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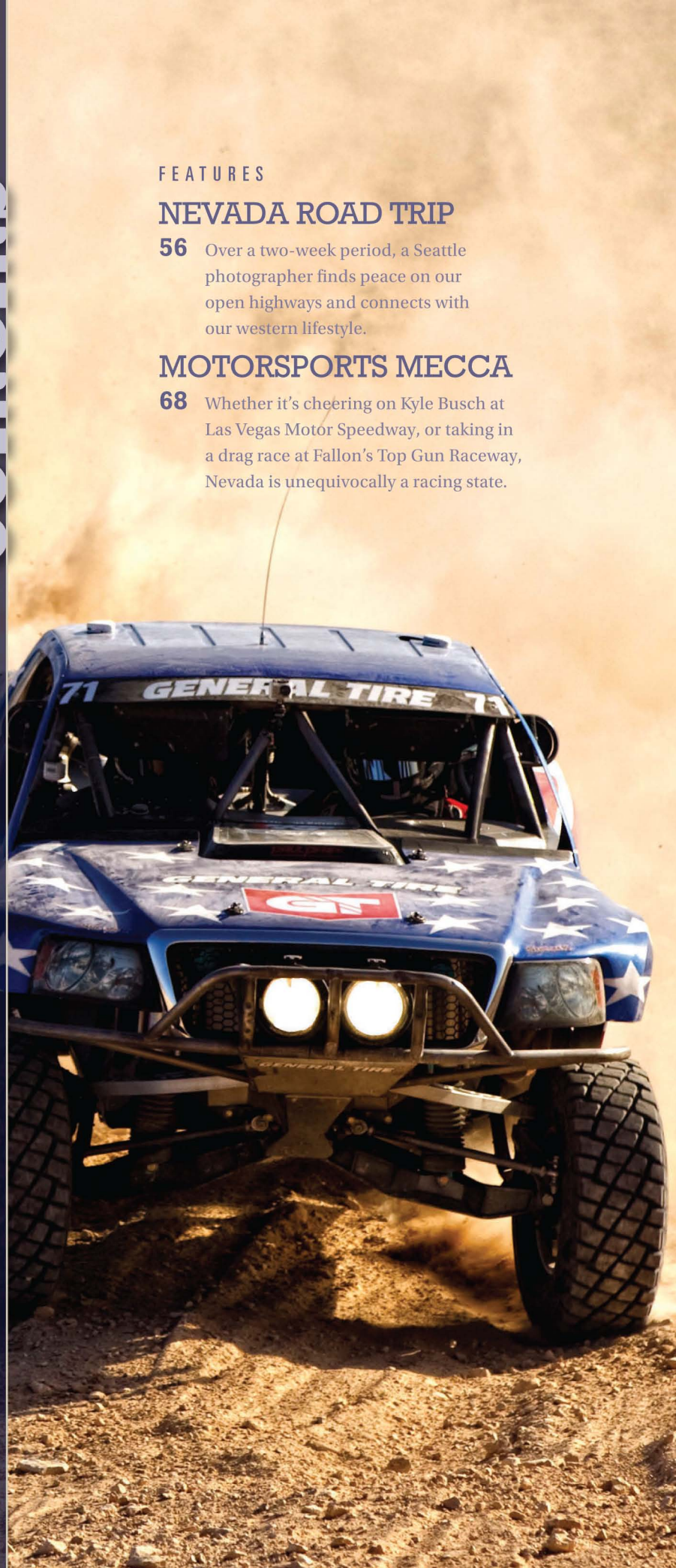
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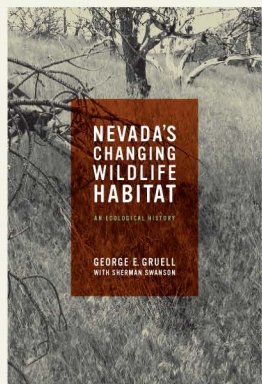
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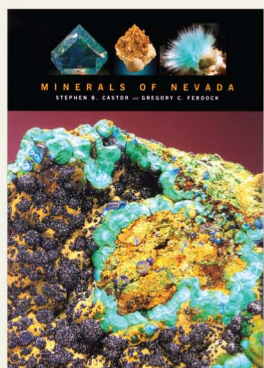
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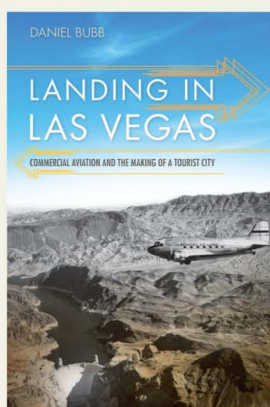


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WEB EXTRAS

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- ▶ A tourist gives his flattering impression of **Valley of Fire State Park**: a magical display of mountain ridges bathed in tones of orange, red, and violet. By Kenneth Mallory
- ▶ The **Douglas County Historical Society** will honor American Indians during its Women in History reception on March 24 in Gardnerville.



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Nevada State Parks has a redesigned website, on which it reads "something for everyone." Indeed, as you can download a free parks brochure, map your trip, search for parks by name or location, find events, and much more.

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Nevada Treasure Hunt

I'm stuffed to the gills with bread, cheese, and meat. While I'm nauseated and thoroughly disgusted with my overeating, I'm at the same time comfortable and at peace with the situation.

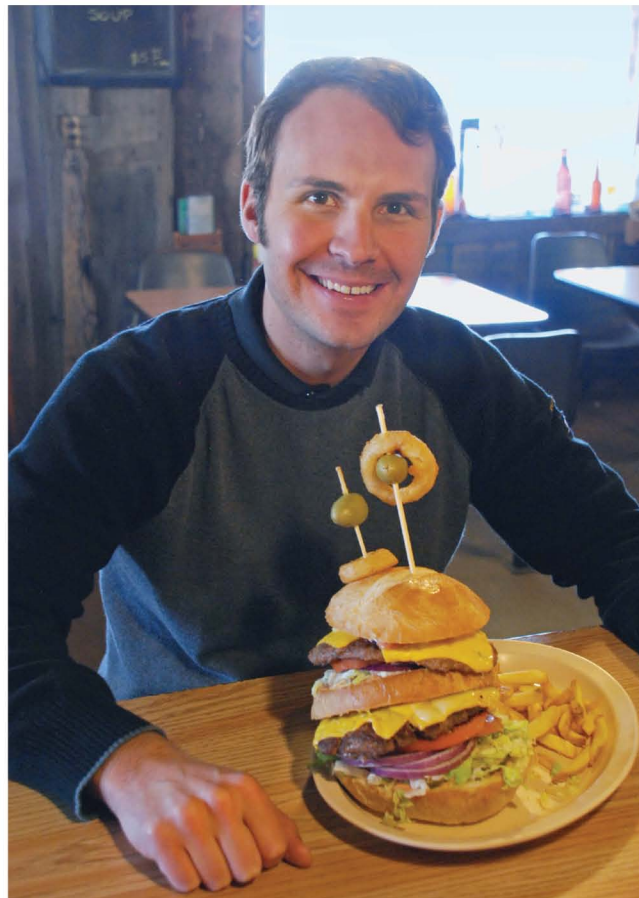
That's because Fredda Stevenson and her husband, Russell, are feeding me tale after tale from Old Middlegate Station's past (while also feeding me their famous Monster Burger—the biggest burger in the West), and I'm entertained enough that I can at least cope with my late-morning gluttony.

There's the time one of my favorite country singers, Hank Williams Jr., sauntered into the central Nevada saloon and ultimately left his bandana as a memento. There's the time that Richard Petty and his race crew stopped in, or actor Dan Haggerty. But the best story involved someone who didn't. Dolly Parton's tour bus was spotted on U.S. Highway 50 some years ago, and word quickly spread that she might be stopping at Old Middlegate. The locals gathered in excitement and eagerly waited...eventually Parton's bus drove right on by and kept on truckin' down The Loneliest Road in America.

In my opinion, it was Parton who missed out. Old Middlegate—you can read more about their colossal burger and a proud slayer of it on page 30—typifies rural Nevada. The western hospitality you experience there is worth the visit alone, even if you aren't up for the challenge of consuming a Monster Burger. In fact, I think if I had to make a list of rural Nevada treasures, Middlegate Station would be on it.

I'm sure Adam Smith discovered a few treasures as he traveled around the Silver State for two weeks this past fall. The Seattle photographer had never explored "the Nevada beyond Las Vegas," as he refers to it. After he returned to Washington, he told me enthusiastically, "I'll be going back to Nevada." If he had to make a list of the state's treasures, he might choose one of its historic railways such as the Comstock's V&T or Nevada Northern in Ely. Or perhaps he'd pencil in one of our state parks such as Cathedral Gorge or Valley of Fire. Find out where else Smith's 14-day adventure took him, and enjoy the images he captured along the way, starting on page 56.

By the way, what's your favorite Nevada treasure? Is it Las Vegas Motor Speedway? Or maybe one of our rural speedways in Battle Mountain, Lovelock, Pahrump, or Tonopah? Maybe it's a posh casino on the Strip, such as The Cosmopolitan of Las



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Vegas. Maybe it's the Cowboy Bar and Café in Montello. You will read more about these places in the following pages as well.

Why all the talk about Nevada treasures? Because starting on March 1, you will be able to nominate yours on nevadamagazine.com and travelnevada.com. It's all part of a new Nevada Commission on Tourism campaign called "Discover Your Nevada." The nominations will be whittled down through public vote, and then in May, NCOT will announce the five treasures of Nevada. For more information, see page 67.

Now, do some discovering of your own on the pages of this issue.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAP QUEST

I would like to thank you for putting the full-page Nevada map back in the magazine. It is a very helpful resource. My oldest son and I have been visiting your great state every fall for the last 10 years. I have been a faithful reader of *Nevada Magazine* since our first visit. Keep up the good work.

Glenn Gee, Hopkinsville, Kentucky

LONGSTREET INN LEFT OUT

I noted with interest your article on Ash Meadows [National Wildlife Refuge] in the January/February issue. A nice piece. However, as the owner of the Longstreet Inn, it would have been nice to mention that first-class accommodations are available less than a 10-minute drive from Ash Meadows.

On another subject relative to the history of the Mizpah Hotel, I would like to point out that part of your chronology was incorrect. Myron Stahl and Les Short operated the hotel until the mid-1970s, when it was sold to Frank Scott. He sold it to Bill Allison and Bert Basolis. They later lost their gaming license, and I leased the gaming from 1992-95. I purchased the closed Valley Bank Building and relocated the gaming to the Banc Club. The Mizpah was foreclosed on shortly thereafter and sat vacant for 10 years prior to the Clines' purchase.

Jim Marsh, Las Vegas

MORE PRESIDENTIAL VISITS

To me, the list of presidential visits to Nevada in the January/February issue implied that the eight visits listed were the only times a sitting president has visited our state. I found in my research that Nevada has been visited by several more presidents than you mentioned:

— William McKinley in Carlin and Wells on May 26, 1901;

— Woodrow Wilson in Reno on September 29, 1919;

— Franklin Roosevelt in Carlin, Imlay, Sparks, and Reno on July 13, 1938;

— Harry Truman in Sparks and Reno on September 22, 1948;

— Lyndon Johnson in Reno on October 12, 1964;

— Ronald Reagan in Reno and Las Vegas in October 1982 and October 1986; and in Reno on April 10, 1988 and November 1, 1988;

— George H.W. Bush in Reno on August 5, 1992;

— George W. Bush in Reno in 2004, 2006, and 2007; and

— Barack Obama in Reno on October 22, 2010 and April 21, 2011. President Obama has made at least one visit to Las Vegas in 2012.

Most of the presidential visits coincided with a political campaign, usually the president's reelection efforts, or to assist a candidate for a statewide or federal office.

Patty Cafferata, Reno

KRUMBLZ CRUMBLES

[The January/February] issue was another winner. One sad thing...of the three bakeries that were featured in the Cravings section, one of them, Krumbly, closed its doors before the magazine hit newsstands.

Meris Nebeker, Carson City

BRING BACK ATTRACTIONS

My suggestion is to bring back the "Attractions" section that was eliminated some time ago. This section provided things to do and see at the individual casinos such as roller-coaster rides, lions and other animals, antique cars, pirate shows, the wax museum, NASCAR simulation, etc.

Dave Van Doorn, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dave, we encourage you to read our sister publications, *Las Vegas Events & Shows* and *Nevada Events & Shows*, available for free at nevadamagazine.com.

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JIM DARROUGH



Jim Darrough prides himself on being a fifth-generation Nevadan from a pioneer mining and ranching family. He and his wife, Sherry, have four sons and reside in Minden. Darrough is a realtor and

freelance writer who has explored and enjoyed Nevada's treasures all of his life. He knows the dangers inherent to embracing Nevada's unforgiving backcountry, and informing people about how to explore it wisely is his way of giving back. He says, "I've been teaching wilderness survival for more than 30 years. I just want to do what I can to help prevent folks from getting hurt or dying out there."

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ERIC BRYAN



Eric Bryan is a freelance writer originally from Burlingame, California. He often writes about history, and Nevada features prominently in his interest in the Old West. His work has appeared in many

publications throughout North America and Great Britain. For this issue, he researched the life of Ferris wheel inventor George Washington Gale Ferris Jr., a man who died much too soon but left an enduring legacy.

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ADAM SMITH



At the end of October, Seattle-based photographer and brand-strategist Adam Smith set out on a photographic excursion to discover the Nevada beyond Las Vegas. Armed with a camera, a notebook,

and a white Chevy Suburban, Smith embarked on a solo road trip crisscrossing the state. "Over 14 days I covered more than 2,000 miles and realized this is not a state you can simply visit; to truly experience what Nevada offers, you have to roam," Smith says. Now back in wet and rainy Seattle, he is already looking forward to his next visit to the Silver State. See more of his work at theadamsmith.com.

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Thirty countries, their respective flags displayed on the Tower of Nations, competed in the 1960 Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley—the last time the Reno-Lake Tahoe region hosted the Games.



KNOW YOUR NEVADA

Pursuing the Olympic Winter Games

Dear Friends,

Every fourth winter, Nevadans and the rest of the world gather eagerly around their televisions to witness the storied tradition of the Olympic Winter Games. For 16 exhilarating days, the drama plays out through fierce competition and compelling stories about the fortitude and determination of the athletes. We cheer when athletes are triumphant, our hearts ache for their defeats, and we can't help feeling overwhelming pride when our country's national anthem is played at the medal ceremonies or we see our flag raised above the podium.

I enjoy the incredible opportunity to serve as chairman of the Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition, a group comprised of leaders from Nevada and California passionately dedicated to bringing the next Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games held in North America to our region.



Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki

The RTWGC is currently engaged in the process to host the 2022 Olympic Winter Games—contingent upon the decision of the United States Olympic Committee to call for a bid. If we can secure the bid, Nevadans will be able to display our ability to host a world-class event, showcase our remarkable state, develop our infrastructure, and demonstrate to the world our ability to be a leader in renewable-energy resources.

Bringing the Games to Nevada will not only allow us to showcase the Reno-Lake Tahoe region, but it will also allow us to introduce our magnificent rural areas to guests as they travel around Nevada.

The world already knows that Nevada is a world-class tourist destination, and that our ski resorts are among the best in the world. We also have plenty of accommodations already in place for fans who would flock to the Games. There are more than 30,000 rooms in Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Carson Valley, and the Lake Tahoe Basin. Las Vegas boasts more than 150,000 rooms, and Sacramento and eastern California offer more than 40,000.

Although we seem perfectly situated to win a bid for the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, we will face strong national and global competition. I am proud to lead our state's efforts, and I hope you will join me in supporting the mission to bring the splendor of the Olympic Winter Games to Nevada.

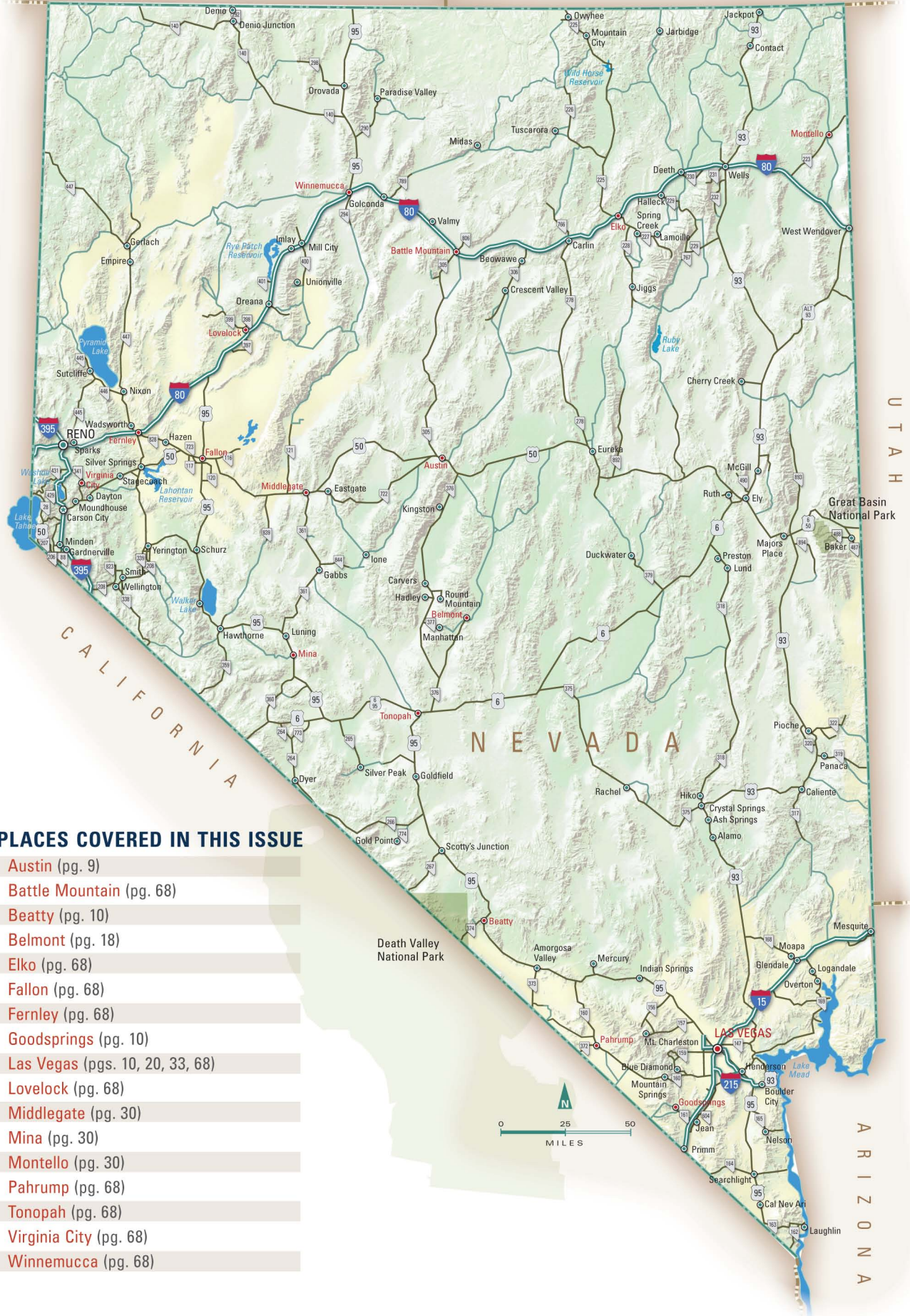
For more information, or to get involved, visit renotahowintergames.org or call 775-622-3345.

Brian K. Krolicki

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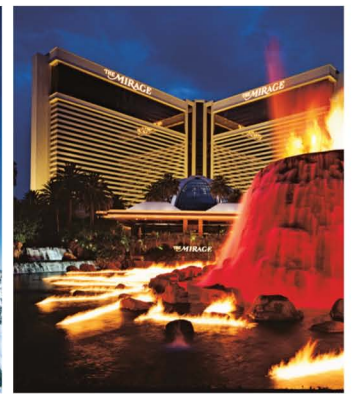
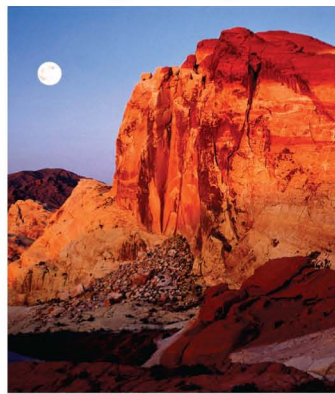
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RACHID DAHNOUN

1862-2012 | Austin Celebrates its Sesquicentennial

By the time Nevada joined the Union in 1864, Austin's silver empire already claimed a population of more than 10,000 and was the seat of Lander County, one of Nevada's original nine.

Although the central Nevada town's population hovers around 300 today, its residents are mighty proud of the burg's legacy, which will be celebrated throughout 2012 as Austin honors its 150th anniversary. "We are compiling a list of 150 things to do in and around Austin [within a 60-mile radius]," says Dee Helming of The Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. The chamber will post three of those "to-dos" each week on the town's Facebook page, then add them to the town's website monthly. "We are doing driving tours, ATV trails, fishing spots, hunting spots, locals' spots, walking tours, and anything [else] that brings people to Austin," Helming adds. ▀



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The U.S. Highway 50 town of Austin is just as quaint today (top) as it was in 1938 (above). The town was established before Nevada became a state.

Up Front



◆ More than 130 handcrafted replicas of artifacts from the tomb of ancient Egyptian King Tutankhamun are on display at Reno's **Wilbur D. May Museum** through May 23 as part of the King Tut: "Wonderful Things" from the Pharaoh's Tomb exhibit. Included among the replicas are thrones, jewelry, and Tut's iconic golden sarcophagus. washoecountyparks.com, 775-823-6500

◆ Educational opportunities at the **Springs Preserve** are as active as they are informative; case in point, the 2.2-mile **Exploration Loop Trail**. The trail takes visitors on a reflective journey through thousands of years of Las Vegas history. Bicycle rentals, which debuted recently, allow visitors to ride the trail and include helmets. Private bikes are not permitted on the trails. springspreserve.org, 702-822-7700

◆ To celebrate its 50th year of operation, Henderson's **Eldorado Casino** is undergoing a year of special promotions in 2012 that include throwback 1962 prices at the casino's snack bar, 2,000 limited-edition commemorative gaming chips, and a July 1 birthday party with cake and a champagne toast. The casino was the first joint venture between father and son Sam and Bill Boyd. eldoradocasino.com, 702-564-1811

◆ **Northstar-at-Tahoe** introduced skiers and snowboarders to some new offerings for the 2011-12 ski season, including the new Zephyr Lodge, the Promised Land Express chairlift on the mountain's backside, and the 22-foot Shaun White signature Superpipe, accessible on the Cat's Face trail via the Vista Express chairlift. The new lodge features 700 seats and a "fast casual" restaurant, and the new chairlift opens access to two new trails. northstaratahove.com, 530-562-1010



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Museum employee Amina Anderson admires an exhibit inside the Beatty Museum & Historical Society. Anderson is the granddaughter of one of the museum's founders, Claudia Reidhead.

MUSEUM

Beatty Museum & Historical Society

Visitors to the Beatty Museum & Historical Society are shown what life during the Bullfrog Mining District's early-1900s boom was like. Dedicated to the preservation of the history of Beatty and the surrounding mining camps, the museum houses exhibits that include mining and farming equipment, kitchen and household antiques, medical equipment, and even children's toys.

The museum and historical society were born in 1995 when Vonnie Gray, Claudia Reidhead, and Mary Revert saw a need to preserve the town's and region's history for future generations. The museum currently occupies an expanded historical church at 417 Main Street. The nonprofit historical society claims about 200 members in the United States and Europe. beattymuseum.org, 775-553-2303



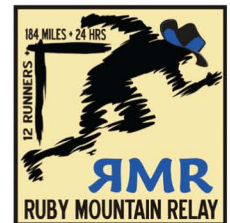
RUNNING

Ruby Mountain Joins Nevada Relay Party

The popularity of large-scale relay races has been on the rise around the country in recent years, and it's little wonder why: They offer a chance for friends to join in a common goal while improving their fitness and running amid spectacular scenery. Nevada's wide-open byways and picturesque countryside are the ideal settings for such races, as evidenced by the popular Reno-Tahoe Odyssey in June and November's Ragnar Relay Las Vegas.

This year, rural Nevada gets into the mix with the inaugural Ruby Mountain Relay, August 3-4, in Elko County. Teams of 12 start the race in Lamoille Canyon and descend to Spring Creek, where the race turns south to follow the western flank of the Ruby Mountains to the town of Jiggs. After climbing Harrison Pass, runners enter the Ruby Valley, where the course briefly turns south to Ruby Lake before doubling back to follow the dramatic eastern flank of the Rubies to Secret Pass.

Once over Secret Pass, runners circle north past the East Humboldt Mountains en route to the finish line in Wells. The distance of 184 miles is separated into 36 legs, which are then divided among the 12-person teams, resulting in each team member running three legs, or about 11-19 miles. Team registration is \$899 before May 30, and \$999 until July 25. rubymountainrelay.com



The **Reno-Tahoe Odyssey**, June 1-2, is among the most popular relay events in the country. The 178-mile course takes runners through some of Northern Nevada's best scenery, including Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, and Virginia City. More than 200 teams, most of which included a dozen members, competed in 2011, and more are expected for the eighth annual running this year. renotahoeodyssey.com, 775-825-3399

Nevada's longest relay, the 195-mile **Ragnar Relay Las Vegas**, November 2-3, takes runners through some of Southern Nevada's most stunning scenery in and around the Las Vegas Valley. ragnarrelay.com, 877-837-3529



For runners who prefer to go it alone, the **RENO 5000** 5K race series offers four races this spring and summer around the Truckee Meadows. The foursome of 3.1-mile courses make use of some of the region's most popular parks and take place April 21 at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, May 19 at Hidden Valley Regional Park, June 23 at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, and July 21 at Damonte Ranch High School. Runners can save \$20 by signing up for all four races before April 19. reno5000.com

NEVADA news

✦ Though the name Chuck Jones might not immediately resonate, his legacy does: Jones' legendary work includes *Looney Tunes*, *Merry Melodies*, *Tom & Jerry*, and the television version of Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. **The Chuck Jones Experience**, which opened on January 19 at Circus Circus Las Vegas, honors the artist's contribution to popular culture with exhibits and multimedia displays.

circuscircus.com, 800-634-3450



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✦ The 49th annual **National Championship Air Races** in Reno are scheduled for September 12-16 despite concerns the races would be discontinued following the tragic events of 2011 that resulted in the loss of 11 lives. Reno Air Racing Association president and CEO Mike Houghton cited "overwhelming support of the victims and families of last year's terrible tragedy, sponsors, air-race participants, fans, and enthusiasts around the world" during a January press conference.

airrace.org, 775-972-6663

✦ Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort's new **Snow Day Program** offers Southern Nevada youths a chance to get outside to enjoy a "snow day" while learning about winter ecology and recreational opportunities available in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

skilasvegas.com, 702-385-9950

CULTURE

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts Set to Open in Las Vegas

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts, a centerpiece of Las Vegas' reemerging downtown and reenergized dedication to cultural offerings in the city, is set to open March 10 following

more than a decade of conceptualization, design, and construction. The world-class complex includes the 2,050-seat Reynolds Hall, 258-seat Cabaret Jazz overlooking 1.7-acre Symphony Park, 250-seat Troesh Studio Theater, and the iconic 17-story Carillon bell tower.

Performances ranging from

Broadway productions to local and national musical and dance talent—including the Las Vegas Philharmonic, Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra, and Nevada Ballet Theatre—combine for a rich and diverse schedule of events throughout 2012. The center is expected to be the first Silver LEED-certified performing arts venue of its size in the country.

thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805



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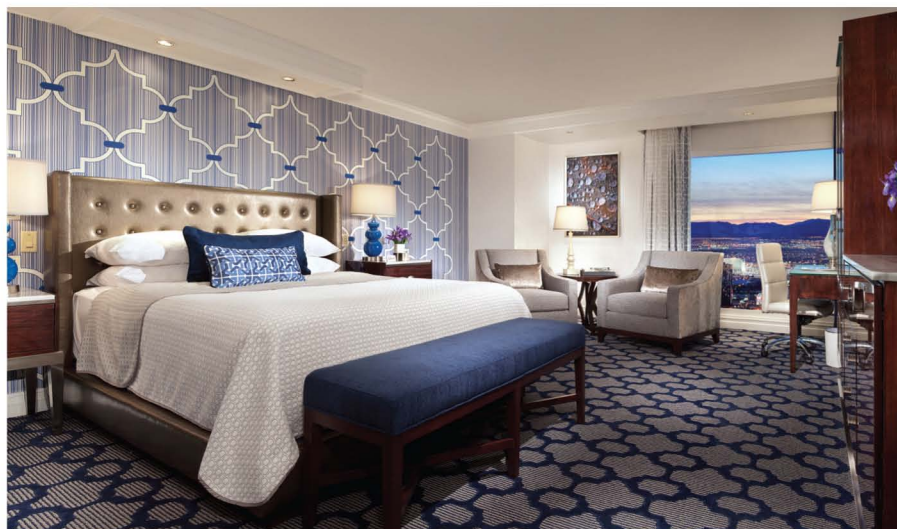
NEVADA news

◆ Sierra-at-Tahoe ski resort unveiled the **Burton Star Wars Experience** for the 2011-12 ski season. The “Star Wars”-themed children’s snowboard park includes the indoor Padawan Center, where kids can practice balance training and refuel, and the on-mountain Yoda’s Riglet Park. sierraattahoe.com, 530-659-7453



◆ MGM Grand in Las Vegas closed its ever-popular, one-of-a-kind **Lion Habitat** earlier this year. According to a story in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, the free attraction was closed as part of property-wide renovations that include the closing of Studio 54 nightclub. mgmgrand.com, 877-880-0880

◆ The **Nevada Humane Society** recently unveiled the new G.I. Dogs program, dedicated to providing service dogs and companion pets for Nevada’s military veterans. Various studies have shown the ability of pets to decrease symptoms of depression and help veterans to better cope with such conditions as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In a philanthropic double-whammy, the program aids veterans while saving the lives of homeless pets. nevadahumanesociety.org, 775-856-2000



HOTEL

Bellagio’s Rooms Receive Facelifts

Following a six-month, \$70-million renovation, all 2,568 rooms in the main tower of Las Vegas’ Bellagio have been updated. The remodel includes updates that resort officials say give the rooms an “elegant feel” and combine “modern conveniences with the warmth of home.” King rooms feature either indigo and silver or green tea and plum color combinations, while queen rooms are colored amber with butterscotch. “The feedback we’ve received so far has been incredible,” says Randy Morton, president and chief operating officer of Bellagio. bellagio.com, 888-987-6667

TOUR

Goodsprings Ghost Hunt Debuts

The town of Goodsprings is known as the home of one of Nevada’s oldest and quirkiest bars, the Pioneer Saloon. Thanks to Robert George Allen, producer of Haunted Vegas Tours, it will surely become a hotspot for tours of the paranormal as well. The four-hour round-trip tour from Las Vegas reaches Goodsprings via a 35-minute bus ride. During the ride, ghost-hunter guides share stories about some of Nevada’s famous ghostly encounters and show a video about the hauntings at Goodsprings.

Upon arrival, guests are treated to a pizza party before venturing into the town equipped with lanterns and ghost-hunting equipment. Before returning to Las Vegas, tours conclude with a paranormal ceremony at the saloon. The Pioneer Saloon itself is a hotbed of ghoulish goings-on and is rumored to be frequented by the ghost of a gunshot victim—presumably attached in some way to the bullet holes in the wall of the saloon—and the spirit of an old miner. goodspringsghosthunt.com, 702-339-8744



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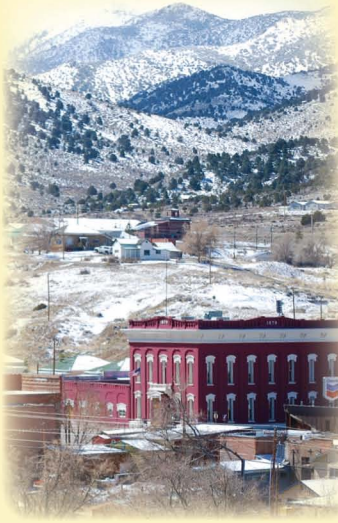
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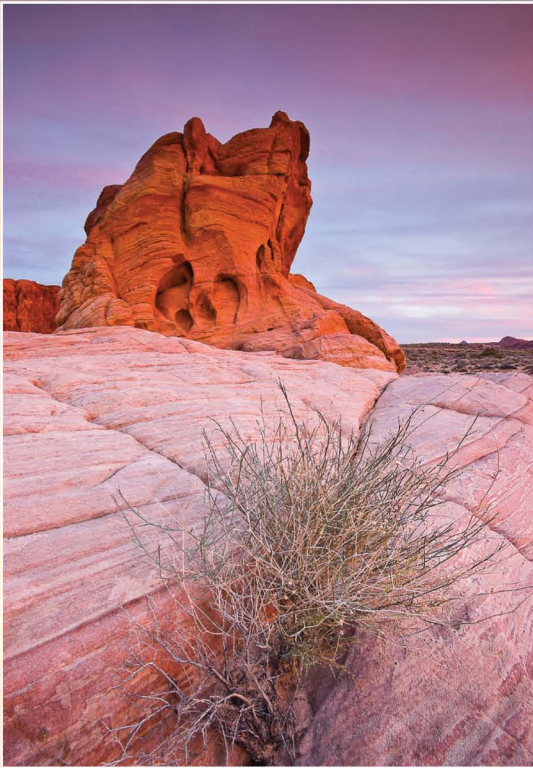


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Photos by Van Phetsomphou

"Patience is key in landscape photography," Phetsomphou writes. "Sometimes one has to wait for all the right elements to line up. Those elements can include weather, sun angle, and season. Other times one has to just go out and hope for the best. In the case of [the large image], I hoped for the best and lucked out."

Phetsomphou explains further on his Flickr profile that he woke up at 4:45 a.m. to witness this sunrise scene at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. A number of members of our Nevada Photographers Facebook group used "stunning" to describe the image, captured on a Nikon D7000.

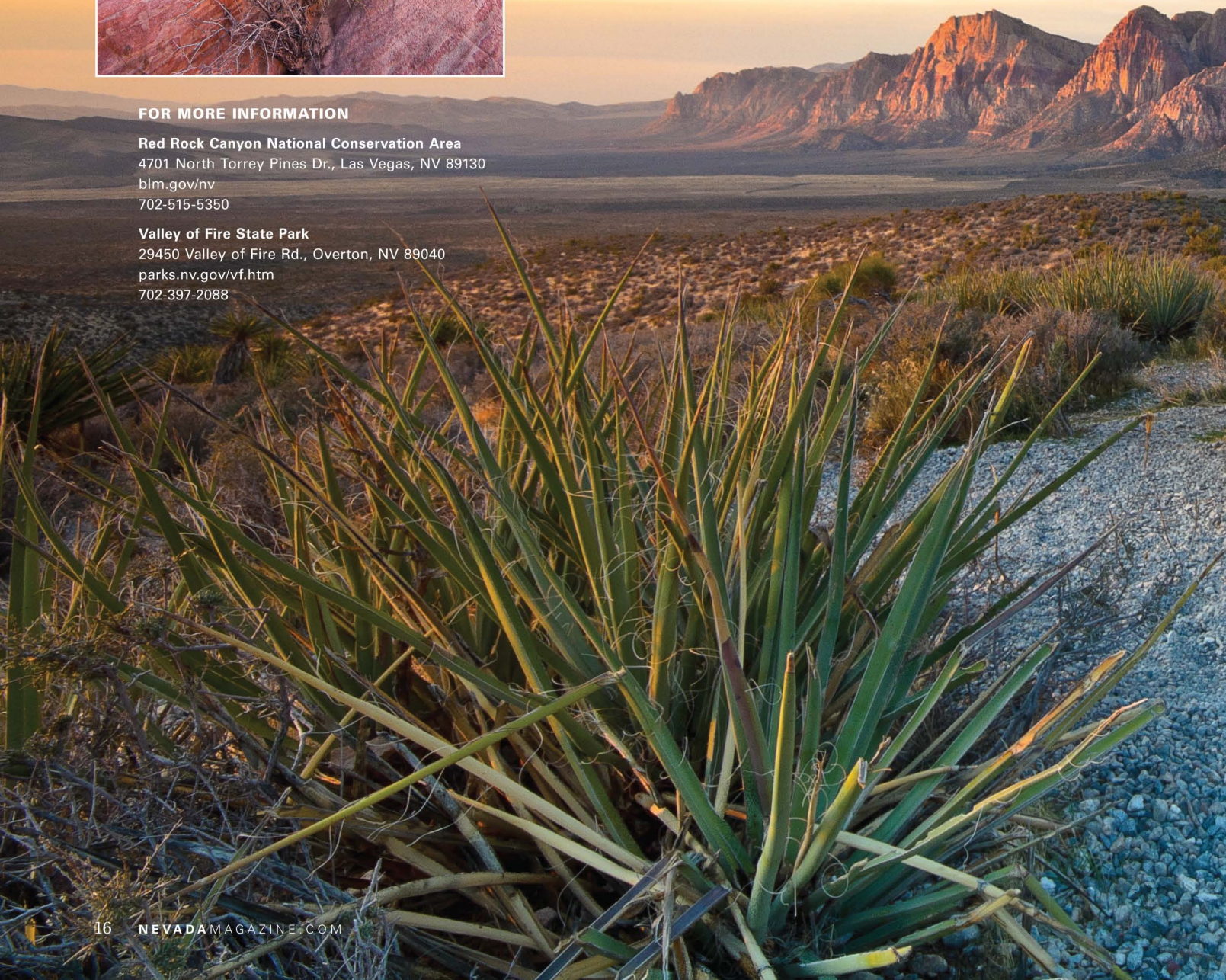
The inset photo was taken at Valley of Fire State Park. Phetsomphou, from Las Vegas, refers to the area as Jill's Rock, a tribute to his wife. "This spot [at the northern end of White Domes Road] is a really good location to watch sunsets," he says.

See more of Phetsomphou's work at broncoloco.com and [flickr.com/photos/broncoloco](https://www.flickr.com/photos/broncoloco).

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Indian Maggie's Saloon

This quintessential sagebrush saloon is located in the living ghost town of Belmont, 45 miles northeast of Tonopah off S.R. 376. Hours are sporadic at the watering hole, so consider a chance to mosey up to the bar a fortunate one.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

"While exploring and taking photos at the historic town of Belmont this past December, we struck up a conversation with a couple locals on the front porch of Indian Maggie's," Phelps says. "Even though it was closed at that time, I was invited inside. Immediately I was mesmerized by the décor and old-time Nevada atmosphere."

PHOTO BELOW BY DIANNE PHELPS





ART DIRECTOR'S CHOICE

Each issue, Art Director Tony deRonnebeck will choose a photo from our Nevada Photographers Facebook group to be showcased on this page.

Autumn Morning Bliss

The above image was taken one November morning near the corner of North Harmon Road and Reservoir Road, just east of Fallon. "The Carson River diversion from Lahontan Reservoir flows along Harmon Road, with an eventual destination of Stillwater Wildlife Management Area," Doyle says. "This water is the lifeblood of [Stillwater] Marsh, home to thousands of birds that populate central Nevada."

PHOTO BY DENNIS DOYLE

See more of Doyle's work at ducilla.com.

Moon Over Dayton

This was the scene the night before the [December] eclipse in Dayton off of U.S. Highway 50 East. "I was on my way home from work and was mesmerized by the moon and the lighting," Herbert says. "I pulled over and took this picture and was very happy with my capture."

PHOTO BY TRACY HERBERT

See more of Herbert's work at fineartamerica.com/profiles/tracy-herbert.html.



GROUP CHOICE

Each issue, our Nevada Photographers Facebook group votes for their favorite photo out of three selected by the *Nevada Magazine* production staff.





THE COSMOPOLITAN

The new kid on the Las Vegas Strip.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

My first thought upon entering STK at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas is “this place is a little loud.” I can’t help it. I was raised in the tradition of quiet, stuffy, old steakhouses. STK has a DJ. STK isn’t stuffy.

STK is filled with table after table of sexy young patrons who seem to be on the verge of dancing at any minute. What the steakhouse has in common with its more conventional brethren, though, are butter-tender, melt-in-your-mouth cuts of beef and comfortably intimate spaces. The restaurant is a microcosm of the resort it inhabits: chic, young, and hip, with a keen attention to subtle contemporary twists on classic standbys.

Take the resort rooms: The trend toward highly stylized, over-the-top décor and excessively bold color schemes is bucked in favor of a simple sophistication and focus on comfort. Unique to the Strip, many rooms feature outdoor terraces that range from 110 to 480 square feet and boast surreal views of the city (south-facing rooms) and the Bellagio Fountains (north-facing rooms). Luxurious linens, flat-panel high-def TVs, and large well-appointed bathrooms are in line with what is expected of the Strip’s high-quality accommodations. Terrace one bedrooms,

The Boulevard Pool at Marquee Nightclub & Dayclub (top). Well-appointed, comfortable accommodations (bottom) feel more like designer urban apartments than hotel rooms.



suites, and wraparound suites include functional modern kitchenettes.

More of the resort's modern vibe is on display throughout the property and in the third-floor P3 Studio, where The Cosmopolitan's Artist-In-Residence art program features an ever-changing lineup of contemporary art from emerging and established artists.

In addition to the aforementioned succulent steaks—truffle butter seriously ups the indulgence ante and is well worth the additional \$12—decadent sides, and dangerously tasty cocktails of STK, The Cosmopolitan offers a selection of 13 restaurants that cover the dining spectrum from elegant to place-your-order-at-the-counter. Touted as one of the finest Greek restaurants in North America and with locations in New York City and Montreal, Estiatorio Milos offers impossibly fresh seafood on an enclosed terrace overlooking the Strip. Blue Ribbon Sushi Bar & Grill is afflicted with multiple personalities. Dramatically prepared and presented sushi and sashimi give the impression of a sushi joint, luscious Wagyu beef screams Japanese steakhouse, and American classics such as fried chicken are hallmarks of a down-home diner. A “secret” pizzeria, at the back of a vinyl-record-album-covered hallway and lacking a sign—remember, it's secret—features pinball machines, a handful of stools, and the best slices this side of the Hudson River.

The ornate and classically elegant chandelier gracing the casino is another example of the resort's stylish spins on the usual. The Chandelier is actually a three-level functional work of art with a bar/lounge on each level. Marquee Nightclub & Dayclub is widely regarded as the hottest spot in Las Vegas. By night, the 62,000-square-foot venue attracts a staggeringly long line of hopeful young partiers. By day, the pools and cabanas pulse with more hot bodies than the pages of *GQ* magazine.

The club vibe of Bond, an open bar and lounge on the casino floor, is aided by a DJ, occasional live music, and go-go dancers on elevated platforms. Book & Stage, a sports book and music venue on the casino floor, offers another unique Cosmopolitan interpretation of the norm, where live music from popular musicians and worldwide

sporting events streaming on big screens provide a high-energy atmosphere. Entertainment at both Bond and Book & Stage in non-ticketed. Rounding out libation and nightlife offerings at The Cosmopolitan, Vesper Bar, near resort registration, is a trendy take on the customary lobby bar that features a rotating menu of signature cocktails.

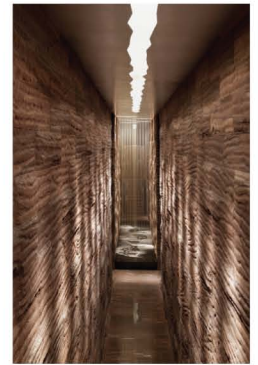
Fitting in at Las Vegas' hippest new resort is easy thanks to its eclectic collection of shopping options. Ladies can find an elegant dress for a night out at Beckley, and DNA 2050 offers men's and women's denim from today's top designers. High-fashion, diamond-clad jewelry at Jason of Beverly Hills is great for window-shopping or maxing out credit cards, and Molly Brown's Swimwear can provide the perfect suit to turn heads at Cosmopolitan's yacht club-inspired Boulevard Pool. ▀

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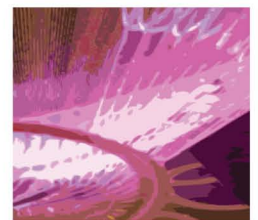


Sandwiched between CityCenter and The Bellagio, The Cosmopolitan utilizes its slice of the Strip well with a unique vertical focus that is contrary to the traditionally large footprint of Las Vegas mega resorts.



Desert Oasis

The tranquil, yet striking, Sahara Spa & Hammam showcases the unexpected and authentic beauty of the desert. More than 420 tons of sandstone quarried from the local area were incorporated into the design, where cascading sculptural sandstone walls echo the grandeur of Nevada's Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Soothing sounds of water bubbling from artesian wells symbolize the unexpected nourishment and refreshment awaiting visitors.



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From one visit to the next, guests will see the hotel continuously reinvent itself via an ever-changing lineup of inspired contemporary art. The Artist-In-Residence program brings in emerging and established contemporary artists to utilize the P3 Studio for creative production and exhibition.





SURVIVING NEVADA'S BEAUTY

BY JIM DARROUGH

The Silver State's enticing backcountry can prove dangerous if visitors don't take the proper precautions.

Every year thousands of outdoor enthusiasts are drawn to Nevada by the rugged beauty of its high mountains, sweeping valleys, and remote backcountry. Others passing through arrive by happenstance. Regardless of reason or circumstance, those who accept Nevada's hospitality must be prepared to reckon with myriad contingencies that could place them in harm's way.

The Silver State's enchantment is defined by four distinct seasons, humbling peaks more than 10,000 feet tall, extreme deserts whose temperatures range from 30 to 120 degrees, a meager average annual rainfall of seven inches, a sparse population of less than 3 million, and vast tracts of public land that beg to be explored, but demand to be respected.

The majority of people who visit Nevada's cities and wide-open country annually enjoy their experiences and return home without incident. Occasionally, though, some folks have their trips end prematurely and sometimes tragically because they encounter situations for which they are unprepared and know little about.

Such was the case of Albert and Rita Chretien of Penticton, British Columbia, who were on their way to a Las Vegas trade show on March 19, 2011 when Albert turned off Idaho State Highway 51 to follow a shortcut indicated on his new GPS. The road eventually deteriorated into steep, muddy canyons and snow-covered hills, one of which caused the Chretiens' van to slide into a muddy rut and become inextricably stuck in a remote Nevada canyon in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest between Mountain City and Jarbidge. Their ordeal, which I'll cover in more detail later, proves why it's paramount to have basic survival skills.

Lack of knowledge, poor physical fitness, overconfidence, poor planning and preparation, and just plain bad luck are prime reasons a survival situation may rear its ugly head. No one is exempt from the perils that spawn wilderness emergencies. Even seasoned outdoors people are vulnerable to crises in the wild.





SURVIVAL STORIES

Ron Pierini, an avid Nevada outdoorsman and longtime sheriff of Douglas County, was hunting birds north of Midas in the Osgood Mountains of Humboldt County. With bad weather and darkness descending, he started down a steep canyon and slipped on an ice-covered plateau, sliding several hundred feet into a jagged shale bed.

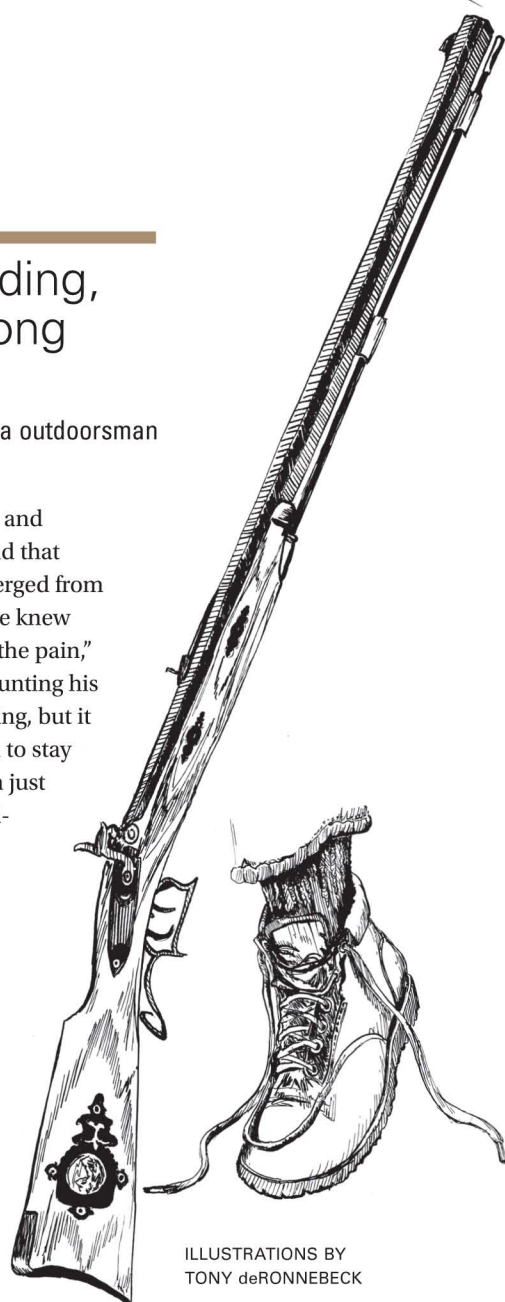


"I was really bleeding, but it was still a long way to the truck."

Ron Pierini, Nevada outdoorsman

Though injured from a concussion and bleeding profusely from a head wound that would require 27 stitches, Pierini emerged from a life-threatening situation because he knew what to do. He did not panic, he "ate the pain," and he compressed the wound. Recounting his story, Pierini says, "I was really bleeding, but it was still a long way to the truck. I had to stay conscious, and I had to stay calm. I'm just glad I had the outdoor survival knowledge to get me through it."

Pete Van Arnum, a seasoned veteran of Nevada's outdoors, and a friend were hunting in an area that required a six-mile hike into the Jarbidge Wilderness. Van Arnum's sidekick stopped to tie his bootlace with a muzzleloader rifle cradled across his knee. The gun discharged, hitting Van Arnum with a .54 caliber round ball in the back of his leg. His hunting partner ran a whole six miles out of the wilderness to get help



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SURVIVAL TIPS

Survival equates to knowledge, planning, and preparation.

- Learn and practice survival skills.
- Learn how to build a fire in the rain.
- Train yourself to think rationally, without fear and panic.
- Do not let your imagination run rampant.
- Learn how to use a map and compass.
- Join a Red Cross-sponsored First-Aid class.
- Pack your vehicle with essential items:

Navigation Tools

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DINI ESPLIN

The Jarbidge Wilderness Area is one of Nevada's largest, and one of its most remote. Trekking into such terrain requires extensive planning and basic survival skills.

from a man with a ham radio.

It was later discovered that the rifle in question had a defective safety, which caused it to fire. Because both men were in superb physical condition, did not panic, and knew what to do, Van Arnum survived. He was airlifted to safety and has since fully recovered. Of his ordeal, he says, "I was lucky. Back then [in the 1980s], they didn't have the technology they do now, and it took eight hours to get the helicopter in."

COMMON SENSE AND PLANNING ARE KEY

There is nothing magical about wilderness survival. The previous examples were of experienced Nevada outdoorsmen—hunters who were not expecting trouble, but were prepared to deal with it when it happened. The most important tool that will help anyone safely emerge from most wilderness survival situations is common

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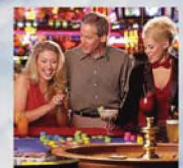
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sense. Most potential survival situations can be overcome at the kitchen table during the planning stages of a trip. Good planning addresses essential questions involving where you are going, the time of year, purpose of the trip, and length of stay. Only after those questions are answered can a determination be made of what kind of gear and food should be taken.

Another purpose of the planning stage is to formulate and file a detailed itinerary of where you intend to be each day, along with the time you plan to return. It is important to give your plan to someone you trust. If they accept it, it then becomes incumbent upon them to act immediately if you do not return at the scheduled time.

A flight plan may have been the single most

significant item that the Chretiens needed. Rita spent 49 days in the remote Nevada backcountry because nobody knew she was there. If she had called family from Baker City, Oregon saying they



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Even in relatively well-traveled places such as Great Basin National Park, it is often easy to get disoriented and lost.



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Trail Canyon Saddle is a popular base for summiting Boundary Peak, Nevada's highest point at 13,141 feet. Scarce resources mean everything must be packed in, and nearly constant wind means potentially bone-chilling temperatures in any season.

were taking a shortcut, they would probably have been home safely within a few days. The Chretiens, though, should not be criticized for their actions. They found themselves in a challenging situation, and they dealt with it as best they could.

They were in an area that was shrouded in winter and not heavily traveled. They were completely stranded with no prospect of help. After three days, in an effort to save his wife and himself, Albert made a critical decision to strike out for help. His few tools included a new GPS with which he was not familiar and little or no food or water. He may have been ill prepared for his trek, but given the Chretiens' circumstances, as a 30-year wilderness survival instructor I applaud his decision as

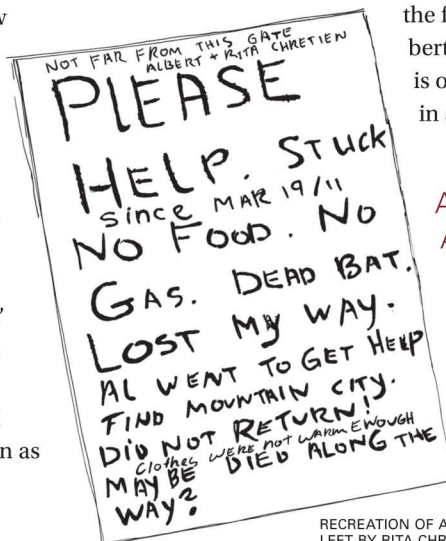
courageous and perhaps necessary.

In the ensuing seven weeks, Rita did many things right. She never gave up, and she did not panic. Her positive attitude and faith sustained her. The next important thing Rita did to ensure her survival was to stay hydrated. Rita also rationed the trail mix and hard candy she had purchased in Baker City, and she had enough warm clothing to stave off hypothermia.

The epilogue to the Chretien saga has not yet been written, and probably won't be until the family receives closure regarding Albert. The physical portion of Rita's ordeal is over. She is safe after surviving 49 days in a harsh environment.

AVOID HYPOTHERMIA AND HEAT STROKE

Hypothermia is the number-one cause of death in the outdoors, and last year in Nevada several people perished from its effects, including Tommylee Leighton, 46, from Reno, who died December 10, 2011 after



RECREATION OF A NOTE LEFT BY RITA CHRETIEN.

being submerged in the cold water of Desert Creek south of Wellington while trying to free his stuck vehicle. There are many other recent cases; all unique and all unnecessarily tragic. Hypothermia is not necessarily a cold-weather killer. The breeze, working with the perspiration absorbed in clothing, can create a fatal dose of hypothermia even on a nice day.

The antithesis of hypothermia—heat stroke, a dramatic increase in body temperature—is also a preventable killer that claims many lives in Nevada and the desert southwest yearly. In August 2009, a 28-year-old mother and her 6-year-old son were traveling from Las Vegas to Death Valley National Park for an overnight camping trip. Their jeep got stuck in sand on a desolate road 20 miles east of Trona, California. They had water and provisions, just not enough. In the sweltering summer heat of Death Valley, it did not take long for young Carlos Sanchez to die of heat stroke. His mother, Alicia, was rescued, but her condition was dire.

Alicia did tell her family that she was headed to the vast national park, but she was not specific with her itinerary. It was also reported that she was misguided by a GPS with which she was unfamiliar. With better planning, the Sanchezes and Chretiens could have avoided being the exception, and instead been among the millions who regularly enjoy Nevada's great outdoors and return home safely to tell about it. ▀



TIM HAUSERMAN

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by an area's designation as a state or national park. Places such as Death Valley National Park (above) and Beaver Dam State Park (below) are remote and potentially dangerous for the ill-prepared.



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Outdoor Dress

Dress appropriately for all possible weather conditions:

- Wear layers in all seasons and adjust appropriately to conditions.
- Minimize exposed skin in hot weather.
- Carry rain gear.
- Avoid cotton and opt for synthetic water-wicking materials.



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Mmm... Burgers

An alliterative assortment of bucolic beef awaits ravenous road trippers.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Editor Matthew B. Brown and I never dreamed that asking our *Nevada Magazine* Facebook fans for their favorite burger joints in rural Nevada would produce the flood of feedback it did. Overwhelmed, we scanned our wall map, wondering aloud how we could possibly narrow down the suggestions and visit some of them. “Middlegate, Montello, Mina...” we said in unison. Then, it hit us. Simultaneously we exclaimed, “Mmm...” delighted at the aptness of the alliteration.

Though we couldn’t make it to all of the Silver State’s marvelous “meateries” ourselves, a handful of burger runs confirmed our fans’ flattering findings: Delicious burgers are as plentiful in Nevada as sagebrush...though we surely don’t recommend eating the latter.

MIDDLEGATE – OLD MIDDLEGATE STATION

Old Middlegate Station’s proximity to Naval Air Station Fallon and the tendency of members of the armed forces to take on superhuman tasks means that during the spring and summer, owners Fredda and Russell Stevenson sell about 40 Middlegate Monster Burgers a week. That number can climb to more than 100 during carrier air wing training exercises at NAS Fallon, which bring thousands of additional personnel to the base. About one in 10 who try actually succeed in taking down the monster, Fredda says, which earns them the requisite “I Ate the Monster” T-shirt.

The military personnel and other travelers who visit the former Pony Express station, which dates to 1859, have left lasting impressions. A door is covered with military and fire and police department patches, and the ceiling ruffles with thousands of signed and dated dollar bills and various foreign currencies. More famous passersby have left more substantial mementos, including a bandana bestowed on the Stevensons by country singer Hank Williams Jr.



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

A word of advice for would-be Middlegate Monster Burger slayers out there: Eat the fries while they are hot. Fredda Stevenson (shown on opposite page) and her husband, Russell, have owned Old Middlegate Station since 1985 and handle all aspects of the business themselves, including monster-burger making.

When Fredda tells Brown and me about the fittingly named Monster Burger, Brown shrugs and confidently says (before actually seeing the burger) he can handle it...no problem. I, on the other hand, have my doubts. The multi-pound monolith of food looks something like a Big Mac on steroids—the Mark McGwire of burgers. It consists of an entire sourdough loaf sliced into three buns, two Frisbees of fresh top-grade beef that, despite Fredda’s claim of totaling one pound, look closer to a pound each, and enough cheddar and jack cheese to clog a fit man’s arteries.

Homemade sauce (the seasoning on the beef is Fredda’s



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

own as well) and a virtual farm of fresh produce round out the behemoth burger, which is accompanied by a mound of French fries and finished off with two “eyes”—fried onion ring irises with green olive pupils—atop wooden skewers to complete its monster look.

“I’m starting to shake,” Brown says as he feebly forces a forkful of fries into his mouth with at least half of the burger to go. The first half is truly a delight of flavorful beef and gooey melted cheese soaking the dense and chewy sourdough with their combined juices. But after that first half, I am full. Very full. Brown manages to take down about 75 percent of the monster before bowing out. It’s now up to me.

The patties each have distinctly different flavors—one is pretty typical of high-quality ground beef, and the other has a pronounced black-pepper kick—a pleasant surprise that momentarily distracts me from the discomfort of eating a couple pounds of food. The final four bites take about 10 minutes to get down as I struggle to chew and swallow much to the amusement of Brown, Fredda, and other patrons who have since shown up. I’ve defeated the monster.

If the monster sounds like too much, don’t fret, the same care and attention goes into all the food at Old Middlegate Station. While you won’t get a cool T-shirt for eating any of the other burgers offered on the menu, you won’t soon forget some of the best burgers in Nevada.

MONTELO - COWBOY BAR AND CAFÉ

Many of rural Nevada’s best attractions—culinary or otherwise—are protected from crowds by their unassuming, often dilapidated-looking façades. Case in point, Cowboy Bar and Café in Montello. Had Brown and I been dissuaded by the rustic storefront, fading and chipped paint, and misspelled sign proclaiming in bold capital letters “FIRST SLOTS IN NEAVDA,” we might have never known the burger bliss that awaits within.

The foreboding exterior belies an interior that is warmed as much by our friendly waitress/bartender as by the pot-bellied wood stove in the corner of the combination dining room and bar. Like many rural Nevada outposts, the café is more than a restaurant and watering hole, it’s a gathering place for the tiny community of fewer than 300 residents, evidenced by the other patrons present during our visit: a handful of locals enjoying drinks (it’s noon) and a cowboy old enough to be my grandfather shopping online by way of his laptop computer.

Heeding the advice of friends and the outdoor sign’s correctly spelled “HOME OF THE FAMOUS COWBOY BURGER” proclamation, I order what proves to be a half-pound beast of a burger, with perfectly moist—not too fatty, not too lean—beef piled high with the usual suspects: lettuce, onion, and tomatoes. The soft and slightly chewy bun holds up well to the burger’s juices and leaves my hands cleaner than expected. Homemade fries secure the Cowboy Burger’s place in the upper echelon of rural Nevada burgers.



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CHARLIE VS. FOOD





Hanging on the bathroom wall at Cowboy Bar & Café.

FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

"Denio Burger at Denio Junction is the bomb!"—**Dana Bennett**

"The Pit Stop in Boulder City is pretty popular for burgers and shakes."
—**Karen June Bobbitt**

"The Creamery in Virginia City! Rich makes a great burger."
—**Catherine Gowen**

"Just ate at the new All Aboard Café in Ely. Best burger ever! They have stuffed burgers, too!"
—**Mary FitzSimons Kerner**

"There is a café in Gabbs, adjacent to the grocery store, that has a burger named after the owner of the café. It is delicious! They also have these unique waffle fries that you must not miss."
—**Kathy Rudd**

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MINA – S'SOCORRO'S BURGER HUT

"Your food is going to get cold," Socorro Streight warmly cautions Brown and me while we take photos of her burger stand. The exceedingly sweet and soft-spoken woman has owned and operated S'Socorro's Burger Hut in Mina for nearly a decade, earning a reputation as much for her pleasant grandmotherly demeanor as for the delicious, fresh fare she prepares for hungry travelers.

Her beaming smile is infectious and seems to never leave her face, especially when she shares the secret behind the somewhat odd arrangement of letters in the burger stand's name. The sign reads "S'Socorro's Place, LTD Burger Hut." As Streight explains, the "Ss" that lead and follow "Socorro" in the burger hut's name stand for "Super" and "Special," respectively, and, combined with "Place," mark the restaurant as a "Super Special Place."

Anyone who's driven U.S. Highway 95 from Las Vegas to Reno, or vice versa, in the past decade or so probably recognizes the well-kept burger joint and its bold red-and-white color scheme, but, according to Streight, many motorists do not realize the restaurant is open. She insists they are almost always open, or will be, if hopeful diners call ahead. A bevy of outdoor seats provide visitors with fresh air and plenty of leg room to recover from long hours in their cars, and what some visitors have called the cleanest restroom on U.S. 95 is a godsend.

In addition to the lineup of phenomenal burgers, S'Socorro's also serves authentic Mexican food and handmade shakes. ▀

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"S'Socorro's in Mina is a little frosty-type shack situation. Best food on the way to Las Vegas and the cleanest bathroom!"

Robin Velasquez,
Carson City

LAKESIDE DINING

Sophisticated seafood is a reality at Wynn Las Vegas' Lake of Dreams.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Perhaps the only downside to outdoor dining on the Las Vegas Strip is, well, the Strip. It's hard to escape the buzz, lights, and endless waves of excited tourists and just enjoy a relaxed and intimate *al fresco* meal. Lucky for discerning diners, Steve Wynn built a tree-covered mountain to separate Wynn Las Vegas' Lake of Dreams and Lakeside's open-air tables from the commotion. The tranquil outdoor patio setting is the perfect complement to the superb cuisine of Wynn's premier seafood restaurant. Inside, panoramic windows provide a view of the three-acre lake, and stylish lounge-inspired décor is bright and energetic.

Under the leadership of executive chef David Walzog, Lakeside debuted a new menu last fall. Anchored by a large variety of iced shellfish, ocean-fresh fish, and lobster, the eatery focuses on classic seafood with a contemporary American flair.

Prime-aged steaks, chops, and smoked prime rib provide non-seafood options, and a special menu is vegetarian- and vegan-friendly.

Living up to the reputation built at the chef's other Wynn restaurant, SW Steakhouse, Walzog and company don't miss a beat, and each dish—from appetizers and salads to main courses and dessert—displays an uncanny attention to detail. Guests who want the full Lakeside experience in one visit are wise to start with the Lakeside Sampler, which includes plump Maryland crab cakes with a pleasant crunch, sweet and spicy chile-rubbed King crab legs, and creamy baked oysters Rockefeller. The chef's special surf-and-turf tasting frequently changes to make use of the best ingredients at Walzog's disposal.

During our November visit, domestic Wagu Filet Mignon and butter-poached Australian lobster tail were the stars of the show. The melt-in-your-mouth filet required no knife, and the lobster was sweet and succulent. Potato gnocchi with shaved white truffles were decadent and filling. Lakeside's signature *dim sum*-style desserts offer sample-sized treats divided into nutty, chocolaty, creamy, and fruity categories, encouraging guests to try several selections.

Light, sound, prop, and multimedia shows every 30 minutes on the Lake of Dreams are entertaining, if not a little strange—a giant inflatable frog serenaded us with Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places"—and at the very least provide excellent conversation starters. ■



BARBARA KRAFT

Above: Wynn Las Vegas' Lake of Dreams.
The Seafood Tower (bottom) is a popular appetizer at Lakeside.



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Jim Marsh, Las Vegas

BY MIKE HENLE

It's Saturday morning, and Jim Marsh is discussing business with his staff at Jim Marsh Automotive (a Kia-Mitsubishi-Suzuki dealership) in northwest Las Vegas. This is "game day" in the car business, when most sales are made.

You wouldn't know it given his entrepreneurial success, but this is an atypical beginning to the weekend for Marsh, who refers to his age as "north of 70." Instead, he is often bound for rural Nevada to relax and enjoy the history of the Silver State.

You'd have to look hard to find anyone who loves Nevada as much as Marsh, who has become a local star for his TV commercials (in one found on YouTube, Marsh loses a go-kart race to his grandson). "I am a huge fan of western history," says Marsh, who moved to Las Vegas from Longview, Washington in 1971. "I have never found a state like this one."

While Marsh's intent was to enter the car dealership business when he first journeyed to Las Vegas, it's his real-estate investments that illustrate his love of Ne-

vada. His portfolio includes several bars and inns in rural towns such as Amargosa Valley (Longstreet Inn & Casino), Goldfield (Santa Fe Saloon & Motel), Manhattan (Manhattan Bar & Motel), Pioche (Bank Club), and Tonopah (Banc Club and Tonopah Station).

His favorite escape is the living ghost town of Belmont, located about 45

miles northeast of Tonopah. He even built a beautiful 48-seat nondenominational church on a plateau overlooking the old mining camp. "Belmont is my favorite spot," says Marsh, whose rural retreats become more frequent during Southern Nevada's warmer months.

Throw in the ownership of Skyline Restaurant & Casino in Henderson, and you would think that Marsh has enough on his Nevada plate. Not so. The fact that he owns a house on the northern edge of Goldfield adds more meaning to the story—especially after North Springs Resources Corporation announced its recent acquisition of Imperial Gold and Silver Property in Esmeralda County, of which Goldfield is the seat.

Marsh has good luck, for sure. His friends contend he never loses. "Oh, some of my dreams have turned into a nightmare," Marsh says with a laugh. "I was one of the founders of Mineral Bank, and it went under back in the 1980s. It was the first bank to fail in Nevada in 50 years."

All in all, though, his move to Nevada more than 40 years ago has paid off. "Nevada has been exceptionally good to me," he says. "I came here because of the opportunity. I read an advertisement about an AMC dealership. Had it not been for that \$3 ad, I would have gone somewhere else." ■



MIKE HENLE

Las Vegas businessman Jim Marsh stands next to a vintage National Cash Register purchased from Victorian Casino Antiques in Las Vegas. The register is more than 100 years old.

JIM MARSH'S NEVADA HOLDINGS

- Banc Club, Tonopah
- Bank Club, Pioche
- Jim Marsh Automotive, Las Vegas
- Longstreet Inn & Casino, Amargosa Valley
- Manhattan Bar & Motel, Manhattan
- Santa Fe Saloon & Motel, Goldfield
- Skyline Restaurant & Casino, Henderson
- Tonopah Station, Tonopah



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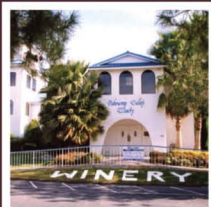
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Rainbow Trout

◆ The rainbow trout is native to rivers and lakes of North America, west of the Rocky Mountains, but its reputation as a hard-fighting (they have a tendency to leap repeatedly when hooked) and tasty game fish has led to its introduction throughout the world.

◆ The strain of rainbow trout native to Nevada is known as the redband trout. The species was first identified in Nevada from a small Owyhee River drainage stream in 1964. Fish management has since delineated 176 individual stream populations in northeastern Nevada. They can be found primarily in the Owyhee, Bruneau, and Salmon Falls River drainages.

◆ Although not native to the Great Basin, since the late 1800s rainbow trout have been widely stocked throughout the state due to the fishes' ability to easily adapt to a wide range of aquatic environments and their popularity with anglers. Rainbow trout can survive in large lakes and reservoirs as well as in small ponds; they thrive in large river systems as well as small creeks.

◆ Rainbow trout are stocked extensively due to the fact that they are the easiest and most



economical of all trout to raise in a hatchery environment. In 2011, the Nevada Department of Wildlife stocked more than 1 million rainbow trout in Nevada waters.

◆ The Silver State is known for growing large rainbow trout; NDOW received 18 entries in its Trophy Fish Program for rainbow trout in 2011. This includes a new state record caught by Mike Mott (pictured above) at Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge in February of last year. The monster fish weighed in at 16 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 30.5 inches long.

◆ There are many waters in which rainbow

Fishing Season Begins!

In order to fish for rainbow trout in Nevada, anglers need an Annual Fishing License (\$29 for residents; \$69 for nonresidents) and a Nevada Trout Stamp (\$10) or a 1-Day/Short Term Fishing Permit (\$9 for residents; \$18 for nonresidents). The Nevada license year is March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. Fishing licenses can be purchased online at ndowlicensing.com or at any Nevada Department of Wildlife licensing agent.

Rainbow Trout habitat area



trout have naturalized and maintain self-sustaining wild populations. Wild rainbow trout are found in many rivers and streams throughout the state, including the Carson, Truckee, and Walker Rivers. ▽

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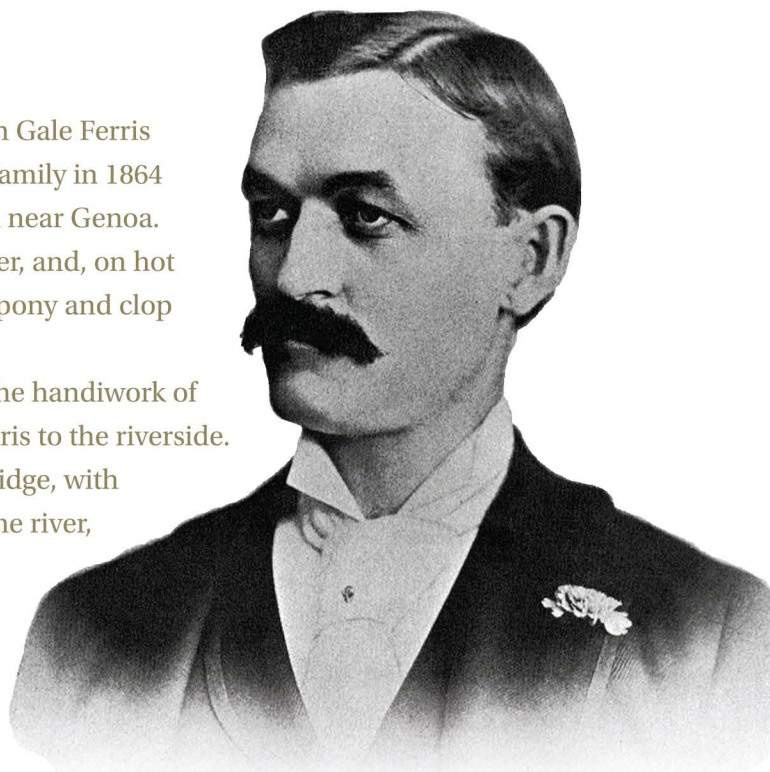
Ferris and His Big Wheel

The idea for this American icon could have been born on the banks of the Carson River.

BY ERIC BRYAN

Born in 1859, George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. came across the plains with his family in 1864 from Galesburg, Illinois and settled near Genoa. Ferris was drawn to the Carson River, and, on hot afternoons, he would climb on his pony and clop down to the water.

Local lore maintains that it was the handiwork of William Cradlebaugh that drew Ferris to the riverside. As part of the Overland Trail toll bridge, with which Cradlebaugh had spanned the river, he had constructed an undershot waterwheel to quench thirsty travelers and irrigate his fields. As the legend goes, Ferris couldn't stop admiring the wheel.



George Ferris Sr. had an important impact on the development of Carson City. A former dairy farmer and expert in horticulture and agriculture, he was greatly involved in the beautification of Carson City in the 1870s. He landscaped the grounds of the Nevada State Capitol and brought trees native to the eastern part of the country to Nevada and planted them throughout Carson City.

The Ferris family lived in Carson Valley for two years and eventually moved into the Sears House on Third and Division Streets in Carson City. Ferris Sr. owned the house from 1868 until 1890. Now known as the Sears-Ferris House, the home has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979.

In 1873, Ferris Jr. left to attend school at the California Military Academy in Oakland. He went on to earn a degree in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, graduating in 1881. Former Nevada State Archivist Guy Rocha points to one version of the Ferris wheel-inspiration legend that contests that the 60-foot-tall "Niagara of Water Wheels" in nearby South Troy, New York was Ferris' muse.

He later founded G.W.G. Ferris & Co. in Pittsburgh, which specialized in assessing metals used in bridges, tunnels, and railroads. But memories of waterwheels, whether in Carson Valley or South Troy, never left him.

Ferris was considering a wheel of his own—on a grander scale.

FERRIS: THROUGH THE YEARS

Feb. 14, 1859
— George Washington Gale Ferris Jr. is born

1864 — Ferris family moves from Illinois to Genoa

1868 — Ferris family moves to Carson City

1873 — Ferris leaves Nevada to attend school in Oakland

1876 — Ferris attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York

1881 — Ferris receives degree in civil engineering

Spring 1892 — Ferris presents his wheel plans

Late 1892 — Chicago World's Fair signs off on wheel

March 18, 1893 — Nearly 45-ton wheel axle arrives in Chicago

CHICAGO VS. PARIS

The Eiffel Tower was envisioned as the crown jewel of the 1889 Paris *Exposition Universelle*. Construction of the tower began in 1887. Its height, not including the later addition of an antenna spire, was 986 feet. The Eiffel Tower functioned as the archway entrance for the Exposition.

In the years leading up to the 1893 Chicago World's Columbian Exposition—or World's Fair—fair directors wanted to create an icon that would compete with the grandeur of the Eiffel Tower. In 1891, they tasked American engineers to meet the challenge.

THE DESIGN

Eager to take the charge, in spring 1892 Ferris showed his plans for a massive, 250-foot-diameter wheel to the Chicago World's Fair directors. Only having knowledge of the small wooden predecessors of the Ferris wheel, the members of the board were incredulous about the size and scale of what Ferris proposed.

One of the directors, Daniel Burnham, viewed Ferris' drawings and thought the end result would be too flimsy. But Ferris persisted, bringing engineering endorsements and investors to the table, and Burnham was swayed by late 1892.

Despite his initial fascination with water-wheels small to grand, Ferris wasn't interested in scooping water with his wheel.

This wheel would carry people—up to 2,160 of them at a time. With the idea that, from the vantage point of the wheel, riders would be able to observe the whole fair, Ferris designed the wheel to be steady and secure in the heavy winds off Lake Michigan. Resisting the Windy City's namesake hardship required eight reinforced concrete piers—20 feet wide and 35 feet tall—set on pilings driven deep into bedrock. The massive piers supported the wheel's two 140-foot-tall towers.

This first Ferris wheel was built on the design of a bicycle wheel, with spokes radiating from the hub to the rim. The wheel's axle, which was mounted on the support towers, one on either side of the wheel, was immense—with a length of 45.5



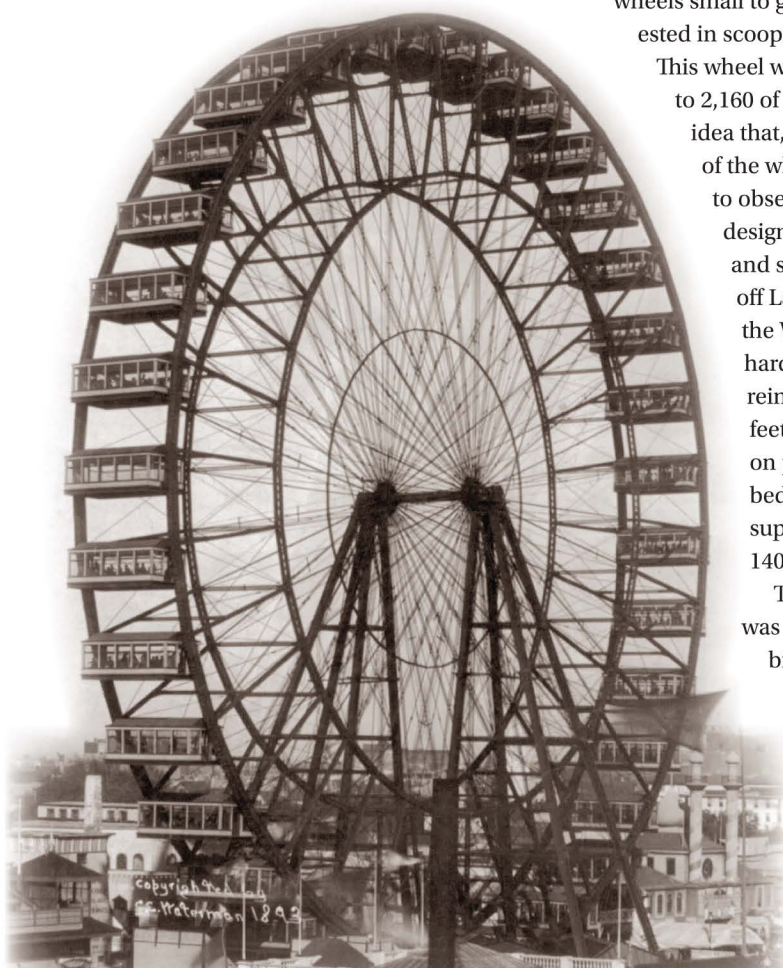
Skyvue Las Vegas

Las Vegas Loops?

Skyvue Las Vegas, which broke ground across the Strip from Mandalay Bay on May 11, 2011, calls for a 500-foot-tall, \$175-million wheel and adjacent retail and entertainment space. Developer Howard Bulloch is quoted in a May 2011 *Las Vegas Review-Journal* story as vowing a late-2012 opening.

The world record-breaking 550-foot-tall High Roller Observation Wheel, announced in summer 2011, would include 28 observation cabins, each with room for 40 passengers, and sit behind the Imperial Palace and Flamingo Las Vegas. Developers say the High Roller could open in 2013.

History is not on the side of either project. In the last 10 years, at least three proposals for Las Vegas observation wheels have gone flat.



March 20, 1893 — Crew starts erecting wheel's 140-foot-tall support towers

May 1, 1893 — Chicago World's Fair opens

June 21, 1893 — Ferris' wheel officially opens for rides

Oct. 9, 1893 — Nearly 35,000 people ride the wheel

Nov. 1, 1893 — Chicago World's Fair ends

Nov. 22, 1896 — Ferris dies of tuberculosis at age 37

1904 — Ferris' wheel is moved to St. Louis

1906 — Wheel is dynamited and sold for scrap

feet and a diameter of 33 inches, the axle weighed nearly 45 tons. The wheel was powered by a 1,000-horsepower steam engine and was stopped via a massive air brake—another 1,000-horsepower engine was held at the ready as an emergency reserve.

Passengers rode in 36, 13-ton steel cars attached around the wheel. Each car was finished in wood veneer and featured 38 swivel chairs. Riders could enjoy a 360-degree view through the car's plate-glass windows. Each of the 36 gondolas held 60 passengers—38 seated and 22 standing—for a total capacity of 2,160 riders. The weight of the wheel loaded at maximum would have exceeded 1,000 tons.

INAUGURAL RUN

Burnham's holdout on approval of the wheel until late 1892 left precious little time to complete the ambitious undertaking. Contending with frozen ground and Chicago's notoriously foul winter weather, construction was arduous. The wheel was still being built when the fair opened on May 1, 1893 and was not operational until June 21.

For its maiden turn, the wheel was adorned with 3,000 lights. Illuminated at night, it looked as though the full moon had touched down in Chicago. Hundreds of passengers—including Ferris himself and a 40-piece orchestra—were aboard for the inaugural run.

Ferris' wheel became the star of the World's Fair. The 50-cent admission charge carried passengers on a 20-minute, two-revolution ride. At that time, few had experienced the kind of view the wheel offered. The ticket lines swelled.

In less than five months, Ferris' wheel had borne almost 1.5 million riders on its leisurely, circular path. On October 9, 1893 (Chicago Day) alone, nearly 35,000 people rode the wheel. Gross takings from ticket sales amounted to \$726,805. Its construction cost was about \$400,000.

DISILLUSION

After the fair, Ferris' wheel was disassembled and moved to another Chicago setting, where for several years it continued to turn a profit. But the Exposition ended on a sour note: Ferris asserted that he and his investors had not received their share of the proceeds. The final three years of his life were consumed by legal wrangling over the wheel's revenue.

On November 22, 1896, the *New York Times* reported:

George W. G. Ferris, the inventor and builder of the Ferris wheel, died today at Mercy Hospital, where he had been treated for typhoid fever for a week. The disease is said to have been brought on through worry over numerous business matters. He leaves a wife in this city, and friends in mechanical and building circles all over the country.



CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Scheels' Wheel

It's hard to stack up to Ferris' whale of a wheel, but what the 65-foot-tall refurbished 1921 wheel at Scheels in Sparks lacks in size, it makes up for by being inside one of the largest sporting goods stores in the world. The brightly lit, 16-car wheel shares the spotlight with an 800-square-foot taxidermy wildlife mountain, two 16,000-gallon aquariums, and numerous sports simulators. scheels.com, experiencelegends.com, 775-358-3800

The stress of the "business matters," which likely referred to his battle with the managers of the World's Fair, must have been great, for Ferris was only 37. But Ferris' wheel still had some years left. A duplicate was constructed for the 1900 Paris World's Fair, and the original found new life when it was transported to St. Louis for the 1904 World's Fair.

Ferris' wheel, after delighting thousands of riders in Missouri, suffered an ignoble end: The innovation was dynamited in 1906 and the remaining pieces sold as scrap.

LEGACY

One man's vision, possibly inspired by whimsical boyhood daydreams along the sunny banks of the Carson River, has become a national institution. Whenever a Ferris wheel crops up somewhere across the country, it acts as a calling card inviting us to a county or state fair. The Ferris wheel remains an American emblem of summer fun, leisure, and romance.

George Ferris Jr. would be pleased. ▀

LOOKING BACK

Last issue's history story about the Mizpah Hotel got us thinking about the tallest buildings in Nevada. Below is information on the stateliest structures in the Silver State's history.



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The Riverside Hotel, built 85 years ago, still stands prominently in downtown Reno, only under a slightly modified name: the Riverside Artist Lofts. In the foreground is the Reno Riverwalk District.

- **August 4, 1877** — The six-story International Hotel is completed in Virginia City. It accommodates 250 guests and boasts Nevada's first hydraulic elevator.
- **December 12, 1914** — Tonopah's five-story Mizpah Hotel and its equally tall neighbor, the Belvada Building, become Nevada's tallest when the International Hotel burns to the ground.
- **July 2, 1929** — Ely's Hotel Nevada, also six stories, edges out the Riverside as the tallest in the state when it debuts. It is also touted as Nevada's first fireproof building.
- **March 21, 1931** — The El Cortez Hotel in Reno takes Nevada to new heights when it offers seven high-class stories to the public.
- **December 17, 1947** — Reno's 12-story Mapes Hotel opens as Nevada's first true high-rise. The building is imploded on January 30, 2000.
- **September 3, 1954** — The Showboat Hotel and Casino, 19 stories tall, becomes a fixture in downtown Las Vegas. Later known as The Castaways, it's demolished in 2006.

Note: From this point, a string of Las Vegas hotel-casinos become the state's tallest.

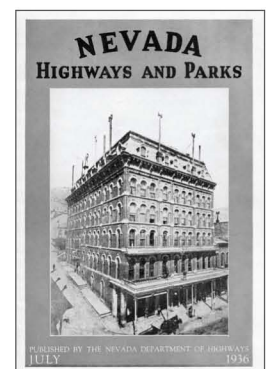
- **April 30, 1996** — Las Vegas unveils the 1,149-foot Stratosphere Tower, still the tallest freestanding observation tower in the United States.



The Belvada Building in Tonopah was built in 1906 by the State Bank & Trust Company.

- **May 14, 1927** — The six-story Riverside Hotel opens in Reno and in the subsequent decades capitalizes on the city's divorce trade.

FROM OUR ARCHIVE



July 1936

The International Hotel of Virginia City, built in 1877, was the tallest building in Nevada for almost four decades. Here, it's featured on an early edition of *Nevada Highways and Parks*.

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ONE-TIME EVENTS

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 4

RENO—Garage Boys, Eldorado, The Brew Brothers, eldoradoreno.com, 800-648-5966

WINNEMUCCA—Ranch Hand Rodeo, Events Center, winnemucca.com, 775-623-5071 x.104

MARCH 1

RENO—UNR Symphony Orchestra Honors Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

MARCH 1-4

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—North Face Masters of Snowboarding, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

MARCH 1-11

RENO—2012 World Poker Tour, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 888-547-2081

MARCH 2

CRYSTAL BAY—Mumbo Gumbo, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

ELKO—BYU Folkdancers, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5351

RENO—Meet the Artist: Corky Normant on Dalle de Verre Art Glass, Nevada Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

SQUAW VALLEY USA—SnowFest! Opening Ceremonies & Fireworks, tahoesnowfestival.com, 530-583-7167

WEST WENDOVER—Diamond Rio, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 2-3

ELKO—GBC Film Festival, exploreelko.com, 775-753-2231

RENO—Primus, Knitting Factory, re.knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

MARCH 2-3, 8-9, 10-11, 16-17, 23-25

RENO—"Love Letters," Good Luck Macbeth Classic Theatre Company, goodluckmacbeth.org, 775-322-3716

MARCH 2-4

INCLINE VILLAGE—Celebrity Winterfest, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe, sonc.org, 925-944-8801

MARCH 2-11

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—SnowFest!, tahoesnowfestival.com, 530-583-7167

MARCH 3

ALPINE MEADOWS—Women's Snowboarding Camp, skialpine.com, 530-583-4232

CRYSTAL BAY—Tainted Love, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

FALLON—An Evening with the Arts, Oats Park Art Center, churchillarts.org, 775-423-1440

HOPE VALLEY—Snowshoe Thompson Cross-Country Ski Snowshoe Tour, snowshoethompson.org, 775-315-7777

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Full-Moon Snowshoe Trek, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

MARTIS PEAK—Snowshoe Hike, tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0012

MT. ROSE SKI TAHOE—Stake Your Claim/Chutes Fest, mtrose.com, 800-SKI-ROSE

RENO—Physicians' Spouses Rummage Sale, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-829-1303

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

SPARKS—Diamond Rio, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

SPARKS—Digital Underground, The Alley, thealleysparks.com, 775-358-8891

STATELINE—George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Harrah's, harrahslaketahoe.com, 800-427-7247

TAHOE CITY—SnowFest! Parade, tahoesnowfestival.com, 530-583-7167

WEST WENDOVER—311, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 3-4

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Celebrity Winterfest, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

RENO—Reno Chamber Orchestra w/ Theodore Kuchar & James Winn, Nightingale Concert Hall, renochamberorchestra.org, 775-348-9413

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Rahves' Banzai Tour, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

MARCH 3-11

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Women's Week 2012!, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

MARCH 4

ELKO—Bridal Fair, exploreelko.com, 775-738-1240

NORTH LAKE TAHOE—The Great Ski Race (ends in Truckee), thegreatskirace.com

MARCH 4-11

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE—Lake Tahoe WinterFest Gay & Lesbian Ski Week, laketahowinterfest.com

MARCH 5

RENO—Kickin' Brass & Takin' Names, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

MARCH 6

ELKO—Northeastern Nevada Solo Ensemble, exploreelko.com, 775-934-3700

RENO—The Green w/ Passafire, CommRow, commrow.com, 775-398-5400

STATELINE—311, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 888-829-7630

MARCH 7

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Lake Tahoe Adventure Slide Show Series, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

MARCH 7-9

ELKO—Elko Country Library Storytime, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3066

MARCH 7-11

WEST WENDOVER—Montego Bay Poker Challenge, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

WINNEMUCCA—Shooting the West XXIV, photography symposium, shootingthewest.org, 877-623-3501

MARCH 8

RENO—The Return of the Utility Players, Pioneer Center, renotahocomedy.com, 775-322-5233

RENO—The Underscore Orchestra, The Underground, renounderground.com, 775-410-5993



MARCH 8-10

FALLON—Nevada Small Farm Conference, Convention Center, e-mail: louhela@wnc.edu, 775-351-2551

MARCH 9

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Full-Moon Snowshoe, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

MINDEN—Honeymoon, CVIC Hall, cvartscouncil.com, 775-782-8207

RENO—Delhi 2 Dublin, The Underground, renounderground.com, 775-410-5993

RENO—UNR Percussion Ensemble Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

TAHOE MEADOWS—Full-Moon Snowshoe Trek, tahoeimtrail.org, 775-298-0012

VIRGINIA CITY—Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Piper's Opera House, piperslive.com, 775-847-0433

WEST WENDOVER—Barenaked Ladies, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

YERINGTON—The House Jacks, Yerington Theatre for the Arts, yeringtonarts.com, 775-463-1783

MARCH 9-11

RENO—Advanced Auto Parts Monster Jam, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 630-566-6100

RENO—Nevada State Ladies Poker Championship, Peppermill, peppermillreno.com, 866-821-9996

MARCH 10

ALPINE MEADOWS—Snowbomb Li'l Air Festival, skialpine.com, 530-583-4232

CRYSTAL BAY—Papa Grows Funk, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

ELKO—Health & Fitness Fair, exploreelko.com, 775-777-1196

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Hyatt Regency Poker Run, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

HEAVENLY LAKE TAHOE—Stateline Showdown, skiheavenly.com, 530-542-5133

JACKPOT—Janie Fricke, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

KINGS BEACH—SnowFest! Parade, tahoesnowfestival.com, 530-583-7167

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Sunset Snowshoe Trek, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—USFS Ski Race, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Moonlight Snowshoe Tour, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Foreigner Acoustique, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Trio Voronezh, Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Pioneer Center, renophil.com, 775-323-6393

RENO—775 Freestyle Battle Tournament, The Underground, renounderground.com, 775-410-5993

SPARKS—Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

STATELINE—Paul Revere & The Raiders, Harrah's, harrahslaketahoe.com, 800-427-7247

WEST WENDOVER—Boz Scaggs, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 10-11

SUGAR BOWL—Super Finals Banzai, sugarbowl.com, 530-426-9000

MARCH 11

CARSON CITY—"Oh, My Bonnets and Bustles!" Victorian Fashion Show, Nevada State Museum, visitcarsoncity.com, 775-671-2364

CRYSTAL BAY—Umphrey's McGee, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Girl Powder Queen of the Park Contest & Banked Slalom, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Sierra Crest Snowshoe Trek, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

RENO—Adieu, Addio, Auf Wiedersehen, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

STATELINE—Sublime w/ Rome, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 888-829-7630

MARCH 12

ELKO—Bandoma, exploreelko.com, 775-934-3700

MARCH 12-15

ELKO—Science Fair, exploreelko.com, 800-248-3556

INCLINE VILLAGE—Science Expo, Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences, terc.ucdavis.edu, 775-881-7562

MARCH 14

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Community Appreciation Day, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

RENO—Blake Shelton, Reno Events Center, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—The Devil Wears Prada, Knitting Factory, re.knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

MARCH 15

RENO—Black Rock Design Institute presents Mark Cavagnero | Mark Cavagnero Associates Architecture, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

RENO—Joplinesque w/ Schall Adams, Pioneer Center, renotahoe.comedy.com, 775-322-5233

MARCH 15-16

RENO—Hoops Hysteria Party, Peppermill, peppermillreno.com, 866-821-9996

MARCH 15-17

ELKO—Blithe Spirit, exploreelko.com, 775-753-2183

MARCH 15-25

RENO—All In Poker Series, Atlantis, atlantiscasino.com, 800-723-6500

MARCH 16

CARSON CITY—Men of Worth, Brewery Arts Center, breweryarts.org, 775-883-1976

ELKO—Evan Marshall Concert, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5475

ELKO—Family Skate Night, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

ELKO—Matties Frog Jumping, exploreelko.com, 775-753-3877

EUREKA—Utah Shakespeare Festival, Eureka Opera House, co.eureka.nv.us, 775-237-6006

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Stargazing Snowshoe Tour, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Peter Frampton, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-648-3568

WEST WENDOVER—Chris Isaak, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 16-17

ELY—Pat Nixon's 100th-Birthday Celebration, elynevada.net, 800-496-9350

RENO—Willie Nelson, Silver Legacy, silverlegacy.com, 800-687-8733

MARCH 16-18

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Freeride Flow Festival, freerideflowfest.com

RENO—Broadway Comes to Reno—"Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles," Pioneer Center, pioneercenter.com, 775-686-6609

RENO—Gem Faire, Grand Sierra, gemfaire.com, 503-252-8300

MARCH 17

CRYSTAL BAY—Hot Buttered Rum & Cornmeal, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

ELKO—Dave Ramsey's Total Money Makeover LIVE, exploreelko.com, 775-777-4605

ELKO—Traditions of the Shoshone: Traditional Songs, California Trail Interpretive Center, blm.gov/cv5c, 775-738-1849

ELY—Pat Nixon Centennial Flyer, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com; 866-407-8326

GENOA—St. Paddy's Day Potluck Irish Feast, Town Hall, genoanevada.org, 775-782-8696

JACKPOT—The Temptations Review, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

KINGSTON—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Community Hall, austinnevada.com, 775-964-2200

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Butterbox Highest Ollie, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Snowshoe Social & Race, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Metal Madness Tour, The Underground, renounderground.com, 775-410-5993

RENO—St. Baldrick's Event, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-825-0888

RENO—4H Horse Clinic, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-784-4848

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Lenny the Leprechaun on the Slopes!, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

STATELINE—Drive-By Truckers, Harrah's, harrahslaketahoe.com, 800-427-7247

NORTHERN NEVADA

SUGAR BOWL—Pot o' Gold Hunt, sugarbowl.com, 530-426-9000

TAHOE MEADOWS—Snowshoe Search for the Pot o' Gold, tahoerimtrail.org, 775-298-0012

VIRGINIA CITY—Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry & St. Patrick's Day Parade, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 800-718-7587

WASHOE COUNTY—Jack Reviglio Day, givebacklikejack.org, 775-331-5437

WEST WENDOVER—Larry The Cable Guy (2 shows), Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 17-18

PYRAMID LAKE—Ken Hembree Classic Fishing Tournament, pyramidlake.us, 775-476-0400

RENO—\$15,000 Leprechaun's Luck Slot Tournament, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 888-547-2081

SPRING CREEK—V Bar L Rodeo Productions, Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-388-4112

STATELINE—Tahoe South Winter Snow Blast; Heavenly, Harrah's, & Harveys; itsnowblast.com, 775-586-7000

MARCH 18

RENO—Girls w/ Unknown Metal Orchestra, CommRow, commrow.com, 775-398-5400

SUGAR BOWL—Caboose Kickers Terrain Park Competition, sugarbowl.com, 530-426-9000

MARCH 19

ALPINE MEADOWS—Women's Camp, skialpine.com, 530-583-4232

MARCH 20

RENO—Whitechapel, Knitting Factory, re.knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

MARCH 22

CARSON CITY—Reception & Lecture honoring Clark J. Guild, Nevada State Museum, nevadaculture.org, 775-687-4810 x.237

WINNEMUCCA—Kerak Shrine Circus, Events Center, winnemucca.com, 800-962-2638

MARCH 22-24

RENO—Theatre for Children: "Hansel & Gretel," Brūka Theatre, bruka.org, 775-323-3221

MARCH 22-25

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Girls That Roam Women's Ski Weekend, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

MARCH 23

ELKO—Halleck Bar Party, Northeastern Nevada Museum, museumelko.org, 775-738-3418

RENO—R.L. Wilson on the Arms of Tiffany & Co., Nevada Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

RENO—Teen Art Night, Nevada Museum of Art, nevadaart.org, 775-329-3333

WEST WENDOVER—Kansas, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

YERINGTON—"Frankie & Johnny"—Community

Musical Theater, Yerington Theatre for the Arts, yeringtonarts.com, 775-463-1783

MARCH 23-24

SPRING CREEK—Elko Archery, Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-777-9872

SQUAW VALLEY USA—The Pain McShlonkey Classic, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

MARCH 23-25

RENO—Off-Road & Motorsports Expo, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, bigshows.com, 775-849-8000

RENO—Shriners Circus, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-856-3330

RENO—Spring Home & Garden Show, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, bigshows.com, 775-849-8000

RENO—Spring Slot Tournament, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

VIRGINIA CITY—Mucker Madness Basketball Tournament, Virginia City High School, nvshows.com, 775-846-1130

MARCH 23-25, 30-31 & APRIL 1

MINDEN—"Snow White Goes West," Carson Valley Community Theatre, carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org, 775-292-0939

MARCH 24

BLACK ROCK DESERT—Spring Kickoff, blackrockdesert.org, 775-557-2900

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Uphill Race, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

GARDNERVILLE—Women in History Reception, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

RENO—Poetry Out Loud Nevada State Finals, nac.nevadaculture.org, 775-687-6688

STATELINE—Rob Schneider, MontBleu, montbleuresort.com, 888-829-7630

STATELINE—Rock Sugar, Harrah's, harrahslaketahoe.com, 800-427-7247

WEST WENDOVER—Joan Jett, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 25

CRYSTAL BAY—Galactic, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

STATELINE—Something Blue Lake Tahoe Bridal Show, Horizon, tahoeweddings.org, 775-588-6211

MARCH 26

CRYSTAL BAY—Live Electronica, Crystal Bay Club, devildogshows.com

MARCH 27-APRIL 7

ELKO—Elko County Library Spring Book Fair, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3066

MARCH 28-APRIL 1

RENO—CANstruction, Meadowood Mall, fbnn.org, 775-852-3977

MARCH 29

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Brewmaster Dinner Series,

TC's Pub, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Jeff Dunham, Reno Events Center, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Justin Winery Paring Dinner, Atlantis, Bistro Napa, atlantiscasino.com, 775-824-4411

MARCH 30

ELKO—Young Life Chef's Challenge, exploreelko.com, 775-397-6211

JACKPOT—Kansas, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

MT. ROSE SKI TAHOE—Sunset Wine & Ski, mtrose.com, 800-SKI-ROSE

WEST WENDOVER—The Fab Four, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 30-31

SPARKS—David Lindley & The Quiet American, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

MARCH 30-APRIL 1

RENO—Nevada Chamber Opera, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

MARCH 31

ELKO—Easter Egg Hunt, Northeastern Nevada Museum, museumelko.org, 775-738-3418

FALLON—Conversation: Lenda Fleming, Oats Park Art Center, churchillarts.org, 775-423-1440

RENO—Kelly Clarkson, Reno Events Center, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

SPARKS—Kris Fuchigami & The Ukulele All-Stars, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

STATELINE—Blue Öyster Cult, Harrah's, harrahslaketahoe.com, 800-427-7247

WEST WENDOVER—Dierks Bentley, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

MARCH 31-APRIL 1

KIRKWOOD MOUNTAIN RESORT—Twisted Sisters Freeride Competition, kirkwood.com, 209-258-6000

RENO—Nevada Women's Expo, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, nevadawomensexpo.com

RENO—Welcome Back Weekend, Animal Ark, animalark.org, 775-970-3111

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Peaks & Lagoons Spring Party Weekend, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

WINNEMUCCA—American Dream Gun Show, winnemucca.com, 775-835-9677

MARCH 31-APRIL 15

HEAVENLY LAKE TAHOE—Spring Loaded, skiheavenly.com, 530-542-5133

APRIL 1

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Dummy Downhill, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Snowshoe Social & Race, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—Verdi's Requiem, Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Pioneer Center, renophil.com, 775-323-6393



APRIL 1-2

RENO—Fool's Fortune Slot Tournament, Peppermill, peppermillreno.com, 866-821-9996

APRIL 3

CARSON CITY—Strings in the Schools Spring Concert, Community Center, visitcarsoncity.com, 775-450-5584

RENO—Verdi's Requiem, Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Pioneer Center, renophil.com, 775-323-6393

RENO—Wolf Pack vs. Reno Aces, exhibition baseball, renoaces.com, 775-334-4700

APRIL 3-4

ELKO—Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference, Red Lion, nevadaindianterritory.com, 775-687-8333

APRIL 5

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Family Afternoon Snowshoe Tour, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

SPARKS—Banff Mountain Film Festival, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

APRIL 6

ELKO—Elko Country Library Spring Eggstravaganza, exploreelko.com, 775-738-3066

ELKO—Horizon Hospice Souper Bowl, exploreelko.com, 775-778-0612

RENO—Argenta Concert Series, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 800-325-7328

SPARKS—Rusted Root, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

WEST WENDOVER—Dennis Miller, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

APRIL 6-7

RENO—Chess Tournament, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

APRIL 6-22

RENO—"August, Osage County" by Tracy Letts, Reno Little Theater, renolittletheater.org, 775-813-4981

APRIL 7

FALLON—Rattlesnake Trail Run, Rattlesnake Hill, churchillcounty.org, 775-423-7733

MT. ROSE SKI TAHOE—Pond Skim, mtrose.com, 800-SKI-ROSE

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Moonlight Snowshoe Tour, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Tahoe Rim Tour & Race, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

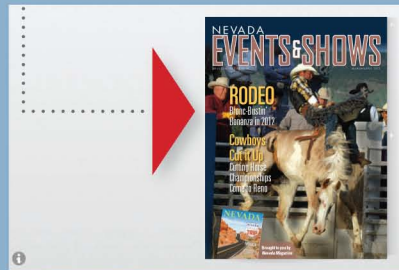
VIRGINIA CITY—Easter Bonnet Parade, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-4386

WEST WENDOVER—Big Gay Fun Bus (from Salt Lake City), biggayfunbus.com, 800-838-3006

WEST WENDOVER—The Guess Who, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

APRIL 8

DIAMOND PEAK SKI RESORT—Community Appreciation Day, diamondpeak.com, 775-832-1177

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GENOA—Egg Hunt, Town Park, genoanevada.org, 775-782-8696

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Easter Festivities, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Easter Egg Hunt, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

APRIL 9

CARLIN—Chris Jacome Flamenco Ensemble, exploreelko.com, 775-738-5475

APRIL 10

RENO—Lab Band Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

APRIL 13

MINDEN—Banana Slug String Band, CVIC Hall, cvartscouncil.com, 775-782-8207

RENO—Red Sea Rising, CommRow, commrow.com, 775-398-5400

APRIL 13-14

JACKPOT—Louie Anderson, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

SPARKS—Todd Snider, John Ascuaga's Nugget, janugget.com, 800-648-1177

APRIL 13-15

RENO—Blackjack Tournament, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

RENO—Broadway Comes to Reno—"The Color Purple," Pioneer Center, pioneercenter.com, 775-686-6609

RENO—World of Wrestling Championships, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 918-366-4411

APRIL 13-15, 18-22

RENO—"Anything Goes," Redfield Proscenium Theatre, unr.edu, 775-784-6829

APRIL 14

AUSTIN—Lincoln Highway Car Show, austinnevada.com, 775-964-2200

CARLIN—Ruby Mountain Symphony, exploreelko.com, 775-738-4187

ELKO—POW*MIA Raul Bravo Scholarship Fundraiser, exploreelko.com, 775-397-1492

ELKO—Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Dinner, exploreelko.com, 775-934-4951

FALLON—The Hector Del Curto Quintet, Oats Park Art Center, churchillarts.org, 775-423-1440

GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK—Spring Astronomy Star Party, Lehman Caves Visitor Center, nps.gov/grba, 775-234-7331

RENO—Ramon Ayala, Silver Legacy, silverlegacy.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Trails West Banquet, Sands Regency, emigrantrailswest.org

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Retro Ski Day, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Suzi Bock Memorial, squaw.com, 530-583-6955

VIRGINIA CITY—Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, Piper's Opera House, piperslive.com, 775-847-0433

WEST WENDOVER—Jake Owen, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

WINNEMUCCA—L.H.S. Music Boosters Dinner & Show/Tri-Tip Dinner & Auction, winnemucca.com, 775-625-3620

APRIL 14-15

ELY—White Pine Weekend, Nevada Northern Railway, nnry.com, 866-407-8326

FALLON—Sorooptimists Home & Garden Show, Convention Center, fallontourism.com, 775-423-4556

HEAVENLY LAKE TAHOE—Pond Skimming, skiheavenly.com, 530-542-5133

RENO—Reno Chamber Orchestra w/ Theodore Kuchar, Nightingale Concert Hall, renochamberorchestra.org, 775-348-9413

SPRING CREEK—V Bar L Rodeo Productions, Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-388-4112

STATELINE—Tahoe South Winter Snow Blast; Heavenly, Harrah's, & Harveys; itsnowblast.com, 775-586-7000

APRIL 14-15, 21-22

PYRAMID LAKE—Sierra Sport and Marine Spring Catch & Release Derby, pyramidlake.us, 775-358-5431

APRIL 14-JULY 8

RENO—United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships, National Bowling Stadium, bowl.com/womenschamp, 800-514-2695

APRIL 15

NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE—Spring It On, northstarattahoe.com, 800-466-6784

RENO—\$2,500 Fort Reno Slot Tournament, Bonanza Casino, bonanzacasino.com, 775-323-2724

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Billy Dutton Uphill, farwestnordic.org, 530-587-2573

SUGAR BOWL—Caboose Kickers Terrain Park Competition, sugarbowl.com, 530-426-9000

NORTHERN NEVADA

APRIL 17

RENO—UNR Symphony Orchestra Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

APRIL 18-20

INCLINE VILLAGE—Rural Roundup, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, ruralroundup.com, 775-687-4322

APRIL 19

JARBIDGE—Joni Morris & The After Midnight Band, exploreelko.com, 775-753-2231

APRIL 20

ELKO—Sorooptimist Wine Tasting, exploreelko.com, 775-397-3814

EUREKA—Joni Morris, Eureka Opera House, co.eureka.nv.us, 775-237-6006

JARBIDGE—Family Skate Night, exploreelko.com, 775-777-7260

WEST WENDOVER—Dwight Yoakam, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

YERINGTON—The Good Lovelies, Yerington Theatre for the Arts, yeringtonarts.com, 775-463-1783

APRIL 20-21

RENO—RENO 5000 5K race, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, reno5000.com

SPRING CREEK—SCA Ranch Rodeo, Horse Palace, springcreeknv.net, 775-753-6295

VIRGINIA CITY—Crabby Shack Feed, Piper's Opera House, piperslive.com, 775-847-0433

APRIL 20-22

RENO—Just Between Friends Spring/Summer Sale, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-450-1790

APRIL 21

CARLIN—Academy Dinner & Auction, exploreelko.com, 775-777-1222

EUREKA—Perdiz Fun Shoot, eurekacounty.com, 775-237-5484

GARDNERVILLE—Second Hand Rose Fashion Show Salad Bar & Dessert Luncheon, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, historicnevada.org, 775-782-2555

RENO—Dwight Yoakam, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

SPARKS—Wine Tasting & Fundraiser, Sparks Heritage Museum, sparksmuseum.org, 775-355-1144

SQUAW VALLEY USA—Tahoe Truckee Earth Day, tahoetruckeeearthday.com, 530-584-6266

APRIL 21-22

RENO—"Alice in Wonderland" w/ AVA Ballet Theatre & Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, Pioneer Center, avaballet.com, 775-762-5165

APRIL 21-23

RENO—Western National Angus Futurity, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 916-362-2697

APRIL 22

RENO—Tyler Dean Play, Brūka Theatre, bruka.org, 775-323-3221

RENO—4-H County Livestock Show, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, visitrenotahoe.com, 775-784-4848

SPARKS—Wild West Bus Roadeo, Victorian Square, wildwestbusroadeo.org, 775-348-0400 x.7129

SUGAR BOWL—Golden Egg Hunt, sugarbowl.com, 530-426-9000

APRIL 23

RENO—Campus & Symphonic Band Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

APRIL 23-24

WEST WENDOVER—R/P/M One Man Golf Scramble, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

APRIL 24

RENO—DRI Nevada Medal Dinner, Peppermill, dri.edu, 775-673-7300

APRIL 25

RENO—Wind Ensemble Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

APRIL 26

RENO—Yo Yo Ma & Kathryn Stott w/ The Assad Brothers, Grand Sierra, grandsierraresort.com, 800-648-3568

APRIL 26-28

RENO—Reno Jazz Festival, University of Nevada, Reno, unr.edu/rjf, 775-784-4046

APRIL 26-29

GENOA—Genoa Cowboy Poetry & Music Festival, cowboypoetrygenoa.com, 775-782-8696

APRIL 27

WEST WENDOVER—Penn & Teller, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

APRIL 27-28

FALLON—Churchill County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale, Churchill County Fairgrounds, churchillcounty.org, 775-423-5121

RENO—"The Living Newspaper—THE BRIDGE," Brūka Theatre, bruka.org, 775-323-3221

RENO—Sands Bingo Blowout, Sands Regency, sandsregency.com, 800-233-4939

APRIL 27-29

EAGLE VALLEY—Mountain Man Rendezvous, visitcarsoncity.com, 775-687-7410

APRIL 28

ELKO—Sitting Pretty, exploreelko.com, 775-778-0547

FALLON—Willy Vlautin: A Prose Reading, Oats Park Art Center, churchillarts.org, 775-423-1440

JACKPOT—Ronnie Millsap, Cactus Petes, ameristar.com, 800-821-1103

RENO—Lisa Lampanelli, Silver Legacy, silverlegacyreno.com, 800-687-8733

RENO—Y&T, Knitting Factory, re.knittingfactory.com, 775-323-5648

VIRGINIA CITY—Caroline Lawrence Book Signing, Mark Twain Bookstore, visitvirginiacitynv.com, 775-847-0454

WEST WENDOVER—Dana Carvey, Peppermill Concert Hall, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

APRIL 28-29

VIRGINIA CITY—Virginia City Grand Prix, C Street & Virginia City Hills, vcgp.com, 775-527-1034

APRIL 28-MAY 8

RENO—National Cutting Horse Association Western National Championships, Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center, nchacutting.com, 817-244-6188

APRIL 29

CARSON CITY—Science & Wonder Concert, Community Center, ccsymphony.com, 775-883-4154

RENO—Composers Concert, Nightingale Concert Hall, unr.edu, 775-784-6145

APRIL 30-MAY 1

WEST WENDOVER—Senior Classic Golf, wendoverfun.com, 800-217-0049

ONGOING SHOWS/PLAYS

THROUGH APRIL 1

RENO—"Benise—Nights of Fire," Eldorado, eldoradoreno.com, 800-648-5966

THRU MAY 27

RENO—"Rhythm Riders," A Tribute to Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline, Harrah's, harrahsreno.com, 775-788-2900

MARCH 9-APRIL 14

RENO—"The Wild Party The Musical"; Mar. 9-10, 15-18, 22-24, 29-31; Apr. 4-7, 12-14; Brūka Theatre, bruka.org, 775-323-3221

APRIL 10-AUGUST 3

RENO—"Man in the Mirror," Eldorado, eldoradoreno.com, 800-648-5966

DAILY

RENO—"Bounce," Circus Circus, dark Sun. & Mon., circusreno.com, 800-648-5010

RENO—JR Johns Pet Show, Circus Circus dark Tues. & Thurs., circusreno.com, 800-648-5010

RENO—Imperial Acrobats of China, Circus Circus, dark Wed., circusreno.com, 800-648-5010

STATELINE—"Illusion Fusion," Horizon Casino Resort, dark Tues. & Wed., horizoncasino.com, 775-588-6211

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THROUGH MARCH 11

"Play Dates," Las Vegas Little Theatre, lvlt.org, 702-362-7996

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4

Las Vegas Restaurant Week, citywide, helpoutdineoutlv.org, 702-644-3663

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4

LAUGHLIN—"The Rat Pack is Back!," Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 5

West Coast Conference Basketball Championship, Orleans Arena, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

MARCH 1

"The Massive Spectacular!" Caring Place fundraiser, Boulder Station, themassivespectacular.com

MARCH 1-2

Rémy Martin Louis XIII Dinner, The Cosmopolitan, Comme Ça, commecarestaurant.com

MARCH 1-3

MESQUITE—Desert Launch Championship, Sports & Event Complex, longdrivers.com, 888-233-4654

MARCH 1-4

The Osmonds, Orleans Showroom, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

LAUGHLIN—Avi River Stampede PRCA Rodeo, honeycuttrotodeo.com, 719-589-9444

MARCH 2

Korn, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Rockstar Karaoke Live, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Turtle Island Quartet, Historic Fifth Street School, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

HENDERSON—Pato Banton, Sunset Station, sunsetstation.com, 702-547-7777

LAUGHLIN—Merle Haggard, E Center, edgewater-casino.tix.com, 702-298-2453

MARCH 2-3

Golf Fest Vegas, Angel Park Golf Club, golffestshow.com, 619-683-3700

The Isley Brothers, LVH, thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

Ronnie Rose, Rampart, rampartcasino.com, 866-999-4899

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Queen Nation, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Vocal Jazz Solo Nights, BackStage Theatre, csn.edu/pac, 702-651-5483

MARCH 2-4

Winter Dance Party, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

LAUGHLIN—\$15,000 Spring Golf Classic, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com, 866-714-4185

MARCH 2-4, 8-11

"Seven Guitars," Judy Bayley Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

MARCH 2-18

"Yankee Tavern," Las Vegas Little Theatre, lvlt.org, 702-362-7996

MARCH 3

Alan Parsons, Boulder Station, boulderstation.com, 800-745-3000

King of the Cage, Eastside Cannery, eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

The Mickey Hart Band, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

St. Baldrick's Day fundraiser, New York-New York, newyorknewyork.com/stbaldricks12

NORTH LAS VEGAS—American Roller Skating Derby, Texas Station, texasstation.com, 702-631-1000

MARCH 3-4

Crossroads of the West Gun Show, Cashman Center, visitlasvegas.com, 801-544-9125

Norm Crosby, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

LAUGHLIN—The Diamonds, Aquarius Pavilion, aquariuscasinosort.com, 800-760-7046

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK—Leave No Trace Trainers Course, parks.nv.gov, 702-397-2088

MARCH 4

Chelsea Grin, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

MESQUITE—Mesquite Shootout, Sports & Event Complex, longdrivers.com, 888-233-4654

MARCH 4-7

MESQUITE—Power Academy, Sports & Event Complex, longdrivers.com, 888-233-4654

MARCH 5

"Cinderella," Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

MARCH 5-8

Nevada Water Resources Association Conference, Tuscany Suites, nvwater.org, 775-473-5473

MARCH 6-9

Digital Signage Expo, Las Vegas Convention Center, digitalsignageexpo.net, 770-649-0300 x.16

MARCH 6-11

LAUGHLIN—Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

MARCH 7

BOULDER CITY—The Relativity of Albert Einstein, Boulder City Library, bclibrary.org, 702-293-1281

MARCH 7-10

Mountain West Conference Championship, Thomas & Mack Center, unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

Western Athletic Conference Basketball Championship, Orleans Arena, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

MARCH 8

Chris Myers Chat w/ Jimmie Johnson, Suncoast, boydgaming.com

Jeff Hammond Interviews Dale Earnhardt Jr., Sam's Town, boydgaming.com

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Every Avenue, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

World of Outlaws & 360 Sprint Cars, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

MARCH 8-10

Soccer Champions Coaches' Clinic, South Point, southpointeventscntr.com, 702-796-7111

MARCH 8-11, 15-18

Andrew Dice Clay, Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 702-794-9433

MARCH 8-14

Rodney Carrington, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

MARCH 9

Andrew W.K., Hard Rock, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Autograph Signing w/ Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Sam's Town, boydgaming.com

Bill Engvall, Treasure Island, treasureisland.com, 866-712-9308

The DigiTour 2012, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

Jack Russell's Great White, Vamp'd, vampdvegas.com, 702-220-8849

311 Fan Party, Hard Rock, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

HENDERSON—George Thorogood, Green Valley Ranch, greenvallyranchresort.com, 702-617-7777

MARCH 9-10

Chicago, LVH, thelvh.com, 888-732-7117

Help for Homeowners Event, Cashman Center, e-mail: biinfo@business.nv.gov, 702-486-2750

Marshall Tucker Band, Orleans Showroom, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

MARCH 9-11

Art Vargas—Vintage Vegas Live!, Rampart, rampartcasino.com, 866-999-4899

Diamond Rio, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

NASCAR Weekend, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

HENDERSON—Desert Quilters of Nevada Quilt Show, Convention Center, desertquiltersofnevada.org

MARCH 10

Death By Stereo, Aruba, ticketfly.com

Guitar Shorty, Boulder Station, boulderstation.com, 702-432-7777

Joe Nichols, Sam's Town, samstowntnlv.com, 702-284-7777

The KWAK Ballet, Charleston Heights Arts Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Sterling Night of Fights (boxing), Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 877-892-7469

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Dickey Betts & Great Southern, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

PAHRUMP—Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation Banquet & Fundraiser, Nevada Treasures RV Resort, pahumpchamber.com, 775-751-2330

MARCH 10-11

The Scintas, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

311, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

MARCH 11

Boz Scaggs, Eastside Cannery, eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

This Romantic Tragedy, Aruba, ticketfly.com

HENDERSON—Henderson Symphony Orchestra Concert Series II, Henderson Pavilion, hsorch.org, 702-267-4849

MARCH 12

Béla Fleck & The Flecktones, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

MARCH 12-13, 15-17, 19-20

Chazz Palminteri's "A Bronx Tale," Mirage, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

MARCH 13-18

LAUGHLIN—The Irish Show w/ Marianne Knight, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

MARCH 14

Rebolution Peace of Mind Tour, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Ronnie Rose & Larry Liso, Rampart, rampartcasino.com, 866-999-4899

Xuefei Yang, Doc Rando Recital Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

MARCH 14-18

Silver Dollar Circuit Horse Show, South Point, southpointeventscntr.com, 702-796-7111

MARCH 15

The Devil Wears Prada, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

Michael Feinstein—The Sinatra Project, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Umphrey's McGee, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com, 866-722-4608

LAUGHLIN—"Defending the Caveman," Harrah's, harrahslaughlin.com, 702-298-4600

MARCH 15-18

HENDERSON—Sons of Erin St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—PT River Run: Springtime at the River, Aquarius, visitlaughlin.com, 888-662-5825

MARCH 16

Driftwood Fire, Lloyd George U.S. Courthouse, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Dublin Down Festival, Thomas & Mack Center,

unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

Imagination Movers, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Jeff Ross Roasts America, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Young Dubliners, Hard Rock, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Student Dance Concert, BackStage Theatre, csu.edu/pac, 702-651-5483

MARCH 16-17

Henry Cho, South Point, southpointcasino.com, 866-796-7111

Jon Lovitz, Flamingo, flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

MARCH 16-18

"Carmen," Judy Bayley Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

HENDERSON—Anderson's Americana Indian Show, Convention Center, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—\$20,000 March Mania Blackjack Tournament, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com, 866-714-4185

MARCH 16-18, 21-25

"Sylvia," Black Box Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

MARCH 17

Blake Shelton, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 702-632-7580

The Canadian Tenors, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Kathy Griffin, Mirage, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

St. Paddy Party, Aruba, ticketfly.com

St. Patrick's Day Dance, Charleston Heights Arts Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

Wild Celts, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

HENDERSON—Dog Conformation Show, Bicentennial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-572-4901

NORTH LAS VEGAS—St. Patrick's Day Fest, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

PAHRUMP—St. Patty's Day Crab Feed, Nye Communities Coalition, pahumpchamber.com, 702-592-5276

TONOPAH—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Dance, & Raffle, Convention Center, tonopahnevada.com, 775-482-6850

MARCH 17-18

Big League Weekend: Chicago Cubs vs. Texas Rangers, Cashman Field, lv51.com, 702-798-7825

Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Orleans Showroom, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

Las Vegas Gun Show, Sport Center of Las Vegas, visitlasvegas.com, 702-317-7777

SFJAZZ Collective—The Music of Stevie Wonder, Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

MARCH 18

VNV Nation, Club Aruba, ticketfly.com

MARCH 19

HENDERSON—Missoula Children's Theatre, Convention Center, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

MARCH 20

The Hustlerz Ambition Tour, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

MARCH 20-21

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

MARCH 21

HENDERSON—Students of Sylvia Bachiochi Gallery Reception, Multigenerational Center, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

MARCH 21-25

LAUGHLIN—Vicki Lawrence & Mama, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

MARCH 22

Michael Schenker Temple of Rock Tour, Vamp'd, vampdvegas.com, 702-220-8849

Nevada Entertainer/Artist Hall of Fame, UNLV Student Union Ballroom, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

MARCH 22-24

UNLVino, various locations, unlvino.com, 702-739-3267

MARCH 22-25

Frank Caliendo, The Venetian, venetian.com, 702-414-9000

MARCH 23

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals Double Down Package, Sam Boyd Stadium, unltickets.com, 702-739-3267

Ani DiFranco, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

Carlos Mencia, Treasure Island, treasureisland.com, 866-712-9308

Faster Pussycat, Vamp'd, vampdvegas.com, 702-220-8849

Five Finger Death Punch, Hard Rock, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Lonestar, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com, 866-722-4608

Seth Meyers, Mirage, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Art Vargas: Vintage Vegas Live!, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

MARCH 23-24

Carmine Mandia, Rampart, rampartcasino.com, 866-999-4899

"Let's Dance," Judy Bayley Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

LAUGHLIN—Fort Mojave Classic Extreme Bull Riding, honeycuttrodeo.com, 719-589-9444

MARCH 23-25

General Tires Mint 400 off-road race, bitd.com,

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MARCH 24

Advance Auto Parts Monster Jam World Finals, Sam Boyd Stadium, unltickets.com, 702-739-3267

Artfully Sweet—Southern Nevada Children First Fundraiser, The Ridges in Summerlin, childrenfirst-nv.org, 702-207-9093

Funk-A-Palooza 2012, Planet Hollywood, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Kevin Hart, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 702-632-7580

Las Vegas Philharmonic Masterworks IV, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Women of Faith, COX Pavilion, unltickets.com, 702-739-3267

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HENDERSON—Missoula Children's Theatre, Convention Center, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

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NORTH LAS VEGAS—The Las Vegas Tenors, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

MARCH 24-25

Don Rickles, Orleans Showroom, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

Yesterday Once More—Musical Tribute to the Carpenters, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111

BOULDER CITY—Great Train Robbery of the Nevada Southern Railway, nevadasouthern.com, 702-486-5006

MARCH 25

Romeo Santos, Hard Rock, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Straight No Chaser, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Whitechapel, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

MARCH 27

Savion Glover's Bare Soundz, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

MARCH 27-APRIL 1

LAUGHLIN—The Lettermen, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

MARCH 29

Global Battle of the Bands, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

"Words on Dance," Nevada Ballet Theatre, Troesh Studio Theater, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

MARCH 29-APRIL 1

Frank Caliendo, The Venetian, venetian.com, 702-414-9000

Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational, Shadow Creek Golf Course, mjcigolf.com, 877-253-5847

BOULDER CITY—Silver State Kennel Dog Show, Veterans Memorial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-260-7875

MARCH 30

Luke Bryan, Fremont Street Experience, vegasexperience.com, 877-VEGAS-4U

The Pink Floyd Experience, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Peace Frog: Tribute to The Doors, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

MARCH 30-31

John Pinette, Orleans Showroom, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

Larry Liso, Rampart, rampartcasino.com, 866-999-4899

MARCH 30-APRIL 1

Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo, Rio, shows.bickinternational.com, 818-997-6496

Glass, Craft, & Bead Expo, South Point, southpointeventscenter.com, 702-796-7111

NHRA SummitRacing.com Nationals, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

RED ROCK CANYON NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA—Red Rock Rendezvous, climbing festival, mountaingear.com, 800-829-2009

VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK—World Atlatl Association Contest, parks.nv.gov, 702-397-2088

MARCH 31

Branford Marsalis, Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Eric Church, Fremont Street Experience, vegasexperience.com, 877-VEGAS-4U

Extreme Thing Sports & Music Festival, Desert Breeze Park, extremething.com



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Paul Rodgers, Eastside Cannery, eastsidecannery.com, 866-999-4899

Women's Day Celebration, Historic Fifth Street School, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-3515

LAUGHLIN—Alabama, Events Park, visitlaughlin.com, 702-298-0630

MESQUITE—Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant, Community Theatre, mesquitenv.com

MESQUITE—Spring Bazaar, CasaBlanca, casablancaresort.com, 877-438-2929

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Everclear, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

APRIL 1

Academy of Country Music Awards, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

Academy of Country Music Awards Fan Jam Hosted by Zac Brown Band, Mandalay Bay, mandalaybay.com, 702-632-7580

Galactic, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

"Golda's Balcony," Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

APRIL 2

Lionel Richie and Friends—A Lifetime of Hits, MGM Grand, mgmgrand.com, 800-745-3000

APRIL 3-8

"The Color Purple," Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

LAUGHLIN—Kevin Skinner, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

APRIL 5

Kelly Clarkson, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Miniature Tigers, Beauty Bar, ticketfly.com

Portugal, Silverton, silvertoncasino.com, 866-722-4608

APRIL 6

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: Bow Wow Wow, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

APRIL 6-7

Gabriel Iglesias, Mirage, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

Motorsports Expo, Rio, visitlasvegas.com, 702-777-7777

APRIL 6-22

"Blithe Spirit," Las Vegas Little Theatre, lvlt.org, 702-362-7996

APRIL 7

Sterling Night of Fights (boxing), Riviera, rivierahotel.com, 877-892-7469

Tiger Army, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

Walk With Me, Easter Seals Nevada fundraiser, W. Wayne Bunker Family Park, walkwithme.org/lasvegas, 702-789-5435

BOULDER CITY—Community Garage Sale &

VW Car Show, Bicentennial Park, bouldercitychamberofcommerce.com, 702-812-6449

HENDERSON—The Symphonic Rock Show, Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—Randy Travis, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

NORTH LAS VEGAS—The 5th Dimension featuring Florence LaRue, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

PAHRUMP—Pahrump Valley Children's Community Easter Egg Hunt, Petrack Park, pahrumnpv.org, 775-727-5107

APRIL 9

GWAR, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

APRIL 10-29

HENDERSON—Henderson Senior Games, citywide, cityofhenderson.com/parks, 702-267-5717

APRIL 11

Eddie Vedder, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Luis Zea, Doc Rando Recital Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

APRIL 12

Las Vegas Youth Orchestras, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

APRIL 12-15

LOGANDALE—Clark County Fair & Rodeo, Clark County Fairgrounds, ccfair.com, 888-876-FAIR

APRIL 13

Grace Potter & The Nocturnals, Aliante, aliantestation.com, 702-547-5300

The Shins, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 800-745-3000

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: The Farm, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Movie Madness Series: "Hop," Nature Discovery Park, cityofnorthlasvegas.com, 702-633-2650

NORTH LAS VEGAS—The Saucy Jacks, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

APRIL 13-14

Marcovicci Sings Movies, Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

"Women Fully Clothed," Troesh Studio Theater, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

APRIL 13-15

The Great Craft Festival, Cashman Center, visitlasvegas.com, 702-892-0711

Mopars at the Strip, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

Spring Wine & Jazz Fest, Golden Nugget, goldennugget.com, 866-946-5336

APRIL 13-15, 20-22

HENDERSON—"Cinderella" by the Las Vegas Shakespeare Company,

Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-4849

APRIL 14

CBR Championship Bull Riding, South Point, southpointeventscenter.com, 702-796-7111

Houston Ballet II, Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

Las Vegas Philharmonic Pops III—George Gershwin's Greatest Hits, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

BOULDER CITY—Let's Move Outside & Go Fishing, Veterans Memorial Park, ndow.org, 702-486-5127 x.3503

NORTH LAS VEGAS—World Classic Rockers, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

PAHRUMP—Flying Colors, Petrack Park, pahrumnpv.org, 775-727-5107

APRIL 14-15, 21-22

BOULDER CITY—Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine, Nevada Southern Railway, nevadasouthern.com, 702-486-5006

APRIL 15-16

Suzanne Vega & Duncan Sheik, Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

APRIL 17

Tech N9NE, House of Blues, houseofblues.com, 702-632-7600

APRIL 17-22

One Step Closer: THE STUDIO SERIES, Nevada Ballet Theatre, The Smith Center, nevadaballet.com, 702-243-2623

APRIL 19

Justice w/ The Rapture, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 800-745-3000

APRIL 19-22

Arabian Breeders World Cup, South Point, southpointeventscenter.com, 702-796-7111

"Disney on Ice," Thomas & Mack Center, unlvtickets.com, 702-739-3267

APRIL 20

MOMIX Presents "Botanica," Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Noel Gallagher's High-Flying Birds, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

Randel McGee Portrayal of Hans Christian Anderson, Lloyd George U.S. Courthouse, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-3515

APRIL 20-21

Joey DeFrancesco Trio, Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

PAHRUMP—Valley Cruisers of Pahrump, Petrack Park, pahrumnpv.org, 775-727-5107

APRIL 20-22

Fun Ford Weekend, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

APRIL 21

The Cleveland Orchestra, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Florence & The Machine, The Cosmopolitan, cosmopolitanlasvegas.com, 800-745-3000

The Good Lovelies, Historic Fifth Street School, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-3515

HENDERSON—Henderson Heritage Parade & Festival, Events Plaza & Water Street District, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—Doobie Brothers, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

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NORTH LAS VEGAS—Larry the Cable Guy w/ Reno Collier, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

APRIL 21-22

Baker (CA) to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, bakervegas.com, 775-727-5800

Las Vegas Gun Show, Sport Center of Las Vegas, visitlasvegas.com, 702-317-7777

BOULDER CITY—Boulder City Fine Arts Festival, Bicentennial Park, bcfineartsfestival.com, 877-292-2138

APRIL 22

HENDERSON—Richard Cheese, Green Valley Ranch, greenvallयरanchresort.com, 702-617-7777

APRIL 24

Concerto Competition Winner, Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

Jazz Ensemble III & Jazz Guitar Ensemble, Black Box Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

Yo-Yo Ma & Kathryn Stott w/ The Assad Brothers, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

APRIL 25

Jazz Ensemble I & Jazz Ensemble II, Black Box Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

Paco de Lucia, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Steve Forbes, Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

APRIL 25-29

LAUGHLIN—David Allan Coe, Riverside, riversideresort.com, 800-227-3849

APRIL 26

An Evening w/ David Sedaris, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

DRI Nevada Medal Dinner, ARIA, dri.edu, 775-673-7300

Latin & Contemporary Jazz Ensembles, Black Box Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

The Mother Hips, Hard Rock Café, ticketweb.com, 702-733-7625

APRIL 27

JAZZ ROOTS: A Larry Rosen Jazz Series,

Cabaret Jazz, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

HENDERSON—ArtBeat: Big Sam's Funky Nation, Events Plaza, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

HENDERSON—Staind w/ Chevelle, Sunset Station, sunsetstation.com, 702-547-7777

LAUGHLIN—Ted Nugent, E Center, edgewater-casino.tix.com, 702-298-2453

NORTH LAS VEGAS—Next Movement, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

APRIL 27-28

Jerry Seinfeld, Caesars Palace, thecolosseum.com, 800-745-3000

West Coast Regional Finals College Rodeo, South Point, southpointeventscenter.com, 702-796-7111

HENDERSON—The Indie Music Fest, Henderson Pavilion, hendersonlive.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—MINI KISS, Tropicana, tropicanax.com, 800-243-6846

APRIL 27-29

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Judy Bayley Theatre, pac.unlv.edu, 702-895-2787

BOULDER CITY—Renaissance Faire, Veterans Memorial Park, bcrenfaire.org, 702-308-3465

PAHRUMP—SCA Barony of Starkhahn, Petrack Park, pahrumprnv.org, 775-727-5107

APRIL 27-MAY 6

"Sleeping Beauty"—Rainbow Company Youth Theatre, Charleston Heights Arts Center, artslasvegas.org, 702-229-6383

APRIL 28

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields w/ Joshua Bell, Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Las Vegas Soul Festival, Orleans Arena, orleanscasino.com, 800-675-3267

HENDERSON—Viva Ska Vegas w/ The Aquabats & Voodoo Glow Skulls, Events Plaza, vivaskavegas.com, 702-267-2171

LAUGHLIN—Ray Manzarek & Robby Krieger of The Doors, E Center, edgewater-casino.tix.com, 702-298-2453

NORTH LAS VEGAS—The O'Jays, Cannery, cannerycasino.com, 866-999-4899

APRIL 29

Celtic Woman "BELIEVE," Reynolds Hall, thesmithcenter.com, 702-982-7805

Godsmack, Palms, ticketmaster.com, 800-745-3000

APRIL 29-MAY 5

MESQUITE—Golden Gloves, CasaBlanca, casablancaresort.com, 877-438-2929

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Blue Man Group, The Venetian, nightly (dark Mar. 7), venetian.com, 800-258-3626

Carrot Top, Luxor, dark Tues., luxor.com, 702-262-4400

Celine Dion, Caesars Palace; Mar. 3-4, 6-7, 10-11, 13-14, 16-18; thecolosseum.com, 877-423-5463

"CRISS ANGEL Believe" by Cirque du Soleil, Luxor, dark Sun. & Mon., luxor.com, 702-262-4400

David Copperfield, MGM Grand, Thru Mar. 4; Mar. 15-Apr. 11; Apr. 19-May 23; mgmgrand.com, 800-929-1111

David Spade, The Venetian; Mar. 16-17, Apr. 27-28, venetian.com, 866-641-7469

Donny & Marie Osmond, Flamingo, dark Sun. & Mon., flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

Elton John: "The Million Dollar Piano," Caesars Palace; Apr. 13-15, 18-19; thecolosseum.com, 800-745-3000

Garth Brooks, Wynn Las Vegas, Mar. 30-31, Apr. 20-21, wynnlasvegas.com, 702-770-1000

George Wallace, Flamingo, dark Sun. & Mon., flamingolasvegas.com, 800-221-7299

Jay Leno, Mirage, Mar. 16, Apr. 13-14, mirage.com, 800-963-9634

"KÀ" by Cirque du Soleil, MGM Grand, dark Sun. & Mon., mgmgrand.com, 800-929-1111

"Le Rêve—The Dream," Wynn Las Vegas, dark Wed. & Thurs., wynnlasvegas.com, 702-770-9966

Louie Anderson in "Louie LOL," Palace Station, Wed.-Sat., palacestation.com, 702-547-5300

"Mystère" by Cirque du Soleil, Treasure Island, dark Thurs. & Fri., treasureisland.com, 866-712-9308

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

Penn & Teller, Rio, dark Thurs. & Fri., riolasvegas.com, 702-777-7776

"Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular," The Venetian, dark Sun., venetian.com, 866-641-7469

Rod Stewart: The Hits, Caesars Palace; Mar. 24-25, 28, 31; Apr. 1, 4, 6-7; thecolosseum.com, 800-745-3000

Shania Twain, Caesars Palace; Dec. 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15; thecolosseum.com, 800-745-3000

Terry Fator: Ventriloquism in Concert, Mirage, dark Sun. & Mon., mirage.com, 800-963-9634

Tim Allen, The Venetian; Mar. 10, Apr. 13-14; venetian.com, 866-641-7469

"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil, Aria, dark Sun. & Mon., ariallasvegas.com, 877-25-ELVIS

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



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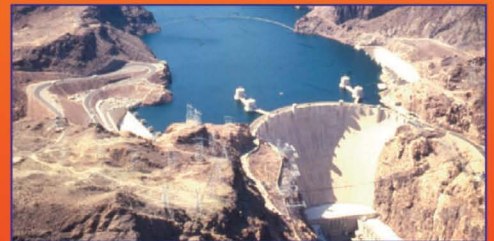
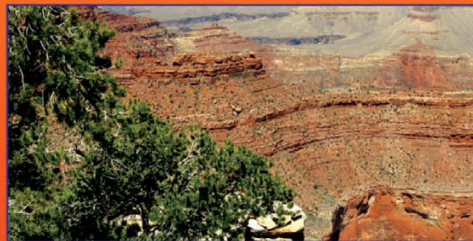
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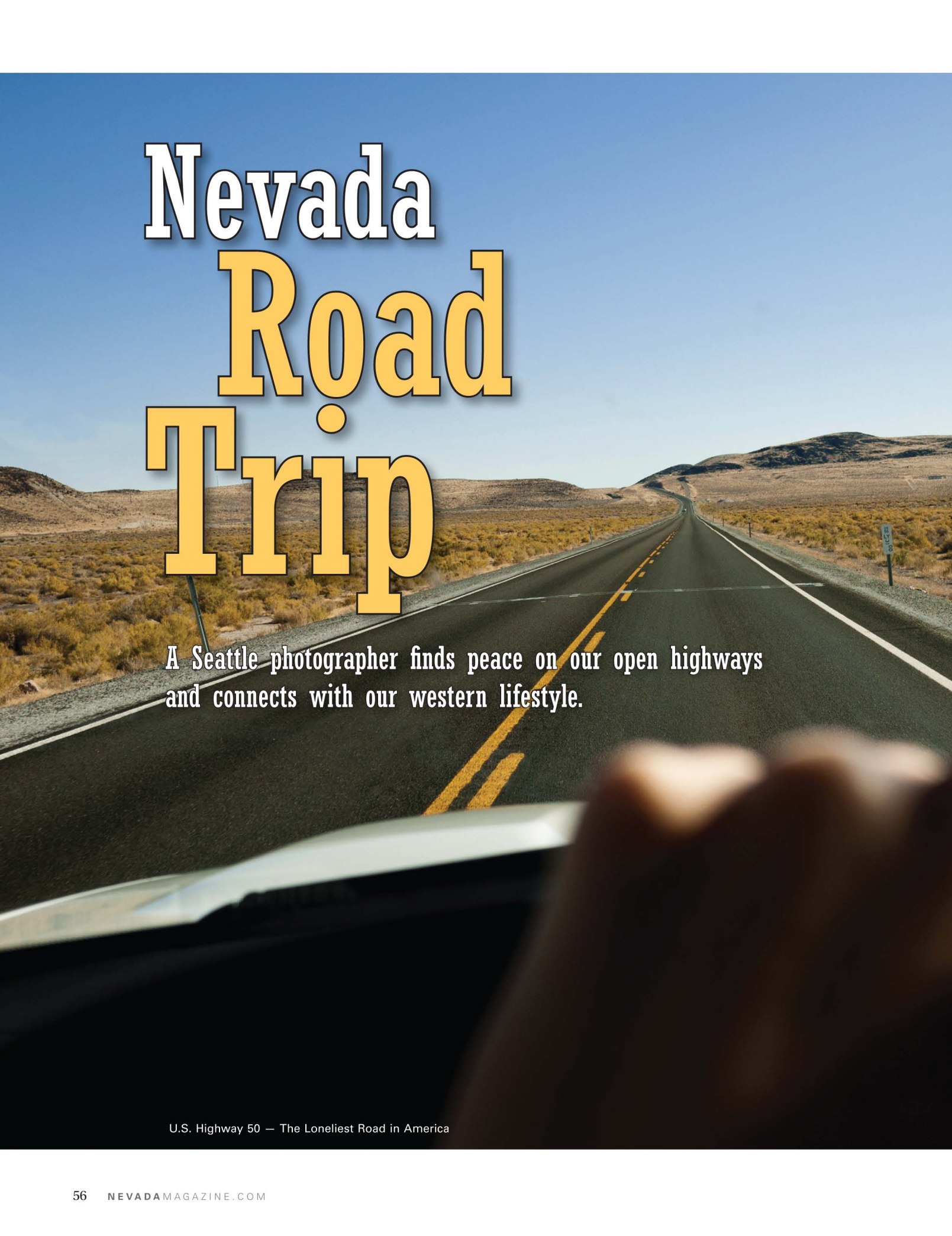
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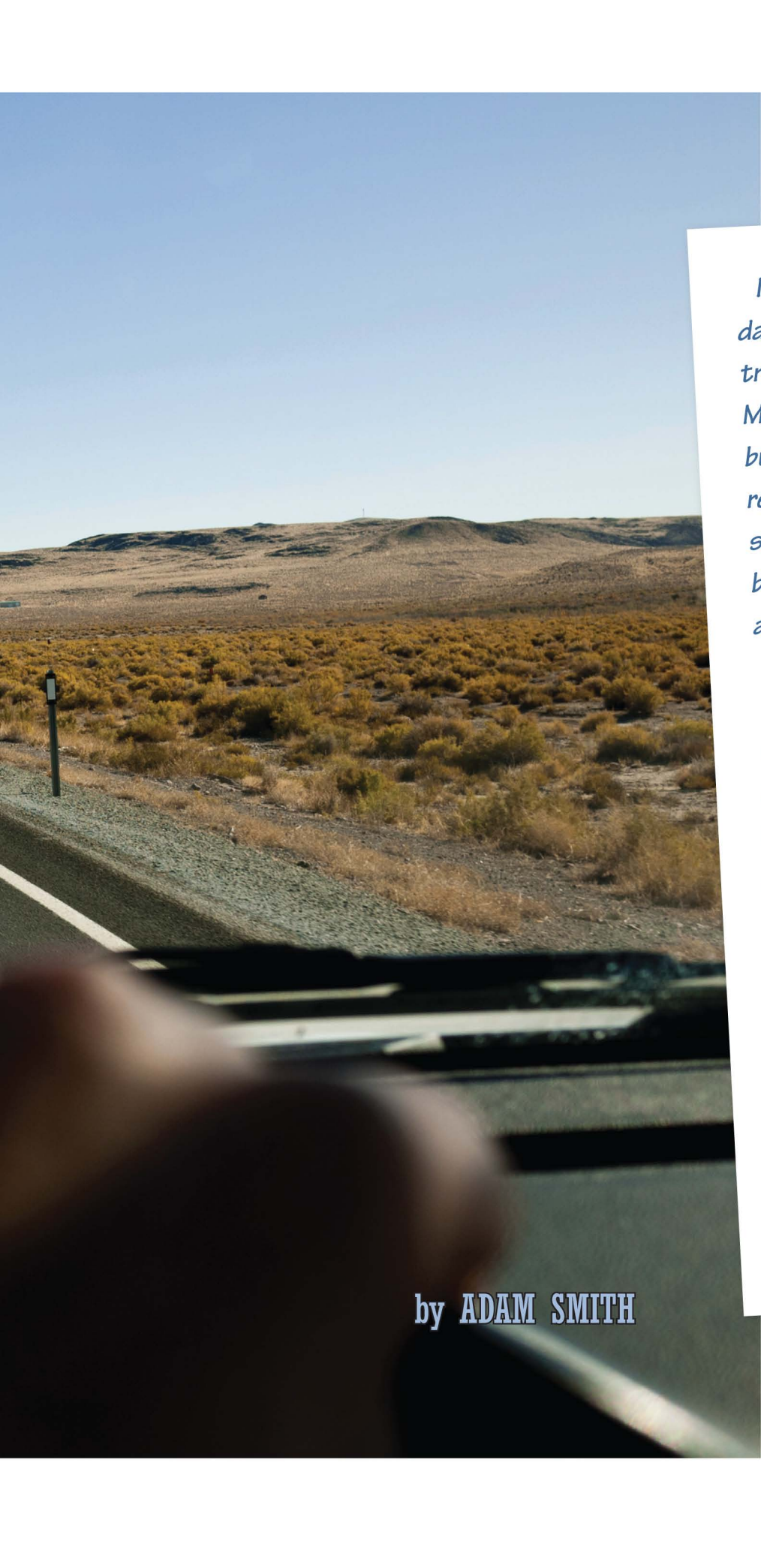
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I am halfway through a 14-day, 2,500-mile solo road trip crisscrossing the state. My iPod won't hold a charge, but it doesn't matter. The relative silence and the soothing sound of the steel belt radials on the asphalt are the perfect soundtrack.

Cruising along U.S. Highway 93 at 70 mph, I make a quick mental calculation in my head, trying to guess how long it will take me to reach the mountain range in the distance. It's a game I've been playing with myself over the last couple of days, and I'm getting pretty good at it.

Forty-five minutes, I tell myself. That's plenty of time to reflect on my trip so far:

by ADAM SMITH



After arriving at the Flint Drive depot (north of Carson City), engineers on the Virginia & Truckee Railway steam train wait to depart on the day's final return run to Virginia City.

In Virginia City's Bucket of Blood Saloon listening to David John and the Comstock Cowboys, and afterward riding the Virginia & Truckee Railway steam train to Carson City's outskirts, I had been momentarily transported back to the Wild West.



ADAM SMITH'S 14-DAY ADVENTURE

- 10.23** Reno, Virginia City, V&T Train Ride, Carson City, Hardman House Hotel
- 10.24** Carson City, Genoa, Moonlite Bunny Ranch, South Lake Tahoe, Harveys Lake Tahoe
- 10.25** North Lake Tahoe, Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
- 10.26** Sand Mountain, Winnemucca, Elko, Red Lion Hotel & Casino
- 10.27** Explore Elko
- 10.28** Ruby Mountains, Lamoille Canyon, Glaser Ranch
- 10.29** Eureka, Ely, Nevada Northern Railway, Hotel Nevada
- 10.30** Pioche, Cathedral Gorge State Park, Overland Hotel & Saloon
- 10.31** Extraterrestrial Highway, Rachel, Tonopah, Mizpah Hotel
- 11.1** Tonopah, Goldfield
- 11.2** Mt. Charleston, Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, The Resort on Mt. Charleston
- 11.3** Boulder City, Hoover Dam, Valley of Fire State Park, Historic Boulder Dam Hotel
- 11.4** Henderson, Las Vegas, The Mirage
- 11.5** Depart for Seattle



David John and the Comstock Cowboys take the stage at the Bucket of Blood Saloon in Virginia City. As the official house band, the country group plays the Bucket of Blood most Saturday and Sunday afternoons.



Genoa locals stop to take photos of signs lining the road to Lyon County's infamous Moonlite Bunny Ranch.

On a Monday afternoon in Genoa, I walked into the oldest bar in Nevada for a cold beer and struck up a conversation with some locals. Before I knew it, the five of us were in the car headed to a famous brothel for a few drinks. They were strangers an hour earlier, but by the end of the day they felt like old friends.





Every year, during the last week of October, thousands converge on Sand Mountain to camp, ride, and celebrate Nevada Day and Halloween. Here, Trent Booker, from Woodland, California, rips it on his ATV.

I climbed the steep slopes of otherworldly Sand Mountain on a powerful ATV.



I hiked to the top of Cave Rock and watched the rising sun slowly illuminate Lake Tahoe.

In the early morning sunrise, a lone boater treads Lake Tahoe.



Cowboy Max Bennett takes a short break from herding cattle on Glaser Ranch, east of Elko near Halleck.

I had the privilege of seeing a working cattle ranch up close and was invited by the vet to administer a cattle pregnancy test, which I politely declined.

I witnessed a true artisan at work building a one-of-a-kind handmade saddle.

I saw a spectacular assemblage of fall foliage framed by the dramatic Ruby Mountains in Lamoille Canyon, and did not have to share it with a soul.

No one else was around.



On Nevada Day, east of Elko at Glaser Ranch, Trent Ritchie saddles up to herd cattle. Ritchie lives on the ranch with his mother, Janette, and his father, Shane, the lead cowboy.



Lamoille Canyon area in the late fall, just after sunrise.



The winding blacktop cuts through the red sandstone formations in Valley of Fire State Park, Nevada's largest and oldest.



Forty-five minutes fly by. The mountain range that seemed so far away comes and goes without me really noticing. Something is happening to me on this trip. I feel different. Relaxed. At peace. Connected to this place and, more importantly, myself.

I arrive in Pioche and check into the Overland Hotel & Saloon. I think about kicking up my feet for a while, when I realize there are a few hours of daylight left, and that Cathedral Gorge State Park is just down the road. I hop back into my rental car and drive there to take some photos at sunset.



Bentonite clay ramparts at Cathedral Gorge State Park conceal an out-of-this-world maze of slot canyons.



In Tonopah, the stars in the night sky and the full moon illuminate the surrounding desert and my trusty SUV. The central Nevada town promotes its dark skies and surreal stargazing.

The golden hour is approaching. There is not another soul around—for miles and miles perhaps. I am totally alone. It is here that it finally hits me—the absence of sound. It is completely silent. There are no trees or leaves to rustle in the wind. I can hear the sound of my own footsteps, my own breath. These are the only sounds that exist out here. The silence is beautiful, sublime, and clarifying.



Red Rock Canyon

"We like getting out into the wide open, off the beaten path where we can see things and meet people we don't know about. We want to discover things when we travel."

Stacy and Stewart Foster

Now I get what locals and visitors love about Nevada.



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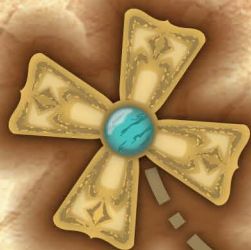
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Las Vegas



CONCLUSION: Last fall, as part of a comprehensive branding project for the State of Nevada, Seattle-based agency GreenRubino sent photographer and brand-strategist Adam Smith on a road trip throughout the state. His assignment was to bring back stories that illustrate the soul of the Silver State and bring to life the Nevada brand. What preceded were photographs and entries from Smith's travel journal.



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BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON



The Rod Hall Racing team tears through the course of the Vegas to Reno off-road race.

JOHN PAPPENFORTH

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Mark Martin (yellow car) won the 2011 Nationwide Series Sam's Town 300 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The race serves as a tune-up for the following day's Kobalt Tools 400.

Nationwide attendance at NASCAR events has gone into a skid in recent years, down from a pre-recession high of nearly 4.7 million for NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series in 2005 to slightly more than 3.5 million in 2010 according to a *USA Today* story. When they are compiled, numbers for 2011 will likely follow the downward trend. The crash is little surprise considering the sport's reliance on corporate sponsors, which tend to tighten their belts in a down economy, and climbing gasoline prices that seem to have no ceiling.

But, it's not all bad news, especially in Nevada. Attendance at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in 2011 was on pace with pre-recession numbers at 152,000, and has actually climbed from a 2009 low of 140,000.

Considering attendance woes nationwide—Indianapolis Motor Speedway saw crowds for the Brickyard 400 plummet from 270,000 in 2007 to less than 140,000 in 2011—it is no small feat that Las Vegas continues to fill seats. "Vegas is a lot like Talladega [Alabama] since it's a destination race," says NASCAR standout and Las Vegas native Kyle Busch. "People come from all over the country to have fun in the city and take in a race at the same time."



Carl Edwards celebrates his victory in the 2011 Kobalt Tools 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

NASCAR WEEKEND

For three days in March, the eyes of the motorsports world are on Sin City. NASCAR Weekend at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, March 9-11, draws hundreds of thousands of spectators, who, in addition to the main events, have access to qualifying and practice races, as well as the chance to meet teams and drivers at the Neon Garage.

Boyd Gaming's seven Las Vegas Properties—Sam's Town, Suncoast, The Orleans, Gold Coast, and California, Fremont, and Main Street Stations—feature race weekend packages that include accommodations, race tickets, and roundtrip transportation to Las Vegas Motor Speedway. In addition to room packages, the resorts also offer fans several events at which they can meet drivers and immerse themselves in the NASCAR atmosphere.

Catching Up with *Kyle* Busch



Kyle Busch recently took some time out of his busy race schedule—which includes Las Vegas' NASCAR Nationwide and Sprint Cup Series races on March 10 and 11, respectively—to talk with *Nevada Magazine* about his experiences growing up in Southern Nevada.

Q: This story portrays Nevada (including its rural areas and towns) as a motorsports-friendly state. In your experience, is that accurate?

A: I would say that it is. It was a great place for me and my family to race at the Bullring in

NASCAR WEEKEND *Events*

MARCH 8

- Chat with Jimmie Johnson, Suncoast, suncoastcasino.com, 877-677-7111
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. interview, Sam's Town, samstownlv.com, 800-897-8696

MARCH 9

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Kobalt Tools 400
- Stratosphere Pole Day qualifying, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

- Regan Smith and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. autograph signing, Sam's Town, samstownlv.com, 800-897-8696

MARCH 10

- NASCAR Nationwide Series Sam's Town 300 qualifying, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

- NASCAR Nationwide Series Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

- Joe Nichols post-race concert, Sam's Town, samstownlv.com, 702-284-7777

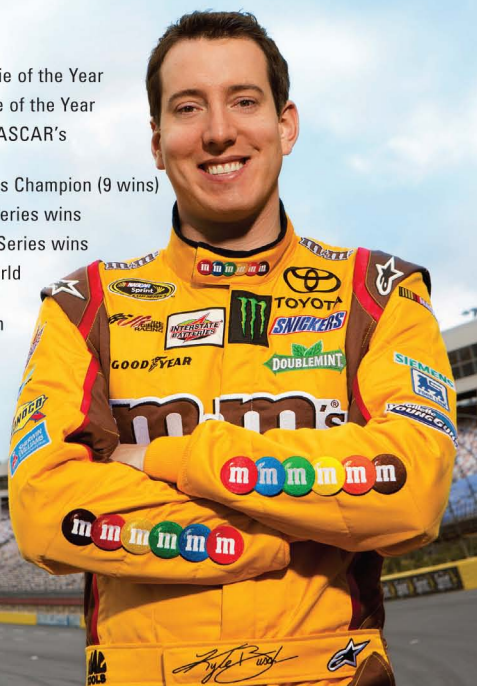
MARCH 11

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Kobalt Tools 400, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, lvms.com, 800-644-4444

KYLE BUSCH

- ◆ 2004 NASCAR Nationwide Rookie of the Year
- ◆ 2005 NASCAR Sprint Cup Rookie of the Year
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- ◆ 30 career NASCAR Camping World Truck Series victories
- ◆ Nationwide Series single-season wins record (13)
- ◆ 104 NASCAR wins

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Vegas. We raced there well before they built Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The Bullring, and other places [around] Nevada, were great places to race growing up.

Q: Growing up in Las Vegas, you had aspirations to become a driver from a young age. Was the state more, less, or equally motorsports-oriented during your early years here?

A: It was more about the fact that I came from a racing family than where we were living. But obviously [Nevada's] weather lends itself to being able to run more races than where my parents grew up in Illinois. We mostly raced on pavement growing up, mostly at the Las Vegas Bullring but starting in the cul-de-sac [our house was on] running around on a go-kart with my brother and dad. Those were fun times.

Q: Before your driving career officially started, you crewed for your older brother Kurt's Dwarf car team. You two are obviously close—how competitive were you with one another as kids? Are you still?

A: Kurt is seven years older than me, so I always wanted to do what he was doing and as I got older, I wanted to beat him, too. We didn't race against each other for a championship ever. When we first did start racing against each other was 1999, and I remember my first win was March 27 [of that year]. I think I qualified first, and I won the race that night. Kurt was actually in Denver, Colorado—he was racing at Colorado National Speedway, and I think he sat on the pole up there and ran well. It was pretty cool and [when] he came back a couple weeks later, we ran our first race against each other in which I could actually

keep up with him. I think that was Friday night, and he was supposed to let me win—I [barely lost] and the next night I said, "Forget it, I'm going all out." I went straight to the front, and there were no cautions throughout the race, and I walked the dog on that one. I'm sure he remembers it a little differently.

Q: You've won quite a bit all over the country. Specifically you had a pretty emotional win in 2009 at the Shelby 427 at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. What was so special about that race? What was it like winning on your home track?

A: It was cool. To go out there and to run a smooth race, and to have a shot at winning at the end of the race, that's what it's all about. I watched [Las Vegas Motor Speedway] being built from the ground up, and I remember when it wasn't anything but a gleam in Richie Clyne's [founder of Las Vegas Motor Speedway] eye—all those guys who made that place happen. It was the biggest at the time, but the triple at Bristol in 2010 and the Kentucky win last year rank up there now, too. It was awesome, just the feeling of a lifetime. I told everyone that it would be just like any other race, but it really meant a lot more than that when I got to victory lane. To have my mom and my brother come to victory lane just made it that much more special.

Q: What makes Las Vegas Motor Speedway unique compared to other stops on the NASCAR circuit? How are the fans?

A: For myself and my family, it's special because it's where we grew up. I raced every weekend just outside of what's now the big oval at the little Bullring. As for the fans, Las Vegas has one of the best setups for the fans with the Neon Garage, so they can see what we are doing while we are working on the race cars. Not many tracks have that, so it makes Vegas unique. Vegas is a lot like Talladega [Alabama] since it's a destination race, and people come from all over the country to have fun in the city and take in a race at the same time, so you have a bigger mixture than just fans from the region like some other tracks might have.

Q: You currently live in North Carolina. Aside from races at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, how often do you come back to visit? Is there anything you miss about Nevada?

A: Our [race] schedules are so busy, that I really don't get back to Las Vegas unless I'm racing there, have an appearance for a sponsor, or am there for the season-ending banquet. We race 38 weekends a year, but if you add in the appearances, there isn't any off-time to just come back and hang out unless you tie it in with a commitment in the city. I probably miss the weather the most. I'm used to the warm desert weather and always feel at home when we get back to Vegas or any of our races on the West Coast.

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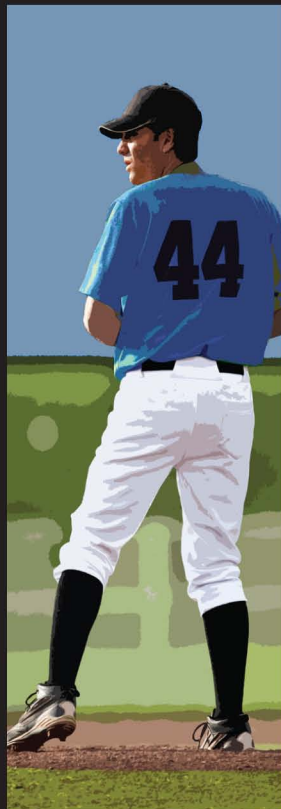
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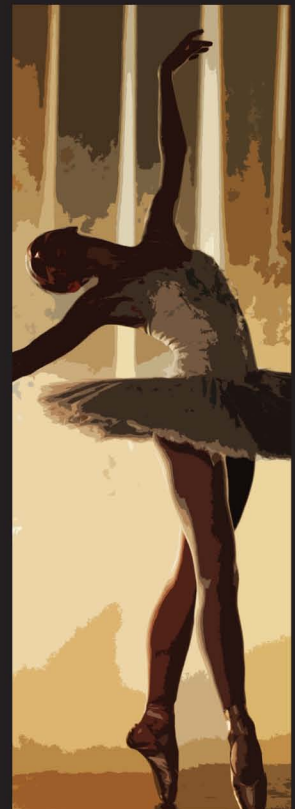
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**Dale Jarrett Racing
Adventure**
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Hickory, NC 28602
racingadventure.com
888-467-2231



LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The granddaddy of Nevada motorsports venues, Las Vegas Motor Speedway is about 15 miles northeast of The Strip via Interstate 15. In addition to the immense 1.5-mile, 142,000-seat Superspeedway, the 1,300-acre complex is home to an off-road course, 2.5-mile and 1.3-mile road courses, a half-mile dirt track, the original .375-mile Las Vegas Bullring, a quarter-mile drag strip, a three-quarter-mile kart sprint course, a stadium truck course, and the Neon Garage, the "Disneyland" of NASCAR where fans have unprecedented access to race teams and drivers, unique concession areas, live entertainment, and a bird's-eye view of Winners Circle.

LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY *Upcoming Events*

MARCH 7

IMCA Modified and
Late Models

MARCH 8

World of Outlaws &
360 Sprint Cars

MARCH 9-11

*2012 NASCAR Weekend
*see NASCAR Weekend
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complete listing

MARCH 16

Dodge Midnight Mayhem

MARCH 17

Short Line Express Market
Jr. Dragster

MARCH 17-18, 24-25

USLCI Spring Sizzler
race series

MARCH 30-APRIL 1

NHRA SummitRacing.com
Nationals

APRIL 13-15

Mopars at the Strip

APRIL 14

NASCAR Whelen
All-American Series
opening night

APRIL 15

USLCI Sunday Shootout

APRIL 20-22

Fun Ford Weekend

APRIL 21-22

Tony Rowe Enterprises Las
Vegas Bracket
Drag Racing Series

APRIL 27

Dodge Midnight Mayhem

APRIL 28

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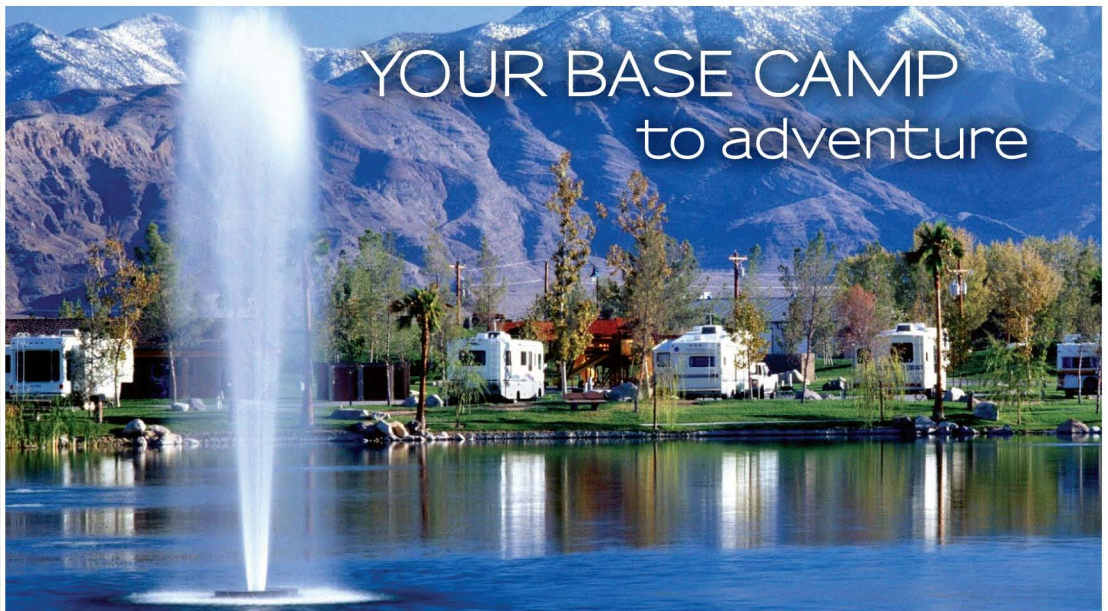
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Battle Mountain Raceway

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BATTLE MOUNTAIN RACEWAY

Battle Mountain Raceway is an elongated quarter-mile dirt oval with long straightaways and tight turns and basic spectators seating and concessions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Battle Mountain Raceway
2351 Frontage Rd., Battle Mountain, NV 89820
bmraceway.com

LOVELOCK SPEEDWAY

Lovelock Speedway features a quarter-mile dirt oval and sits northwest of the town via Meridian and Pitt Roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 24

Test & Tune

APRIL 12

Points Race

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Lovelock Speedway
lovelockspeedway.com
775-842-5813

PAHRUMP VALLEY SPEEDWAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3

Mini Stocks, Bombers, Super Stocks, Dwarfs, Mod Minis, Pro Stock, and IMCA

MARCH 10

Test & Tune

MARCH 17

Mini Stocks, Bombers, Super Stocks, Dwarfs, Sport Mods, Coupes, and IMCA

MARCH 31

Mini Stocks, Bombers, Super Stocks, Dwarfs, Sport Mods, Pro Stocks, and IMCA

APRIL 5-7

Dwarf Car Nationals

APRIL 14

Mini Stocks, Bombers, Super Stocks, Dwarfs, Sport Mods, Coupes, Pro Stock and IMCA

APRIL 28

Mini Stocks, Bombers, Super Stocks, Dwarfs, Sport Mods, Pro Stocks, and IMCA

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Pahrump Valley Speedway
1881 Grieco Way, Pahrump, NV 89041
pahrumppvalleyspeedway.com
702-328-8101

RATTLESNAKE RACEWAY (FALLON)

Fallon's Rattlesnake Raceway is a quarter-mile dirt oval administered by the Lahontan Auto Racing Association. According to the raceway's Facebook page, it is "the oldest continuously operated oval track in the state of Nevada."

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 31

Play Day

APRIL 7

Points Race, Karts

APRIL 21

Points Race, Demo Derby

APRIL 28

Big Boy Toy, Points Race

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Rattlesnake Raceway
2000 Airport Rd, Fallon, NV 89406
rattlesnakeraceway.net
775-423-7483

RENO-FERNLEY RACEWAY

Reno-Fernley Raceway calls its nearly four-mile road course "the West's longest and most challenging." The course has 10 configuration options and includes up to 35 turns and several hills, making for very exciting racing for drivers and spectators. For speed-seekers, the raceway's quarter-mile drag strip features plenty of high-octane excitement in warmer months.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 24-25

Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Flagger Training

MARCH 31

SCCA Flagger & Fire Training

APRIL 13

Friday at the Track Test & Tune

APRIL 21

SCCA Performance Driving Experience Time Trial No. 1

APRIL 22

Mustangs & Messerschmitts

APRIL 27-29

Great American Stock Cars

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Reno-Fernley Raceway
1965 U.S. Hwy 95A,
Fernley, NV 89408
renofernleyracetrack.com
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Rattlesnake Raceway, Fallon



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Virginia City
Motorcycle Club
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NV 89440
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VIRGINIA CITY GRAND PRIX

The Virginia City Grand Prix, April 28-29, features two days of motorcycle racing with 1,000 racers and 3,000 cheering spectators on the streets of the Comstock. This year marks the 41st running of the Virginia City Motorcycle Club event.

PHOTOS: CHERYL HOGAN



SUMMIT RACEWAY (ELKO)

Elko's Summit Raceway is a quarter-mile, semi-banked, D-shaped dirt oval track. Summit's race season typically runs from late April into September.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Summit Raceway
PO Box 1192, Elko, NV 89803
summitraceway.com

TONOPAH SPEEDWAY

Tonopah Speedway is a quarter-mile banked dirt oval track.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tonopah Speedway
Central Nevada Racing Association
PO Box 3040, Tonopah, NV 89049
tonopahspeedway.com
775-482-3337

TOP GUN RACEWAY (FALLON)

The National Hot Rod Association sanctioned quarter-mile drag strip at Fallon's Top Gun Raceway is perhaps the most popular motorsports venue in Northern Nevada. The track's 3,000-seat grandstands and 500-racer staging area have been attracting spectators and drivers for more than a decade. State-of-the-art computerized timing and staging equipment, a walkway connecting the stands over the track, and lights for night racing make Top Gun a fan favorite.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 31

Test & Tune Season Opener

APRIL 14

Test & Tune

APRIL 15

Summit ET No. 1, JR Series No. 1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Top Gun Raceway
15550 Schurz Hwy., Fallon, NV 89406
topgunraceway.com
775-423-0223

WINNEMUCCA REGIONAL RACEWAY

The Winnemucca Regional Raceway features a one-third-mile dirt oval with an Outlaw Kart track in the center of its infield. Its pits have space for more than 100 cars and trailers and grandstands, and pit grandstands have seating for more than 350 spectators.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Winnemucca Regional Raceway
332 S. Bridge St.,
Winnemucca, NV 89445
winnemuccaracing.com
775-304-5085

SCORE INTERNATIONAL OFF-ROAD RACING

In a state with as much dirt and open space as Nevada, it comes as no surprise that there is ample room for numerous big races organized by the most respected off-road racing groups in the world. The only SCORE International Off-Road Racing event to take place in the United States (most of its races are in Baja, Mexico) is the SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge, which ran for its 18th year in January.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Southern Nevada
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BEST IN THE DESERT RACING ASSOCIATION & THE MINT 400

For race fans who like to see the dirt fly, many of the Silver State's most popular off-road events are presented courtesy of Best In the Desert Racing Association. If you don't immediately recognize the organization, no doubt some of its races ring a bell, such as the world-famous Mint 400, March 23-25, and August's Vegas to Reno, the longest off-road race in the country. Other races include the Canidae Tap It Silver State 300 from May 4-6 and the TransWest Ford Henderson 250 in the fall.

The Mint 400 has been the quintessential off-road race since Norm Johnson, a retired racer and former advertising and publicity director for the Mint Hotel, created it in 1968. For 2012, the race features a new 400-mile course near Jean, where some of the original Mint 400 races were held. The course will include some of the standby features of classic Mint 400 races, including a high-speed passing zone near a dedicated spectator area, rocky washes, silt beds, and high-speed graded roads. The famous Miss Mint 400 beauty contest, where women from around the country compete for money, prizes, and a General Tire photo shoot, has also been reinstated for 2012. ▀

The Mint 400 was popularized in Hunter S. Thompson's 1971 autobiographical novel *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and the 1998 Johnny Depp film based on the book.

UPCOMING *Event*

MARCH 23-25

General Tires Mint 400

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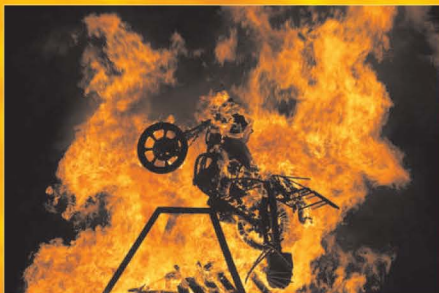
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June 9-10, 2012

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August 3-5, 2012



Snow Horses

Fallon photographer Kim Lamb nearly passed up a golden opportunity on an early spring day in 2009. Lamb—with his trusted Nikon by his side—was on the prowl for scenes that would accentuate the beauty of fresh snow in Northern Nevada. “I almost drove right by, but luckily caught a glimpse out of the corner of my eye because I was looking at some horses on the opposite side of the road,” he says. “I really like the way the tree frames the scene.”

Viewers of the photo might like the trees, too, but something tells us that—in true Nevada fashion—people *love* the horses. “The stream had thawed, and the horses had made their way to drink about mid-morning,” says Lamb, who captured the image along Saint Clair Road, a few miles south of Fallon. Search “Kim Lamb Photography” on Facebook for more information.

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