refuges." Interestingly, only one of the 15 sites, Cathedral Gorge, would be incorporated into the state park system. Today, thanks to the hard work of people such as Miller and Scrugham, generally speaking there are 25 state parks in Nevada, a number derived from a combination of State Parks, State Recreation Areas, and State Historic Parks (explained on page 12).

As much as some love the Silver State for its world-class casinos and resorts, others cherish it for its wide-open spaces. The state parks system ensures that these spaces are kept pristine, and 2010 is about celebrating the luxury of having so much beautiful land. "Nevada is fortunate that forward-thinking people like Miller, Scrugham, and others saw fit to set aside so many treasured places," says Dave Morrow, administrator of the Nevada Division of State Parks. "It's up to us not only to protect these special places for residents and visitors, but to find innovative ways to expand on the state park estate."

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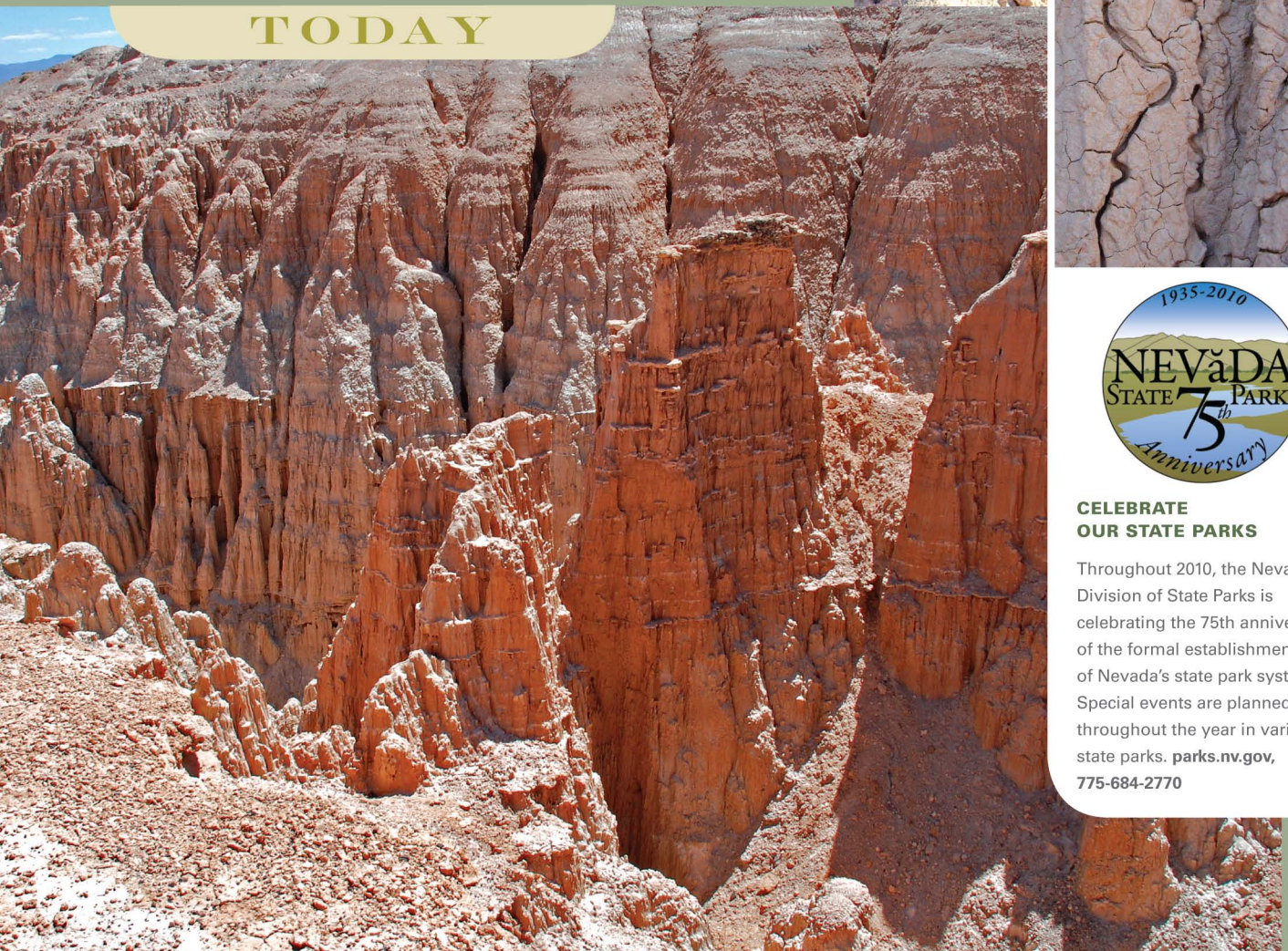
Cathedral Gorge

Cathedral Gorge

In 1931, there were a number of land exchanges in Nevada. The first patent, #1052084, was issued on November 30. As a result, the initial exchange of property parcels at Cathedral Gorge (this page) and Valley of Fire were formally transferred from the public domain to the State of Nevada.



TODAY



1935-2010 NEVADA STATE PARKS 75th Anniversary

CELEBRATE OUR STATE PARKS

Throughout 2010, the Nevada Division of State Parks is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the formal establishment of Nevada's state park system. Special events are planned throughout the year in various state parks. **parks.nv.gov, 775-684-2770**

PHOTOS: JACKIE GOOCH (TOP & INSET), CHARLIE JOHNSTON (BOTTOM), BETHANY SURBER (LOGO)



* Includes Spooner Lake, Cave Rock, and Van Sickle bi-state park; latter to open in summer 2010

\+ Includes Elgin Schoolhouse, currently closed due to road closure

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STATE PARK DESIGNATIONS

The Nevada Division of State Parks manages three general categories of sites: State Parks, State Recreation Areas, and State Historic Parks. There are 25 such sites statewide.

STATE PARKS are primarily established to preserve and protect exceptional or unique natural features of ecological, geological, scientific, or similar nature, or exceptional scenic qualities. Cultural features of historical, archaeological, or other significance may exist on the site. On the map, the title "State Park" has been omitted to save space.

STATE RECREATION AREAS typically possess unusual natural or man-made features suitable for a variety of outdoor recreation activities. Such features may include topographic, open space, streams, lakes, or reservoirs. On the map, the title "State Recreation Area" has been omitted to save space.

STATE HISTORIC PARKS preserve and protect historical and archaeological resources and are intended to provide a direct link for the park visitor to Nevada's past. Such areas can include public or private historical buildings or a group of historical buildings, battlegrounds, town sites, significant sites of native culture, historical trails or routes, arts, or other sites associated with a significant person or event. On the map, the title "State Historic Park" has been omitted to save space.

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LAKE TAHOE NEVADA



STATE PARK











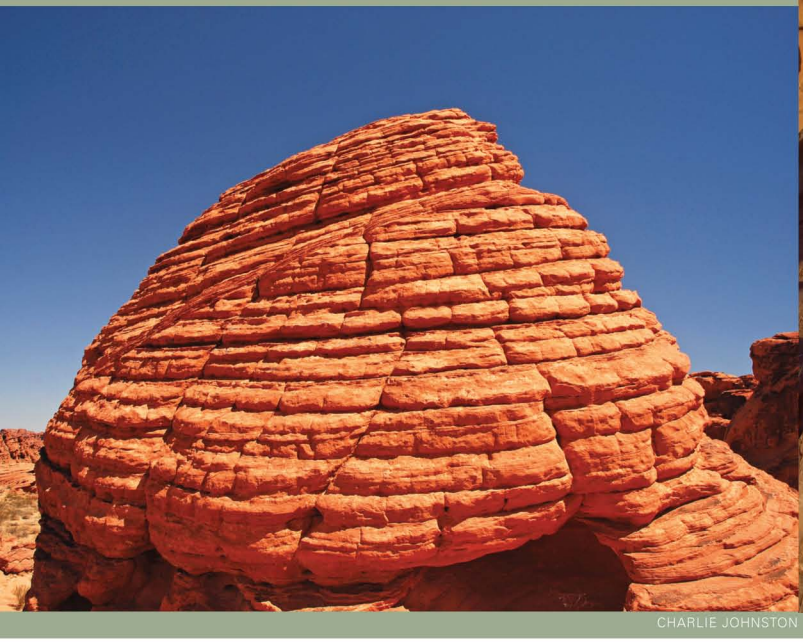
Clockwise from top left: Fort Churchill State Historic Park contains remnants from a once-active U.S. Army fort, built in 1861 to provide protection for early settlers. It was abandoned nine years later, and today the ruins are preserved in a state of arrested decay. ❖ Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park is known for its six beehive-shaped charcoal ovens, constructed in 1876 by Swiss-Italian workers to aid miners in melting silver out of rocks. ❖ A group of Mormon missionaries built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek in 1855 called Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort. Today, the State Historic Park includes a remnant of the original adobe fort, which contains interpretive displays. ❖ Built in 1876, the Belmont Courthouse was the seat of Nye County until 1905. Contact Region 3 Headquarters at 775-867-3001 for tour information.

State Historic Parks

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Valley of Fire

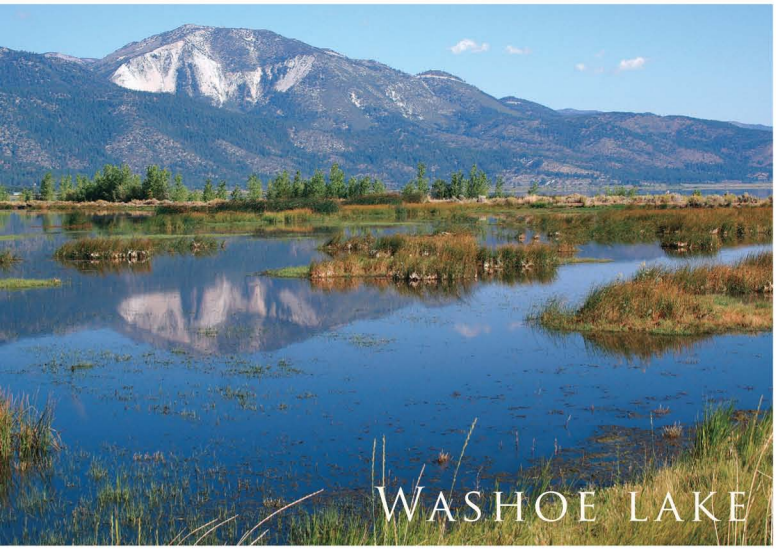


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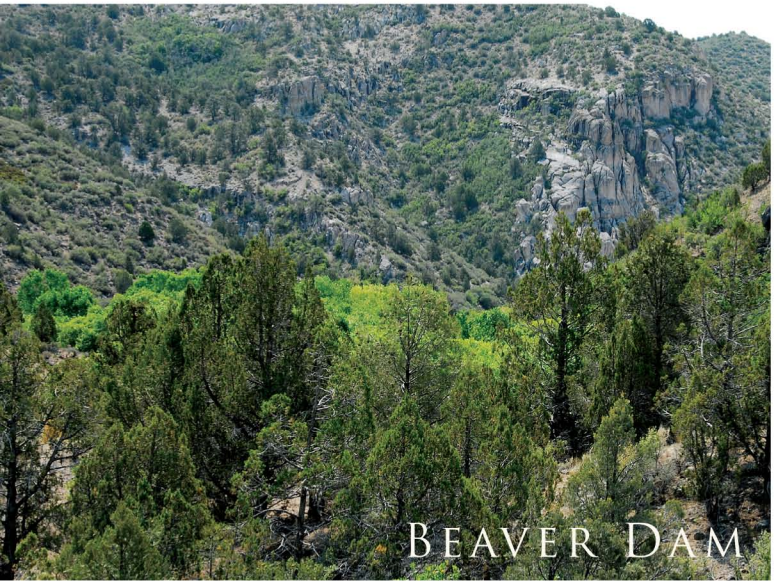
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Washoe Lake



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Beaver Dam



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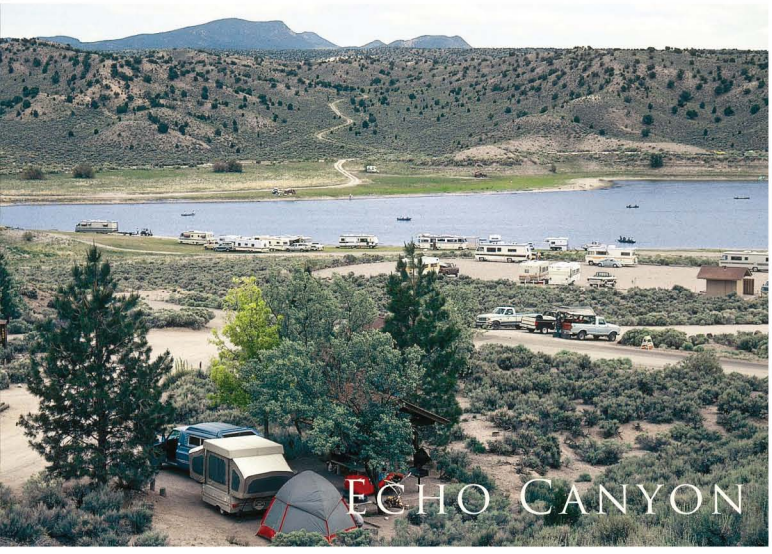
Remnants of "The Professionals" movie set, built in 1963.

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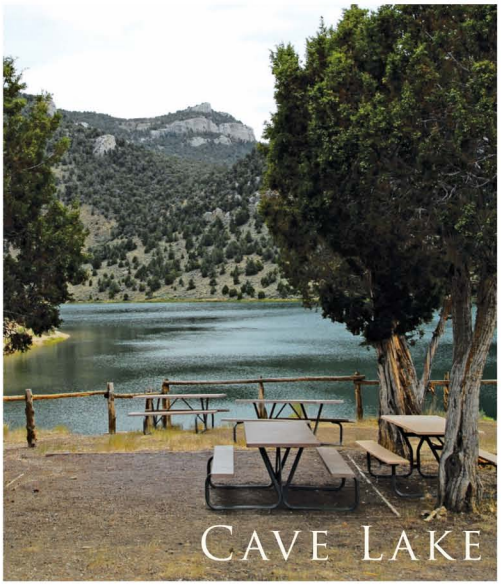
ANDERS SORENSEN

The Civilian Conservation Corps first built roads and campground facilities in Valley of Fire, with the guidance of the National Park Service. This resulted in an elaborate dedication of "Boulder Dam-Valley of Fire State Park" in 1934, before the passing of the official 1935 bills. Because of this initial dedication, Valley of Fire State Park, as it's now known, has long been recognized as Nevada's first official state park.



Echo Canyon





Cave Lake

Kershaw-Ryan

The 40-acre core of Kershaw Canyon was first dedicated as a public park by Lincoln County in June 1926. James Ryan and his wife, Martha Ann, from Caliente, with the stipulation "that it be used only for park purposes," later gifted it to the State of Nevada. In recognition, SB 88 declared that the park be named "Kershaw Canyon-Ryan," although the official name has been shortened to Kershaw-Ryan State Park.



The Palms' Hardwood Suite



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big-money tourism

Even in today's economy, there are still ways to splurge in Las Vegas.

BY ROGER NAYLOR

What separates Las Vegas from many destinations is the live-our-dreams factor. And if we can't live them, at least we can ponder them and wonder, "Who *really* does this stuff?" Whether it's opulent accommodations, a divinely decadent meal, or an adrenaline-infused adventure, anything is possible in Sin City.

Nowhere is that mindset more evident than the Fantasy Tower at the Palms Casino Resort. Here you'll find an assortment of mind-blowing accommodations, including the totally awesome Hardwood Suite, the only hotel room in the world with an indoor basketball court.

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The price for a night is $25,000, but nobody said hoop dreams come cheap. For an extra fee you can sport customized team jerseys. Best of all, since the Hardwood is a suite among suites, you don't have to worry about the guy in the room below pounding on the ceiling and yelling to knock off the dribbling.

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A Boeing 727, tricked out like a zero-gravity playroom, carries passengers aloft and executes a series of 12 to 15 parabolic maneuvers—smooth swooping arcs that deliver about 30 seconds of weightlessness. That's at least a dozen Oh-My-God-I-Can't-Believe-I'm-Floating moments.



Zero-Gravity flight

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Although it is called a Zero-G flight, it actually costs almost five Gs—$4,950 to be exact. But passengers take their flight suit home, thus solving all future Halloween costume dilemmas.

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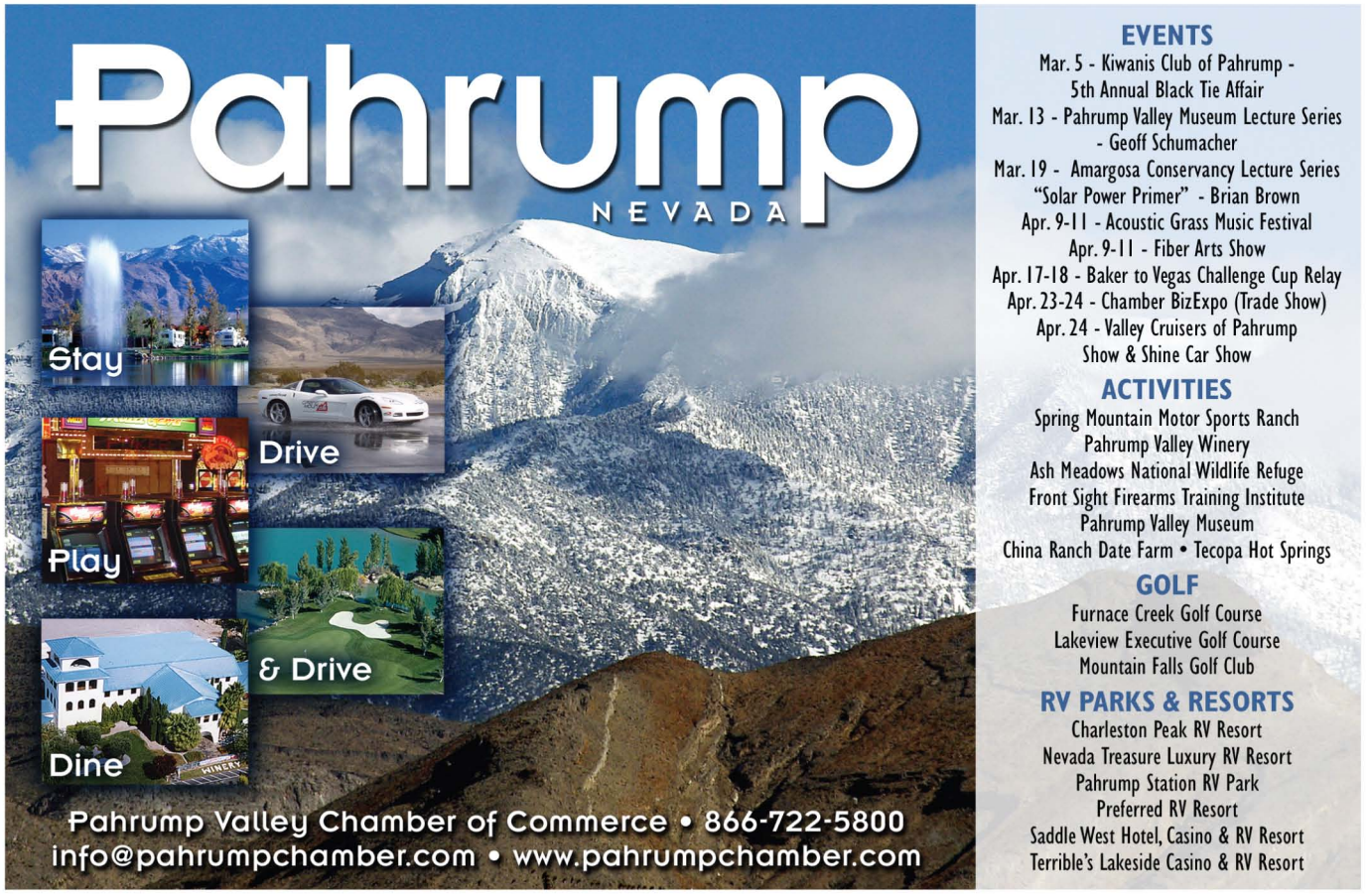
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The Virginia & Truckee Railroad reopened its historic Virginia City to Carson City route in August 2009. Top left: The No. 29 engine (also shown stationary on opposite page) chugs into Virginia City. Nevada dignitaries such as Senator Bill Raggio (top right) took part in the inaugural ride on the Virginia & Truckee (opposite left).

trains keep a rollin'

Starting with the resurrected V&T Railroad, Nevada is long on tracks.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

In the hierarchy of Nevada lore, railroads rank right up there with ghost towns and wild horses. Not that this truth needed reinforcement, but it was never more apparent than on a perfect summer evening last August, when the Virginia & Truckee Railroad woke up from a seven-decade slumber to again transport passengers from Virginia City to Carson City.

As I stand in line waiting to board, I stop snapping photos long enough to take in the moment. I look around me, notice a number of Nevada dignitaries, and have to check twice that there isn't a red carpet under my feet. I look up to see Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki patting Senator Bill Raggio on the back. Governor Jim Gibbons waits anxiously, as does Congressman Dean Heller. The historical relevance of this moment sinks in.

The re-inaugural ride, if you will, had a celebratory feel to it from beginning to end. In my car, the state song, "Home Means Nevada," is performed in unison and some have even dressed the part, sporting early 20th-century garb. The family friendly atmosphere is one that the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway had envisioned when it officially launched the

PHOTOS: TONY MARCIN (LEFT), MATTHEW B. BROWN (RIGHT)





railroad restoration project in April 2005. "It was truly a special occasion to be a passenger on the inaugural run, especially since I was able to share this historic moment with my daughters, who wore big grins for the entire ride," Krolicki says.

Krolicki's 11-year-old daughter, Kate, is also caught up in the moment. "Lots of people were lined up along the tracks clapping as we rode by, and my sisters and I had so much fun waving to all of them," she says. "We can't wait to go on it again."

The illustrious night ends with a celebration at one of the route's current depots at Flint Drive in Carson City. "The highlight of the trip, for me, was coming over the bridge over Highway 50 and seeing a large gathering of people lined up cheering us on, thrilled to see this special part of our heritage in service again," Krolicki adds. The overall vision for the project is a roughly 16-mile stretch, planned for completion in 2012, that would end at one of two proposed Carson City terminals.

Thirty-five-minute roundtrip rides on the Historic Route, from Virginia City to Gold Hill, begin March 23. The longer Sisters in History Route, 1.5 hours each way (12.8 miles) from Carson City to Virginia City, begins its 2010 run on May 27.



There are several other Nevada locations to hitch a ride on the short line, or learn about the importance of railroads to the state's history:

Nevada State Railroad Museum

Carson City

The Nevada State Railroad Museum preserves the railroad heritage of Nevada, including locomotives and cars of the famous Virginia & Truckee Railroad and other railroads of the Silver State. Many were bought from Hollywood studios, where they were made famous in movies and television shows. Among 65 locomotives and cars in the collection, 40 were built pre-1900. More than 30 pieces that operated on the V&T are available to peruse.

Museum activities consist of operation of historic equip-

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ment, including train rides, handcar rides, lectures, an annual railroad history symposium, changing exhibits, and special events. A public unveiling of the Virginia & Truckee McKeen car, No. 22, is planned for Sunday, May 9—perfect timing, as steam operation begins a day earlier. Motor-car operation begins May 1.



CONTACT

Nevada State Railroad Museum
2180 S. Carson St., Carson City
nevadaculture.org/museums
775-687-6953

Sparks Heritage Museum

Sparks

Sparks' proud railroad heritage is apparent in its historic downtown where the museum is located. A vintage steam locomotive, caboose, and executive car are displayed along with a depot replica, the restored Glendale Schoolhouse, and a monument to Chinese rail workers.

Inside the museum, visitors can explore artifacts from the original town, as well as relics from the region's prospecting, farming, and ranching heritage. The museum offers tours of the train, schoolhouse, and museum by appointment. This year the museum is celebrating its 25th anniversary with activities planned throughout the year.

Otherwise known as "Rail City," Sparks was formed in the early 1900s after the Central Pacific Railroad decided to straighten its tracks and move the division point to what was at the time swampland.



CONTACT

Sparks Heritage Museum
814 Victorian Ave., Sparks
sparksmuseum.org
775-355-1144

Nevada State Railroad Museum

Boulder City

In 1928, the Federal Government appropriated funds for the construction of the Boulder Canyon project, eventually renamed Boulder Dam and then Hoover Dam. To bring people, supplies, and equipment to the site, a two-lane road was built from Las Vegas to Boulder City. For heavy equipment and supplies, in 1931 the Union Pacific constructed a rail line linking Las Vegas to Summit, later renamed Boulder City. The Union Pacific abandoned the portion of the line from Boulder City to Henderson in 1985 and donated the land and track to the State of Nevada for this Nevada State Railroad Museum.



Nevada Northern Railway engineer Al Gledhill operates Engine 93.

The train operates most Saturdays and Sundays. Departure times are 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., and boarding begins 15 minutes before departure. The museum even challenges guests to create their own special event. For instance, you can charter the entire train for your birthday party or wedding or drive a diesel locomotive via the Engineer for an Hour program. Teachers can also schedule field trips with their classes.



CONTACT

Nevada State Railroad Museum
600 Yucca St., Boulder City
nevadaculture.org/museums
702-486-5933

Caliente Railroad Depot

Caliente

For more than 40 years, Caliente was one of the major division points on the railroad line. When diesel locomotives replaced steam engines in the 1940s, the division point moved to Las Vegas, but the history is still alive in this small Nevada town.

Evidence of this can be seen in its mission-style Caliente Railroad Depot. City offices, an art gallery, library, and a unique mural in the old Amtrak waiting room occupy the depot.

In its heyday, the two-story building included the railroad station, private offices, and a community center on the first floor, while the second level featured a hotel. Adjacent boxcar museums add further authenticity to the experience.



CONTACT

Caliente Railroad Depot
100 Depot Ave., Caliente
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Nevada Northern Railway

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In addition to its wealth of information, the railroad is well known for its themed rides, including a wine train, barbecue train, fireworks train, and the Chocolate and Polar Expresses. Tourists can also rent a steam or diesel engine for a 14- or 28-mile ride. For more information on Nevada Northern Railway's museum and rides, see our Up Front section starting on page 6.



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sinatra's secret

Cal Neva offers a glimpse into the past through its Secret Tunnel Tours.

BY MELISSA SIIG

Not all is as it appears at the Cal Neva Resort Spa Casino in Crystal Bay. Underneath the North Lake Tahoe casino and showroom floor, out of sight of prying eyes, lies a hidden network of secret tunnels. The tunnels are by no means vacant—ghosts of celebrities past are rumored to haunt the clandestine passageways and other nooks in the famed casino.

Originally built in 1926, Cal Neva was owned by Frank Sinatra for three years in the early 1960s. In its heyday, the legendary casino—the first legal gambling establishment in the U.S.—attracted stars such as Gene Kelly, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. But Sinatra's connections to the mafia also brought in a less reputable crowd. To help both mobsters and movie stars move unseen, Old Blue Eyes had a system of underground tunnels built connecting the casino to his guests' cabins and quick exits.

Today, visitors can take a guided tour of the tunnels on weekday afternoons and Friday and Saturday nights—if they dare. The tours include a visit to Cabin #3, where Marilyn Monroe stayed when she was in town.

According to tour guide Carl Buehler, orbs of white light invisible to the naked eye allegedly appear on photos taken of Monroe's room, and on a number of occasions frightened guests have had to move to another cabin. "If you like being scared, stay here," Buehler says.

In the tunnels, several sets of stairs lead to boarded-up trap doors that once opened into Sinatra's office, his cabin, Monroe's cabin, and the showroom stage. Visitors who follow

CONTACT

Cal Neva Resort Spa Casino
2 Stateline Rd., Crystal Bay
Secret Tunnel Tours
Tickets: $8
calnevaresort.com
800-233-5551



Frank Sinatra

PHOTOS: RACHID DAHNOUN (TOP & OPPOSITE PAGE)

a particular set of stairs end up in the lobby ski closet.

Another stop on the tour is the Frank Sinatra Celebrity Showroom, which hasn't changed much since the Rat Pack days. Judy Garland, The Supremes, and Louis Armstrong performed here. Buehler points to the stage and dressing room as the property's top two haunted spots. Orbs of white light, slamming doors, and a mysterious figure whispering "get out" have supposedly been observed. "That is a very creepy place," says Buehler, who has participated in séances held on the stage. "Trust me."

Beyond the supernatural, one can also appreciate the tour for its Nevada nostalgia. "The tunnel was smaller than I expected, but it was pretty cool to imagine Marilyn Monroe, Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra using it to avoid fans and the media," says Lake Tahoe photographer Rachid Dahoun, who recently took photos in the tunnels.



The California-Nevada line cleaves the North Lake Tahoe town of Crystal Bay (above), home to casinos such as the Crystal Bay Club, Tahoe Biltmore, and Cal Neva Resort Spa Casino. The latter was once owned by Frank Sinatra, who had a system of underground tunnels (opposite page) built to help mobsters and movie stars move unseen to and from his property.

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LOVELOCK

You might just fall in love with this town's history, events, and community—then you can lock that feeling.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN



LOVELOCK

Established: 1868
Population: 1,854
Elevation: 3,975

You can hardly blame Elaine Pommerening for putting a little bit more pressure on herself than the typical citizen of Lovelock.

Every bit of time she's contributed over the years to promote the town or help organize an event has been with an extraordinary sense of pride—not everyone can say George Lovelock, the town's founder, is their great-great grandfather. "I feel kind of responsible," says Pommerening, in reference to the town's general well being. "I would hate to see it become a ghost town."

While that may be a healthy fear in Nevada, a quick conversation with any Lovelock resident paints a picture of a community that is as strong and stable as ever. "It's a peaceful little town," says Pommerening, 67, who moved to Lovelock in the early 1960s. "It has a low crime rate, and it's set up nice with a main street and courthouse."

Pat Rowe, Pommerening's sister, also moved to Lovelock in the 1960s. "I just like the small-town atmosphere," Rowe, who taught in Lovelock schools for 43 years, says. "It's a good place to raise kids. People are protective of each other."

Like many Nevada towns, Lovelock came to be because of the advent of the railroad. When builders of the Central Pacific Railroad reached what is now Lovelock in August 1868, they made a deal with George Lovelock for 85 acres of land and honored the Wales native by naming the town for him (for more about the town's history, visit the *cityoflovelock.com* homepage).

Today, visitors can enjoy a down-home meal at Ricardo's BBQ inside the restored Railroad Depot dating to 1880. Although you probably won't have time to visit the other 29 sites listed in the *Lovelock Historic Buildings Tour* brochure, there are a couple gems that are musts on any Lovelock itinerary.

Most tour guides would start with the Pershing County Courthouse, designed by influential Nevada architect Frederick J. DeLongchamps. Built in 1920, a year after Pershing County was sworn in, the building is renowned nationwide for its distinct round design, DeLongchamps' tribute to the Pantheon in Rome.

The courthouse mostly honors county history—check out the period furnishings on the second floor—but it's still the site of county commission meetings. Visitors can symbolically lock their love on a "never-ending" chain behind the courthouse. Lovelock adopted the ancient Chinese custom in 2006 and has made it a Valentine's Day tradition that includes the accompanying (hot-air) Balloon Lovers Aloft Races.

TOUR AROUND NEVADA

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May: IDES Portuguese Festa
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One can also visit the site of the former home of silent-movie star Edna Purviance, who often co-starred with Charlie Chaplin. Purviance lived in a hotel in town with her sister and mother and graduated in 1913 from Lovelock High School before getting her acting break.

Historic homes—including the Rowe House—businesses, churches, and an old-time saloon are among the remaining tour sites. If you find yourself missing the slots, Sturgeon's Inn and Casino has you covered, including a restaurant that serves steak and prime-rib dinners for less than $20.

Twenty miles south of Lovelock, but easily accessible, are the Lovelock Caves, an archaeological site that has yielded 2,000-year-old tule duck decoys and other American Indian artifacts.

Also outside the city limits are Lovelock Speedway (racing begins in April), Rye Patch State Recreation Area (camping, fishing, hunting, and boating), Tufa rock formations (remnants from ancient Lake Lahontan), and the friendly "living ghost town" of Unionville (home of The Old Pioneer Garden Bed & Breakfast).

Much like other small towns in Nevada, the community rallies around its annual events. Pommerening and Rowe were instrumental in pioneering the popular Frontier Days, an Old-West summer celebration with a parade, booths, and children's games. Whether it's the I.D.E.S. Portuguese Festa (May), Lovelock Street Fever Car Club Show & Shine (June), Ranch Hand Rodeo (June), Community Freedom Walk (September), or Crab Feed (February), the events are as varied as they are plentiful.

In fact, if you ponder the lengthy list of activities available in Lovelock, you might think the small town off Interstate-80 is a big city. You couldn't be more wrong, and therein lies the beauty. Kirsten Hertz, who worked for the chamber of commerce for five years, sums it up nicely. "It's close enough to Reno-Tahoe to enjoy the amenities, but with a kicked-back lifestyle," she says.

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AUSTIN UPDATE:

On April 17, we will meet and greet visitors and Austin citizens at the Lincoln County Car Show. We invite you to visit our booth.

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- Eagle's Easter Egg Hunt
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- Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon
- Pershing County High School Rodeo

May
- I.D.E.S. Portuguese Festa

June
- Lovelock Street Fever Car Club Show & Shine
- PCHS Alumni Banquet & Ball
- Ducks Unlimited Dinner & Auction
- Ranch Hand Rodeo

July
- Fireworks Show
- Taste of Lovelock & Parade
- Frontier Days Celebration
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JT Basque Bar & Dining Room in Gardnerville (left & inset) celebrates its 50th anniversary on April 1.



a family a-fare

When dining Basque in Nevada, you come as a customer and leave as a friend.

STORY & PHOTOS
BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

The portions are huge, the drinks are plentiful, and the meal can last late into the evening. If the preceding sounds like a typical dinner with your family, you're not far off. This is Basque family style dining, and if you've never experienced it before, consider this your introduction to the ultimate comfort food.

Basque culture and Northern Nevada owe their mingling to the droves of sheepherders that made their way to the Silver State during the mining booms of the mid to late 1800s and into the 1900s. While mining was the catalyst, most Basques discovered they could make better money providing meat and wool to miners, and Nevada's ample open spaces proved the perfect fit for their herds. Basques in Nevada often stayed near their fellow countrymen in boardinghouses. The group dining rooms of these homes away from home marked the beginning of Basque family style dining in Nevada. While few, if any, still hold boardinghouse roots, Northern Nevada's Basque restaurants remain as small pieces of the "old country."

LOUIS' BASQUE CORNER

When Louis Erreguible came to Reno from the French Basque Country in 1948, the 22-year-old was, like so many Basque immigrants before him, supposed to be a sheepherder. He quickly learned this career path was not for him and got a job as a cook in downtown Reno. Over the years he worked at various restaurants and odd jobs until he decided to go into business for himself. He bought the Lincoln Hotel on Highway 40 (4th Street today) and opened Louis' Basque Corner.

More than 42 years later, the restaurant is one of Reno's most loved lunch and dinner destinations. Lorraine Erreguible, Louis' wife, explains why the restaurant holds such a dear place in the hearts of

so many Renoites. "You come as a customer and leave as friend," she says.

The offerings include everything the discerning Basque diner would expect: red table wine, French bread, soup, salad, Basque beans, French fries, and a main dish. With the exception of the entrée, everything is served family style in bottomless bowls that are passed around the table.

Food experts such as Jeff Smith ("The Frugal Gourmet") and Guy Fieri ("Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives") have praised Louis' lamb shanks, rabbit, sweetbreads (which contain organ meats and other overlooked delicacies), and oxtail. On my visit, the oxtail lived up to the hype. The tender, fall-off-the-bone meat was speckled with just the right amount of fat to catch every morsel of flavor. The lunch menu includes the all-out family style experience, but also offers sandwiches and *tapas* for a quick, light bite.

JT BASQUE BAR & DINING ROOM

My fondest work memories are those times when I forget that I'm actually working. This has never been truer than during my visit to JT Basque Bar and Dining Room in Gardnerville. Immediately upon entering the crowded restaurant, I am greeted by J.B. and Marie Lekumberry, the brother/sister team who own and operate JT's, and invited to join them and their family for dinner. A few moments in their company reveals that they know just about everyone in the restaurant—this observation is confirmed numerous times throughout the meal, including during three separate singings of "Happy Birthday," in which J.B. and Marie actually know the names of the celebrants.

Bread, soup, salad, stew, beans, and French fries make their usual trips around the table, accompanied by the ubiquitous red table wine. Entrée options include steaks, chicken, lamb, sweetbreads, and nightly specials, such as oxtail stew on Thursdays and beef tongue, grilled salmon, and roasted rabbit on Fridays. Lamb shoulder steak with garlic and pigs feet with tripe are two menu standouts.

JT's has been a Carson Valley staple for 50 years and celebrates its golden anniversary on April 1. Like many present-day Basque restaurants, JT's was a sheepherders' hotel until the mid 1970s. The building, moved from Silver City in 1896, is more than 110 years old.

A WINNEMUCCA TRIO

Three Basque restaurants in Winnemucca give the town the greatest per-capita concentration of Basque eateries in the state. And



Lamb and garlic are two Basque dining staples. The combination can be found at the 12 Basque restaurants in Nevada that serve dinner (all that are listed, sans Villa Basque in Carson City).



PICON PUNCH

Spend any time around a Basque restaurant, and you are bound to be introduced to the staple drink, the Picon Punch. Made with Picon liqueur, grenadine, soda water, brandy, and a lemon twist, the drink packs a punch… pun very much intended.

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The Martin Hotel
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Winnemucca Hotel
95 S. Bridge St., Winnemucca
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Ormachea's Dinner House
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775-623-3455

The Star Hotel & Restaurant
246 Silver St., Elko
775-753-8696

they all deliver on promises of great food, enormous servings, and friendly, homey atmospheres.

It is not often that diners get to enjoy an exquisite meal in a historic building—at The Martin Hotel, a side of history and culture comes with every meal. The hotel, built some time before 1881 according to a dated picture of the town, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

To follow the trend of memorable and historical, the food at the Martin approaches legendary. "Sil and Rosie Uriguen [former owners] were the heart of our recipes," says current owner John Arant. "We have stayed true to the high quality and tradition they built here."

Arant says, with all due respect, that two of Winnemucca's best cooks are at The Martin, and accolades from national media confirm this claim. "…Hands-down best meal I've had on the road," writes *New York Times* reporter Jennifer Steinhauer in an October 2008 column. While the "tender, falling-off-the-bone [lamb] shank" is the hero in Steinhauer's account, Arant and I agree that the signature Steak Martin stands firmly atop the menu. The 16-ounce Choice Black Angus rib eye is grilled with lemon pepper and topped with a heaping mound of sautéed mushrooms and garlic.

Also on the National Register of Historic Places, The Winnemucca Hotel opened in 1863, and while the exterior of the building is admittedly showing its age, it is well worth ignoring the fading paint to step inside for lunch, dinner, or a round of drinks. The lunch-favorite garlic steak sandwich is enormous, comes open face with onions, lettuce, and a special homemade sauce, and requires a fork and knife—this sandwich probably eats regular sandwiches for breakfast.



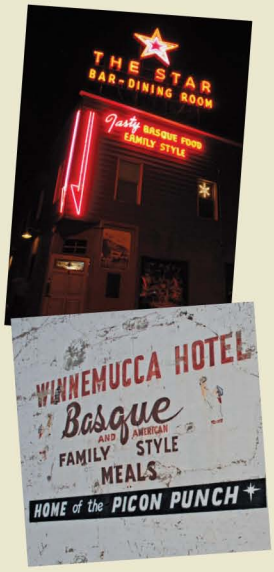
Sweetbreads contain organ meats and other overlooked delicacies.

Ormachea's Dinner House, Winnemucca's third Basque restaurant, opened in 1978. But the "youngster" in the bunch holds its own. Ormachea's is known for what else—its lamb shank and steaks. Owner Jeff Patterson says the restaurant's goal is to provide a great dinner with plenty of leftovers for lunch the next day.

THE STAR HOTEL & RESTAURANT

Try to say the word "Basque" in Elko without someone immediately saying "The Star." The words are practically interchangeable in Elko-speak, and residents are ready and willing to inform even a complete stranger of this. That is because The Star Hotel and Restaurant has been serving up some of Elko's best family style Basque food for a century. The restaurant will celebrate its 100th anniversary in July to coincide with the city's annual National Basque Festival during the Fourth of July weekend.

Current owner Scotty Ygoa says The Star has been Basque-owned for its entire 100 years. "This place has a lot of history," Ygoa says. "Our focus is keeping the traditions alive and hopefully keeping [The Star] around for another 100 years." If the food is any indication, 100 more years might be an understatement. The Star is known for its house-aged and cut beef. One bite of any of the enormous, flavorful steaks will make you immediately grateful for the extra attention the restaurant pays to the meat. Family style dinner includes all the usual suspects, such as soup, French bread, salad with an unmatched house dressing, Basque beans, vegetables, fries, and spaghetti.



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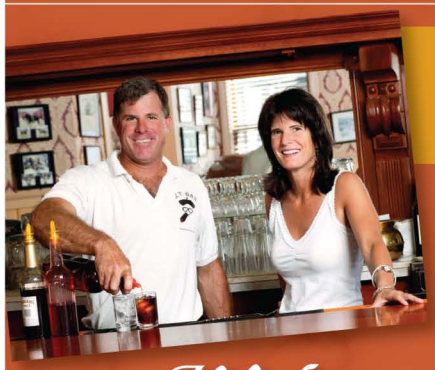
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2010 Governor's Arts Awards

The 30th annual Governor's Arts Awards ceremony is April 1 at the Las Vegas Design Center. The awards, a joint effort of the Nevada Arts Council and Governor's Office, honor those who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to Nevada through artistic achievement and service. This year's recipients include:

NV Energy, Statewide – Patronage in the Arts
Ellen Hopkins, Carson City – Excellence in the Arts
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NEVADA MEDAL WINNER

Robert Ballard

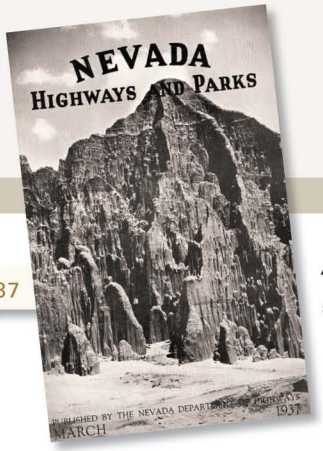
Mystic, Connecticut

One of the most accomplished and well known of the world's deep-sea explorers, Robert Ballard, will give presentations on April 20 at Peppermill Reno and April 22 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas. Ballard gained worldwide fame for his 1985 discovery of the sunken remains of the *RMS Titanic*. Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition, at the Luxor in Las Vegas, displays many of Ballard's findings from the wreckage as well as the largest single piece extracted from the site, a 15-ton chunk of the hull. In his 50 years of exploration and discovery, Ballard has uncovered countless shipwrecks, but he says these are not his most important finds. "Locating the hydrothermal vents and 'black smokers' in the Galapagos Rift and East Pacific Rise in 1977 and 1979, along with their exotic life forms…were some of the most important [discoveries] of my career," says Ballard, who has been honored with the 2010 Nevada Medal. **dri.edu/nevada-medal**

Click on "Web Extras" at **nevadamagazine.com** to read more about Las Vegas' Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition.

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LOOKING BACK



March 1937

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5, 1868 – The Virginia & Truckee Railroad Company is established.

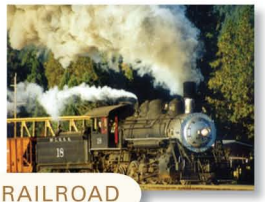
6, 1885 – The third and present-day Piper's Opera House opens in Virginia City at B and Union Streets.

11, 1824 – George Lovelock, founder of the Pershing County town, Lovelock, is born in Wales. He later owns the Big Meadow Hotel.

15, 1905 – Sparks, a Northern Nevada railroad town, is incorporated.

17, 1908 – American driver George Schuster and company, in a 1907 *Thomas Flyer*, cross the Nevada border into Montello in Elko County. The American team eventually wins the New York to Paris Great Automobile Race. Learn more at nevadamagazine.com.

26, 1935 – The state legislature passes two bills that lead to the formal establishment of Nevada's state park system.



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APRIL

3, 1941 – El Rancho Las Vegas, the first hotel-casino on the Strip, opens with a neon windmill adorning the top of the casino.

4, 1967 – Governor Paul Laxalt signs a bill designating the Mountain Bluebird as the state bird.

6, 1860 – Rider Warren Upson enters Carson City in the evening as part of the Pony Express' first eastward run from Sacramento.

7, 1959 – The Elko County Commission approves Jackpot as the name for the town near the Idaho border.

27, 1991 – The Grateful Dead performs at Las Vegas' Sam Boyd Silver Bowl for nearly 80,000 "Deadheads."



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THE PONY EXPRESS

Nevada Magazine volunteer Elmer Wolf provided this information.

our lady of the comstock

Saint Mary's in the Mountains remains a beacon in Virginia City.

BY CYNTHIA KENNEDY

Her gold cross and spire crown the Comstock from any direction, white tower gleaming in the sun. When lit by dozens of lights at night, she becomes a heavenly beacon. Saint Mary's in the Mountains church has been a staple in Virginia City for nearly 150 years.

The first Saint Mary's was built in the early 1860s, not far from the present sanctuary, but it wasn't until Father Patrick Manogue arrived that the church became a fixture in serving the thousands of Welsh and Irish Catholic miners who worked the Comstock Lode.


Father Patrick Manogue

Manogue was no stranger to mining. A native of County Kilkenney, Ireland, he traveled to California in 1854 to find his fortune in the Gold Rush.

There, in the camps, he realized his vocation for religious work. He used his earnings to study for the priesthood in Paris, where he was ordained in 1861 and assigned the territory of Nevada as his parish. Interestingly, money placed in donation jars set in the town's saloons largely financed the next Saint Mary's, built under the stewardship of Manogue. A few years later the wood-framed church escaped devastation by fire. Even though it was still intact, Manogue knew that the time had come for a bigger, more substantial church for his growing congregation.

The third Saint Mary's, erected at the church's present location, was built from approximately 350,000 bricks that were manufactured by the Kerrin & Company factory of Virginia City. The cornerstone was laid on August 18, 1868 in a grand ceremony led by Bishop Eugene O'Connell of Grass Valley and Manogue. A new bell would chime from the steeple, which, according to local newspapers, was the largest in the West "between the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the Missouri River." Weighing over a ton, with a 100-pound clapper, it was rung at 6 a.m. on October 23, 1870, announcing the day the first Mass was to be celebrated. Manogue officiated before an elaborate altar imported from France. More than two stories tall and weighing 6,700 pounds, it was decorated with the 12 apostles and embellished in the Gothic style. The High


PHOTO: JAY ALDRICH



Saint Mary's in the Mountain's Catholic church (opposite page) has been a Virginia City staple for nearly 150 years. The choir loft (left) was one benefactor of a recent renovation project.

Mass was surrounded by pomp and ceremony, including the Emmet Guard, an Irish military company.

Five years later in 1875, Virginia City was home to 35,000 people, many living in boardinghouses while rotating shifts in the mines. On October 26, at an A Street boardinghouse, a lamp was knocked over, igniting what came to be known as the Great Fire. Comstock volunteer firefighting companies hurried out into the night, racing to hook their hoses to hydrants, but the water was frozen. Helplessly, they watched as the flames expanded to engulf almost the entire town.

John Mackay, partner in the Con-Virginia, site of the Big Bonanza, could only think of his mine just north of Saint Mary's. He insisted a firebreak had to be blasted to prevent the conflagration from reaching the massive hoisting works and miles of wooden square sets below ground. According to legend, he wanted to set sticks of dynamite in Saint Mary's foundation—the wall of rubble would act as a firebreak. But the fire reached Saint Mary's first and consumed her spire, roof, and sanctuary; the brick walls still stood.

Like the proverbial Phoenix, Virginia City rose from the ashes. Most of the historic buildings you see in town today were built in 1876 or later. Damage to the church was estimated to be $60,000—$6 million today.

On Sunday, September 16, 1877, the surviving bell of Saint Mary's called parishioners to her rededication following the devastating fire. To prevent another loss from fire, one of the first modern sprinkler systems was installed on the roof. Inside the church, marble angels held holy water fonts. An enormous bronze baptismal font, saved in the fire, awaited christenings.

From California, redwood pews and columns, a choir loft, and galleries filled the sanctuary; along with a new altar and Brussels carpets. An opulent, bronze chandelier lit the church with gas jets. Intricate needlepoint "paintings" of Mary and the saints were stitched by the Daughters of Charity, and a large oil painting of Mary and Joseph in the hills of Judea, visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, was placed over the main altar—thus the Saint Mary's in the Mountains we know today. In the dedication that day, Father Bouchard said, "Saint Mary's will last for as long as the mountains which surround it."

During the days when the Comstock earned its fame as the "richest place on earth," Saint Mary's served 3,000-5,000 Irish and Welsh miners and their families. By 1890, the mines were played out, and Virginia City was a shadow of its former glory. Sixty years later, Cistercian monks "modernized" Saint Mary's, removing many of the Gothic decorations, as well as the choir loft and stained glass windows. The community was aghast. The church's structural integrity was compromised over the following decades, due to the loss of the loft, and Saint Mary's was in need of serious restoration. Many hoped to right the wrongs of the "Mad Monks."

Father Paul Meinecke accomplished quite a bit in the 1960s, but it wasn't until Nick Nicosia became administrator of Saint Mary's that the reconstruction the church needed was accomplished. With grant money and private donations that Nicosia secured, a multimillion-dollar restoration and retrofit began in 2008. "Over 877 families from all 50 states contributed to restoring the Mother of all Catholic churches in Nevada," Nicosia says. Engineered by Ferrari-Shields & Associates and designed by Mercedes de la Garza, an internal structure was built within the walls to provide seismic stability. The choir loft was restored, a new roof was installed, and hundreds of other details were addressed to bring the church back to her original state. History buffs will enjoy the basement museum, which is a treasure trove of photographs and artifacts documenting the church.

On September 12, 2009, hundreds of Catholics and devotees of the restoration project came to Virginia City for the celebratory High Mass. According to Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of Reno, who officiated that day, "Saint Mary's serves as a monument for us. It serves as monuments are supposed to do; they engage us in a conversation with history—past, present, and future."

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WORTH A READ

Nevada's Bonanza Church, Saint Mary's in the Mountains
by Virgil A. Bucchianeri
$11.95 at the Saint Mary's gift shop

PHOTOS: PATRICK KENNEDY (TOP); ST. MARY'S IN THE MOUNTAINS MUSEUM ARCHIVES (MANOGUE)

Writers' Contest

We've always counted on Nevada residents and visitors to be our eyes and ears around the state. Now, we're offering Nevada enthusiasts the opportunity to take their story ideas to the next level. **From now until August 2, *Nevada Magazine* will be accepting submissions for our first Writers' Contest**. The following conditions apply:

- **Must be received by Monday, August 2 at 5 p.m.** (PST) electronically, via e-mail to editor@nevadamagazine.com. Please specify "Writers' Contest" in the subject line, double space your story (preferably in Microsoft Word format), and provide your contact information at the top of the document.
- **Must be 1,500 words or less**, including any sidebar or contact information. Stories that exceed the word count will be automatically disqualified.
- **Must be tourism specific** and highlight a Nevada place that is reasonably accessible to the public.
- Although it's not mandatory, **quotes from at least three relevant sources are highly encouraged.**

PRIZES

1st Place: $500 Story will be published in the November/December 2010 issue of *Nevada Magazine*, and the writer will receive 10 copies of the issue.

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mobile gaming

Sister resorts The Venetian and The Palazzo introduce "pocketcasino" technology.



Cantor Gaming, an affiliate of the global financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald, announced in January that "pocketcasino," only available on the Las Vegas Strip at The Venetian and The Palazzo, is now offering casino-style games in addition to in-running sports wagering.

Pocketcasino gaming allows patrons to play casino-style games while roaming the high-limit slot salon, Grazie gold lounge, race and sports book, and designated public areas including bars, lounges, and restaurants at The Venetian and The Palazzo.

Cantor Gaming launched in-running wagering last fall at The Venetian Race and Sports Book and Lagasse's Stadium at The Palazzo. Following the new gaming method's success, pocketcasino now hosts a variety of traditional casino games such as blackjack, video poker, and slots. These games offer extra propositional bets that dynamically calculate odds based on the cards dealt, giving an extra opportunity to press or hedge your bets. "The inherent flexibility of the mobile platform provides a new type of social gaming experience, where a group of friends can sit together yet all be playing different games: blackjack, poker, slots, or baccarat," Lee Amaitis, president and CEO of Cantor Gaming, says.

Or, as Robert Goldstein, president and COO of The Venetian and The Palazzo, puts it, "It's a multitasker's dream come true." **palazzolasvegas.com, venetian.com**



Bonanza Casino presents a new point structure.

In January, the Bonanza Casino, in north Reno, unveiled a new point structure within its Fort Reno Cavalry Program. This is the first change since the start of the program in 2004. The new point structure allows guests to earn twice as many points, twice as fast, and move up the ranks of the Fort Reno Cavalry to receive more benefits and discounts.

The casino also hopes to attract new guests to the property. General Manager Ryan Sheltra says, "In [economic] times such as these, it is important to be proactive and ahead of the game when it comes to new promotions. We are excited to offer such a deal and hope to reward our guests more than ever before."

The program has five levels, with different multipliers and discounts. The levels range from Private to Captain, Colonel, General, and 5-Star General. **bonanzacasino.com**



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Clockwise from top left: A black widow spider carcass was used for this handle inlay. ♦ Gary Kiernan Jr. displays some of his recently finished custom rods, each taking about 20 hours to complete. ♦ Detail of a custom rod handle. ♦ Kiernan's devotion to fishing runs as deep as the waters of Lake Tahoe—some of the lures in his collection are worth more than $100.

Opposite page: Middle: One of Kiernan's custom handles and a standard, mass-produced handle. ♦ Kiernan displays handles awaiting the lathe, which he uses to sculpt handles and reel seats (right). ♦ Bottom: Detail of a feather inlay on a Kiernan Custom Rod.

kiernan custom rods

Nevada native has integrated his passion for Northern Nevada fishing into his company.

WORTH A CLICK

For information about Nevada fishing regulations, visit ndow.org/fish.

STORY & PHOTOS BY
CHARLIE JOHNSTON

It isn't much of an exaggeration to say that Gary Kiernan Jr. is a natural-born fisherman. He picked up his first fishing pole when he was about four years old and built his first fly rod in Boy Scouts some seven years later.

Two years ago, he went into business building rods for everyone else. The founder, owner, and sole employee of Kiernan Custom Rods, Kiernan has the opportunity to combine his 15-year background as a machinist and his lifelong passion for fly-fishing.

He started the at-home business because he was dissatisfied with the quality of factory-produced rods and knew he could do better. The Nevada native was raised in Reno and has devotedly fished the Truckee River, Lake Tahoe, Pyramid Lake, and a slew of other Northern Nevada waterways his entire life, and he is perfectly in tune with the needs of his fellow fly-fishers.

No detail of a Kiernan Custom Rod is overlooked. Kiernan hand turns and sands the handles, which he makes using burl wood, cork, and antler to provide a combination of grip, balance, and strength. Kiernan also makes custom burl wood reel seats. He prides himself in the durability of his products. "These are built strong," he says. "They last a lifetime and come with a lifetime warranty on craftsmanship."



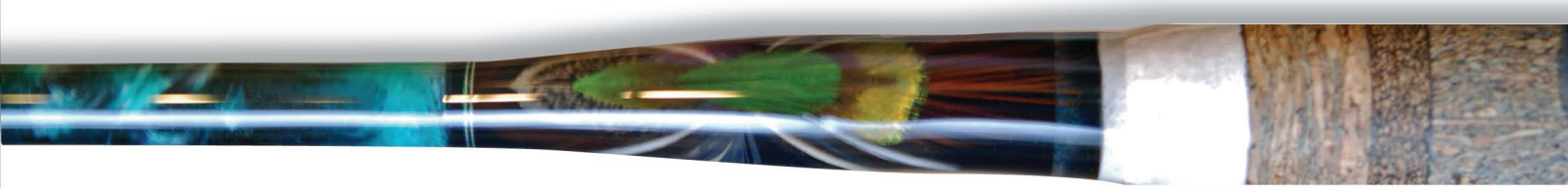
In addition to being tough as nails, Kiernan's rods are unique works of art. About 20 hours goes into building a single rod, given the intricate design details. Kiernan is known for the distinctive spider design of his feather inlays, in which he uses the colorful plumage of local birds, such as quail, and feathers from more exotic fowl. He meticulously fans the feathers out, one by one, into impossibly detailed arrays, which, upon completion, resemble spiders.

Another unique artistic feature Kiernan offers is marbleizing, in which he uses special metallic paints at specific temperatures to create iridescent flame and star patterns. Arrowhead, insect, spider, dry fly, and crawdad epoxy inlays on the ends of the handles add originality to Kiernan's rods.

He builds each rod to the specific needs and tastes of individual customers and can even incorporate custom decals, which he creates using digital pictures provided by his customers. "All the hours of work are worth it when a customer sees their custom rod for the first time," Kiernan says. "This is something they can cherish, maybe even as a family heirloom."

Kiernan Custom Rods range from about $200 to $700, plus the cost of the rod blank and shipping. Each rod also comes with a certified letter of authenticity.





PONY EXPRESS

150 years later, this famous mail route still mystifies. We retrace the Nevada section.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON



On a spring morning 150 years ago, the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company started a lofty endeavor aimed at connecting the ballooning population of the West Coast with the rest of the country. That venture, the nearly 2,000-mile Pony Express Trail, promised to deliver mail across the country in 10 days or less—more than three and a half months faster than the alternative seaborne postal service, which made the nearly 20,000-mile one-way journey around Cape Horn. The Pony Express was even cheaper—a letter could be sent for only five dollars (considered a reasonable rate at the time). Over the next 18 months, mail raced on horseback across the West and Great Plains between Sacramento and St. Joseph, Missouri, the western terminus of railroads during the early 1860s.

Much of what we know about the history of the Pony Express is, as historian and author of *Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth and Lasting Legacy of the Pony Express*, Christopher Corbett, puts it, "dubious." As it concerns the Pony Express, history and legend seem interchangeable. Most names and dates are even debatable. But, the twisted truths and all-out fables of the Pony Express only add to its allure. Names like "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Sawed-off Jim" Combo, "Bronco Charlie" Miller, and "Cyclone Charlie" Thompson evoke images of horsemen as rugged as the trail they rode.

One thing most of the historical accounts and legends agree on is that Nevada's roughly 400 miles of trail were among the toughest and most dangerous of the route. Searing heat, frigid cold, blinding sandstorms, freezing blizzards, parched alkaline flats, bandits, and the bloody Paiute Indian War made the section of trail between the Sierra Nevada and Utah's Deep Creek Station a veritable no man's land, "a challenge to the very idea of life," as Joseph J. Di Certo writes in his book, *The Saga of the Pony Express*.

Many of the stations in present-day Nevada were often set ablaze by warring Paiute and Shoshone, the station keepers often killed. The history of the American West is marred by cruel treatment of native peoples by settlers and the army, and these raids on Pony Express stations marked the boiling-over points for many bands of Paiute and Shoshone. Other stations were dismantled by later settlers for lumber. While a handful of Nevada stations remain—many as piles of rubble and weathered, crumbling walls—most have long since been reclaimed by the desert.


Jonnie Hise
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Carson City

Today's capital of Nevada was a fledgling settlement in the days of the Pony Express. Mainly a supply center and social hub for nearby mining districts, Carson City also served as a Pony Express home station (also called a rider relay station) and the headquarters of the western superintendent, William Finney. The original site has long since vanished, but a plaque at the corner of Carson and 3rd Streets commemorates the station.

Miller's Station

Also called Reed's Station, Miller's was originally established on the Carson River along the California Emigrant Trail in 1849 to service the vast number of pioneers traveling to the gold fields of California. Nothing of the station remains today, and the site is on private land.

Hooten Wells Station

Rock ruins remain about 12 miles past U.S. Alternate 95, south of Buckland's Station. Hooten Wells, also called Desert Station, was probably used for the last few months of the Pony Express and later during freight efforts.

Williams Station

Williams Station, occasionally referred to as Honey Lake, was the site of the Pyramid Lake massacre. The accounts regarding the catalyst vary, but the accepted story is that men from Williams Station kidnapped and assaulted two Paiute women. Men from the tribe rode to Williams Station and took their revenge by killing those they found and burning the station.

Carson Sink Station

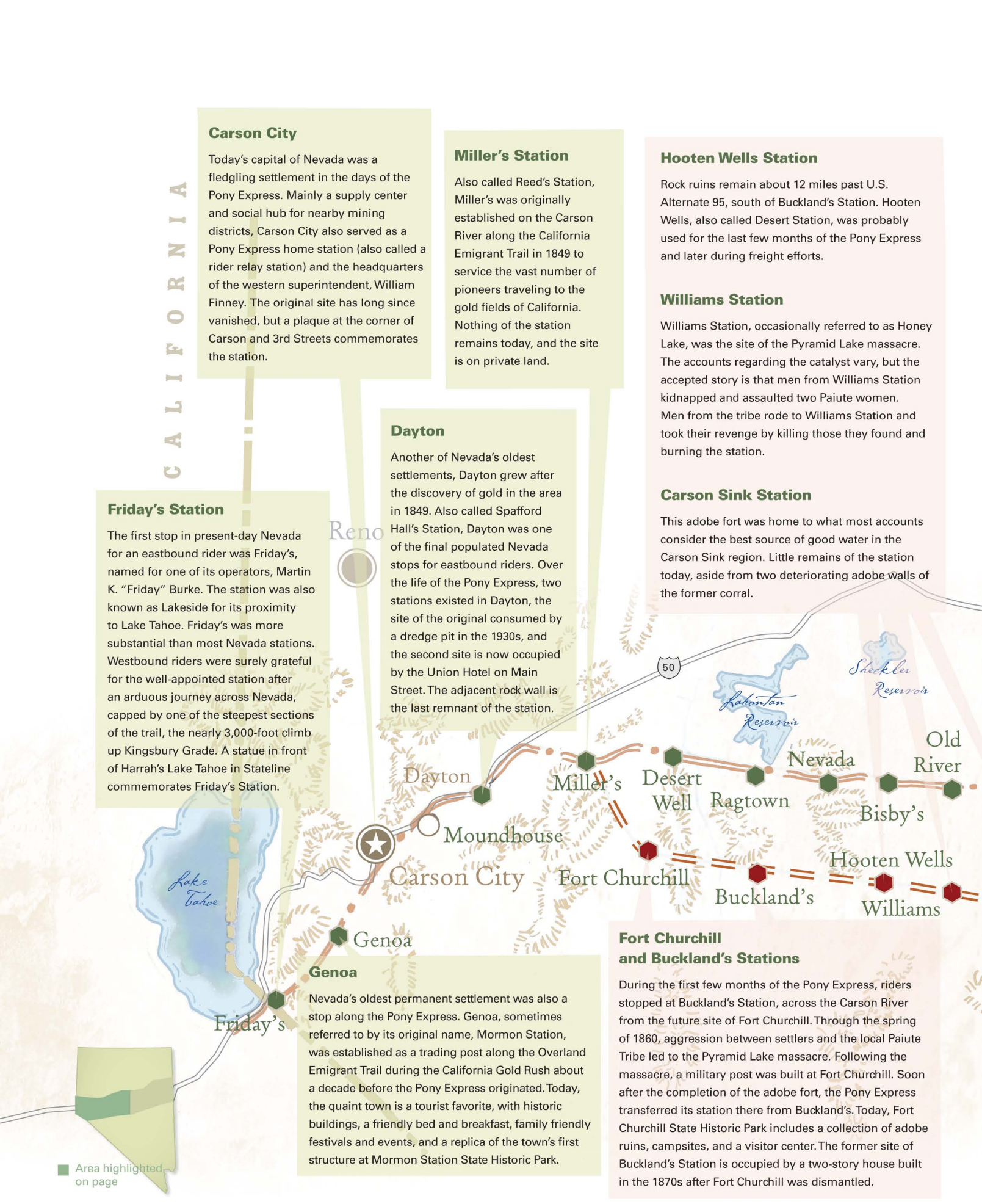
This adobe fort was home to what most accounts consider the best source of good water in the Carson Sink region. Little remains of the station today, aside from two deteriorating adobe walls of the former corral.

Dayton

Another of Nevada's oldest settlements, Dayton grew after the discovery of gold in the area in 1849. Also called Spafford Hall's Station, Dayton was one of the final populated Nevada stops for eastbound riders. Over the life of the Pony Express, two stations existed in Dayton, the site of the original consumed by a dredge pit in the 1930s, and the second site is now occupied by the Union Hotel on Main Street. The adjacent rock wall is the last remnant of the station.

Friday's Station

The first stop in present-day Nevada for an eastbound rider was Friday's, named for one of its operators, Martin K. "Friday" Burke. The station was also known as Lakeside for its proximity to Lake Tahoe. Friday's was more substantial than most Nevada stations. Westbound riders were surely grateful for the well-appointed station after an arduous journey across Nevada, capped by one of the steepest sections of the trail, the nearly 3,000-foot climb up Kingsbury Grade. A statue in front of Harrah's Lake Tahoe in Stateline commemorates Friday's Station.



Genoa

Nevada's oldest permanent settlement was also a stop along the Pony Express. Genoa, sometimes referred to by its original name, Mormon Station, was established as a trading post along the Overland Emigrant Trail during the California Gold Rush about a decade before the Pony Express originated. Today, the quaint town is a tourist favorite, with historic buildings, a friendly bed and breakfast, family friendly festivals and events, and a replica of the town's first structure at Mormon Station State Historic Park.

Fort Churchill and Buckland's Stations

During the first few months of the Pony Express, riders stopped at Buckland's Station, across the Carson River from the future site of Fort Churchill. Through the spring of 1860, aggression between settlers and the local Paiute Tribe led to the Pyramid Lake massacre. Following the massacre, a military post was built at Fort Churchill. Soon after the completion of the adobe fort, the Pony Express transferred its station there from Buckland's. Today, Fort Churchill State Historic Park includes a collection of adobe ruins, campsites, and a visitor center. The former site of Buckland's Station is occupied by a two-story house built in the 1870s after Fort Churchill was dismantled.



PHOTO: RACHID DAHNOUN

The ruins of Sand Springs Station are among the best preserved in Nevada, and their proximity to U.S. Highway 50 makes them easily accessible.

Northern Route

For the final seven to eight months of the Pony Express, riders followed the Northern Route across the Carson Sink. The more direct route was established in the summer of 1861, when the Butterfield Overland Mail Company took over this section of the route.

Sand Springs Station

Sand Springs is one of the most visited original Pony Express stations in Nevada. The collection of decaying walls, numerous interpretive signs, and proximity to Sand Mountain and U.S. Highway 50 make the site a popular stop. The site was excavated by University of Nevada, Reno archaeologists and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Middlegate Station

The exact location of Middlegate Station is unknown. Two possible spots include White Rock Springs to the south of U.S. Highway 50 or anywhere along the four-mile-long arroyo between Middlegate and Westgate that often has seeps or short lengths of running water.

Cold Springs Station

Cold Springs, the best preserved Nevada station, is located on U.S. Highway 50 about halfway between Fallon and Austin. Soon after the station opened, a band of Paiutes killed one of the keepers, stole the station's horses, and burned it down. The station was rebuilt out of native rocks and mud with gun turrets in the thick walls to defend against future attacks. A highway-adjacent interpretive center details the history of the site and marks the start of a 1-1/2 mile trail to the station. The station included a barn, corral, living quarters, and storage area.

Reese River Station

Also known as Jacob's Spring, Reese River was another station that was targeted by early Indian raids. Jacobsville eventually grew from the station before being abandoned as the Lander County seat in favor of Austin in 1863.



Smith's Creek Station

The home station at Smith's Creek, on the eastern slope of the Desatoya Mountains, was described as one of the more comfortable Nevada stations. Comfortable, however, did not equate to peaceful. The station was often razed by local Paiutes, and squabbles among its workers were reportedly common. The first person hanged in Nevada, William Carr, was hanged for the murder of Bernard Cherry, whom he shot dead after an incident at Smith's Creek. Today, some adobe and rock walls mark the corral and station house.

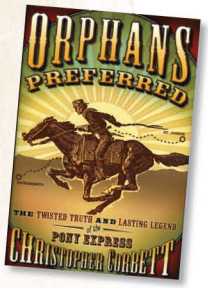
Dry Wells Station

Also known as Mount Airy, Dry Wells marked the halfway point on the long ride between Smith's Creek and Reese River stations. Little is known of the station or its exact location.

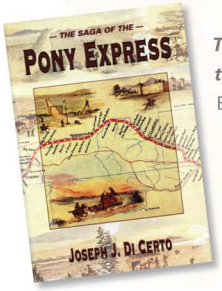
Southern Route

During the first year of the Pony Express, riders traveled the Southern Route.

WORTH A READ



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By Christopher Corbett
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The Saga of the Pony Express
By Joseph J. Di Certo
Mountain Press Publishing
mountain-press.com

Diamond Springs Station

Little remains of the original station, named for the nearby crystalline springs that still run today, except a 1960 commemorative plaque near the ranch house about a mile south of the station site.

Robert's Creek Station

Robert's Creek holds the dubious distinction as Nevada's first station to be attacked by Indians. On April 13, 1860, the second trip from St. Joseph was delayed when horses were driven off the station by local Shoshones. Robert's Creek later became a telegraph station.

Grubb's Well Station

Also called Camp Station, there was no station at Grubb's Well for at least the first seven months of the Pony Express. While historians question its existence, some accounts suggest a rough, teepee-like structure existed near a shallow alkaline well.



Cape Horn Station

There is debate among historians whether Cape Horn Station even existed.

Dry Creek Station

It is likely that Dry Creek served as a home station. Problems with Indians marked much of the station's run, much like many nearby stations. In the spring of 1860 its keeper, Ralph Rosier, was killed and scalped, probably by Shoshones. Some remains of Dry Creek and a monument with a brass commemorative plaque exist on the Dry Creek Ranch about four miles north of U.S. Highway 50.

Sulphur Springs Station

It is debated whether Sulphur Springs served the Pony Express or if it was built to facilitate the opening of the Overland Stage in the summer of 1861.

Simpson's Park Station

Another of the more comfortable Nevada stations, Simpson's Park had good water, plenty of trees, and lush grass. Unfortunately, much like its neighbors, the station was often attacked by Shoshones. One such instance in May 1860 included the killing of then station keeper James Alcott. Stone foundations denote the former site.

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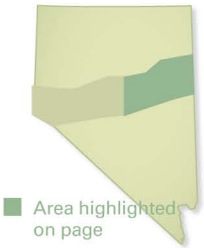
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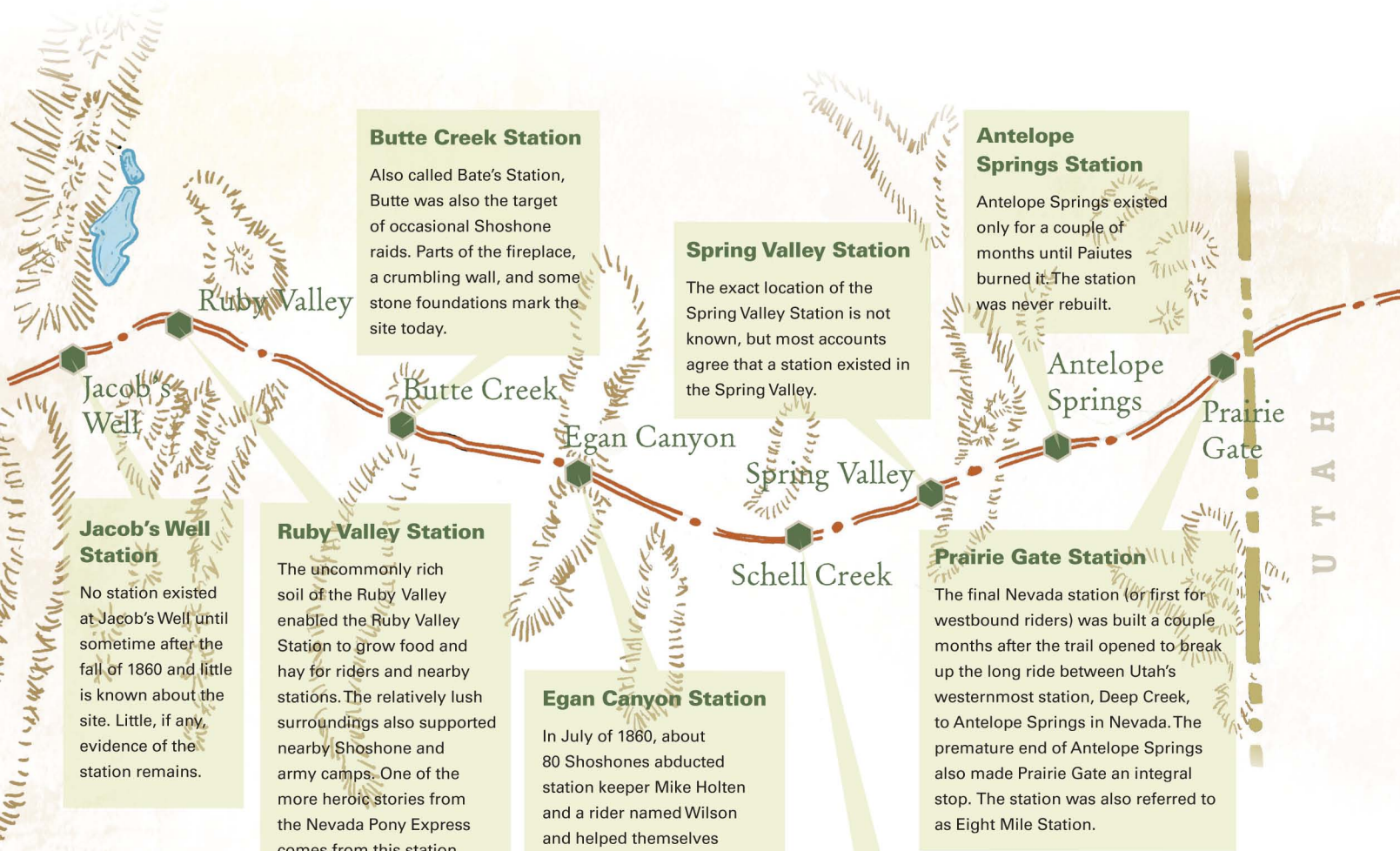
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Butte Creek Station

Also called Bate's Station, Butte was also the target of occasional Shoshone raids. Parts of the fireplace, a crumbling wall, and some stone foundations mark the site today.

Spring Valley Station

The exact location of the Spring Valley Station is not known, but most accounts agree that a station existed in the Spring Valley.

Antelope Springs Station

Antelope Springs existed only for a couple of months until Paiutes burned it. The station was never rebuilt.

Jacob's Well Station

No station existed at Jacob's Well until sometime after the fall of 1860 and little is known about the site. Little, if any, evidence of the station remains.

Ruby Valley Station

The uncommonly rich soil of the Ruby Valley enabled the Ruby Valley Station to grow food and hay for riders and nearby stations. The relatively lush surroundings also supported nearby Shoshone and army camps. One of the more heroic stories from the Nevada Pony Express comes from this station, where, upon learning that every station between Ruby Valley and Salt Lake City had been destroyed by warring Indians, rider Billy Fisher rode the entire 300 miles between the two. A brass marker, provided by the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society, identifies the site.

Egan Canyon Station

In July of 1860, about 80 Shoshones abducted station keeper Mike Holten and a rider named Wilson and helped themselves to station supplies. Rider William Dennis, en route from Ruby Valley Station, saw the invaders and slipped away unnoticed. He found Lieutenant Weed and 60 soldiers on the way back to Ruby Valley and returned with them to the station. Nearly 20 of the Shoshone were killed in the ensuing battle, and the two captives were freed.

Prairie Gate Station

The final Nevada station (or first for westbound riders) was built a couple months after the trail opened to break up the long ride between Utah's westernmost station, Deep Creek, to Antelope Springs in Nevada. The premature end of Antelope Springs also made Prairie Gate an integral stop. The station was also referred to as Eight Mile Station.

Schell Creek Station

The home station at Schell Creek, at the northern end of the Egan Mountains, was also know as Fort Schellborne for the cavalry company stationed there following the Pyramid Lake massacre, which devastated many stations in western Nevada. Two log structures and other building ruins from the old fort remain, none of which are necessarily part of the Pony Express station.



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A marker indicates the route of the short-lived Pony Express. The very forces that encouraged the birth of the mail route, namely westward expansion, would be its demise. While financial hardship played a role, the Pony Express's death blow was dealt by the completion of the transcontinental telegraph line in 1861.

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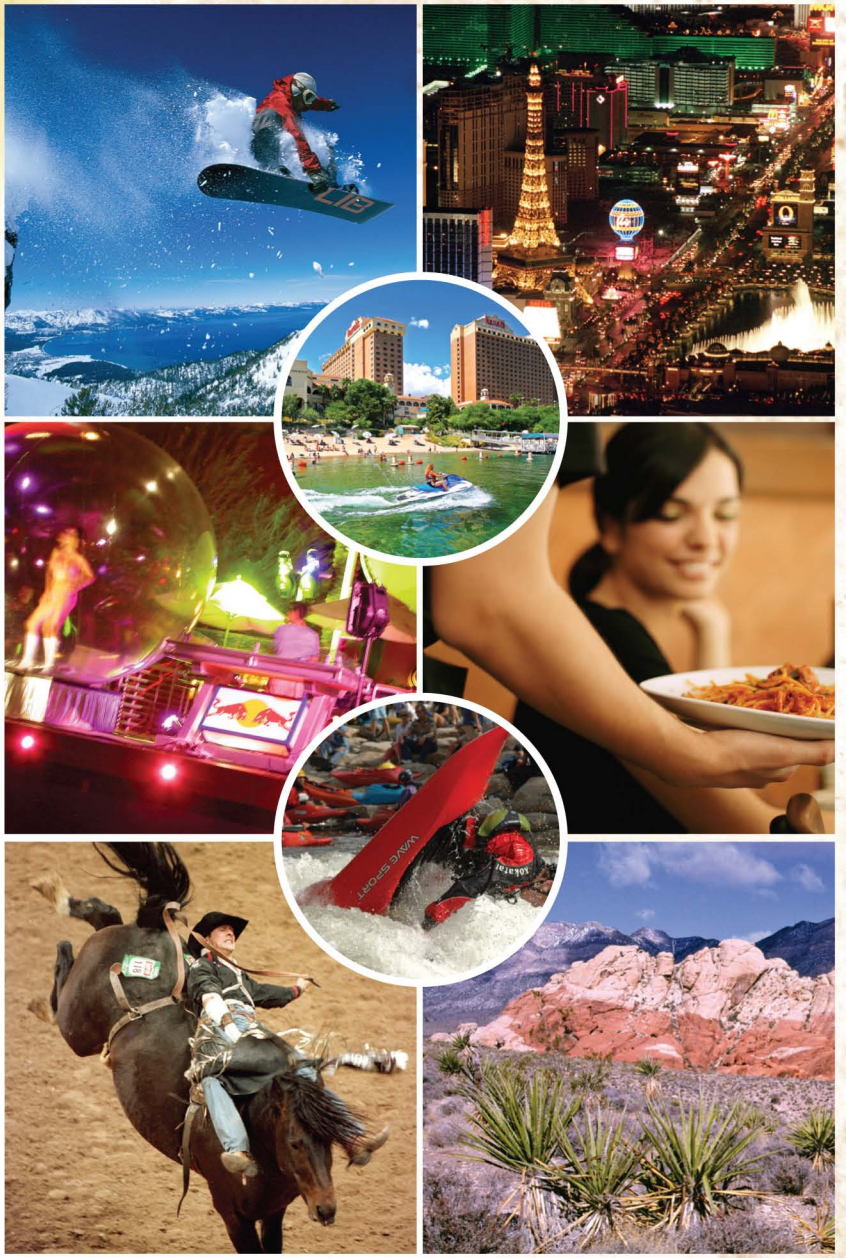
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Las Vegas icon and philanthropist moves from the Hilton to Paris while promising something fresh and exciting.

Legendary singer-songwriter Barry Manilow is making music and magic at Paris Las Vegas with a new resident show. On March 5, Manilow will throw open the doors to the Paris Théâtre at Paris Las Vegas with a stage show that he assures will be more intimate and exciting than ever.

Manilow will perform 78 shows each year for two years at Paris Las Vegas. Directed by renowned stage and film choreographer and director Jeffrey Hornaday ("Flashdance," "A Chorus Line," "High School Musical"), this new show will cast Manilow's hits in a new light in the cozy and elegant 1,500-seat theater.

Including the songs that have made him a pop culture icon over the past 35 years, the show will bring the energy, sincerity, and melody of Manilow at his best. "The audience in Vegas is always energized and electric, so I know that Paris Las Vegas is going to be a special run," Manilow says. "I'm planning something new for this performance; definitely not to be missed."

With worldwide record sales exceeding 80 million, Manilow is ranked as the top Adult Contemporary artist of all time, according to Radio & Records, with no less than 25 consecutive top 40 hits to his credit between 1975 and 1983 on the Billboard Hot 100. Manilow has worked on more than 40 albums over the course of his career as a singer, songwriter, arranger, and producer.

He recently released "In the Swing of Christmas," his third collection of holiday songs, and "The Greatest Love Songs of All Time," his newest album released in January. Manilow has also paid tribute to the 1950s, '60s, '70s, and '80s on respective records. "Barry Manilow is an icon to generations of adoring fans," says John Meglen, co-CEO and president of AEG Live/Concerts West. "AEG Live is privileged to be working with him to bring this new and exciting musical production to the stage in Las Vegas."

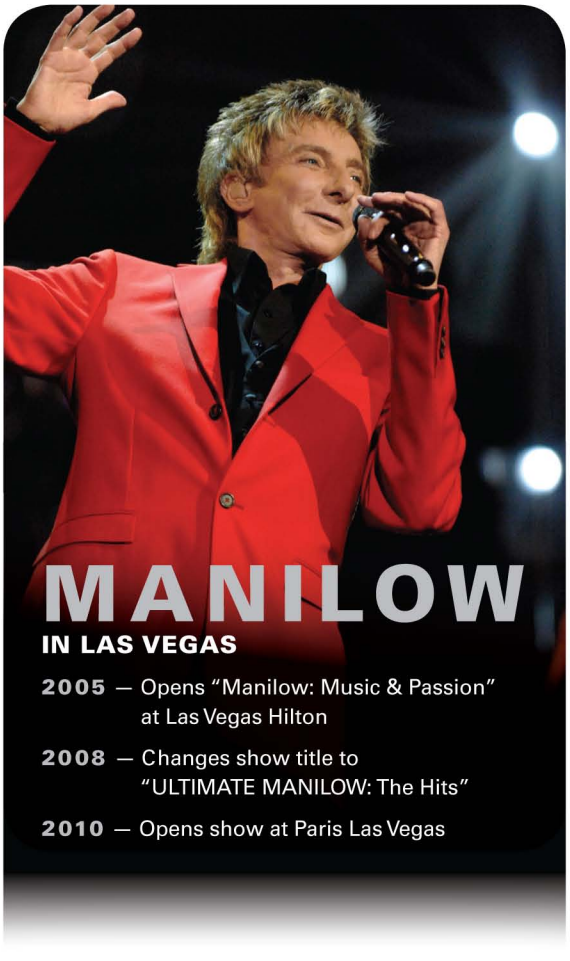
"At Paris Las Vegas, romance blends with excitement and energy, so it's only fitting that Barry Manilow reignite our entertainment offerings," says Marilyn Winn, president of Paris Las Vegas. "We invite all of our guests to spend a dynamic evening with Barry."

Las Vegas middle school and high school music programs will benefit from Manilow's new contract with Paris by sharing in the proceeds of the special weekly Platinum Experience Tickets.

Platinum Experience Tickets, which include a front-row seat, pre-show champagne reception, meet and greet and photo with Manilow, and an autographed show program, are available now (see Web sites and phone number provided).

Proceeds from Platinum Experience Tickets go directly to the Manilow Music Project, part of the performer's nonprofit, The Manilow Fund for Health and Hope, and will put instruments into the hands of middle school and high school students in the Las Vegas Unified School District.

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Michael Curcio, from Virginia City, is scheduled to impersonate Wyatt Earp on several occasions next to the Genoa Bar (above).

cowboy poetry saunters into genoa

If it isn't already, Nevada is quickly becoming the premier Western artist destination.

BY SYDNEY JOHNSON

If you aren't up for the adventure of a real cattle drive, you might opt for an alternative that's just as authentic, but a little lower key, by attending the first Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival.

The festival kicks off Thursday, April 29 and continues through the weekend, ending on May 2. Co-sponsored by the Carson Valley Arts Council and the Town of Genoa, the organizers' mission is to "promote and preserve the unique ranching heritage [and] the culture of the Carson Valley through…visual arts, education, and exhibits, attracting visitors throughout the world."

The festival will feature a variety of events, including more than 80 workshops ranging from blacksmithing and leather tooling to basket weaving and Dutch-oven cooking. Additionally, the festival will feature genuine cowboy food and Western artists, Chautauquas, and of course, a long list of cowboy poets: Nevada native Waddie Mitchell, Don Edwards, Paul Zarzyski, and Richard Elloyan to name a few.

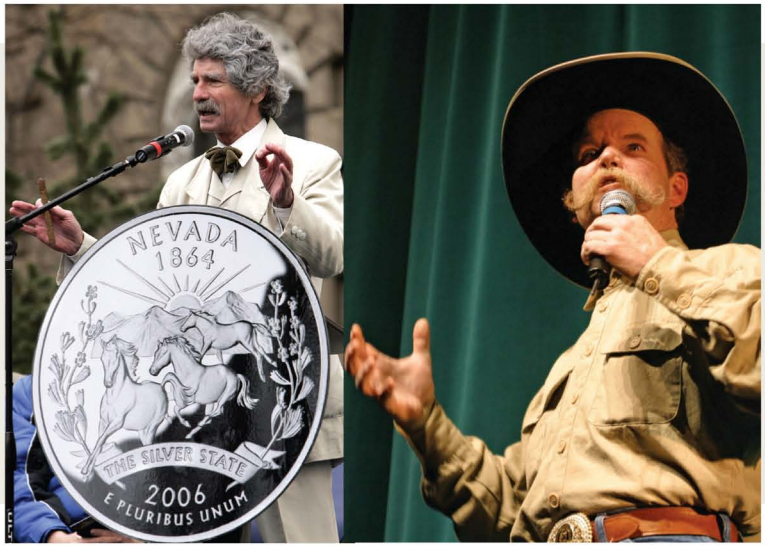
Cowboy poetry, a popular Western literary subgenre, was created by workers on cattle drives and ranches. After a strenuous day, the men would sit around the campfire and exchange entertaining tall tales and folk songs. Because illiteracy was common, a poetic structure was utilized to help them remember their stories.

This unique tradition has remained throughout the years and has inspired a variety of festivals throughout the country, namely Elko's hugely successful National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, which was initiated in 1985.

Influenced by the Elko event's success, Theresa Chipp of the Carson Valley Arts Council and Sheryl Gonzales, Town Manager of Genoa, wanted to host a western-themed festival. "We feel that Genoa, being Nevada's oldest [permanent] settlement, has a distinct personality and would be a perfect loca-

PHOTO: SYDNEY JOHNSON

GENOA COWBOY POETRY & MUSIC FESTIVAL



Mark Twain look-alike McAvoy Lane (left) and Nevada native Waddie Mitchell are among the tentative performers.

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tion for this event," Chipp says. "We hope to preserve and promote the ranching heritage unique to this area. We want to get the [Carson] Valley back in touch with its roots."

Chipp and Gonzales view the event as a boon to the Town of Genoa and Carson Valley. "It will be hosted right in the heart of Genoa, all up and down Main Street, and 12 venues [every Genoa business] will contribute," Gonzales says. "Every inch of town will be used, and every hotel throughout the area is expected to fill." They are hoping to draw at least 3,000 attendees this year and would like to see the event eventually encompass the whole valley.

Darcy Minter, external communications director of the Western Folklife Center in Elko, has seen the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering blossom from its humble beginnings. In 1985, Hal Cannon, founder of the Gathering, and his cowboy poet friend, Waddie Mitchell, optimistically set up 200 chairs. To their surprise, 500 people showed up to the first festival. Minter says it was one of the most stunning experiences of her life, to be part of recognizing creative people from the ranching culture uniting for the first time to express their art. "Interestingly," she adds, "there was an energy that came out of the cattle country, all over the West, that took hold of talented men and women from every generation and brought a representative group together."

Nearly 150 cowboy poetry festivals have spawned throughout the Western United States. While other states are suitable headquarters for such festivals, Nevada has an edge because it truly is the Wild West. Cheryll Glotfelty, a University of Nevada, Reno literature and environment professor, and author of Nevada's only exclusive literary anthology, *Nevada in Literature*, believes Nevada is a wonderful place to host cowboy poetry festivals. "Cowboy poetry has given voice to the experience and perspectives of the working cowboys and ranchers of the western frontier. Without cowboy poetry we would have only cheesy Hollywood stereotypes to represent cowboys," Glotfelty says.

Glotfelty thinks cowboy poetry is here to stay because of its appeal. "What is great about cowboy poetry is its popularity with the general public," she adds. "Whereas many people are intimidated by most poetry, they enjoy cowboy poetry because they can understand it, and it speaks to them. Furthermore, cowboy poetry is meant to be performed, and in this way, it keeps the tradition of live poetry readings alive."

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wings and wildlife

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The festival includes indoor animal displays, educational seminars and workshops, guided hikes, and kayak tours. Subjects of new seminars this year include dragonflies, wetland habitats, and reptiles. Saturday, March 13, will include a new special event for kids, "Birding 101," preceded by a Rotary Club pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Transportation will be provided for field trips to such sites as Big Bend of the Colorado River State Recreation Area, Colorado River Heritage Greenway Trail, Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Hualapai Mountains, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness. Kayak trips allow bird and wildlife viewing along the Black Canyon, Colorado River, and Topock Gorge.

A wine-and-cheese gathering is planned for Friday, March 12, with renowned local photographer and artist Sharon K. Schafer and other nature artists displaying their work. On Friday and Saturday, there will be more than 20 booths manned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Red Rock Audubon Society, and a bird taxidermist, among others.

Exhibitors will have information on wildlife watching, and raptors will be held at an outside staging area. An evening banquet and keynote speech by Ted Floyd, editor of *Birding* magazine, are planned for Saturday at The Aquarius Casino Resort.

Registration for the festival is $30, plus separate fees for the banquet and field trips. Preregistration is required, either online or onsite. Check-in starts at 9 a.m., Thursday, March 11 at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort at 1650 South Casino Drive in Laughlin. Aquarius and Riverside are offering special room packages in accordance with the event.

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varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"American Superstars"
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
stratospherehotel.com
800-99-TOWER

Angels Unveiled
Laughlin Library
Thru April 22
lvccld.org
702-734-READ

Anthony Cools
Paris Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Wed.
parislasvegas.com
877-374-7469

Barbara Yoerg Paintings
Odyssey Lifestyle office
Thru March 31
odysseylifestyle.com
702-257-2345

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

Barry Manilow
Paris Las Vegas
March 5-7, 19-21, 26-28
April 2-4, 9-11, 30
manilowparis.com
800-745-3000

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

Big Elvis
Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon
Dark Sat. & Sun.
billslasvegas.com
866-245-5745

"Bite"
Stratosphere
Dark Thurs.
stratospherehotel.com
800-99-TOWER

(Feb. 19-March 3)
South Point Winter Championship & Open Cutting & Western Gift Show
South Point
southpointeventscenter.com
866-796-7111

(Feb. 19-March 7)
"The Shadow Box"
Las Vegas Little Theatre
lvlt.org
702-362-7996

(Feb. 25-28, March 4-7, 11-14)
Jason Alexander in "The Donny Clay Experience"
Planet Hollywood
planethollywoodresort.com
800-745-3000

MARCH

1

Vietnam Moving Wall
Mesquite
Recreation Center
West Fields
mesquitenv.com
702-346-1137

2

Tegan & Sara
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

(2, 14)
Hop on the Bird Mobile
Henderson
Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve
visithenderson.com
702-267-4180

(2-7)
Diamond Rio
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

3

Killswitch Engage
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

(3-7)
VIBE
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

4

Music Teachers Perform
Mesquite
Virgin Valley High School Theater
mesquitenv.com
702-346-2787

Untold Stories: Vegas High School Confidential
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

(4-6)
Weber State Baseball
Mesquite
Pioneer Complex
mesquitenv.com
801-391-3882

(4-7)
"The Little Dog Laughed"
Judy Bayley Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

5

Annual Roast
Mesquite
Eureka's Grand Canyon Ballroom
mesquitenv.com
702-346-7277

El Chapo de Sinaloa
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

George Lopez
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

(5-6)
Peace Frog: Tribute To The Doors
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

(5-6)
Ray Romano & Kevin James
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

(5-6)
Vocal Jazz Solo Nights
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

(5-7)
Boulder City High School Renaissance Faire
Boulder City
Pratte Field

visitbouldercity.com
702-308-3465

(5-7)
Engelbert Humperdinck
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(5-7)
Girlfriends Getaway
Laughlin
Various resorts
visitlaughlin.com

(5-8)
Zappos.com WCC Basketball Championships
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

6 SATURDAY

Bark in the Park
Henderson
Paseo Verde Park
visithenderson.com
702-267-4000

Bon Jovi
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
877-880-0880

Experience Hendrix Tribute Tour
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

John Edward
Flamingo Las Vegas
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

Paint the Town Red
Bellagio
jllv.org
702-822-6536

"Pops III"
Las Vegas Philharmonic
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Tommy Sands
Winchester Cultural Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-8200

(6-11, 13-18)
Drinkin', Singin', Swingin': Salute to Sinatra-Davis-Martin
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

7 SUNDAY

Galactic
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

10

(10-14)
Patton Leatha
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

(10-17)
THE IRISH SHOW with Singing Star Elaine Canning
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

11

Twiztid
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

311
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

(11-14)
Sons of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival
Henderson
Events Plaza & Water Street District
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

(11-15)
Wings & Wildlife Festival of Southern Nevada
Laughlin
wingsandwildlife festival.org
702-298-0630

12

Gladys Knight
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Nashville Unplugged
Henderson
Green Valley Ranch Resort
visithenderson.com
702-617-7777

The Yardbirds
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

"Guy Movies"
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(12-13)
Big League Weekend
Cubs vs. White Sox
Cashman Field
lv51.com
702-798-7825

(12-13)
"Unforgettable"
Judy Bayley Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(12-13, 19-20)
"Driving Miss Daisy"
Mesquite
Community Theatre
mesquitenv.com
702-443-4878

(12-14, 17-21)
"Musical of Musicals"
Black Box Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(12-17)
St. Patrick's Day Party
J.C. Wooloughan Irish Pub
jwlasvegasresort.com
702-869-7725

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

Bonkerz Comedy Club
Palace Station
Thurs.-Sun.
stationcasinos.com
702-547-5300

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

Chef Tina Martini
Live cooking show
M Resort
Dark Fri. & Sat.
themresort.com
877-673-7678

Cher
Caesars Palace
April 10-11, 13-14, 17-18, 20-21, 24-25
cher.aeglive.com
866-510-2437

Chihuly at CityCenter
GALLERY at Crystals
Daily
crystalsatcitycenter.com
702-590-8741

Chippendales
Male revue
Rio All-Suite
Nightly
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7784

Circus Acts
Circus Circus
Daily
circuscircus.com
702-734-0410

Claudine Castro
Jerry's Nugget
Sat.
jerrysnugget.com
866-399-3005

The Comedy Stop
Sahara
Nightly
saharavegas.com
888-696-2121

"Crazy Girls"
Topless revue
Riviera
Dark Tues.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

"Crazy Horse Paris"
Topless revue
MGM Grand
Dark Tues.
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil
Luxor
Dark Sun. & Mon.
luxor.com
800-557-7428

David Copperfield
MGM Grand
Feb. 8-March 10, March 25-31
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

David Spade
The Venetian
March 18-20, 25-27
venetian.com
866-641-7469

"Defending the Caveman"
Excalibur
Daily
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

The Dirty Joke Show
Hooters
Mon.-Thurs.
hooterslv.com
866-584-6687

"Disney's The Lion King"
Mandalay Bay
Dark Fri.
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Donn Arden's "Jubilee!"
Bally's Las Vegas
Dark Fri.
ballyslasvegas.com
800-237-SHOW

Donny & Marie Osmond
Flamingo Las Vegas
April 1-3, 20-24, 27-30
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

★ ONGOING continued

Dr. Scott Lewis, Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist
Riviera
Mon.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

Dray Wilmore, No Picasso's in Vegas
Laura Henkel Fine Art Gallery
March 4-31
laurahenkel.com
702-952-9656

Edwin A. Davis: Recent Works
Sunrise Library
Thru April 25
lvccld.org
702-734-READ

Eve Wednesdays (Guest DJs)
Crystals at CityCenter
evethenightclub.com
702-227-3838

The Fab
Beatles tribute
Eastside Cannery
Tues.
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

"Fab Four Live"
Beatles tribute
Variety Theater
Fri.-Wed.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"Fantasy"
Topless revue
Luxor
Nightly
luxor.com
800-557-7428

First Friday Art Celebration
Downtown Arts District
First Fri. of each month
firstfriday-lasvegas.org
702-384-0092

"Fitz of Laughter"
Starring Kevin Burke
Fitzgeralds
Nightly
fitzgeraldslasvegas.com
702-752-7000

Francois Dubeau, Uncensored Gesture
Laura Henkel Fine Art Gallery
April 1-30
laurahenkel.com
702-952-9656

Frank Caliendo
Monte Carlo
Dark Tues. & Wed.
montecarlo.com
877-386-8224

Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas
Imperial Palace
Dark Fri.
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

Frankie Moreno Band
Golden Nugget Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Tues.
goldennugget.com
800-634-3454

"Freaks"
O'Sheas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harrahs.com
800-221-7299

Friday Night Lakeside Music Series
Henderson
MonteLago Village Resort
montelagovillage.com
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Garth Brooks
Wynn Las Vegas
Dates TBA
wynnlasvegas.com
702-770-7469

George Wallace
Flamingo Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

Gordie Brown
Golden Nugget
Dark Sun. & Mon.
goldennugget.com
866-946-5336

Little Builders
Lied Discovery Children's Museum
Thru May 9
ldcm.org
702-382-3445

Hair Nation
Club Fortune Casino
Sat.
clubfortunecasino.com
702-566-5555

13 SATURDAY

Eco-Art: Spring Has (Almost) Sprung
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

Lecture Series
Pahrump
Pahrump Valley Museum
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Regional Dance Tournament
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
208-939-2015

(13, 27)
Tom & Sharon's Ballroom Dance Party
Laughlin
Riverside
visitlaughlin.com
800-227-3849

(13-14)
Crossroads of the West Gun Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
801-544-9125

(13-14)
Dennis DeYoung—The Music of Styx
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

14 SUNDAY

Young Dubliners
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

15

(15, 27)
Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant
Mesquite
Community Theater
mesquitenv.com
702-345-4088

17

St. Patrick's Day Entertainment
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Sustainable Pantry: Perfect Spring Produce
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7786

Winchester Senior Variety Show
Winchester Cultural Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-8200

(17-21)
Silver Dollar Circuit
South Point
southpointevents center.com
866-796-7111

18

The Joel Richman Group
Winchester Cultural Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-8200

"La Ley de Herodes"
Cine en el Centro film series
East Las Vegas Community/ Senior Center
lasvegasparksandrec.com
702-229-1515

Vienna Boys Choir
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(18-21)
PT River Run Car Show
Laughlin
Riverside
visitlaughlin.com
800-227-3849

(18-21)
Winter Dance Party
Laughlin
Riverside
visitlaughlin.com
800-227-3849

19

Amargosa Conservancy Lecture Series
"Solar Power Primer"
Pahrump
Amargosa Community Center
amargosaconservancy.org
866-722-5800

Gentlemen of the Night
Featuring Marion Meadows, Paul Taylor, & Michael Lington
Aliante Station
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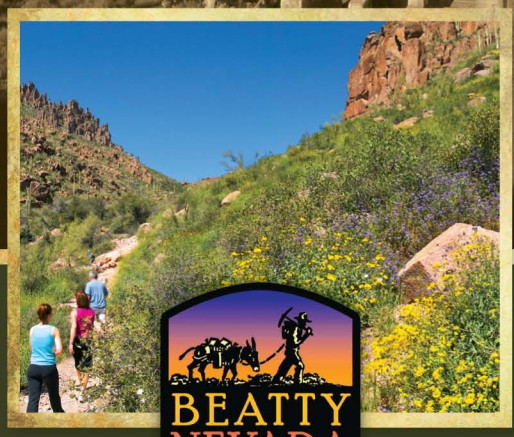
New Found Glory
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

(19-20)
Jeff Dunham
Caesars Palace
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

(19-20)
KJUL Spring Fling Sock Hop
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
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(19-20)
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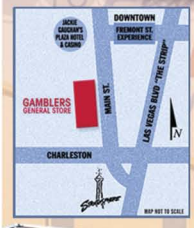
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hendersonlive.com
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"Hitzville—The Show"
Variety Theater
Dark Sun. & Mon.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

Hope of the World
Whitney Library
Thru April 18
lvccld.org
702-734-READ

Human Nature
Australian Motown
Imperial Palace
Dark Fri.
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

"Hypnosis Unleashed"
Tropicana
Nightly
tropicanalv.com
800-829-9034

"If These Walls Could Talk"
Death Valley Junction
Amargosa Opera House
Sat. & Sun.
amargosa-opera-house.com
760-852-4441

The Improv Comedy Club
Harrah's Las Vegas
Dark Mon.
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5223

Indy Film Showcase
Las Vegas Hilton
Giordano Theatres
Sat. & Sun.
lvhilton.com
800-732-7117

Jane Marquez Students Gallery Exhibit
Henderson
Multigenerational Center
Thru March 24
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

Jazz on the Lake
Henderson
MonteLago Village Resort
Sat., April-Oct.
montelagovillage.com
866-383-1592

Jay Leno
The Mirage
March 12-13
April 2-3, 23-24
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Jerry Tiffe
North Las Vegas
Texas Station
Sun.
texasstation.com
702-547-5300

Joan Rivers Live
The Venetian
April 8-10, 15-17
venetian.com
866-641-7469

"Jersey Boys"
The Palazzo
Dark Wed.
palazzolasvegas.com
866-641-7469

"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 Farmers' Market
Gardens Park, Tues.
Bruce Trent Park, Wed.
Fremont Street, Fri.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

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Triple-A baseball
Cashman Field
(home dates only)
April 8-15, 24-27, 29-30
lv51.com
702-798-7825

(19-20)
Red Mountain Choir
Boulder City
College of Southern Nevada
visitbouldercity.com
702-294-0043

(19-21)
Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo
Laughlin
Colorado Belle
shows.bickinternational.com
818-997-6496

(19-21)
Desert Quilters of Nevada
Henderson
Convention Center
desertquiltersofnevada.org
775-513-0436

(19-21)
"Mozart's The Magic Flute"
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(19-21)
Red Rock Rendezvous
Climbing festival
Red Rock National Conservation Area
mountaingear.com
800-829-2009

(19-21)
Super Chevy Show
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
superchevyshow.com
800-644-4444

(19-22)
Long Drivers Power Academy
Golf clinic
Mesquite
Sports & Event Complex
longdrivers.com
888-233-4654

20 SATURDAY

Celebrity Dog Walk
Boulder City
Veterans Memorial Park
bcnv.org
702-293-6285

Chili Cook-Off
Laughlin
Colorado Belle & Edgewater
coloradobelle.com
866-352-3553

Eddie Money & John Waite
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5470

Giant Garage Sale
Henderson
Silver Springs Recreation Center
visithenderson.com
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Jo Koy
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

Natalie Cole
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Nature Collecting: Desert Wildflowers
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

23

(23-28)
Tanya Tucker
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

24

Corporate Challenge
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(24-28)
San Fernando
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

(24-28)
Walking With Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

25

Adam del Monte
Doc Rando Recital Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(25-26)
Mint 400
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(25-27)
Diamond in the Desert Classic
RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship
Mesquite
Sports & Event Complex
longdrivers.com
888-233-4654

(25-28)
Laughlin River Stampede PRCA Rodeo
Laughlin
Laughlin Events Park
visitlaughlin.com
719-589-9444

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Darryl Worley
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Led Zepagain: Tribute To Led Zeppelin
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Spring Wine & Jazz Festival
Golden Nugget

visitlasvegas.com
800-634-3454

(26-27)
Lionel Richie
Caesars Palace
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

(26-27)
Bad Religion
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

(26-27)
Daniel Tosh
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

(26-28)
Mopars at the Strip
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
moparsatthestrip.com
800-644-4444

27 SATURDAY

Bret Michaels
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Confederate Railroad
Laughlin
Edgewater
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Earth Hour
Essential lighting turned off @ 8:30 p.m.
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Giant Garage Sale
Henderson
Black Mountain Recreation Center
visithenderson.com
702-267-5720

Jay-Z
The Pearl
palms.com
702-942-6888

John Mayer w/ Michael Franti & Spearhead
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

Mickey Gilley
Laughlin
Tropicana Express
visitlaughlin.com
800-243-6846

Monster Jam World Finals
Sam Boyd Stadium
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series
Extreme Thing Event
Desert Breeze Skatepark
extremething.com
888-919-7337

Russell Peters
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

Spring Family History Seminar
Henderson
Convention Center
visithenderson.com
702-225-5838

Star Catchers Dance Recital
Winchester Cultural Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-8200

World Classic Rockers
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

(27-28)
"Brave New World"
Nevada Ballet Theatre
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(27-28)
The Flying Karamazov Brothers
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(27-28)
The Osmond Brothers
Suncoast
877-677-7111
suncoastcasino.com

28 SUNDAY

Desert Launch
Long Drivers of America event
Mesquite Sports & Event Complex
longdrivers.com
888-233-4654

Henderson Symphony Orchestra
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hsorch.org
702-267-2171

Student Dance Concert
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

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Every Time I Die
North Las Vegas
Area 702 Skatepark
ticketmaster.com
800-734-3000

Hammerfall
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
702-632-7605

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Major League Baseball
Dodgers vs. Reds
Cashman Field
lv51.com
702-798-7825

Third Town
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

Wild Records Pre Viva Party
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-HRD-ROCK

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Las Vegas Wranglers
ECHL hockey
Orleans Arena
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March 12-14, 18-20
April 1-3
lasvegaswranglers.com
702-471-7825

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

"Legends in Concert"
Harrah's Las Vegas
Dark Thurs.
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5111

"Liberace and Me"
Liberace Museum
Tues., Wed., & Sat.
liberace.org
702-798-5595

Live Guitar by Mark B & Bryan Lammers
M Resort
Dark Sun. & Mon.
themresort.com
877-673-7678

Lou Hendrickson Photographic Art Competition
Spring Valley Library
Thru May 9
lvccld.org
702-734-READ

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

The Mac King Magic Show
Harrah's Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harrahslasvegas.com
702-369-5222

Made for Sale—American Indian Arts & Tourists
Clark County Museum
Thru April 2
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-7955

"The Magic & Tigers of Rick Thomas"
Sahara
Dark Mon.
saharavegas.com
888-696-2121

Marc Savard—Comedy Hypnosis & Chaos
Variety Theater
Dark Fri.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

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

"Matsuri"
Imperial Palace
Dark Tues.
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

Matt Goss
The Palms
Fri. & Sat.
mattgoss.biz
702-942-7777

"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
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mrjermay.com
800-221-7299

"The Mentalist Live"
Variety Theater
Dark Wed.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

More & Gendel
Las Vegas Hilton
Tues., Fri., & Sat.
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

Motown Fridays
Jerry's Nugget
jerrysnugget.com
866-399-3005

★ ONGOING continued

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

Nathan Burton Comedy-Magic
Flamingo Las Vegas
Dark Mon. & Sat.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"Naughty Boys Hypnosis Show"
Harmon Theater
Dark Mon. & Thurs.
harmontheater.com
702-836-0836

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

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

Penn & Teller
Rio All-Suite
Dark Thurs. & Fri.
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7784

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar
Town Square Las Vegas
Dark Mon.
petesduelingpianobar.com
702-220-7383

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

The Planet Earth Awards, Beyond Superstition
Clark County Library
Thru April 4
lvccld.org
702-734-READ

"Popovich Comedy Pet Theater"
Variety Theater
Fri.-Tues.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"The Price is Right"
Bally's Las Vegas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
ballyslasvegas.com
800-237-7469

Purple Reign: The Ultimate Prince Tribute Show
Hooters
Fri.-Sun.
hooterscasinohotel.com
702-739-9000

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

Rita Rudner
Harrah's Las Vegas
March 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26
April 5, 7, 10, 14, 17, 9, 21, 23, 26, 28
harrahslasvegas.com
800-392-9002

Riviera Comedy Club
Riviera
Nightly
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

"Rockstar: The Tribute"
Riviera
Dark Tues.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

Sake-oke Superstar
Karaoke competition
SUSHISAMBA
Wed., thru May 2
sushisamba.com
702-607-0700

"Sandy Hackett's Rat Pack Show"
Sahara
Nightly
saharavegas.com
702-737-2515

Sex on the Streets
Erotic Heritage Museum
Thru Aug.
eroticheritage.org
702-369-6442

APRIL

1

(1-2)
Governor's Arts Awards & OASIS Conference
Las Vegas Design Center & Historic Fifth Street School
nevadaculture.org/nac
702-486-3700

(1-4)
Third Town
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
866-999-4899

2

(2-3)
Chicago
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

(2-4)
Blues & Brews
Laughlin
Colorado Belle
coloradobelle.com
866-352-3553

(2-4, 8-11)
"The Orphan Train"
Reed Whipple Cultural Center
rainbowcompany.info
702-229-6553

(2-18)
"Regrets Only"
Las Vegas Little Theatre
lvlt.org
702-362-7996

3 SATURDAY

Emerson Drive
Aliante Station
aliantecasinohotel.com
877-477-7627

Giant Garage Sale
Henderson
Downtown Recreation Center
visithenderson.com
702-267-5720

Jay & The Americans
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

"Masterworks IV"
Las Vegas Philharmonic
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Melissa Etheridge
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Reggae—Rock Concert & Festival
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

(3-4)
Tri-State Regional & Aha Macav Regional
Laughlin
Avi Resort
chilicookoff.com
877-777-4427

4 SUNDAY

Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranch
Blue Diamond
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov
702-875-4141

6

Informal Dance Concert
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

7

(7-11)
Glass Craft & Bead Expo
South Point
glasscraftexpo.com
800-217-4527

8

(8-10)
Governor's Black-Tie Invitational
Southern Highlands Golf Club
e-mail: scaiazzo@olympiacompanies.com
702-263-1000

(8-11)
Clark County Fair & Rodeo
Logandale
Clark County Fairgrounds
ccfair.com
888-876-FAIR

9

AC/DC
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

ArtBeat Presented by Target
Lucy Walsh
Henderson
Events Plaza
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

The Fab
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

(9-10)
Ron White
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

(9-11)
Acoustic Grass Music Festival
Pahrump
VFW Hall
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

(9-11)
Fiber Arts Show
Pahrump
Bob Ruud Community Center
desertquiltersofnevada.org
866-722-5800

(9-11)
Steve Powers Great Las Vegas Craft Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
805-481-7100

10 SATURDAY

American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure
Henderson
Events Plaza
tour.diabetes.org
702-267-2171

Country Rat Pack
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Jenni Riviera
Eastside Cannery
eastsidecannery.com
702-856-5470

Johnny Rivers
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Lecture Series
Pahrump
Pahrump Valley Museum
pahrumpchamber.com
775-727-5800

Lutheran Church Golf Tournament
Mesquite
Oasis Golf Club—Palmer Course
mesquitenv.com
702-346-3781

Muse w/ Silversun Pickups
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7400

Neil Sedaka
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Red Mountain Youth Choir
Boulder City
L. A. Water & Power Building
visitbouldercity.com
702-294-0043

USAC Midgets, NASCAR Super Late Models
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(10, 20)
Hop on the Bird Mobile
Henderson
Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve
visithenderson.com
702-267-4180

(10-11)
Laughlin Xtreme Bulls
Laughlin
Laughlin Events Park
visitlaughlin.com
800-234-7722

11 SUNDAY

Rock & Worship Roadshow
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

Spring Shootout
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

13

Strings of Fire
Mesquite
Virgin Valley High School Theater
mesquitenv.com
702-346-2787

(13-18)
Sha Na Na
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

14

(14-18)
"Red Lights & Sirens"
Paul Harris Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

15

"Soñar No Cuesta Nada"
Cine en el Centro film series
East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center
lasvegasparksandrec.com
702-229-1515

(15-17)
Rage in the Sage Triathlon
Boulder City
Boulder Beach
visitbouldercity.com
702-401-6044

16

ArtBeat Presented by Target
Jon Schmidt
Henderson
Events Plaza
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

Nashville Unplugged
Henderson
Green Valley Ranch Resort
visithenderson.com
702-617-7777

The Outlaws
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

(16-17)
Ray Romano & Kevin James
The Mirage
mirage.com
800-963-9634

(16-18)
Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo
Circus Circus
shows.bickinternational.com
818-997-6496

(16-18)
Las Vegas National Dance Title
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
626-279-9267

(16-18)
NHRA SummitRacing.com Nationals
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(16-18)
PBR World Cup
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

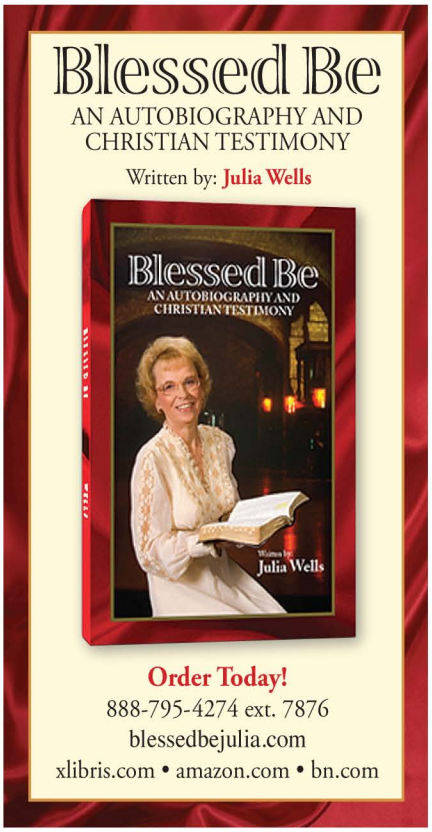
(16-18, 23-25)
"Three Viewings"
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

(16-25)
"The Ruling Class"
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

17 SATURDAY

Creedence Clearwater Revisited
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Henderson Heritage Parade & Festival
Henderson
Events Plaza & Water Street District
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171



★ ONGOING continued

Short Bus Comics
Greek Isles
Thurs.-Sat.
greekislesvegas.com
702-518-0287

"Show in the Sky"
Rio All-Suite
Thurs.-Sun.
riolasvegas.com
888-746-7784

"Sin City Bad Girls"
Topless revue
Las Vegas Hilton
Dark Tues.
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

Sin City Comedy Show
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

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

Society of Seven & Jasmine Trias
Gold Coast
Fri.-Sun.
goldcoastcasino.com
702-251-3574

Springs Preserve
Storytime, Tues.
Storytime en Español, Thurs.
Go Solar, second Thurs.
Birds at the Springs Preserve, first Sat.
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

Stripper 101—Learn How to Pole Dance
Variety Theater
Daily
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

Supernatural Santana—A Trip Through the Hits
Hard Rock
April 21-22, 24-25, 28, 30
supernaturalsantana.com
702-693-5583

"Superstars of Magic"
Vegas Club
Dark Tues.
vegasclubcasino.net
702-386-2464

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

Third Thursday ARTsWALK
Henderson
Water Street District
hendersonlive.com
702-267-1515

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

Todd Paul
Hooters
Dark Fri.
hooterscasinohotel.com
702-739-9000

"Tony n' Tina's Wedding"
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"Tournament of Kings"
Excalibur
Dark Tues.
excalibur.com
702-597-7600

Train Rides
Boulder City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
Sat. & Sun.
nevadaculture.org
702-486-5933

UNLV Baseball
Earl E. Wilson Stadium
(home dates only)
March 5-7, 11-13, 19-21
April 1-3, 5-6, 27, 30
unlvrebels.cstv.com
866-388-3267

UNLV Men's Basketball
Thomas & Mack Center
(home dates only)
March 6
MWC Tournament:
March 10-13
unlvrebels.cstv.com
866-388-3267

Introduction to Fly Fishing
Blue Diamond
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov
702-875-4141

LV Celtic Society Highland Games Entertainment
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Nevada Test Site Tour
Pahrump
Call for meeting location
amargosaconservancy.org
760-852-4339

Patti Page
Laughlin
Tropicana Express
visitlaughlin.com
800-243-6846

(17, 24)
Missoula Children's Theatre Presents "Robinson Crusoe"
Henderson
Location TBA
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

(17-18)
Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

(17-18)
Fine Arts Festival
Boulder City
Bicentennial Park
bcfineartsfestival.com
877-292-2138

18 SUNDAY

Academy of Country Music Awards
MGM Grand
acmcountry.com
818-788-8000

Academy of Country Music Celebration
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Ten-Minute Play Festival
Paul Harris Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(18, 25)
A Choreographers' Showcase
Treasure Island
nevadaballet.com
702-243-2623

21

(21-25)
Laughlin River Run
Motorcycle rally
Laughlin
laughlinriverrun.com
949-502-3434

22

Nevada Medal Dinner
Featuring Robert Ballard, discoverer of *RMS Titanic*
Hard Rock Hotel
dri.edu/nevada-medal
702-862-5400

(22-23)
David Allen Coe
Laughlin
Tropicana Express
visitlaughlin.com
800-243-6846

(22-24)
Last Chance Dance
Dance Studio One
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

23

ArtBeat Presented by Target
Chuck Mead
Henderson
Events Plaza
visithenderson.com
702-267-2171

Ricardo Cobo & Christopher McGuire
Doc Rando Recital Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Sugarland
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
800-FUN-STOP

Three Dog Night
Laughlin
Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

(23-24)
Chamber Biz Expo (Trade Show)
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

(23-25, 29-May 2)
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Judy Bayley Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(23-May 1)
"Savior of the World"
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
visithenderson.com
702-408-7637

24 SATURDAY

Al Stewart
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-547-7777

City of Lights Jazz & R&B Festival
Clark County Amphitheatre
visitlasvegas.com
800-969-8342

NASCAR Super Late Models & Short-Track Stock Car Racing
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

The O'Jays
Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-507-5757

Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series
Boulder City
Boulder City Skatepark
vegasamjam.com
888-919-7337

Valley Cruisers Show & Shine Car Show
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
866-722-5800

27

Petrushka
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(27-May 2)
Ralphie May
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

28

Concert on the Grass
Mesquite
City Hall Amphitheater
mesquitenv.com
702-346-7054

29

Daughtry
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

30

Arbor Day Celebration
Henderson
Morrell Park
visithenderson.com
702-267-4050

Little Anthony & The Imperials
Las Vegas Hilton
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

Pride Parade
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(30-May 1)
Spring Dance Concert
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

(30-May 2)
Grand National Competition of the Old West
Jean
rgamerica.org/gn.htm
800-634-1359

★ ONGOING continued

"V the Ultimate Variety Show"
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil
Aria Las Vegas
Dark Wed. & Thurs. & March 17-25
arialasvegas.com
877-25-ELVIS

"VOICES" Starring Lani Misalucha
Las Vegas Hilton
Dark Tues. & Wed.
lvhilton.com
800-222-5361

Wayne Newton: Once Before I Go
Tropicana
Dark Sun. & Mon, thru April 24
Troplv.com
800-829-9034

"X" Burlesque
Topless revue
Flamingo Las Vegas
Nightly
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"Xtreme Magic Starring Dirk Arthur"
Tropicana
Dark Sun.
tropicanalv.com
800-829-9034

Zowie Bowie
Monte Carlo
Inside the Pub, Fri. & Sat.
Vintage Vegas Show, Sun.
montecarlo.com
888-529-4828

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

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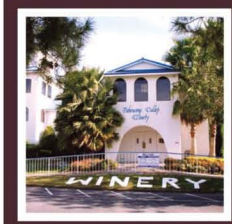
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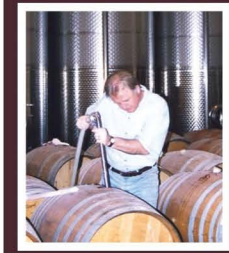




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www.NevadaBandB.com

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3810 Winery Rd, Pahrump NV 89048

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NORTHERN NEVADA

march/april

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(Feb. 26-March 5)
Freeride World Tour—Tram Face
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

MARCH

1

Guitar Shorty
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

(1, 13, 22, 27)
The Nugget Folies
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

2

(2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
Larry Wilson
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

3

The Dreaming
The Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

(3-5)
Nevada Bar Assoc.
Ely
Bristlecone Convention Center
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-3720

(3-7)
North American Freeskiing Championships
Kirkwood
kirkwood.com
209-258-6000

(3-7)
Ranch Hand Rodeo
Winnemucca
ranchrodeonv.com
775-623-5071 x.104

4

American Red Cross Radio-A-Thon
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-9600

Board/Ski Movies & Show w/ EOTO
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

"On Ensemble"
Nightingale Concert Hall
unr.edu/pas
800-233-8928

(4, 11, 18)
Rail Jam Thursdays
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

5

Boyz II Men
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Minden/Douglas Elks Crab Feed
Minden
CVIC Hall
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-265-4523

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
tahoechamber.org
775-588-1728

Ultimate Combat
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

UNR Boxing
Eldorado
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

(5, 24)
George Pickard
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

(5-6)
Hitsville USA, A Tribute to Motown
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(5-7)
Arenacross
Livestock Events Center
arenacross.com
630-566-6100

(5-7)
Spotlight Dance Cup
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6600

(5-7)
Winterfest Benefiting Special Olympics
Incline Village
Diamond Peak & Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
sonc.org
925-944-8801

(5-14)
SnowFest
North Lake Tahoe & Truckee
tahoesnowfestival.com
530-583-7167

6 SATURDAY

Andre Nickatina
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Elko Archery
Spring Creek
Horse Palace
springcreeknv.net
775-753-4042

Evening With the Arts
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Rick Springfield
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Scholastic Art Awards Ceremony
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Snowshoe Thompson Cross-Country Ski Snowshoe Tour
Hope Valley
snowshoethompson.org
775-315-7777

Student/Senior Day at the Museum
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
visitcarsonvalley.org
775-782-2555

Talent Squad Brownie Cup
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Weston Buck
The Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

311
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(6-7)
Heuga Vertical Express
Squaw Valley USA
verticalexpress.org
800-376-3101

NEVADA ONLINE

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



Welcome to the garden.

Not more than two miles from the town of Caliente in eastern Nevada, is Kershaw-Ryan State Park. This garden-like setting of oaks, cottonwoods and elms provides a shady oasis for travelers as well as a home to a wide variety of songbirds. Wild grapevines blanket the surrounding cliffs as water trickles to crystal-clear pools below. To sample a small taste of paradise, go to **LincolnCountyNevada.com**.

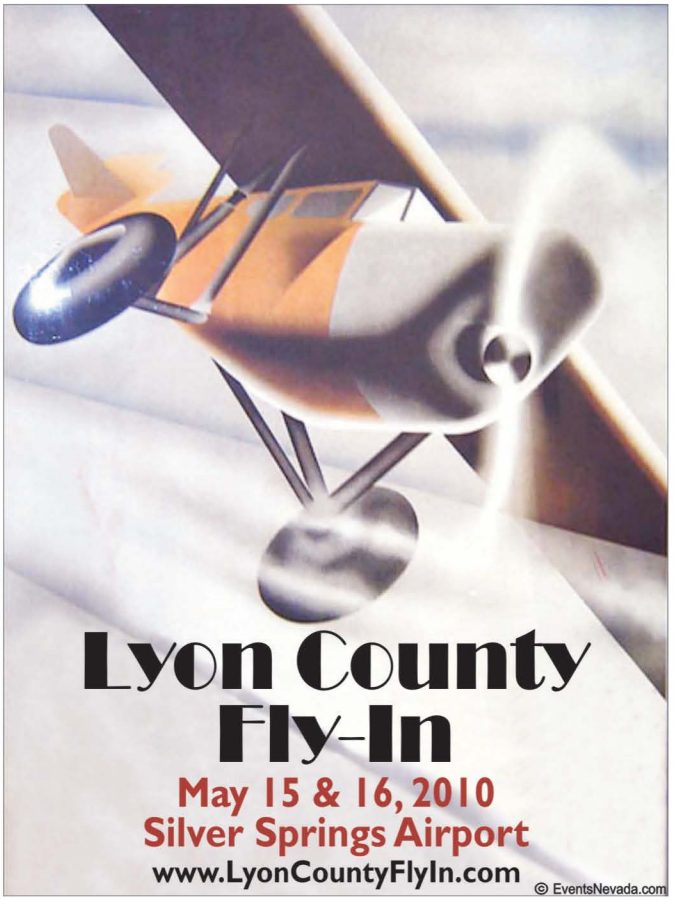
LincolnCounty
Nevada.com
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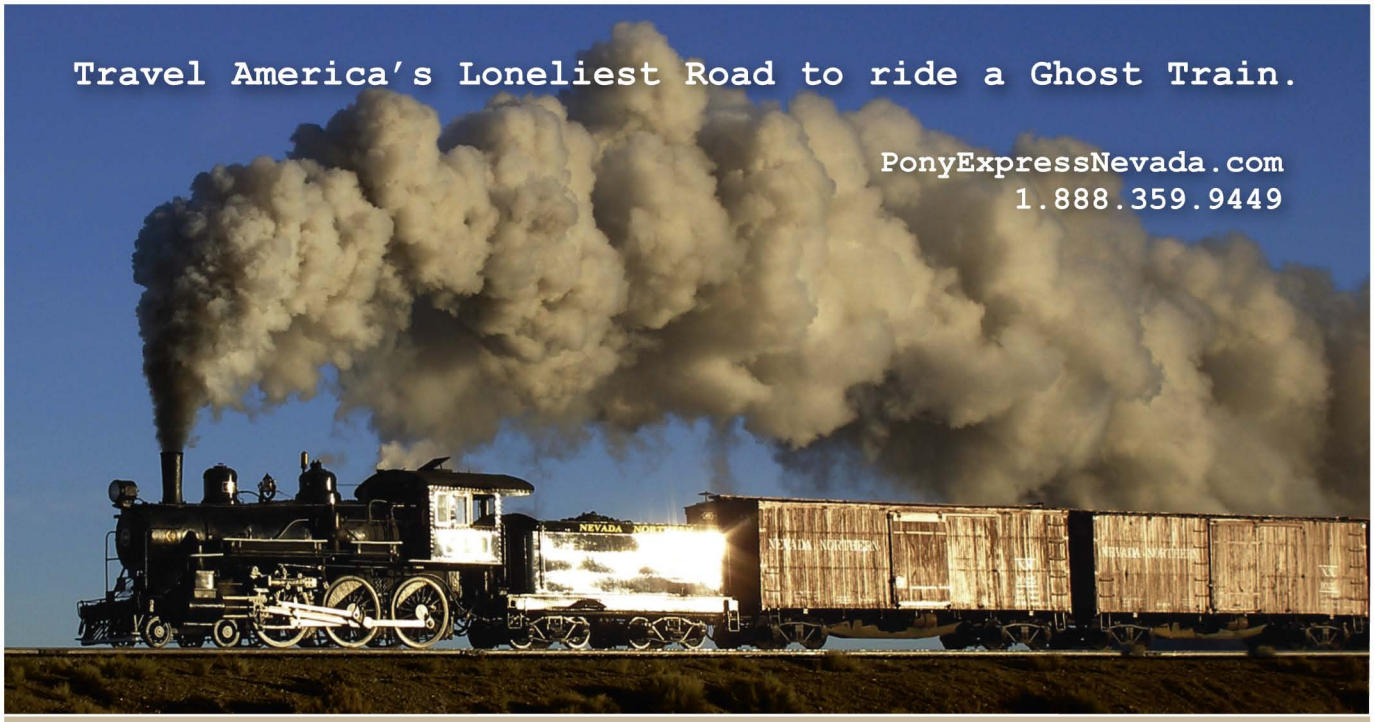
For more than 40 years, Caliente was one of the major division points on the railroad line. Evidence of its historical roots can be seen in the mission-style Caliente Railroad station. This Memorial Day weekend, the town celebrates "Lincoln County Homecoming." Festivities include an art show in the old depot, a parade, and many childrens' events.



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Silver Springs Airport
www.LyonCountyFlyIn.com

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★ ONGOING

A Survey of Gee's Bend Quilts
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru April 11
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Abbacadabra—The Ultimate ABBA Show
Harrah's Reno
March 4-7, 11-14, 18-21, 25-28
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

"Angels in America"
A Gay Fantasia on National Themes
Brüka Theatre
March 4-6, 11-13, 18-20
bruka.org
775-323-3221

Beer Pong @ The Neva
Club Cal Neva
Fri. & Sat.
clubcalneva.com
775-954-4185

"The Book Of Liz"
A Hilarious Amish Picaresque
Brüka Theatre
April 9-10, 15-18, 22-24, 29-30, May 1
bruka.org
775-323-3221

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

Bryan Christiansen: Trophy Hunter
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru May 9
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

"Carnival Cabaret"
Stateline
Horizon
Nightly
horizoncasino.com
800-683-8266

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

Coin Press No. 1 Demonstration
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Last Fri. of each month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

The Color of Love
Artists Co-Op Gallery
April 1-30
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park Tours
Minden
April thru Dec.
parks.nv.gov/hr.htm
775-783-9417

Divers Objects
Robert Brady sculptures
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
Thru May 15
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Elko County Art Club Exhibit & Sale
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Thru April 27
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

Even in Africa
Robert Cinkel paintings
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 5, 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Everyday Mysteries
Roy Curtis' photos
Nevada Historical Society
Thru March
nevadaculture.org
775-688-1190

Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition
Elko
Western Folklife Center
Thru July 24
westernfolklife.org
775-778-9695

7 SUNDAY

The Albert Awards
Virginia City
The Gold Hill Hotel
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

Polar Bear Plungefest
Incline Village
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
sonc.org
800-TAHOE4U

(7-14)
Lake Tahoe WinterFest XV
Gay & Lesbian Ski Week
South Lake Tahoe
laketahoewinterfest.com
877-777-4950

8

311
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(8-12)
Learn to Ski & Burton Ride Week
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

9

Be a Champion Ski Race & Party
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe
skirose.com
800-SKI-ROSE

Mile High Jazz
Carson City
Comma Coffee
milehighjazz.com
775-883-4154

The Young Dubliners
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

10

The Great Ski Race
Tahoe City to Truckee
thegreatskirace.com
800-TAHOE4U

Steve Lord
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

(10, 17, 24)
Rebel With a Cause: The Automobile & American Freedom
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

(10-14)
Shooting the West XXII
Winnemucca
shootingthewest.org
877-623-3501

11

Big Tiny Little
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

Historical Lecture
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

Songwriters in the Round
The Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

$120,000 Free Roll Poker Series
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

12

Art Afternoon: Workshop & Social for Seniors
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Experience Hendrix Tribute Tour
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
800-687-8733

Tainted Love
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Tesla
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(12, 26)
Tahoe Big Band
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

(12-13)
Night Ranger
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(12-14)
Lady Luck Tattoo Arts Expo
Circus Circus Reno
circusreno.com
800-648-5010

(12-14)
Motorsports & Recreation EXPO
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
bigshows.com/1632.html
800-367-7366

(12-14)
U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam
Livestock Events Center
monsterjam.com
630-566-6100

13 SATURDAY

Bassnectar
Stateline
MontBleu
montbleuresort.com
888-829-7630

Burton Jiblet Stop #3
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Cirque Mechanic's Birdhouse Factory
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Country Comedy Nite
Yerington
Lyon County Fairgrounds
countrycomedynite.eventbrite.com

David Robertson: Prose Reading
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Del McCoury
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Health & Fitness Fair
Elko
elkocva.com
775-777-1196

Houston Jones w/ Joe Craven
Minden
CVIC Hall
cvartscouncil.com
775-782-8207

Maceo Parker
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

Mountain Oyster Festival
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest
Nevada Finals
Siena
poetryoutloud.org
775-687-6680

Pruning for Late Winter/Early Spring & Turf Management
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0600

Spring Fling Craft Fair
Ely
Bristlecone Convention Center
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-3720

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
800-718-7587

Top O' the Mornin' Fun Run/Walk
Sparks
Sparks Marina
ci.sparks.nv.us
775-353-2350

Yardbirds
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

(13-14)
Give Your Lady a Chocolate Sunday
Virginia City
The Tahoe House
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-5264

14 SUNDAY

Uniquely ME! TWO
Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada
Reno Town Mall
gssn.org
775-322-0642

Village Ski Loft Demo Day
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

(14, 16)
"The Art of the Concerto"
Reno Philharmonic
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

15

Brandi Carlile
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(15-18)
Science Fair
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-7161

16

New Found Glory
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

17

Community Appreciation Day
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Gary & Corky
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

Lenny The Leprechaun On The Slopes
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Pot O' Gold Hunt
Sugar Bowl
sugarbowl.com
530-426-6742

St. Patrick's Day Irish Feast
Genoa
Genoa Town Hall
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

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Board/Ski Movies & Show
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-831-0512

★ ONGOING continued

"Frank, Dean, & Sammy"
Eldorado
Thru March 21
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

Free Ladies' Day Ski & Board Clinics
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe
Thurs., thru April
mtrose.com
800-SKI-ROSE

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

Fleischmann Planetarium & Science Center
Exhibits & films
University of Nevada, Reno
planetarium.unr.edu
775-784-4812

"Get Hypnotized!"
Pioneer Underground
Fri. & Sat.
renohypnotist.com
775-324-7474

Guided Snowshoe Treks
Tahoe Rim Trail Association
Lake Tahoe
Sat., thru March
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

Guided Tours
Nevada Museum of Art
Thurs., Sat., & Sun.
*Spanish-language tours by appt.
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Hidden Cave Tour
Fallon
Churchill County Museum (starts)
Second & fourth Sat.
ccmuseum.org
775-423-3677

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

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

Jazz in the West Wing
Silver Legacy
Thurs.
silverlegacy.com
800-687-8733

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

Last Tracks
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
Sat., thru April
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Lecture at The Gold Hill Hotel
Virginia City
March 5, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13, 20, 27
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0111

Lahontan Auto Racing Association Season
Fallon
Rattlesnake Raceway
April thru Oct.
(season opener, April 10)
rattlesnakeraceway.org
775-427-9120

Lucy Raven: China Town
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru May 9
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Made In Tahoe Art Show
Crystal Bay
Tahoe Biltmore
Sat.
tahoebiltmore.com
800-BILTMORE

Michael Granger—Photography
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Thru May 4
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

★ ONGOING continued

Monsters and Maidens: Amphora Pottery of the Art Nouveau Era
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru April 11
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333
775-333-9300

Movie Cars: Cinematic Stars On Wheels
National Automobile Museum
Thru March 26
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides
Ely
Visit Web site or call for schedule
nnry.com
866-407-8326

Nevada Wolf Pack Baseball
Peccole Park
(Home dates only)
March 5-7, 10, 16-17, 26-28, 30
April 1-3, 5, 23-25
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

Nevada Wolf Pack Basketball
Lawlor Events Center
(Home dates only)
March 4, 6
WAC Tournament:
March 11-13
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

Nevada Wolf Pack Softball
Christina Hixson M. Softball Park
(Home dates only)
March 13-14, 26-27
April 9-10, 20, 23-24
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

Nevada Wolf Pack Women's Basketball
Lawlor Events Center
(Home dates only)
March 3, 6
WAC Tournament:
March 10-13
nevadawolfpack.com
775-348-7225

New York to Paris Automobile Race
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 5, 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Open Mic Night
Java Jungle
Mon.
javajunglevino.com
775-329-4484

Penelope Gottlieb: NO $ DOWN
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru May 23
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Photo Fandango IV
Artists Co-Op Gallery
March 1-30
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Raphael's *The Woman With the Veil*
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru March 21
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

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

Reno Beer Crawl
Fourth Sat.
renobeercrawl.com
775-996-1811

Reno Aces
Triple-A Baseball
Aces Ballpark
(home dates only)
April 8-15, 24-27
renoaces.com
775-334-7000

Reno Bighorns
NBA D-League basketball
Reno Events Center
(home dates only)
March 7, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, 29
April 2-3
renobighorns.com
775-284-2622

(18-20)
Trey Stone
Carson City
Carson Nugget
ccnugget.com
800-426-5239

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Hall & Oates
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
800-687-8733

James Hill
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Nevada State Fair Chuck Wagon Feast
Livestock Events Center
nvstatefair.com
775-688-5767

Sugar Ray
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Utah Shakespearean Festival
"Taming of the Shrew"
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

(19-20)
Debbie Reynolds
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(19-20)
Silver Dollar Chorus
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6600

(19-21)
Mucker Madness Basketball Tournament
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-0992 x.28

(19-21)
Spring Home & Garden Show
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
bigshows.com/1615.html
800-367-7366

(19-21)
Youth Coed Basketball Tournament
Fallon
Churchill County High School Gym
churchillcounty.org
775-423-7733

20 SATURDAY

The Asylum
The Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

Collective Soul
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
800-MUST-SEE

Dummy Downhill
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe
skirose.com
800-SKI-ROSE

Eric Burdon & The Animals
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Go Lil' or Go Home
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Jake Shimbakuro
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Kenny G
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Polar Plunge
Zephyr Cove
Zephyr Cove Marina
sonc.org
925-944-8801

Talent Squad Cupcake Race
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Women In History
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

4-H Horse Clinic
Livestock Events Center
unce.unr.edu
775-784-4848

21 SUNDAY

Far West J1-3
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

KUNR Jazz Brunch w/ Colin Ross Band
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

San Francisco 49er Foundation Celebrity Ski Classic
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-452-7188

Wobble Shoot
Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-2879

22

(22-28)
Take the Lake
Alpine Meadows
skialpine.com
530-583-4232

23

Kerak Shrine Circus
Spring Creek
Horse Palace
springcreeknv.net
877-479-1259

Winnemucca

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Run-A-Mucca
Motorcycle Rally
May 28 - 30, 2010


Michelle Hammond Urain

www.Winnemucca.com
or call 1-800-962-2638

Upcoming Events

Tournament Charro ~ Mexican Rodeo
May 1-2, 2010

Run-A-Mucca Motorcycle Rally
May 28-30, 2010

Winnemucca Mule Races and Show
June 4-6, 2010

Winnemucca Basque Festival
June 12-13, 2010

Fifties Fever
July 30 - August 1, 2010



CARSON CITY'S ★NEW DEAL★

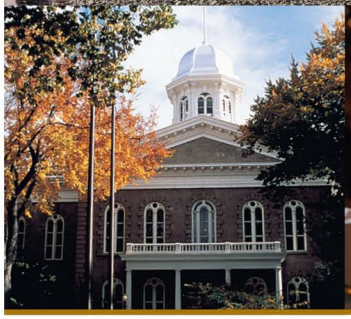
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Riverwalk District Art Walk
Last Thurs. of each month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

Riverwalk District Wine Walk
Third Sat. of each month
renoriver.org
775-825-9255

Roadside Attractions
National Automobile Museum
Thru March 26
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Rock Art Perspectives: Pictographs & Petroglyphs
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Thru May 1
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810

Salsa Night Sundays
Silver Legacy
silverlegacy.com
800-MUST-SEE

The Scholastic Art Awards of 2010
Nevada Museum of Art
March 6-April 3
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

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

Steakhouse Wine Tastings
Harrah's Reno
Last Tues. of each month
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2929

Stop the Car, Dad!
Winnemucca
Humboldt County Library
Thru March 19
nevadaculture.org/nac
775-623-6388

Stop the Car, Dad!
Incline Village
Sierra Nevada College
March 29-May 21
775-831-1314

Sundays Uncorked & Live Music
Wild River Grille
wildrivergrille.com
775-284-7455

Third Thursdays
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing Season
Fallon
March thru Nov.
topgunraceway.com
775-423-0223

Topaz Lake Fishing Derby
Topaz Lake
Thru April 11
topazlodge.com
800-962-0732

Turtleneck Tuesdays
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Thru March 30
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

USBC Open Championships
National Bowling Stadium
Thru July 10
eldoradoreno.com
800-879-8879

Weekly Wine Tasting
Java Jungle
Wed.
javajunglevino.com
775-329-4484

Wine Tasting at Uncorked
Squaw Valley USA
Fri. & Sat.
squaw.com
530-583-6955

The Work Ethic in American Art
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru March 28
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Yesterday Beatles Live
Harrah's Reno
April 1-4, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

24

(24-26)
Rural Roundup
Winnemucca
Convention Center
ruralroundup.com
800-NEVADA-8

25

Movie Night & Dinner at the Museum
"The Italian Job"
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Taste of Gee's Bend Dinner
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

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Joe Lovano: Us Five
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Mickey Gilley
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Soweto Gospel Choir
Presented by Artown
Grand Sierra
renoisartown.com
775-322-1538

Teen Art Night
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

(26-27)
Moonlight Snowshoe Tour
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-GO-NORTH

(26-27)
Guided Full-Moon Snowshoe Tours
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(26-28)
"The Drowsy Chaperone"
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6609

(26-28)
Kerak Shine Circus
Livestock Events Center
kerakshrine.com
775-856-3330

27 SATURDAY

The Celtic Tenors
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Dummy Downhill
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Family Fun Fair
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-9895

Fanatic 5K
Sparks
Scheels
scheelssports.com
775-352-3664

No Quarter (A Tribute to Led Zeppelin)
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Practical Shooting Assoc. Pistol Match
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-7241

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Big Game Banquet
Ely
Bristlecone Convention Center
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-3519

Saigon By Night
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(27-28)
The McKinney Cup
Far West Masters Race
Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe
skirose.com
800-SKI-ROSE

28 SUNDAY

California Gold Rush/ Silver Rush/Bronze Rush
Royal Gorge
royalgorge.com
800-666-3871

Dancing With Our Reno Celebrity Stars
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

Hands/On! Sunday Family Program—Tiny Quilts
Nevada Museum of Art
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Palm Sunday Concert
Ely
Centennial Fine Arts Building
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

29

Full-Moon Snowshoe Trek
Tahoe Meadows
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0012

APRIL

1

The Social Studies Expo
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-861-1241

"Strings in the Schools"
Carson City Symphony
Carson City
ccsymphony.com
775-883-4154

Totally Tubular 2-for-1 '80s Day
Sugar Bowl
sugarbowl.com
530-426-6742

(1-3)
The Osmond Brothers
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

2

Easter Eggstravaganza
Elko
Elko County Library
elkocva.com
775-738-3066

Emerson Drive
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Richter Uruz Duo Original Classical Guitar & Cello
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

(2-4)
Jammin' XVII
Kirkwood
kirkwood.com
209-258-6000

3 SATURDAY

Birthday Bash
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

The Dan Band
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

Easter Egg Hunt
Tahoe City
Commons Beach
visttahoecity.com
800-TAHOE4U

Kansas
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Lions Club Beeping Easter Egg Hunt
Elko
elkocva.com
775-340-2316

Mad Hatter's Easter Parade
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

Snowbomb Sick 'n' Twisted Slopestyle
Squaw Valley USA
snowbomb.com
530-583-6955

White Pine 4-H/Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt
Ely, Lund, Baker, McGill, Ruth
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-4459

(3-4)
Burton Jiblet Invitational
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

(3-4)
High School Rodeo
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
fallontourism.com
775-867-5410

(3-4)
Peaks & Lagoons Spring Party Weekend
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4 SUNDAY

Easter Brunch Aboard the *Tahoe Queen*
South Lake Tahoe
Ski Run Marina
bluelaketahoe.com
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Easter Egg Hunt
Genoa
Genoa Town Park
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Easter Egg Hunt
Sugar Bowl
sugarbowl.com
530-426-6742

Easter Festivities
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
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Tot Easter Egg Hunt
Stateline
Kahle Community Center
bluelaketahoe.com
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8

Historical Lecture
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

9

Montana Skies
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

(9-10)
Mel Tillis
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(9-11)
Reno World of Wrestling Championships
Livestock Events Center
worldofwrestling-roller.com
918-366-4411

(9-11, 16-18, 23-25)
"A Streetcar Named Desire"
Hug High School
renolittletheater.org
775-329-0661

10 SATURDAY

Author Khaled Hosseini
Resort at Squaw Creek
squawvalleyinstitute.org
530-581-4138

Community Appreciation Day
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

Crescent Valley Founders Day Parade
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-468-0326

Italian Dinner
Ely
Elks Lodge
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775-289-4252

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Elko
elkocva.com
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Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
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800-427-7247

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet
Elko
elkocva.com
775-753-8218

Roses: Proper Pruning Techniques
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0600

Vince Neil
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Yuri's Night
The Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

(10-11)
White Pine Weekend
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
866-407-8326

(10-11)
Zuill Bailey
Reno Chamber Orchestra
Nightingale Concert Hall
renochamberorchestra.org
775-348-9413

11 SUNDAY

Billy Dutton Uphill
Squaw Valley USA
auburnskiclub.org
530-583-6985

Passholder Appreciation Day
Incline Village
Diamond Peak
diamondpeak.com
877-468-4397

(11-12)
R/P/M One Man Golf Scramble
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

13

KidScape Productions
Studio on 4th
kidscapeproductions.com
775-787-3900

Community Concert—The Hunt Family Fiddlers
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-5475

Mile High Jazz
Carson City
Comma Coffee
milehighjazz.com
775-883-4154

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Gabbs PTO Spring Bingo
Gabbs
e-mail: tarantulas_pto@yahoo.com
775-285-4009

Halleck Bar Party
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

Horizon Hospice Soup-er Bowl
Elko
elkocva.com
775-778-0612

Michael Bolton
West Wendover
Peppermill
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Soroptimist International of Elko Wine Tasting
Elko
elkocva.com
775-340-3514

Sourdough Slim
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

Tony Bennett
Silver Legacy
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800-687-8733

(16-17)
Starship Featuring Mickey Thomas
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-821-1103

(16-17, 23-24, 30-May 1)
"The Laramie Project"
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

(16-17, 23-25, 28-30, May 1-2)
"GREASE"
Redfield Proscenium Theatre
unr.edu/nevadarep
800-225-2277

(16-18)
Big Reno Show
Gun show
Grand Sierra
bigrenoshow.com
775-828-2350

(16-18)
Drinkin' Singin' Swingin': Salute to Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., & Dean Martin
Stateline
Harrah's Lake Tahoe
southshoreroom.com
800-427-7247

(16-18)
Fallon Soroptimists Home & Garden Show
Fallon
Convention Center
fallontourism.com
775-867-3503

(16-18)
"STOMP"
Pioneer Center
pioneercenter.com
775-686-6609

17 SATURDAY

Lincoln Highway Car Show & *Nevada Magazine's* Tour Around Nevada
Austin
austinnevada.com
775-964-2200

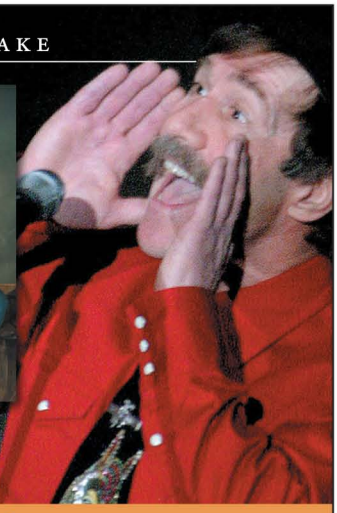
Mt. Wheeler Power Dinner
Ely
Bristlecone Convention Center
whitepinechamber.com
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Cowboy entertainers from left — poet Waddie Michell; minstrel Don Edwards; and poet Paul Zarzyski — plus 50 other performers combine music, poetry and art during the Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival.

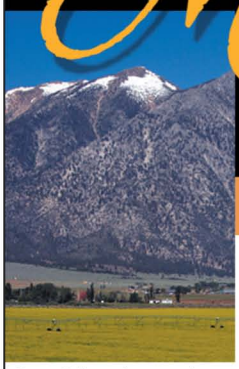






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elkocva.com
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Slot Tournament
Bonanza Casino
bonanzacasino.com
775-323-2724

(17-18)
Ranch Rodeo
Spring Creek
Horse Palace
springcreeknv.net
775-753-6295

18 SUNDAY

ATA Shoot
Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-2879

Avett Brothers
Grand Sierra
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ZD Wines Winemaker Dinner
Bonanza Casino
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Peppermill Reno
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21

EHS Band Festival
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-7281

(21-24)
Biennial History Symposium
National Automobile Museum
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

22

Business Showcase
Gardnerville
Douglas County Fairgrounds
e-mail: sheila@carsonvalleynv.org
775-782-8144

Dark Star Orchestra
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

School District Art Show Reception
Elko
elkocva.com
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(22, 26)
Reno Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

(22-24)
"Grimm's Fairytales II"
Theatre for Children Brüka Theatre
bruka.org
775-323-3221

(22-24)
Reno Jazz Festival
University of Nevada, Reno
unr.edu/rjf
800-233-8928

(22-24)
Spring Stag Golf Outing
Carson Valley
Carson Valley Inn & Genoa Lakes Golf Club
cvinn.com
800-321-6983

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Pat Metheny: The Orchestrion Tour
Presented by Artown
Grand Sierra
renoisartown.com
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Peppermill
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24 SATURDAY

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Community Center
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Squaw Valley USA
tahoetruckeeearthday.org
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Elko
elkocva.com
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Tractors & Truffles
Fallon
fallontourism.com
866-432-5566

(24-25)
National Association for Interpretation Region 9 Spring Workshop
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
775-289-2085 x.25

(24-25)
Sertoma Chili Cookoff & Craft Fair
Minden
Carson Valley Inn
cvinn.com
775-265-5463

(24-25)
Tanner's Marketplace
Livestock Events Center
visitrenotahoe.com
775-747-0905

(24-25)
Virginia City Grand Prix
Motorcycle racing
Virginia City
vcgp.com
775-530-6738

(24-26)
Western National Angus Futurity
Livestock Events Center
jdaonline.com
916-362-2697

25 SUNDAY

ATA Marathon
Fallon
Fallon Trap Club
fallontrapclub.com
775-427-2879

Fading Spots Cheetah Dash
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3111

4-H County Livestock Show
Livestock Events Center
unce.unr.edu
775-784-4848

(25, 27)
"Joy Triumphant"
Reno Philharmonic
Pioneer Center
renophil.com
775-323-6393

(25-26)
R/P/M Senior Classic Golf Scramble
West Wendover
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(25-27)
Friends & Families of Nisei Veterans
Sands Regency
e-mail: jsuzukivfwvod@comcast.net
831-384-8493

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(29-May 2)
Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival
Genoa
genoacowboyfestival.com
775-781-0150

(29-May 2)
Lions Club District 46 Convention
Elko
elkocva.com
775-738-4091

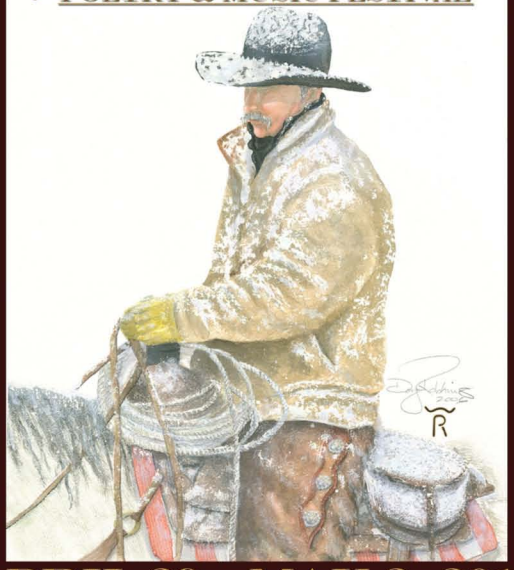
(29-May 2)
Nevada Junior Livestock Show
Livestock Events Center
agri.nevada.gov
775-784-6206

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(30-May 2)
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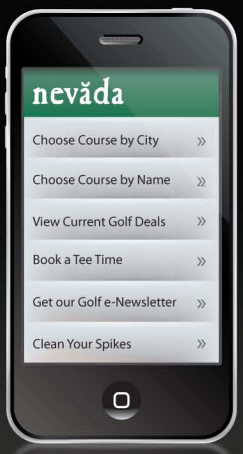
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