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If *Nevada Magazine* were to choose the Silver State's "bests," it would be mission impossible. There are just too many outstanding candidates. That's why we leave the tough decisions to our readers. For the third consecutive year, voting in our Best of Nevada survey was conducted online. Thank you to everyone who participated. From Brewery to Wedding Venue and the 15 categories in between, the winners are... 12



Saving Nevada's Lakes

Water. So simple, yet so vital to life. We tend to sometimes take its accessibility for granted, but every summer we head for our favorite lakes to boat, fish, kayak, swim—even watch the fireworks on Fourth of July in the case of Lake Tahoe. Meanwhile, there are major conservation challenges facing each of Nevada's four major lakes—Mead, Pyramid (pictured), Tahoe, and Walker. If we want to continue to enjoy them, we have to address the problems now and start working together to correct them—before it's too late.

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A view from the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour, courtesy of Stars and Stripes Air Tours. Lake Mead National Recreation Area lies in the background.

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- Four **Reno restaurants** have been featured recently on national television shows—with just a few clicks, you can find out which ones. By Cynthia S. Kennedy
- Can you imagine driving down the road, only to have a plane demolish the top half of your car? **Nevada native Dorthella Silva** doesn't have to imagine her brush with death in 1943. By Carson Costa
- Every year, the **Tahoe Rim Trail Association** leads two groups around the 165 miles of trail that circumambulate Lake Tahoe (see photo above). Read a personal account of the 15-day journey. By Jim Mrazek
- Find out what's going into the design of the future **Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement**—aka The Mob Museum.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

CoastStarlight11: I totally dig Nevada Magazine! One of the issues had a [story] on Lovelock... one of my hangouts for railway video shoots.—YouTube

LetsGetItOnBox: Great story in Nevada Magazine on Celebrating [boxer] Jack Johnson!—Twitter

RenoTahoeStan: Great Wildflower Photos in Nevada Magazine.—Twitter

Debbie Seracini: February 1992 with "Wendover Will" in neon. But I'm also partial to the feature story on page 16 about the Friends of Rhyolite by Chuck Hillinger! —Facebook
(commenting on her favorite cover)

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The Nevada Commission on Tourism pays homage to railroad attractions around the Silver State.

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FEATURED PHOTO GALLERY

St. Thomas: Visit our Flickr profile to view images from the ghost town of St. Thomas, vacated in 1938 due to the formation of Lake Mead. Because of the receding lake, remnants of the town are visible today via a 2.5-mile loop trail.

FEATURED VIDEO

Extraterrestrial Highway: Spend a few minutes traveling east on State Route 375 after a late-April snowstorm. Look at it this way—you have a better chance of avoiding abduction while driving vicariously through our YouTube video.

FEATURED BLOGGER

Shelley Stepanek: Check out our Events & Shows blog for a number of first-person accounts from different Las Vegas attractions. Stepanek, who writes about Lance Burton in this issue, spotlights CSI: The Experience, among others.

conservation is key

"Water is life's mater and matrix, mother and medium."
—Albert Szent-Györgyi, 1937 Nobel Prize (Physiology)

On a May morning, I'm standing on the bottom floor of the Club Cal Neva parking lot in Reno with 15 or so others who are fortunate enough to spend a working day out of the office. We're about to be escorted a couple of miles east of Reno on Interstate 80 to the Lockwood exit, where we will embark on a day of rafting the Truckee River courtesy of The Nature Conservancy in Nevada.

Naturally, we partake in the what's-your-name-and-what-do-you-do icebreaker conversations. I'm explaining our upcoming issue's contents to a fellow rafter, and it goes something like this: "We're also featuring Nevada's lakes. Not only some of the current conservation efforts, but also to show tourists that we have these awesome lakes in Nevada...so use them."



"Use them wisely," adds Mickey Hazelwood, Truckee River Project Director for The Nature Conservancy.

Mickey took the words right out of my mouth, and he could just as well have been summing up the moral of this July/August issue: respect our public lands. Starting with Charlie Johnston's piece focusing on Nevada's four major lakes and the conservation challenges that face each, we also look at Nevada's nine National Wildlife Refuges and the influential work of groups such as The Nature Conservancy.

While rafting the Truckee—and even before we put in—we saw the work of the Conservancy firsthand. From Lockwood, where a park and boat launch have been established, we floated downriver past the new ecosystem restoration project, which enriches habitat in and out of the water. Right on cue, four wild horses galloped across the open land south of the river. Further downriver we saw the site of an older ecosystem restoration project, highlighted by healthy cottonwood trees and other greenery that had benefited from a wet early spring (see our Up Front section to learn more about The Nature Conservancy).

My day on the river was in stark contrast to one three weeks earlier, when I hiked the Historical St. Thomas Loop Trail, a few miles south of Overton in Southern Nevada. When you drive up to the interpretive sign, you're looking out at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, but due to drought and water use the northern section of the lake's Overton Arm is no more. Once submerged, after Hoover Dam was constructed, the structures of the former town of St. Thomas are now visible to the public via the trail (read more on page 36).

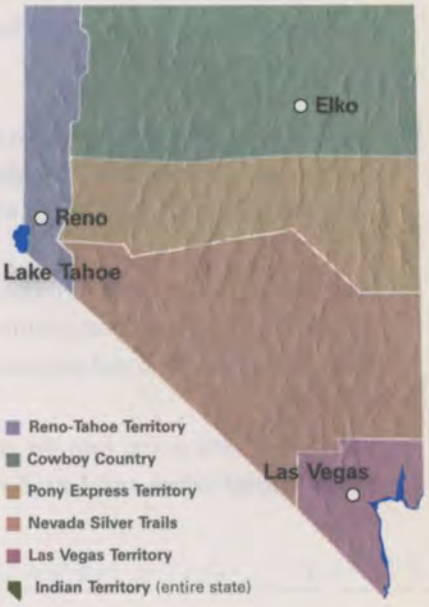
As I walked the trails, the millions of shells (see photo above) were a constant reminder that tourists used to boat, fish, and swim here—and those days are likely over. This is an important lesson. Should future editors want to spend time out of the office plying Nevada's lakes and rivers, conservation has to be priority number one. And we have to use our resources wisely.

Matthew B. Brown, Editor

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SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

My wife, brother, sister-in-law, and I just returned from a nine-day stay in Las Vegas. As usual, *Nevada Magazine* was one of the resources used to plan our trip. Thanks to the March/April [2010] issue, we spent a full day at Valley of Fire State Park. What a wonderful experience. The scenery was awesome! We hiked just two of the trails, but hope to return to see more. It takes at least a full day to take it all in.

Also went to see Terry Fator (thank you *Nevada Magazine* for the review). What a talented performer! The tickets were worth every penny! He donates sales of merchandise to veterans. Not just a great celebrity, but a great person as well!

We cannot wait to go back to Nevada. The [May/June 2010] issue with wildflowers was waiting for me when I returned. What timeliness! The magazine has improved significantly in the past two years. It is a terrific resource for the traveler. I even enjoy reading the ads! Keep up the great work!
John Wilda, Swanton, Vermont

Read the rest of John's letter—which also references the Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the ghost town of Rhyolite—at nevadamagazine.com.
EDITOR



Correction: The above image, which appeared on page 46 of the May/June 2010 issue, should have been credited to photographer William Lane. It was taken at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in Southern Nevada.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Just a note to say that I think the State of Nevada is publishing one of the finest magazines on the market. As a journalism grad student at the University of Nevada, Reno—and a newspaper owner in Missouri—I'm not easily impressed by today's print products. However, the writing, photography, advertising, and layout of *Nevada Magazine* is superb in every category. I haven't subscribed to a non-news magazine in years, but now I have. Thank you!
Will Sites, Reno

ON TARGET

[Fallon and Elko recently hosted] what will most likely be two of the largest shooting events in Nevada this year. These events are very attractive to people both inside and outside the state, and there are many similar events throughout the year around the state. The Clark County Shooting Park just opened in Las Vegas. I don't understand why this isn't covered in your magazine.
John Ingle, Hawthorne

Great timing, John. See this issue's Up Front section. You'll be pleasantly surprised.
EDITOR

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Kathleen Stebbins moved to Nevada in 1985 and immediately fell in love with its outdoor recreational opportunities. An avid adventurer, she has climbed Nevada's Arc Dome and Wheeler Peak and revels in the surreal "sandscapes" of the Black Rock and Smith Creek playas. "The playa is unlike anywhere you've been," Stebbins says. "On a windless day you can stand in the middle and experience absolute silence." Stebbins, former *Reno Gazette-Journal* features editor, writes about and photographs rocketry clubs that frequent the Black Rock Desert.

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MARK
PETTERSON

Henderson resident Mark Petterson, originally from Chicago, moved to the Las Vegas area in January 2006. Since that time, he and his family and friends have taken more than 170 scenic trips—hiking, rock climbing, sightseeing, and backcountry travel. He purchased a Jeep in October 2007, and it was a life-changing event. "I love the freedom of Nevada's open lands, and I'm always looking for new areas to explore," Petterson says. For this issue, he writes about the roads less traveled in Desert National Wildlife Refuge, just north of Las Vegas.

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REBECCA
PONTON

Rebecca Ponton (rebeccaponton.com) is a freelance writer specializing in profiles and interviews. "I am fascinated by the women behind powerful men," she says. "Madeleine Pickens is a powerhouse in her own right. I was impressed by her passion for America and its heritage, and her commitment to saving our nation's wild mustangs." Ponton lived abroad for 14 years, including 12 years in the United Arab Emirates, before returning to Texas in 2006. Her work has appeared in *CNN Traveller, Country Lifestyle, More, Ms., and National Geographic Traveler.*

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CLUBS

Black Rock Blast-Off

On a hot, windless day in the Black Rock Desert, far from the nearest pavement, several dozen amateur rocketeers huddle over tables laden with motors, wires, and tubes. A bullhorn crackles, and all eyes move to the launch pad, 50 yards away.

"Five...four...three...two... "

There's a flash and a metallic roar, and in an instant a 10-foot projectile is racing heavenward faster than the speed of sound. Spectators' gasps give way to applause. Peter Clay of the Association of Experimental Rocketry of the Pacific (AeroPAC) considers the desolate playa the world's premier launch site: "It's 800 square miles of flat. There's no vegetation, no houses, no trees, no telephone poles."

And AeroPAC members' high-powered rockets require plenty of space. "The rocket itself could be 20 to 25 feet tall, and we're hitting altitudes of 60,000 to 70,000 feet," Clay says. "We actually have a waiver from the [Federal Aviation Administration] that allows us to fly to 100,000 feet. One time they shut us down because George W. Bush was flying into Reno, and I don't think he wanted to see any rockets coming at [Air Force One]."

The nonprofit group AeroPAC holds three launches (Aeronaut, ARLISS, and XPRS) each year, open to spectators for a $10 fee. Richard Hagen, from Oakland, participates with his 10- and 14-year-old grandchildren, Tyler and Shannon. "We fly everything from very small model rockets up to 50-pound monsters like Waterworks that carried three gallons of water up three miles and created a cloud," Hagen says.

Known as a place where land-speed barriers fall, the Black Rock Desert has also seen some record-setting rocketry. In May 2004, the Civilian Space eXploration Team launched the first amateur rocket ever to break the boundary with space, 62 miles up. It exceeded Mach 5 to reach an FAA-verified height of 72 miles.

But it's not just rocket power that brings enthusiasts to the playa's dusty expanse. They enjoy the chance to camp, socialize, and explore. "I would say that at least 90 percent of us in the club are in love with the playa," Clay says. "It's just such a magical place."

aeropac.org, blackrockdesert.org

—STORY & PHOTOS BY KATHLEEN STEBBINS



UPCOMING BLACK ROCK LAUNCHES

Aug. 6-8 (Aeronaut)
Sept. 13-17 (ARLISS)
Sept. 17-19 (XPRS)
Sept. 24-26 (BALLS 19)



ARLISS: A Rocket Launch for International Student Satellites

The ARLISS Project is a collaborative effort between students and faculty at Stanford University Space Systems Development Program and other educational institutions and high-power rocketry enthusiasts in Northern California. Its purpose is to build, launch, test, and recover prototype satellites. **arliss.org**

MUSEUM

Mob Museum Coming to Las Vegas

The ties between Las Vegas and organized crime run deep—it is plausible that the city we know today would not exist if not for "La Cosa Nostra." It then comes as no surprise that Sin City will be the home of a museum dedicated to the very sinners that put it on the map.

THE MOB MUSEUM

Las Vegas Museum of [redacted] Organized Crime [redacted] and Law Enforcement.

The Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, slated to open in spring 2011, will "present a bold and authentic view of organized crime's impact on Las Vegas history and its unique imprint on America and the world," with considerable focus on how law enforcement has battled and continues to battle organized crime.

The museum will be housed inside the historic former federal courthouse and post office in downtown Las Vegas. In 1950-51, some of the Kefauver Committee hearings on organized crime were held in a courtroom in the same building. **themobmuseum.org, 702-528-6016**



AN IMAGE OF **PYRAMID LAKE** IS THE DEFAULT DESKTOP BACKGROUND ON **APPLE'S NEW iPAD**. THE LAKE IS THE LARGEST REMNANT OF **ANCIENT LAKE LAHONTAN**.

ICE AGE PARK

Foundation Works to Preserve Las Vegas' Frigid Past

Tens of thousands of years before humans inhabited Nevada it was a very different place. Vast inland seas covered much of the state, and Pleistocene mammals, such as mammoths, ground sloths, camels, and American jaguars, ruled the land. Fossil evidence of this past can be found in the Upper Las Vegas Wash, and thanks to the efforts of the Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation, the area may become a national monument. Since the first archaeological exploration of the region in 1932, conservationists have made enormous progress preserving the area, which includes the Tule Springs Paleontological Site. The foundation, working closely with national, state, and other agencies, has set aside a 315-acre state-owned site on which to build a proposed Ice Age Park. The park would include a visitors center, fossil displays, and walking trails. **iceagepark.org, 702-281-1252**

To read more, visit "Web Extras" at **nevadamagazine.com**.

STAMP

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Nevada's flag made its appearance on a U.S. Postage Stamp in April as part of the Postal Service's Flags of our Nation series. The stamp can be purchased in rolls with the eight other states (Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and North Dakota) released at the same time at any U.S. Post Office. **usps.com**



OTHER LAS VEGAS NEWS

✦ The planned **Museum of Gaming History** in Las Vegas recently received an online pictorial database of thousands of images of gaming chips and tokens. The gift was donated by Carol Susong, wife of the late Greg Susong, a Hall-of-Fame member of the Casino Chip and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club and major contributor to the museum's efforts to preserve gaming history. museumofgaminghistory.org

✦ The **Neon Museum** in Las Vegas is undergoing construction this summer that is aimed at providing greater public access to the attraction, which collects and exhibits old casino signs. Included in the expansion is the renovation of the former lobby of the La Concha Motel into a visitors center and an additional boneyard to house more signs. neonmuseum.org, 702-387-6366

✦ **The Smith Center** is on track to open in Las Vegas in 2012 as a world-class performing arts center and cultural complex. The center will include a 2,050-seat main theater—Reynolds Hall, named for the Donald W. Reynolds foundation, which provided $150 million for the project—and two smaller, intimate theaters. The bell tower of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building will reach 170 feet. thesmithcenter.com

✦ **Madame Tussauds Las Vegas** introduced "Neighbor Appreciation Summer" in May. The promotion provides $10 adult tickets for Nevada residents. Madame Tussauds is home to more than 100 strikingly lifelike wax sculptures of local-, national-, and world-famous figures from Barack Obama to Elvis Presley, Snoop Dogg, and local icons such as Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. mtvegas.com, 702-862-7800

✦ **Las Vegas Safaris' Exotic Animal Encounter** opened at the Cloud 9 Balloon Park across from Mandalay Bay this spring. The attraction houses baby zebras and giraffes, a young rhinoceros, and more. Some of the animals may even be pet from time to time under the supervision of the park's expert animal handlers. cloud9vegas.com, 702-932-5775

PRESERVATION

Nevada Wilderness Project Ensures Survival of Nevada's Public Lands

Since 1999, the Nevada Wilderness Project has been instrumental in setting aside more than 3 million acres of public land in Nevada as permanent wilderness. The organization's ongoing effort to preserve Nevada's wilderness is multipronged and includes educating Nevadans and visitors about the importance of wilderness areas in the state, encouraging politicians to help in the preservation effort, and working with energy companies to ensure renewable energy development in the state is done responsibly. The Smart from the Start program aims to make protection of wildlife habitat a main focus during the development of renewable energy in Nevada. **wildnevada.org, 775-746-7850**

STATE PARKS

Nevada State Parks Celebrate 75 Years

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of State Parks in Nevada, the state agency is offering a litany of programs, contests, and events all year. Visit **parks.nv.gov** for more information. Here are a few to ponder:

- Hike, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, or ride a horse on 75 miles of designated trails in Nevada State Parks to become a 75 Mile Club member. After your excursion, complete and submit the tracking form to receive a certificate and prize package.
- Three ongoing geocaching events give contestants the chance to hone their GPS skills while competing for prizes. The events include northern, southern, and statewide challenges.
- Shutterbugs can take advantage of two photo contests. The Park Photo Categories contest selects a winner for outstanding images of park scenery, park wildlife, and family fun in the park.

The second contest invites participants to photograph the entrance signs at 12 different Nevada State Parks. The deadline for the Parks Photo Categories contest is September 1. Photos for the Park Entrance Sign contest must be submitted by October 15.



PHOTO: LYNDA S. NELSON

CONSERVATION

The Nature Conservancy Protects and Preserves Nevada's Wild Places

The world's leading conservation organization has made strides in the protection of ecologically important lands and waters for more than 50 years and has played a major role in protecting Nevada's "Last Great Places" since 1967 The conservancy is involved in myriad projects around the Silver State, which include:

- Revitalization of the Truckee River east of Sparks to restore an 8 1/2-mile section to its pre-industrial state (see photo). When completed, the nine-year project will restore habitat for wildlife, make the river more scenic for tourists, and provide flood relief for the upstream cities of Reno and Sparks.
- Protection and restoration of the Carson River and its watershed, including implementing sustainable agriculture in Carson Valley. The Conservancy recently completed construction of nearly four miles of trail at Bently-Kirman Ranch to improve public access to the river and oversees 853 acres of Clear Creek on the eastern slope of the Carson Range.
- Protection and restoration of the Amargosa River in southwestern Nevada. The Amargosa is the world's longest underground river and supports rich biodiversity in the oases its waters create. Some species found here exist nowhere else on earth.
- Working with the Bureau of Land Management and landowners as part of the Eastern Nevada Project, a program set to find ways to balance biological preservation with land uses such as grazing, agriculture, wildlife management, and recreation.

Visit the website to learn more about current Nature Conservancy efforts in Nevada and past successes such as Jarbidge Canyon, Red Rock Canyon, and Soldier Meadows. **nature.org/nevada, 775-322-4990**



OUTDOOR MOVIES

Open-Air Cinemas Provide Evenings of Family Fun

With tickets regularly exceeding $10 and popcorn, candy, and soda prizes more expensive by the day, a night at the movies can be an expensive undertaking. Outdoor theaters from Las Vegas to Reno allow guests to bring their own food, claim a spot on a lawn, and enjoy a movie with their families—for free.

- Movies on the Lake at Henderson's Lake Las Vegas offers free Thursday night movies through August. **montelagovillage.com, 702-564-4700**
- The District at Green Valley Ranch, also in Henderson, offers a free Outdoor Picture Show on Fridays and Saturdays. **thedistrictatgvr.com, 702-564-8595**
- The City of Las Vegas hosts free outdoor family movies on select Thursdays and Fridays. **lasvegasnevada.gov, 702-229-3516**
- Reno's annual celebration of the arts, Artown, features free family and classic movies during Movies in the Park Fridays through July. **renoisartown.com, 775-322-1538**
- The City of Gardnerville hosts free Movies in the Park on July 9, July 30, and August 20 at dusk. **gardnerville-nv.gov, 775-782-7134**



OUTDOOR THEATER

Nevada's Best Scenery Meets Shakespeare's Best Work

Prefer a live show to cinema? Then the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival, July 9-August 22, has your ticket. In its 38th year at breath-taking Sand Harbor, the festival brings the Bard's best to what is arguably the most stunning setting imaginable. Enjoy a Lake Tahoe sunset while rolling in the aisles during this year's feature, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)," a hilarious compilation of 37 of Shakespeare's plays performed by three actors in two hours. Guests can bring their own food and refreshments or visit Shakespeare's Kitchen & Bar, a full-service restaurant and bar featuring pre-show meals and intermission refreshments. **laketahoeshakespeare.com, 800-747-4697**

For "the best seats under the stars" in Southern Nevada, visit Spring Mountain Ranch State Park's Super Summer Theatre (see top photo). Plays include "Ain't Misbehavin'," "Damn Yankees," and "The Foreigner." **supersummertheatre.com, 702-594-7529**

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RECREATION

New Shooting Facility Opens in Las Vegas

The new 2,900-acre Clark County Shooting Park is the largest such facility in the world. The park is open to individuals and groups and offers campsites for park patrons and an on-site restaurant, Guns-n-Grub Café, saves guests the hassle of bringing lunches. The rifle, pistol, and shotgun centers are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. **accessclarkcounty.com, 702-455-2000**

The Clark County Shooting Park isn't the only target-shooting show in the state:

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775-887-2262

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fallontrapclub.com, 775-867-2298

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Safe Shot Indoor Range, Reno
safeshotindoorrange.com, 775-284-8984

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sagehillclays.com, 775-851-1123

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wrresort.com, 800-446-2573

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sierrafirearms.com, 775-425-1678

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The Derby Demons aren't the only show in Reno. The **Reno Roller Girls** compete in the city's only banked track league. The Roller Girls are made up of three teams: The Stiff Broads, Mafia Mollies, and Bang-Bang Betties. **renorollergirls.com**

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If *Nevada Magazine* were to choose the Silver State's "bests," it would be mission impossible. There are just too many outstanding candidates. That's why we leave the tough decisions to our readers. From February 15 to April 15, voting in our Best of Nevada survey was conducted online.

New to this year's survey was the chance for voters to win stays at participating resorts in Las Vegas and Reno. Valerie Lagerstrom, from Carson City, won a two-night stay at The Venetian or The Palazzo in Las Vegas and dinner for two at any of the resorts' fine-dining restaurants. Abigail Brown of Las Vegas won a two-night stay at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno, dinner for two at La Strada, and show tickets. Thank you to the resorts for their generosity and to everyone who voted.

Now, without further ado, here are the results from our 13th annual poll. "Special Recognition" was given to those who received an ample number of votes in their respective categories.

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South: Gordon Biersch, Las Vegas
gordonbiersch.com

Rural: Ruby Mountain Brewing Company, Clover Valley
rubymountainbrewing.com

BUFFET

North: Toucan Charlie's Buffet & Grille, Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno
atlantiscasino.com

South: Carnival World Buffet, Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas
riolasvegas.com

Rural: Rum Jungle Buffet, Casino Fandango, Carson City
casinofandango.com

CASINO

North: Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno
peppermillreno.com

South: Red Rock Casino Resort Spa, Las Vegas
redrocklasvegas.com

Rural: Casino Fandango, Carson City
casinofandango.com

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ENTERTAINER

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EVENT

North: Hot August Nights, July 30-Aug. 1 in South Lake Tahoe, Aug. 1-8 in Reno & Sparks
hotaugustnights.net

South: National Finals Rodeo, Dec. 2-11 in Las Vegas
nfrexperience.com

Rural: White Pine Fire & Ice Show, Jan. 2011 at Cave Lake State Park
parks.nv.gov/cl.htm

Special Recognition: National Championship Air Races, Sept. 15-19 in Reno
airrace.org

GOLF COURSE

North: The Resort at Red Hawk, Sparks
resortatredhawk.com

South: Angel Park Golf Club, Las Vegas
angelpark.com

Rural: Edgewood Tahoe, Stateline
edgewoodtahoe.com

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South: (tie) Bellagio & The Venetian, Las Vegas
bellagio.com; venetian.com

Rural: Harrah's Laughlin
harrahslaughlin.com

MUSEUM

North: (tie) Nevada Museum of Art, Reno & Nevada State Museum, Carson City
nevadaart.org; nevadaculture.org

South: Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas
ldcm.org

Rural: Central Nevada Museum & Historical Society, Tonopah
tonopahnevada.com

Special Recognition: Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely
nnry.com

NIGHTCLUB

North: Edge, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno
peppermillreno.com

South: Tao, The Venetian, Las Vegas
venetian.com

Rural: Tarzan's, Golden Nugget, Laughlin
goldennugget.com

PLACE TO SHOP

North: (tie) Legends at Sparks Marina & The Summit Reno
experiencelegends.com;
thesummitonline.com

South: (tie) Fashion Show Mall & The Forum Shops at Caesars, Las Vegas
thefashionshow.com; caesarspalace.com

Rural: Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas, Primm
fashionoutletlasvegas.com



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nnry.com; virginiacity-nv.org

RESTAURANT

North: Cactus Creek Prime Steakhouse, Reno
bonanzacasino.com

South: Mon Ami Gabi, Paris Las Vegas
parislasvegas.com

Rural: Adele's Restaurant & Lounge, Carson City
adelesrestaurantandlounge.com

SHOW

North: Eldorado Showroom (venue)
eldoradoreno.com

South: Cirque du Soleil (various Las Vegas shows)
cirquedusoleil.com

Rural: National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Elko
westernfolklife.org

SKI RESORT

Heavenly Mountain Resort, South Lake Tahoe
skiheavenly.com

STATE PARK

North: Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park
parks.nv.gov/lt.htm

South: Valley of Fire State Park
parks.nv.gov/vf.htm

Rural: Cave Lake State Park
parks.nv.gov/cl.htm

TOUR COMPANY

North: Western Discovery, LLC
westerndiscovery.com

South: Pink Jeep Tours
pinkjeep.com

Rural: London Bridge Jet Boat Tours, Laughlin
jetboattour.com

Special Recognition: Looktours.com
looktours.com

WEDDING VENUE

North: Lake Tahoe (region)
visitinglaketahoe.com

South: Viva Las Vegas Wedding Chapel, Las Vegas
vivalasvegasweddings.com

Rural: David Walley's Resort, Genoa
davidwalleys.com

CENTRAL NEVADA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Tonopah
tonopahnevada.com

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LOOKTOURS.COM

Southern Nevada
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When it comes to tours in the Las Vegas area, Looktours.com does it all. Guests can visit such attractions as Grand Canyon National Park, Hoover Dam, and Valley of Fire State Park via plane, helicopter, bus, raft, kayak, 4x4, ATV, horse, glider, sailplane, on foot—or a combination thereof. Tours to fit any schedule and budget range from 10-minute-long Las Vegas Strip helicopter flights to day-long desert adventures.



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touring nevada

By air, auto, foot—even pontoon—these companies make it easy and safe to explore the Silver State.

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

I've never flown in a helicopter. I've never seen Hoover Dam. And I've never gazed upon Lake Mead.

It was the perfect recipe for a tour, and one that tour companies cherish—a chance to give a wide-eyed tourist a new experience and, at the same time, educate him about the surrounding area.

Associate Editor Charlie Johnston and I arrived in Boulder City on this February day with the same giddy excitement of kids standing outside a candy store. In this instance, our morsel was Hoover Dam, and the store consisted of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Colorado River, and Black Canyon.

In our not-so-distant future was the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour, courtesy of Looktours.com and Stars and Stripes Air Tours. We arrived at the Stars and Stripes heliport before 1 p.m. After a short delay, due to some feisty winds, we were soon up in the air and in the capable hands of pilot Curtis Cornelius.

Beyond the amazement of seeing Hoover Dam for the first time—all the more impressive from a bird's-eye view—I found the construction of the new Hoover Dam Bypass bridge (see page 20) equally astonishing. The bypass, meant to relieve traffic and pressure on the dam's existing road deck, is scheduled to open to traffic in November. From the sky, the Colorado River is strikingly green due to the lime in the surrounding rocks, according to Cornelius, a commercial helicopter pilot for 43 years. Passengers are allowed to ask Cornelius questions throughout the flight, meaning you don't get the recorded narrative that some tours offer.

Hoover Dam is impressive, but Cornelius says many Stars and Stripes customers get the biggest rise from Arizona's main attraction. "The Grand Canyon is spectacular," he says. "It's awe-inspiring. The grandeur is always the big thing because you can't get a feel for the size of the Grand Canyon unless you see it. Photos do not do it justice. They present it to you, but don't give you the feeling of 'Holy mackerel, am I insignificant in this world.'"

In addition, Stars and Stripes offers a night tour over the Las Vegas Strip, a champagne picnic lunch next to the Colorado River, pontoon rides, a Grand Canyon Skywalk tour, and many others.

Laughlin's London Bridge Jet Boat Tours (opposite page and bottom) offers round-trip rides to Arizona's Lake Havasu City. Pink Jeep Tours' Colorado River float tour gets up close to Hoover Dam (opposite). The company's trademark pink Tour Trekkers (opposite) welcome dirt roads.

American pride doesn't hurt business, either. "The coloring of our aircraft is a big draw on the Strip. People like the patriotic theme that we have," Cornelius says. The outfit also employs a full range of fixed-wing Cessna 208 B airplane (designed specifically for "flightseeing") tours to the Grand Canyon's West Rim.

If Stars and Stripes is booked, no worries. Right next door is Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters, which offers airplane, bus, helicopter, and rafting tours all over Southern Nevada and Arizona.

LONDON BRIDGE JET BOAT TOURS

Not all Southern Nevada tour companies operate out of Las Vegas, as evidenced by this Laughlin company. Guests interested in sightseeing expeditions down the Colorado River are treated to a 58-mile (one way) journey through Topock Gorge. "Only accessible by river, Topock Gorge features breathtaking views of volcanic rock faces, enchanting emerald waters, [American] Indian petroglyphs, and a variety of desert wildlife," reads the website.

The excursion ends at Arizona's famous London Bridge at Lake Havasu City. Guests can dine, sightsee, and shop during a two-hour layover. Conveniently, unlike some similar tours, the boats are enclosed during those rare days when the Laughlin weather is below 90 degrees (there are no tours in December and January). The round trip lasts about six hours and costs from $46 to $66, depending on your age.

LOOKTOURS.COM

You'd spend less time listing the tours this Las Vegas-based tour broker doesn't offer, rather than those it does. Tourists can see such attractions as Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, and Valley of Fire State Park via plane, helicopter, bus, raft, kayak, 4x4, ATV, horse, glider, sailplane, on foot—or a combination thereof.

Take the third-ranked tour on the Looktours.com website, the Grand Canyon Hoover Dam Airplane Tour. The 7.5-hour adventure includes two 45-minute airplane sightseeing flights, two eight-minute helicopter flights, a 20-minute pontoon ride, and a short excursion to the Grand Canyon Rim with stops at scenic lookouts such as Guano and Eagle points. While taking in the incredible views, you're treated to an American Indian barbecue-style meal. Not bad for $325.

Other popular tours are the Grand Canyon Skywalk and Grand Canyon White Water Rafting Adventure. Looktours' parent company is viator.com, and it also hosts the sites alllasvegastours.com and allgrandcanyontours.com.

PINK JEEP TOURS

For 50 years, Pink Jeep Tours has provided off-road family adventures in the Las Vegas and Sedona, Arizona areas. "It is amazing how many international visitors are familiar with our brand," says Alix Reed, general manager. "Celebrating this milestone gives great comfort for more years of success to come."

I can attest that Pink Jeep has rural Southern Nevada covered—on a number of outings I've spotted the company's trademark pink Tour Trekkers (seat 10) and SUVs (seat six). There's hardly a road in the Southwest that hasn't felt Pink Jeep tread. Among the company's tour stops are Death Valley National Park, Eldorado Canyon, Hoover Dam, Mount Charleston Wilderness, Red Rock Canyon National

TESTIMONIALS

Magnificent! Views were breathtaking! This was the best part of our Las Vegas trip. *—Stars & Stripes Air Tours*

The view from the plane on the way to the Grand Canyon left me awestruck, as did the ascent from the canyon in the helicopter.
—Looktours.com

Anyone up for a river adventure will definitely enjoy this trip down the beautiful Colorado River to Lake Havasu. Great time, great weather, and great company!
—London Bridge Jet Boat Tours

The two tours I spent with your company represented the highlights of a weeklong stay in Las Vegas.
—Pink Jeep Tours

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—HeliTahoe

Note: Testimonials taken from respective websites





A view from the 15-minute Hoover Dam Helicopter Tour, courtesy of Stars and Stripes Air Tours in Boulder City.

Conservation Area, and Valley of Fire State Park—and that's just Nevada. Also navigated are Grand Canyon and Utah's Zion National Park.

Pink Jeep isn't limited to automobiles. Available in 2010, the Hoover Dam Top to Bottom Tour "Pink Tag Sale" features a guided Colorado River float tour by raft with close-up views of Hoover Dam, larger-than-life power plants, and Black Canyon. The five-hour trip costs just $129.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS UNLIMITED OF NEVADA

This Las Vegas-based company simplifies things—tourists essentially have three options: airplane, bus, or helicopter—but the quality of its tours rivals any of its competitors. Sightseeing Tours covers the musts (Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Las Vegas night tours, Valley of Fire), but it also gives guests a peek at Arizona and Nevada's lesser-known gems: Fortification Hill, Iceberg Canyon, Shivwits Plateau Wilderness Preserve, historic mining sites, and even an extinct volcano.

Sightseeing Tours does have a competitive advantage in terms of experience. According to its website, the company owner ran the first round-trip one-day bus tour to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in the 1970s. He was also responsible for taking the first Las Vegas-launched vans through Hualapai Indian Reservation land to what is now commonly referred to as the Grand Canyon's West Rim.

Today, the company's various bus tours, which include complimentary show tickets, venture through the Nevada towns of Boulder City, Henderson, Laughlin, Primm, and Searchlight, a couple of which include stops at the Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Cactus Garden. If you're looking for a sweet deal, the company offers a 4.5-hour Hoover Dam Super Express Special for just $32.99 a person.

HELITAHOE

From the ground, Lake Tahoe is one of the world's most striking scenes. You can only imagine what it looks like from the air. Thanks to HeliTahoe, tourists don't have to wonder.

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If the passenger experience doesn't suffice, HeliTahoe even offers Rotorcraft private, commercial, and CFI and CFII flight training courses, along with add-ons, Turbine Transition, and Mountain Flight Training. The classes are organized based on demand, and customized training programs are available.

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WESTERN DISCOVERY, LLC

If you're planning on attending all or one of three major upcoming Reno events—Hot August Nights (July 30-August 8), the National Championship Air Races (September 15-19), or Street Vibrations (September 22-26)—let Western Discovery handle the details for you.

The Reno-based tour broker has nifty three- and four-night room packages, for individuals and groups, available at various city resorts. That just leaves the airline and rental car reservations, if needed. Western Discovery offers many helpful suggestions for such services on its website.

Western Discovery specializes in guiding tourists around the Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Carson Valley areas. Whether it's visiting the historic town of Virginia City, viewing wild horses and ancient Pyramid Lake, enjoying a traditional Basque meal, taking a cruise on Lake Tahoe, perusing the state capital of Carson City, or analyzing life on a working ranch in Carson Valley, Western Discovery is sure to have a tour that satisfies any interests.

Country barbecue events, golfing, skiing and snowboarding packages, and customized group tours round out the company's plethora of accommodations. 2011 will mark the business' 25th anniversary.

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HeliTahoe's Jet Ranger III helicopter (above) sends passengers skyward over Lake Tahoe. The Grand Canyon Skywalk (below), which opened in 2007, has become a popular tourist destination and is accessible through many Southern Nevada tour companies.





wild nevada

The Desert and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuges are worlds apart in the state, but each offers glorious solitude.

BY MARK PETTERSON & MATTHEW B. BROWN

Wild Nevada. It rolls off the tongue with such aptness and regularity we tend to forget that some parts of our state are protected in a manner that ensures the conservation and preservation of these lands and the animals that call them home. The National Wildlife Refuge System is one entity that works to keep these sanctuaries serene and gives humans guidelines to camp, fish, hunt, and tread responsibly.

Of the nine NWR-maintained areas in Nevada, the Desert National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Nevada and the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge in extreme northwestern Nevada are the largest. Visits to either offer a wealth of land to explore, but be sure to respect the delicate balance of nature within.

DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Established in May 1936 to preserve wildlife—primarily desert bighorn sheep—and their habitats, the 2,300-square-mile Desert Refuge is more than twice the size of Rhode Island and comprises the largest wildlife refuge outside of Alaska. The main access is via the Corn Creek Field Station, about 23 miles northwest of downtown Las Vegas. From there, dirt roads lead to remarkable wildlife and wilderness, scenery and solitude, birds and beauty, forests and freedom, and the feeling of being a million miles from civilization.

From U.S. 95, about six miles north of the Snow Mountain exit, turn east on Corn Creek Road. Drive four miles on this well-graded gravel road to the Corn Creek Field Station and information kiosk. Corn Creek has springs that provide essential water to the desert and attract a great diversity of wildlife. More than 260 species of birds have been identified in the Desert Refuge, and Corn Creek draws a majority of them. This is a good place to see hawks, falcons, orioles, robins, tanagers, grosbeaks, and buntings. Many types of butterflies and dragonflies are also found in the area.

In the spring and summer, you may see warblers, sparrows, thrashers, flycatchers, and hummingbirds. In the fall, watch for migratory birds flying south. Winter is relatively quiet, but creatures are always flitting about. A trail around the ponds is popular among families, and a picnic area is nearby.

Many visitors to the Desert Refuge don't venture beyond Corn Creek. That is a shame, because the backcountry is filled with soaring mountains (six ranges), deep canyons, diverse vegetation (more than 500 species), incredible wildlife (desert bighorns, mule deer, coyotes, badgers, foxes, and many rodents and reptiles), and historical sites such as agave roasting pits and a corral built by early ranchers or settlers.

The easiest thing to find, however, is glorious, peaceful solitude. Chances are good that during the week, you may not see another vehicle, which rewards you with tranquility, but it also means that you need to be well prepared for your outing.

The backcountry roads are rough in places and should be traveled in a high-clearance vehicle. The two main dirt roads that serve the backcountry are Mormon Well Road and Alamo Road, which start at the T-intersection just east of Corn Creek. These roads were built in the early 1900s by travelers and settlers. Mormon Well Road is a 47-mile-long expedition through breathtaking wilder-

PHOTO: MARK PETTERSON

ness, eventually connecting with U.S. 93 about 43 miles north of Las Vegas. The road runs east through Yucca Gap, which feels like a portal into another world.

West of the gap are signs of civilization, but to the east is pure, absolute wilderness—a huge basin known as Yucca Forest is surrounded by mountains and filled with thousands of acres of yucca, Joshua trees, and creosote bush. The road winds its way across the basin to Peek-A-Boo Canyon, which gets its name from a hole in the south canyon wall. This is an impressive gorge of towering black and gray limestone cliffs, and desert bighorn sheep are often sighted here.

Beyond Peek-A-Boo Canyon, the road enters a high-desert landscape that looks like something from an old western movie. The vegetation transitions to junipers and pines, which dominate the view west toward the Sheep Range. A bit beyond the halfway point of the drive is the Desert Pass campground and picnic area. Located in a grove of tall ponderosa pines, this is a nice spot to take a rest, and vault toilets are provided.

Continuing north, from the road you can take a short walk to historic Mormon Well. "There is no designated hike, signage, or parking to the well," says Angelina Yost, visitor services manager. "You just have to explore to find it." At Sawmill Canyon, the road climbs a small hill and provides beautiful vistas with the banded ramparts of the Arrow Canyon Range in the distance. A few miles later, the road enters an area where a lightning-ignited fire burned 20,000 acres in 2006. Most of the yuccas and Joshua trees are either gone or burned into ghostly skeletons, and the quiet and desolation are absolute. A bit further east, incredible geologic forces folded the strata of the Elbow Range on top of itself horizontally, while just a few feet away, the layers are vertical.

Alamo Road heads north from Corn Creek and accesses a number of branch roads that lead to the western base of the Sheep Range and some interesting scenery and good campsites. The most notable branch roads are Cow Camp Road, which winds through narrow gaps in the Black Hills before it reaches the Sheep Range, and Hidden Forest Road, which leads to a trailhead with access to a historic backcountry cabin. Alamo Road is currently closed at Desert Lake (44 miles from Corn Creek) due to poor road conditions. For Desert Refuge road descriptions, visit the outdoors website, birdandhike.com.

Activities and recreation at the Desert Refuge include hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, bird watching, sightseeing, interpretive and educational programs, photography, and camping. Camping is free and permitted at Desert Pass campground and anywhere within 50 feet of a road and more than a quarter-mile from water sources. Use one of the many established roadside campsites. Limited bighorn sheep hunting opportunities are based on current population levels and regulated by the Nevada Department of Wildlife, in conjunction with Desert Refuge staff.

Before you visit, make sure you have plenty of fuel and water, a good spare tire, and notify someone of your travel plans. There are no services within the refuge, and don't count on cell-phone service. Call ahead or visit the refuge website for current road conditions.

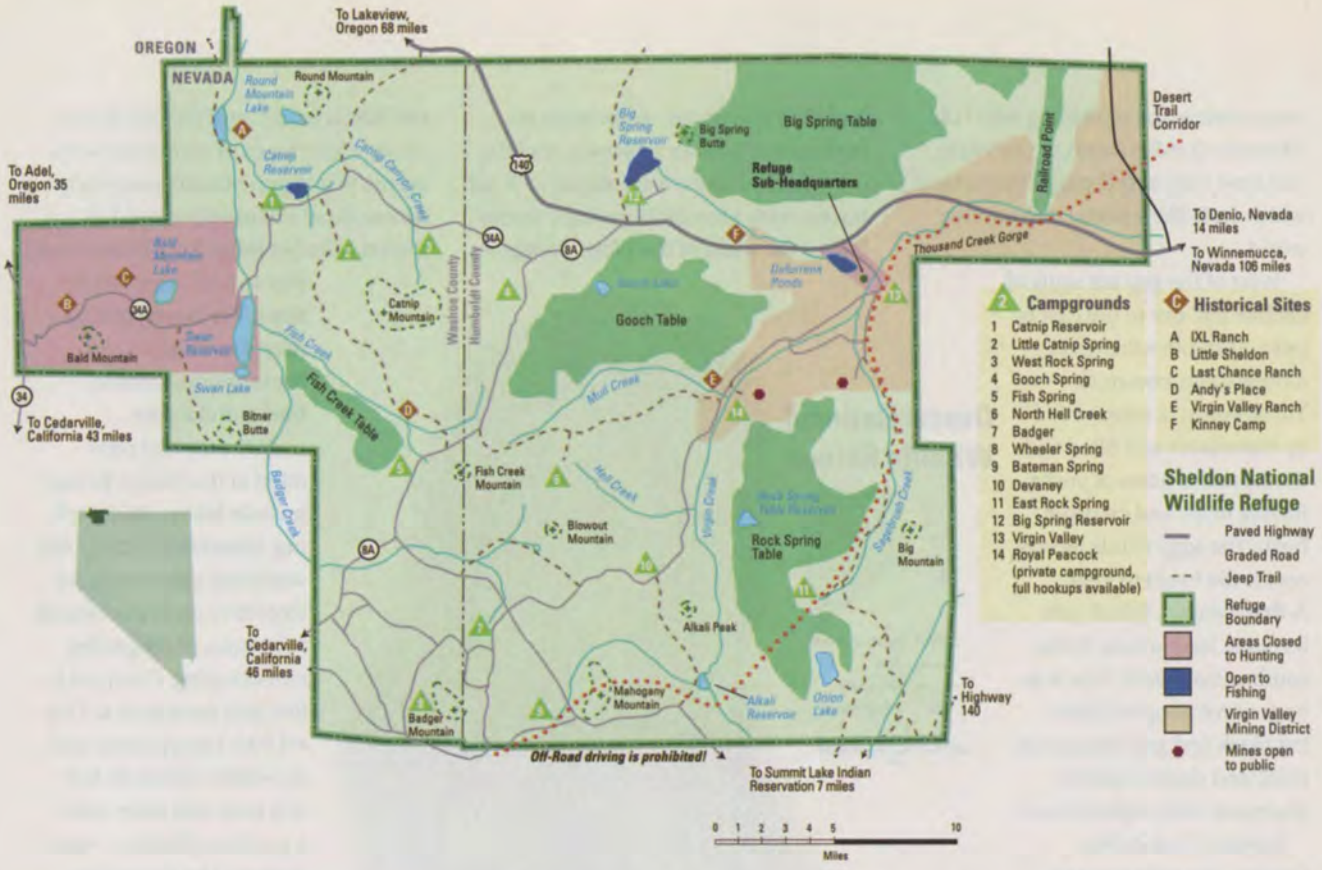
When you get there, sign the visitor register at Corn Creek to establish your destination. The visitor contact station is open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., from Labor Day through Memorial Day weekend. If it is closed, check out the information kiosk.

—MARK PETTERSON



The Desert National Wildlife Refuge is the largest refuge in the lower 48 states. Page 22: Mormon Well Road within Peek-A-Boo Canyon.

MAP: DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

We're lost. It's one of the most painful truths for grown men to accept, but that was the reality for colleague Charlie Johnston and I during our visit to Sheldon Refuge last October. We're still not sure how we got off course, but the moral of the story is that remote Nevada should never be underestimated—even with a detailed map in your possession.

After spending the night in an unknown location in the southern end of the Refuge, we eventually got on track and explored Virgin Valley Ranch, Virgin Valley Campground, and Thousand Creek Gorge over the next few days. Even though the hundreds of pictures we took would make you think otherwise, we barely scratched the surface of this half-a-million-acre playground. "The landscape is vast, rugged, and punctuated with waterfalls, narrow gorges, and lush springs among rolling hills and expansive tablelands of sagebrush and mountain mahogany," reads the official website.

Sheldon Refuge was established mainly to protect high-desert habitat for large fawning and wintering herds of pronghorn antelope, but also for sage grouse and other wildlife dependent on sagebrush habitat. Pronghorn are commonly seen in large numbers in late summer and fall around Swan Lake and Reservoir (on our way out of Sheldon Refuge, traveling south on State Route 140 from Denio, we saw hundreds of antelope on either side of the highway). The antelope frequent Big Spring Table in the winter; during spring and early summer, they disperse in small bands. You may spot bighorn sheep along the rocky, steep walls above Thousand Creek, Hell Creek, and IXL Ranch or near the west approach to the former headquarters at Little Sheldon.

On our way to Sheldon, proceeding north from the Black Rock Desert, we ran across numerous wild-horse herds on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Although less common within the Refuge, wild horses were a central theme of the roadtrip. Horse

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM?

The mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to manage a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitat.

The Refuge System maintains the biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health of these natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans. In addition, the Refuge System manages six wildlife-dependent recreational uses:

- Hunting
- Fishing
- Wildlife Observation
- Photography
- Environmental Education
- Interpretation

—Source: fws.gov/refuges

MAP: SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE; PHOTO: PAULA RILEY (OPPOSITE PAGE)

and burro populations are managed in Sheldon Refuge (for more information, and wildlife-viewing tips, visit fws.gov). Burros are often seen in the flats east of Thousand Creek and in Virgin Valley.

Even in a wildlife refuge one can find the eerie ghost-town feeling so prevalent in rural Nevada. At Virgin Valley Ranch, for instance, we spent a few hours photographing abandoned homes, sheds, corrals—even an old trailer. The lure of fire opals draws miners and rock collectors to the Virgin Valley mining district, which includes operations such as the Opal Queen Mining Company.

The highlight of our trip was hiking through Thousand Creek Gorge, a nearly five-mile-long massive gash in the earth located in the northeastern section of the refuge. While vehicle access to the gorge is easy, hiking within is anything but. There is no formal trail, and it's slow going through the gorge. The payoff, however, is the scenery—around every bend is an out-of-this-world scenic mix of creek, brush, and rock magnified by the towering gorge. I've never been made to feel so insignificant by nature; once you're in the heart of the gorge, there are only two ways out depending on which end you're closest to. These are sensitive areas, so tread lightly.

If it isn't dry (which was the case in early May), Big Spring Reservoir provides excellent trout fishing and ice fishing, while Catnip Reservoir has a one-fish limit (single barbless hook or artificial lures) with an open season from the second Saturday in June to November 15. Dufurrena Ponds claim bass, crappie, and other warm-water species. At Virgin Valley Campground, there is a designated fishing hole for children and seniors.

Hunting is permitted at Sheldon Refuge in accordance with state and federal regulations. A very limited number of tags are offered for deer, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep in late summer and fall. Tag drawings are administered through the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and application instructions are available in the agency's annual hunting synopsis for big game or at its website, ndow.org.

Several species of upland birds may also be hunted. Hunting for sage grouse also requires a permit issued by NDOW. Waterfowl may be hunted except at Catnip Reservoir, Big Spring Reservoir, and the no-hunting areas (Dufurrena Ponds area and west of Swan Lake). Hunting and fishing licenses are not available at Sheldon Refuge, so plan ahead.

Camping is permitted only at designated camping areas, of which there are plenty to choose from. There is no fee for camping, and sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. Virgin Valley Campground is open year-round. There you will find pit toilets, picnic tables, drinking water, a warm springs pool, and a rustic shower house. All other camps are primitive; none have potable water, and some have pit toilets.

Other popular recreation activities at Sheldon Refuge include backpacking (permit required), horseback riding, and rock hounding. One Nevada stop for gasoline and groceries is Denio (14 miles from the east boundary).

—MATTHEW B. BROWN & fws.gov



Rincon Creek (bottom) at the northeastern tip of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge flows north of Bog Hot Valley.

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NEVADA'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge, at Pyramid Lake, was established to protect migratory birds such as American white pelicans. "This is taken at the fishway to the spawning channel at the Sutcliffe hatchery," says Fallon photographer Mike Sevon. "I set up a photo blind and got these images as the pelicans came back in to feed on the spawning cutthroat."

Northern Nevada

ANAHO ISLAND NWR

This rocky island refuge at Pyramid Lake was established for the benefit and protection of colonial nesting species and other migratory birds, including American white pelicans. It is closed to the public.

FALLON NWR

Established as a refuge and breeding ground for birds and wild animals, Fallon NWR is located in the Lahontan Valley at the terminus of the Carson River and comprises more than 15,000 acres of playa and wetland habitat in the Carson Sink.

STILLWATER NWR

Nestled in the Lahontan Valley, the Stillwater wetlands are well known to birders, as the area has been designated a site of international importance by the Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network because of its hundreds of thousands of shorebirds.

RUBY LAKE NWR

At the southern end of the Ruby Valley and flanked on the west by the rugged and scenic Ruby Mountains, Ruby Lake NWR is one of the most remote refuges in the lower 48 states. The refuge encompasses 39,928 acres and consists of a marsh bordered by meadows, grasslands, and brush-covered uplands.

Southern Nevada

ASH MEADOWS NWR

Located 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas and encompassing more than 23,000 acres of spring-fed wetlands, Ash Meadows NWR is a desert wetland ecosystem that provides habitat for at least 25 species found nowhere else in the world.

MOAPA VALLEY NWR

This refuge secures habitat for the endangered Moapa dace. This small fish, the sole member of the genus Moapa, is endemic to the Muddy River system. The modest refuge—117 acres—is located in Clark County, 60 miles north of Las Vegas. Currently, it is open Friday through Sunday, Labor Day through Memorial Day, from 9 a.m. to 3 pm. Days and hours could expand with increased staffing levels in the coming year. Call 702-515-5450 for updates.

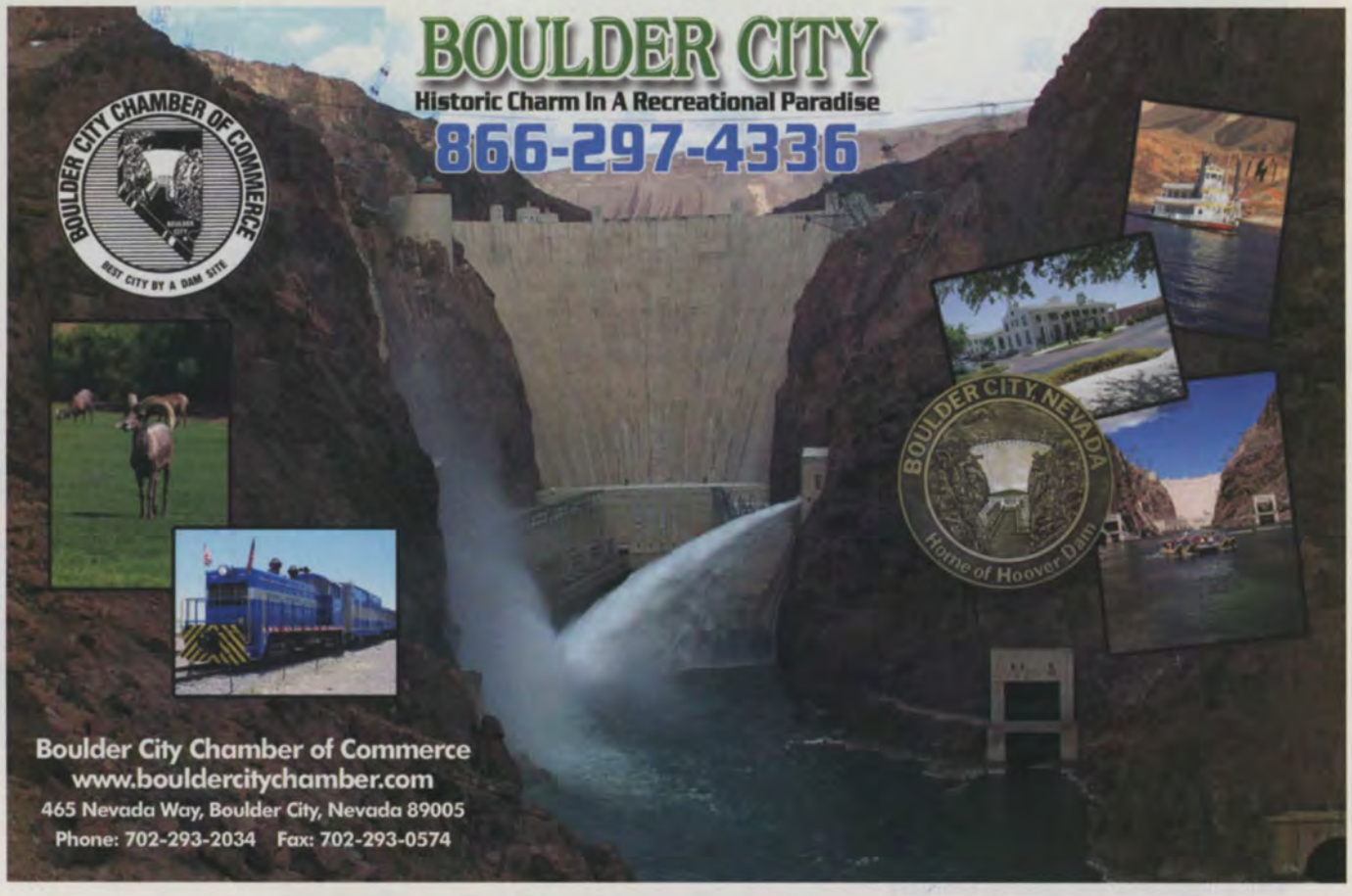
PAHRANAGAT NWR

Located in Lincoln County about 90 miles north of Las Vegas, this refuge sets aside 5,380 acres of habitat for migratory birds, especially waterfowl. Primary public use at the refuge consists of wildlife observation, hunting in the fall, camping, and picnicking.

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Note: *Desert and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuges covered on preceding pages.*

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Deluge of responses is a testament to this eastern Nevada town s strong community ties

BY MATTHEW B. BROWN

Much of the excitement surrounding our Tour Around Nevada campaign, which began with our January/February 2009 issue, is anticipating each community's reaction when we announce that it will be featured in our magazine.

The first pleasant surprise with respect to Ely came when we went to tally the votes in April to declare this issue's featured town. The eastern Nevada town, our top overall vote getter so far, was a runaway winner. But that was just the beginning of the community's overwhelming support.

After the *Ely Times* published my letter inquiring about our visit to Ely and which residents to interview, the suggestions flooded my inbox and phone. I thought readers might enjoy a sampling of the recommendations:

The Nevada Northern Railway is one of our greatest treasures. [Executive director] Mark Bassett has done so much to preserve the railroad. He and his wife, Joan, would not know what a 40-hour week looked like!
—Donna Frederick

Virginia Terry and Robin Bartlett—board member and general manager of the Garnet Mercantile, Ely's community-owned department store. The Garnet was the result of a project in which the community came together and raised $500,000 to replace JCPenney, which left Ely after 90 years, saving a downtown landmark.

Jack Smith—86-year-old native and driver of the annual Horse Races, an event that has occurred in Ely for more than 50 years. He's a long-time Elk with a wealth of local history knowledge. **—Phil Leibold**

I would suggest you contact my father, John Polish, who turns 93 in September. He has resided [in the Ely area about] 70 years. He worked in the mines of Kimberly during the summer to earn money to attend college at the University of Nevada, Reno. He was known as "Ironman Polish" and was inducted into the UNR Hall of Fame in 1974 for his outstanding football and track careers. He was a teammate of [NFL Hall of Famer] Marion Motley. He met and married my mother, Jerry Black of Ely, and finished his schooling. They moved to Ely, where he had a wonderful career in teaching and coaching in the White Pine School District for 35 years. He also represented White Pine County as a State Assemblyman for three terms.
—Betty Milobar

Elaine Smith—I believe she is 86 years old, but she's as healthy and vibrant as a 40-year-old. She is active with the Ghost Train and other train events—her husband was a railmaster here for 20-30 years, I believe. She is always at the town corrals helping with animals and is traveling around the town day and night, driving her pickup all the time.
—Gary Nelson

A gentleman by the name of Dave Tilford is working on a living history project, in which he is interviewing a lot of our older citizens.
—Meg Rhoades

There is one person in our community that definitely qualifies as interesting, but she lives in McGill (just north of Ely), and she's new to town. Her name is Kristen Kocurek. She came to McGill about eight years ago and has been working on restoring the old Kennecott Clubhouse building [more info at mcgillclubhouse.com], usually working by herself. It's a project most people could never imagine...but she does it with a smile.
—Chris Robinson

One of Nevada's oldest towns, Ely was established in 1870. It was designated the White Pine County seat in 1887 and served surrounding mining camps such as Cherry Creek and Osceola. In the early 1900s, copper deposits led to a population boom in Ely as workers vacated the floundering gold mines of the region. This led to the construction of the Nevada Northern Railway, which connected Ely's copper mines to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

More than a century later, the "Ghost Train," as it's now known, is still an essential part of the community—only today it serves tourists. In addition

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to scheduled rides (daily this July and August, with the exception of August 24 and 31) and tours of the railroad grounds, NNRY offers specialty rides such as the July 4th BBQ & Fireworks Train and holiday-themed Polar Express. Through the Engine Rental program, tourists can experience what it's like behind the throttle of a steam or diesel locomotive. On July 17, the railway, home to the East Ely Railroad Depot Museum, will celebrate the centennial of Engine No. 40, resurrected in 2005.

A town rich in history has to have somewhere to house and display it, and that would be the White Pine Public Museum, featuring American Indian and other regional artifacts, including a cell from the former Ely City Jail. Hours are seasonal, but the museum should be operational most days during the summer.

In nearby McGill, a short drive north, visitors can witness a drugstore frozen in time. Products on the shelves date to the 1950s, and visitors can sit at a 1930s-era terra-cotta soda fountain bar. Plan ahead as tours are by appointment only (call 775-235-7082).

The Ely Renaissance Village, open June through September, is another intriguing step back in time. On select Saturdays, the Village—a collection of historic buildings that pay homage to various cultures (e.g., the Italian House)—offers living-history demonstrations. You can count on a Farmers' Market there every Saturday from August 28 to September 25. The Village includes a general store, amphitheatre, and studio and is the site of the Christkindlesmarkt holiday celebration.

The early-1900s architecture of downtown lures history buffs as well, starting with the historic Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall. When the six-story building opened in 1929, it was the tallest in the state. The hotel pays homage to Western culture with an abundance of murals and taxidermy exhibits. Downtown in general could be summed up by the motto of Jailhouse Casino (across the street from Hotel Nevada): "Good ole hospitality is still a priority," the official website reads. The family-owned Ramada Inn & Copper Queen Casino, featuring Evah's Restaurant and the Copper Flat Pub, prides itself on a down-home atmosphere.

Through mid-fall, golfers can get away from some of the more crowded Nevada greens to play Ely's White Pine Golf Course. The high elevation equates to long drives, and the incredible views of the surrounding mountain peaks only add to the course's luster. The sports-minded can also enjoy seasonal dirt track oval racing at Great Basin Raceway.

A short drive south of town is Ward Charcoal Ovens State Historic Park, featuring six cone-shaped structures once used in mining to reduce wood to charcoal. Nearby Cave Lake State Park is the site of January's annual White Pine Fire and Ice Show, including an ice-sculpting contest and fireworks show.

About an hour's drive east of Ely is Great Basin National Park, one of the country's least-crowded national parks. Be sure to schedule a tour, available year round, of Lehman Caves, a beautiful display of stalactites, stalagmites, helictites, flowstone, popcorn, and more than 300 other rare rock formations.

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From catfish to collard greens, the South lives on in Nevada.

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON & VERONICA HENRY

It's easy to imagine that whomever first said "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach" was speaking of soul food. Collard greens, crawfish, fried catfish and chicken, peach cobbler, and smoky slow-cooked meats epitomize this distinctly American cuisine that has won the stomachs and hearts of men—and women—around the country.

Nevada may be thousands of miles away from the humid summers and casual drawls of Dixie, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy some of the best southern food this side of the Mississippi right here in the Silver State. So y'all come on in for a spell and make yourselves at home. Supper's almost ready.

B.B. KING'S BLUES CLUB, LAS VEGAS

The folks at B.B. King's Blues Club inside The Mirage had better be careful, because even the bluest blues could be cured by the down-home comfort food served up at the restaurant. The house-specialty fried dill pickles come with homemade horseradish sauce and can easily whet the appetites of a table of four. From lightly breaded, flakey catfish filets to fall-off-the-bone barbecue-rubbed hickory-smoked ribs, B.B. King's menu is full of blues-busting southern favorites. Other menu items include fried green tomatoes, barbecued pulled pork, chicken and waffles, collard greens, and sweet onion hush puppies.

What would a restaurant named for a blues legend be without a little music? B.B. King's delivers on entertainment as superbly as it does on food. While enjoying the soul-lifting eats, guests can groove on some heel-tapping beats with live music from the likes of the B.B. King All-Star Band and guitarist P.J. Barth. Seven days a week, patrons can count on live music beginning at 8 p.m. or later.

On August 5-6, B.B. King himself will perform at his namesake club and restaurant. Tickets are available by calling B.B. King's Blues Club at 702-242-5464.





Middle and bottom right: Fried catfish with sweet onion hush puppies and barbecue-rubbed hickory-smoked ribs with baked beans and coleslaw are B.B. King's Blues Club specialties.



CAROLINA KITCHEN & BARBEQUE CO., SPARKS

While many restaurants use upscale décor, fancy art, and ostentatious food presentation to win the hearts of customers, some rely solely on great food and good ol' southern hospitality. One visit to Carolina Kitchen in Sparks will reveal precisely which category the Reno area's oldest southern-style eatery falls into.

The simple dining room is adorned with numerous trophies, an ever-growing wall of accolades from local and regional newspapers and magazines, and a clutch of gingham-clothed tables. A lunch visit to the eatery will present a line that often extends dozens of customers deep all the way to the door.

The line is courtesy of the slow-cooked pork, beef brisket and ribs, and fried specialties such as catfish and pork steaks, which have put Carolina Kitchen on the map. "The pork is definitely our most popular," says owner Clayton Cobb. The pork is basted in Cobb's own North Carolina-style, vinegar-based sauce before being slow cooked for hours and served dry. The tender, smoky meat is pure pork paradise and needs no accoutrement—but a litany of sauces is provided, just in case.

Sides run the gamut of comfort foods from savory creamed corn to collard greens with chunks of bacon. Desserts such as peach cobbler and sweet potato pie could break even the most devoted dieter. Southern fish fries every Friday night rival lunch at Carolina Kitchen for the dish's ability to draw a crowd.





Top left: Slow-cooked pork, ribs, hot wings, collard greens, and creamed corn at Carolina Kitchen. If the gumbo (bottom) at Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen doesn't have enough kick, step things up with Jazz's own Voodoo Juice.

JAZZ: A LOUISIANA KITCHEN, SPARKS

While air travel has made the world a much smaller place over the past century, there's no denying that Nevada is still a long way from New Orleans' French Quarter. Until January 2009, this meant any Renoite looking for an authentic bayou banquet was out of luck.

Enter Jazz: A Louisiana Kitchen. "When you come into Jazz you get all the sights, sounds, and tastes of New Orleans," says owner Matt England. The small Lubbock, Texas-based chain specializes in cuisine that is quintessentially Big Easy.

The enormous menu offers something for everyone, with blackened, grilled, sautéed, and Cajun options. Gumbo with shrimp, catfish, and Andouille sausage is savory and filling with a spicy kick. The tilapia filet is blackened at more than 500 degrees, sealing in a rich, buttery flavor, before being drenched in creamy Czarina sauce: a Parmesan cheese sauce with lemon juice, cayenne pepper, shrimp, and julienne carrots, squash, and zucchini. Blackened Tilapia with Shrimp Czarina sauce is a house specialty. Boiled crawfish are a customer favorite and come piled high with corn on the cob and warm drawn butter.

On weekends the eclectic, New Orleans-inspired dining room and bar are filled with the sounds for which the restaurant is named when local jazz bands take the stage.

PHOTOS: CHARLIE JOHNSTON (THIS PAGE)

KATHY'S SOUTHERN COOKING, HENDERSON

Kathy's owner, Kathy Cook, was born in Vidalia, Louisiana—a state that seemingly turns out as many chefs as musicians. After operating a Southern-style restaurant in Palo Alto, California for seven years, Cook and her family relocated to Las Vegas in 1991. "Failure wasn't even in our minds," Cook recalls. "We knew we had a good product."

The menu at Kathy's features a blend of traditional southern favorites such as fried chicken, smothered pork chops—their most requested items—and shrimp etoufee, served over rice. An extensive list of side dishes includes savory black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, and yams. No southern restaurant would be complete without a bounty of desserts. Kathy's delivers with some of Southern Nevada's best cakes and cobblers.

Tucked away on a shady Henderson street, Kathy's is easy to miss. But visitors will be welcomed into a cozy dining room with an open kitchen. A mural of a Louisiana dock scene fills the back wall.

When asked what sets Kathy's apart, Mary Prince, Cook's daughter and restaurant manager, says, "We're a small family-owned business, with big southern hospitality."



Lucille's Smokehouse Bar•B•Que

LUCILLE'S SMOKEHOUSE BAR•B•QUE, HENDERSON

Decades-old debates about who makes the best barbecue have become a part of American culture. Usually, these conversations include top contenders like Kansas City, Memphis, North Carolina, and Texas—unless you know of Lucille's in the West.

Restaurateur Craig Hofman created the southern-themed barbecue eatery Lucille's in 1999. Finding early success in his native California, Hofman next set his sights on Las Vegas.

The Henderson location opened its doors in The District at Green Valley Ranch in 2004. Typical fare includes three kinds of ribs, chicken, brisket, and pulled pork, all slow cooked. But according to general manager David Hayes, the ribs reign supreme. Side dishes are reminiscent of southern home cooking: sweet potatoes, greens, and cheesy grits. And everything is made fresh daily.

Fridays and Saturdays Lucille's features live bands in the restaurant's lounge. Lucille's has also partnered with the Silverton Casino, where it caters Bikinis & BBQ, every Sunday through Labor Day weekend.



Rhythm Kitchen Seafood & Steaks

RHYTHM KITCHEN SEAFOOD & STEAKS, LAS VEGAS

In a town where dining options are as dizzying and varied as the deluge of themed casinos, distinguishing yourself from the crowd can be an exercise in futility. But nestled inconspicuously in the southwest corner of the city, Louisiana-French-Creole-themed gem Rhythm Kitchen does just that.

Owner and head chef Scott Ghormley is a Las Vegas native with deep Louisiana roots. His parents are Louisiana natives and longtime Las Vegas and Louisiana restaurateurs. The influence of the family business and history led Ghormley down the path to his own venture—his goal: southern cuisine in a refined, upscale environment. "I love the food and culture in the southern part of the country," he says. "And that's what I wanted to bring to Las Vegas."

The menu features recognizable favorites such as jambalaya, gumbo, and etoufee, but the New Orleans Seafood Delight has emerged as Rhythm Kitchen's signature dish. This frequently requested favorite features blackened catfish served over rice pilaf in a creamy Cajun Parmesan sauce with shrimp and is paired with fresh vegetables. "I wanted to make it as authentic as possible," Ghormley says. "And translate that right to the plate."

Kathy's, Lucille's, and Rhythm Kitchen were written by Veronica Henry.

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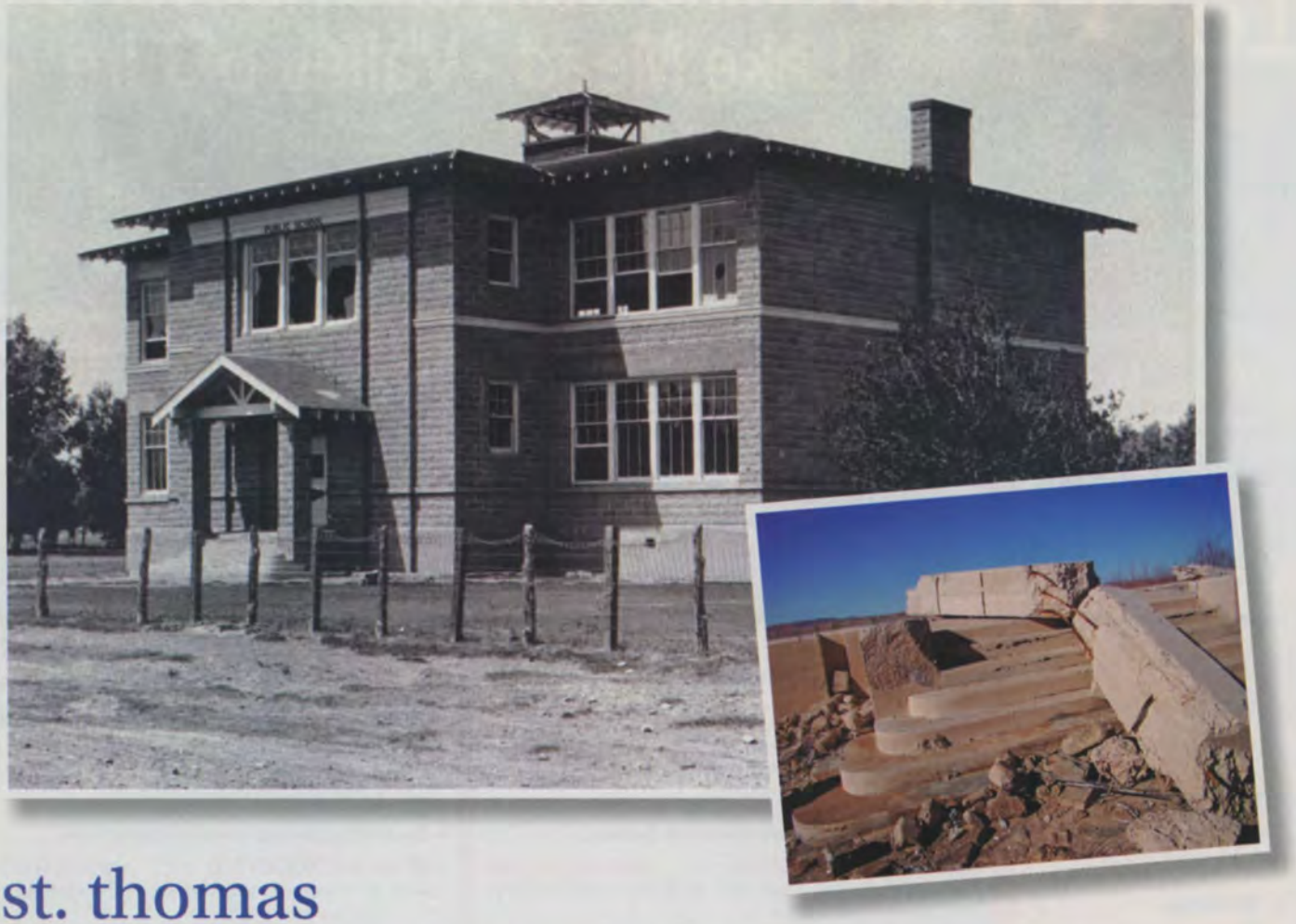
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st. thomas

Water-starved Lake Mead has given tourists new insight into a town that vanished underwater in 1938.

BY ROY THEISS

A prolonged drought in the Southwest has communities contemplating a dry future and the potential consequences. But for one Nevada town it wasn't the lack of water, but the opposite, which caused it to disappear more than 70 years ago. Today, Lake Mead has receded to the point that visitors now have an opportunity to see a town that was once submerged.

Walking amid the remnants of a community that had been underwater for so long is a fascinating historical journey. Established as a Mormon settlement in 1865, St. Thomas was officially vacated in 1938 when the rising waters created from Hoover Dam, completed two years prior, flooded the town.

From the onset, the folks in St. Thomas endured a legacy of misfortune. Sent by Brigham Young, settlers established an outpost there to transport goods from California to Utah during the Civil War. However, the advent of the Transcontinental Railroad in 1869 changed that. With the Civil War over and a more comfortable and efficient method to transport people and goods in place, the outpost became expendable.

Compounding the town's demise was a logistical oversight by its settlers. When the newly established State of Nevada finished its land survey in 1870, it was discovered that St. Thomas was actually in the Silver State, not Utah. The Nevada government demanded five years worth of back taxes, due in gold coins. "The problem was the Mormons were a communal society and did not have a cash currency," says Eva Jensen, a former archaeologist and curator at the Lost City Museum in Overton, about 15 miles north of the Historical St. Thomas Site. Young gave townsfolk permission to leave the town upon a vote, and all but one voted to leave, Jensen adds.

By the 1880s, some Mormons had returned to St. Thomas. Cotton farming was the primary source of income for the town of about 500. The burgeoning town gained attention in the 1910s when Arrowhead Trail, the first automobile road between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, traversed through the Valley of Fire (now a Nevada State Park) and stopped in St. Thomas. Tourists would stay in the Gentry Hotel and support the five other busi-

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Founded in 1865, the Southern Nevada town of St. Thomas and its residents endured many hardships, yet persevered until 1938, when newly formed Lake Mead submerged the town. Today, a 2.5-mile loop trail (bottom right) gives tourists access to structures that have emerged in recent years (left) as Lake Mead continues to recede. One of the prominent structures in town was the school (opposite page), of which the staircase still remains mostly intact.

nesses, including a café and grocery store. However, the economic boon St. Thomas enjoyed from tourism was short-lived. In the early 1920s, the bridge across Virgin River burned, and the road was moved to a more northern route across Mormon Mesa near the current Interstate 15 alignment.

St. Thomas' woes did not end there. After World War I, the price of copper plummeted, causing a ripple effect on St. Thomas. The salt mines in town were no longer needed to process ore. Soon after, the community would see its fortunes turn for the worst one final time.

In 1928, Congress passed the Boulder Canyon Project Act to build a dam on the Colorado River. The children of St. Thomas cried out, "That damn dam bill passed," for they knew the town they loved would disappear. The government purchased the land that surrounded St. Thomas, and the school's class of 1932-33 would have the distinction of being the last in town.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (later renamed Hoover) was completed, and Lake Mead began to form. There was a sense of loss in the town, but citizens recognized they were doing something for the greater good. They were making a tremendous sacrifice for their country. Another burden they endured was taking care of their loved ones who had passed. The town cemetery was relocated to Overton in 1935 and can be visited today.

As the new lake approached St. Thomas, water poured into a cistern. "One woman said, 'It sounded like a deep sigh, like [our] town was breathing its last breath,'" Jensen says. But not everyone believed their beloved town would be flooded. According to folklore, the last resident, Hugh Lord, paddled away from his home as the rising waters reached his front porch in 1938.

Fast-forward 72 years, and the drought has provided an opportunity to explore a ghost town. A 2.5-mile loop trail leads to the ruins from a gravel parking lot (the dirt road is accessible from State Route 169 and Northshore Road). Foundations, walls, and grated cisterns dot the site, along with numerous alkali-crusted trails branching in all directions. A very large foundation has many visitors incorrectly guessing its background. "The biggest foundation is the school [see opposite page]. People assume it's the Gentry Hotel because it looks too big for a house," Jensen says.

A trip to St. Thomas would be incomplete without visiting the aforementioned Lost City Museum. In addition to offering more information about St. Thomas, the museum is also an archaeological treasure of the Anasazi and other tribes who once occupied the area. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935 for the state to house archaeological collections, the museum building was constructed of sun-dried adobe brick in a pueblo style.

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the horse whisperer

Champion thoroughbred owner Madeleine Pickens is in the race to save America's wild mustangs.

BY REBECCA PONTON



It all began with a John Wayne movie.

While she herself has an exotic background—born in Kirkuk, Iraq to a British father and a Lebanese mother, Madeleine Pickens grew up in various locales around the world—it was America's Wild West heritage that captured her imagination. After going to the then-British Bahamas in 1966, she arrived in the United States in 1969 on a green card, later becoming an American citizen and eventually a resident of Dallas.

When asked what attracted her to America, she is effusive. "Oh, gosh! Watching all the American movies—John Wayne and cowboys—oh, it was so exciting! I mean, what a sexy history you guys have—and I'm part of it now!" she says gleefully.

"Remember the show *Bonanza* [and] the Ponderosa?" she continues, caught up in the nostalgia. "I used to watch that show, and I hated it when it came to an end, and then you had to wait until the next week. I absolutely loved it. I used to envy [actress] Linda Evans, having all those brothers, living that life on the range. It was so, so beautiful. I was certainly going to run off with John Wayne; there was no question. All that was so dreamy," she says, laughing at the memory.

WILD, WILD HORSES

It's that romanticism, coupled with a sense of moral responsibility, which has led Pickens where she is today. Along with her husband, T. Boone Pickens, the legendary oilman who has embraced alternative energy, she is co-founder of the nonprofit Saving America's Mustangs (savingamericasmustangs.org), the goal of which is to establish a permanent home for wild horses and burros.

Pickens' love affair with animals began early. "We had Labradors growing up. My father loved dogs. He used to go hunting, much to my [dismay]. Every Friday night, the guns would come out, and the dogs would get so excited, and I couldn't understand why they weren't excited to play with me anymore. They knew their big weekend was here."

Pickens went on to become a successful racehorse owner and breeder, but it is America's wild mustangs that have become her focus. "I came here, and I never saw the wild animals, and I didn't know much about [the situation]," she says, referring to the more than 30,000 wild horses and burros that are being kept in short- and long-term holding

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areas, many of them for years and in less-than-ideal conditions.

"I was devastated when I found out, but also delighted that I had the opportunity to jump in and fix it and then find a way to bring pleasure to the American public," says Pickens, who envisions the creation of a horse eco-sanctuary as an opportunity to recapture the Wild West on a grand scale—"like a Yellowstone."

"People can come [and] bring their families...to a living museum where they can see these horses roam, have documentaries, have campgrounds where the kids can come. [School children] all go to Washington at some point in their lives [to see] the monuments. They can go to Nevada [where half of the country's wild horses are found] and visit Mustang Monument and see all of this and be educated—classes and campfires and teachers. I'm very, very excited about it all. I've had a lot of interest from all different [sectors] of the United States, which shows that people love this [idea]."

GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGN

To see her dream become reality, Pickens has had to deal with government bureaucracy and has learned the wheels of change turn very slowly, which she attributes to something she jokingly refers to as the "NIH theory"—Not Invented Here.

"When you bring something new to the table—and for 40 years they've been doing it one way—it's difficult for people to switch gears. I think sometimes you can be too close to an issue, and it's tougher to see how you can fix things," she says, referring to the Bureau of Land Management, which is currently responsible for overseeing the welfare of wild horses and burros.

To help create awareness of her plan, which involves persuading legislators to pass a law converting the 1 million acres of land necessary to accommodate the animals from cattle-grazing to horse-grazing, Pickens' Saving America's Mustangs foundation has staged several pregame and halftime tributes held at college football games. The foundation also has created a 25-member advisory board, which includes a number of well-known Texans. Among them are T. Boone Pickens, Chairman June Jones, Jerry Jones, Roger Staubach, Troy Aikman, Mark Cuban, and others.

The key difference in her plan, Pickens stresses, is the stipend paid by the government will not go into private hands (as it does now); it will stay with the foundation. She emphasizes the foundation cannot use the money for anything other than taking care of the land, so that the horses are provided for.

During the course of her campaign, she has discovered the power of the grassroots movement. At the time of this writing (late 2009), supporters of Pickens' vision had submitted nearly 12,000 signatures to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and the BLM. She urges those who are interested to go to her website (madeleinepickens.com), where they can sign up for alerts. "The wonderful thing about the Internet is that you [can] educate and inform the public about issues they didn't know existed," she says. "Let's face it, I didn't know about these issues [before]."

'OUTRAGEOUS HISTORY'

Pickens recalls the first time, from the view of a helicopter, that she saw horses running wild. "It was just one of those life-changing days where you say, 'This is what I want to do. This is what I want to bring back and share with people.' We can't let these animals be gathered and thrown into a world of sadness and horror and slaughter. That's got to end. It's too beautiful a part of life."

Not only does Pickens want to provide a sanctuary for the mustangs, but she would like to see them accorded the same respect as the bald eagle. Curious about the bald eagle's status, she recently had the opportunity to see hundreds of them on Stuart Island in Canada and only then did she realize their beauty and majesty. "It was great," she says, "but it certainly didn't impress me as much as if I saw thousands of wild mustangs thundering by, their manes flowing in the wind. How can you not think of them [as a national symbol]?"

"I think it's a very sexy heritage," Pickens continues. "In [this] great country, that's how the West was formed—people came out on wagon trains. When I'm flying across the country and traveling and looking at some of the land those people had to cross, you say, 'How on earth did they do it?' There were Indians, there were cowboys; I find the whole thing beautiful. What an outrageous history this country has! It's beautiful, so I think it's a shame we've forgotten our history."

When asked if she would like saving the wild horses to be her legacy, Pickens replies, "It's part of my life. Some people care very much about a legacy. I only care that I took care of my footprint. I'm sure that I'll launch some other projects because I actually enjoy fixing things."

Pickens says she found her John Wayne in husband Boone. Just don't expect them to ride off into the sunset anytime soon. "We have a moral responsibility in life. Everybody has a footprint. Not just a carbon footprint, but the footprint of life," Pickens says with conviction. "I feel I've got so much more to do."

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saving our lakes

Conserving Nevada's four major waterways will take great environmental, individual, and political strides

BY CHARLIE JOHNSTON

Growing up in the shadow of Northern Nevada's Carson Range, some of my fondest memories include outings to Lake Tahoe, practically in our backyard. I don't recall exactly what my initial impression of the lake was—cut me some slack, I was only two or three—but, as I grew older, my observation of the famous body of water echoed the sentiment expressed by Mark Twain upon first seeing it in 1861. "I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole world affords," he said.

Though few lakes can compare with the sheer beauty of Tahoe, Nevada's vast desert expanses contribute to similar admiration for all of its lakes and the precious, life-supporting water they hold. Sadly, the beauty of these oases does not ensure their survival, and Nevada's four major lakes—Mead, Pyramid, Tahoe, and Walker—face serious challenges. If future generations are to relate to Twain's assessment and appreciate these lakes as so many before them have, we must address these challenges and come to acceptable solutions—before it's too late.



PYRAMID LAKE
Surface area: 188 square miles
Length: 30 miles
Width: 9 miles
Maximum depth: 356 feet
Water capacity: 7.5 trillion gallons

PHOTOS: RACHID DAHNOUN (ABOVE), CARRIE ROUSSEL (TOP LEFT)



Pyramid Lake, named for the 400-foot-tall monolith pictured, is the centerpiece of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Reservation and a popular fishing and boating destination. About Lake Tahoe (opposite page), Mark Twain once said, "I thought it must surely be the fairest picture the whole world affords."

LAKE MEAD

Standing at Saint Thomas Point and Historical Site in Southern Nevada, editor Matthew B. Brown and I are awash with disbelief at the scene before us. A sea of green stretches for miles across the shallow basin to the east and south until it is lost beneath the craggy desert ridges of Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Our shock stems not from the presence of the lush field of vegetation in this, one of the driest places in North America, but from the lack of something even more unlikely in such an environment: water.

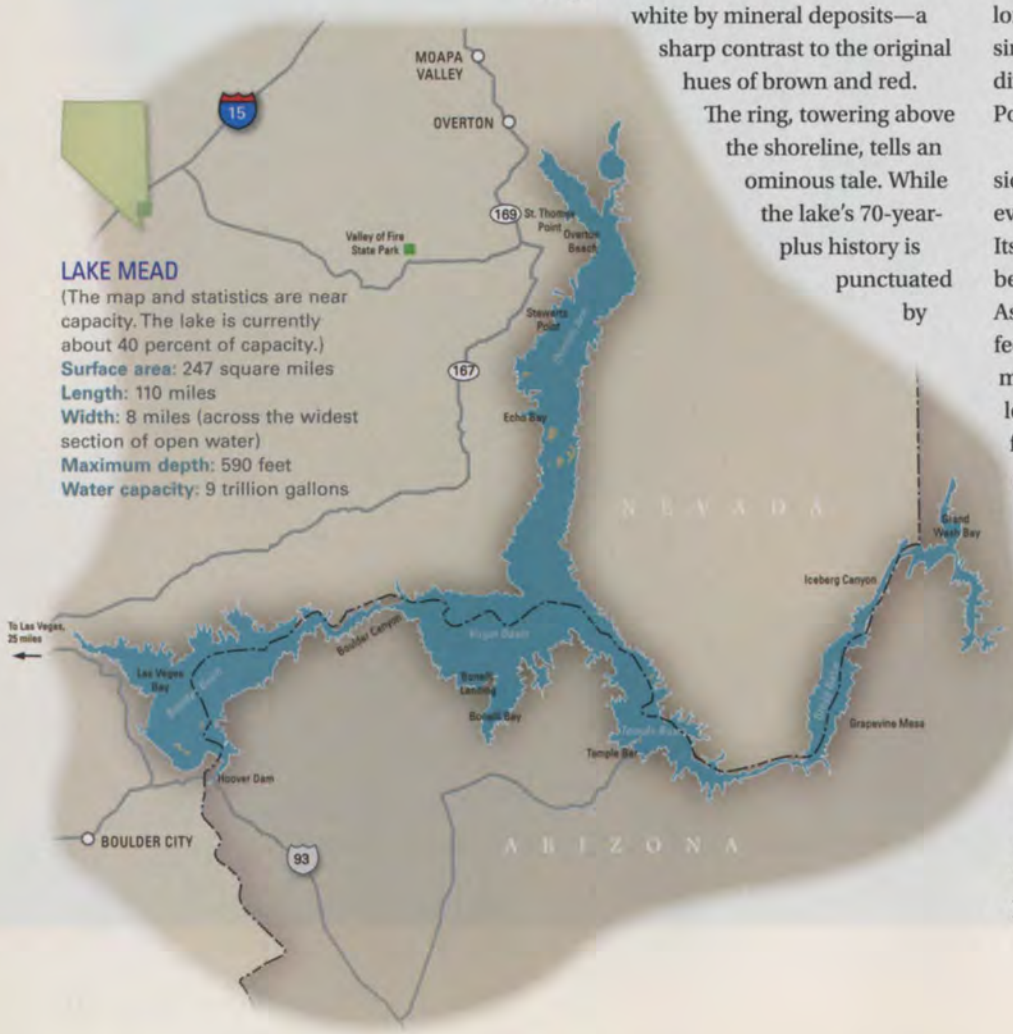
Ten years ago, the waters of Lake Mead's Overton Arm would have been lapping at our feet. Today, no water can be seen from this vantage. It is the nature of any desert lake—especially a reservoir such as Mead—to vary in depth from year to year, tied to snowmelt from upstream mountains. Mead's "bathtub ring" is evidence of its manically shifting shoreline.



Lake Mead's cool blue waters provide respite from the Southern Nevada desert heat for visitors. The white "bathtub ring" of previously submerged land is a stark reminder that these waters—created by the construction of Hoover Dam in 1936—must be used wisely.

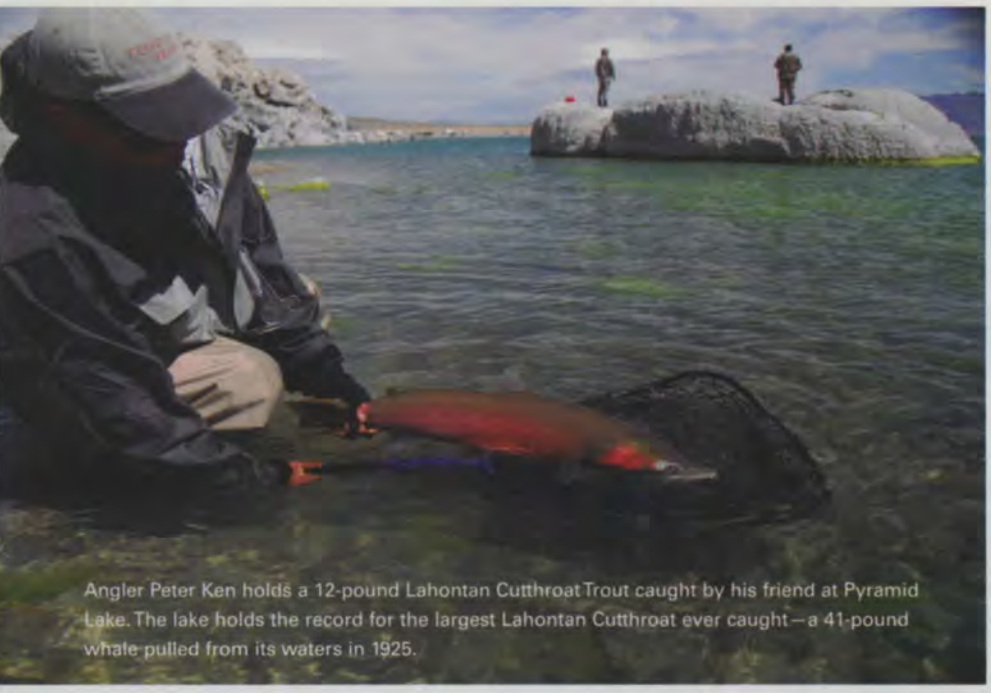
More than 120 feet of previously submerged land above the shore is painted white by mineral deposits—a sharp contrast to the original hues of brown and red. The ring, towering above the shoreline, tells an ominous tale. While the lake's 70-year-plus history is punctuated by periods of drought, the latest has many concerned. As the result of this decade-long drought, Mead is at its lowest point since 1965, when the Colorado River was diverted to fill the newly constructed Lake Powell, upstream in Arizona.

To put this into better perspective, consider that in 1983 Lake Mead's surface elevation reached 1,225 feet above sea level. Its average elevation is 1,173 feet. Anything below 1,125 feet is considered a drought. As of June 7, 2010, Lake Mead was at 1,093 feet, already tied with 2009's low-water mark months before the lake's traditional low season. If the lake's level dips to 1,050 feet, Hoover Dam's hydroelectric power plant will shut off. Although it is hard to predict when the water will reach this impasse, many scientists agree that the region is growing drier, an indication that such a day is on the horizon. To compound the climatic issues contributing to the lake's dwindling level, the number of people who depend on water from the Colorado River has increased exponentially since the 1936 construction of Hoover Dam and corresponding creation of Lake Mead. Las Vegas, a short drive west of Lake Mead, has exploded from fewer than 9,000



LAKE MEAD
(The map and statistics are near capacity. The lake is currently about 40 percent of capacity.)
Surface area: 247 square miles
Length: 110 miles
Width: 8 miles (across the widest section of open water)
Maximum depth: 590 feet
Water capacity: 9 trillion gallons

PHOTO: RANDA BISHOP



Angler Peter Ken holds a 12-pound Lahontan Cutthroat Trout caught by his friend at Pyramid Lake. The lake holds the record for the largest Lahontan Cutthroat ever caught—a 41-pound whale pulled from its waters in 1925.

PHOTO: MIKE SEVON

residents to a metropolitan area of nearly 2 million people.

In Las Vegas—a city that relies on Lake Mead for power and water and receives just 4.5 inches of rain a year—the Southern Nevada Water Authority is taking steps to conserve the dwindling water supply. A rebate program offers SNWA customers money to replace grass with desert landscaping, and strictly enforced restrictions prohibit landscape watering during the hottest hours of the day in the summer. Some of SNWA's more aggressive solutions include the construction of an intake pipe that would allow the utility to access Mead's water to elevations lower than 1,000 feet and a controversial proposed pipeline to transport groundwater from eastern Nevada.

Though drought and seemingly insatiable demand for water combine to deal Lake Mead a hard hand, the lake is also being attacked from within by invasive species. While the issue doesn't receive as much attention as drought and water use, it is also cause for concern. Dr. Sudeep Chandra is a limnologist (limnology is the study of biological, chemical, physical, geological, and other attributes of inland waters, especially lakes) at the University of Nevada, Reno and an expert on the impact of nonnative species. He says that introduced species, such as Lake Mead's quagga mussel, have numerous negative effects on the water quality and ecology of lakes.

The mussels in Lake Mead are of particular concern because of the correlation between rising quagga populations and increases in dangerous toxins. They absorb toxins and heavy metals such as mercury and excrete them in concentrated pellets that sink to the lake floor, where many are eaten by bottom-feeding fish. Eventually the toxins concentrate in the fishes' tissues. This process works its way up the food chain all the way to birds and fishermen. Additionally, the presence of the mussels and their affect on the food chain results in a lower ratio of nitrogen-to-phosphorus in the water, creating ideal conditions for the growth of cyanobacteria, a dangerous type of algae associated with creating dead zones in lakes. Researchers at UNR and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas are working diligently to solve these problems.

PYRAMID LAKE

"I once caught a fish *this* big!" Anyone reading this can practically see my hands spreading further and further apart as the tale grows taller—another big fish story. But, if I were referencing a Lahontan Cutthroat Trout caught at Pyramid Lake in the early 1900s, the account would doubtfully be a fable. The largest Lahontan Cutthroat ever caught—and recorded—was at Pyramid Lake in 1925. The monster tipped the scales at 41 pounds. Photos and more stories suggest that as recently as the late 1800s, the lake produced fish of 60 pounds and larger.

It is unlikely that Pyramid will ever know a fish of these proportions again. Severe overfishing in the 1800s removed many such fish, and the lake's receding shoreline has played a substantial role in the continued drought of record-setting catches. Being a terminal lake—having no outlet—the survival of Pyramid and its unique inhabitants depends on a crucial inflow of fresh water. In 1905, as part of the Newlands Project, the Derby Dam was constructed on the Truckee River to divert water for irrigation use in Churchill County. The water diverted by the dam supports 57,000 acres of farmland—among the region's most important and productive agricultural assets—and 6,000 acres of wetlands, making the debate over water diversion and use all





The Lake Tahoe area, known for its world-class ski resorts, is also a popular summer destination with myriad activities from boating and fishing to hiking and sightseeing. To ply its waters, boaters are required to pass an annual inspection that prevents introduction of invasive species.

the more complex and heated.

In the following 60 years, Pyramid's water level dropped more than 80 feet, pushing the Lake's salinity, alkalinity, and overall level of total dissolved solids, or TDS (the combined content of all inorganic and organic substances found in freshwater), to levels that put many of the fish in danger of dwindling to unsustainable numbers. Among those fish are the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, a species found in certain rivers and lakes in the Great Basin, and the Cui-ui, a suckerfish found only in Pyramid Lake. To preserve these species and the lake, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, to which the lake belongs, fought to have the fish protected under the 1973 Endangered Species Act, effectively making Pyramid the top priority for water rights on the Truckee River and ensuring a future for the Cutthroat and Cui-ui in the lake. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Chairman, Mervin Wright Jr., says fishermen who use the lake often practice catch and release, also helping ensure survival of Cutthroat.

Even with these steps, Pyramid still faces an uncertain future. Runoff from Reno and Sparks is a constant challenge to the lake's water quality—treated water from those upstream cities entering the lake causes further eutrophication (the "greening" of lakes through excessive nutrient loading), and in severe droughts the Truckee River can be diminished to a trickle. While stopping the inflow of treated water would curb eutrophication and aid water quality, Wright says the lack of that extra water in severe drought years would be devastating for the lake.

LAKE TAHOE

A few years ago, my friends and I lost our portable CD player to the icy blue waters of Lake Tahoe. A passing boat's wake and resulting stumble of one of our passengers sent it overboard, and by the time we clamored to the edge it was too late. Leaning over the side of the boat, we watched the shimmering object slip further and further into the cerulean abyss. We guessed that it reached nearly 100 feet before falling out of view forever.

A few decades ago, our approximation would have easily been correct, but not so today. From the time researchers at the University of California, Davis started recording the clarity of Lake Tahoe in the early 1960s, a concerning trend has emerged. The clear crystalline waters were growing less and less pristine with each passing year. The first annual average clarity measurement taken by UC Davis in 1968 was measured at more than 102 feet. By 2000, that number had plummeted to about 67 feet and has remained in the range of 70 feet since.

Dr. Charles Goldman, a limnologist at UC Davis, has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to studying and protecting Lake Tahoe. "The value of Lake Tahoe is almost incalculable," he says. Goldman's primary area of focus is eutrophication, one of the major contributors to Lake Tahoe's declining clarity over the last four decades. Nutrient loading, especially the ratio of nitrogen to phosphorous, feeds and encourages growth of algae, which in turn worsens water clarity.

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The progressive greening of Lake Tahoe is the result of a number of factors, one of the most prevalent being population growth in the Tahoe Basin. Since clarity measurements began, the number of people living on the lake's shores has increased from 10,000 to 60,000. Goldman says such environmentally irresponsible building as the construction of the Tahoe Keys—which dug out Pope Marsh, formerly the largest wetland in the Sierra Nevada and a vital filter for the lake's water—sped eutrophication drastically. Runoff from Tahoe communities further speeds the lake's declining clarity. More environmentally responsible building, diverting treated sewage water out of the Tahoe Basin, and what Goldman calls some of the strictest building codes in the world have helped in the struggle to slow loss of clarity. Millions of people visit Lake Tahoe each year to admire its unsurpassed beauty and partake in myriad activities from skiing and boating to hiking and sightseeing. Without its legendary clear waters, Goldman says, the lake would fail to draw such attention, a potentially devastating scenario for the region's tourism-based economy.



Introduced species in Lake Tahoe not only contribute substantially to eutrophication of the lake, but also disrupt the food chain and compete with native species for limited resources. According to Chandra, the introduction of such fish as Rainbow, Brook, Brown, and Lake trout, crayfish, Kokanee salmon, and Mysis shrimp during the late-19th through mid-20th century directly caused a decline in such native species as Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Lahontan redside shiners, and speckled dace. The detriment caused by such invasive species is extensive, and some of the harm is only just beginning.

Dr. Marion Wittmann of UC Davis specializes in one of Tahoe's most threatening invasive species, the Asian clam. The clams were first observed in the lake in 2002 and since have grown to densities as high as 3,000 per square meter in the southeast part of the lake. According to Wittmann, Asian clams are known for their ability to aggressively outcompete native invertebrate species thanks to their high rates of filtration, metabolism, reproduction, and tolerance to a wide range of habitats. The heightened filtration and shift in natural cycles of food availability and waste production brought by the clams also encourages growth of algae.

Wittmann says experiments aimed at reducing Asian clam populations in Tahoe have mixed results. Bottom barriers—rubber mats similar to pond liners—can be laid on top of clam beds to reduce oxygen and kill up to 100 percent of the clams.

Unfortunately, the barriers also kill native species. Diver-assisted suction, in which the clams are removed with underwater vacuums, is effective but labor intensive and very costly.

Ambitious efforts to preserve water quality and keep more invasive species such as quagga and zebra mussels from entering the lake are gaining momentum and appear to be working. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Blue Boating program requires that all boats

entering the lake be inspected to ensure they aren't carrying invasive species and that they meet clean boating standards. Annual Blue Boating certification costs from $20-$60 for boats that use only Lake Tahoe and from $70-$125 for boats that use other waters.

WALKER LAKE

As I descend the road to the boat ramp at Walker Lake's Sportsman's Beach, a series of small brown signs catches my eye. "Lake Level 1882"...1908...1927... 1933...1935...and so on at intervals ranging from two to 10 years. When I reach the final sign—"Lake Level 1969"—just above the boat dock, I am still more than 20 vertical feet from the shore and to the best of my estimation, no less than 100 vertical feet from where the signs started.



The boat ramp at Walker Lake's Sportsman's Beach tells the woeful tale of a receding shoreline—the bottom of the ramp has not reached the water's edge in years. Although it's officially a State Recreation Area, the lake's grounds are not currently maintained by the Nevada Division of State Parks.

The end of the boat ramp trails off into the rocky shore a fair distance from the water's edge, rendering it useless.

A large yellow caution sign makes the hollow promise that the ramp is scheduled for repair and tells visitors to use it at their own risk. Not long after the water fell below the ramp, the catalyst for the ramp's existence—Lahontan Cutthroat Trout—started disappearing from Walker Lake. And without the fish, the droves of anglers who once plied the lake's waters and frequented the ramp have vacated as well.

Glenn Bunch is the chairman of the Walker Lake Working Group, an organization dedicated to saving Walker Lake. Since the 1990s, Bunch, the Working Group, and a number of Nevada politicians—namely U.S. Senator Harry Reid—have been entrenched in the battle to save Walker Lake. It hasn't been going so well. Quoting a scientific survey conducted on levels of total dissolved solids in the lake, Bunch says Lahontan Cutthroat cannot survive at levels above about 16,000. Walker Lake is at 17,000 and climbing. When the boat ramp at Sportsman's Beach was built in the late 1980s, the TDS level was 12,000. The bottom of the now dry ramp indicates the lake level at 16,000 TDS, the point at which the lake ceased to be a viable fishery. While a few hardy fish remain, it is likely they are among the lake's last Lahontan Cutthroat unless drastic steps are taken to get more water into the lake and thereby improve its water quality.

According to Bunch, studies conducted by UNR and UC Davis have concluded that without diversions of the Walker River such as irrigation, the lake would still be as full as it was more than 100 years ago. Stopping upstream diversions would cripple agriculture in the Mason Valley and is not a feasible option, but the Working Group hopes to collaborate with upstream farmers to lease unused water rights and encourage the cultivation of crops that require less water. Bunch says some farmers have made their unused water rights available to help feed the lake, and organizations such The Nature Conservancy purchase upstream irrigation rights to free up more water.

According to Bunch, the lake would need an influx of roughly 100,000 acre-feet (almost 33 billion gallons) of water to bring it to desired levels—an unimaginably large and unrealistic amount of water to acquire over the short term. Longer-term goals to bring the lake to what the Working Group and other conservationists consider an acceptable level, Bunch says, are more attainable: "We are looking for 25,000 to 50,000 acre feet [annually] to bring the lake back and maintain it."

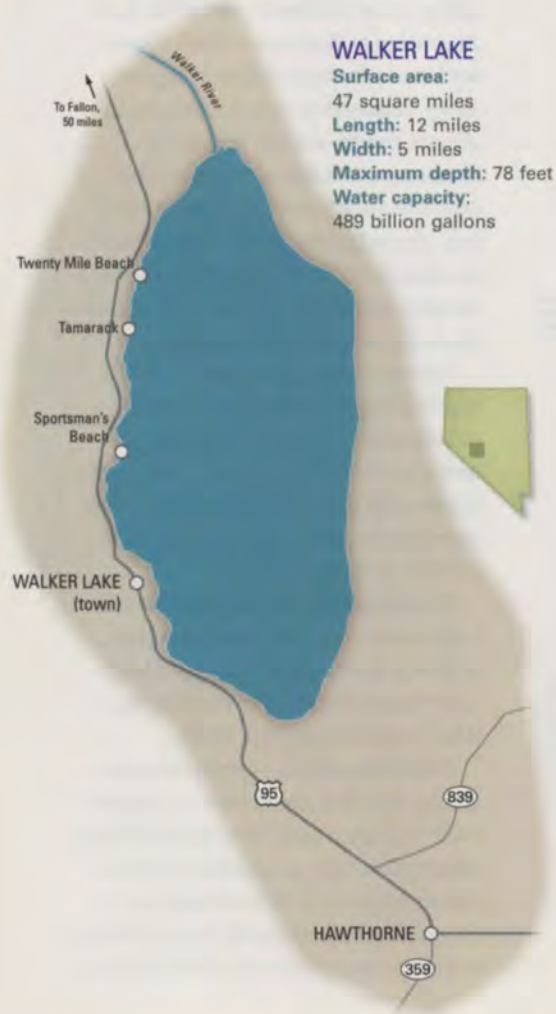


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THE FUTURE OF OUR LAKES

While the picture painted by the issues facing Nevada's major lakes may look like a bleak one, it doesn't have to be. Through learning from the mistakes of previous generations we are in a unique position to make steps toward correcting many of them. Fifty years ago, treated sewage from communities surrounding Lake Tahoe was put back into the lake. Through the efforts of Goldman and other conservation-minded individuals, that practice was brought to a halt decades ago, a major step in preserving the water quality and clarity of Lake Tahoe.

Some of the steps necessary to preserve our lakes are substantial state, national, and global issues and require continued action on the part of our leaders in Carson City and Washington D.C. But there are simple steps we can all take to reduce our impact on the natural gems we cherish and enjoy so much. As desert dwellers, Nevadans must be constantly mindful of our water use and in so doing, can preserve our lakes in the process. Watering lawns only on assigned days and using professional car washes instead of washing our own vehicles reduces water waste and runoff. Replacing old faucets, showers, and toilets with more water-efficient models can save water and money. Opting for a xeriscaped yard instead of a lawn can save 10,000 gallons of water annually at a typical suburban home.

While enjoying the lakes, simple steps such as properly disposing of waste water and opting for watercraft with newer, more environmentally friendly four-stroke engines, instead of two-strokes, can directly help in the struggle to protect the water clarity and quality of the lakes. Utilizing human-powered watercraft whenever possible reduces pollution even further.

Ensuring the survival of Mead, Pyramid, Tahoe, and Walker will not be an easy task. It will require many years of hard work, cooperation, and sacrifice. But as I reminisce on my first impressions of these unique, awe-inspiring places, it seems like a small price to see that future generations of Nevadans and visitors can experience our amazing lakes as so many of us have.

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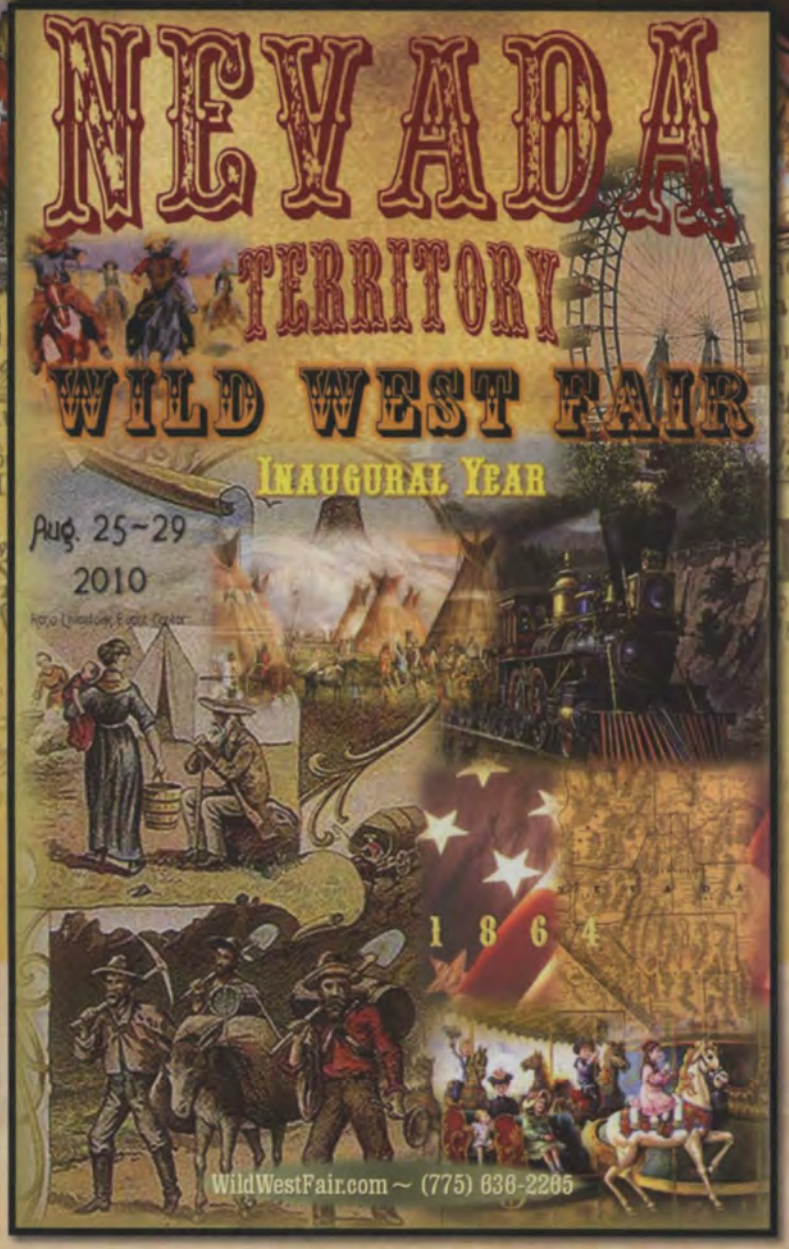
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disappearing act

Lance Burton's magical 14-year run at Monte Carlo concludes in September

BY SHELLEY STEPANEK

As I sit in the Lance Burton Theatre inside the Monte Carlo, watching what will be one of the Las Vegas entertainer's final 75 performances, I fondly remember 20 years ago when I first watched this promising magician.

Starting at "Folies Bergère" for an eight-week engagement in 1980, he stayed on for nine years—a testament to his natural ability to captivate a showroom. That success carried over to the since-imploded Hacienda for a five-year run. His current show, "Lance Burton: Master Magician," fills the house nightly. Over the last three decades, the master of illusions has performed upwards of 15,000 times for more than 5 million show goers.

Starting his show on a big screen, Burton demonstrates how he narrowly escapes death while chained to the track of a roller coaster. Later, Burton strolls into the audience and gets personal with viewers in the front rows—while pulling coins from behind ears and mouths and extracting white birds from scarves and ribbons—eventually drawing a few of the lucky people onstage. From the children he brings up to help move objects around to the adults who appear to levitate, all leave the stage with a smile on their faces.

With his seven female assistants, Burton disappears into a giant box hooded, chained, and covered, with seemingly no way to escape, only to emerge in a matter of seconds at the back of the showroom, while one of his assistants has taken his place in the box. He steps into a convertible and "drives" in the air across the stage and through a huge hoop. "Performing at the Monte Carlo and introducing over 5 million people to the world of magic has been a fantastic experience for me," Burton says in entertainment writer Wayne Bernath's May column. "I have loved every minute of this historic run."

Performing in the same showroom for 14 years has given Burton the opportunity to perfect his craft. He has tried many new illusions, one of the most famous being "The Solid Gold Lady," in which he makes $10 million in gold bricks and coins disappear. Five years of practice went into this single illusion.

Burton, who will perform for the final time at Monte Carlo on September 4, has been with the Strip property since its opening day on June 21, 1996.

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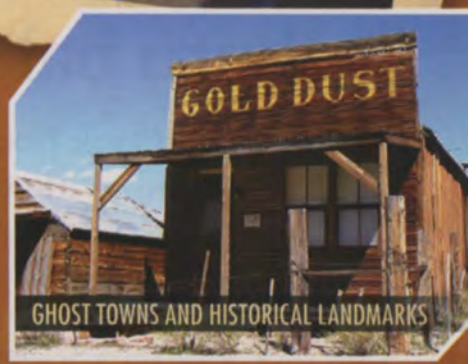
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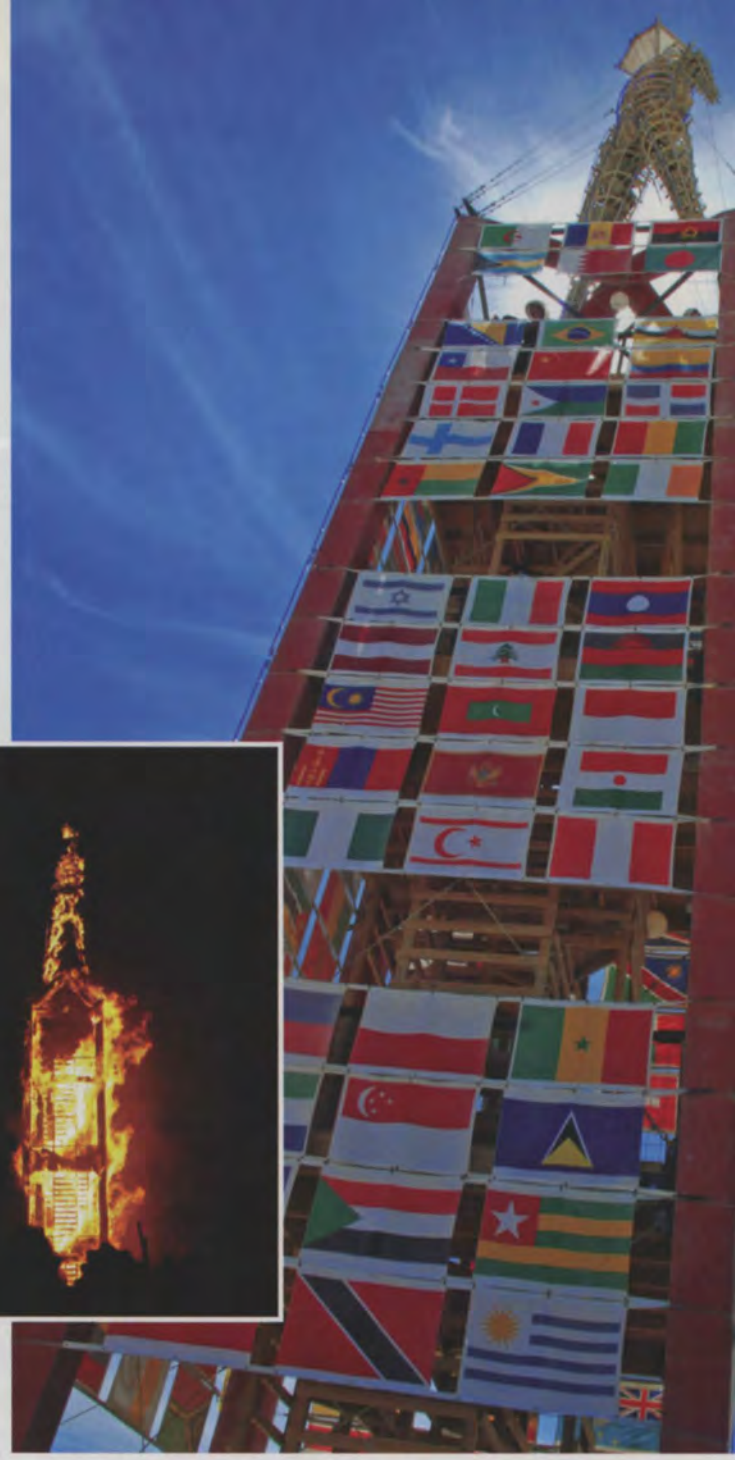
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burn baby burn

Annual Black Rock Desert gathering is the ultimate display of free expression

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When I think about Burning Man the first memory that comes to mind is surprisingly short and not even my own. Last year one of my friends went a little overboard and wound up passing out in the middle of the playa one night. He awoke the following morning to find that someone had covered him with a blanket.

Take a moment to let the last sentence sink in. For one week out of the year the large camp in the Black Rock Desert—affectionately known as Black Rock City—is one of the state's 10 largest communities with nearly 50,000 residents. In no other city on earth could a person pass out in plain sight and wake up with all of their possessions, let alone something extra. And that's what Burning Man is about. It's unexpected, it's free expression, it's kindness for the sake of kindness, and, on occasion, it's going a little overboard.

Born as a celebration of the Bohemian lifestyle on a San Francisco beach in 1986, Burning Man has grown into a worldwide cultural movement. Events modeled after and in tribute to Burning Man have sprung up in the U.S., United Kingdom, Europe, and Australia. To define it as a festival or event is an extreme understatement. While breathtaking art, radical self-expression and self-reliance, and unflinching acceptance are central themes, Burning Man is so much more.

Some participants—referred to col-

lectively as "burners"—have attended the event almost since its inception, a testament to the strong ties many have to Burning Man. I am a relative newcomer; this summer will mark only my third year as a resident of Black Rock City, but I can say in all seriousness that, much like veteran burners, I feel more at home during my week on the playa than I do the rest of the year.

The eight-day event, August 29–September 6, is art show meets camping trip meets rock concert meets utopian society. Participants bring everything they need to survive and entertain themselves and literally build a city. While there are countless activities at every hour of every day, there is no official schedule except for the burning of the Man and temple on the final two nights, respectively. Much like the schedule is left to play out naturally, the burning of the Man himself is left to open interpretation, his blank face and generic form representing whatever individual onlookers project.

Black Rock City itself is a massive five-square-mile semi-circle. At the center stands the Man himself. Roughly a half-mile from the center, the Esplanade represents the start of the residential section of the city. Beyond the Esplanade, lettered streets form concentric circles. Perpendicular to the lettered streets are numbered streets based on a clock starting at 2:00 and ending at 10:00 with a street every 30 minutes. All across the playa between the Man and Esplanade and into the "deep playa" beyond the residential limits, massive pieces of art stand out against the stark desert backdrop like ungainly, otherworldly creatures. Within the city, clusters of tents and RVs comprise individual camps and themed camps, each with its own unique interpretation of what Burning Man means.

Burning Man has won its way into so many hearts as much for what it isn't as for what it is. First of all, Black Rock City isn't a city like any you have ever known. It is a leave-no-trace, negative-carbon-footprint city—one week it is there, the next it is completely gone, taking with it literally every piece of waste produced.

While most cities are along a river or near a natural harbor, Black Rock City is smack in the middle of one of the most hostile environments on earth. Burning Man's founder, Larry Harvey, describes the Black Rock playa as "a space so vast and blank that only your initiative can make of it a place...swept by fearsome winds and scorching temperatures, and only by your effort can you make of it a home." Surviving in this environment while preserving its natural beauty is not easy. It takes vision, passion, and cooperation.

Another aspect of Black Rock City that makes it so unlike any place else on earth is that, with the exception of ice, there is nothing for sale. It is a gift-giving community. People share meals, supplies, and everything else imaginable. Last year our camp had a bar. Patrons paid for their drinks with handmade jewelry, dances, hugs, stories, jokes—whatever.

By removing money from day-to-day interactions, Burning Man makes its participants equals and encourages free exchange and interaction. Some of my most cherished possessions are trinkets traded at Burning Man, not because they hold any monetary value, but because they contain a part of the people who gave them to me and capture the days I shared with those people. The lack of money means that there are no titles or social classes in Black Rock City. In fact, many people even use playa names while at Burning Man (as shocking as it might be, "Speedracer" appears nowhere on my birth certificate).

What this all comes down to is that Burning Man is an experience, something that, much to my chagrin as a writer and photographer, transcends words and even photographs. Perhaps Harvey put it best in a lecture he gave to a group in Minneapolis in 2000: "I have been to the Black Rock Desert. I've seen a new heaven and earth, and I invite you all to come out and experience what is possible."

Opposite page: The centerpiece of Burning Man is the Man himself, burned in celebration on the second to last night of the event. Below: Practically everything at Burning Man is art. Art cars provide an impromptu form of mass transit.

Every year, Burning Man provides participants with a survival guide. Below are some key necessities. Visit the website for more information and a downloadable survival guide.

What You Must Bring:

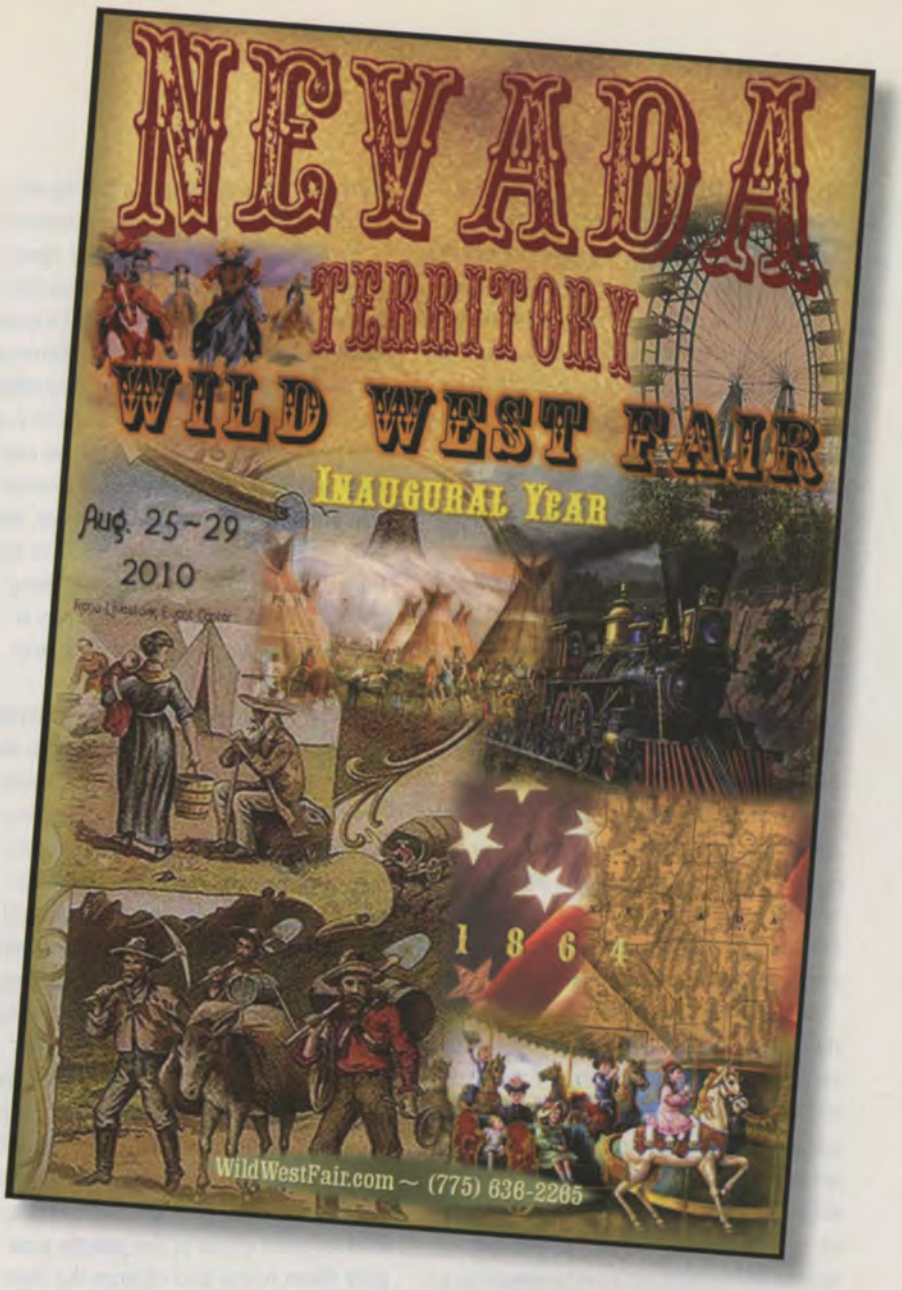
- Your ticket or Photo ID and confirmation number for will call
- 1.5 gallons of water per person per day (for drinking, showering, washing, and food preparation). Carry a bottle of water with you at all times.
- Enough food/beverages for your entire party
- First-aid kit
- Warm clothing
- Bedding and shelter of some type—winds can exceed 75 mph, and temperatures can exceed 100 degrees
- A good camp tent is recommended along with warm sleeping bags—evening temperatures can drop into the 40s
- Garbage bags
- Any required prescriptions, contact lens supplies, and anything else you need to maintain your health and comfort in a remote area with no services
- Flashlights and spare batteries
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Fire extinguishers



state fair renaissance

Organizers have a new vision for one of Nevada's most tenured celebrations.

BY RICH CROMBIE



In the interest of recognizing the importance of teaching future generations about Nevada's roots, and the need to embody the entire state in an annual celebration, the Nevada State Fair Board of Directors has adopted the idea of transforming the fair into a statewide heritage event meant to honor and recognize the rich histories and lasting legacies of the Silver State's founders.

Under the guise of the Nevada State Fair, the "Nevada Territory Wild West Fair," August 25-29 at the Reno Livestock Events Center, will continue to focus on traditional livestock shows, auctions, agricultural events, exhibits, carnival rides, and live entertainment—all vital components of any state fair. It will also add new and exciting educational and interactive elements in 2010.

New attractions planned for the fair include a mining camp, western frontier town, Civil War camp and town, Chinatown, American Indian village, railroad yard, and stagecoach rides.

As the mystique of America's Old West continues to draw the attention of tourists from across the globe, it is our hope that this new direction will make the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair a regularly visited tourist destination that will be the pride of our state and a boost to Nevada's economy.

This endeavor is undoubtedly going to be a long and arduous one, but one that we can all embrace and support. The public will be invited to "stake their claim" in the new fair by purchasing honorary shares for as little as $5 that will go directly to the building and development of a continuing tradition that has been a Nevada legacy for more than 130 years.

Rich Crombie is the executive director of the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair. To purchase a share, call the phone number provided at right.



Fair ambassador Doc Durden with a next-generation fair supporter.

EVENT

Nevada Territory Wild West Fair
When: Aug. 25-29
Where: Reno Livestock Events Center
wildwestfair.com
775-636-2265



Carson City Courtyard Marriott
3870 S. CARSON STREET
CARSON CITY, NV 89701
775-887-9900
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Reference Promotional Code: HPRNO

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SOUTHERN NEVADA

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(June 28-July 2)
Eco Arts & Crafts Camp
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7786

(June 29-July 4)
Ty Herndon
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

JULY

1

Cash'd Out
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

Night of Fire—Featuring Fireworks
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Saint Vitus
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

2

Backstreet Boys
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Bill Cosby
Treasure Island
treasureisland.com
866-712-9308

David Alan Grier
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

House of Comedy Presents Joe Rogan
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

Morning Hike
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

Shooter Jennings
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

World Series of BBQ Pool Party, Charity Poker Event, & Fireworks Show
Golden Nugget
goldennugget.com
866-946-5336

(2-3)
Kenny Chesney
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

(2-4)
Whitney Cummings
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

3 SATURDAY

Ante Up For Africa Celebrity-Charity Poker Tournament
Rio
wsop.com
702-731-7216

Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros
Hard Rock Café Live
ticketweb.com
702-733-7625

Groundshakers Desert Race
Caliente
mranracing.com

History Tour
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

Little River Band
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Miss Nevada & Miss Nevada Outstanding Teen Pageants
Mesquite
CasaBlanca
mesquitenv.com
702-371-4573

OneRepublic
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Sugar Ray
Silverton
silvertoncasino.com
702-263-7777

UFC 116: Lesnar vs. Carwin
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

Wonder Girls
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

(3-4)
Coco Lee
Encore
wynnlasvegas.com
702-770-7469

(3-4)
Damboree Celebration & Fireworks Show
Boulder City
bcnv.org
702-293-9340

(3-4)
The Scintas
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

4 SUNDAY



The Adicts
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Fourth of July Barbecue & Fireworks
Tonopah
tonopahnevada.com
775-482-6336

Henderson Symphony Orchestra
Henderson
Basic High School
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Independence Day Celebration
Henderson
Basic High School
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Independence Day
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

Liberty Festival & Fireworks Show
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
775-727-5107

★ FARMERS MARKETS

Alamo
2 mi. south of town
Sat., July 3-Sept.
lincolncountynevada.com
775-726-3109

Boulder City
Arizona St.
Fri., thru July 23
bcnv.org
702-293-2034

Caliente
360 Lincoln St.
Fri., thru Oct. 29
lincolncountynevada.com
775-726-3109

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

Las Vegas
Gardens Park
Tues.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Bruce Trent Park
Wed.
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Floyd Lamb Park
Sat., July 17 & Aug. 21
lasvegasfarmersmarket.com
702-562-2676

Pahrump
Petrack Park
Sat., July 10-Sept. 18
pahrumpchamber.com
775-727-5532

Tonopah
Pocket Park
Mon., July 5-Oct. 4
localharvest.org
775-482-3118

Mike Epps
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Old-Fashioned 4th of July in the Park
Beatty
beattynevada.org
886-736-3716

Rockets Over The River
Laughlin
visitlaughlin.com
800-452-8445

4th of July Celebration
Caliente
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

40 Oz. To Freedom
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

(6-15)
Superstars of Country Music
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

7

(7-10, 14-17, 21-24)
"Ain't Misbehavin'"
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
Super Summer Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

8

Bobby Long
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Lamb of God
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

Nintendo Wii Home Run Derby
Cora Coleman Senior Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-0000

9

Ottmar Liebert
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
866-264-1818

Lon Bronson All-Star Band
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

(9-11)
The Four Freshmen
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(9-18)
NBA Summer League
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

(9-25)
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change"
Las Vegas Little Theatre
lvlt.org
702-362-7996

10 SATURDAY

Carp Rodeo
Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

Children's Hands On Learning: Native American History
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Dastardly Deeds in the Desert
Winchester Cultural Center
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-0000

Jackrabbit Night Race
Goodsprings
mranracing.com

Kathy Griffin
Caesars Palace
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Patty Smyth & Scandal
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

Rich Little
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

Starship Starring Mickey Thomas
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

Temptations & The Four Tops
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

The Wailers
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

(10-11)
Boyz II Men
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

(10-11)
Patio Projects: Solar-Powered Fun
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

11 SUNDAY

International Folk Festival
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

New Moon Hike
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

Richard Cheese & Lounge Against the Machine
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

14

(14-18)
The Heart of the King Elvis Fan's Festival
Hilton
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

16

The Fab
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

★ ONGOING

"A Surprise"
Laura Henkel Fine Art
July 1-Aug. 21
laurahenkel.com
702-952-9656

AFRICA: The Source
Left of Center Art Gallery
Permanent exhibit
leftofcenterart.org
702-647-7378

Ali Spuck: Here I Am
Liberace Museum
Sun.
liberace.org
702-798-5595

The Amazing Johnathan
Harmon Theater
Dark Sun. & Mon.
harmontheater.com
702-836-0836

"American Storm"
Male revue
Variety Theater
Fri. & Sat.
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

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

The Anderson's American Indian Shows
Henderson
Convention Center
Fri.-Sun, thru July 25
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Andrew Dice Clay
Hilton
July 28-Aug. 2, 16, 23-30
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

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

"Art of Lists"—John Nieman
Charleston Heights Arts Center
Tues.-Fri., thru Sept. 11
artslasvegas.org
702-229-6383

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

Barry Manilow
Paris
July 2-4, 9-11, 16-18
Aug. 20-22, 27-29
manilowparis.com
800-745-300

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

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art Docent Tours
Wed.-Sun.
bellagio.com
877-957-9777

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

Bikinis & BBQ
Silverton
Sun.
silvertoncasino.com
866-722-4608

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

Blue Man Group
The Venetian
Nightly
venetian.com
800-BLUE-MAN

Building on the Past
Overton
Lost City Museum
Thurs.-Sun.
nevadaculture.org
702-397-2193

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

★ ONGOING continued

Cars & Coffee
Henderson
Sansone Park Plaza
Sat.
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Celine Dion
Caesars Palace
Opens Mar. 15, 2011
caesarspalace.com
800-745-3000

Cher
Caesars Palace
July 3-4
Sept. 4-5, 7-8, 10-11, 21-22, 25-26, 28-29
cher.aeglive.com
866-510-2437

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

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

"Cosine"—Stacey Neff
Reed Whipple Cultural Center
Mon.-Fri., thru Sept. 4
702-229-6211
artslasvegas.org

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

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

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

Daniel Tosh
The Mirage
July 23-24
mirage.com
800-963-9634

David Copperfield
MGM Grand
June 24-Aug. 4
Aug. 26-Sept. 15
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

David Spade
The Venetian
Aug. 13-14, 20-21
venetian.com
866-641-7469

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

The Dennis Bono Show
Sam's Town
Thurs.
samstownlv.com
702-450-8300

The Dirty Joke Show
Hooters
Mon.-Thurs.
hootersIv.com
702-739-9000

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

"DOA—The Asian Celebration"
Riviera
Dark Tues.
rivierahotel.com
877-892-7469

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

Donny & Marie Osmond
Flamingo
Dark Sun. & Mon.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

Gipsy Kings
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

LeAnn Rimes
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

Silversun Pickups
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

(16-17)
James Darren
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(16-18)
Brandon Bennett's "Elvis My Way"
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

◗ 17 SATURDAY

Craft & Gift Fair
Henderson
Club Sport Green Valley
hendersonlive.com
702-220-3229

Bobby Rydell
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

Carole King & James Taylor
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

Cuisine in the Country
Alamo
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

Espinoza Paz
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

GEICO Endurocross
The Orleans
orleansarena.com
702-284-7777

Modern English
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

Rihanna
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Soldiers of the Fort: War Games
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Zane Lamprey
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

Ziggy Marley
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

(17-18)
Bill Maher
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

◗ 18 SUNDAY

Deaf Nation Opening Ceremonies
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(18-23)
On the Edge Camp: Ages 13-15
Camp Lee Canyon
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-0000

◗ 19

(19-23)
Jazz Combo Camp
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/finearts/jazzcamp
702-651-4110

(19-30)
Red Flag 10-4 Air Exercises
Rachel
rachel-nevada.com
775-729-2515

◗ 20

Jackson Browne
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

(20-21, 23-24, 27-28, 30-31)
"Sgt. Pepper Live" featuring Cheap Trick
Paris
parislasvegas.com
888-727-4758

(20-25)
Purple Reign—A Tribute to Prince
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

◗ 21

Lincoln County Trails Coalition Meeting
Caliente
BLM office
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

Sustainable Pantry: Gluten-Free Cooking
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

(21-25)
Mark Curry
Hilton
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

◗ 22

Las Vegas Women's Leadership Conference
Rio
lvwlconference.com
702-642-3500

◗ 23

Keane
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

REO Speedwagon & Pat Benatar
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

(23-24)
Face to Face
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

(23-24)
Jerry Seinfeld
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High Sierra Fall Century



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PANACA

A quiet Mormon farming community dating back to the 1860s, Panaca is the oldest surviving town in eastern Nevada. Rich in tradition and agricultural beauty, many of today's townspeople are direct descendants of the original settlers.

PAHRUMP

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info@pahrumpchamber.com • www.pahrumpchamber.com
Town of Pahrump • 775-727-5107 • www.pahrumpnv.biz



NEVADA







events... July 4...Liberty Festival & Fireworks Show
Aug. 21...United Way Hawaiian Luau

golf... Lakeview Executive Golf Course
Mountain Falls Golf Club
Furnace Creek Golf Course

lodging... Best Western Pahrump Station
Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Casino
The Resort & Spa at Sheri's Ranch
Saddle West Hotel, Casino & RV Resort

rv parks... & resorts Charleston Peak RV Resort
Nevada Treasure Luxury RV Resort & Spa
Pahrump Station RV Park
Preferred RV Resort
RV Ranch Resort
Saddle West Hotel, Casino & RV Resort
Terrible's Lakeside Casino & RV Resort

★ ONGOING continued

Dr. Scott Lewis, Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist
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Mon.
rivierahotel.com
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Ends of the Earth: From Polar Bears to Penguins
Henderson
Galleria at Sunset
Dark Sun., thru Sept. 12
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

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

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

"Fear & Laughing in Las Vegas"
Hooters
Dark Tues.
hootersIv.com
866-584-6687

Figuratively Speaking: A Survey of the Human Form
Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art
Daily, thru Jan. 9, 2011
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First Friday Art Celebration
Downtown Arts District
First Fri. of each month
firstfriday-lasvegas.org
702-384-0092

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

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

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

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

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

Friday Night Live Music Series
Henderson
MonteLago Village Resort
montelagovillage.com
866-383-1592

Garth Brooks
Wynn
July 16-18
Aug. 6-8
wynnlasvegas.com
702-770-1000

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

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

Greg London's "ICONS"
Riviera
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Motown revue
Variety Theater
Dark Sun. & Mon.
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866-932-1818

(23-24)
Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

(23-24, 30-31)
"Curse of an Aching Heart"
Mesquite
Community Theatre
mesquitenv.com
702-443-4878

(23-25)
John Caparulo
South Point
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866-796-7111

(23-25)
The Las Vegas Cup Casino 7's Rugby Tournament & Polynesian Festival
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

◗ 24 SATURDAY

Ana Barbara
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

BoDeans
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

Bushwackers Night Race
Jean
mranracing.com

Dave Koz & Jonathan Butler
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

Diversity Fest Youth Gospel Festival
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-499-4509

Jimmy Cliff
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Justin Bieber
Planet Hollywood
planethollywoodresort.com
877-333-9474

Lyle Lovett & His Large Band
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Nevada History: The Birth of Las Vegas
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series
Skatecity Indoor Skatepark
vegasamjam.com
888-919-7337

Queensryche Cabaret
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

USA Basketball Showcase
Thomas & Mack Center
unlvtickets.com
866-388-3267

(24-25)
Deana Martin—Tribute to Dean Martin
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
877-677-7111

(24-25)
Legendary Ladies of Rock & Roll
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

◗ 25 SUNDAY

(25-30)
Omni Camp: Ages 8-12
Camp Lee Canyon
accessclarkcounty.com
702-455-0000

◗ 27

Squeeze w/ English Beat
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

(27-31)
Lights—A Tribute to Journey
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

◗ 29

(29-31)
Summer Cutting Event
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

◗ 30

Bodybuilding.com 2010 NPC USA Men's Bodybuilding
Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

Great White
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

Sublime w/ Rome
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

(30-31)
Dance in the Desert Festival
College of Southern Nevada
csn.edu/pac
702-651-5483

(30-31)
Direct From Motown
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

(30-31)
Jack Jones
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(30-31)
Mountain Man Rendezvous
Beaver Dam State Park
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◗ 31 SATURDAY

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Dark Fri.
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Tropicana
Nightly
tropicanalv.com
800-826-8767

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

Jackpot Bird Show
Royal Resort
Sat. & Sun.
jackpotbirdshow.com
702-966-9770

Jay Leno
The Mirage
July 16-17, 30-31
Aug. 6-7, 27-28
mirage.com
800-963-9634

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

Jerry Greenberg Presents Bring Back the Music
Hilton
Wed.
lvhilton.com
888-732-7117

Jerry Tiffe
Palace Station
Tues.
stationcasinos.com
702-547-5300

Joan Rivers Live
The Venetian
Sept. 23-25, 30
Oct. 1-2
venetian.com
866-641-7469

John Edward
Flamingo
Dec. 4
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

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

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

"The King Lives!"
Hooters
Dark Mon. & Tues.
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Dark Thurs.
harrahslasvegas.com
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Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
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Collin Raye
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Harrah's
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History Tour
Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park
parks.nv.gov/olvmf.htm
702-486-3511

Jay White
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
702-636-7075

Kenny Loggins
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

Marquez vs. Diaz II
Boxing
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Solar Cooking
Springs Preserve
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

Summer Comedy Series
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

Toby Keith
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

AUGUST

◗ 1 SUNDAY

Collin Raye
Laughlin
Harrah's
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702-298-8510

Jack Jones
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

Jay White
Suncoast
suncoastcasino.com
702-636-7075

Level 42
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

Lights—A Tribute to Journey
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

Mountain Man Rendezvous
Beaver Dam State Park
parks.nv.gov/bd.htm
775-728-4460

Summer Comedy Series
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

Summer Cutting Event
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

World Hip Hop Dance Championship
The Orleans
orleansarena.com
702-284-7777

◗ 3

National Night Out
Police education
Boulder City & Henderson
nationalnightout.org

(3-8)
Good Vibrations—A Tribute to The Beach Boys
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

◗ 5

(5-6)
B.B. King
The Mirage
B.B. King's Blues Club
bbkingclubs.com
702-242-5464

(5-7)
Lincoln County Fair & Rodeo
Panaca
lincolncountynevada.com
775-728-4292

(5-18)
Tom Jones
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-929-1111

◗ 6

Dropkick Murphys
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Lon Bronson All-Star Band
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

Morning Hike
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

Who's Bad
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

(6-8)
Coin, Currency, Jewelry, & Stamp Expo
Sahara
shows.bickinternational.com
818-997-6496

(6-8)
Dante
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

◗ 7 SATURDAY

Blondie & B-52's
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Blood, Sweat, & Tears
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

Camila
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

Carmen in Concert w/ Richie McDonald
Henderson
Henderson Pavilion
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

Darkside Night Race
Valley of Fire State Park
mranracing.com

The O'Jays
Primm
Star of the Desert Arena
primmvalleyresorts.com
888-FUN-STOP

Pat Green
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

(7-9)
Crossroads of the West Gun Show
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
801-544-9125

10

(10-15)
Hot August Nights—Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

11

New Moon Hike
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
parks.nv.gov/smr.htm
702-875-4141

(11-14, 18-21, 25-28)
"Damn Yankees"
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
Super Summer Theatre
pac.unlv.edu
702-895-2787

(11-15)
Mark Curry
Hilton
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

13

Brian Culbertson
Santa Fe Station
santafestationlasvegas.com
866-264-1818

Lady Gaga
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

Los Lonely Boys
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

(13-14)
Al Green
Hilton
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

(13-14)
Charo
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

(13-14)
Colorado River Regatta
Inner-tube festival
Laughlin
visitlaughlin.com
800-452-8445

(13-14)
Peace Frog
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

14 SATURDAY

Blake Shelton & Uncle Kracker
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

Blue Oyster Cult
Fremont Street Experience
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600

Dennis Wise
Boulder Station
boulderstation.com
866-264-1818

Lost '80s Live
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

NASCAR MetroPCS Super Late Models
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Primus
Hard Rock
hardrockhotel.com
800-745-3000

Rob Thomas
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

Rush
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

(14-15)
Concert Fantasy & Fantasy Petit
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-458-7575

16

The Swell Season
Rio
thecrownvegas.com
888-746-7784

(16-23)
Long Drivers of America
Mesquite
mesquitenv.com
682-549-2105

17

(17-22)
Kevin Johnson
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

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Lincoln County Trails Coalition Meeting
Caliente
BLM office
lincolncountynevada.com
877-870-3003

19

(19-21)
TSCO Vegas to Reno Off-Road Race
bitd.com
702-457-5775

20

Doug Stanhope
Henderson
Sunset Station
sunsetstation.com
702-367-2470

(20-21)
Bridal Spectacular Expo
Cashman Center
visitlasvegas.com
702-368-0088

★ ONGOING continued

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

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

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

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

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

"Marriage Can Be Murder"
Fitzgeralds
Nightly
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Martini Time with Chef Tina Martini
Live cooking show
Henderson
M Resort
Dark Mon. & Tues.
themresort.com
877-673-7678

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Imperial Palace
Dark Tues.
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888-777-7664

Matt Goss
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Fri. & Sat.
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800-745-3000

Maze Mania
Lied Discovery Children's Museum
Thru Sept. 12
ldcm.org
702-382-3445

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

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

"MENTAL"
O'Sheas
Dark Sun. & Mon.
mrjermay.com
800-221-7299

"The Mentalist Live"
Variety Theater
Dark Wed.
varietytheater.com
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Mid-Century Modern Las Vegas Architecture
Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
Wed.-Sat., thru Oct. 30
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

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Hilton
Tues., Fri., & Sat.
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

Movies on The Lake
Henderson
The Village Lake Las Vegas
Thurs.
montelagovillage.com
702-564-4785

Music on Main Street
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
Fri.-Sat.
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

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

★ ONGOING continued

Nathan Burton
Flamingo
Dark Mon. & Sat.
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

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

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

The Outdoor Picture Show
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
Fri.-Sat.
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

Paul Rodriguez & The Whole Enchilada
Tropicana
Dark Sun.
tropicanalv.com
800-826-8767

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

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

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

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

Playboy Comedy
Palms
Thurs.-Sat.
palms.com
702-944-3200

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

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

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

Rat Pack Thursdays
Aliante
First & third Thurs. of each month
aliantecasinohotel.com
702-469-1864

"The Rat Pack is Back"
Plaza Hotel
Nightly
plazahotelcasino.com
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Rita Rudner
Harrah's
Dates TBA
harrahslasvegas.com
800-392-9002

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

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

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

(20-21)
Formula Drift
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

(20-21)
ZZ Top
Hilton
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

(20-22)
Goldfield Days Celebration
Goldfield
goldfieldhistoricalsociety.com
775-485-3560

(20-22)
Roger Williams
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

21 SATURDAY

Billy Idol
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

Brian McKnight
Eastside Cannery
cannerycasinos.com
702-856-5300

Cyndi Lauper
House of Blues
houseofblues.com
877-632-7000

Michael Franti & Spearhead
Mandalay Beach
mandalaybay.com
877-632-7000

Red Seven Vegas Am Jam Series
Area 702 Indoor Skatepark
vegasamjam.com
888-919-7337

The Romantics
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

United Way Hawaiian Luau
Pahrump
pahrumpchamber.com
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(21-22)
Old Timers Picnic & Dance
Tonopah
Jim Butler Park
tonopahnevada.com
775-482-6336

22 SUNDAY

Norah Jones w/ Corrine Bailey Rae
Palms
ticketmaster.com
800-745-3000

24

(24-29)
The Tennessee Three Featuring Bob Wootton
Laughlin
Riverside
riversideresort.com
800-227-3849

25

Drag Racing
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
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26

Full Moon Hike
Spring Mountain Ranch State Park
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27

Hot August Nights—Celebrating the Music of Neil Diamond
Cannery Casino
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702-617-5550

Sean Hannity's Freedom Concert Tour
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
800-675-3267

(27-28)
Summer Comedy Series
The Orleans
orleanscasino.com
702-365-7075

(27-29)
Shecky Greene
South Point
southpointcasino.com
866-796-7111

28 SATURDAY

Don McLean
Laughlin
Harrah's
harrahslaughlin.com
702-298-8510

Hoodie Awards
Mandalay Bay
mandalaybay.com
702-632-7580

Michael Bublé
MGM Grand
mgmgrand.com
800-745-3000

MRAN Night Race
Jean
mranracing.com

SuperClean Modified Series, NASCAR MetroPCS Super Late Models
Las Vegas Motor Speedway
lvms.com
800-644-4444

Tommy James & The Shondells
Cannery Casino
cannerycasinos.com
702-617-5550

The Tubes
Red Rock Resort
redrocklasvegas.com
702-797-7777

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(31-Sept. 5)
Ralphie May
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Thurs.-Sun.
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"Sin City Bad Girls"
Topless revue
Hilton
Dark Tues.
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Sin City Comedy Show
Variety Theater
Nightly
varietytheater.com
866-932-1818

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

SpiceSkool
Henderson
Loews Lake Las Vegas
July 17 & Aug. 21
loewshotels.com
702-567-6000 x.51

Steve Dacri In Your Face: The Up-Close Magic Experience
Hilton
Tues.
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

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

Summer Display
Bellagio's Conservatory & Botanical Gardens
Daily, thru Sept. 9
bellagio.com
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Summer of the '70s
Fremont Street Experience
Thru Sept. 4
vegasexperience.com
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Supernatural Santana—A Trip Through the Hits
Hard Rock
Aug. 25, 27-29
Sept. 1, 3-5
supernaturalsantana.com
702-693-5583

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

SushiSkool
Henderson
Loews Lake Las Vegas
July 10 & Aug. 14
loewshotels.com
702-567-6000 x.51

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

Third Thursday ARTsWALK
Henderson
Water Street District
hendersonlive.com
702-267-2171

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

Tonopah Speedway
Tonopah
Thru Sept.
tonopahnevada.com
775-482-6336

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

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

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

Trent Carlini
Hilton
Mon.
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

Unnatural History
Springs Preserve
Thru Sept. 12
springspreserve.org
702-822-7700

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

"Vegas The Show"
Las Vegas Rocks Café
Days TBD
lasvegasrockscafe.com
702-227-5872

Vinnie Favorito
Flamingo
Nightly
flamingolasvegas.com
800-221-7299

"Viva ELVIS" by Cirque du Soleil
Aria
Dark Wed. & Thurs.
*Effective Aug. 1, dark days will be Sun. & Mon.
arialasvegas.com
877-25-ELVIS

"VOICES" Starring Lani Misalucha
Hilton
Wed.-Sat.
lvhilton.com
702-732-5755

Wayne Brady: Making It Up
The Venetian
July 1-5
venetian.com
866-641-SHOW

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

Zowie Bowie
Monte Carlo
Fri. & Sat.
montecarlo.com
888-529-4828

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

★ ATTRACTIONS

The Adventuredome Theme Park
Circus Circus
Daily
adventuredome.com
702-794-3939

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

BODIES... The Exhibition
Full body, organ, & partial body specimens
Luxor
Daily
luxor.com
800-288-1000

The Carousel at the District
Henderson
The District at Green Valley Ranch
Daily
thedistrictatgvr.com
702-564-8595

CSI: The Experience
MGM Grand
Daily
mgmgrand.com
702-891-1111

Dealertainers
Dealers impersonate stars
Imperial Palace
Daily
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

The Desperado Rollercoaster
Primm
Daily
primmvalleyresorts.com
702-679-7433

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

Eiffel Tower Ride
Paris
Daily
parislasvegas.com
877-374-7469

Goldwell Open Air Museum
Outdoor sculptures
Rhyolite
Daily, free admission
goldwellmuseum.org
702-870-9946

The King's Ransom Museum
Personal Treasures of Elvis Presley
Imperial Palace
Daily
imperialpalace.com
888-777-7664

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

Mirage Volcano
The Mirage
Daily
mirage.com
800-627-6667

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

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

Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden & Dolphin Habitat
The Mirage
Call for hours
mirage.com
800-627-6667

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

VivaVision
High-tech videos
Fremont Street Experience
Nightly
vegasexperience.com
702-678-5600



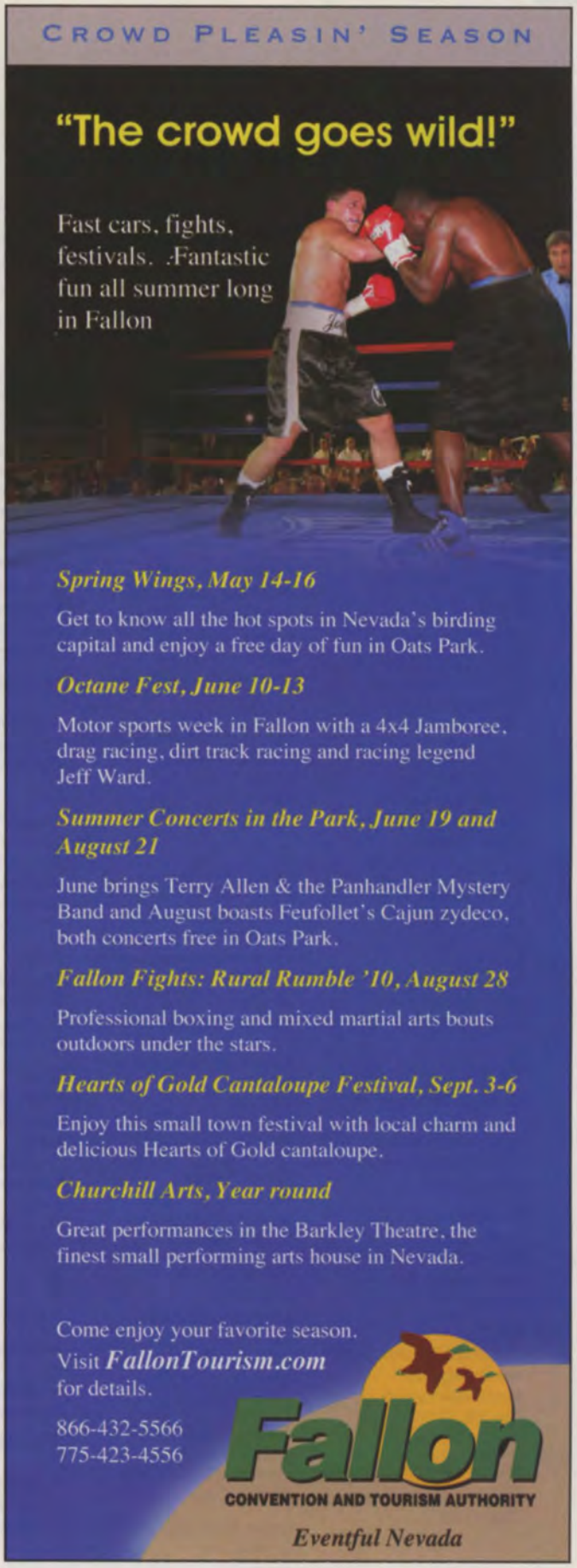
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(June 24-July 3)
USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
usavolleyball.org

JULY

1

Cash Only Band
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Tahoe Comedy North
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

(1-4)
RSVP 4th of July Celebration
Carson City
Mills Park
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-4680 x.4

2

Carolyn Wonderland
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

Neal McCoy
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(2-4)
Cribbage Tournament
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-386-7829

(2-4)
The Great International Chicken Wing Society Cook-Off
Sparks
tgicws.com

(2-4)
National Basque Festival
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(2-4)
100-Year Anniversary: Johnson vs. Jeffries
Boxing celebration
Multiple locations
johnsonjeffries2010.com

(2-4)
4th of July Fine Arts & Crafts Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(2-4)
'60s Class Reunion
Ely
elyrenaissance.com
775-289-6729

3 SATURDAY

Arash w/ Rebecca
Stateline
MontBleu
montbleuresort.com
775-588-3515

Arnel Pineda
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

Flying Saucer Trap Club Shooting Contest
Lovelock
pershingcountynevada.com
775-273-7213

Jordin Sparks
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Large Bills Excepted
Virginia City
Red Dog Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-7474

Lee Ann Womack
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Red, White, & Josh Blue
Boomtown
visitrenotahoe.com
775-345-8778

4th of July Scramble
Ely
White Pine Golf Course
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-4095

(3-5)
Steam Train
Carson City
Nevada State Railroad Museum
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8393

(3-5)
4th of July Weekend
Jarbidge
jarbidge.org
775-755-2132

(3-9)
Silver State International Rodeo
Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
ssir.us
775-423-3739

4 SUNDAY



Antique Auction
Ely
Renaissance Village
elyrenaissance.com

Fireworks Train & BBQ
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-2085

Community Fourth of July Celebration
Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

David John & The Comstock Cowboys
Virginia City
Delta Saloon parking lot
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

Fireworks Display
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-6284

Lights on the Lake
South Lake Tahoe
tahoesouthshore.com
800-AT-TAHOE

Old-Fashioned 4th of July
Austin
austinnevada.com
775-964-2200

Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-5484

Pops in the Park & Chicken BBQ
Genoa
Mormon Station State Historic Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

Sagebrush Quilter's 4th of July Quilt Show
Ely
Centennial Fine Arts Building
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Star-Spangled Sparks
Sparks
Sparks Marina Park & Victorian Square
cityofsparks.us
775-358-1976

Taste of Lovelock, Parade, & Fireworks Show
Lovelock
pershingcountynevada.com
775-273-7213

Valy w/ The Black Cats
Stateline
MontBleu
montbleuresort.com
775-588-3515

4th of July Parade & Spectacular
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

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Truth & Salvage Co.
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

(5-23)
Summer Onstage Theatre Camp—BAC Stage Kids
Carson City
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

6

Joan Baez
Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater
renoisartown.com
775-322-1538

7

In The Meadow Sing-A-Long
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

8

Chimaira & Shadows Fall
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(8-10)
Fort Halleck Days
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-8203

(8-10)
Silver State Stampede
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

(8-11, 16-18)
Tahoe ARTour
Tahoe City
North Tahoe Art Center
northtahoearts.com
530-581-2787

9

Little Feat
Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater
fbnn.org
775-331-3663 x.118

Lonestar
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Trey Stone Band
Minden
Minden Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

(9-10)
Blackjack Tournament
Sands Regency
sandsregency.com
866-386-7829

(9-11)
Americana Festival
Virginia City
nevadabluegrassproject.org
800-718-7587

(9-11)
Boneyard Blast IV
Softball Tournament
Reno & Sparks
boneyardblast.com
775-997-8000

10 SATURDAY

Beerfest & Bluegrass Festival
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

Community Garage Sale
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

HouseFreaq
Club Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

I-Can-Run/Walk
5K & 10K
Incline Village
i-canrun.org
775-842-9890

Jam to the Dam
Paddleboard racing
Carnelian Bay to Tahoe City
gotahoenorth.com
877-949-3296

Mel & Pam Tillis
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Perennials
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0602 x.130

Pops on the River
Reno Philharmonic
renoisartown.com
775-323-6323

Sugarland
Stateline
Harveys
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

Superhero Pub Crawl
superherocrawl.com

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

yART Sale
1420 Mt. Rose St.
vsanevada.org
775-358-5149

(10-11)
Art in the Park
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-753-4899

(10-11)
Rocky Mountain Professional Association Rodeo
Battle Mountain
Livestock Event Center
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

(10-11)
Tahoe Arts Project Festival
South Lake Tahoe
South Tahoe Middle School
tahoeartsproject.org
530-542-3632

(10-11)
Wild, Wild West Weekend at High Camp
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

11 SUNDAY

Cheetah Conservation Chat
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3431

John Batdorf
Minden
Tahoe Ridge Winery
tahoeridge.com
775-783-1566

Young Shakespeare
Wingfield Park
laketahoeshakespeare.com
800-747-4697

(11-12)
Star-Spangled Slot Tournament
Peppermill
peppermillreno.com
866-821-9996

(11-17)
Region III Championship Arabian Horse Show
Livestock Events Center
arabianhorses3.org
916-645-2288

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(12-13)
The Soul of John Black
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

★ FARMERS MARKETS

Carson City
Mills Park
Wed., thru Aug. 25
carsonfarmersmarket.com
775-746-5024

3rd & Curry St.
Sat., thru Sept. 18
carsonfarmersmarket.com
775-882-6741

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

Elko
Downtown
Sat., July 10 & Aug. 14
localharvest.org
775-340-7730

Ely
Renaissance Village
Sat., Aug. 28-Sept. 25
elyrenaissance.com
775-289-8364

Eureka
Gold St.
Thurs., Aug. 5-Sept. 30
nevadagrown.com
775-237-5484

Fallon
Churchill County Fairgrounds
Tues., July 13-Aug. 24
fallonfarmersmarket.com
775-427-3428

Maine St.
Sat., thru Sept. 4
nevadagrown.com
775-423-1100

Gardnerville
Lampe Park
Wed., thru Sept. 15
douglascountynv.gov
775-782-9828

Lovelock
8th & Cornell St.
Fri. & Sat., July-Oct.
nevadagrown.com
775-273-0604

Minden
Esmeralda Ave.
Tues., thru Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-782-2444

Reno
Shoppers Square
Tues., thru Oct. 5
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

Somersett Town Square
Wed., thru Aug. 25
mysomersett.com
775-787-4500 x.311

Tamarack Junction
Fri., thru Oct. 8
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

California & Booth St.
Sat., thru Oct. 2
nevadagrown.com
775-746-5024

The Grove at South Creek
Sun., thru Sept. 5
nevadagrown.com
775-329-5181

West Street
Sun., thru Sept. 12
renoweststreetmarket.com
775-334-2077

Silver Springs
Custom Gardens Farm
Sun., thru Oct.
customgardens-organic-farm.com
775-577-2069

South Lake Tahoe
American Legion Hall Parking Lot
Tues., thru Oct. 12
eldoradofarmersmaket.com
530-622-1900

Sparks
United Methodist Church
Tues., thru Sept. 14
775-358-0925
nevadagrown.com

Sparks Hometowne
Thurs., June 10-Aug. 19 (dark Aug. 5)
sparksrec.com
775-353-2291

Winnemucca
Thurs., July-Sept.
nevadagrown.com
775-623-8413

★ ONGOING

ABBACADABRA—the Ultimate ABBA Concert
Stateline
Harrah's
June 25-27
July 1-3, 5-6, 9-13
southshoreroom.com
800-HARRAHS

ARTown
Month-long series of arts events
July 1-31
renoisartown.com
775-322-1538

Autolust
Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery
July 1-30
craigsmyres.com

The Baroque World of Fernando Botero
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru July 25
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

Battle Mountain Raceway
Battle Mountain
July 16-17
Aug. 27-28
bmraceway.com
775-374-0292

Chester Arnold: On Earth As It Is In Heaven
Nevada Museum of Art
Aug. 14-Oct. 17
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

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

Behind-the-Scenes Tours In Natural History
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Once a month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-4810 x.237

Biking Club
Sparks
Scheels
Tues.
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

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

Candy Making
Genoa
Times & dates TBA
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

"Carnival Cabaret"
Stateline
Horizon
Dark Mon. & Tues.
horizoncasino.com
800-683-8266

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

Classic Film Festival
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
July 10, 17, 24, 31
exploreelko.com
775-738-3418

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

Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park Tours
Minden
Wed.-Sun., thru Dec. 12
parks.nv.gov
775-783-9417

DBA Wine Walk
Elko
Second Sat. of each month, July-Sept.
elkocva.com
775-738-3136

"Dog Sees God"
Brüka Theatre
July 2-3, 8-10, 15-18, 22-24, 29-31
bruka.org
775-323-3221

(12-18)
Reno-Tahoe Open
Golf tournament
Montrêux Golf & Country Club
renotahoeopen.com
775-322-3900

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Mile High Jazz Band
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Tahoe Improv Players
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

31st Anniversary Reception
Gardnerville
East Fork Gallery
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

(13-18)
American Century Championship
Celebrity golf tournament
Stateline
Edgewood
tahoecelebritygolf.com
530-544-5050 x.224

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Dream Spirit Baroque Band
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Moon Taxi
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

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Cirque de la Symphonie w/ Reno Chamber Orchestra
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

Eric Jerardi
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

Infected Mushroom
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(15-18)
NQHA Summer Horse Show
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-752-3930

(15-18)
Mastercraft Pro Wakeboard Tour
Sparks
Sparks Marina Park
prowakeboardtour.com
407-628-5662 x.1308

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Cowboy Celtic
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

Lily Tomlin
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Solid Air
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

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

(16-17)
Rascal Flatts
Stateline
Harveys
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

(16-18)
Walk-A-Bout at Perdiz Sport Shoot
Eureka
eurekaco:unty.com
775-237-7027

(16-19)
Lassen-Applegate Emigrant Trail Ride
Imlay to Surprise Valley
highrocktrekkers.com
775-629-9232

(16-Aug. 1)
"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"
Carson City
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

17 SATURDAY

ATTA Event
Virginia City
The Silverland Stables
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-691-7723

Blankets, Burgers, & Brews
Gardnerville
Heritage Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

Caterpillar's Hookah Lounge Summer Music Festival
Carson City
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Engine No. 40 Turns 100 & *Nevada Magazine's* Tour Around Nevada
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway Museum
elynevada.net
800-496-9350

John Michael Montgomery
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Johnson-Jeffries Boxing Lecture Series
Nevada Historical Society
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8393

Leon Russell
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

(17-18)
Art, Wine, & Music Festival
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(17-18)
Leather Show
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-5816

(17-18)
Relay for Life
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

18 SUNDAY

Art Paws & Bark Fest
McKinley Arts Center
petfoliomagazine.com
775-722-9914

Donner Lake Triathlon
Truckee
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

Justin Bieber
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

PlumpJack Pool Party
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Swing Fever
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Town Park Concert
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

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Hug Your Kids Balloon Release
Sparks
Sparks Marina Park
hugyourkidstoday.com

Young Shakespeare
Sparks
Legends at Sparks Marina
laketahoeshakespeare.com
800-74-SHOWS

(19-23)
High Altitude Basketball Camp
Grades 3-12
Squaw Valley USA
highaltitudebball.com
800-621-2945

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The Devil Wears Prada
Club Underground
clubunderground-reno.com
775-786-2582

Great American Taxi
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

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The Continuing Adventures of Captain Thunder
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

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

(22-24)
Lund Pioneer Days
Lund
whitepinechamber.com
775-238-5387

(22-25)
AMHA Regional Miniature Horse Show
Livestock Events Center
amha.org
817-783-5600

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Gretchen Wilson
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(23-24)
A Night in the Country Music Festival
Yerington
Lyon County Fairgrounds
nic.bgcmasonvalley.org
775-463-2334

(23-24)
"Vortex"
A.V.A. Ballet Theatre
Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheatre
avaballet.com
775-762-5165

(23-25)
Frontier Days Celebration
Lovelock
pershingcountynevada.com
775-273-7213

(23-25)
Sacred Visions Pow-Wow
Wadsworth
pyramidlake.us
775-560-1551

(23-25)
Snake Valley Festival
Baker
greatbasinheritage.org
775-234-7171

(23-25)
Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club Trials
Livestock Events Center
tmdtc.org
775-747-7387

(23-31)
Railroad Reality Camp For Teens
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
866-407-8326

(23-Aug. 1)
Western States Police & Fire Games
Reno, Sparks, Lake Tahoe, & Truckee
wspfg2010.org
775-329-4200

24 SATURDAY

Full Moon Hike—Flume Trail
Spooner Lake Park
parks.nv.gov/lt.htm
775-749-5980

Hunt For the Facts
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3431

Sherman Dinner & Auction
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-7135

Oakland Jazz Choir
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(24-25)
Battle Mountain Music Festival
Battle Mountain
Lion's Park
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

★ ONGOING continued

Downtown Beer Crawl
Carson City
Third Sat. of each month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Downtown Wine Walk
Carson City
First Sat. of each month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-883-2211

Duel Nature
Sierra St. & Island Avenue
Thru Dec. 1
blackrockarts.org
415-626-1248

Elaine Jason
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
Thru Aug. 22
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

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

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

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

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

Fossil Shelter Tour
Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park
Daily
parks.nv.gov
775-964-2440

Frances Humphrey Lecture Series
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Once a month
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

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

Ghost Walking Tour
Carson City
Firkin & Fox (starts)
Last Sat. of each month
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

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

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

Historical Lecture
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
Second Thurs. of each month
historicnevada.org
775-782-2555

The Human Touch: Selections from the RBC Wealth Management Collection
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Nov. 14
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

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

★ ONGOING continued

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

Interwoven 2010: Visions of the Great Basin Basketmakers
Carson City
Nevada State Museum
Wed.-Sat., thru July 24
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

Johnson-Jeffries Fight: A Centennial Exhibition
Nevada Historical Society
Wed.-Sat., thru July 30
nevadaculture.org
775-687-8323

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

Karaoke Idol
Club Cal Neva
Fri.
clubcalneva.com
877-777-7303

KJZS 92.1 FM Live Jazz Night
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
Wed.
janugget.com
800-648-1177

Lahontan Valley Fine Arts Invitational
Fallon
Oats Park Art Center
Thru Aug. 22
churchillarts.org
775-423-1440

Lake Tahoe Music Festival
North Lake Tahoe
Opening Night, July 15
America, July 22
Simply Sinatra, July 29
Wynonna, July 31
Natalie Cole, Aug. 5
Michael McDonald, Aug. 7
tahoemusic.org
530-583-3101

Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival
Sand Harbor
July 9-Aug. 22
laketahoeshakespeare.com
800-74-SHOWS

Lehman Caves Tours
Great Basin National Park
Daily
nps.gov/grba
775-234-7331

The Lingo of Our Calling
Fernley
Fernley Civic Center
Thru July 23
nac.nevadaculture.org
775-784-9800

Live Band Karaoke
Eldorado
Mon.
eldoradoreno.com
775-786-5700

The Motoring Tourist: National Parks Adventure
National Automobile Museum
Thru Oct. 11
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

Mountaintop Stargazing
Squaw Valley USA
Fri. & Sat.
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Nathan Owens Motown After Dark
Stateline
Harrah's
July 18-20, 23-27, 30-31
Aug. 1-3
southshoreroom.com
800-HARRAHS

Nevada Northern Railway Train Rides
Ely
Daily (dark Aug. 24 & 31)
*Call for specialty rides
nnry.com
866-407-8326

(24-25)
Ely Open 2-Man Best Ball
Ely
White Pine Golf Course
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-4095

(24-25)
High Country Pick Out—Old-Time Country & Bluegrass Acoustic Music
Ely
Ward Mountain Campground
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-4823

(24-25)
Regional Paintball League Regionals
Reno Indoor Paintball
renoindoorpaintball.com
775-342-5477

(24-25)
Wa She Shu It Deh Native American Festival
South Lake Tahoe
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(24-25)
Youth Rodeo
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-5816

25 SUNDAY

Elton John
Stateline
Harveys
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

Moonlight Kayak Tour
Lake Tahoe
kayaktahoe.com
530-544-2011

Toad The Wet Sprocket
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

26

(26-30)
Improvisation & Theatre Camp
Our Lady of the Snows
kidscapeproductions.com
775-787-3900

(26-30)
The Three Artists Art Exhibit
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

28

Young Shakespeare & Anne Roos
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

29

HED P.E.—Strange Noize Tour 2010
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Joni Morris & "Legendary Ladies of Country Music"
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(29-31)
Wanderlust Festival
Squaw Valley USA
wanderlustfestival.com
888-512-SHOW

30

ARTown Presents Diavolo
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

Bret Michaels
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

The Genie
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Mumbo Gumbo
Minden
Minden Park
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

Women's Voices from the Overland Trail
Chautauqua presentation
Genoa
Mormon Station State Historic Park
parks.nv.gov/ms.htm
775-782-2590

(30-31)
Camarillo Classic Barrel Racing
Livestock Events Center
sharoncamarillo.com
530-895-1852

(30-31)
Fifties Fever
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

(30-31)
Hot August Nights South Lake Tahoe Experience
South Lake Tahoe
hotaugustnights.net
775-356-1956

(30-31)
Rosie Flores
Virginia City
Red Dog Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-7474

(30-31)
Silver Dollar Car Classic
Carson City
westernpacificevents.com
800-NEVADA-1

(30-31)
South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic
South Lake Tahoe
Tahoe Key Marina & Yacht Club
tahoewoodenboats.com

(30-Aug. 1)
Nevada Trophy 2010
Navigational off-road adventure
Northwest Nevada
offroadexperience.com
925-606-8301

31 SATURDAY

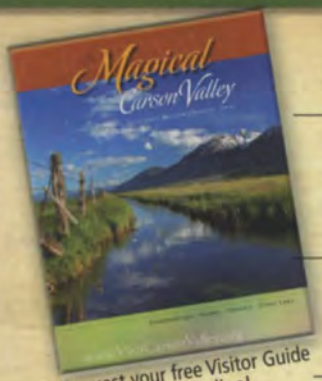
Art Wine Walk
Ely
Renaissance Village
elyrenaissance.com

Clay Aiken & Reuben Studdard
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
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JULY

4	Pops in the Park, Genoa
9	Summer Concert Series, Minden Park
13	31st Anniversary Reception, East Fork Gallery
17	Blankets, Burgers & Brews, Heritage Park

AUGUST

1	Taste of the Towns, Carson Valley Museum
14	Old Time Music Festival, Genoa
21	Antique Tractor Show, Gardnerville
20-21	Valley Cruisers Main Street Event, Lampe Park

SEPTEMBER

11	Green Living Festival, Lampe Park
11	26th Carson Valley Street Celebration, Minden
25	90th Genoa Candy Dance Arts & Crafts Faire

OCTOBER

Weekends	Harvest Festival, Corley Ranch
21-24	Ghostly Events in Minden, Gardnerville and Genoa
29	Historic Clothing Exhibit, Dangberg Ranch

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www.ExploreElko.com

Community Drum Circle
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Jo Dee Messina
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Oasis Stampede & Country Fair
Fallon
oasisstampede.com
775-423-0525

Pyramid Lake Triathlon
Pyramid Lake
pyramidlake.us
775-852-5954

Scheels Paddle, Pedal, Patter Kids' Triathlon
Sparks
Sparks Marina Park
cityofsparks.us
775-353-2385

Sharon Gay—Author Reception & Book Signing
Tahoe City
Tahoe Tree Nursery
530-583-3911

Village at Northstar Wine Walk
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

24-Hour Adventure Race
Lake Tahoe
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

AUGUST

1 SUNDAY

Camarillo Classic Barrel Racing
Livestock Events Center
sharoncamarillo.com
530-895-1852

Fifties Fever
Winnemucca
winnemucca.com
800-962-2638

Hot August Nights South Lake Tahoe Experience
South Lake Tahoe
hotaugustnights.net
775-356-1956

Oasis Stampede & Country Fair
Fallon
oasisstampede.com
775-423-0525

Silver Dollar Car Classic
Carson City
westernpacificevents.com
800-NEVADA-1

Taste of the Towns
Gardnerville
Carson Valley Museum
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

Wanderlust Festival
Squaw Valley USA
wanderlustfestival.com
888-512-SHOW

(1-4)
The Grizzly Golf Outing
Carson Valley
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

(1-8)
Hot August Nights
Reno & Sparks
hotaugustnights.net
775-356-1956

2

(2-6)
Improvisational Acting Camp #2
The River School
kidscapeproductions.com
775-787-3900

3

Tahoe Comedy North
Crystal Bay
Crystal Bay Casino
crystalbaycasino.com
775-833-6333

4

Michael Franti & Spearhead
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

New World Jazz Project
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(4-8)
American Traveling Shows Carnival
Fernley
Out of Town Park
fernleychamber.org
775-575-4459

(4-8)
Boomtown History Conference
Ely
Bristlecone Convention Center
boomtownhistory conferences.com
775-482-4611

5

Dropkick Murphys
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

6

Giletti Brothers Western Music
Eureka
Eureka Opera House
eurekacounty.com
775-237-6006

The O'Jays
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Open Mic Night
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Stevie Nicks
Stateline
Harveys
apeconcerts.com
775-586-6541

(6-8)
Astronomy Festival
Great Basin National Park
nps.gov/grba
775-234-7331

7 SATURDAY

AVFD Kingston Picnic
Austin
austinnevada.com
775-964-2120

Dayton Chamber Golf Tournament
Dayton
Dayton Valley Golf & Country Club
daytonnvchamber.org
775-246-7909

Dick Fox's Golden Boys
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Friends of the NRA Banquet
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-397-5308

Kung-Fu Sophie
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Large Bills Excepted
Virginia City
Red Dog Saloon
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-7474

Michael Powers
Minden
Tahoe Ridge Winery
tahoeridge.com
775-783-1566

Pat Benatar
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(7-8)
Arts in the Park
Ely
White Pine County Park
elynevada.net
775-289-8877

(7-8)
Comstock Music Festival
Virginia City
The Tahoe House
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-5264

(7-8)
Perdiz Fun Shoot
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

8 SUNDAY

Billy Idol
Grand Sierra
grandsierraresort.com
800-648-3568

(8-14)
OCTA Convention
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-5668

9

Reverend Horton Heat
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

(9-13)
Scene Study Acting Camp
Reno High School
kidscapeproductions.com
775-353-5780

10

Mile High Jazz Band
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

11

(11-15)
Thin Air Distance Festival
Four-day running event
South Lake Tahoe
thinairdistancefestival.com

12

Durga
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

(12-14)
The Oak Ridge Boys
Sparks
John Ascuaga's Nugget
janugget.com
800-648-1177

(12-15)
Perseids Meteor Shower Campout
Black Rock Desert
blackrockdesert.org
775-557-2900

13

ZZ Top
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(13-14)
White Pine Rodder's Car Show
Ely
White Pine County Park
elynevada.net
775-289-8877

(13-15)
Bowers Mansion Bluegrass Festival
Washoe Valley
Bowers Mansion Regional Park
bowersbluegrassfestival.org

(13-15)
Eureka County Fair & Rodeo
Eureka
eurekanv.org
775-237-6026

(13-15)
Jarbidge Days
Jarbidge
jarbidge.org
775-755-2132

14 SATURDAY

Caterpillar's Hookah Lounge Summer Music Festival
Carson City
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Huey Lewis & The News
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Maintaining the Garden
Moana Nursery
moananursery.com
775-825-0602 x.130

Old-Time Music Festival
Genoa
genoanevada.org
775-782-8696

Overland Hotel's Chili Cook-Off
Fallon
fallontourism.com
775-423-2719

POW*MIA 4th Anniversary
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-0416

Reno Gay Pride
Wingfield Park
renogaypride.com
877-344-RENO

(14-15)
Brews, Jazz, & Funk Fest
Squaw Valley USA
squaw.com
530-583-6955

(14-15)
Railfest
Virginia City
visitvirginiacitynv.com
775-847-4386

15 SUNDAY

Gatsby Tea Party
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Grand Hall/ Grand Lawn
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

17

Bare Bones Open Mic
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

18

Russel Ketenjian
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

19

Men of Worth
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

Uncorked & On Tap
Bonanza
bonanzacasino.com
775-323-2724 x.148

20

Cattlewomen's BBQ
Ely
White Pine County Fairgrounds
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

Cyndi Lauper
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Michael Bolton
Reno-Sparks Convention Center
atlantiscasino.com
888-551-7007

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

(20-21)
Reno Cowboy Poetry & Music Gathering
Bartley Ranch Regional Park
Renocowboypoetry.org
775-354-6093

(20-21)
Sho'n'Shine Car Show
Carlin
cityofcarlin.com
775-754-6354

(20-21)
Valley Cruisers Main Street Event
Gardnerville
Lampe Park
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

(20-22)
Ruby Mountain Chamber Music Festival
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-2823

(20-22)
Western States Wild Horse & Burro Expo
Livestock Events Center
wildhorseandburroexpo.com
775-853-4182

21 SATURDAY

Aesop Rock
Knitting Factory
re.knittingfactory.com
775-323-5648

Antique Tractor Show
Gardnerville
visitcarsonvalley.org
800-727-7677

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New York to Paris Automobile Race
Exhibit Featuring 1907 Thomas Flyer
National Automobile Museum
Thru Jan. 5, 2012
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

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

Out For Summer
The Holland Project
June 21-July 30
hollandreno.org
775-742-1848

Outdoor Movie Night
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Fri. & Sat.
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

Rattlesnake Raceway
Fallon
July 4, 17, 31
Aug. 14, 28
rattlesnakeraceway.net
775-427-9120

Reggae Nights
Grand Sierra
Wed.
grandsierraresort.com
775-789-2000

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

Reno Aces
Triple-A baseball
Aces Ballpark
(home dates only)
July 4-7, 15-18, 23-30
Aug. 4-11, 21-24, 30-31
renoaces.com
775-334-7000

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

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

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

Rockin' Out Art Show
Benefits Nevada Rock Art Foundation
Artists Co-op Gallery
July 1-31
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-322-8896

Rockin' Friday Night Pool Party
Sands Regency
July 9, 16, 23, 30
sandsregency.com
866-386-7829

Running Club
Sparks
Scheels
Thurs.
scheels.com/renosparksevents
775-352-3664

Saturday Night Campfire Programs
Wild Horse State Recreation Area
Wild Horse Amphitheater
Thru Sept. 4
parks.nv.gov
775-758-6493

"Shake, Rattle, & Roll"
Eldorado
Dark Mon., thru Aug. 8
eldoradoreno.com
800-648-5966

Silver Dollar Cruise Night
Carson City
Thurs.
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-7410

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

★ ONGOING continued

Steakhouse Wine Tastings
Harrah's Reno
Last Tues. of each month
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2929

Stop the Car, Dad!
Virginia City
St. Mary's Art Center
Thru July 23
nac.nevadaculture.org
775-847-7774

Summer Movie Series in the Village
Squaw Valley USA
Thurs.
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Sunset Hikes From High Camp
Squaw Valley USA
Fri. & Sat.
squaw.com
530-583-6955

Tahoe Star Tours
Northstar-at-Tahoe
July 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 30
Aug. 1, 13-14
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

Third Thursdays
Carson City
Brewery Arts Center
breweryarts.org
775-883-1976

Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walks
Gardnerville
Main Street District
Thru Sept.
mainstreetgardnerville.org
775-782-8027

Thunderbird's Winemaker's Dinner Series
Incline Village
Thunderbird Lodge
Third Sun. of every month, thru Oct.
thunderbirdlodge.org
775-832-8752

Top Gun Raceway Drag Racing
Fallon
July 9-10
Aug. 13-14
topgunraceway.com
775-423-0223

View From a Window
Artists Co-Op Gallery
Aug. 1-31
artistsco-opgalleryreno.com
775-673-6278

Views From China: Yang Yongliang & The Modern Metropolis
Nevada Museum of Art
Thru Sept. 12
nevadaart.org
775-329-3333

VSA Nevada Kid's Summer Art Camps
Lake Mansion
June 15-Aug. 24
vsanevada.org
775-826-6100

Weekly Wine Tasting
Java Jungle
Wed.
javajunglevino.com
775-329-4484

The Whole Kit & Kaboodle
Lake Mansion
Mon.-Fri., thru July 31
Reception, July 17
lakemansion.com
775-826-6100

Will James—Museum Collection
Elko
Northeastern Nevada Museum
Thru Dec. 8
museumelko.org
775-738-3418

WWI Gets Motorized
National Automobile Museum
Thru Oct. 11
automuseum.org
775-333-9300

"X Burlesque"
Harrah's Reno
Dark Mon. & Tues., thru Aug. 1
harrahsreno.com
775-788-2900

XC Mountain Bike Races
Northstar-at-Tahoe
Thurs.
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

Basque Summer Picnic
Battle Mountain
battlemountaintourism.com
775-635-1112

Capriola's Ranch Rodeo
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-738-5816

Firemen's Picnic
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

Jazz Festival
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Lions Club Fly-In
Austin
austinnevada.com
775-964-2200

"Out of Africa"
Animal Ark
animalark.org
1-775-970-3431

Summer Concert in the Park
Fallon
Oats Park
fallontourism.com
866-432-5566

Ted Nugent
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(21-22)
Backcountry Camp
Tahoe Rim Trail
tahoerimtrail.org
775-298-0232

(21-22)
Ta-Hoe Nalu Stand-Up Festival
Paddleboard racing
Kings Beach
gotahoenorth.com
877-949-3296

(21-22)
White Pine Horse Races & County Fair
Ely
whitepinechamber.com
775-289-8877

22 SUNDAY

Battle of the Boggers
Battle Mountain
Motocross Track
hmra.org
775-835-1112

Gordy Ohlinger—"The Banjo-ologist"
South Lake Tahoe
Valhalla Boathouse
valhallatahoe.com
530-541-4975

ZZ Top
Jackpot
Cactus Petes
ameristar.com
800-432-0051

24

Moonlight Kayak Tour
Lake Tahoe
kayaktahoe.com
530-544-2011

25

(25-29)
Nevada Territory Wild West Fair
Livestock Event Center
wildwestfair.com
775-636-2265

27

Big Bad Wolf
Minden
Minden Park
cvinn.com
775-782-9711

NQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Show
Elko
exploreelko.com
775-752-3930

38 Special
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

(27-28)
Nevada State Museum Coin Show
Carson City
visitcarsoncity.com
775-687-4810 x.237

(27-Sept. 4)
Railroad Reality Camp For Adults
Ely
Nevada Northern Railway
nnry.com
866-407-8326

(27-Sept. 6)
Elko County Fair & Horseracing
Elko
exploreelko.com
800-248-3556

28 SATURDAY

Clint Black
West Wendover
Peppermill Concert Hall
wendoverfun.com
800-537-0207

Community Drum Circle
Carson City
Comma Coffee
commacoffee.com
775-883-2662

Cyndi Lauper
Silver Legacy
silverlegacyreno.com
800-687-8733

Lake In The Sky Air Show
South Lake Tahoe
Lake Tahoe Airport
lakeintheskyairshow.com
530-541-0480

Rural Rumble '10
Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts
Fallon
fallontourism.com
866-432-5566

Village at Northstar Wine Walk
Northstar-at-Tahoe
northstarattahoe.com
800-466-6784

XTERRA Lake Tahoe & Big Blue Trail Run 10K/5K
Incline Village
bigblueadventure.com
530-546-1019

29 SUNDAY

Dove Hunter's Warm Up at Perdiz Sport Shoot
Eureka
eurekacounty.com
775-237-7027

30

(30-Sept. 6)
Burning Man
Black Rock Desert
Burningman.com
415-TO-FLAME



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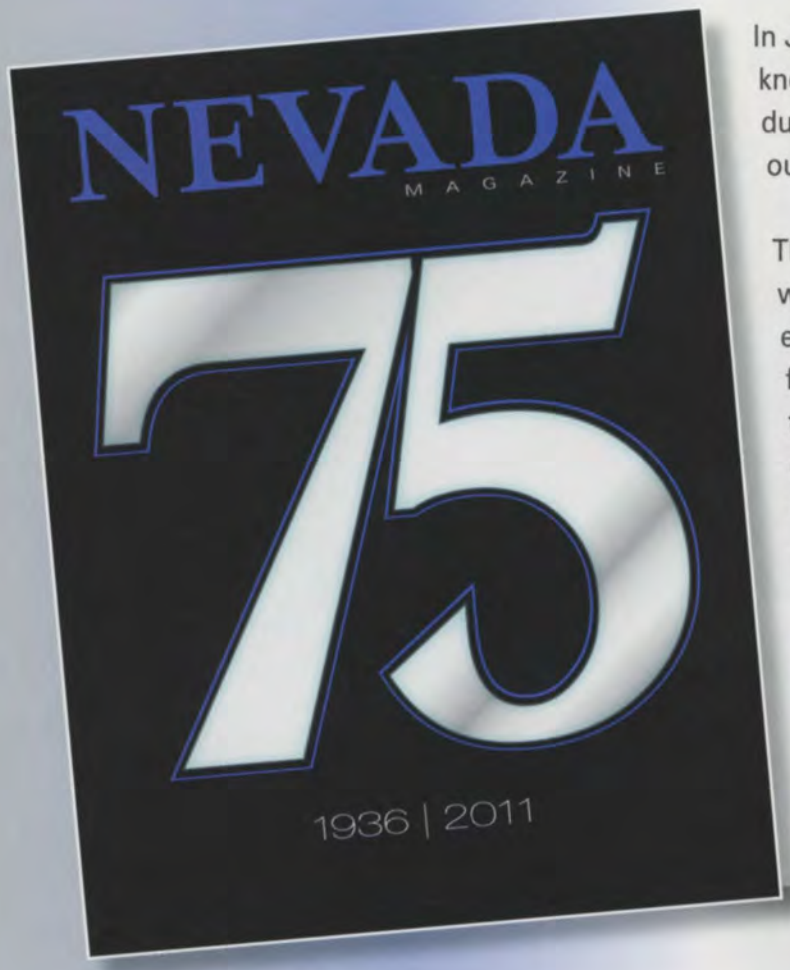
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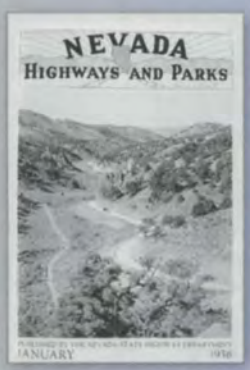


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