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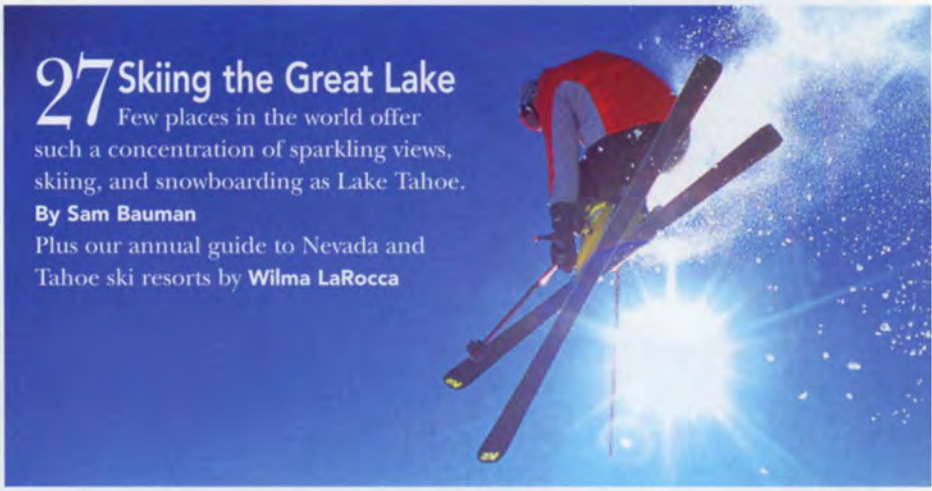
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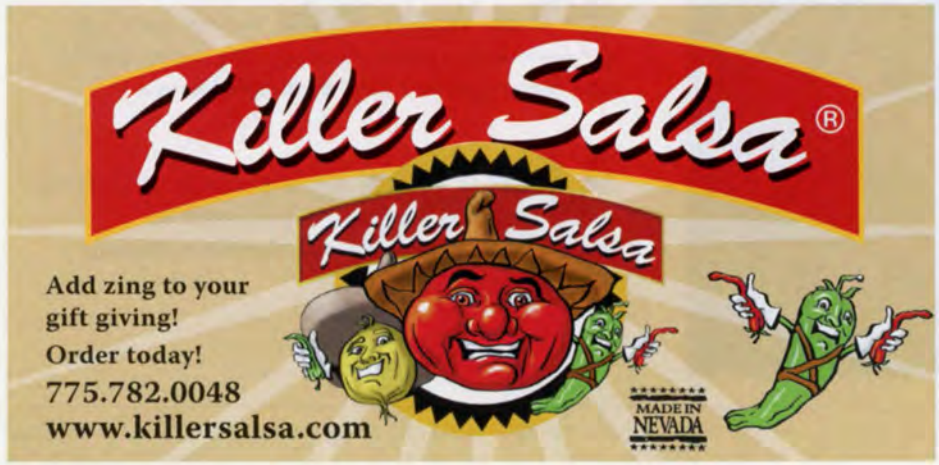
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Publisher's Note/Las Vegas to Laughlin

I have lived in Nevada long enough to remember when Las Vegas lost its cool. In the early 1980s—right after the disco era—the city seemed tired. The King had permanently left the building, the Rat Pack had packed it in, and Las Vegas was seeking a new identity.

In this issue's cover story, **"So Hot, So Cool, So Vegas,"** Mike Weatherford traces Las Vegas' transition from leisure-suit lows to "what happens here, stays here" hip. Also, in **"Dancing Till Dawn,"** Jennifer Prosser takes us on a tour of fashionable clubs and ultra-lounges that are the new temples to tripping the light fantastic.



I also remember when Laughlin was a young community of low-rise casinos on the Colorado River. Today, as you'll see in the Insider's Guide **"Bargain City on the River,"** Laughlin's high-rise hotel-casinos offer golf, cruises, gourmet dining, and some of Nevada's best room deals.

Since this is the November-December issue, it wouldn't seem like Christmas without a holiday feature. **"12 Days of Christmas"** describes a dozen unique yuletide activities around the state.

Richard Moreno
Publisher

Contributors



Mike Weatherford, who describes his city's increasingly hip reputation in "So Hot, So Cool, So Vegas," laughs at the irony. "When I moved to Las Vegas, I was single and in my 20s, but there wasn't much to call cool," the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* entertainment reporter says. "Now that I'm married, with a child, and in my 40s, this is the place where all the single people in their 20s come to party." Weatherford did catch the last wave of lounge legends like Sam Butera and the Treniers, which led to his 2001 book, *Cult Vegas: The Weirdest! The Wildest! The Swingin'est Town on Earth!* He adds, "So it all worked out."



Jennifer Prosser drew from personal experience when writing about the Vegas nightclub scene in "Dancing Till Dawn." Prosser, editor of Morris Visitor Publications in Las Vegas, tries to hit a nightclub with her friends every other week. Prosser says, "There's always the hot new club to go to, and it's the biggest component of the entertainment industry here." Her favorite? Pure at Caesars Palace, where she has seen the likes of Sylvester Stallone. But it's not the celebs she seeks. She says, "I like to hang out on the patio—you get a great view of the Strip—and you can dance. It's a great time."



While watching Harrah's Reno's topless "Bareback" for her review in this issue, **Merrie Leininger** admits, "I was blushing most of the time." The Midwestern girl grew up in Wooster, Ohio, and graduated from the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. "I didn't have any idea what to expect," explains Leininger, assistant editor for the *Reno Gazette-Journal's* Calendar section. She notes that "Bareback" has comedy besides skimpy costumes. "My favorite part was when they pull audience members on stage. Either they were really embarrassed or so into it, and people were laughing and laughing."



When psychiatric nurse **Bill Kositzky** isn't working at Washoe Medical Center in Reno, he's often taking pictures or playing with photo-editing software. "Every once in a blue moon somebody pays me to take photographs, but I'm almost exclusively a hobbyist. I take pictures for fun," Kositzky says. This issue's "Gallery" features two of his images of New Year's Eve fireworks over Reno; the overhead shot won the Best Casino category in the 2005 Great Nevada Picture Hunt. Fireworks are one of his favorite topics. Kositzky says, "Ever since I was a little kid, fireworks have delighted me. The Fourth of July has always been my favorite holiday."

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Letters

Motorcycles, **wildflowers,** and **Dean Martin.**

Not Just for Harleys

I was a bit miffed to read last issue's article about one of my favorite Reno-area events, Street Vibrations. The word "Harley" was used interchangeably with "motorcycle" with no regard to the many other makes of bikes available to the riding public. True, Harley-Davidson is a major sponsor of Street Vibrations, and makes fine bikes, but that doesn't mean that all motorcycles are Harleys.

Several dealers were on display this year at Street Vibes, and riders from all walks of life on every make and model attend—that's what makes it such a great event. I ride a BMW, and BMW had a large booth-trailer with several bikes on display, as did other brands.

Bikes are as different as those who ride them. One cycle publication ran a humorous article that told how to tell whether you're a "biker" or a "motorcyclist." For instance, if your riding apparel is all black leather, you are a "biker." But as long as you're on two wheels (or maybe three), that's all that counts.

Ed Miller
North Lake Tahoe, CA

From Dino to Dean

In "Bell Bottoms and Beyond" by Joelle Barnes in the last issue, the author stated that Sonny King introduced his roommate, Dino Martino, to Jerry Lewis. Being a great fan of Dean Martin and his son Ricci, I think she should have said Dino Crocetti. Was I right?

Stanley K. Dauer
Toledo, OH

Stanley, thanks for the question. Dean Martin was born Dino Paul Crocetti, and during his early years he was known as the boxer Kid Crocetti and later as singer Dino Martini. By 1946, when Martin and Lewis formed their comedy team, Dino Crocetti had become Dean Martin.—Ed.

Flower Power?

It broke my heart to see those pretty walkers with their hands full of wildflowers in the story "Racing to the Angel" by Elaine Swanson in Sept/Oct '05.

It's best to not pick wildflowers. The flowers are so fragile that they wilt before we can put them in a vase of water. Also, we leave them so the flowers can make seeds for the next season's growth.

Here's to the enjoyment of wildflowers where they grow.

Norma Jean Best
Carson City

Norma Jean, thanks for your letter, which raises an interesting question. We checked with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management and learned that it is not against the law to pick small amounts of wildflower blooms on public lands administered by those agencies. However, Great Basin National Park does not allow visitors to pick the flowers.—Ed.



This "Sun Catcher's" habitat burned in June.

Lizard in the Sun

Thank you for noting last issue that my photo of a "Sun Catcher" lizard won Best Wildlife in the 2005 Great Nevada Picture Hunt. I am writing to tell you that the area where I took that picture was burned in the Goodsprings wildfire southwest of Las Vegas in June.

Tara Kilpatrick
Sandy Valley

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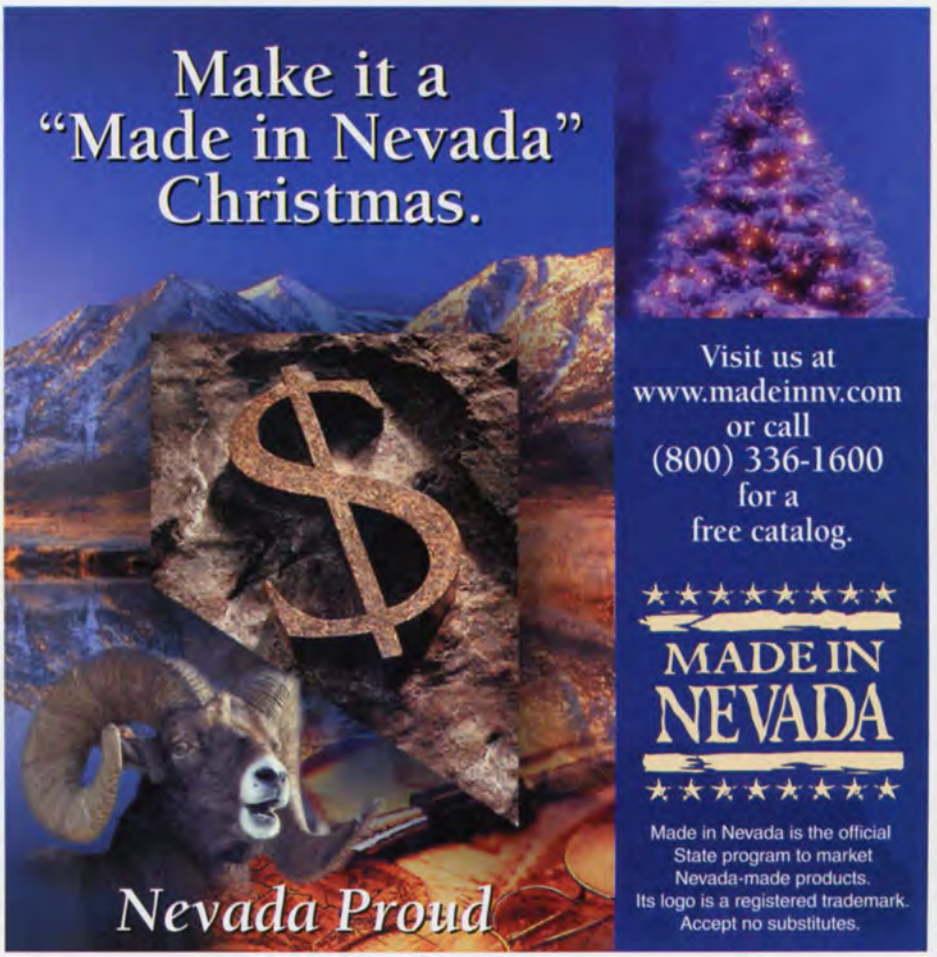


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A Frenzy of Fireworks

Bill Kositzky focuses on Reno's New Year's show.

Bill Kositzky has viewed New Year's Eve fireworks in Reno from different perspectives. Last year he steadied his Nikon Coolpix 5700 on a tripod as he watched the celebration from a hill northwest of downtown. With a two-second exposure, he captured the image, a Great Nevada Picture Hunt category winner, below. "Looking down on the fireworks makes for a nice shot," says Kositzky, a nurse at Washoe Medical Center in Reno. "Fireworks are excellent photographic subjects. They're exciting and colorful and pretty." Still, Kositzky found mixing with the New Year's Eve crowd a lot more fun two years ago when he took the photo on the opposite page. He says, "There are a thousand photo opportunities when you're downtown."—*Joyce Hollister*







People

Santa Claus, **Miss Rodeo America,** and the creator of **"Pickles."**

Christmas O'Claus

Jon Hoolihan of Henderson is a barrel-chested Irishman whose heart is as big as his girth. For the past 14 Christmases, the excavating company owner has loaded his 1964 International truck with hundreds of toys and distributed them to underprivileged children.

Hoolihan and his elves, among them Linda McLaughlin, who drives the truck, deliver toys for a week. On Christmas Eve he visits shelters handing out hats, gloves, socks, and donated clothes to more than 1,000 homeless men and women.

"Christmas revolves around that truck," Hoolihan laughs. In its former lives, his "sleigh" was an armored van and a Metro Police SWAT vehicle. "I painted it red and equipped it with speakers so the kids could hear me coming."

Hoolihan debated whether to tell people about his philanthropic project. Why does he do it? "That's what Christmas is all about," he says simply. How much does it cost him? He will only say, "I buy new toys, such as skateboards, wholesale from the toy companies."

He does like to talk about the Green Valley and Silverado high school students who donate toys and wrap presents. Maple Cleaners in Henderson contributes unclaimed clothing, and the Green Valley Rotary Club provides $1,000, which Hoolihan converts to $2 bills that he distributes to the homeless.

One of his favorite traditions is treating about 20 foster kids to an evening at Chuck E Cheese Pizza. A state agency gives Hoolihan and his friends a list of what each child wants for Christmas. "Their wishes can range from bicycles to computers," he says. "This party is a big deal for them because they don't have an opportunity to play games and be kids."

Christmas is an exhausting week, he admits, but something always happens to make it worthwhile. One year as Hoolihan and the crew were reorganizing the truck after a stop, a 13-year-old boy came to the truck's door, carrying his new skateboard.

"He started crying," Hoolihan recalls. "I asked him what was wrong, and he said he was just so happy because we were doing this."—*Ann Henderson*



Jon "Santa" Hoolihan poses in front his "sleigh" with Christina Leedham (left), Tucker Andrewjeski, Alison Leedham, Chris Hoolihan, Denise Wilcox, Kathleen Keutmann, and Julia Sands.

First Lady of Rodeo

Most young women can't tell you the world-record time in bull riding, the weight limit for calves in tie-down roping, and the normal body temperature of a horse.

Sparks resident **Selena Ulch** can.

Since January the 21-year-old Miss Rodeo America has been touring the country as the first lady of professional rodeo, attending rodeos, giving radio interviews, and visiting schools.

"It's forming me into a so much better person," says Ulch, who grew up in Susanville, California, and will study dentistry at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas when her reign ends in December. "Every skill that I need for the rest of my life has been honed."

That includes miraculous-recovery skills. At a Florida rodeo last February, the former barrel racer took a fall from a spooked horse while galloping from the arena. "He ducked out from underneath me and bolted back toward the arena," Ulch says. "The centrifugal force threw me right into the fence." The next day doctors placed a metal plate and six screws in her shattered left arm. Undaunted, Ulch returned to the rodeo the following two nights and maintained her demanding travel schedule despite not being able to ride a horse.

"I didn't even miss one day," says Ulch, who was back in the saddle by summer. "Stopping just never was an option in my



Selena Ulch, Miss Rodeo America, is a former barrel racer.

PHOTO: Chris Leedham (top)

mind." This is the Miss Rodeo America contestant who studied for the pageant's written exam by writing more than 1,000 flash cards. Is there a better way to bone up on bull riding, tie-down roping, and the average body temperature of a horse? Other rodeo queen contestants don't think so.

"I have girls calling me and asking to borrow my cards," Ulch says.—*Bel Willem*

"Pickled" in Sparks

In a tiny room filled with three chairs, bookshelves, a desk, a computer, and a drawing table, "Pickles" creator **Brian Crane** bends over his work with a pen and bottle of ink. In this studio, Crane creates the cartoon that appears daily in 400 newspapers in the United States and such far-flung lands as Tasmania and India.

Crane can work in peace even though his work space is cramped. His Sparks home is usually bursting at the seams with family. The 56-year-old cartoonist and his wife, Diana, have seven children and five grandchildren. The Crane family's activities often inspire the cartoonist.

"I don't create in a vacuum," Crane says. "I use our experiences and my own past and present. It's amazing how many people think I write about their lives. I'm amazed how much people say, 'My grandpa does that, or 'My cat did that.'"

His cartoon family consists of Earl and Opal Pickles and their grandson Nelson, cat Muffin, and dog Roscoe. "To try to do a brood the size of mine would get really crowded," Crane says.

After the Cranes moved from Idaho Falls to Sparks in 1984, Crane decided to pursue his long-held desire to be a cartoonist.

"I started dreaming up animals and people," Crane said. "Nothing really appealed to me until I drew this older couple who reminded me of people I knew in my life—grandparents and neighbors—and it occurred to me there were really no comic strips with senior citizens as the main characters."

Crane recently contributed several cartoons to *The History of Sparks* after being approached by the Sparks Centennial Committee. He said yes because "Sparks has been good to me."

So, do the Pickles live in Sparks?

"I've never specified where they live, but those who watch closely will see Sparks references," Crane says.

"I like the readers to imagine it's happening in their own communities, but I have mentioned local landmarks and schools. That's my little nod to Sparks."—*Merrie Leininger*

"There were no comic strips with senior citizens as the main characters."



Cartoonist Brian Crane works in his home office in Sparks. Below: One of his comic strips noting Sparks' centennial.



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Austin's Eleven

Visitors to Austin can see nationally recognized **historic sites.**

By Dan Pezzoni





Two of Austin's three historic churches can be seen in this view of downtown (above). Right: Stokes Castle is a familiar Austin landmark.

The Central Nevada town of Austin knows how to push the envelope when it comes to self-promotion. In the mid-1860s, soon after Austin was established on the flanks of the silver-rich Toiyabe Range, entrepreneurs conceived the grandly named Reese River Navigation Company to ship supplies in and silver out. The company must have bargained that would-be stockholders were hazy on the particulars of Nevada's climate. The Reese River that meanders through the desert below Austin is generally too dry to float an inner tube.

Other schemes kept the good times rolling, but the silver played out, and Austin—once second only to Virginia City in population in the state—hovered just above ghost-town status. Today, Austinites are keen to promote their history, and with help from the Nevada Commission on Economic Development they have launched a unique initiative. In 2003, 10 of Austin's historic buildings were listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places, a record one-time listing for Nevada. They joined the Austin School, which was listed in 2000 (the entire town was named a historic district in 1971). Together the 11 landmarks provide striking examples of the architecture of Austin's boom days and its long twilight.

One site is well known to aficionados of Nevada history. **Stokes Castle** stands at the edge of town overlooking Highway 50, the "Loneliest Road in America." The three-story granite tower was built in 1897 for mining baron Anson Phelps Stokes, who modeled it on a tower in the Roman Campagna. The castle's amenities included balconies cantilevered on railroad ties and a rooftop terrace, but Stokes and his guests visited only a few times. When a developer threatened to move the castle to the Las Vegas Strip in 2001, the late rancher-historian Molly Knudtsen bought it. Wallace Trapnell of Dunsmuir, California, now owns the property.

Austin's skyline is punctuated by the towers of its three historic churches, **Austin Methodist** (1866), **St. Augustine's Catholic** (1866), and **St. George's Episcopal** (1877-1878). The Methodists, taking their cue from the navigation company, raised building funds by selling silver-mine stocks to pious New Englanders who hoped to, as Myron Angel noted in his 1881 *History of Nevada*, "serve the Lord, do

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The Reuel C. Gridley Store (above) dates from 1863. St. Augustine's Catholic Church (top right) was built in 1866. Right: A marble angel stands in the town cemetery.



good, and make money." The paint was drying on the Italianate bell tower when the scheme collapsed, and there was no money to pay the last claim against the church.

The Gothic Revival-Italianate St. Augustine's is Nevada's oldest surviving Catholic church. The interior of the church is a virtual museum of old-fashioned wallpapers and faux graining and marbling. In 1940 an itinerant artist named Rafael "Fell" Jolly added scenes from the lives of Christ and St. Augustine. The series of vivid murals now ranks as one of rural Nevada's artistic highlights.

St. George's features a Gothic Revival hammer-beam roof, redwood ceiling, and original 296-pipe Mills organ. During construction in 1877 someone suggested that a telephone be installed in the bell tower so that "the sounds of the chimes of Trinity Church, New York, or of the strokes of the big clock on St. Paul's Cathedral" could ring forth. As the telephone was new that year, the fellow who suggested broadcasting the chimes probably had no idea how it would work in practice.

Most Main Street shops are housed in granite and brick buildings from Austin's boom years. The **Austin Masonic and Odd Fellows Hall**, built in 1867-1868, was popular with dancers—it has a Clark's Patent Elastic Safety Floor, a dance floor hung on cables and springs—and in 1871 housed a roller-skating rink.

At the upper end of town stands the 1863 stone store of **Reuel C. Gridley**, who toted a sack of flour around the country to raise funds to benefit sick and wounded Union soldiers. Mark Twain mentioned Gridley and his sack in *Roughing It.*

In addition to dancing, roller skating, and church-going, historic Austin offered jail-going. Dark cells, their heavy iron doors made in San Francisco, occupy the ground floor of the 1871 **Lander County Courthouse**. This old courthouse is the only such building in the Greek Revival style to survive in Nevada, and it remains in county use even though the county seat moved to Battle Mountain in 1979. The barred vents of the 1866 **Austin City Hall** let a little air into its basement jail but not much else.

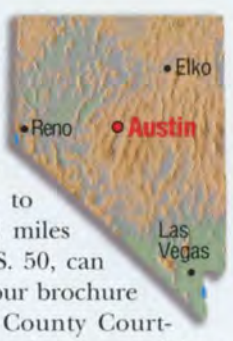
Austin's ghosts seem happy, and why not? Their final resting place affords spectacular views of mountains and desert. In the **Austin Cemetery** lie miners, school marms, and other residents of numerous nationalities—Irish, English, French, Danish, and even an Azores Islander. Black granite marks the grave of Lee Kee (1824-1931), a native of China, "Who had a heart that was a nugget of gold." Wood headboards and palings, granite, and beautifully carved white marble angels, crosses, and monuments identify other graves.

In the canyon below the cemetery chugged the trains of the Nevada Central. The circular stone ruin of the 1880 **turntable** is the only evidence of the railroad that remains.

The **Austin School**, built in 1926, was originally the Lander County High School. The building was designed after the Palazzo Pitti, a Renaissance palace in Florence, Italy.

In Austin and elsewhere in Nevada, nonrestrictive National Register listing qualifies owners of historic income-producing properties to participate in the federal rehabilitation tax-credit program. The credit, 20 percent of eligible rehab expenses, can help Austin preserve its rich heritage. But the main hope is that the prestigious designations will bring history-savvy tourists out the Loneliest Road to one of Nevada's friendliest towns.

When You Go



Austin has three motels, two RV parks, and several restaurants, saloons, and gem and gift shops. Visitors to Austin, located 172 miles east of Reno on U.S. 50, can pick up a walking tour brochure at the old Lander County Courthouse and at Austin businesses. Many historic buildings are closed to the public; please respect residents' privacy. For information call the Austin Chamber of Commerce, 775-964-2200, or visit www.austinnevada.com. Also, you can log on to www.nvshpo.org for a complete list of Nevada sites.

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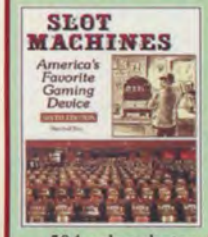
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Roadside Attractions

Las Vegas magic, **Heavenly's 50th** anniversary, and **Christmas art** in Reno.



A snowboarder rides a "c box" in Heavenly's High Roller Terrain Park.

Happy Birthday, Heavenly

LAKE TAHOE—**Heavenly Lake Tahoe** celebrates its 50th anniversary December 15-18 with a Saturday night block party, fireworks, and live music at the Heavenly Village, among other events.

"We'll be offering lift ticket promotions, nightly bar parties around town, and an extreme sports film festival," says Heavenly spokesman Russ Pecoraro.

Vail Resorts purchased Heavenly in 2002 and has made $36 million in improvements. New this year are a 120-seat "umbrella" bar with a retractable roof and a machine to carve a 22-foot pipe for skiers and boarders looking for thrills. Also, new electronic signs alert skiers to trail openings and weather conditions. "We feel these signs really improve the skier experience," Pecoraro said. "There's nothing worse than humping all the way across the mountain and finding out your favorite run is closed."

Accessible from Nevada's Kingsbury area and California's city of South Lake Tahoe, Heavenly has 30 lifts, 91 trails, and 4,800 acres of terrain and is the largest resort in the Tahoe area. For information visit www.skiheavenly.com or call 800-HEAVENLY.—*Andy Bourelle*

Tribute to Vietnam Vets

Operation Welcome Home, a yearlong national observance of the 30th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and a tribute to Vietnam veterans, begins in Las Vegas in November. The theme will be carried out in the Veterans Day Parade November 11 and at the free nightly Patriots Party November 11-13 at the Fremont Street Experience. The **Aviation Nation** air show at Nellis Air Force Base November 12-13 will feature Vietnam-era air and ground displays. Visit www.lvcva.com, www.vegasexperience.com, or www.welcomehome.aviationnation.org for more information.

Glitter City Gifts



Handbags at Cream.

LAS VEGAS—Shoppers will find holiday gifts at upscale specialty shops and boutiques in hotel-casinos on the Strip. Here are two of them.

At **Cream**, which opened in June at Mandalay Place, shoppers can buy handbags (left), accessories, and fine candles. Cynthia Dugan and Devon Leigh create semi-precious jewelry exclusively for Cream customers, and the Pat Vini handbags are considered to be wearable art.

Cream is open daily at Mandalay Place, a sky-bridge shopping area that connects Mandalay Bay and Luxor on the Strip. Call 702-933-3315 for information.

Thomas Pink, the London-based men's and women's classic shirt designer, sells shirts and other apparel at its store in the Forum Shops at Caesars. The winter collection for women employs a palette of soft pink, magenta, camel, and chocolate brown. New items include jumpers, V-neck cardigans, mock wraps, and scarves.

Men will find formal, slim-cut, and casual shirts in teal greens, deep chocolates, gold, and red as well as stripes (right). The Pink personal shopping service includes sartorial advice for bridegrooms and ushers. Thomas Pink is open daily. Call 702-696-1713.



A classic shirt from Thomas Pink of London.

PHOTO: Heavenly Mountain Resort (top)

Pick a Card

Jay Noblezada, head conjuror for Penguin Magic, a Las Vegas-based company that sells tricks and supplies to professional and amateur magicians, performs in the **Penguin Magic Kiosk** inside the Fremont Street Experience (right). Magicians do tricks and sell products 4 p.m. to midnight, seven days a week, in the kiosk next to Binion's Gambling Hall and Hotel. Visit www.penguinmagic.com.



Christmas Art

RENO—"A Nevada Christmas" is the theme of the **Artists' Co-Operative of Reno's** holiday show and sale through December 31. Handmade Christmas ornaments decorate the gallery, and one room is devoted to Christmas wares, displaying items such as pottery, cards, and painted and carved gourds (right).

The Artists' Co-Operative of Reno is the Silver State's oldest art co-operative and will celebrate its 40th anniversary next year. The group's 20 artists work in oil, watercolor, acrylic, pen and ink, and photography, featuring Nevada and Sierra locales, wildlife, and Western subjects. Pottery, baskets, and woodcarvings are sold on consignment. Prices range from under $10 to $350.

Refreshments will be served at the show's opening reception from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. November 13 at the gallery, 627 Mill Street. The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Call 775-322-8896 for information.





Rock Art Tours Resume

Petroglyph tours at **Valley of Fire State Park,** led by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation, resume November 12 and will be held on the second Saturday of the month through May. For reservations call 702-804-6723.

PHOTO: Alvin McLane (bottom left)

MonteLago Holiday

HENDERSON—Lake Las Vegas, a sophisticated getaway 17 miles southeast of the Strip, gives the holidays a European feel. Cobblestoned streets meander through the Mediterranean-inspired **MonteLago Village** shopping area, where boutiques offer everything from handcrafted home furnishings at Tesoro (702-567-0891) to fun bath items at Splash (702-565-4958).



The ice rink at MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, will be open until mid February.

MonteLago Village has a month-long schedule of activities beginning on Thanksgiving weekend with the lighting of a Christmas tree, a free concert, and a visit by Santa Claus. You can lace up your skates and enjoy gliding on the village's floating stage, which is converted to an ice rink for the holidays. For more information on MonteLago Village's boutiques and holiday events, call 866-399-2753.—*Jennifer Prosser*

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A Comstock Christmas

VIRGINIA CITY—After the Christmas on the Comstock's Parade of Lights on December 3, visitors can stop by the **Fourth Ward School Victorian Christmas** to have a cup of punch and admire the ceiling-high Christmas tree decorated with old-fashioned ornaments.

The school, built in 1876 for 1,000 students, was considered state-of-the-art in its time, with self-flushing toilets and a central heating system. Primary grades occupied the first floor, middle grades the second floor, and high school students the top two floors.

Visitors will find Christmas gifts in the museum gift store, including books, historical children's games and writing sets, and Victorian lapel pins. Refreshments will be served in the E.L. Wiegand Great Hall, once used for school assemblies.

Also on December 3, the Virginia and Truckee Railroad will offer its **Santa Train**, and carolers will sing on C Street. The **Gingerbread Social and Auction** will be held at the Delta Saloon on December 17 Christmas on the Comstock is a month-long celebration, and most Virginia City shops stay open in the evenings. For more details call the Virginia City Convention and Tourism Authority at 775-847-0311 or visit www.virginiacity-nv.org.



Barbara Mackey, director of the Fourth Ward School Museum, places a holiday swag on the front staircase.

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Exhibit News

Several Roman frescoes never seen outside Italy will appear in an exhibition at the **Nevada Museum of Art** in Reno until January 22. "In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite" contains more than 70 artworks and archaeological artifacts. One of the most striking pieces depicts a *triclinium* (three-couch dining room) frescoed with the image of Dionysus, the god of wine. The artworks were recovered from the villas of Stabiae, an ancient Roman city that was covered with volcanic ash in the same eruption that buried Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79 A.D. For exhibition information visit www.nevadaart.org.



"Pilade" is a fresco from the "In Stabiano" exhibition.

Visitors to the **Lost City Museum** in Overton can see a new permanent exhibit featuring original displays developed by archaeologist M.R. Harrington, who excavated the artifacts of ancient Puebloan cultures in the Moapa Valley in the 1930s. The exhibit recreates the feel of the era with color, lighting, and graphics. Displayed are intact Anasazi pottery bowls that date from 700 to 1150 A.D., arrowheads, and stone tools. For more information on the Lost City Museum call 702-397-2193, or visit www.nevadaculture.org.

Parks Office Moves

The **Nevada Division of State Parks** main office in Carson City has moved into the new Richard H. Bryan Building, named for the former Nevada governor and U.S. senator. To obtain park brochures, call the new office phone number, 775-684-2770; write to Nevada State Parks, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5005, Carson City, NV 89701-5248; or visit www.parks.nv.gov.

PHOTOS: Joyce Hollister (top), Nevada Museum of Art (bottom)

Bombs Away

HAWTHORNE—A remote-controlled drone anti-submarine helicopter and scores of decommissioned shells, bombs, and torpedos are displayed at the **Hawthorne Ordnance Museum**, which outlines the history of the U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the depot was built in 1930 and was the world's largest ammunition storage facility at the time. During World War II operations expanded to loading bombs and assembling



Museum docent Bob Bennett shows relics.

gun cartridges. The depot supplied ammunition to U.S. forces during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. In 1977 the depot was put under the command of the Army.

Huge shore defense guns seem to be protecting the front of the museum, which occupies the former Woody's Chevrolet dealership on E Street. Also on display are old photos, newspapers, and uniforms.

With advance notice docents can give tours of the museum, which is open Monday to Saturday. Call 775-945-5400 or visit www.hawthorneordnancemuseum.org.

Surfing Nevada

Outstanding aerial views of Nevada can be viewed at **http://130.166.124.2/nv_panorama_atlas/index.html**. The Web site is sponsored by the California Geological Survey, which has panoramic aerial images of four other Western states on its Electronic Map Library (http://130.166.124.2/library.html).

Forgotten Nevada, at **www.them-or-us.com**, is a hoot. Writer Bob Frenchu of Carson City and photographer Luis Ramirez of Fallon explore rural areas of the Silver State and dose their trip reports with humor. Frenchu says, "The outdoors is in my blood. It's also all over my shoes, in my hair, and ground into my pants."





PHOTO: Joyce Hollister



So Hot, So Cool, So Vegas

How Las Vegas became the coolest city in America—again.

By Mike Weatherford

Las Vegas, 1960: The Rat Pack appears in full swing at the Sands. Louis Prima, Keely Smith, and Sam Butera bring "The Wildest Show in Vegas" to the Desert Inn. Don Rickles keeps 'em in stitches at

The Blue Man Group at the Venetian, the Palms' Skin Pool, and a ghostini from ghostbar.


Lounge king Louis Prima.


Dean, Sammy, and Frank packed 'em in.


Wolfgang Puck keeps cooking.


TV ad: What happens here...

the Sahara's Casbar lounge, making sure the room Prima turned into the Strip's number-one hot spot doesn't go cold.

Cool.

Las Vegas, 1975: Elvis is back at the Hilton, but his enthusiasm is lagging, and the pounds show through the sequined jumpsuit. For show seekers there's always Mac Davis at the MGM and Debbie Reynolds at the Desert Inn. Or "Spice on Ice"—"featuring Lovely Nude Skaters," as the ads promise—at the Hacienda.

Uhhm, not so cool.

Las Vegas, 2005: The Blue Man Group practices weird science to the strains of alien surf-rock at the Venetian. Nine Inch Nails launches a tour at the Hard Rock Hotel. Eye-catching young people dance under the stars at the Palm's Skin Pool Lounge and line up to enter Pure, the Caesars Palace nightclub with a balcony view of the Strip.

Cool again.

Today, the city's single-word shorthand resounds up and down the TV remote, from the prime-time hits *Las Vegas* and *CSI* to the Discovery Channel's *American Casino* and the E! ogle-fest, *Party at the Palms*. Partiers from coast to coast wink and whisper, "What happens here, stays here," a catch phrase made famous by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority's recent ad campaign. As at least one stage performer declares every day in Glitter City, "Vegas, baby, Vegas!"

To the 20-somethings standing in line at the Hard Rock's Body English nightclub, it may be unfathomable that "Vegas" once was a code word for pinkie rings, leisure suits, and laughable lounge acts. In those days, the city was disparaged by the same age group that now exalts it—the youthful forces shaping pop culture.

The watershed moment was the opening of Club Rio in 1994.

The long drought in the desert began in the late '60s against the backdrop of the hippie movement. The generation gap was apparent in Frank Sinatra's brief marriage to Mia Farrow—"the swinger and the flower child," Frank's daughter Nancy called them—and in a photo where Sinatra and Dean Martin parodied the free love movement by carrying their own protest signs: "We want free broads."

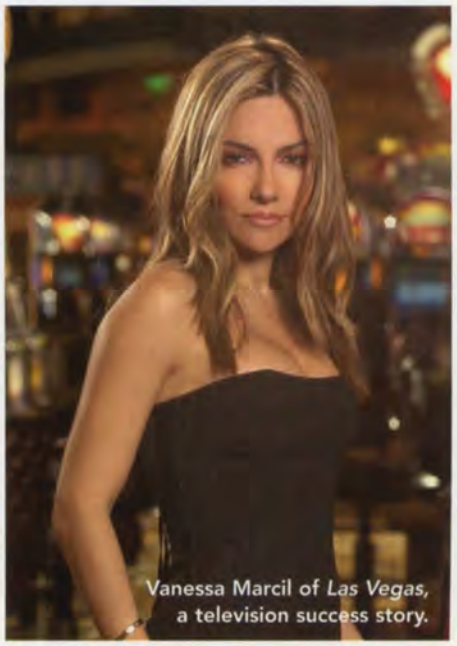
For those Vegas visitors of the '70s and '80s with fond memories of the Gatlin Brothers, Rich Little, and Wayne Newton, it must be said those stars did a yeoman's job of keeping the customer of the day satisfied. But the perception was that Vegas was, well, somewhere your parents went.

"Our market was so defined as gamblers then," says Billy Vassiliadis, chairman of R&R Partners, the longtime advertising agency for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "There was great entertainment, but really the primary attraction was the gambling—by a lot." In the 1980s, he recalls, 80 percent of surveyed tourists said gambling was their primary reason for a visit.

Things changed when Las Vegas diversified to answer the spread of legalized gambling in the rest of the country. In the



We are the '90s: Club Rio opens.


Vanessa Marcil of *Las Vegas*, a television success story.

PHOTOS: Las Vegas News Bureau (top left, center left), LVCVA/R&R Partners (top right)



As in the movie, young women dance on the bar at Coyote Ugly.


Pools, girls, bikinis—it must be the Palms.

Usher helps open Teatro. Right: Paris Hilton wears $1 million in chips at the Palms' opening.





Pure has the backing of celebrity investors such as Celine Dion and Andre Agassi.

'90s Southern Nevada casinos made room for celebrity chefs such as Wolfgang Puck and Emeril Lagasse and saw the opening of new restaurants or the cloning of New York in-spots such as Nobu and Le Cirque. Spas were built next to the hotel swimming pools. Retail courts landed the high-end brands. Vassiliadis says, "If J-Lo comes now, she's not shopping for a dice clock. She's going to Prada or Armani."

The other key to the turnaround came when the faces in the casino started getting younger. Even Steve Wynn realized that all the high-dollar attractions in Wynn Las Vegas wouldn't have the right mix if a younger attitude wasn't represented. He chose the ribald musical "Avenue Q"—a send-up of *Sesame Street* with foulmouthed puppets representing underemployed Gen Xers—as his hotel's second major show. "The reason I went after Avenue Q' was because it was so counterculture to the Las Vegas tradition. I wanted that difference to be in my building," Wynn said.

The youth movement can be seen in both showrooms and nightclubs. "The baby boomers [gave way to] a whole new generation," says Mike Milner, executive director of nightclub entertainment at the MGM Grand.

As the guy who oversees three hugely popular clubs, Milner pins the watershed moment on the opening of Club Rio at the Rio in 1994. Before then, he notes, stand-alone dance spots such as the Palladium and Shark Club did respectable business, "but the hotels didn't want anything to do with them."

Evenings, after presenting a dinner revue called "Conga!," the Rio showroom would transform itself into Club Rio, a late-night disco that took advantage of the room's six wraparound video screens. While the earlier clubs had modest lighting displays, Club Rio came to life in the round, with tiers of tables circling the pulsating life on the dance floor, a world apart yet only a few safe feet from the casino. "Conga!" is long forgotten, but Club Rio started a multimillion-dollar industry.

"Las Vegas is the hottest club market in the U.S. today," Milner says. "We've turned into a nightclub destination." At the MGM alone, Studio 54 hosts about 600,000 people a year—3,000 admissions over the course of a jamming weekend night—while the smaller "ultra-lounge" Tabu will field about 150,000 and the even-smaller Teatro about 80,000 (see "Dancing Till Dawn," page 24).

Hotels from the Riviera to Mandalay Bay now have late-night clubs. The Mirage is

PHOTOS: Las Vegas News Bureau (top left, middle)



Pure boasts celebrity owners and a center-Strip view from Caesars.

planning a 15,000-square-foot nightspot called Jet that will take on the current big kahuna, the 36,000-square-foot Pure at Caesars Palace. Pure has the backing of celebrity investors such as Celine Dion and Andre Agassi.

Along with Treasure Island's Tangerine and New York-New York's Coyote Ugly, Pure is part of a nightclub empire co-owned by Robert Frey. The former cigar retailer was friends with Jennifer Worthington, an associate producer of the 2000 movie *Coyote Ugly*. She approached him about opening a real version of the movie bar, where servers and customers jump up to jiggle on the bar top.

"I made a couple of phone calls, and away we went," Frey recalls.

Coyote Ugly and its new Harrah's competitor, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill, have been popular with suburban and rural visitors, supporting Frey's contention that the new Las Vegas really isn't trying to be cool by fickle Miami or New York standards.

"We're the only city, I think, in the United States that can afford to spend $15-to-$20 million on a nightclub. Only because we're not cool. We don't rely on a cool crowd," Frey says. To do so would run the risk that a club could open, "and then six months later it's not going to be hot."

Instead, Frey believes the key to the Strip's "coolness" is its inclusiveness and convenience. "We've evolved as a city to make entertainment the next level of easiness," he says. "All people have to do is walk a few feet and have all this at their fingertips without any hassle. You don't have to worry about getting a cab or your safety.. We have a 24-hour atmosphere, so there are no constraints about it being 1:30 a.m. and everything's last call."

Vassiliadis, whose company came up with the convention authority's ubiquitous "what happens here, stays here" campaign, agrees that any standards for "cool" in Las Vegas have to be wide and inclusive. "The destination now offers whatever experience you want. People define their own experiences now," he says.

Unveiled in 2003, the "what happens here..." slogan quickly entered the national lexicon. Technically known as the "Vegas Stories" campaign, "what happens here..." started subtly: Four women in a limo breaking into laughter at a secret faux pas. The TV ads soon became more comical: A temptress transforms herself back into a prim businesswoman just in time for the cabbie she's teasing to drop her at the airport. Two young women use the names of TV sitcom characters when introducing themselves to men on the Strip.

"Vegas [is] a place for adult freedom," Vassiliadis says. "You can come here and not be who you were, whether it's in New York, Des Moines, or Tulsa."

"Adult" is a key word. "When Vegas became cool was when it became an adults' playground," says Billy Cross, founder of the male G-string revue "Thunder From Down Under." In 2002, Cross and coproducer Adam Steck moved "Thunder" from the Frontier to the Excalibur.

"You had [groups of] bachelorettes on a Monday night," Cross remembers. "That's pretty freaky to see. And then you find out the girls are getting married on a Tuesday!"

Las Vegas' renewed cool factor is guided

Unveiled in 2003, the "what happens here..." slogan quickly entered the national lexicon.

in part by a new generation of management. At the Hard Rock, chief executive Peter Morton's son Harry oversees the Saturday-night comedy revue "Beacher's Madhouse." The Hard Rock's chief rival, the Palms, is run by George Maloof, a 1987 graduate of UNLV.

Many of Maloof's more conservative peers shook their heads when the Palms agreed to host MTV's *The Real World* in 2002. The rampant drunkenness, bed-hopping, and hot-tub trysts among the young singles in the show had a lot of people wondering if the Palms had waded in too deep, but the publicity was huge. Maloof got so many requests to rent the suite where the show was filmed that he decided to leave its décor intact. Last summer he went a step further with the E! network's *Party at the Palms*, where host Jenny McCarthy spends most of her time interviewing bikini-clad strippers around the pool.

The two versions of *Ocean's Eleven* and their movie predecessors reflect the cyclical nature of cool. In 1956, only four years before Frank, Dean, Sammy, and the boys gathered for their cinematic Strip caper and Sands shows, the movie *Meet Me in Las Vegas* had awkwardly portrayed the town's folksy, Western side and ignored the hard-drinking sharpies and wise guys. By contrast, *Ocean's Eleven* embraced those characters and created an image that burned indelibly for years.

By 1971, it was hard to tell if the James Bond opus *Diamonds Are Forever* meant to be funny when Sean Connery's Bond, natty as ever in white dinner jacket and bow tie, mingled on the casino floor in a sea of polyester. Most '80s movies, from *Lost in America* to *One From the Heart*, depicted Las Vegas as a city of broken dreams.

Contrast those images with the 2001 *Ocean's Eleven*, in which bejeweled extras roam the Bellagio casino in evening gowns, and the characters depicted by George Clooney, Matt Damon, Julia Roberts, and other stars are equally dressed to the nines. Fashion also counts in *Las Vegas*. The NBC hit's fictional casino floor has been purged of fanny packs and, seemingly, anyone over the age of 35, tough guy James Caan notwithstanding.

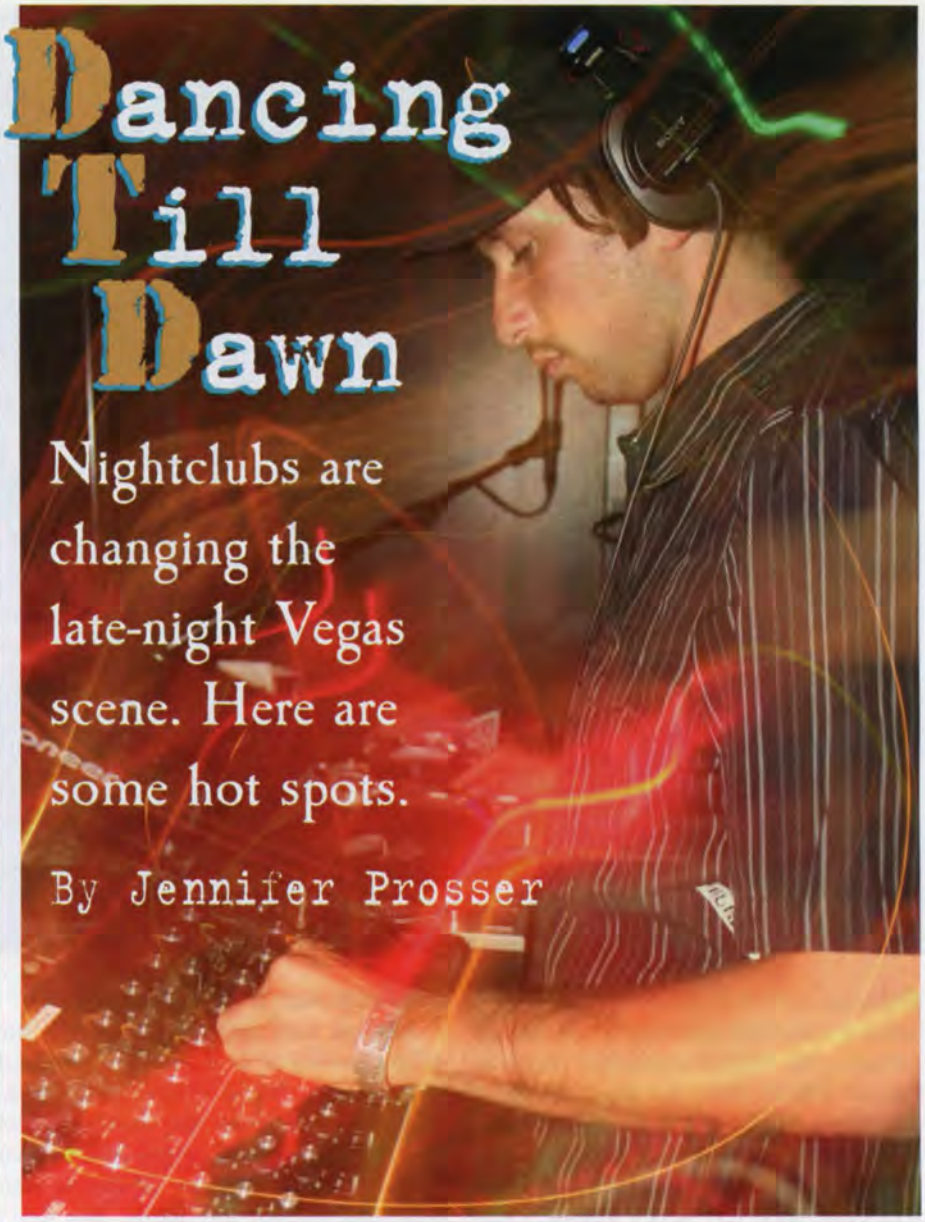
And so youth will be served. Just as young hippies once turned away from Las Vegas, today young hipsters crowd the city's night spots and drive its self image. "What happens here, stays here," but not everything stays the same.

Mike Weatherford is the entertainment reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Dancing Till Dawn

Nightclubs are changing the late-night Vegas scene. Here are some hot spots.

By Jennifer Prosser



Celebrity DJ Miguel Migs mixes at Tabu.

Even before you set foot inside the club, you can feel the pulsating rhythms bringing out your inner dance beast. You approach the line, offer your ID, and make your way inside. Suddenly you're awash in color, surrounded by bodies. As the music unleashes its full assault, you give in to its sway.

Welcome to the Vegas club scene, which has invigorated the city's late-night entertainment landscape. Less than five years ago Las Vegas nightlife was as limp as a hotel-pool margarita left too long in the sun. There were no throngs of seductively clad men and women waving $20 bills, trying to buy their way onto invited guest lists. No lines spilling into the casino. No demands for bottle service. Things have changed.

"The club is the ultimate version of 'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas,'" says local scenester Meme Hsu, who has observed the club circuit for five years. "You can let your inhibitions go—everyone is there to have a good time. You can stay in the club until the sun comes up without even knowing the sun came up."

Las Vegas has always been about indulgence, but in the past year this new breed of nightlife has taken after-hours action to a new level. **Studio 54**, a perennial hot spot, has added a sleek, new décor and a more accessible dance space. A throwback to the '70s club scene, the MGM Grand's 54 is a popular celeb hangout, having seen impromptu concerts by Britney Spears and Rick Springfield.

Given the town's proximity to Los Angeles, Vegas has become a sort of Hollywood East. The cast of *Contender* threw its after party at Caesars Palace's



Models show fashions at Tabu's Boutique Night.

Pure (owned, in part, by Shaquille O'Neal and Las Vegas-area residents Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, and Celine Dion). The **Whiskey** at Green Valley Ranch (created by Cindy Crawford's husband, Rande Gerber) has been a backdrop for *CSI* and has hosted Cuba Gooding Jr. and George Clooney. Over at Bellagio's **Light**, the Wayans brothers, Shannon Elizabeth, and the cast of *The Sopranos* have graced the red carpet.

"The club is the ultimate version of **'what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.'"**

The reason they come to Vegas clubs? The same reason many people come here—to get away, to feel like a star, to be treated like a high roller.

In the clubs, bottle service is the closest you can get to movie-star status. Here's the deal: For a modest fee of $300 to $1,000, you can buy a bottle of vodka or champagne, have your drinks poured by your own cocktail waitress, sit in the club's V.I.P. area, and get closer to the pretty people. Who would pay $300 for a bottle of Absolut, you ask? Those looking for a taste of fame.

At the Hard Rock, **Body English** has bottle service down to a science. The opulent club, with crystal chandeliers, mirrored walls, and leather booths, recalls a British rock star's pad. You'll feel like one, too, as no comfort is overlooked. The club is mostly V.I.P., and patrons are willing to pay for the privilege.

Another tony place to hang back is an ultra-lounge. With overstuffed seating, progressive grooves, and attentive wait staff, you'll never want to leave these hip hangouts. A top spot is **Curve**, set inside the exclusive London Club gaming area at the Aladdin. The sophisticated club is decorated with dark woods, leather couches, and candlelit tables. Of course, there's a separate dance floor should the grooves call you to your feet.

At the MGM Grand, the ultra-lounge comes in two forms. **Tabu** redefined the lounge's chic vibe with its elegantly clad models, interactive tables that respond to touch and motion, and a private vodka alcove. If you're looking for the well-heeled crowd, you'll find it here. Models also are on display at **Teatro**, where, at the blink of an eye, the bar turns into a catwalk, and the models strut their stuff to one of the best mash-up DJs in town.

Another club trend is the outdoor patio, a concept given new life by Pure at Caesars Palace. With its terrace overlooking the heart of center Strip, Pure has become the "it" club—there's no better way to feel in the middle of the neon action. At Pure you can choose your atmosphere: Low-key as you sip drinks near a plexiglas panel above the street on the south end, or wild and energetic as you dance up a storm next to the turntables on the north end. Other don't-miss patios include those at the **VooDoo Lounge**, which offers a view of the whole city from the Rio, the **ghostbar** at the Palms, and **Mix**, a chic spot atop the 64th floor of Mandalay Bay's THEhotel.

Some clubs open nightly, others on weekends. The action usually begins about 10 p.m. and lasts past 3 a.m. That allows you to visit two or three clubs in a night, seeking the crowd and music that match your groove.

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Club Time

Following is a sampling of dance clubs, hip lounges, and ultra-lounges in the Las Vegas area. Most open about 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, but some are open nightly. DJs usually provide the music. Cover charges vary: $10 to $25 for men, free to $20 for women. Call ahead for details.

The Beach: 702-731-1925, www.beachlv.com

Bikinis: Rio, 702-777-6582, riolasvegas.com

Body English: Hard Rock, 702-693-4000, www.bodyenglish.com

Club Rio: Rio, 702-777-7977, www.riovegasnights.com

Coyote Ugly: New York-New York, 702-740-6330, www.coyoteuglysaloon.com

Curve: Aladdin, 702-290-9582, www.aladdincasino.com

Drai's: Barbary Coast, 702-737-0555, www.drais.net

Forty Deuce: Mandalay Bay, 702-632-9442, www.fortydeuce.com

ghostbar: Palms, 702-938-2666, palms.com

House of Blues: Mandalay Bay, 702-632-7600, www.mandalaybay.com

I-Bar: Rio, 702-777-6869, riovegasnights.com

Ice: 702-699-9888, www.icelasvegas.com

Light: Bellagio, 702-693-8300, www.lightlv.com

Mix: THEhotel at Mandalay Bay, 702-632-7800, thehotelatmandalaybay.com

OPM: Forum Shops at Caesars, 702-387-3840, www.o-pm.com/lv

Pure: Caesars Palace, 702-731-7873, www.purelv.com

Ra: Luxor, 702-262-4949, www.luxor.com

Rain: Palms, 702-942-6832, www.palms.com

Rainbow Bar and Grill: 702-898-3525, www.rainbowbarandgrill.com

Risque: Paris, 702-946-4589, www.parislasvegas.com

rumjungle: Mandalay Bay, 702-632-7408, www.mandalaybay.com

Seven After Hours: 702-739-7744, www.sevenlasvegas.com

Skin Pool Lounge: Palms (summer), 702-942-7777, www.palms.com

Studio 54: MGM Grand, 702-891-7254, www.studio54lv.com

SynCity: Riviera, 702-794-9426, www.rivierahotel.com

Tabu: MGM Grand, 702-891-7183, www.tabulv.com

Tangerine: Treasure Island, 702-894-7580, www.treasureisland.com

Tao: Venetian, 702-388-8338, www.venetian.com

Teatro: MGM Grand, 702-891-3695, www.mgmgrand.com

Vivid: Venetian, 702-414-4870, www.venetian.com

VooDoo Lounge: Rio, 702-777-7800, www.riovegasnights.com

The Whiskey: Green Valley Ranch, 702-617-7560, www.midnightoilbars.com





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Skiing the Great Lake

By Sam Bauman



Catching air at Diamond Peak.

Few places in the world offer such a concentration of sparkling views, skiing, and snowboarding as Lake Tahoe.

When I think about Lake Tahoe in winter, I visualize a great hand in the sky dropping diamonds onto the Sierra Nevada. Those diamonds become the 15 mountain resorts that surround the lake, the cross-country trails that wind through its forests and meadows, and the wonderful skiing I find there.

Few places in the world offer such a concentration of spectacular views, exciting skiing, and awesome snowboarding. I've skied Europe, Japan, and the former Soviet Union, and none match what Tahoe willingly gives me.

The slopes of Heavenly, for instance, are connected to the Stateline casinos by one of the best gondola rides in America. Gliding above the lake's south shore, the Gondola at Heavenly is handy to both tourists and snowsporters, and a village of shops and restaurants has sprouted at its base. The view from the gondola's observation deck is the most complete of Lake Tahoe from anywhere short of a satellite.

My ski season starts at Heavenly or one of the other resorts on the Nevada side of the lake, Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe and Diamond Peak. Heavenly, which straddles the Nevada-California state line, usually opens close to Thanksgiving, right behind Boreal and the other Donner Summit areas where the snow falls early and heavily.

Ski teacher without peer, Rusty offers a salty course that may cause some to blush, but who can tell in wintry winds?

I've taught skiing at Heavenly, so I know it well. The first lifts to open generally are the gondola and California-side lifts like Gunbarrel, and since gondola parking costs up to $20, locals (including me) usually start at Gunbarrel. The Monument Peak restaurant near the top of Gunbarrel has been gussied up, and it serves not only an alpine menu but also terrific views of the lake and of intrepid skiers racing down the black-diamond Gunbarrel run. Using the resort's aerial tram, locals often take nonskiing friends there for a fun lunch amid all the skiers and boarders.

By Christmas, the snow is good enough to take the kids sledding at the informal snopark on Spooner Summit. Heavenly also offers that new sport for everybody, inner-tubing.

Then it's time for a day with Rusty Crook, ski teacher without peer, at Mt. Rose. Rusty, who recently had both knees replaced, offers a demanding and salty

course that may cause some to blush, but who can tell in wintry winds?

"I had a nun in one of my classes once, and I apologized for my choice of words," Rusty told me. "She said to never mind, she'd heard them all."

It'll be too early to run the demanding new Chutes area at Rose, where the narrow slots through the trees require expert skiing and boarding skills, but I'll ski the bowls and enjoy sunning on the deck.

Next I ski Diamond Peak, the posh resort owned by Incline Village. Diamond Peak is bypassed by some Bay Area snowsporters as being too undemanding. Well, it may be, but there's a lovely family ambiance in the lodge and on the slopes. Sometimes atmosphere is more important than high-speed thrills.

When I want to see if I still can ski the steeps, the Wall at Kirkwood is the place to go. The Wall is an expert run, and if you miss the first turn, you can figure on sliding a long way before digging in a pole.

"I did a hundred yards on my back in about 15 seconds," my foreign-correspondent friend Rodney Angove told me after an encounter with the Wall. "It was a lot faster than I could run it."

At Kirkwood's Back Bowl, the new chair whisks me up to Thimble Mountain, where I can check the powder in a giant bowl. Here the Mormon Battalion carved a trail from west to east after the Mexican American War. In the summer you can hike the trail, following signs nailed high on trees that proclaim the "Mormon Road."





Heavenly is one of the largest ski areas in the U.S. While skiers take in a snowy view at the resort (above), gondola riders can see the lake and the Stateline casinos.

At Squaw, one of my favorite rites of winter is to take the KT-22 lift to the old courses where the women's slalom was run when Squaw hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics. I like to see if they are still as much fun as in the past—and they always are. KT-22 was so named in the '40s after Sandy Poulsen, wife of Squaw cofounder Wayne Poulsen, had to perform 22 kick-turns to get down the steep run.

At Sugar Bowl on Donner Summit, the new and the old coexist happily. The old is the 1940s lodge, reached by a gondola. The lodge boasts old photos of skiing dignitaries such as Gary Cooper and white-tablecloth dining with an excellent view of Mount Disney, named after you know who. Visitors can wander the village and see homes owned by some of the resort's original investors, including Disney. A number of his cartoon characters are carved on the balcony of his onetime home.

At Squaw, I take the KT-22 lift to the runs used for the women's slalom races in the 1960 Winter Olympics.

Some folks rate Sierra-at-Tahoe the best area resort to learn to ski or snowboard. The resort's high-speed detachable lift is easy on beginners and takes them to a comfy, wide bowl with, of course, tubing fun. The lift also serves the West Bowl, home of long, easy intermediate runs.

Homewood is a family resort, inexpensive and with surprising terrain hidden behind the front hills. Bay Area skiers rush past it to and from Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley, where the crowds and parking can be a headache.

The new at Sugar Bowl is the lodge at Mount Pluto, where the terrain areas provide lots of bumps and jumps. Ideal is a night in the old hotel and a day on the hill.

Northstar-at-Tahoe is a bit of a sleeper. The ski resort recently added four advanced runs and a lift serving an underused area. Northstar also has some fine steeps and dining via a cable car to mid-mountain during ski season.

By now winter has progressed to the best skiing time of the year—spring. The snow is still deep, much of it "corn snow" created as the sun melts and the night's chill refreezes. The crowds are gone, as Bay Area people switch to tennis. This is the best—no lines, no icy storms, lots of sun, and picnics in the snow.

I find it great fun to sit on the decks at the resorts—no skiing necessary—and recline in the sunshine with a plate of nachos and a cool beverage. Mt. Rose is outstanding for this kind of sun bath (don't forget the sunblock).

Now's time for the best of the best—Last Tracks at Diamond Peak. It's a very European thing, ending the day at a lodge overlooking Lake Tahoe, ready to ski that last, late-season run led by the resort's instructors.

But first you sip wine poured by a winery rep, snack on tenderloin beef, and watch the sunset from the balcony of Snowflake Lodge. If the sky is clear, you might see the phenomenon known as alpenglow as the sun sinks below the mountains. It's the magic moment to sum up a season of skiing at Lake Tahoe.

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PHOTOS: Heavenly Mountain Resort

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The Last Tracks program at **Diamond Peak** lets you sip wine and make a late last run on Saturdays from February 11 to March 25. Tickets cost $25, and space is limited. Participants must be at least intermediate level. Last Tracks is available for private parties on other evenings; call 775-832-1132.

Heavenly has a new night terrain park, a 22-foot pipe cutter, electronic trail signs, and European umbrella bar. The resort celebrates its 50th anniversary December 15-18 with a block party, film festival, music, and fireworks.

Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe's biggest new project is the Flying Jenny, a 330-foot ski-school conveyor lift on the west side of the Show-Off trail. Mt. Rose has added chairs on two other lifts.

At **Northstar-at-Tahoe** the Village at Northstar opens in December with a year-round ice-skating rink and dozens of shops and eateries. When completed in 2006 the Village also will have 213 condominiums.

Kirkwood's new high-speed quad, the Timber Creek Express, provides a fast ride to the top of the Timber Creek beginner area. Advanced skiers returning from the Palisades run can catch the quad for a quick return.

Guests at **Squaw Valley USA** can try equipment options at the new Demo Center at the upper-mountain Gold Coast complex at the top of the Funitel cable car. Ski rentals include the latest from K2, Atomic, Volkl, Rossignol, and Salomon.

Sierra-at-Tahoe has created interactive Adventure Zones with mini-jumps, banked turns, sound effects, and smoke machines. The Happy Hippie, a healthy-snack shack, replaces Mountain Munchies.

For more on Reno-Tahoe skiing contact the **Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority**, 800-FOR-RENO or renolaketahoe.com, or **Ski Lake Tahoe**, a group of seven ski resorts, 888-TAHOE-38 or skilaketahoe.com.

—Wilma LaRocca



Skiing Around the State

A Guide to Nevada and Tahoe Basin Ski Areas.

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Area	Web Site	Phone	Top Elevation	Vertical Feet	Lifts	Rating Bg-Int-Adv	Lift Price Adult/Y/Child	Rentals Skis/Board
TAHOE BASIN								
Alpine Meadows	www.skialpine.com	530-583-4232	8,637	1,802	14	25-40-35	$41/$39/$15	$32/$38
Boreal	www.borealski.com	530-426-3666	7,700	500	9	30-55-15	$38-$10	$32/$35
Diamond Peak	www.diamondpeak.com	775-831-3211	8,540	1,840	6	18-46-36	$46/$36/$17	$30/$34
Donner Ski Ranch	www.donnerskiranch.com	530-426-3635	7,751	750	6	25-50-25	$20/$10	$18/$28†
Granlibakken	www.granlibakken.com	530-583-4242	6,480	280	1	50-50-0	$20/$12	$22/$17/$4
Heavenly	www.skiheavenly.com	775-586-7000	10,067	3,500	30	20-45-35	$65/$54/$32	$30/$33†
Homewood Mountain	www.skihomewood.com	530-525-2992	7,880	1,650	8	15-50-35	$44/$30/free	$28/$35
Kirkwood	www.kirkwood.com	209-258-6000	9,800	2,000	12	15-50-35	$61/$49/$13	$31/$37
Mt. Rose/Ski Tahoe	www.skirose.com	775-849-0704	9,700	1,800	8	20-30-50	$54/$38/$12	$32/$32
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.northstarattahoe.com	530-562-1010	8,600	2,200	17	25-50-25	$61/$51/$21	$36/$39†
Sierra-at-Tahoe	www.sierratahoe.com	530-659-7453	8,852	2,212	10	25-50-25	$54/$44/$13	$33/$37†
Soda Springs	www.skisodasprings.com	530-426-1010	7,352	652	4	30-50-20	$25/$16/$10	$30/$35
Squaw Valley USA	www.squaw.com	530-583-6955	9,050	2,850	33	25-45-30	$62/$31/$5	$32/$38†
Sugar Bowl	www.sugarbowl.com	530-426-9000	8,383	1,500	13	17-43-40	$59/$44/$15	$33/$39†
Tahoe Donner	www.skitahoedonner.com	530-587-9444	7,350	600	4	40-60-0	$34/$13	$24/$33†
AROUND THE STATE								
LV Ski/Snowboard	www.skilasvegas.com	702-385-2754	9,310	1,000	3	20-60-20	$38/$25	$25/$25
Elko Snobowl		800-428-7143	7,000	670	2	20-60-20	$20/$15	$23/$20
Ruby Mountains (Elko)	www.helicopterskiing.com	775-753-6867	Ruby Mt. Heli-Skiing offers backcountry helicopter skiing; $3,300 per person					

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Area	Web Site	Phone	Trail (km)	Trail Fee Adult/Y/Child	Rental Adult/Y/Child	Lessons Adult/Y/Child	Day Lodge
TAHOE BASIN							
Clair Tappaan Lodge	www.sierraclub.org	530-426-3632	14	$7/$3.50	$13/$9	$14	√
Hope Valley	www.sorensensresort.com	530-694-2266	100	none	$18/$10	$30	√
Kirkwood	www.kirkwood.com	209-258-7248	80	$21/$17/$8	$21/$10	$46/40/$30*	√
Lake Tahoe Basin	www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu	530-543-2600	The U.S. Forest Service has brochures on many forest areas				
Northstar-at-Tahoe	www.northstarattahoe.com	530-562-1010	50	$27/$15	$31/$19	$27/$15†	√
Royal Gorge	www.royalgorge.com	530-426-3871	330	$28/$15	$19.50/$10.50	$55/$29.50*	√
Spooner Lake	www.spoonerlake.com	775-749-5349	91	$21/$9	$19/$9/$3	$44.50*	√
Resort at Squaw Creek	www.squawcreek.com	530-583-6300	18	$18/$10	$18/$10	$45*	√
Tahoe Donner	www.tdxc.net	530-587-9484	115	$21	$19/$10	$44/$30*	√
AROUND THE STATE							
LV Ski and Snowboard	(Mount Charleston) www.fs.fed.us/htnf	702-385-2754 702-873-8800 (USFS)	The Ski Chalet offers x-country suggestions. The U.S. Forest Service has info on camping and avalanche conditions				
Spring Valley (Eureka)	www.eurekacounty.com	775-237-5280	Ron Carrion at the Owl Club provides directions and information				
White Pine (Ely)	www.nv.blm.gov/ely www.fs.fed.us/htnf	775-289-1800 (BLM) 775-289-3031 (USFS)	Ward Mt. and Loop Trails info. available from the BLM and USFS				

*Includes trail pass, equipment, and lessons.

†Resort information is for 2004-2005.

All prices are subject to change.

Call resorts for information about children's and seniors' programs.

12 Days of Christmas

Lords a-leaping Here are a dozen ways to enjoy the holidays in the Silver State.



Santa and Las Vegas stars appear in the Fashion Show Mall's "Believe in the Magic."

By Holly Sheppard

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—or it soon will be in towns all over Nevada. You can see elaborate light shows, sing carols on the back of a horse, and visit with Santa on a steam train. Many holiday events in the Las Vegas, Reno-Tahoe, and rural areas are noted in this issue's "Nevada Events and Shows." Following is a sampling of 12 holiday activities around the state. Ticket prices are for adults; children's and seniors' prices generally are lower. Be sure to call ahead to confirm details, and happy holidays.

1 Visions of Sugar Plums

The cacti will be sparkling and the chocolates tempting during Ethel M Chocolates' **Chocolate Wonderland,** November 17 to January 2 in Henderson. In the 12th annual display, more than 250,000 lights will illuminate the Ethel M Cactus Garden each evening. Chocolate creations will be displayed, and shoppers can buy treats such as pumpkin and cranberry truffles. Call 800-4-ETHELM or visit www.ethelm.com.

2 Let It Snow

"Believe in the Magic," the holiday production of the Fashion Show Mall in Las Vegas, features Santa, a 35-foot Christmas tree, dancers, and appearances by Clint Holmes, Rita Rudner, Lance Burton, and the casts of "Mamma Mia!" and "Jubilee!" Artificial snowflakes fall during the performances, which begin in late November at the upscale Strip mall. Admission is free. Call 702-369-0704 for information.

3 O Christmas Tree

It is said that a brightly decorated Christmas tree exemplifies the spirit of the holiday season. Add lights and charity, and you have the **Elko Festival of Trees.** During the week after Thanksgiving the Elko Convention Center is filled with trees, wreaths, and gingerbread houses. "It's beautiful," says Marcie Phillips, administrative assistant at the Elko Convention and Visitors Authority. "You walk into the building, and it's all lit up. The scents are wonderful—you smell the trees and the gingerbread." In the silent auction trees go for $75 to $1,000. Call 775-738-4091 for information on the festival.

4 Here Comes Santa Claus

Santa is the star of **Sparks Hometowne Christmas**, the Rail City's annual holiday bash. Although December 3 may dawn cool, the array of red costumes and red ribbons will make you feel warm. Mr. and Mrs. Claus' float leads the parade of fire engines, classic convertibles, costumed kids, and high school bands down Victorian Avenue in downtown Sparks. Call 775-353-2291 or visit www.cityofsparks.us for times.

5 'Tis the Season to Be Jolly

You can root, root, root for one of two college football teams at the **Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas Bowl** on December 22. The annual game at Sam Boyd Stadium matches squads from two Western conferences. The Mountain West players and fans stay at the Golden Nugget while the Pac 10

contingent gathers at the Hard Rock. Last year Wyoming upset UCLA, 24-21. Local fans will hope to watch a certain Mountain West team—the UNLV Rebels. Tickets cost $10 to $100. Call 702-732-3912 or visit www.lvbowl.com.

6 Dashing Through the Snow

Sleigh bells ring at Stateline, Lake Tahoe, when you ride in an antique European sleigh operated by **Borges Family Sleigh Rides.** Passengers can snuggle in blankets on their south-shore run across snowy meadows and through the woods as the driver tells tales of Tahoe and stops for photographs. Rides are offered from 10 a.m. to sunset; the cost is $20. For details call 800-726-RIDE or visit www.sleighride.com.



The Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens are decorated in colorful holiday style.

7 Jingle Bell Rock

In Las Vegas, the Liberace Museum's **Gold Lamé Christmas** begins with a tree lighting on December 1. Wearing Liberace's gold lamé suit, Santa pulls the switch to light the tree, and choirs sing Christmas carols, followed by Wes Winters playing Liberace's rhinestone-covered Baldwin. The December 1-13 celebration includes performances by local musicians and a children's choir. The tree lighting is free; other events cost $6.25. Call 702-798-5595 ext. 13 for a schedule of activities.

8 Giddy-yap, Let's Go

Horses' manes sport twinkling lights during the annual **Christmas Caroling on Horseback** at the Sagebrush Ranch north of Las Vegas. Visitors can also ride and sing in a horse-drawn wagon that follows Santa to the ranch's barbecue area for chili and roasted marshmallows. Cost is $30. To reach the Sagebrush Ranch turn right at the Ute Exit 80 on Interstate 15 North. Call 702-645-9422 for information and reservations.

9 Santa's on His Way

Santa Claus makes a personal appearance at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City on December 10-11 when **Santa Train** passengers take a one-mile round trip in historic V&T cars pulled by a steam engine. "The kids can meet Santa, and the museum and train exhibits will be open free," says Rich Reitnauer, the museum's sales and promotion manager· call 775-687-6953 for details. There is also a **Santa Train** at the Nevada Southern Railway in Boulder City on December 3-4 (702-486-5933), and the **Polar Express** runs at Ely's Nevada Northern Railway Museum (see page 80 for Ely train details).



The Galena High band marches in the Sparks Christmas parade.

10 I'll Be Home for Christmas

The Carson City home where John Wayne's last movie, *The Shootist,* was filmed is one of a dozen historic houses to be open for the annual **Victorian Home Christmas Tour** on December 11. The Krebs-Peterson House was built in 1914 by Dr. Ernest T. Krebs and later owned by State Controller Edward Peterson. Costumed guides lead tours of the decorated homes. Tickets cost $20. For information on the holiday tour call 775-882-1805 or visit www.visitcarsoncity.com.

11 Merry Christmas to You

At the **Nevada Christmas Sale and Indian Art Market,** 80 Native American vendors from tribes across the U.S. and Canada sell traditional and modern handmade artworks, including pottery, rugs, wood carvings, and silver jewelry at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony gym on December 9-10. A 28-year tradition, the market attracts museum buyers, collectors, and browsers. Admission is free. The gym is located at 34 Reservation Road in Reno, off U.S. 395 and the Glendale Avenue exit. Call 775-425-3439 for information.

12 Deck the Halls

You'll need plenty of film to capture the elaborate holiday arrangements of the plants, trees, and flowers at the **Bellagio Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** in Las Vegas. Christmas red, pink, and green surround the fountain, and every poinsettia, every branch of every Christmas tree, is perfect. The conservatory is open 24 hours. Admission is free. For more information call 702-693-7111 or visit www.bellagio.com.

Holly Sheppard plays an elf in her town's Christmas pageant.

PHOTO: Craig Malburg (top)

Las Vegas Myths

By Richard Moreno

Will the city's real founders please stand up?

Few places have been the subject of as many myths as Las Vegas. While some of the fictions have been self-inflicted, other legends seem to have evolved from the city's brash, outlaw past. Following are a few of the most common myths about Las Vegas, which is celebrating its centennial year in 2005.

Las Vegas was founded by the Mob.

If you've watched any gangster movie or television crime show about Las Vegas, you might have the impression that the city sprang to life as a mobster's haven. The reality, however, is that Las Vegas was founded by Mormons. That's right—members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints established what is often called Sin City. In 1855, Mormon leader Brigham Young sent 30 men from Salt Lake City to establish a small fort and settlement in the Las Vegas Valley. Due to the valley's isolation and hot, dry climate, the colony struggled for two years before it was abandoned.

Later the fort became part of a ranch that formed the basis of modern Las Vegas, which was created by a railroad

Elvis played to underwhelming reviews at the New Frontier in 1956. Top: Bugsy Siegel of the Flamingo.



DI boss Clark (left) poses with golfer Art Wall at the 1954 Tournament of Champions. Opposite: Senator Clark waves.

PHOTOS: Las Vegas News Bureau

land auction in May 1905. The Old Mormon Fort, now a state historic park, is located a mile north of downtown near Cashman Field.

Bugsy Siegel created the Las Vegas Strip.

Anyone who has watched the 1992 film *Bugsy*, starring Warren Beatty, saw Las Vegas portrayed as a backwater town that owed its existence to gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. In the movie Siegel, in Vegas to check on mob interests, pulls his car off the highway, walks into a desolate patch of scrub brush and sand, and announces that he will build a hotel there.

The truth is that the first resort built on the Las Vegas Strip was El Rancho Vegas, which opened in 1941, followed by the Last Frontier a year later. Siegel's Flamingo Hotel did not open until New Year's Eve 1946. Siegel wasn't even the father of the Flamingo—*Hollywood Reporter* publisher and Los Angeles restaurateur Billy Wilkerson was the original owner. Wilkerson, however, ran out of money and entered a partnership with Siegel and his mob pals to complete the hotel.

Siegel also is not responsible for naming the Las Vegas Strip. That honor goes to Guy McAfee, a Las Vegas casino owner who had been a vice-squad captain with the Los Angeles police. In the 1940s, McAfee named Las Vegas Boulevard "the Strip" because it reminded him of Los Angeles' famed Sunset Strip.

Elvis was always a big star in Las Vegas.

Not true. In fact, Elvis Presley was a flop in his first Las Vegas appearance, at the New Frontier showroom, in April 1956. His fans, largely teen girls, were too young to get into the casino to see the show, and the gambling crowd thought he was too loud. When Elvis returned to Las Vegas 13 years later, it was obvious that his audience had grown up, and he began a long string of sold-out shows at the International (now the Las Vegas Hilton).

Big-name hotel entertainment was invented in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas resorts no doubt perfected the casino showroom and lounge, but the first big-name entertainer to play a Nevada hotel was bandleader Ted Lewis, who performed with his orchestra at the Commercial Hotel in Elko on April 26, 1941.

The first big-name entertainer to appear in Las Vegas is believed to have been singer Sophie Tucker, who performed at the Last Frontier in January 1944. The first star-studded entertainment event in Las Vegas history was the grand opening of the Flamingo in 1946, which featured George Jessel, Jimmy Durante, Baby Rose Marie, Eddie Jackson, and Xavier Cugat's orchestra. Their appearance sparked an entertainment war between the city's resorts that continues today.

Topless revues were invented in Las Vegas.

It might seem that way because of the long tradition of revues featuring tall, leggy, topless showgirls on Las Vegas stages, but the city's first topless burlesque show, "Minsky's Follies," was an import. "Minsky's" opened at the Dunes in 1957 after having played Chicago, Miami, New Orleans, and New York, where it made its debut (and was shut down on moral grounds in 1939). Today, topless revues remain popular in Las Vegas and include "Zumanity," "Splash!," "Folies Bergere," and "Jubilee!"

Las Vegas has the most churches per capita of any city.

For decades Las Vegas' boosters made this claim to combat its Sin City reputation. Unfortunately, it's not true, according to an investigation by *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reporter Joan Whitely in 1997 Whitely found that Las Vegas had 586 churches, which yielded a ratio of one house of worship for every 1,910 residents. By comparison Whitely pointed out that Memphis, Tennessee, had one church for every 875 residents, and there were likely other metropolitan areas with more churches per capita.

Clark County was named for pioneer Las Vegas casino owner Wilbur Clark.

While it might have been nice to name the county that is home to Las Vegas after hotelier Wilbur Clark, who built the Desert Inn in 1950, the name actually honors U.S. Senator William Andrews Clark of Montana. Clark owned the San Pedro, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake Railroad, which established Las Vegas in 1905. When Clark County was formed in 1909, the Nevada Legislature named it after Senator Clark for his railroad's efforts to develop Southern Nevada. Clark, a Montana copper-mining baron, never lived in Nevada, spending most of his time in a mansion he built on Fifth Avenue in New York.

Las Vegas is the hottest spot in Nevada.

It may seem that way in summer, but the place with the highest recorded temperature in the state is Laughlin, which reached a scorching 125 degrees on June 29, 1994. Las Vegas' hottest temperature was a mere 117 degrees, recorded on July 24, 1942.

Elvis is alive and living in Las Vegas.

According to one persistent myth, the King lurks incognito in the audience in various Vegas lounges, impersonator shows, casinos, and even wedding chapels. Not true. However, a man fitting Elvis' description was sighted recently in Searchlight.

Richard Moreno is Nevada Magazine's *publisher and author of* The Nevada Trivia Book.





"Lido de Paris" (above) opened at the Stardust in 1958, a year after "Minsky's" staged its daring Dunes debut.

PHOTOS: Ferron-Bracken Collection, UNLV Library (left), Las Vegas News Bureau (right)

Let It Snow

Four photographers find winter beauty in snow-covered Nevada





Winter brings lots of snow to Nevada, which is perfectly natural considering that Nevada means "snow-covered" in Spanish. Often snowfall magically transforms the landscape, offering photographers a beautifully stark tableau.

Trish Reynolds and her husband, Deon, were shooting photos for the 2001 coffee-table book *Nevada* and needed wintry Tahoe images. The Reynoldses, who plan to move from Oregon to Eureka at Thanksgiving, chose Sand Harbor at Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park. "Deon and I virtually had the park to ourselves," Reynolds recalls. "However, I was by myself when I made this image. He and I use radios to stay in contact, as we both never know just where the next photo will take us." She says the low winter sun creates interesting shadows, as seen in her photo on the opposite page.

Marcus Prazniak, an El Cerrito, California, resident who grew up in Sparks, likes to visit and photograph Central Nevada. Three years ago he was hiking at sunset in the Tonopah-Goldfield area after a storm blew through, dusting the ground and a large Joshua tree in white (above). "The lighting was spectacular. I was taken by the Joshua tree with the fresh snow on it, the sun setting with that golden light, and the dark clouds in the background," says



Prazniak. "The storm was unexpected. It was one of those situations of being in the right place at the right time."

Cynthia A. Delaney says winter is her favorite season. "I love the snow," the Elko photographer explains. "It makes everything look pristine." After one winter storm Delaney drove to the ranching town of Lamoille and took several photos of the Little Church of the Crossroads (above). "I chose this photo because of all the white. The church is white, the background is white, and the fence is white. Nobody was around, and it was really, really still." Delaney leads photography workshops and teaches part time at Great Basin College in Elko. "I'm one of the few people here who likes the cold," she adds. "I say let it snow, let it snow."

Gary Reese and his wife, Susanne, made a weekend photography trip to Goldfield three winters ago. "All it takes is a storm to set us searching for interesting scenes outside of generally snowless Las Vegas," he says. During the trip the Brown-Parker Garage caught his eye (opposite page). "It depicts the state of arrested decay that is so photogenic in rural Nevada," says Reese, a Community College of Southern Nevada photography teacher. "Returning to Goldfield in subsequent years, I found out why you need to shoot rural scenes when you first view them—first the red pump was sold off, then the yellow."


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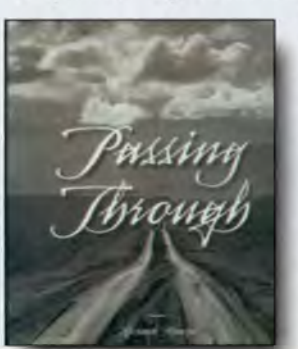


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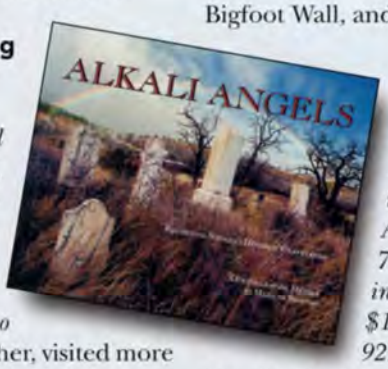
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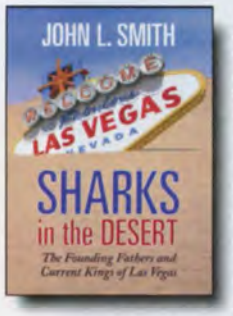
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Cookies and Crème

Atlantis pastry chef makes Pumpkin Crème Brulée for the holidays.

By Joyce Hollister



Tim Carman, executive pastry chef at the Atlantis Resort in Reno, caramelized the top of his Pumpkin Crème Brulée with a specially designed kitchen propane torch.

Christmas is Tim Carman's favorite time of year, but it's also the most hectic.

"We get very busy during the holidays," explains Carman, executive pastry chef at Reno's Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. "From approximately a week before Thanksgiving clear through to New Year's Eve, I could use a cot in the kitchen—and an alarm clock wouldn't be a bad idea."

Although Carman works long hours, he enjoys the challenge of creating new desserts for guests. Last year he devised his Pumpkin Crème Brulée with Brandy Snaps and Kumquat Red Currant Coulis for the Atlantis' holiday menu. "There's always a need for something different for Christmas dinner," he says.

Carman, who was executive pastry chef at Reno's Eldorado for 15 years before moving to the Atlantis in 2002, did his formal apprenticeship in Canada and created desserts for the Royal York in Toronto, Chateau Louise at Lake Louise in Alberta, and several Canadian Pacific hotels. He has also worked in hotel kitchens in Sweden, Nassau, and Hawaii.

When he's not whipping up pastries, Carman experiments with tiramisu, a dish made of mascarpone, a sweet Italian cheese, and ladyfinger cookies. He likes to dip the ladyfingers into Buttershot Schnapps, a Dutch butterscotch-flavored liqueur, before incorporating them with the mascarpone. He also flavors tiramisu with Chambord, a raspberry brandy, and fresh raspberries. "I enjoy making things with a combination of cheese and fruit, whether it be a flan or a pot de crème," he says.

Carman recommends that cooks **experiment before making a complicated dessert** to serve guests.

To caramelize the sugar for the Pumpkin Crème Brulée ("brulée" means "burned" in French), Carman recommends that home cooks find a tiny propane torch designed for culinary use—they're sold in gourmet kitchen shops—or a small propane torch used by hobbyists. You also can place your pots of custard (the "crème") under a very hot broiler for about 30 seconds; however, when you turn the custards upside down on their plates (see recipe next page), the burnt-sugar tops will be on the bottom.

To make the holly-leaf cookies he serves with the crème brulée, Carman cuts a stencil from cardboard. After the cookies bake for seven or eight minutes—until "they're a nice nut brown"—he removes them from the baking sheet and lets them cool a bit. He lays his stencil on each cookie and cuts the leaves out with a sharp knife.

"Depending on the theme of the party, the cookies can be cut in many different shapes," Carman says. "For Halloween you could leave the cookie round and put lines on it to make a pumpkin and add a little stem."

Carman recommends that cooks experiment before making a complicated dessert to serve guests. "The little cookie mix would probably make about 10 or 12 cookies. You could play with a couple first before you get down to the real show," he says. "And the crème brulée, I think most people can pull that off if they've tried it one time."

Carman is gearing up for the holidays at the Atlantis. He doesn't worry about what he's having for Christmas at home, however, as his family cooks dinner for him. "I just enjoy the home-cooked food," he says, "and I never complain."

Joyce Hollister is Nevada Magazine's *associate editor.*



A Holiday Dessert

Tim Carman, the Atlantis' executive pastry chef, devised the following recipe for **Pumpkin Crème Brulée With Brandy Snaps and Kumquat Red Currant Coulis** (above). He recommends using crystal sugar instead of fine sugar for the caramelized top. He says fine sugar tends to melt into the custard, while the crystals provide better coverage.

Pumpkin Crème Brulée

1/4 cup pumpkin meat, fresh or canned
2 egg yolks
3 whole eggs
1/3 cup sugar
1 pint heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
Crystal sugar for caramelizing

Mix the yolks, whole eggs, and pumpkin meat with a hand whisk. Add the sugar, vanilla, and heavy cream. Mix gently until smooth with no lumps. Pour into 6- or 8-ounce bouillon cups. Place the filled cups in 1/2 inch of water in an oven-safe casserole dish and cover with foil. Bake at 300 degrees for about 45 minutes. Cool.

Brandy Snaps

1/2 cup salted butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1 cup sifted cake flour
Pinch of ground ginger or 1/2 teaspoon fresh ginger
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a saucepan over gentle heat, warm the butter, sugar, molasses, ginger, lemon, and vanilla. When all is a smooth syrup, stir in the sifted cake flour. With a tablespoon, drop the batter 6 inches apart on a greased or papered sheet pan. Bake 7 to 8 minutes at 325 degrees. Cut and form cookies while warm.

Kumquat Red Currant Coulis

Juice of one freshly squeezed orange
4 puréed kumquats (fresh or canned)
1/3 cup sugar
Pinch of nutmeg
2 tablespoons crème de cassis
2 tablespoons fresh or freeze-dried currants

Simmer all ingredients on gentle heat until reduced by half.

Presentation

Place one or two cookies and a splash of coulis on a dessert plate. With a sharp knife gently loosen each custard from its pot and turn it upside down on the plate. Sprinkle the top with crystal sugar and caramelize it with a torch. Drizzle with more coulis if desired.

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Austin's Little Christmas Burro

Living nativity scene celebrates its 10th year.

For a decade Nikki has played an important role in Austin's community Christmas pageant. Before that, she performed in a living-nativity scene in Las Vegas. But what makes her story special is that Nikki is a burro—and she was born on Christmas Day.

"We adopted her mother, a little donkey, from the BLM in Las Vegas," says owner Patsy Waits. Then Nikki was born, and Waits wanted the burro to perform in her Las Vegas church's nativity scene. "My husband said, 'What are we going to do with a baby donkey?' I said, 'She's going to carry Mary.'"



Shannon Gibney, who plays an angel, and Nikki the burro prepare for Austin's holiday pageant, "A Live Nativity."

Waits and her family—and Nikki—moved to Austin in 1991. In 1996, they joined the inaugural Austin Christmas pageant committee. The community will celebrate the 10th anniversary of "A Live Nativity" on Tuesday, December 13, in the parking lot of the Rural Health Clinic in the center of Austin, where the Young Brothers and Washington Creek ranches build a hay-bale stable.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Nikki brings Mary to the scene, angels sing on the hilltops, and shepherds arrive with their sheep. The Three Wise Men journey down from the hills on their camels, which kneel for the Magi to dismount. The more than 50 people and assorted farm animals in the pageant are local—except the camels. They're rented from a ranch in Stagecoach.

"When the camels come down off the hills, the sheriff closes Highway 50," Waits says. "A script is written and people audition, so it's a whole community event. We always have a live chorus. It is so much fun."

If you're passing through Austin on December 13, you're invited to watch Nikki and the other pageant participants, stay for refreshments, and wish Nikki a happy birthday.—*Joyce Hollister*

Nevada Trivia

Q What Nevada mining town was called the "Pittsburgh of the West" because of the heavy smoke belching out of its many smelters?

A Eureka earned this dubious distinction between 1869 and 1872, when 16 smelters were operating in the area.

Q Which of the following can you **not** bet on in Nevada? a) University of Nevada sporting events; b) The Las Vegas 51s professional baseball team; c) Presidential elections; d) All of the above.

A The correct answer is "d."

Q How many slot machines are there in the Las Vegas area?

A Nearly 150,000—or about one slot machine for every nine people in Clark County.

—*from* The Nevada Trivia Book *by Richard Moreno*



NICE HAT A washtub serves as a hat for this snowman photographed in Austin by Larry Angier. Rusty cans form a belt, and spray-can lids are the eyes. With his flower-trellis arms the snowman appears to be waving madly.

Snowperson Photo Contest

Inspired by photographer Larry Angier's charming snowman (left), "Nevada Almanac" invites readers to enter the **Nevada Snowperson Photo Contest.** Send us your photos of Nevada snowpeople—either your own or a snowperson you have admired—and send them to Nevada Magazine, 401 North Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701 We prefer slides or sharp prints. You also can email high-resolution digital images (300 dpi at 5 inches wide) to jhollister@nevadamagazine.com. Be sure to include your hometown and where you photographed the snow person. We'll run the winning entries in a winter 2006 issue.

PHOTOS: Patsy Waits (top), Larry Angier (bottom)

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Fearless Fliers

Amazing acrobats and high-tech rigging take **Cirque du Soleil's "KÀ"** to new heights. **By Joyce Hollister**





The imperial twins struggle to reunite in "KÀ" (above). Top: The sister escapes in a boat.

A show filled with remarkable scenes, "KÀ" presents a battle like no other. Maneuvering inside a four-story performance space, one of the show's two decks rotates 360 degrees before standing vertical. The performers, suspended by winches they control with wireless remotes hidden in their costumes, appear to be striding on the deck. As a result, the audience has a bird's-eye view of the battle.

"KÀ," Cirque du Soleil's show at MGM Grand in Las Vegas, adroitly mixes 21st-century technology with amazing acrobatics—and it even has a story line. In the Montreal-based company's other productions, like "O" at Bellagio, "Mystère" at Treasure Island, and the topless "Zumanity" at New York-New York, acrobats perform in unrelated acts, but "KÀ," the company's fourth Las Vegas show, is the first one with a plot. According to the story, the imperial twins, a sister and a brother, become separated during an attack on their kingdom and embark on an epic search for each other.

The performers rehearsed relentlessly for nearly a year before "KÀ" opened last February. "The technology has become a part of us now because we've done it so much," acrobat Alvin Tam says. "The education process was quite long—I've been part of a show where we put it up in three days."

"What's exciting from an acrobat's standpoint **is there's constant risk.** It's the sheer physical element all the danger of the moving apparatus."



One of "KÀ's" forest people plays a drum. Behind her are two of the creatures that inhabit the show's fantastical forest scene.

Although the technology is stunning, the performers are the stars. Eighty members of the international cast do 10 strenuous shows a week. Acrobats climb 60 feet and dive onto air bags hidden below stage. They leap from pillar to pillar, jump from swinging poles, hang from bungees, and fly over the audience.

"What's exciting from an acrobat's standpoint is there's constant risk," says Tam. "It's the sheer physical element, the heights, the skill levels of the acrobats, all the danger of the moving apparatus." Tam, who plays a spearman and a forest dweller, also understudies for several character parts in the show.

Guy Caron, "KÀ's" director of creation, chose performers for their ability to work as a team, critical in scenes where the acrobats fly back and forth. In their off hours, cast members often gather to learn each other's languages and cultures. Tam says, "Of all the casts I've worked with, this is probably the cast with the highest degree of compatibility."

The show's title comes from the Egyptian *ka,* a dual spirit that the ancients believed accompanied you in the afterlife. The costumes are a flamboyant amalgam of Chinese royal regalia and martial-arts garb with a dash of Italian Renaissance. The spearmen sport tattoos embedded in their body suits. For each performance, it takes the performers 45 minutes to two hours to apply their makeup alone.

Although there is no dialogue, you can follow the story easily, and moments of broad comedy will make you laugh. After the twin sister and her nursemaid and valets flee their pursuers by climbing a cliff, they encounter members of a mountain tribe trying to cook a rubber fish. After a vaudeville-style popping-in-and-out-of-a-tent routine, the nursemaid breathes fire on the fish, effectively grilling the main dish for dinner.

What happens next is one of "KÀ's" many surprises. The mountain people's tent unfolds into a man-powered flying machine and circles over the audience, the twin sister dangling 50 feet in the air.

After many adventures, the twin brother and sister reunite, and the great vertical battle begins when the fighters suddenly drop onstage.

"The audience doesn't expect it," says Tam, who plays one of the swooping fighters. "I actually have made a few girls scream."

Show Notes

"KÀ" performs at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (dark November 13-16) in the MGM Grand's KÀ Theatre in Las Vegas. Tickets cost $99, $125, and $150. Call 877-880-0880 or visit www.ka.com or any MGM Mirage box office. Reservations can be made four months in advance.

Joyce Hollister is Nevada Magazine's *associate editor.*

Amazing "KÀ" Facts

The 1,950-seat KÀ Theatre, formerly the performance space for "EFX," cost $165 million to build.

- Instead of a single stage, there are two platforms. The Sand Cliff Deck measures 25 by 50 feet and weighs 80,000 pounds. It can tilt from flat to 110 degrees and rotate 360 degrees at the same time. The 30-by-30-foot Tatami Deck weighs between 75,000 and 100,000 pounds and can slide forward 50 feet.
- For "KÀ's" seashore scene, 350 cubic feet of granular cork from Portugal creates a sandy beach.
- Archers shoot more than 110 arrows during each performance.
- Every seat in the theater has two speakers built into its headrest.
- Seventy specialists worked more than 35,000 hours to produce the first group of "KÀ" costumes.
- Before the show, 120 fireballs are discharged.
- The lighting system uses 2.2 million watts of power if all the lights are on at once.



Fighters prepare to do battle on the vertical stage.

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AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

Cowboys invade Las Vegas this winter for the **National Finals Rodeo** and **Professional Bull Riders World Finals**, and triathletes go the distance in the inaugural **Nevada Silverman** at Lake Mead and Henderson. Hotels welcome the season with holiday decorations and New Year's Eve parties. The **Rolling Stones** and **Paul McCartney** perform at the MGM Grand, and **Jerry Seinfeld** plays Caesars Palace. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following Las Vegas-area events and shows for November and December. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and details.

Events

Life in Death: The Day of the Dead • Nov. 1-2 • Festival based on the Mexican holiday features life-size memorial altars built for deceased relatives and friends, performances, crafts, poetry readings, food, dance, music, and workshops. Event includes concerts by Mariachi Colima (Nov. 1) and Mariachi Plata (Nov. 2). Winchester Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

Last Shot Tournament • Nov. 1-4 • Slot, video poker, keno, and blackjack. Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849, ext. 5984.

Professional Bull Riders World Finals • Nov. 3-6 • Thomas and Mack Center. Preliminary events at Mandalay Bay, Oct. 28-30. Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

PSCA Street Car Nationals • Nov. 4-6 • Drag racing. The Strip at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

"London Suite" • Nov. 4-20 • Neil Simon comedy. Las Vegas Little Theatre, Las Vegas, 702-362-7996.

Strut Your Mutt: Las Vegas Style • Nov. 5 • Fashion shows, pet adoptions, and competitions. Dog Fancier's Park, Las Vegas, 702-455-8264.

Native American Festival • Nov. 5 • Dance, artisan demonstrations, films, children's activities, food, and crafts. Performances by Hopi, Navajo, Choctaw, Zuni, and Apache dancers. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3459.

American Lung Association Asthma Walk • Nov. 5 • Open to individuals and teams. McDermitt Center, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-431-6333.

Art Shows International • Nov. 5 • Display and sale. Henderson Convention Center, Henderson, 602-485-5200.

Veteran's Day Parade • Nov. 5 • Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, 702-346-3268.

Quintessence • Nov. 6 • Jazz concert. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Lulu LaFever • Nov. 6 • Jazz and blues concert. Black Mountain Recreation Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Shonto Begay • Nov. 8-9 • Native American author and illustrator will talk about his books at the Las Vegas Library, West Las Vegas Library, Moapa Town Library, and the Spring Valley Library. Call for times, 702-507-3459.

Hobo Stew • Nov. 9 • Dinner and dance fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Riverside, Laughlin, 800-227-3849, ext. 5984.

Modern Mandolin Musical Quartet • Nov. 9 • Concert. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 702-346-ARTS.

An Evening with Marta Beckett • Nov. 9 • Renowned desert dancer. Clark County Library, Las Vegas, 702-507-3459.



Nevada Ballet Theatre performs "The Nutcracker" December 15-29 at UNLV. In Laughlin, the Anaheim Ballet presents the holiday favorite December 22-23 at the Riverside Resort.

Pinnacle Exceptional Driver Championship • Nov. 10-12 • Amateur golfers from 128 locations in North America compete in the PEDC Finals. Laughlin Ranch Golf Course, Bullhead City/Laughlin, 702-298-3022.

Operation Welcome Home at Aviation Nation/Nellis Air Force Base Air Show • Nov. 10-12 • Air show kicks off the year-long national celebration observing the end of the Vietnam War and honoring the veterans who served. Air races and civilian and military demonstrations, and displays of modern and historic aircraft. Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, 702-229-2005 or www.nellisairshow.com.

Las Vegas Odyssey 2005 • Nov. 10-13 • Food, wine, and arts festival. Charity event includes celebrity chefs, live auction, cooking demo, and golf tournament. On Nov. 13 there will be blues bands, wine and beer tastings, and barbecue provided by Commander's Palace and the CrabBroker. Various locations, Las Vegas, 702-257-2345.

Mountain Man Rendezvous • Nov. 10-13 • Living-history event features primitive camps and tomahawk, knife, and lance throwing, archery, black powder, and blacksmithing demonstrations. Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 13 miles west of Las Vegas, 702-875-4141 for information.

Felix Cavaliere's Rascals • Nov. 11 • Free concert. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5723.

Veterans Day Parade and Operation Welcome Home • Nov. 11-13 • Tribute to Vietnam veterans. Operation Welcome Home also is the theme for the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. More than 100 entries are expected for the 35th annual event. Downtown Las Vegas, 702-736-6446. The Guess Who performs a free concert. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5723.

Coin and Stamp Expo • Nov. 11-13 • River Palms, Laughlin, 818-997-6496.

"The Foreigner" • Nov. 11-13, 16-19 • Comedy. Black Box Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge • Nov. 11-15 • Players from the PGA, LPG, and Champions tours compete for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption on Nov. 15. SouthShore Golf Club, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-992-7347.

Living History: O.D. Gass • Nov. 12 • Presentation about early Las Vegas pioneer. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.



The UNLV Runnin' Rebels play home games against Utah, BYU, Texas Tech, and the UNR Wolf Pack. Above, UNLV's Louis Amundson shoots over National Player of the Year Andrew Bogut of Utah.

World Music Series • Nov. 12 • Concert features tango music. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Military Appreciation Ball • Nov. 12 • Gene White's Big Band plays for the formal dress event. East Las Vegas Community Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1519.

Blue Diamond to Jean Mountain Bike Ride • Nov. 12 • 33-mile non-competitive ride includes single and double-track trails. Blue Diamond, 702-228-4076.

Learn to Cook With Nambé • Nov. 12 • Chef de Cuisine Eduardo Perez from Spago's Restaurant teaches fine dining techniques. Spago's, Las Vegas, 702-369-0360.

Calvin Brooks Quintet • Nov. 13 • Motown to jazz. Whitney Ranch Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Nevada Silverman Full-Distance Triathlon • Nov. 13 • 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run. Lake Mead and Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-2171, 877-775-5252.

Slot Tournaments I • Nov. 13-15 and Nov. 17-19 • $20,000 first place. Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-634-6441, ext. 2.

Casablanca Slot Tournament • Nov. 13-16 • Entry fee $99. Flamingo Las Vegas, 800-225-4882.

Native American Dance and Music • Nov. 14-16 • World champion hoop and fancy dancer Derrick Suwaima Davis and drummer Eldred Matt will present a family program. Sahara West Library, West Las Vegas Library, West Charleston Library, Whitney Library, Sunrise Library, and Clark County Library, Las Vegas. Call for times, 702-507-3459.

Festival of Trees • Nov. 15-19 • Decorated trees for sale, crafts, refreshments, and entertainment. Virgin River Convention Center, Mesquite, 702-346-ARTS.

Laughlin Team Roping 2005 Finals • Nov. 17-20 • Laughlin Events Center Arena, Laughlin, 505-899-1870.

The Comedy Festival • Nov. 17-20 • More than 50 performances, events, and screenings in nine different venues. Caesars Palace and Flamingo Las Vegas, Las Vegas, for information www.thecomedyfestival.com.

North American Winner 2005 International Dog Show • Nov. 17-20 • Professional breeders, dog lovers, and families can view nearly 5,000 dogs from more than 360 breeds. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, 702-324-0779.

Learn to Cook With Nambé • Nov. 19 • Chef de Cuisine Eduardo Perez from Spago's Restaurant teaches fine dining techniques. Spago's Restaurant, Las Vegas, 702-369-0360.

Mexican Revolution Celebration • Nov. 19 • Fiesta celebrates Mexican traditions. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Valley of Fire Marathon • Nov. 19 • Marathon, half-marathon, and 10K race follow a challenging course through Valley of Fire State Park. Overton, 702-397-2951.

United Association of Michoacan of Nevada • Nov. 19 • Folk dance and song celebrates the Mexican Revolution. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Soldiers of the Old Fort • Nov. 19 • Demonstration on Dutch oven cooking and a living-history presentation, "The Ordnance Sergeant and His Role in the Army." Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Fantastic Philharmonic: Themes and Variations • Nov. 19 • Las Vegas Philharmonic concert features violinist Jennifer Frautschi and the world premiere of George Walker's commissioned work to celebrate the Las Vegas Centennial. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

Holiday Havoc with Audio Slave and Stained • Nov. 19 • Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Kirill Gliadkovsky • Nov. 20 • Piano concert. Black Mountain Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Nevada Jazz Orchestra • Nov. 22 • Las Vegas Jazz Society concert. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Las Vegas Bracket Nationals IV Drag Racing • Nov. 24-27 • Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

2006 Model Motor Trend International Auto Show • Nov. 25-27 • Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, www.motortrendautoshows.com.

Downtown Hoedown • Dec. 1 • Free show by country singers Joe Diffie and Neal McCoy. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5723.

Golf Tournament at Mojave Resort Golf Course • Dec. 1-3 • $26,000 prize based on a minimum of 120 golfers. Colorado Belle, Laughlin, 877-480-2747.

Henderson's Terrible 400 Desert Race • Dec. 1-4 • Cars, trucks, buggies, motorcycles, and ATVs race off-road in the Best in the Desert event. Henderson, 702-267-2171, 877-775-5252.

Cowboy Christmas Gift Show • Dec. 1-10 • Elaborate holiday show offers unique gifts, entertainment, food, and vendors. Held in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, 702-260-8605.

Liberace Museum's Gold Lamé Christmas • Dec. 1-13 • Tree-lighting on Dec. 1, choirs, Santa dressed in Liberace's flashy suit, piano performance by Wes Winters, and a piano-organ concert. Liberace Museum, Las Vegas, 702-798-5595, ext. 13.

Christmas Tree Lighting • Dec. 2 • Music and holiday festivities. Frank Crowe Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

First Friday in the Arts District • Dec. 2 • Cultural block party. Main St. and Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, 702-229-5431.

Blackjack Tournament • Dec. 2-4 • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 800-634-6441.

"Carnival!" • Dec. 2-4, 8-11 • Musical love story about a man who can only speak through his puppets. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"Miss Nelson Is Missing" • Dec. 2-4, 9-11 • Musical about a teacher's plot to make her students behave. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Wrangler National Finals Rodeo • Dec. 2-11 • The year's top contestants in each event compete in steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, and bareback, saddle-bronc, and bull riding for gold buckles, saddles, and more than $4.9 million in prize money. If events are sold out, hotels provide closed-circuit coverage. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

World Music Series • Dec. 3 • Concert with Ecuadorian musician Duchicela. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 704-455-7340.

Christmas Parade • Dec. 3 • Parade at 4:30pm and photos with Santa. Nevada Way and Colorado St., Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

An Evening with Betty Buckley • Dec. 3 • Broadway singer performs show tunes and holiday classics. Artemus Ham Hall,



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Lost City Museum Holiday Open House • Dec. 3 • Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 3 • Parade of more than 60 decorated boats. Lake Mead between Lake Mead Marina and Hemenway Harbor, Boulder City, 702-294-2883.

Boulder City Winter Art Festival • Dec. 3-4 • Show by 40 artists. Boulder Creek Golf Club, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Santa Train • Dec. 3-4 • Nevada Southern Railway, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, 702-486-5933.

WinterFest • Dec. 3-18 • Tree lighting, Santa, entertainment, crafts show, and a Winter Wonderland on Dec. 10. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Emanuel Ax • Dec. 6 • Pianist performs with clarinetist Richard Stolzman. Ham Hall, UNLV, 702-895-ARTS.

Sounds of the Season • Dec. 6 • Concert by Henderson Civic Symphony. Valley View Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Fremont Street Experience Holiday Festival • Dec. 6-17 • Event kicks off with the lighting of a 50-foot-tall holiday tree on Dec. 6 and continues with a Western-themed show featuring singing, dancing, and downhome C&W music. The free show will run three times nightly during the week and four times on the weekend. Santa and his cowgirls will be there for photo opportunities. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

"Messiah" • Dec. 7 • Handel's work is performed by the Southwest Symphony and Chorale. Virgin Valley High School, Mesquite, 702-346-ARTS.

Ramada Express International Car Rally • Dec. 8-11 • Eighth annual event features tech inspections and the chance to buy a rally ride for charity during Sunday's Superstage. Event includes a two-day GPS-guided mystery tour, which has $15,000 in prizes. Registration deadline is Nov. 18. Laughlin, 800-243-6846.

Holiday Trains Around the Tree • Dec. 9-11 • Exhibit of working model trains and decorated full-size locomotive and historic homes. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 455-7955.

Old Time Christmas Decorations • Dec. 10 • Take home your creations. Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, Las Vegas, 702-486-3511.

Home Town Holiday Carnival • Dec. 10 • Caroling, hayrides, Santa. Recreation Center Park, Mesquite, 702-346-8732.

Winterfest Craft Fair • Dec. 10 • Handmade items. Henderson Pavilion, Henderson, 702-267-4070.

"Jungle All the Way: An Animal Band Christmas" • Dec. 10 • For children. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Second Saturday in the Cultural Corridor • Dec. 10 • Free trolley service to visit the Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Neon Museum boneyard, Reed Whipple Cultural Center, the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park, and POST Modern. Las Vegas Blvd. North at Cashman Center Dr., Las Vegas, 702-229-5431.

"The Gathering" • Dec. 10 • Music, dance, and cultural discussions. West Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Tenor Madness • Dec. 11 • Las Vegas Jazz Society concert. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

A Holiday Celebration • Dec. 11 • Las Vegas Philharmonic concert features a new Hanukkah work by Las Vegas composer Bernard Baskin, the University Children's Chorale, and the Las Vegas Master Singers. Artemus Ham Hall, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

"The Nutcracker" • Dec. 15-29 • Nevada Ballet Theatre presentation of the holiday classic. Judy Bayley Theatre, UNLV, Las Vegas, 702-895-ARTS.

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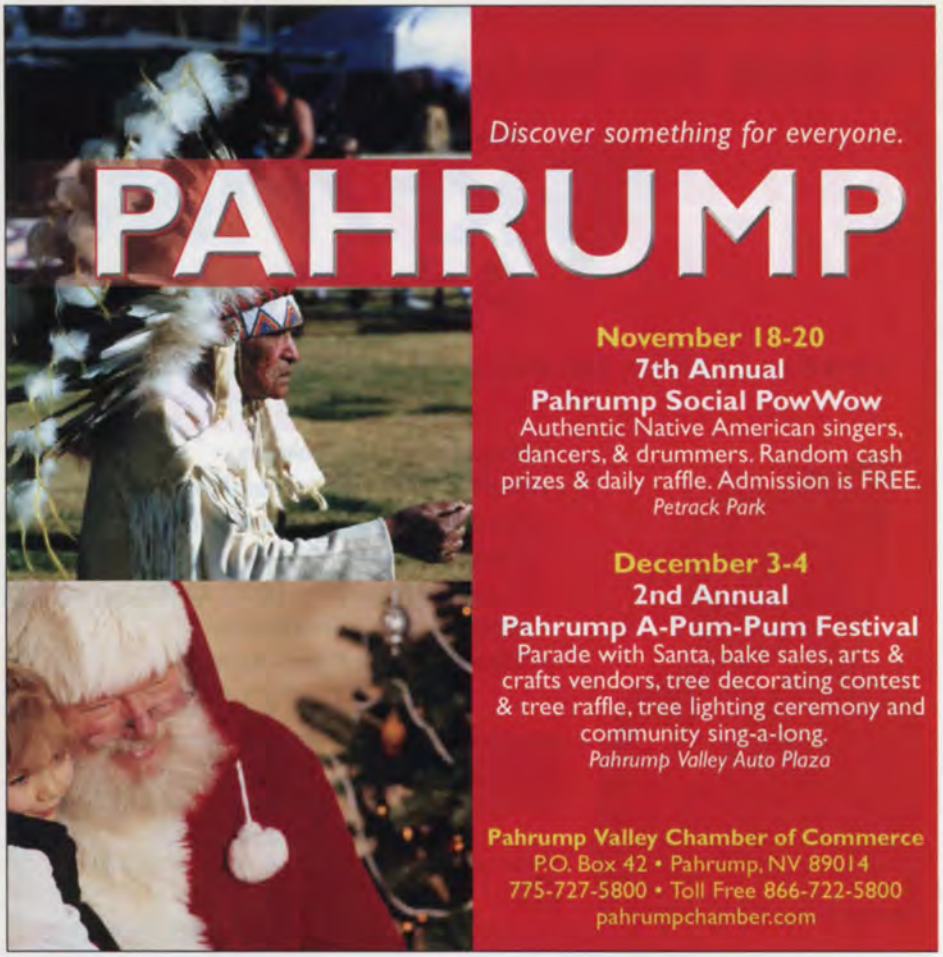
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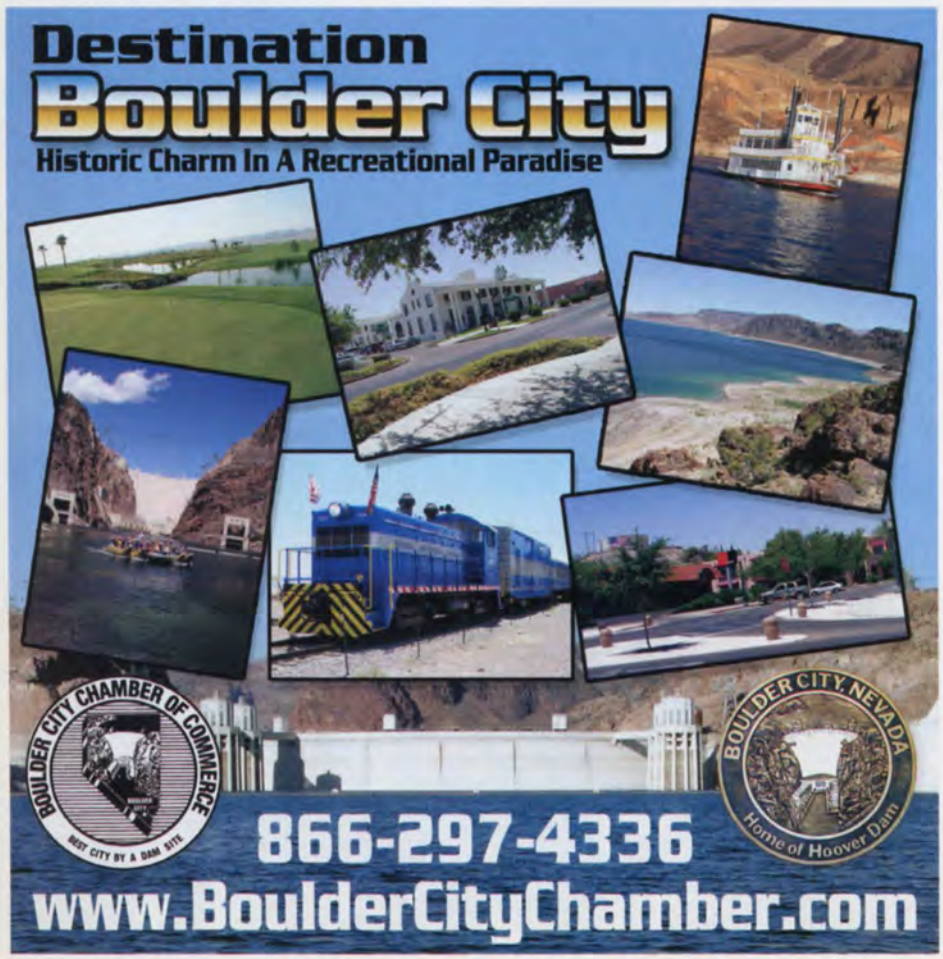
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concert. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Coin and Stamp Expo • Dec. 16-18 • Circus Circus, Las Vegas, 818-997-6496.

"Santa's Flying Standby" Barbershop Quartet Concert • Dec. 17 • Guests include City of Lights Chorus, and Shenanigans, Rumble Seat Daze, and Sweet Adeline quartets. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Kwanzaa Workshop • Dec. 17 • Learn the history, symbols, and ceremony of the African-American celebration. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Las Posadas • Dec. 17 • Traditional Hispanic holiday celebration. East Las Vegas Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-1515.

Old Time Barn Dance • Dec. 17 • Square, mixers, contras, waltzes, and polkas. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6383.

Las Vegas Wind Quintet • Dec. 18 • Holiday concert. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Luminaria • Dec. 18 • Music and program at the gazebo. Bicentennial Park, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Pioneer PureVision Las Vegas Bowl • Dec. 22 • Annual holiday football game features teams from the Pac-10 and Mountain West conferences. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-732-3912.

Christmas in the Barrio • Dec. 24 • Toys and refreshments for kids one to 10. Escobedo Plaza, Las Vegas, 702-444-4526.

Kwanzaa: Instruments of Purpose • Dec. 30 • First Frederick Douglass youth oratory program. West Las Vegas Library, Las Vegas, 702-229-4800.

Las Vegas Philharmonic New Year's Eve Ball Weekend Getaway • Dec. 30-31 • Black-tie affair includes room, champagne reception, golf, jewelry show, cocktail party, dinner, Viennese waltzes played by the Las Vegas Philharmonic Salon Orchestra, dancing to Walt Boenig's big-band orchestra, and fireworks, $1,200 per couple. Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 800-241-3333.

New Year's Eve at the Fremont Street Experience • Dec. 31 • Cheap Trick, Gin Blossoms, and Spin Doctors, plus countdown and New Year's Eve light and sound show. Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

First Night • Dec. 31 • Nonalcoholic celebration of the arts. Historic Old Town, Boulder City, 702-293-2034.

Ongoing Events

Rock Art Tours • Second Sat. of the month thru May • Guided tours by the Nevada Rock Art Foundation to view ancient petroglyphs. Free tour includes an optional stop at the Lost City Museum in Overton, which has a $2 admission. Valley of Fire State Park, 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas via I-15. Reservations required, 702-804-6723.

Historic Nevada Southern Railway Train Rides • Weekends • Seven-mile round trip lasts 45 minutes aboard 1911-era Pullman coaches. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City, 702-486-5933.

Free Concerts • Tues.-Sat. • Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas, 702-678-5777.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Imperial Palace, Las Vegas, 702-744-3261.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, 702-385-7111.

Poker Tournaments • Daily • Binion's, Las Vegas, 702-382-1600.

CasaBlanca Gaming Tournaments • Keno on Wed. and Sat. Slots on Sun. CasaBlanca, Mesquite, 800-459-PLAY.

Oasis Gaming Tournaments • Keno on Mon., Fri., and Sun. Blackjack on Mon. Slots on Thurs. No limit hold 'em on



The Magical Forest Holiday Park lights up Opportunity Village November 20-December 29.

Sun. Pizza and poker on Wed. Early Bird Poker Shootout on Mon.-Fri. Bad Beat progressive jackpot poker on Wed. and Sun. Oasis, Mesquite, 800-21-OASIS.

Virgin River Gaming Tournaments • Slots on Tues. and Thurs. Blackjack on Fri. Keno on Tues. and Thurs. Virgin River, Mesquite, 800-346-7721.

Fond Memories • Thru Nov. 4 • Bill Ruth's oil landscapes. Multigenerational Center, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Cynthia Hurley • Thru Nov. 13 • Oil paintings. Charleston Heights Center, Las Vegas, 702-229-4674.

Dottie Burton and Stewart Freshwater Exhibition • Thru Nov. 18 • Drawings and paintings. Left of Center Gallery, Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

Sombra-K.D. Matheson Exhibition • Thru Nov. 25 • Mixed-media sculpture. Clark County Government Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-8239.

Keepers of the Flame • Thru Nov. 27 • Centennial celebration exhibit presents an alternative history of Las Vegas. Reed Whipple Center, Las Vegas, 702-647-7378.

Nevada Theatre Company • Thru Nov. • Two touring plays: "Three Ways Home: Nevada Becomes a State" and another centennial presentation about the birth of Las Vegas. Call for dates and locations, Las Vegas, 702-873-0191.

Believe in Magic • Thru Dec. 24. Appearances by Santa, Las Vegas performers, music, 35-foot Christmas tree, and artificial snowfall. Performances Thurs.-Sun. at 1, 3, 5, and 7pm from Nov. 25-Dec. 18 and daily from Dec. 19-24. Fashion Show Mall, Las Vegas, 702-369-0704.

More: Michael Reafsnyder Painting and Sculpture, 2002-2005 • Thru Dec. 31 • Contemporary artist. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Francoise Gilot Retrospective • Thru Dec. 31 • Art exhibition. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Your House, My House: Su Casa, Mi Casa • Thru Dec. 31 • Bilingual children's exhibition about houses. Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas, 702-382-3445.

Fall Art Roundup • Thru Dec. 31 • Juried exhibition. Las Vegas Art Museum, Las Vegas, 702-360-8000.

Karen Beardsly and Lucil Carstensen Exhibition • Thru Dec. • Featured artists. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Lucky 13 Exhibition • Thru Dec. • Competition entries must be no larger than 13x13 inches. Mesquite Fine Arts Center and Gallery, Mesquite, www.mesquitefineartscenter.com.

Las Vegas Lives! 100 Years of Photographs • Thru Dec. • Centennial exhibit. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Las Vegas Aerial Gallery • Thru Dec. • 50 outdoor banners featuring centennial icons are displayed on Las Vegas Blvd. from Charleston to Mesquite. Las Vegas, 702-229-5431.

Whistle Stop to Windfall: 100 Years in Las Vegas • Thru Jan. 2, 2006 • Exhibit traces the story of what made Las Vegas unique, its changing face (from tent houses to casinos),



Going the Distance

Triathletes compete in the first **Nevada Silverman** triathlon





Nevada Silverman competitors will start by swimming 2.4 miles in Lake Mead. Then they'll pedal 112 miles along the lake and into Henderson, ready to face the event's last challenge, a 26.2-mile run.

Three years ago new Henderson resident and avid triathlete Frank Lowery was driving in the hills near Lake Mead. Impressed by the wide-open spaces, he wondered what it would be like to see the area from a bicycle. Lowery rushed home, hopped on his bike, and toured what is now the biker's portion of the **Nevada Silverman** triathlon course.

On November 13 an estimated 300 to 500 competitors will follow the path set by Lowery, the organizer of the first Nevada Silverman. At dawn swimmers will dive into Lake Mead at Hemenway Harbor for the first leg of the event, one of 15 full-distance triathlons held in the U.S. this year. As a full-distance triathlon the Nevada Silverman includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run.

After their swim, the athletes will strip off their wetsuits for a road-bike ride on Lakeshore Scenic Drive and Northshore Road. Leaving Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the racers will pedal to the Henderson Multigenerational Center. There they will begin running the marathon portion on a two-loop, 13.1-mile course through Henderson.

Unlike many full-distance triathlons, there are no qualifying events to determine who shall race. Competitors can register at the Henderson Convention Center on November 10-11 and load up on carbs at the pasta dinner Friday night.

Athletes who don't want to compete in the entire event can enter the Silverman Relay and race in one leg of the triathlon. Competitors will pass their ankle-chip timers to the next team member at transfer depots.

Spectators can watch the swimmers from the *Desert Princess* paddlewheeler and wait for the bikers and runners to appear along the course in Henderson. Visitors can peruse a variety of athletic products at the Silver Strip Expo, which will be held November 10-14 at the Henderson Multigenerational Center.



Event Details: The Nevada Silverman triathlon will begin at 7 a.m. November 13 at Hemenway Harbor on Lake Mead. The 2.4-mile swim must be completed by 9:20 a.m. and the 112-mile bike portion by 5:30 p.m. Runners must finish by midnight. Triathletes of all levels of ability are welcome to enter. Call 877-775-5252 or visit www.silvermannv.com or www.visithenderson.com for more information.—*Trish Gumina*

residents, and colorful characters. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

The 24-Hour Show: Making a Living in Las Vegas • Thru Jan. 2006 • Multimedia exhibit explores the lives of casino and entertainment workers. Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Las Vegas, 702-486-5205.

Wild About Alaska • Nov. 1-30 • Arts, crafts, food, culture, and dance. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 866-399-2753.

Featured Artist: Charlotte Lang • Nov. 1-30 • Watercolors. Lost City Museum, Overton, 702-397-2193.

Jane Marquez Exhibition • Nov. 1-Jan. 28 • Pastels and acrylics. Boulder Dam Hotel, Boulder City, 702-293-2138.

Drag Racing Events • Nov. 4-6, 12-13, 24-27, Dec. 2-3 • The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, 702-632-8213.

UNLV Football • The UNLV Rebels play Nov. 5 vs. BYU, Nov. 19 vs. Colorado State. Sam Boyd Stadium, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS for additional UNLV sports information.

UNLV Men's Basketball • The Runnin' Rebels play Nov. 8 vs. Washburn, Nov. 12 vs. Bryant College, Nov. 18 vs. Long Beach State, Nov. 22 vs. Hawaii, Nov. 26 vs. University of Nevada, Reno, Dec. 17 vs. Texas Tech (Las Vegas Showdown tournament, which also includes Virginia Tech vs. Stanford), Dec. 20 vs. Houston, Dec. 22 vs. Pepperdine, Dec. 29 vs. Loyola Marymount, Dec. 31 vs. Southern Utah, Jan. 11 vs. BYU, Jan. 18 vs. Colorado State, Jan. 25 vs. Air Force, Jan. 28 vs. New Mexico, Feb. 4 vs. Wyoming, Feb. 16 vs. San Diego State, Feb. 22 vs. Utah, March 4 vs. TCU. Thomas and Mack Center, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS

Las Vegas Wranglers • The ECHL hockey team plays Nov. 8 vs. Fresno Falcons, Nov. 11-12 vs. Bakersfield Condors, Nov. 25 vs. Stockton Thunder, Nov. 26 vs. Victoria Salmon Kings, Nov. 29 vs. Johnston Chiefs, Dec. 2-3 vs. Idaho Steelheads, Dec. 6 vs. Johnston Chiefs, Dec. 19, 21 vs. Long Beach Ice Dogs, Dec. 27 vs. San Diego Gulls, Dec. 30 vs. Utah Grizzlies, Jan. 3 vs. Reading Royals, Jan. 6 vs. Phoenix Roadrunners, Jan. 7 vs. Stockton Thunder, Jan. 10 vs. San Diego Gulls, Jan. 13 vs. Fresno Falcons, Jan. 14 vs. Phoenix Roadrunners. Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 702-471-7825.

Gift of Lights • Nov. 11-Jan. 1 • Seven million lights will be displayed in the fifth annual drive-thru holiday festival. Sunset Park, Las Vegas, 702-451-0344.

UNLV Women's Basketball • The Lady Rebels play Nov. 12 vs. Grand Canyon, Nov. 14 vs. Melbourne Roos, Dec. 29 vs. Troy, Dec. 31 vs. Lamar, Jan. 5 vs. Wyoming, Jan. 14 vs. San Diego State, Jan. 21 vs. Utah, Feb. 2 vs. TCU, Feb. 11 vs. BYU, Feb. 18 vs. Colorado State, Feb. 25 vs. Air Force, March 2 vs. New Mexico. Lady Rebels Shootout tournament on Nov. 25-26 features Chattanooga, Tennessee Tech, Stephen F. Austin, and UNLV. Duel in the Desert Lady Rebels tournament on Dec. 18 includes UNLV, Jackson

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State, Detroit, and Texas A&M. Cox Pavilion, Las Vegas, 702-739-FANS.

Blake Morrison Exhibition • Nov. 14-Dec. 30 • Oils of African wildlife. Gallery at Liberty Pointe, Henderson, 702-267-5819.

Beakman's World on Tour • Nov. 14-Feb. • Hands-on display for children has displays about the rain forest, outer space, dinosaurs, and the human body. Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Las Vegas, 702-384-3466.

Heritage Street Holidays • Nov. 15-Jan. 15 • Restored historic homes decorated in vintage trim from the 1920s-1950s. Tour includes a gift of period recipes. Clark County Museum, Henderson, 702-455-7955.

Chocolate Wonderland • Nov. 17-Jan. 2 • Ethel M Chocolates' annual lighting display of the cactus garden. Santa appears Fri.-Sat. evenings. Ethel M Chocolates, Henderson, 800-4-EthelM.



Kids learn about houses in the bilingual show Your House, My House: Su Casa, Mi Casa at the Lied Discovery Children's Museum.

Magical Forest Holiday Park • Nov. 20-Dec. 29 • Winter wonderland village decorated with trees and lights, has rides and Santa. Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, 702-880-4053.

Ice Skating at MonteLago Village • Nov. 20-Feb. 14 • Floating ice rink docked at the village shopping area. MonteLago Village, Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, 702-564-4766.

Celebration of Lights • Nov. 25-Jan. 1 • Holiday decorations are lit on Nov. 25. Ramada Express, Laughlin, 800-243-6846.

Teddy Bear Fantasy Suite • Dec. 9-22 • Display of more than 1,000 teddy bears and other animals in a holiday setting. Four Seasons Hotel, Las Vegas, 702-632-5000 for details.

The Western Addiction • Dec. 9-Jan. 6 • Paintings by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan examine the decline of the cowboy. Winchester Center, Las Vegas, 702-455-7340.

Coming Events

Laughlin Desert Challenge Off-Road Race • Jan. 12-15 • Laughlin, www.score-international.com.

"Snowshoes Across the Sierra" • Feb. 10-12 16-19 • Musical about Genoa's legendary 19th-century mail carrier, Snowshoe Thompson. Las Vegas, 702-229-6211.

Harlem Globetrotters • Feb. 15 • Las Vegas, 702-284-7777.

NASCAR Weekend • March 10-12 • Las Vegas, 702-644-4444.

Clark County Fair and Rodeo • April 6-9 • Logandale, 702-398-3247.

1006 MiniMotoSX • May 5 • Las Vegas, 702-284-7777.

Shows

BOULDER CITY

Hacienda • 702-293-5000 or 800-245-6380: Between Boulder City and Hoover Dam.

HENDERSON

Casino MonteLago at Lake Las Vegas • 702-564-4766.

Fiesta Henderson • 702-558-7000: Bands play in the Lava Lounge on Fri.-Sat.

Green Valley Ranch • 702-617-7777: Jazz Club: Entertainment Fri.-Sat. Grand Events Center: Smokey Robinson, Feb. 11. The District at Green Valley Ranch Outdoor Events, 702-564-8595: Celebrating the Arts, Nov. 5. Lamplight Carolers, Nov. 23-Dec.23, 5-9pm Fri.-Sat. Menorah lighting, Dec. 27.

Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-6181: Piano music and hors d'oeuvres, 6-9pm Fri.-Sun.

Joker's Wild • 702-564-8100: Free entertainment Fri.-Sat.



Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas • 702-567-4700: Firenze Lobby Lounge: Florentine Tea daily from 2:30-5pm.

Sunset Station • 702-547-7777: Club Madrid: Paula Poundstone, Nov. 11.

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Gold Strike Hotel • 702-477-5000 or 800-634-1359: Foreign Affair, Nov. 2-5. Tropic Starr, Nov. 9-12, 16-19. Jim and Noreen, Nov. 23-26, 30-Dec. 3. Cheryl Justice Band, Dec. 7-10. Quiet Storm, Dec. 14-17, 21-24. Cheryl Justice Band, Dec. 28-31.

Nevada Landing • 702-387-5000 or 800-628-6682: Laura Ash and Inferno, Nov. 1-5. Drew Baker, Nov. 8-12, 15-19. Tropic Starr, Nov. 22-26, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

LAS VEGAS

Aladdin • 702-785-5555 or 877-333-WISH: Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts: Eddie Money and Loverboy, Nov. 6. America and Little River Band, Nov. 19. Australian Pink Floyd, Nov. 20. Kelly Clarkson, Dec. 10. V Theatre at Desert Passage: Fab Four, 6pm, dark Fri. "V," variety show, 7:30 and 9pm. "X, adult revue, 10:30pm. Call 702-932-1818. Steve Wyrick Entertainment Complex: Steve Wyrick Magic Show and Triq Lounge open late Dec., early Jan. Entertainment in Sinbad's and Curve. Krave Nightclub: 702-836-0833: "The Fashionistas," adult musical, dark Sun. The Aladdin will become Planet Hollywood in late fall 2006.



Dwight Yoakam performs songs like "1,000 Miles" and "Floyd County" at the Mirage December 2-3.

Arizona Charlie's • 702-258-5200: Naughty Ladies Saloon: Randy Anderson, Nov. 16-26. Open-Rodeo, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, Dec. 6-10. Smooth, Dec. 13-17. Checkmates, Dec. 20-24. Greg Peterson, Dec. 27-Dec. 31. Karaoke 8:30pm-1:30am Mon. Jerry Tiffe plays 4-7pm Fri.

Arizona Charlie's East • 702-951-9000: Palace Grand Lounge: Greg Peterson, Nov. 1-13. Checkmates, Nov. 16-27. Randy Anderson, Nov. 29-Dec. 11. Perfect Choice, Dec. 13-18. Daemine, Dec. 20-25. Checkmates appear Dec. 27-Jan. 1.

Bally's • 702-739-4111 or 800-237-SHOW: Jubilee! Theater: "Jubilee!," dark Fri. Society of Seven with Lani Misalucha, 3pm Wed.-Thurs. and Sat.-Sun., 8pm Fri. Backstage Walking Tour at 2pm Mon., Wed., and Sat. Entertainment in the Indigo Lounge and Tequila Bar.

Barbary Coast • 702-737-7111: Barbary Coast Lounge: Pete Vallee as "Big Elvis," 3-6pm Tues.-Fri. Karaoke, 9pm-2:30am Mon. Bands like In-10-City perform Wed., Thurs., and Sun.

Beach Nightclub • 702-610-5237: "Laughs at the Beach," touring stand-up comedians, 8-10pm Thurs. and Sat.

Bellagio • 888-987-6667: Cirque du Soleil's "O," indf., dark Mon.-Tues. Entertainment in Light, Caramel, Petrossian, Baccarat, and Fontana lounges and bars.

Binion's • 702-382-1600: Benny's Bullpen: Music TBA.

Boardwalk Casino • 702-735-2400: Lighthouse Lounge: Spectrum, Motown sound, indf., dark Mon. Purple Reign, a tribute to Prince, Tues.-Sat. Soul Food, Sun.-Mon.

Boulder Station • 702-432-7777 or 800-683-7777: The Railhead: John Corbett, Nov. 4-5. David Allen Coe, Nov. 11. Diane Schuur, Nov. 12. Don Williams, Nov. 19. Night Ranger, Dec. 3. Craig Morgan, Dec. 5. Tracy Lawrence, Dec. 9-10. B.J. Thomas, Jan. 21. Strunz and Farah, Jan. 28. Gary Puckett, Feb. 20. Jerry Tiffe plays 2-4pm Thurs. KIXX: Shooting Stars Karaoke, Thurs.-Sat.

Bourbon Street • 702-737-7200: Big Easy Showroom: "Hypnolarius," 9pm, Wed.-Sun. "Hynolarious Gone Wild," 11pm nightly.

Caesars Palace • 702-731-7333 or 800-445-4544: The Colosseum Showroom: Brooks and Dunn, Dec. 10. Sam Hui, Dec. 17. Leehorn, Dec. 25. Jerry Seinfeld, Dec. 26-27. Celine Dion stars in "A New Day..., Nov. 2-6, 9-13, 23-27, 30, Dec. 1-4, 28-31 (call 877-4-CELINE). "The Red Piano" starring Elton John, dates TBA (888-4-ELTONJ). Entertainment in the Shadow Bar, Café Lago Restaurant, Terrazza Lounge, Cleopatra's Barge Nightclub, and Galleria Bar.

Circus Circus • 702-734-0410 or 800-444-CIRCUS: Free circus acts 11am-11pm weekdays, 11am-midnight on weekends. Adventuredome Theme Park, 12pm-6pm.

Excalibur Hotel • 702-597-7600: King Arthur's Arena: "Tournament of Kings, jousting-dinner show. Merlin's Theater: "Thunder From Down Under," all-male revue nightly except Thurs. Minstrels Lounge: Live bands.

Fitzgeralds • 702-388-2400 or 800-274-LUCK (U.S. outside Nevada): Fitzgeralds Main Showroom: "The Rockin' Ass Show," starring Steve Connolly, Spirit of the King, 7pm, Thurs.-Mon., $19.95. Larry G. Jones: The Man of 1002 Voices, 9pm. Bands play daily on the First Floor Stage.

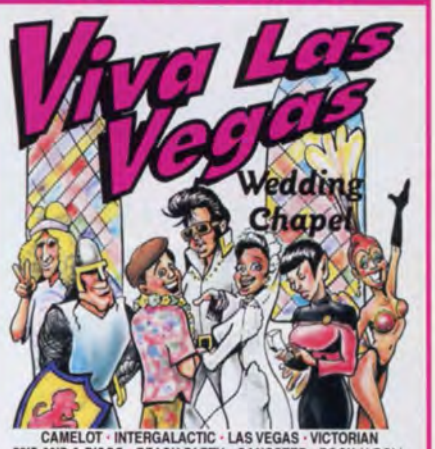
Flamingo Las Vegas • 702-733-3333 or 800-221-7299: Flamingo Showroom: Gladys Knight, 7:30pm, dark Sun.-Mon. George Wallace, comedian, indf., performs 10pm Tues.-Sat. Second City Theater: "Second City," improv comedy sketches, 8pm daily except Wed., 10:30pm Sat.-Sun. "Second City Scriptless, 10pm Wed. Bands play in Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville.

Four Queens • 702-385-4011 or 800-634-6045.

Four Seasons • 702-632-5000: Piano entertainment during Traditional Afternoon High Tea in the Verandah restaurant, 2-5pm daily.

Gold Coast • 702-367-7111 or 888-402-6278 (U.S. outside

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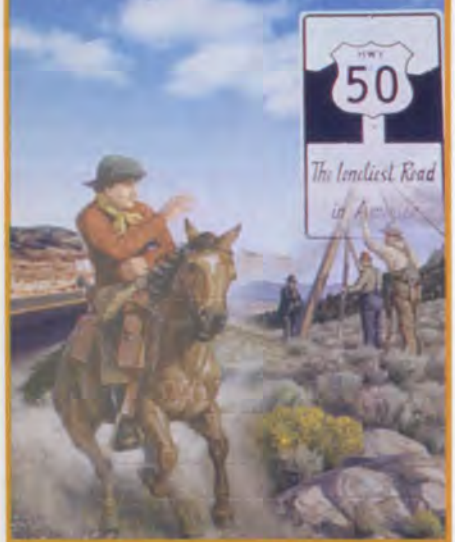


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Nevada): Lounge: Royal Dixie Jazz Band, 1-6pm Mon.-Fri. Bands like Elements and Front Page play nightly except Mon. Gold Coast Showroom: "Forever Plaid, 7:30pm Tues.-Sun., matinee 3pm Sun., dark Mon., thru Nov. 16. "Plaid Tidings," Nov. 17-31. "Forever Plaid" resumes in Jan. Latin Breeze, Fri.-Sat. indf. Ballroom dancing with disk jockey Larry Taylor 7-10pm Mon. Dance lessons 6-7pm.

Golden Gate • 702-385-1906: Piano 6pm-midnight.

Golden Nugget • 702-386-8100: Theatre Ballroom: Gordie Brown, musical impressionist, dark Wed.-Thurs. Randy Travis, Dec. 7-10. Tony Bennett, Dec. 16-18. Lon Bronson's All-Star Band, 10pm Mon., midnight Sat., dark Dec. 17. Entertainment in the Oasis Lounge and ZAX Restaurant.

Golden Palm • 702-798-1111: Karaoke party, 10pm-4am.


Irina Grigorian, the former Soviet skating star, skates and twirls hoops in "Splash" at the Riviera.

Greek Isles • 702-737-5540: Star Theater: "Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey, and Dean, dark Fri. "The World's Greatest Magic Show," 6pm daily except 8:15 Fri. Sandy Hackett Comedy Club, 7pm, dark Fri.

Hard Rock Hotel • 702-693-5066: The Joint: TBA. Entertainment in Pink Taco, Simon Kitchen and Bar, and Body English Nightclub.

Harrah's Las Vegas • 702-369-5111 or 800-392-9002: Clint Holmes Theater: Clint Holmes, 7:30pm, dark Sun. "Skintight, adult revue plays at 10:30pm Mon.-Wed., dark Thurs., 10pm and midnight Fri., 10:30pm Sat., 7:30 and 10:30pm Sun. Mac King, comedy magic, 1 and 3pm, dark Sun.-Mon. Improv Theater: Comedy 8:30 and 10:30pm, dark Mon. Entertainment in Café Andreotti, Range Restaurant, the Piano Bar, and Carnaval Court.

Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas • 702-853-BEER. Bavarian bands play.

Hotel San Remo • 702-739-9000: Entertainment in the Bonne Chance Lounge. Property will become Hooters Hotel and Casino in 2006.

Imperial Palace • 702-794-3261: Imperial Theatre: "Legends in Concert," impersonator revue, 7:30 and 10pm, dark Sun. Casino Floor: Celebrity impersonators deal blackjack to gamblers. Entertainment in the Kabuki Lounge and Tequila Joe's. The "Be a Legend" Amateur Celebrity Impersonator Karaoke Contest is held quarterly.

JW Marriott Las Vegas • 702-869-2335: Plush Ultra Lounge and Supper Club: Music and dancing.

Lady Luck • 702-477-3000 or 800-523-9582: Lady Luck Showroom: "Ovation," variety show, 7 and 9pm, dark Tues. Justin Tranz, hypnotist, 10:30pm Thurs.-Tues. Lucky Louie's Lounge: Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Las Vegas Hilton • 702-732-5755 or 800-222-5361: Hilton Theater: Barry Manilow stars in "Manilow: Music and Passion, Nov. 2-5, 16-19, Dec. 14-17. Colin Mochrie/Brad Sherwood, Nov. 25-26. Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dec. 2-4. LeAnn Rimes/Phil Vassar, Dec. 5-7. Clay Walker, Dec. 8-10. Shimmer Cabaret: Comedian David Brenner, 9pm, dark Thurs. Bands play 10pm-2am, dark Mon.-Tues.

Luxor • 702-262-4555: Luxor Theatre: "Hairspray," Broadway musical opens Feb. 17, 2006. Atrium Showroom: "Fantasy," production show, dark Thurs. Toxic Audio a cappella group performs thru Nov. 16. Carrot Top, headlines beginning Nov. 24, dark Tues. Entertainment in the Steakhouse Lounge, Nefertiti's, Ante Room and Ra lounges and clubs. Movies are featured in the IMAX theater, and tours are available at the King Tut's Museum.

Mandalay Bay • 877-632-7400: Mandalay Bay Theatre: "Mamma Mia!, the Broadway musical based on the music of Abba, dark Fri. Ron White, Dec. 9. Mandalay Events Center: Keith Urban, Dec. 9. House of Blues: Jamiroquai, Nov. 3. Trapt, Nov. 15. Fear Factory, Nov. 25. Saves the Day and Senses Fail, Nov. 29. Gary Allan, Dec. 3. Gospel Brunch, 10am and 1pm Sun. Entertainment in Ivan Kane's Forty Deuce, the Mix, Red Square, Orchid, Island, Rumjungle, Oba, and Coral Reef lounges and clubs. Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay open daily. Socrates Café: Book discussions, 7pm Tues.

MGM Grand • 702-891-7777 or 800-929-1111: MGM Grand Garden Arena: U2, Nov. 4-5. The Rolling Stones, Nov. 18. Paul McCartney, Nov. 25-26. KÀ Theatre: "KÀ, the newest Cirque du Soleil production, dark Wed.-Thurs. and Nov. 13-16. Hollywood Theatre: Howie Mandel, thru Nov. 9. David Copperfield, Nov. 17-30. Howie Mandel, Dec. 1-15. La Femme Theatre: "La Femme," topless Crazy Horse production from Paris, dark Tues. Entertainment in Studio 54, Teatro Euro Bar, Tabu, Zuri, and Centrifuge lounges and clubs.

The Mirage • 702-792-7777: Danny Gans Theatre: Impressionist Danny Gans will return Feb. 7. Hall and Oates, Nov. 4-5. Dana Carvey, Nov. 11-12. The Moody Blues, Nov. 18-19. Wayne Brady, Nov. 24-25. Dwight Yoakam, Dec. 2-3. Entertainment in the Ava and Onda lounges. Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden and Dolphin Habitat, hours are seasonal.

Monte Carlo • 702-730-7000: Lance Burton Theatre: "Lance Burton, Master Magician," dark Sun.-Mon., Dec. 11-25. Entertainment in the Monte Carlo Pub and Brewery and Houdini Lounge.

New Frontier • 702-794-8200: Gilley's Saloon: Thunder Road, Nov. 3-5. Free bull rides 4-9pm Mon.-Tues. and all night Wed. Mud wrestling 10pm Wed. Free line-dance lessons

7:30pm Thurs. Bikini bull riding midnight Fri.-Sat. Line dancing 9pm. Professional Bull Riders Events, Nov. 3-6.

New York-New York • 702-740-6969 or 800-693-6763: The Broadway Theatre: "Zumanity," adult Cirque du Soleil production, 7:30 and 10:30pm, dark Wed.-Thurs. Cabaret Theatre: Comedienne Rita Rudner performs nightly. Entertainment in The Pub at Nine Fine Irishmen, Coyote Ugly, the Bar at Times Square, and Big Apple Bar lounges and clubs. Manhattan Express Roller Coaster, 11am-11pm Sun.-Thurs., 10:30pm-midnight Fri.-Sat.

The Orleans • 800-ORLEANS: The Orleans Showroom: Engelbert Humperdinck, Nov. 3-6. Burt Bacharach, Nov. 10-13. Debbie Reynolds, Nov. 17-20. Neil Sedaka, Nov. 22-27. Terri Clark, Dec. 8-10. Dionne Warwick Celebrates Christmas, Dec. 15-18. Jim Stafford, Jan. 5-8. Tower of Power, Jan. 13-15. Ann-Margret, Jan. 19-22. Tony Orlando/The Lefty Brothers Band, and Sammy Shore, Jan. 26-29. Engelbert Humperdinck, Feb. 1-4. Everly Brothers, Feb. 8-12. Neil Sedaka, Feb. 15-19. Smothers Brothers and Yo Yo Man, Feb. 23-26. Grand Ballroom: Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians featuring Al Pierson and Keaton Douglas, Dec. 31. Orleans Arena: PBR World Bucking Bull Classic, Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Maxxis EnduroCross, Nov. 19. Larry the Cable Guy, Dec. 10. Harlem Globetrotters, Feb. 15. 2006 MiniMoto SX, May 5. Entertainment in the Bourbon Street Cabaret and Brendan's Irish Pub.

Palace Station • 702-367-2411 or 800-634-3101: Jack's Irish Pub: Entertainers perform nightly.

The Palms • 702-942-7777: Entertainment in Rain, ghostbar, and the Lounge.

Paris Las Vegas • 800-237-SHOW: Theatre des Arts: "We Will Rock You," production based on the music of Queen,



Singer-impressionist Gordie Brown appears in the Golden Nugget's Theatre Ballroom.

nightly except Thurs., matinee 2pm Sun. Cools Theater: Anthony Cools Experience, hypnotist. Entertainment in Le Cabaret, Napoleon's, and Risqué lounges and clubs, and the Ah Sin Restaurant. Eiffel Tower rides 10am-1am daily.

The Plaza • 800-634-6575: Plaza Theatre: Champagne Sunday Brunch, 10:30am-2:30pm. Guest celebrities drop in to entertain. Comedy Zone, comedians perform at 8pm nightly. Benny Baker, adult comic, dark Thurs. Collin Foster, magic, dark Mon. Curtis Adams: Magic That Rocks, dark Mon. Bands perform in the Omaha Lounge nightly.

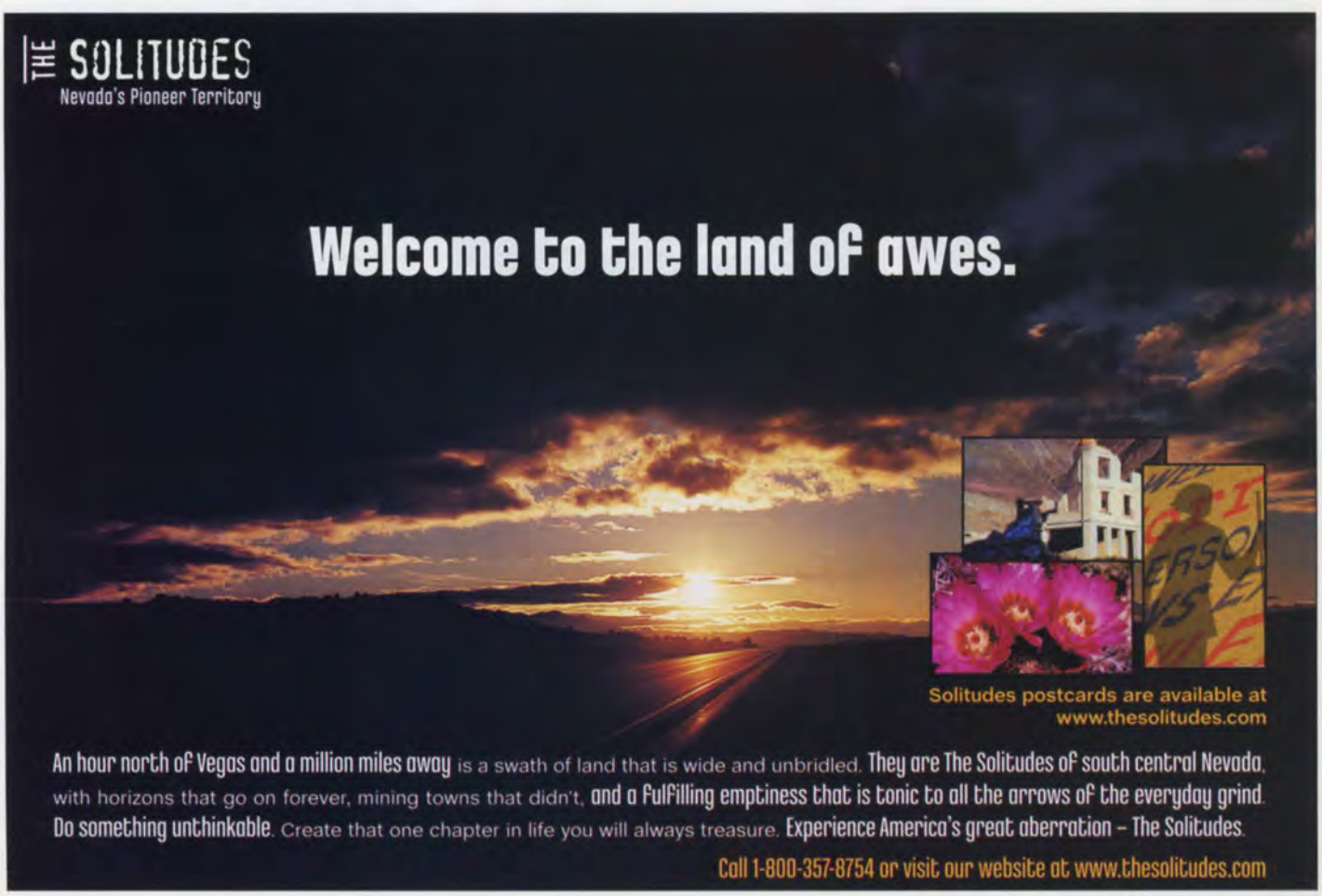
Rampart Casino at the Resort at Summerlin • 877-869-8777: Entertainment in Addison's Lounge and the Round Bar.

Rio All-Suite Hotel • 702-252-7776 or 800-PLAYRIO: Samba Theater: Penn and Teller, comedy-magic show, dark Tues. and Dec. 12-22, Dec. 31. Scinta Showroom: The Scintas, musical revue, dark Thurs. "Erocktica, adult revue, dark Tues. Ronn Lucas, comedian-ventriloquist, 3pm, dark Fri. and Dec. 12-25. Chippendales Theater: Ultimate Girls' Night Out. "Chippendales: The Show," 8:30pm Thurs.-Sat. and 10:30pm, dark Wed. Club Rio: "Erocktica Live! Sex, Sweat, and Rock 'n' Roll, dark Tues. Entertainment in Club Rio, VooDoo, Flirt, I-Bar Ultra, and Bikinis lounges and clubs. Calypso Room: "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding," off-Broadway interactive dinner theater, nightly. "Masquerade Show in the Sky": Carnival-themed parade above the casino daily at 3, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, and 9:30pm.

Riviera • 702-794-9301: Splash Theatre: "Splash, production show, dark Mon. La Cage Theatre (third floor): "An Evening at La Cage, celebrity female impersonators revue, 7:30pm, dark Tues. Mardi Gras Plaza (second level): "Crazy Girls" adult revue, dark Tues. "American Storm, male revue, dark Tues. "Riviera Comedy Club," 8:30 and 10:30pm nightly. Le Bistro Theatre: "Neil Diamond Tribute Starring Jay White, 7pm Sun.-Thurs. Dr. Scott Lewis: Outrageous Comedy Hypnotist, 9pm Mon. "Barbra and Frank: The Concert That Never Was, impersonator show, 8:30pm Wed.-Sun. Le Bistro Theatre converts to Syn City, the Nightclub 10pm-4am Wed.-Sun.

Royal Resort • 702-339-5200: Cosmo's Ristorante: "Dinner With Mama, interactive dinner theater, 7pm Mon.-Thurs.

Sahara • 702-737-2515: Sahara Theater: "Buck Wild, country variety show, 7pm covered, 9pm topless, dark Fri. Congo



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Sam's Town • 702-456-7777 or 800-897-8696: Sam's Town Live: Dennis Bono, radio show with guest celebrities, thru Dec. 24. Entertainment in Roxy's Saloon. Mystic Falls Park: Laser and water show at 2, 6, 8, and 10pm.

Santa Fe Station • 702-658-4900: Chrome Showroom: Eric Burdon and the Animals, Nov. 17. Paul Taylor, Dec. 10. Memphis Championship Barbecue: Rocksicle, 10pm Sat.

Silverton • 702-263-7777 or 800-588-7711: Showroom: Entertainment TBA. Mermaid Restaurant and Lounge: Mermaids perform hourly in a 117,000-gallon saltwater tank from 6 to 11pm.

Stardust • 702-732-6325: Stardust Theatre: Siegfried and Roy present "Havana Night Club," Cuban revue, thru Feb. 4. B.B. King, Nov. 3-5. Tim Conway and Harvey Korman, Nov. 9-12. George Carlin, Nov. 17-30. Bill Engvall, Dec. 2-3 and 8-10. The Four Tops and Shirley Alston Reeves, Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Rick Thomas Show, magic production, 2 and 4pm. Starlight Lounge: Karaoke Mon. and Fri.

Stratosphere • 702-382-4446 or 800-99-TOWER: Theater of the Stars Showroom: "American Superstars," impersonator revue, dark Thurs. "Viva Las Vegas," musical revue, 2 and 4pm daily except Sun. Outdoor Events Center: Entertainment TBA. Entertainment in Images, Top of the World, and Crazy Armadillos lounges and clubs. Stratosphere Thrill Rides: Insanity, X Scream, Big Shot, and High Roller.

Suncoast • 702-636-7111: Suncoast Showroom: Franky Perez and the Highway Saints, Cuban-inspired music, 8-11pm Thurs. Doo-Wopp.com, 7:30pm Tues. Vicki Lawrence and Mama, Nov. 4-6. Roy Clark, Nov. 11-13. Al Jarreau, Nov. 18-20. Bill Acosta, Nov. 25-27. Alter Ego, Dec. 2. McKenna Medley, Dec. 3-4. Susan Anton, Dec. 9-11. Sha Na Na Rock 'n' Roll Christmas, Dec. 16-18. Sandy Hackett/Lisa Dawn Miller, Dec. 23-25. Righteous Brother Bill Medley/McKenna Medley, Dec. 29-31. Vincent Falcone Orchestra/Frankie Randall, Dec. 31. Jeff Lorber, Jan. 6-8. Paul Revere and the Raiders, Jan. 13-15. Rich Little, Jan. 20-22. Jacqui Naylor, Feb. 3-4. Debbie Reynolds, Feb. 10-12. Four Freshmen, Feb. 17-19. James Darren, Feb. 24-26. Entertainment in the Suncoast Lounge.

Terrible's • 702-733-7000: Stage Bar Lounge: Bands play Tues.-Sun.

Treasure Island (TI) • 702-894-7111: Cirque du Soleil in "Mystère, dark Mon.-Tues. Entertainment in Tangerine, Mist, and Breeze lounges and clubs. "The Sirens of TI" pirate show plays outside at 7, 8:30, 10, and 11:30pm.

Tropicana • 702-739-2411: Tiffany Theatre: "Les Folies Bergere, dark Sun. Dirk Arthur: Xtreme Magic, 2 and 4pm, Sat.-Thurs. Comedy Stop Theatre: "The Comedy Stop, stand-up comedy nightly. Entertainment in the Celebration and Tropics lounges. "Air Play," aerialists perform above the casino at 11am, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9pm.

Venetian • 702-733-5000: Blue Man Group Theatre: "Blue Man Group," percussion theater, nightly. Gondola rides on the canal.

Wynn Las Vegas • 702-770-7000: "Le Rêve," aquatic production, dark Thurs.-Fri. Avenue Q Theater: "Avenue Q," Tony Award-winning musical.

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Avi Hotel • 702-535-5555: ArrowWeed Lounge: Bands play.

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Flamingo Laughlin • 702-298-5111 or 800-435-8469: Club

Flamingo Showroom: "A Really Big Shew," tribute to Ed Sullivan, thru April, dark Nov. 25-Dec. 24. The Ballroom: Lorrie Morgan, Nov. 19. Tony Orlando Christmas Show, Nov. 26.

Golden Nugget Laughlin • 702-298-7111 or 800-237-1739: Tarzan's Nightclub: Dinner and dancing to the music of the '40s and '50s on Tues. Bands play nightly.

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Ramada Express • 702-298-4200 or 800-243-6846: Pavilion Theatre: Entertainment TBA. Caboose Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon. Karaoke Madness on Mon. American Heroes Museum of Memories: Memorabilia and speakers on military topics.

River Palms • 702-298-2242 or 800-835-7904: Bermuda Club: The Magic and Comedy of Berri Lee, 6pm Sat. Berri's Comedy Club, 9pm Tues.-Sat.

Riverside Resort • 702-298-2535 or 800-227-3849, ext. 616: Don's Celebrity Theatre: Mel Tillis, Nov. 1-6. Vicki Lawrence, Nov. 9-13. Roy Clark, Nov. 15-20. Charo, Nov. 22-27. Hawaiian Christmas Show, Nov. 29-Dec. 21. "The Nutcracker," performed by the Anaheim Ballet, Dec. 22-23. Debbie Reynolds, Dec. 27-31. Carl Hurley, Jan. 9-14. Charlie Prose, Jan. 15-Feb. 2. Ozark Jubilee, Feb. 3-7. Vicki Lawrence, Feb. 8-12. Smothers Brothers, Feb. 14-19. Oak Ridge Boys, Feb. 21-26. Glenn Campbell, March 7-12. Ragus: Irish Dance Spectacular, March 14-19. Ricky Van Shelton, March 21-26. Entertainment in the Lightning Strikes Nightclub.

MESQUITE

CasaBlanca • 702-346-7529 or 800-459-7529: CasaBlanca Showroom: Don Williams, Nov. 18. Hotel California, Dec. 31. Comedy Club: Weekends when no performers are scheduled. Entertainment in the Skydome Lounge.

Eureka Casino Hotel • 702-346-4646: Wild Cactus Lounge: Fun Fool's Karaoke, Tues. Bands play Thurs.-Sun.

Oasis • 702-346-5232 or 800-621-0187: Club Xtreme: Karaoke Tues. Dance music Wed., Fri.-Sat. Cabaret Lounge: Bands play nightly except Mon.

Virgin River • 702-346-7777 or 800-346-7721: Entertainers play in the casino lounge nightly except Mon.

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Cannery • 702-507-5700: Blues Brothers featuring Eric and Carmen, Nov. 4-5. The Detroit All Stars, Nov. 11-12. Limey Bar Stewards/Boogie Nights, Nov. 18. Johnny Lee and the Urban Cowboy Band, Nov. 19. Harry James Orchestra, Nov. 25-26. Entertainment in the Pin-Ups Bar.

Fiesta Rancho • 702-631-7000: Entertainment in Club Tequila and Cabo Lounge. Skating in the Fiesta Ice Arena.

Jerry's Nugget • 702-399-3000: Royal Street Lounge: Heartbreaker: Tribute to Led Zeppelin, Dec. 4. Motown Fridays, Latin Explosion on Sat., dance music.

Texas Station • 702-631-1001: Dallas Events Center: Johnny Rivers, Nov. 12. Foreigner, Nov. 26. George Jones, Feb. 11. The Oak Ridge Boys, March 3. The Armadillo: Kroakies Karaoke, Wed. Loveshack plays '80s music on Fri.-Sat. Sunday Swing with Jerry Tiffe, 4-8pm.

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Buffalo Bill's Resort • 800-FUN-STOP: Star of the Desert Arena: Chris Isaak, Dec. 10. Bands play weekends in Buffalo Bill's Stagebar. Funniez Comedy Club: Comedians Fri.-Sat.

Primm Valley • 800-FUN-STOP: Show Bar Lounge: Entertainment on weekends.

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Where to find room, meal, and vacation deals in **Laughlin.**

By Richard Moreno

Laughlin has grown into Nevada's third-largest resort destination by following a simple formula: Give people a good deal.

"I think in Laughlin everything is a bargain," says Meg McDaniel of the Laughlin Visitors Bureau. "That has been a big part of Laughlin's history—it's always been a great value." McDaniel, a Laughlin resident since 1992, says visitors often remark that Laughlin's prices remind them of how Las Vegas was many years ago.

"You can still find the $1.49 meal specials in nearly every hotel-casino here," she notes.

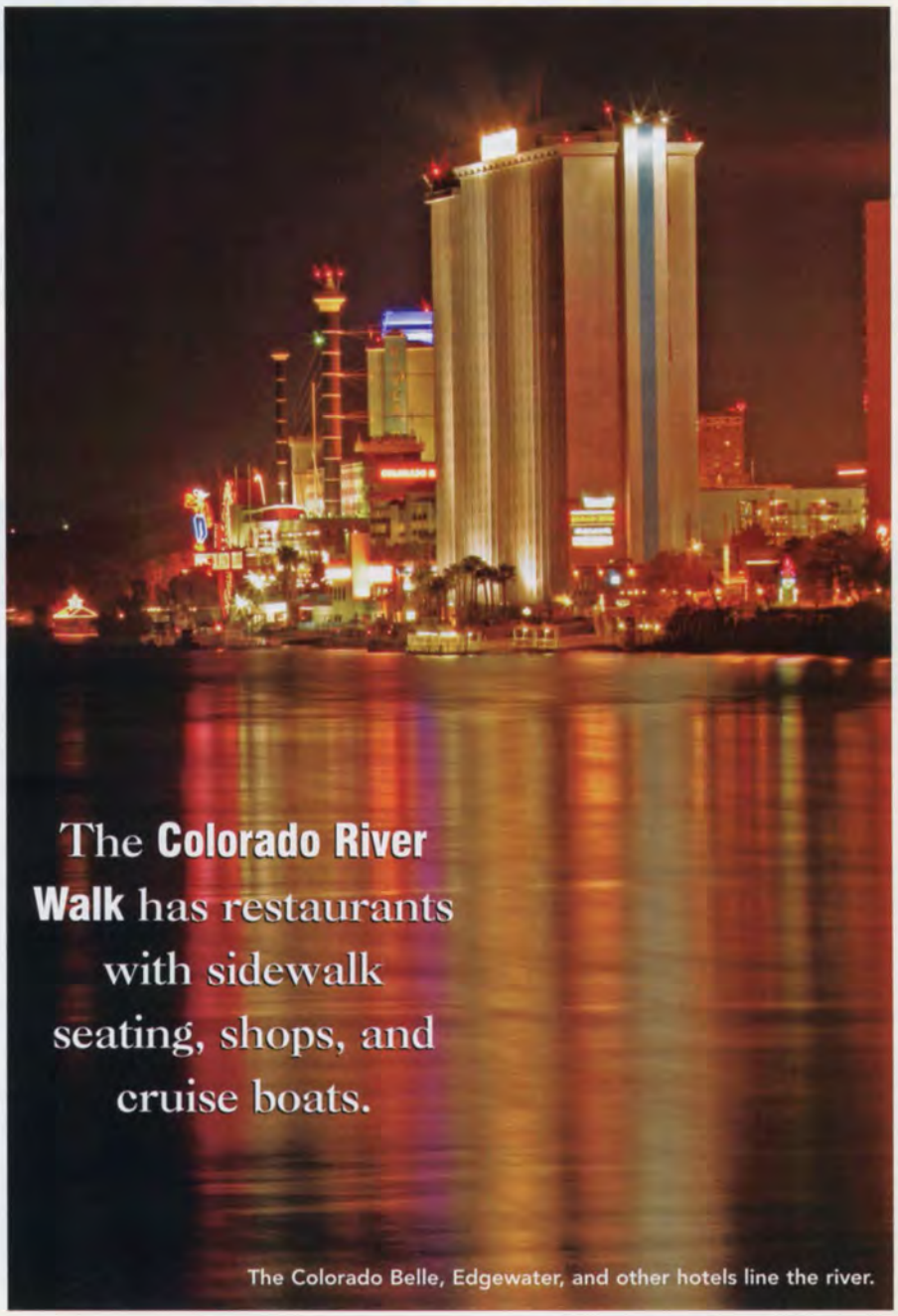
The approach has paid off. Last year nearly five million visitors flocked to the little town on the Colorado River 95 miles south of Las Vegas. Those tourists found some of the state's best hotel-room rates and packages. Depending on availability and time of year, rooms in Laughlin range from about $20 to $75.

"For what you would spend on a typical hotel room in any major city you can get a two-room suite with a Jacuzzi in Laughlin," McDaniel says. Packages from $29 to $500 combine room nights, meals, entertainment, beverages, and special-event seats.

Golf is a lure, too. The Colorado Belle's "Laughlin Ranch Midweek Package" includes a two-night stay for two people and two weekday rounds of golf at the new Laughlin Ranch course for $140 total. The Edgewater's "Laughlin Ranch Weekend" includes two nights, two rounds, and two logo golf towels for a total of $220.

Then there's the name-says-it-all "$29 Buffet Package" at the Flamingo Laughlin. The deal bundles two room nights Sunday through Thursday with two buffet meals.

Event tickets are part of lodging offers



The **Colorado River Walk** has restaurants with sidewalk seating, shops, and cruise boats.

The Colorado Belle, Edgewater, and other hotels line the river.

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The Flamingo's Paradise Garden Buffet has live cooking stations (above). Several Laughlin restaurants, such as the Steakhouse in the Ramada Express, offer fine dining (right). Stars like Bill Cosby play Laughlin.

such as Harrah's Laughlin's "Professional Bull Riders Package." The $139 package includes two room nights and tickets to the Laughlin Professional Bull Riders Series, which takes place in September. Many hotel packages are good only for selected nonholiday dates, so call ahead.

Meal Deals

Besides low room rates, Laughlin continues the Nevada tradition of offering food at fair prices. For instance, the Edgewater Deli serves shrimp cocktails and quarter-pound hot dogs for $1.29 each. The Pioneer has a shrimp cocktail that costs a mere 89 cents and monthly specials like an avocado and curried-chicken salad for $3.89.

Buffets are often priced as low as Laughlin's elevation (535 feet, nearly the lowest in the state). Dinner buffet prices range from $8.95 to $13.99, except for Friday seafood buffets, which usually run about $5 higher.

Of course, it's not all inexpensive eats in River City. McDaniel points out that nearly every hotel has at least one upscale restaurant—although the prices are lower than in Los Angeles or San Francisco. Gourmet eateries include Harrah's Range Steakhouse (Laughlin's best gourmet room in *Nevada Magazine's* 2005 "Best of Nevada" poll), Granny's at the Pioneer, the Lodge



Visiting Laughlin

Laughlin Information: Stop at the **Laughlin Visitor Center** north of the Riverside for brochures and maps. Phone 702-298-3321 or 800-4LAUGHLIN, visit www.visitlaughlin.com, or write 1555 Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029 for vacation information.

Getting to Laughlin: By car or RV, drive 75 miles south of Las Vegas on U.S. 95. Turn east and continue for 20 miles on State Route 163 to Laughlin. For air travelers, **Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport** serves charter carriers such as Allegiant Air, Sun Country Airlines, and Sun Fest Tours, which have air-hotel packages. Western Express Airlines offers direct flights from the Phoenix area and Riverside, California.



Climate: Laughlin is hot in summer, with temperatures reaching as high as 110-120 degrees, but pleasantly mild in winter.

Laughlin Events: Special events in the coming year include the **Pinnacle Exceptional Drives Championship** for long-driving golfers on Nov. 9-12 and **Laughlin Team Roping Finals** on Nov. 17-20. The **Ramada Express International Car Rally** is held on Dec. 8-11. The seniors getaway week known as **Winter Break** is Jan. 6-12. The **Laughlin Desert Challenge,** an off-road race, takes place Jan. 12-15. PRCA cowboys will compete in the **Laughlin River Stampede** on March 29-April 2, while Harley riders make the **Laughlin River Run** on April 26-30. Fireworks highlight **Rockets Over the River** on the Fourth of July. The **Laughlin Professional Bull Riders Series** comes to town in late Sept. The third annual **Viva Laughlin!,** a citywide Hispanic event, is scheduled to take place Oct. 6-9.

RV Life: The **Riverside RV Park** (800-227-3849 ext. 5) has 740 spaces, and the **Avi RV Park** (800-430-0721) has 260 spaces. Reservations are necessary between November and April, the snowbird season.

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Entertainment Packages

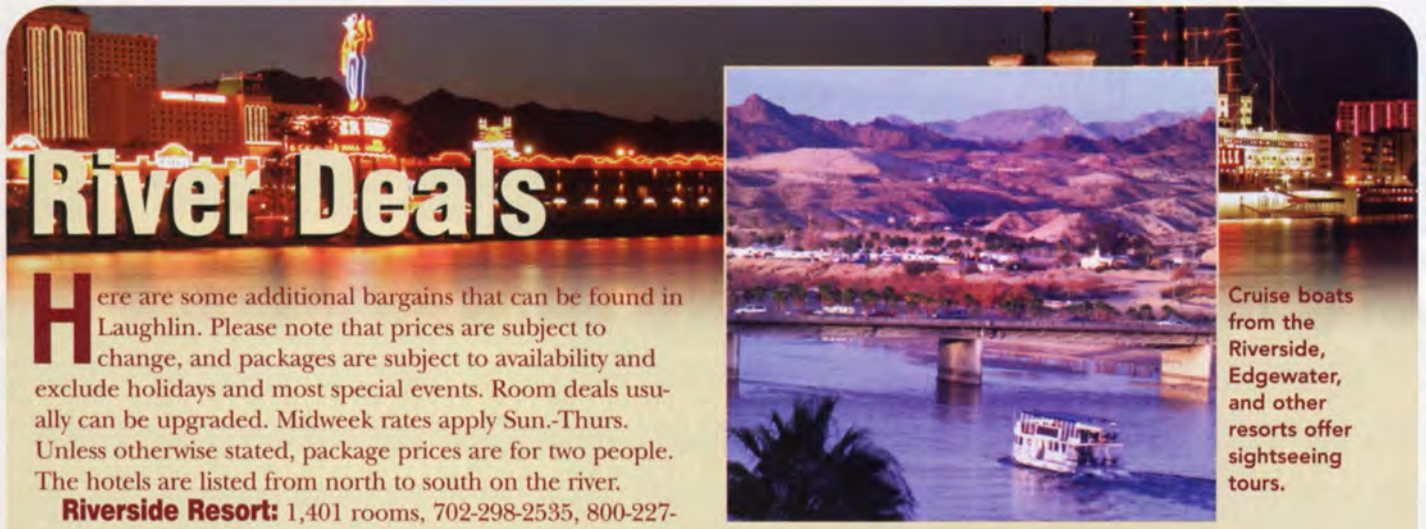
Another Laughlin bargain is entertainment. For $12.95 to about $40, showgoers can see top-name entertainers. In recent months, Laughlin showrooms and outdoor amphitheaters have hosted Crosby, Stills, and Nash, Hall and Oates, Lee Ann Womack, Dwight Yoakam, and Bill Cosby.

You also can attend revues, lounge shows, and comedy clubs. A Harrah's Laughlin package combines dinner at the Fresh Market Square Buffet and a show (either "Strip!" or "Rhythm and Flair"); the price, subject to change, was $27.99 per person earlier this year. At the Flamingo Laughlin you can catch "A Really Big Shew: America's Favorite Variety Show," hosted by an Ed Sullivan impersonator, for $14.95 a ticket.

Free (or Nearly Free) Attractions

Laughlin has many free or nearly free attractions. Here are some that are worth checking out.

Rare Cars: At the Riverside Resort, owner Don Laughlin—after whom Laughlin was named—displays about 70 antique and collectible cars in two temperature-controlled exhibit areas. The vehicles are for sale, priced from $20,000 to more than $100,000.



River Deals

Here are some additional bargains that can be found in Laughlin. Please note that prices are subject to change, and packages are subject to availability and exclude holidays and most special events. Room deals usually can be upgraded. Midweek rates apply Sun.-Thurs. Unless otherwise stated, package prices are for two people. The hotels are listed from north to south on the river.

Riverside Resort: 1,401 rooms, 702-298-2535, 800-227-3849, www.riversideresort.com. The Riverside's **Mini Vacation Package** includes two nights' lodging for two (Sun.-Thurs.), two prime rib dinners (one per person), and a *U.S.S. Riverside* cruise for two for $59. Adults can roll strikes and spares at the 34-lane **Bowling Center** for $2.75 per game.

Flamingo Laughlin: 1,900 rooms, 702-298-5111, 800-352-6464, www.flamingolaughlin.com. The **Desert Lakes Golf Package** includes one night's room and golf for two (or two rounds for one person) at Desert Lakes Golf Course (Sun.-Thurs.) for $99. Call 928-768-1000 to book tee times.

Ramada Express: 1,500 rooms, 702-298-4200, 888-888-8695, 800-243-6846, www.ramadaexpress.com. From Nov. 27 through much of Dec., you can rent a room for $19 to $29 midweek.

Edgewater: 1,420 rooms, 702-298-2453, 800-67-RIVER, www.edgewatercasino.com. The casino's **Steak and Shrimp Buffet Mid-Week Package** for $60 includes two nights and one dinner buffet per person (Sun.-Thurs.) to Dec. 29. Call 800-677-4837 and ask for offer code MDAY60.

Colorado Belle: 1,201 rooms, 702-298-4000, 800-47-RIVER, www.coloradobelle.com. The two-night stay with the **Relaxin' on the River Package** includes a river cruise on the *Celebration* or *Fiesta Queen*, one free entry in the daily slot or blackjack tournament, and a free night on your next visit. The midweek (Sun.-Thurs.) package costs $79. Beer lovers can toast a good deal on **Thirsty Thursdays,** when ales, stouts, and other brews are just 75 cents a pint in the Colorado Belle's Boiler Room Microbrewery.

Cruise boats from the Riverside, Edgewater, and other resorts offer sightseeing tours.

Pioneer: 414 rooms, 702-289-2442, 800-634-3469, www.pioneerlaughlin.com. Rooms rates run $25 per night Sun.-Thurs. and $49 on weekends.

Golden Nugget: 300 rooms, 702-298-7111, 800-237-1739, www.gnlaughlin.com. Various **Jet Boat Tour Packages** include a trip for two downstream to Lake Havasu's London Bridge aboard a 40-passenger jet boat. A one-night Sun.-Thurs. package costs $99; call 800-327-2386 for jet-boat confirmation.

River Palms: 1,003 rooms, 702-298-2242, 877-RVR-PALM, www.river-palms.com. Comedian-magician Berri Lee performs a free show in the **Bermuda Club** at 6 p.m. daily except Monday. The **Pasta Cucina's** all-you-can-eat Italian feast is $6.99.

Harrah's Laughlin: 1,600 rooms, 702-298-4600, 800-HARRAHS, www.harrahs.com. To coincide with the **Pinnacle Exceptional Drives Championship** on Nov. 9-12, Harrah's Laughlin offers room specials on Nov. 9-10 ($23) and Nov. 11-12 ($49). Hungry golf fans can try the **Cabo Cafe's** 24-hour All-American Burger Platter, a half-pounder served with fries and a drink, for $6.99.

Bayshore Inn: 100-room motel, 702-299-9010. Rates in Nov.-Dec. are $25 Sun.-Thurs. and $55 weekends.

Avi: 300 rooms, 702-535-5555, 800-AVI-2WIN, www.avicasino.com. The casino 10 miles south of Casino Row offers child care at **Kids Quest** for under $7 per day. The **Feathers Café's** '50s-era bargains include a ham-steak breakfast for 99 cents.—*Wilma LaRocca*

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Hotels offer room packages for special events like the Laughlin Desert Challenge.

Laughlin regularly rotates the cars on display. During a recent visit, visitors could view a 1931 Ford Roadster Model A, a rare 1952 Muntz Jet, and an elegant 1941 Hollywood Graham. The Laughlin Classic Car Collection is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. A gift shop is adjacent to the main showroom. Call 702-298-2655 for more information.

Train Ride: The Ramada Express offers free rides on its own miniature railroad. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday guests can ride in cars pulled by *Old Number 7*, a scaled-down replica of the *Genoa*, a Virginia and Truckee Railroad locomotive that operated a century ago. The train, which has carried more than two million passengers since it began operating in 1988, travels a three-quarter-mile loop around the Ramada every 12 minutes.

Military Museum: The Ramada Express is also the home of the American Heroes Museum, which displays military artifacts, photos, medals, and uniforms. Of special note is a 15-minute multimedia presentation on four theater-size screens entitled "The American Spirit." The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pavilion Theater. "The American Spirit" is shown on the hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Ramada hosts a free lecture series on Tuesdays and select Thursdays with speakers sharing their military experiences. Call 702-298-4200 for details.

River Walk: Take a stroll on the Colorado River Walk, a concrete path that winds in and out of most of the casinos. It's relaxing to meander along the river, enjoying the sights and sounds of the Colorado as it flows past on its way to the ocean. You will pass restaurants with sidewalk seating, shops, and cruise boats.

Take a Hike: Eight miles west of Laughlin on State Route 163, Grapevine Canyon contains a series of small waterfalls and dozens of prehistoric rock carvings known as petroglyphs. From a parking area, a trail through a wash lined with sagebrush and barrel cactus leads to the canyon. Ask about road conditions.

River Rides: Laughlin's river taxis provide an inexpensive way to travel between casinos. For $5 per person each way you can ride on these small shuttle boats. Also, several hotels offer sightseeing rides on

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Beach Time: Guests at Harrah's Laughlin, located at the south end of Casino Drive, can use the area's only private soft-sand beach. In addition to providing plenty of beach chairs for sun worshippers, Harrah's has personal watercraft for rent. Call 702-298-4600.

Looking Ahead

Perhaps the town's biggest development in the past year was the opening of the **Laughlin Bay Marina**—the city's first—with 110 boat slips, four launches, and boat storage. Downriver from Harrah's, the marina includes a clubhouse, restaurant, and condos. Call 702-298-0775.

Across the river in Bullhead City, Arizona, stands the new **Laughlin Ranch Golf Club** (866-684-4653). The planned community includes an 18-hole championship course, housing development, 35,000-square-foot clubhouse, and day spa. Golf packages also are available that include play at the **Mojave Resort Golf Club** (702-535-4653) near the Avi Casino and at various Arizona-side courses.

Additionally, the Landry's restaurant company (owners of the Rainforest Café, Joe's Crab Shack, and Landry's Seafood House chains) recently purchased the **Golden Nugget** hotels in Laughlin and Las Vegas. While the company hasn't officially announced its plans for the two properties, it's rumored that the Laughlin resort may gain a Rainforest Café or Joe's Crab Shack in the future.

Traditionally, Laughlin has attracted older visitors, usually during the cooler, winter season, while families come for the water sports in summer. However, McDaniel says, during the past few years there has been a subtle shift.

"There is a younger customer coming in the winter months, and even families," McDaniel says. "We're seeing 40- to 50-somethings with kids and grandkids." She adds, "We still see the summer and winter as two different markets, but they are becoming more blended."

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Richard Moreno is the publisher of Nevada Magazine.

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The "Bare" Essentials

The late-night Harrah's Reno show offers a good-humored country romp

By Merrie Leininger

As an audience member of "Bareback," you expect to see other people take off their clothes, but you don't expect to have to take off your own. So you can imagine the look on one showgoer's face when lead singer Tina Cool pulled the man identified only as Ernie from Fallon onto the Sammy's Showroom stage at Harrah's Reno.

Cool sang Shania Twain's "Whose Bed Have Your Boots Been Under?" while five other ladies, dressed in skimpy baby-doll teddies, tucked Ernie into a vertical stage-prop "bed." The device looked like a bed standing on its foot, so when Ernie stood in front of it and a blanket was pulled up to his chest, it looked as if he were lying in bed with a bunch of very interested women. They tickled and teased him and took off his shirt. Then they pulled a pair of pants and boots from under the blanket. The whole audience, including Mrs. Ernie, rolled with laughter at the red-faced Ernie.

The audience-participation routine is an enjoyable part of "Bareback," Cool said, although it's the most challenging for her.

"You never know what you're going to get," the 32-year-old singer said. "Sometimes you get somebody who's no fun, who just stands there, but sometimes you get someone who just makes the show. Some of them really ham it up, and the crowd thinks it's great."

On their annual girls-only vacation to Reno, Toni Hensley of Nyssa, Oregon, Cathy Larrow of New Plymouth, Idaho, and Jackie Evans of Ontario, Oregon, said they had a great time at the show—especially when Cathy was led onstage by the three men who perform in "Bareback," Jim Pferschy, Gene Yaws, and Tim Tenhumberg. The trio sang a Collin Raye song and danced on a bar as Cathy and another audience member laughed and stared with wide eyes at the handsome cast members.

"I was just thinking, can I touch?" Cathy said afterward.

The bar was one of the topless show's many country-Western themed sets. Cool and Yaws, her husband, sang Garth Brooks and Gretchen Wilson hits, and the others danced suggestively in little more than cowboy hats.



Lead bull rider Jim Pferschy and lead dancer Chelsea Thompson bare their backs at Harrah's Reno.

The dancers often ride a mechanical bull in the second half of the show. **Then they bring out the stripper pole.**

Pferschy has been dancing for 12 years in Greg Thompson productions in Reno, but this is the first time his skills as a bull rider have been put to use. As in *Urban Cowboy*, the dancers often ride a mechanical bull in the second half of the show.

Then they bring out the stripper pole.

During costume changes comedian Tony D'Andrea keeps the audience entertained. With 420 seats, Sammy's Showroom is a small venue, so everyone has a good view. Also, the cast members frequently connect with the audience, which Yaws enjoys.

"It stays interesting because we get to go out into the audience and pat people on the back and pull them up on stage. It's a lot of fun," he said. Yaws and Cool said they have invited their "Bible Belt" family members to see "Bareback."

"I have no problem with them seeing the show," Yaws said. "It's very tastefully done. It's not in your face."

Cool agreed that her family will like the production. "I love the show," she said. "It rocks."

Show Notes

"Bareback," produced by Greg Thompson and choreographed by Mistinguett, appears through January in Sammy's Showroom at Harrah's Reno. Show times are 10 p.m. Thursday through Monday (dark November 21-24 and December 12-25). The show will appear throughout Christmas week (not dark December 27-28). "Bareback" audience members can stick around after the show to meet the dancers and singers. Tickets cost $34.95 Saturday and $29.95 all other days. The early show is "Broadway Showstoppers," which appears at 7:30 p.m. on the same days through January 29. Call 800-HARRAHS or 775-788-2900 or visit www.harrahs.com for reservations and information.

Merrie Leininger is an editor with the Reno Gazette-Journal.



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AREA EVENTS AND SHOWS

Winter in Reno and Tahoe has skiers and boarders looking skyward for the first signs of snow, celebrating the holidays with **Sparks Hometowne Christmas** and the Moscow Ballet's **"Great Russian Nutcracker"** at the Reno Hilton. Cowboy poetry fans find just the right words and music at the **Rhymers Rodeer** at the Carson Valley Inn, and the **Blues Brothers** headline at the Reno Events Center. *Nevada Magazine* presents these events and shows for November and December. Please call ahead to confirm dates and details.



"Chun Yi: The Legend of Kung Fu," a Chinese musical production, appears at the Eldorado in Reno.

Events

National Automobile Museum Anniversary Celebration • Nov. 3 • Opening reception for two exhibitions, "Orphan Cars: Detours from Destiny" and "Speed and Light: Early Racing Photography of Henry Meurisse." National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Fall Dance Festival • Nov. 3-4 • Works choreographed by students, alumni, and guest artist Rob Schultz of Los Angeles and Minh Tran and Company. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 775-784-4046.

Reno Film Festival • Nov. 3-6 • Sixth annual independent conclave has workshops such as casting, film-making, and selling movie ideas. Also, there are viewings of independent films, discussion groups with celebrities, and parties. Various locations, Reno and Sparks, 775-853-8335.

"Tosca" • Nov. 4 and 6 • Romance between an opera singer and a painter who is also a revolutionary. Nevada Opera presentation, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 775-786-4046.

Rhymers Rodeer Cowboy Music and Poetry • Nov. 4-5 • 18th annual event features McAvoy Layne presentation of Mark Twain, cowboy poet and musician Richard Elloyan, Joyce Vetter, and the Rush Creek Trio. A Friday cocktail show, Saturday dinner show, and Saturday morning open mike session are included. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 775-783-6679.

"The Curious Savage" • Nov. 4-19 • Comedy about a woman's quest to fulfill the hopes and dreams of others. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

"Fiddler on the Roof" • Nov. 5-6, 11-13, 18-20 • Nevada Musical Theatre Company presentation. Community Center, Carson City, 775-445-4249.

University Percussion Ensemble • Nov. 8 • Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 775-784-4046.

November Jazz • Nov. 8 • Concert. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-2662.

Take the Train Home for the Holidays • Nov. 9 • Amtrak engineer Phil Gosney speaks on the major railroad passenger



Santa Claus' holiday float leads the Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade on December 3.

trains of the '50s and '60s. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

New Century Saxophone Quartet • Nov. 10 • Contemporary works and adaptations of several musical styles. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

USO Veterans Day Celebration • Nov. 10 • Music, dancing, food, and memorabilia displays. Senior Center, Gardnerville, 775-783-6455.

Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers • Nov. 11 • Jazz and blues style of the '40s and '50s. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Veterans Day Parade • Nov. 11 • C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

"Noises Off" • Nov. 11-12, 16-20 • Backstage story of a hapless English acting troupe full of mismatched and washed-up actors. Redfield Proscenium Theatre, UNR, 775-784-4046.

"The Underpants" • Nov. 11-12, 17-19, 25-27 • Farce. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221 for show information.

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"Whistle Stop" • Nov. 11-13 • Original melodrama. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

$25,000 Let It Ride Tournament • Nov. 11-13 • $100 entry. Reno Hilton, Reno, 888-547-2081.

"Nevada Christmas" • Nov. 13 • Reception opens monthlong art exhibit and sale at Artists' Co-Operative of Reno. Reno, 775-322-8896.

President's Fall Celebration of the Arts • Nov. 17 • Lecture by sculptor Joe Zuccarini and painter Jim Zlokovich and a ticketed performance of "Noises Off." Church Fine Arts Building and Redfield Proscenium Theatre, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

"The Child and the Magic Spells" • Nov. 18-20 • Lyric Opera Theatre will perform the fantasy in English. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4046.

Valhalla Holiday Craft Faire • Nov. 18-20 • More than 30 regional artists will display and sell Christmas wares. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Brass Factors • Nov. 19 • Quartet spans the history of music from the Renaissance to jazz. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Foam Fest • Nov. 19 • Fundraiser for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School attracts more than 20 microbreweries. Tahoe Biltmore, Crystal Bay, 530-581-4161.

University Orchestra • Nov. 22 • Concert of masterworks. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 775-784-4046.

Turkey Trot • Nov. 24 • Fun run/walk for families on Thanksgiving at 8:30am. Sparks Marina Park, Sparks, 775-353-7835.

Thanksgiving Weekend Steam-Up • Nov. 25-26 • Rides aboard a train pulled by an 1882 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

"The Nutcracker" • Nov. 25-27 • Performance by Pinkerton Ballet Theatre. Community Center, Carson City, 775-882-2916.

Mah Jong Tournament • Nov. 25-27 • $100 entry. Reno Hilton, Reno, 888-547-2081.

Dake House Victorian Christmas • Nov. 25-Dec. 7 • Decorations, antiques, cookies, and hot cider. Dake House, Genoa, 775-782-4951.

East Fork Gallery Christmas Reception • Nov. 27 • Exhibit from noon to 5pm. East Fork Gallery, Gardnerville, 775-782-7629.



Singer Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers play the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City.



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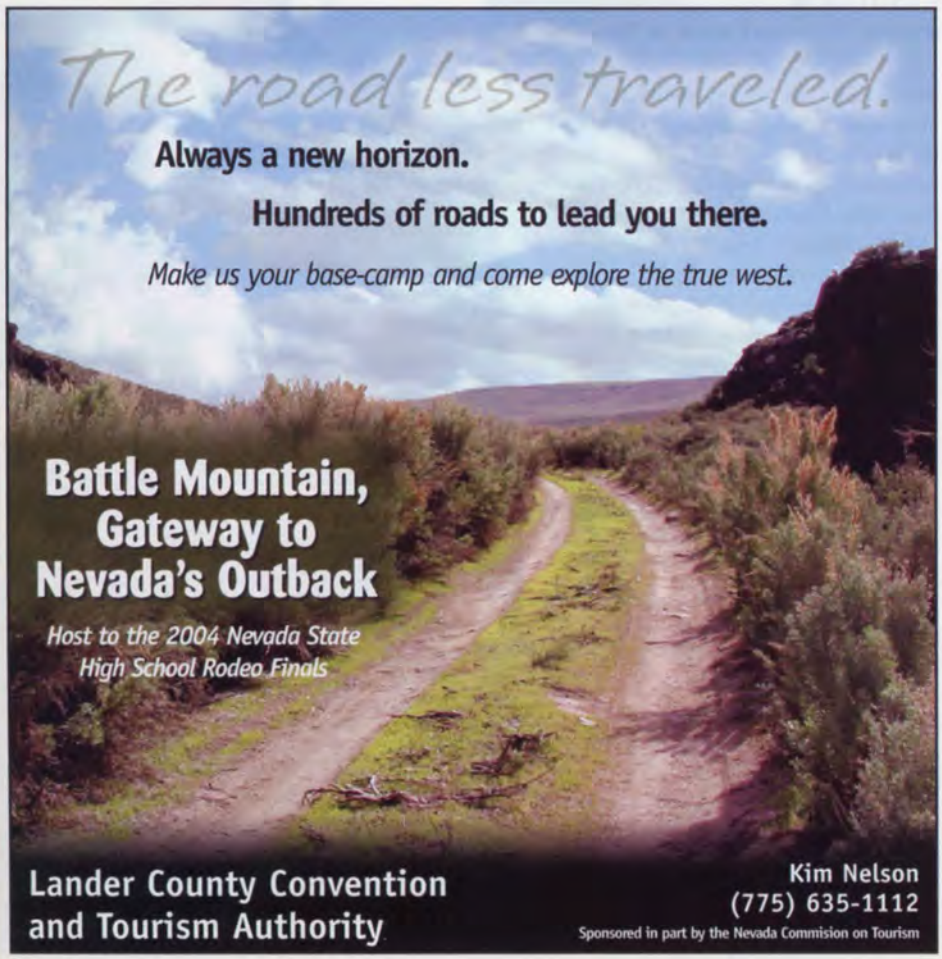
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Mischa Z: Christmas Concert • Nov. 27 • Classical guitarists: Micah Dunn and Mischa Zawaskis. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Silver and Snowflake Festival of Lights • Dec. 1 • Lighting of the downtown area and the capitol Christmas tree, caroling, and Santa. Capitol, Carson City, 775-887-1249.

Seams • Dec. 1-3 • Theatrical piece of the AIDS Quilt. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221.

Lighting of the Minden Gazebo and Tree • Dec. 2 • Music, refreshments, Santa. Minden Park, Minden, 775-782-2444.

Bella Voce • Dec. 2 • Local women's vocal ensemble. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Minden Arts and Crafts Fair • Dec. 2-3 • Entertainment, food, and crafts. Esmeralda Ave., Minden, 775-782-2444.

John Ascuaga's Nugget Classic/UNR Women's Basketball Tournament • Dec. 2-3 • The Lady Wolf Pack with Northern Colorado, Gonzaga, and Northwestern State. Lawlor Events Center, UNR, Reno, 775-784-4500.

Three-Card Poker Tournament • Dec. 2-4 • $100 entry. Reno Hilton, Reno, 888-547-2081.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" • Dec. 2-4 • Broadway Comes to Reno musical presentation. Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Reno, 800-714-5331.

"Christmas with Little Women" • Dec. 2-11 • The story of two Christmas holidays is meant for families and small children. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 3 • Floats, bands, and Santa. U.S. 395 between Lampe Park and Minden Park. Gardnerville and Minden, 775-782-8144.

Kids Craft Show • Dec. 3 • Children make toys and have a photo op with Santa. CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-782-5606.

Valhalla Holiday Gala • Dec. 3 • Dinner, dance, and silent auction. Valhalla Grand Hall, Tallac Historic Site, South Lake Tahoe, 530-541-4975.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 3 • C Street, Virginia City, 775-847-0311.

Victorian Christmas • Dec. 3 • After the town's Parade of Lights, refreshments are served and visitors can view the museum's decorations. Historic Fourth Ward School, Virginia City, 775-847-0975.

Sparks Hometowne Christmas • Dec. 3 • Parade, photos with Santa, arts, crafts, cultural displays, and tree-lighting ceremony. Victorian Square, Sparks, 775-353-2291.

A Holiday Tradition with Santa • Dec. 4 • Photo opportunity. Fundraiser for Barton Memorial Hospital. Heavenly Village, Stateline, 530-543-5614.

Christmas in Genoa • Dec. 4 • Caroling, tree-lighting, refreshments, and Santa. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Holiday Gala • Dec. 4 • Community trees, cookie walk, and Victorian tea. Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Gardnerville, 775-782-2555.

10K Race • Dec. 4 • Easy ski race open to all levels. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

University Holiday Choral Concert • Dec. 6 • Music performed by six choirs. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Reno, 775-784-4046.

Authors' Reception and Book Signing • Dec. 7 • Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

University Wind Ensemble • Dec. 8 • Program includes "Windsprints, "Terpsichore, and "Wedding Dance." Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 775-784-4046.

"The Underpants" • Dec. 8-10, 15-18 • Farce. Bruka Theatre, Reno, 775-323-3221.

Nevada Christmas Sale and Indian Art Market • Dec. 9-10 • Native American vendors from across the U.S. and Canada sell traditional and modern handmade artworks. Reno-



The Reno Chamber Orchestra joins an international field of musicians during the Nevada Chamber Music Festival, December 28-31, at UNR and the South Reno Baptist Church.

Sparks Indian Colony, Reno, 775-425-3439 for information.

$20,000 Holiday Slot Tournament • Dec. 9-11 • $100 entry. Reno Hilton, Reno, 888-547-2081.

Full Moon Snowshoe Trek • Dec. 10 • Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Carson Valley Pops Orchestra • Dec. 10 • Christmas concert. CVIC Hall, Minden, 775-265-2841 for event information.

Santa Train • Dec. 10-11 • Ride aboard a train pulled by an 1882 steam locomotive. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Christmas Faire in Genoa • Dec. 10-11 • Crafts and music. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

Victorian Home Christmas Tour • Dec. 11 • Costumed guides lead tours through historic homes decorated for the holidays. Carson City, 775-882-1805.

Holiday Treat Concert • Dec. 11 • Guests Judy Monson and the Carson Chamber Singers. Community Center, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

University Jazz Big Bands I and II • Dec. 13 • Concert. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, 775-784-4046.

Jazzy Christmas • Dec. 13 • Mile High Jazz Band concert. Comma Coffee, Carson City, 775-883-4154.

Lake Tahoe Adventure Film Festival • Dec. 16-17 • Screening of the international film finalists competing for cash, prizes, and the "Best of...." title. Caesars Tahoe, Stateline, 800-648-3353.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" • Dec. 16-18 • Comedy. Brewery Arts Center, Carson City, 775-883-1976.

Christmas in the Sierras Concert • Dec. 17 • David John and the Comstock Cowboys. Town Hall, Genoa, 775-782-8696.

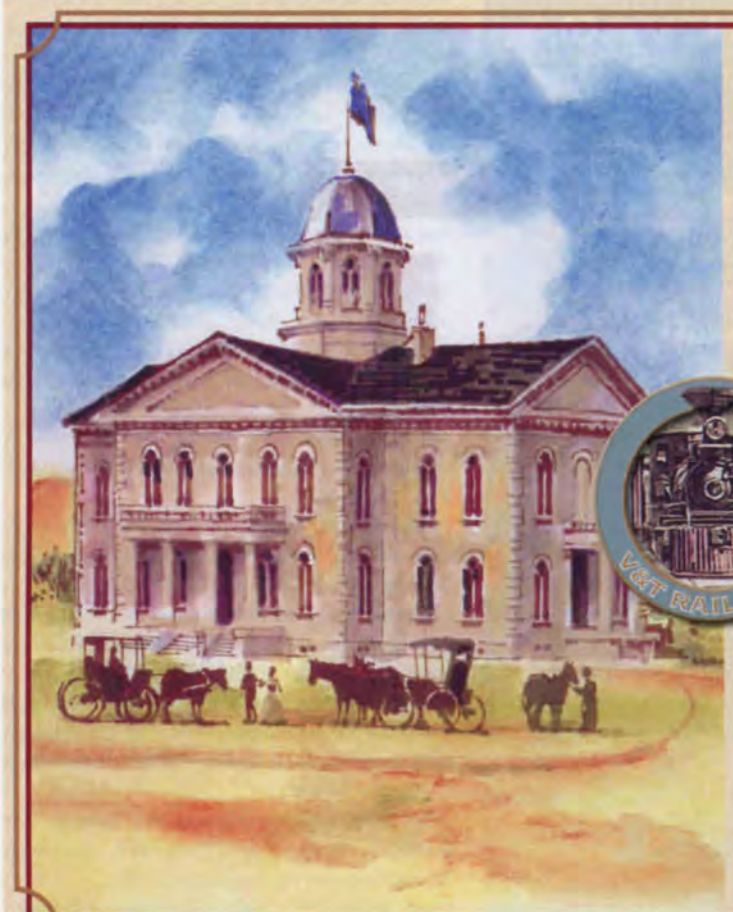
History for the Holidays • Dec. 17 • Music, crafts, book signings. Nevada Historical Society, Reno, 775-688-1190.

Polar Express Readings and Riding Adventure • Dec. 17-18 • Children can listen to the *Polar Express* story, ride a railroad motor car, and meet Santa. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Soup and Shoe • Dec. 18 • Guided snowshoe hike. Kirkwood Cross-Country Ski Area, south of Lake Tahoe, 209-258-7248.

Nevada Chamber Music Festival • Dec. 28-31 • Second annual event. Nightingale Concert Hall, UNR, and South Reno Baptist Church, Reno, 775-348-9413.

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Ongoing Events

Blackjack and Slot Tournaments • Daily. $5 entry fee. Circus Circus, Reno, 888-682-0147.

Gaming Tournaments • Blackjack on Tues. and Sun. Pai-gow poker on Wed. Limit Texas hold 'em on Wed. No-limit Texas hold 'em on Sun.-Thurs. Slots on Thurs. Keno on Sun. Peppermill, Reno, 775-689-7114.

Siena Gaming Tournaments • Blackjack on Mon. Video poker on Tues. and Fri. Siena Hotel, Reno, 775-337-6260.

Blackjack Tournaments • Tues. $20 buy-in and Fri. $10 buy-in. Carson Nugget, Carson City, 800-426-5239.

Gaming Tournaments • Shootout hold 'em, Mon.-Sat. Video poker on Thurs. No-limit $10 buy-in Texas hold 'em on Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Sun. Monthly $1,500 blackjack on the last Tues. Carson Valley Inn, Minden, 877-783-7711.

Horizon Tournaments • Video poker Mon. Slots Wed. Blackjack Tues. and Thurs. Horizon, Stateline, 775-588-6211.

No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em • Daily, $25 buy-in. Eldorado, Reno, 775-786-5700.

Nevada State Museum • Visitors can take behind-the-scenes tours of the anthropology, plant, and animal collections on the last Friday of each month. Registration required. Carson City, 775-687-4810.

Wine Walk on the River Walk • Third Saturday at 2pm. Free wine tasting at participating merchants with the purchase of a map and glass for $10. Drawings are held at different stores each month. River Walk Arts District, Downtown, Reno, 775-337-1717.

Rose and Others • Joanne Yau's acrylic exhibition. South Valleys Library, Reno, 775-851-5190.

Jeffrey Brosbe Exhibition • Thru Nov. 18 • Photographic prints. Metro Gallery, Reno, 775-329-ARTS.

Art and the Animal Exhibition and Sale • Thru Nov. 28 • Paintings and sculpture by 100 artists. Nevada State Museum, Carson City, 775-687-4810, ext. 226.

Wild Women Telling Tales • Thru Dec. 28 • Exhibition of works by Northern Nevada artists. Wilbur D. May Museum, Reno, 775-785-5961.

Shadows of the V&T: The Art of Loren Jahn • Thru Dec. • Pen-and-ink drawings of daily railroad operations. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Locomotive Stories of the V&T • Thru Dec. • Exhibition of 16 models, photographs, and artifacts. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

In Stabiano: Exploring the Ancient Seaside Villas of the Roman Elite • Thru Jan. 22 • Exhibition of 73 artworks and artifacts recovered from ancient Roman villas. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Joseph Zierker: Translucent Transformations • Thru Jan. 22 • Exhibition of monotype prints by the San Francisco artist. Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, 775-329-3333.

Tireless and Unremitting: The Chinese and Nevada's Railroads • Thru Jan. • Explores the relationship of Chinese immi-



"Tehani and Ramses," gray wolves on scratchboard by artist Diane Versteeg, is among the works exhibited in "Art and the Animal" at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

grants with the railroad and other aspects of their culture and daily life in Nevada. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, 775-687-6953.

Docent Guided Tours • Nov. 1-30 • Free tours. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

The Artwork of Robert Cinkel • Nov. 1-30 • Large-scale oil paintings of automobiles in their historical context and a series of scenes depicting the Truckee River. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.



The "Wild Women Telling Tales" exhibition at Reno's Wilbur D. May Museum includes "Jester" by Barbara Prodaniuk of Truckee.

Speed and Light: Early Racing Photography of Henry Meurisse • Nov. 3-March 15 • European races from 1903 to 1925. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

Orphan Cars: Detours from Destiny • Nov. 3-April 26 • Cars with non-traditional style and design. National Automobile Museum, Reno, 775-333-9300.

UNR Men's Basketball • The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 3 vs. Rockhurst, Nov. 12 vs. Humboldt State, Nov. 19 vs. Sacramento State, Dec. 7 vs. UC Davis, Dec. 13 vs. Seattle Pacific, Dec. 21 vs. Georgia, Dec. 29 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, Jan. 12 vs. Idaho, Jan. 14 vs. Boise State, Jan. 28 vs. Hawaii, Feb. 9 vs. Louisiana Tech, Feb. 13 vs. New Mexico State, Feb. 18 vs. team TBA for the Bracket Busters game, March 2 vs. San Jose State, March 4 vs. Fresno State. The WAC Tournament is March 7-11. Lawlor Events Center, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6900.

UNR Football • The Wolf Pack plays Nov. 5 vs. Hawaii and Nov. 26 vs. Fresno State. Mackay Stadium, UNR, Reno, 775-784-6900.

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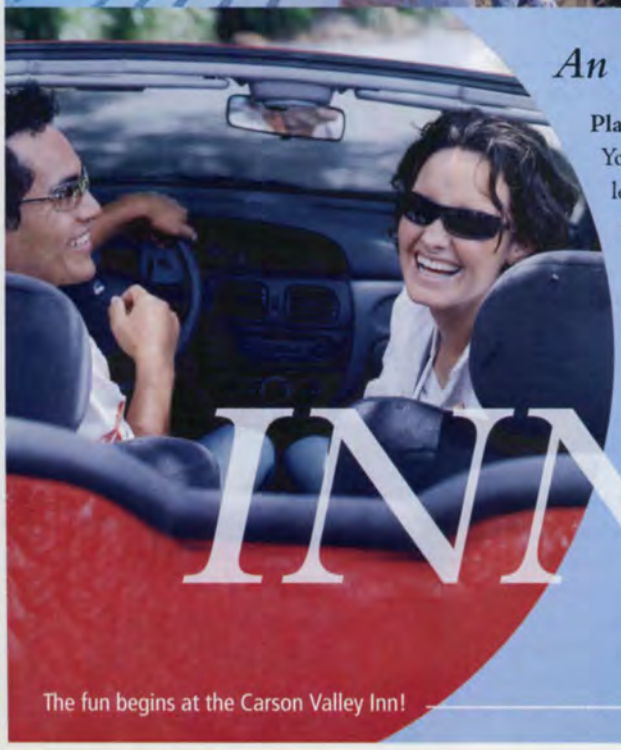
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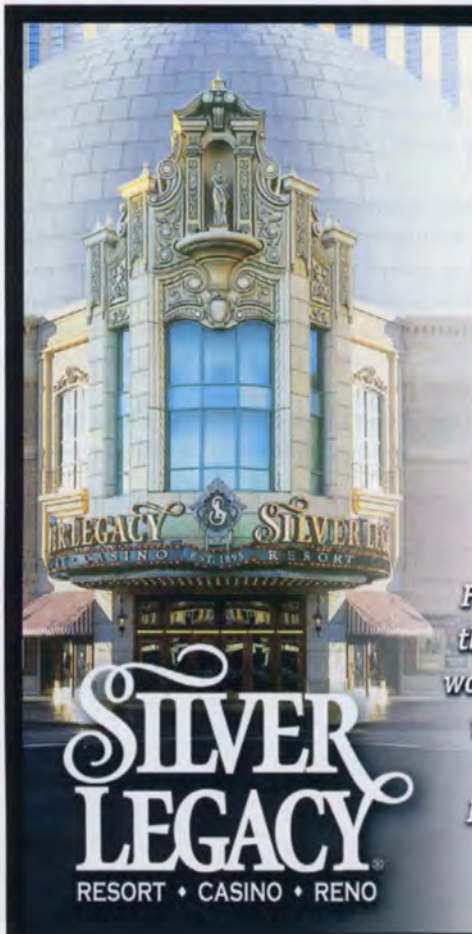
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North Pole or Bust

Ely residents let off steam with a Christmas parade, a tree festival, and the **Polar Express.**

By Kent Harper

The shortest route to the North Pole this holiday season is through Ely. The seat of White Pine County, Ely sits at the crossroads of U.S. Highways 93, 50, and 6, but you don't get to the North Pole by car. You take the train.

The **Polar Express** is scheduled to steam out of Ely 18 times for a magical trip "northward." The special train runs on November 26-27 December 3-4, December 9-11, and December 16-22 from the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.

At 6,427 feet above sea level, Ely often has wintry holiday weather. But no matter the temperature or snowfall, the Nevada Northern steam engines will haul Polar Express passengers up historic Robinson Canyon, chugging past the ghost town of Lane City to Keystone Junction, which miraculously morphs each Yuletide into the North Pole (something to do with quantum physics and the imagination). Last year it snowed the day before the first run, so the Keystone "North Pole" looked good throughout the season.

The outing follows the story of *The Polar Express*, the popular book-turned-movie by Chris Van Allsburg, in which a small boy's faith in Christmas is restored by a magic steam train. The story is read aloud on the trip up to the historic copper diggings.

At Keystone, Santa Claus boards the train. The Jolly Old Fellow visits with passengers, hears Christmas requests from the youngsters, and poses for future photographic family heirlooms. Cookies and cocoa are served. As in the book, Santa gives each rider a small bell. Riding back to the depot in East Ely, everyone sings Christmas carols.

Keystone Junction miraculously morphs each Yuletide into the **North Pole.**



Santa greets passengers on the Nevada Northern's Polar Express.

The Polar Express train is just one way Ely residents let off steam during the holidays. Other activities include tree decorating, craft making, turkey basting, and serious shopping.

The annual **Indian Craft Show** is scheduled for November 26 at the Hotel Nevada in downtown Ely. Native American vendors usually sell jewelry, dream catchers, cradleboards, blankets, and moccasins at the show.

Many Las Vegas and Reno residents travel to Ely to harvest a "real" Christmas tree from the public lands, arriving armed with



The Polar Express chugs out of the Nevada Northern Railway Museum.



Trees and crafts are featured during Ely's holiday festivities.

PHOTOS: Gary Reese (top), Nevada Northern Railway Museum (bottom left), Ely Times (bottom right)

saws and BLM or USFS permits (no poaching allowed). While those urban folks may enjoy the brisk, high-altitude air as they search the hills for the perfect tree, others have found a cozier alternative—the **Ely Festival of Trees** held at the Bristlecone Convention Center.

At the conifer festival, businesses, clubs, churches, and individuals donate fully decorated trees on Thanksgiving weekend. After being displayed for a week, the trees are auctioned on Friday, December 2. About half of them are living trees—after Christmas they can be undecorated and transplanted.

The tree festival coincides with the convention center's main event, the **Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas.** Volunteers teach schoolchildren, visitors, and tour groups how to make wreaths and gingerbread houses. Bands and choirs provide entertainment for the week of Christmas preparations.

Holiday activity peaks on Saturday, December 3. During the day the town's **Christmas Craft Bazaar** attracts vendors and shoppers to the convention center. That night—festooned with lights, garlands, and tinsel—club floats, bicycle groups, equestrians, and pedestrians join the annual **Christmas parade** down Aultman Street.

On December 25, visitors are welcome to join Ely residents at the **Community Christmas Dinner,** held by the local ministerial association at the convention center. The dinner is open to everyone, and meals are delivered to homebound residents. There's a living nativity scene in which the actors move slowly, if at all. Moving more quickly, volunteer servers hustle past the tables, chatting with diners as they deliver turkey and trimmings, in another Ely holiday tradition.

When You Go



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Kent Harper is the editor of the Ely Times.



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1217 Liberty Belle Books, Reno—*Slot Machines: America's Favorite Gaming Device*, 6th edition, by Marshall Fey. 4250 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502 or at bookstores.

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EVENTS AND SHOWS

Nevada's rural area welcomes the holiday season with a round of parties and festivals, such as the **Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas** in Ely. The **National Finals Senior Pro Rodeo** in Winnemucca will determine the circuit's champions. **Don Williams** and **Billy Dean** headline at Cactus Petes in Jackpot. *Nevada Magazine* presents the following events and shows for November and December. Be sure to call ahead to confirm dates and details.

Events

National Finals Senior Pro Rodeo • Nov. 2-5 • More than 1,400 contestants from the United States and Canada competed for spots in this event. Events Center, Winnemucca, 775-623-5071 or 800-962-2638.

Stone Circle • Nov. 4 • Celtic concert. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Death Valley 49er Days • Nov. 9-13 • Western art show, musicians, cowboy poetry, campfires, and fiddlers contest. Beatty, 866-736-3716.

Chili Feed • Nov. 11 • Fundraiser includes a craft sale. Lamoille Women's Club, Lamoille, 775-738-2549.

Wendover Annual Christmas Bazaar • Nov. 12 • Community Center, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Beatty Fire Department Annual Turkey Bingo • Nov. 12 • Community Center, Beatty, 775-553-2958.

Quilting for Charity • Nov. 12 • Bring your sewing machine and supplies to raise money for the Quilting for Veterans with Cancer in Southern Nevada. Quilt sponsors welcome. Community Center, Pahrump, 775-751-5356.

ATV Grass Drags • Nov. 12-13 • Snowmobile racing on the grass. Call for location, Elko, 775-738-8421.

Pahrump Social Powwow • Nov. 18-20 • Native American singers, dancers, and drummers. Petrack Park, Pahrump, 866-722-5800.

Boy Scout Craft Fair • Nov. 19 • Events Complex, Winnemucca, 775-625-2539.

Family Classics • Nov. 19 • "Peter and the Wolf" will be narrated by local talk show host Lori Gilbert. Elko Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4187.

Holiday Craft Bazaar • Nov. 25-26 • St. Mark Lutheran Church, Elko, 775-738-8164.

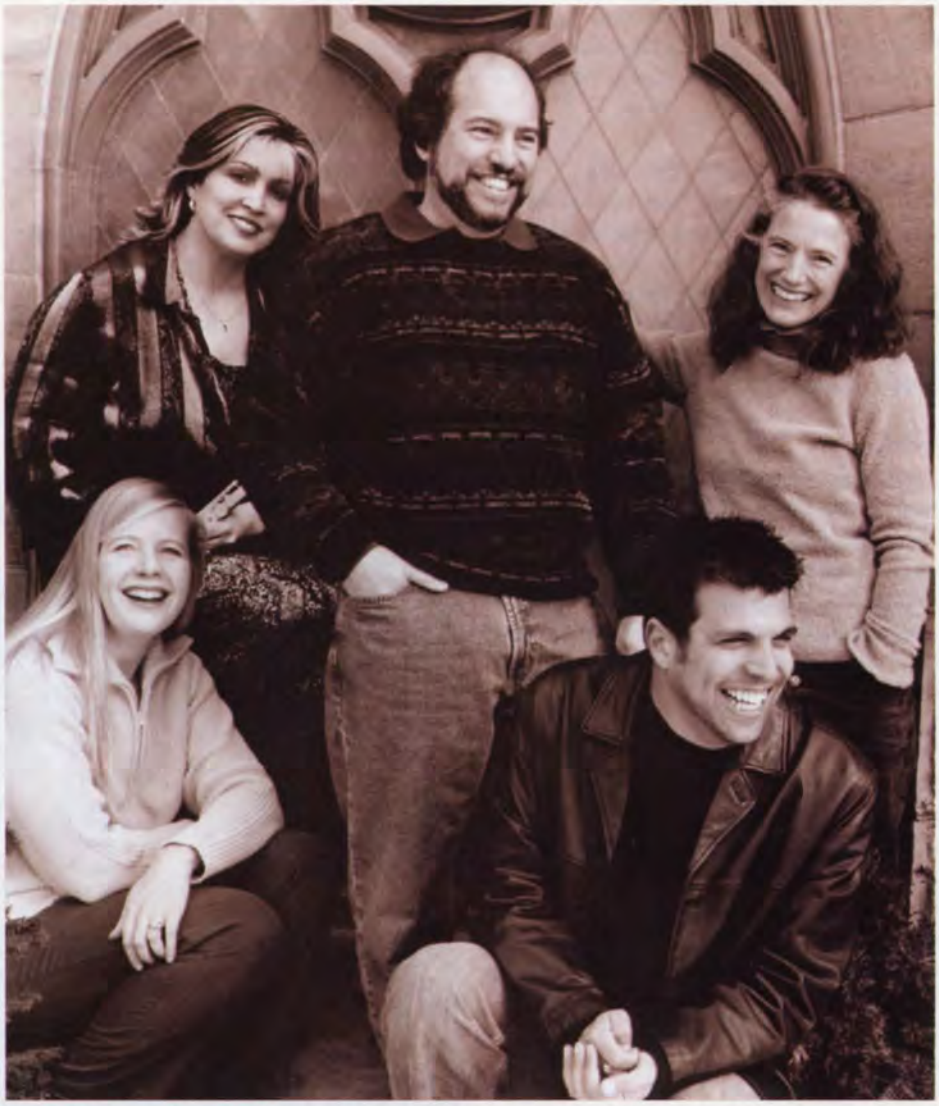
Sights, Sounds, and Smells of Christmas • Nov. 25-Dec. 22 • Ely Festival of Trees begins on Nov. 26, and trees are auctioned on Dec. 2. Events include bands, choirs, train rides, and lessons on making wreaths and gingerbread houses. Christmas Craft Bazaar and parade of lights, Dec. 3. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

Indian Craft Show • Nov. 26 • Hotel Nevada, Ely, 775-289-3720.

Elko Festival of Trees • Nov. 28-Dec. 1 • Silent auction of donated trees, wreaths, and gingerbread houses. Convention Center, Elko, 775-738-4091.

Holiday Religious Lighting Ceremony • Dec. 1 • Entertainment. City Offices, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Wendover in Lights • Dec. 2 • Tree-lighting ceremony, Santa, and hot chocolate and cookies. Welcome Center, Wendover, 866-299-2489.



Stone Circle performs a Celtic concert November 4 at the Eureka Opera House in Eureka.

Boar's Head Feast • Dec. 2 • Seventh annual winter solstice celebration with feasting, music, and theater. Advance tickets required. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-6006.

Christmas Tree Lighting • Dec. 2 • Choir, hot chocolate, and Santa. Maine Street, Fallon, 775-423-4556.

Home Town Christmas • Dec. 3 • Crafts, food, and entertainment. Maine Street, Fallon, 775-423-2544.

Christmas in the Nighttime Skies • Dec. 3 • Fireworks and a chili feast. Kimberly Nursery, Elko, 775-738-8011.

Friends of the Library Craft Fair • Dec. 3 • Pershing County Community Center, Lovelock, 775-273-2216.

Parade of Lights • Dec. 3 • Entertainment following the parade. Downtown, Lovelock, 775-273-7213.

Pahrump A-Pum-Pum Festival • Dec. 3-4 • Parade with Santa, bake sales, arts and crafts vendors, tree-decorating contest, tree-lighting, and sing-a-long. Pahrump Valley Auto Plaza, Pahrump, 866-722-5800.

Christmas Craft Fair • Dec. 3-4 • Convention Center, Winnemucca, 775-578-0014.

Nurses' Christmas Bazaar • Dec. 3-4 • Fundraiser arts and crafts



Living and artificial conifers, all brightly decorated, will be auctioned at Elko's Festival of Trees.

sale. Convention Center, Elko, 775-753-2216.

Elko Nevada Trophy 4WD Geocaching Challenge • Dec. 10-11 • Open to all 4WD vehicles. Drivers and navigators test their GPS-navigating skills. Elko location will not be announced prior to event. www.offroadexperience.com.

Christmas Festival • Dec. 12-14 • Prizes, entertainment, Santa, and refreshments. Wendover Recreation District, Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Nativity Scene • Dec. 13 • Enacted with live animals. Evening includes a turkey raffle. Austin Clinic, Austin, 775-964-2200.

Santa and Toys • Dec. 14-24 • Visits by Santa Claus and antique toys exhibit. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Children's Christmas Pageant • Dec. 17-18 • Beatty Community Center, Beatty, 775-553-2902.

From Heaven's Throne • Dec. 18 • White Pine Community Choir. Centennial Fine Arts Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

Christmas Dinner • Dec. 25 • Living nativity scene and dinner provided by the Ely area's ministerial association. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 775-289-3720.

The Countdown in Downtown • Dec. 31 • Family-oriented events include fireworks. Elko, 775-738-1240.

Winnemucca New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Casino festivities. Winnemucca, 800-962-2638.

Wendover New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Festivities in the town's casinos take place on Mountain Time. Wendover, 866-299-2489.

Ely Volunteer Fire Department New Year's Party • Dec. 31 • Music and dancing. Bristlecone Convention Center, Ely, 800-HY6-9350.

Eureka Firemen's New Year's Eve Ball • Dec. 31 • Volunteer fire department hosts music and dancing. Eureka Opera House, Eureka, 775-237-5263.

Fallon New Year's • Dec. 31 • Fireworks at the fairgrounds, 775-423-4556. Fun run on New Year's Day, 775-423-7733.

Hawthorne's New Year's Eve • Dec. 31 • Parties at casinos. Hawthorne, 775-945-2507.

Border Inn New Year's • Dec. 31 • Residents and visitors will celebrate the new year twice, on Utah and Nevada time. Border Inn, seven miles north of Baker, 775-234-7300.

Wells New Year's • Dec. 31 • Music, hats, and noisemakers. Four Way Casino, Wells, 775-752-3344.

Ongoing Events

Goldfield Historical Firehouse and Museum • Antique equipment displayed on weekends. Goldfield, 775-485-6303.

Eye Opener Slot Tournament • 9am-noon Mon.-Thurs. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

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Senior cowboys like Rick Miller (above, in Fernley) ride in the national finals in Winnemucca while Billy Dean lets his hair down at Cactus Petes.

Sturgeons Inn Tournaments • Bingo Tues. and Thurs., slot tournament Fri. Lovelock, 775-273-2971 or 888-234-6835.

Blackjack Tournaments • Friday • Play for championship event on Dec. 9. Peppermill, Wendover, 800-537-0207.

Nevada Artists • Permanent exhibit of works by such artists as Cliff Segerblom, Sharon Rhodes, Don Farmer, and Mildred Byers. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Saturday Night Fever Slot Tournament • 7pm, $10 buy-in. Saddle West, Pahrump, 800-433-3987.

Koni Fugiwara Art Exhibition • Thru Nov. 19 • Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Elko County Art Club • Thru Dec. 13 • Juried show. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

The Forest Service: 100 Years • Thru Dec. 16 • Photo exhibit of the U.S. Forest Service's century in Nevada. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Hidden Cave Tours • Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 28 • Guided tour of Hidden Cave archaeological site includes self-guided tour of Grimes Point petroglyph site. Meet at Churchill County Museum, Fallon. To confirm tour dates, call the Bureau of Land Management, 775-885-6000.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum and Polar Express • Thanksgiving Train, Nov. 20, fare is one can of food. The Polar Express train ride with Santa runs on Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4, 9-11, and 16-22. Winter Steam Spectacular Photo Shoot, Dec. 3-5 and 10-12. Nevada Northern Railway Museum, Ely, 775-289-2085.

Larry Bute Exhibition • Nov. 22-March 6 • Western art. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Holiday Workshop • Dec. 13-24 • Antique toy display and photo opportunities with Santa. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418 for Holiday Workshop details.

Amy Hartell and Larry Turner Exhibition • Dec. 20-March 7 • Polaroid transfers and photographs. Northeastern Nevada Museum, Elko, 775-738-3418.

Coming Events

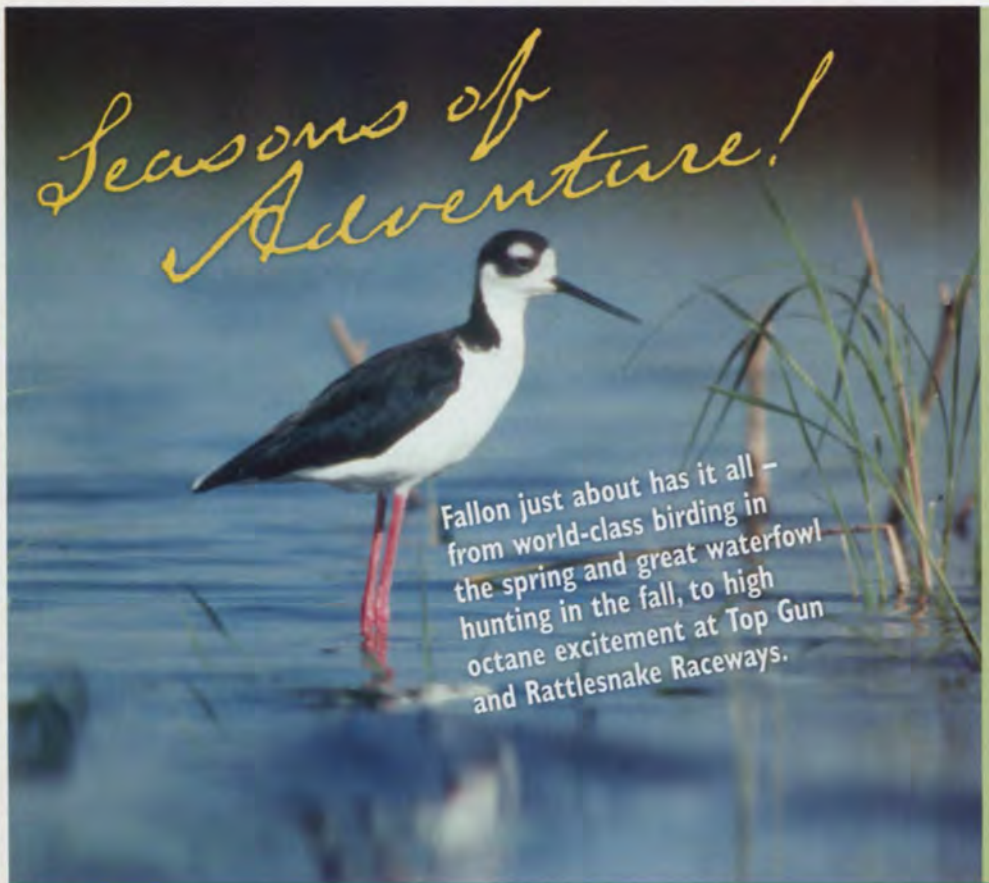
National Cowboy Poetry Gathering • Jan. 28-Feb. 4 • Elko, 888-880-5885.

Nevada Boomtown History Conference • Feb. 2-5 • Armagosa, 775-372-5341.

Ranch Hand Rodeo • March 4-5 • Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.

Shooting the West Photography Seminar • March 10-11 • Winnemucca, 775-623-4941.

Winnemucca Basque Festival • June 10-11 • Winnemucca, 775-623-5071.



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Shows

AMARGOSA VALLEY

Longstreet Inn • 775-372-1777: Weekend entertainment.

BEATTY

Stagecoach • 775-553-2419 or 800-4-BIGWIN (U.S. outside Nevada): Bands play in the lounge Fri.-Sat.

Exchange Club • 775-553-2368: Karaoke is scheduled on Fri.

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Commercial Hotel • 775-738-3181: Bands play in the lounge.

Gold Country Casino • 800-621-1332: Music on weekends.

High Desert Inn • 775-738-8425: Comedy on Fri.

Red Lion • 775-738-2111 or 800-545-0044 (Western U.S. outside Nevada): Showroom: Bands play nightly.

Stockmen's Hotel • 775-738-5141 or 800-648-2345 (U.S. and Nevada): Bands play in the showroom.

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Hotel Nevada • 775-289-6665.

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Bonanza Inn • 775-423-6031.

Fallon Nugget • 775-423-3111.

Stockman's Casino and Holiday Inn Express • 775-423-2117.

HAWTHORNE

El Capitan • 775-945-3322: Music in the Casino Lounge.

Joe's Tavern • 775-945-2302.

JACKPOT

Barton's Club 93 • 775-755-2341.

Cactus Petes • 800-821-1103: Gala Showroom: Don Williams, Nov. 4-5. Billy Dean, Nov. 18-19. Bands play in the Cabaret.

Horseshu Casino • 775-755-2321. Cabaret: TBA.

LOVELOCK

Sturgeons • 775-273-2971 and 888-234-6835: Center Club Showroom: Bands and karaoke are featured on weekends.

PAHRUMP

Pahrump Nugget • 775-751-6500.

Saddle West Hotel, Casino, and RV Park • 775-727-1111: Entertainment in the Club West Nightclub.

Terrible's Lakeside • 775-751-7770.

Terrible's Town Casino • 775-751-7777.

SILVER SPRINGS

Silver Springs Nugget • 775-577-4263.

TONOPAH

Banc Club • 775-482-5409: Bands play Thurs.-Sat.

Tonopah Station Ramada Inn • 775-482-9777: Bands play on weekends.

WENDOVER

Montego Bay • 775-664-9100: Bands play in the lounge.

Peppermill • 775-664-2255 or 800-648-9660 (U.S. outside Nevada): Entertainers appear in the Casino Lounge.

Rainbow Casino • 775-664-4000: Bands play in the lounge.

Red Garter • 775-664-2111 or 800-982-2111 (U.S. outside Nevada).

State Line Nugget • 775-664-2221.

WINNEMUCCA

Winners Hotel • 775-623-2511: Bands such as Full House and Retro Active appear in the Winners Lounge.

Model T Hotel • 775-623-2588: Bands play Thurs.-Sat. Karaoke, Wed.

Holiday Inn Express • 775-625-3100.

Sundance Casino • 775-623-3336.

Red Lion • 800-633-6435.

YERINGTON

Casino West • 775-463-2481: Weekend music.

Dini's Lucky Club • 775-463-2868: Weekend music.

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Lon Bronson

The **Las Vegas bandleader** gets the room rocking with a little help from his friends.

Lon Bronson has appeared on Las Vegas stages for 20 years, the last 15 as leader of the Lon Bronson All-Star Band. In 2004, after a 14-year run at the Riviera and other Strip venues, Bronson and his 12 fellow all-stars moved to the Golden Nugget, where they appear Monday and Saturday nights, delivering what the 46-year-old trumpeter calls "industrial strength" R&B, rock, soul, and funk. Bronson and the All-Stars recently released their first CD, "Live," recorded before an audience in the Golden Nugget showroom. He resides in Las Vegas with his wife, JoAnn, a former dancer in Lance Burton's show, and daughters Alana, seven, and Taylor, four, both aspiring dancer-singers. "We live four minutes from the Strip," Bronson says. "I get crazy with longer commutes."



Trumpeter Bronson and his band often jam with visiting celebs.



When I was growing up in Keene, New Hampshire, in the 1970s, Las Vegas to me was the stuff of legends. Vegas was where Ann-Margret and Elvis cavorted nightly, where James Bond escaped villains by driving his '71 Mustang on two wheels down Fremont Street, and where Frank and the Rat Pack hung out. It was a crazy, cuckoo dream, Jack. I wanted a piece of it, but how?

In 1985 good fortune landed me a two-week booking at the Riviera on the Strip. Back then Vegas was a different town. It was going through the transition period between the mob and Wynn, before the Mirage changed everything.

Entertainment also was in a state of flux. The lounges were slowly dying. Instead of the Count Basie Orchestra, you would be lucky to hear a Bill Murrayesque duo performing "Feelings." While playing Vegas in the late '80s, I saw all the showrooms fire their bands and go to tape. After 11 p.m. the desert was deserted. This can't be, I thought. Where was the Rat Pack Vegas I had grown up with, and what could a boy from New Hampshire do about it?

Without knowing any better, I started cold-calling the best ex-show musicians in Vegas: "I'm putting together an all-star band to perform Monday nights around 2 a.m. We're gonna be about 13 pieces with a big horn section performing Tower of Power and Blood, Sweat, and Tears, and by the way—I can't pay you." The hotel thought I was crazy.

Guess what? The best musicians in Vegas signed up, showed up, and never left. Starting with the first Monday night at the Riviera, we were jammed to the hilt with show people clamoring for something different. Visiting headliners, comics, musicians, showgirls dressed to kill, stagehands, valets, and bartenders flocked to the lounge for our little slice of Old Vegas. Deals were made, jokes were told, relationships were started (and ended) at our show. With not one dollar spent on advertising, we became "the" hang.

Fifteen years later the formula still works. Last year we graduated from the Riviera lounge to the historic Golden Nugget showroom, where we keep the retro Vegas Vibe very much alive. Come by, and you might see Steve Schirripa and the cast of *The Sopranos* on stage with us. Another night, good friend Drew Carey could be singing backup on "What Is Hip," or Penn Jillette might belt out his retitled version of a Carly Simon standard, "I'm So Vain."

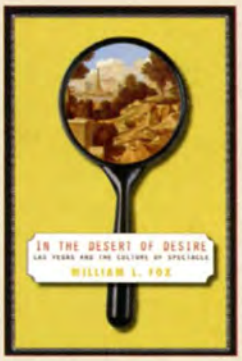
One day last year, "Doc" Kupka of Tower of Power caught a show and implored me to record the band. The result was our first CD, "Live." Now we are working on our second, "Doc Goes Vegas," featuring the All-Stars and some of those old-school Vegas stars I used to dream about.

Show Notes

Lon Bronson and his All-Star Band perform two shows weekly at the Golden Nugget's Theatre Ballroom in downtown Las Vegas. Show times are 10 p.m. Monday and midnight Saturday. There is no cover charge. Call 702-386-8100 or 888-404-6441 or visit www.goldennugget.com or www.lonbronson.com for more information.

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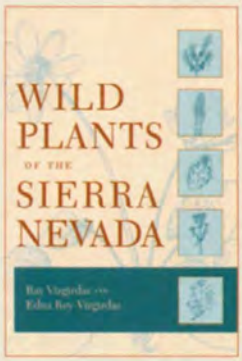
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Nevada Tops in Meetings



Oprah Winfrey received the National Association of Broadcasters Distinguished Service Award at the Las Vegas Hilton last year.

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The Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas opened its expanded convention center with a celebration in May.

square-foot **Las Vegas Convention Center**, the 1.8-million-square-foot **Mandalay Bay Convention Center**, and the 1.6-million-square-foot **Sands Expo**.

In 2005, Las Vegas gained 363,000 square feet of meeting space with the opening of the 2,701-room **Wynn Las Vegas** and expansions at the **Rio All-Suite Hotel**, **Caesars Palace**, and the **Westin Casuarina**. Convention-space growth will continue in 2006. An additional 349,000 square feet of space are expected to open at such properties as the new **South Coast Hotel** and the **Red Rock Resort and Spa**.

Las Vegas continues to rank atop the list of preferred destinations for meeting and convention planners nationwide, and not just because of the expertise of the city's hospitality professionals. The "Entertainment Capital of the World" has become the convention capital of the world because of its variety of meeting space, ample hotel- and motel-room availability (more than 135,000 rooms citywide), and more entertaining programming options concentrated in one area than any other destination in the world.

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Reno-Tahoe

In Reno, meeting planners can choose from a number of state-of-the-art facilities. The **Reno-Sparks Convention Center** has 500,000 square feet of adaptable exhibition space. The year-old **Reno Events Center**, a 116,000-square-foot venue in downtown Reno, has hosted top-name entertainment.

The **Reno Hilton** was recently purchased by Grand Sierra Resort, which plans to create the largest indoor water park in the country. Cabela's plans to build a 150,000-square-foot destination retail store near Boomtown.

New projects on the Truckee River corridor include retail establishments and highly sought-after office space. The old Mapes Hotel lot is being turned into an ice-skating and roller-blading rink, amphitheater, and retail and office space.

The **Truckee River Whitewater Park** is among the area's outdoor amenities that appeal to the convention and meetings market. Nearby, the **Truckee River Arts District** boasts specialty shops, antique boutiques, coffee houses, and dining options.

At Lake Tahoe's north shore, attractions include the lakefront ballroom and Lone Eagle Grille at the **Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe** and the historic **Cal-Neva Resort**. Convention goers can take tours of the **Thunderbird Lodge**.

At Stateline on Tahoe's south shore, **Harveys**, **Harrah's Lake Tahoe**, **Caesars Tahoe**, and the **Horizon** hotel-casinos offer conference sites, entertainment, and fine dining. For an unusual meeting site, you can book space with **Lake Tahoe Cruises** aboard a paddlewheeler.

Rural Nevada

Energy, hospitality, and unique settings await meeting planners in Nevada's 15 less populated counties.

Groups gathering for meetings in the **Elko Convention Center** will find a scenic location near the Ruby Mountains. Because of its first-rate facilities, the **Winnemucca Convention Center and Events Complex** can compete with larger cities. The **Battle Mountain Civic Center** is often the community staging place for adventure events, such as September's World Human Powered Speed Challenge, in which recumbent bicyclists reach speeds of up to 80 mph.

When it comes to attractions, convention officials from Ely's **Bristlecone Convention Center** direct groups to nearby **Lehman Caves** at **Great Basin National Park** and the **Nevada Northern Railway Museum**, the city's operating tourist train. Hawthorne has nearby **Walker Lake** and an impressive military history as a backdrop for meetings in the **Hawthorne Community Convention Center**.

Lovelock, which has the **Lovelock/Pershing County Community Center**, is home to the country's only round courthouse. Because of its name, Lovelock is popular with altar-bound couples. Artifacts and the story of mining can be discovered by those booking the **Tonopah Convention Center**. Fallon, known as the home of the **Fallon Naval Air Station** and its Top Gun pilot's school, has the **Fallon Convention Center**.

History awaits delegates at the **Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center**, a renovated grammar school in Yerington, and the restored **Eureka Opera House**, a progressive art and theater center on U.S. 50 in Eureka.

Meeting Information: *For more information contact the* ***Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority*** *(702-892-0711 or www.lvcva.com), the* ***Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority*** *(800-FOR-RENO or www.visitrenotahoe.com), and the* ***Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority*** *(800-AT-TAHOE or www.visitbluelaketahoe.com).*

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The Las Vegas Convention Center has more than 3 million square feet of meeting areas and 144 breakout rooms.

Nevada offers meeting planners more than two dozen convention centers and community facilities that have an array of choices and amenities. The following listing describes such details as:

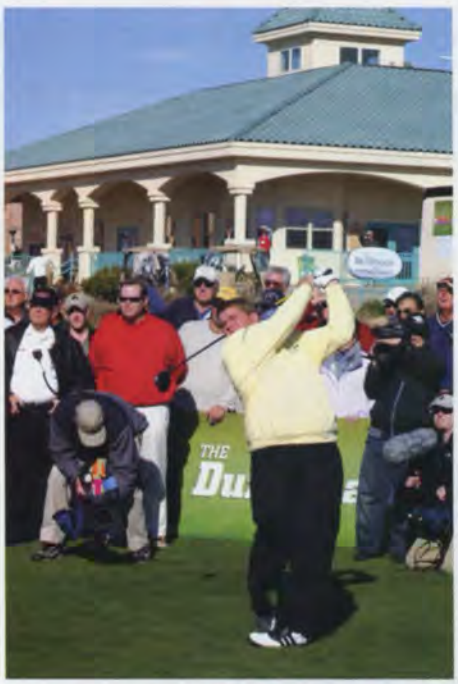
- size of meeting space,
- breakout rooms,
- number of attendees possible,
- catering and other services.

Attractions that have meeting capabilities can be found in "Attractive Meeting Sites" in this issue of ***Nevada Travel Update: The 2006 Meeting Planners' Guide to Nevada***, an annual publication. For hotel-casino meeting accommodations see the "2006 Hotel Meeting Guide" in this issue. Please call for further information or to request a site inspection, which all facilities are happy to provide.

Las Vegas

Cashman Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109 (physical location 850 Las Vegas Blvd. N.). Phone 702-386-7100, fax 702-386-7126, www.lvcva.com. Total meeting space 115,600 square feet, 12 breakout rooms, exhibit space 98,100 square feet. Theater seating 1,922, classroom 3,300, dinner 5,660, cocktail party 5,660. Catering and assistance with housing, events, and registration. Located north of downtown.

Cox Pavilion: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 23,780, seven breakout rooms, trade show 23,780 square feet. Theater style 3,000, classroom 1,400, dinner 1,200, cocktail party 2,000. Wedding space, catering, registration, and events assistance.



John Daly tees off at the 2004 Duff Challenge national finals at CasaBlanca Golf Club in Mesquite.

Henderson Convention Center: 200 Water St., Henderson, NV 89015. Phone 877-775-5252, fax 702-267-2177 visit www.visithenderson.com. Total meeting space 13,765 square feet, 10 breakout rooms, trade show 10,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-1,200, classroom 10-800, dinner 10-700, cocktail party 10-900. Wedding space, housing, events, and registration assistance.

Las Vegas Convention Center: 3150 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-892-0711, fax 702-892-2824, visit www.lvcva.com and www.visitlasvegas.com. Total meeting space 3.2 million square feet, 144 breakout rooms, exhibit space two million square feet. Theater seating 20-14,000, classroom 12-2,400, dinner 12,000, cocktail party 14,000. Catering and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Sam Boyd Stadium: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003 (physical location eight miles east of the Strip at 7000 E. Russell Rd.). Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 92,665 open air, seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 92,665 square feet. Theater seating 36,000, classroom 5,400, dinner 6,000, cocktail party 30,000. Wedding space, catering, registration, and events assistance.

Sands Expo and Convention Center: 201 E. Sands Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-733-5556, fax 702-733-5061, www.sandsexpo.com. Total meeting space 1.6 million square feet. Meeting capacity 60-100,000. Theater seating, 60-8,000, classroom, cocktail, and dinner 60-5,000. Catering, registration, and events assistance are available.

Photos: Las Vegas News Bureau (top), CasaBlanca Golf Club (center)

Thomas and Mack Center: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Pkwy., Box 450003, Las Vegas, NV 89154-0003. Phone 702-895-1028, fax 702-895-1581, www.thomasandmack.com. Total meeting space 60,000 square feet (25,000 on arena floor, plus 35,000 on the concourse), seven breakout rooms, exhibit space 60,000 square feet. Theater seating 18,000, classroom 1,300, dinner 1,200, cocktail party 7,000. Wedding space, catering, and registration and events assistance. The center's 4,320-square-foot Board Room was remodeled in spring 2004.

"V" Theater at Desert Passage: 3663 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-932-1820, fax 702-932-7092, www.varietytheater.com. Total meeting space 30,000 square feet. Group size 20-2,000. Theater seating 500. Wedding, catering, and entertainment assistance.

Reno-Tahoe

Brewery Arts Center, Carson City: 449 W. King St., Carson City, NV 89703. Phone 775-883-1976, fax 775-883-1922, www.breweryarts.org. Total meeting space 5,330 square feet. Theater seating 10-300, classroom 10-75, dinner 10-50, cocktail party 10-100. A full kitchen, wedding space, and catering are available.

Lawlor Events Center: University of Nevada, Reno, MS 230, Reno, NV 89557-0096. Phone 775-784-4659, fax 775-784-4428, www.unr.edu/lawlor. Total meeting space 9,500 square feet, eight breakout rooms, exhibit space 30,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-10,000, classroom 10-500, dinner 10-1,200, cocktail party 10-1,000. Wedding space, catering, and events and registration assistance. On-campus housing assistance is available during the university's break times.



Convention-goers serve themselves in the buffet line at the Elko Convention Center.



The downtown Reno Events Center hosts concerts, sports events, and conventions and trade shows.

National Bowling Stadium: 300 N. Center St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-335-8800 or 800-304-2695, fax 775-334-2606, www.visitrenotahoe.com. Total meeting space 17,500 square feet, three breakout rooms, trade show 9,000 square feet. Theater seating 800, classroom 450, dinner 360, cocktail party 1,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts: 100 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-686-6610, fax 775-686-6630, www.pioneercenter.com. Exhibit hall 4,000 square feet, auditorium 1,500 seats. Six breakout rooms, exhibit space 4,000 square feet. Theater seating 1,500, exhibit hall 400, classroom 200, dinner 250, cocktail party 250. Wedding space and catering assistance.

Reno Events Center: 400 N. Center St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 800-304-2695, fax 775-334-2606, www.renoeventscenter.com. Total meeting space 61,000 square feet. Ten breakout rooms, exhibit space 60,000 square feet. Theater seating 7,500, dinner 2,850. Catering, liquor license, and registration and housing assistance.

Reno Livestock Events Center: 1350 N. Wells Ave., Reno, NV 89512. Phone 775-688-5751, fax 775-688-5763, visit www.visitrenotahoe.com. Arena and exhibition hall offers total meeting space of 83,000 square feet, one 20,000-square-foot breakout room. Weddings, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Reno-Sparks Convention Center: 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502. Phone 775-827-7620, fax 775-827-7701, visit www.visitrenotahoe.com. Total meeting space 500,000 square feet, 53 breakout rooms, exhibit space 381,000 square feet. Theater seating 15,000, classroom 10,000, dinner 10,000, cocktail party 15,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Rural Areas

Battle Mountain Civic Center: 625 S. Broad St., Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Phone 775-635-1112, fax 775-635-1113, www.battlemountain.org. Total meeting space 6,984 square feet, three breakout rooms. Theater seating 450, classroom 150, dinner 300, cocktail party 400. Wedding space, catering facilities, and events and registration assistance.

Elko Convention Center: 700 Moren Way, Elko, NV 89801. Phone 800-248-3556 or 775-738-4091 fax 775-738-2420, www.elkocva.com. Total meeting space 50,000 square feet, eight breakout rooms, a 915-seat theater, and exhibit space 50,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-915, classroom 20-440, dinner 500, cocktail party 15-1,500. Wedding space, catering, and events and registration assistance. A convention and meeting planners' guide is available.

Ely/Bristlecone Convention Center: 150 Sixth St., Ely, NV 89301. Phone 800-HY6-9350 or 775-289-3720, fax 775-289-6757 www.elynevada.net. Total meeting and exhibit space 7,000 square feet, five breakout rooms. Theater seat-

ing up to 550, classroom 350, dinner 350, cocktail party 550. Wedding space, catering, and events and registration assistance.

Ely/Camp Success: 25 miles east of Ely in the forested Success Summit Loop of Duck Creek Basin. Book through the Bristlecone Convention Center. Facility offers a meeting lodge, a cabin that can house four to six persons, tent platforms, kitchen facility, restrooms, and showers. Maximum group size is 200 at Camp Success.

Eureka Opera House: 31 Main St., Box 284, Eureka, NV 89316. Phone 775-237-6006, fax 775-237-6040, log onto www.co.eureka.nv.us. Total meeting space in the restored opera house is 3,000 square feet, two breakout rooms, exhibit space 3,000 square feet. Theater seating 300, classroom 150, dinner 200, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Fallon Convention Center: 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-423-4556 or 800-874-0903, fax 775-423-8926, www.fallontourism.com. Total meeting space 6,500 square feet, five breakout rooms, exhibit space 4,000 square feet. Theater seating 400, classroom 300, dinner 350, cocktail party 300. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Hawthorne Community Convention Center: 932 E. St., Box 2281, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Phone 775-945-5400, fax 775-945-5402. Total meeting space 3,316 square feet in the main hall, exhibit space 2,000 square feet. Theater seating 5-275, classroom 5-275, dinner 5-275, cocktail party 5-275. Wedding space, full kitchen, and assistance with housing, events, and registration are available.

Lovelock/Pershing County Community Center: 820 Sixth St., Box 986, Lovelock, NV 89419. Phone 775-273-7144, fax 775-273-0525, www.zplace2be.com/pccofc. Total meeting space 3,500 square feet, exhibit space 20 to 30 booths. Groups of 10-500 with dinner seating for 400. Wedding space, catering, and registration and events assistance are available.



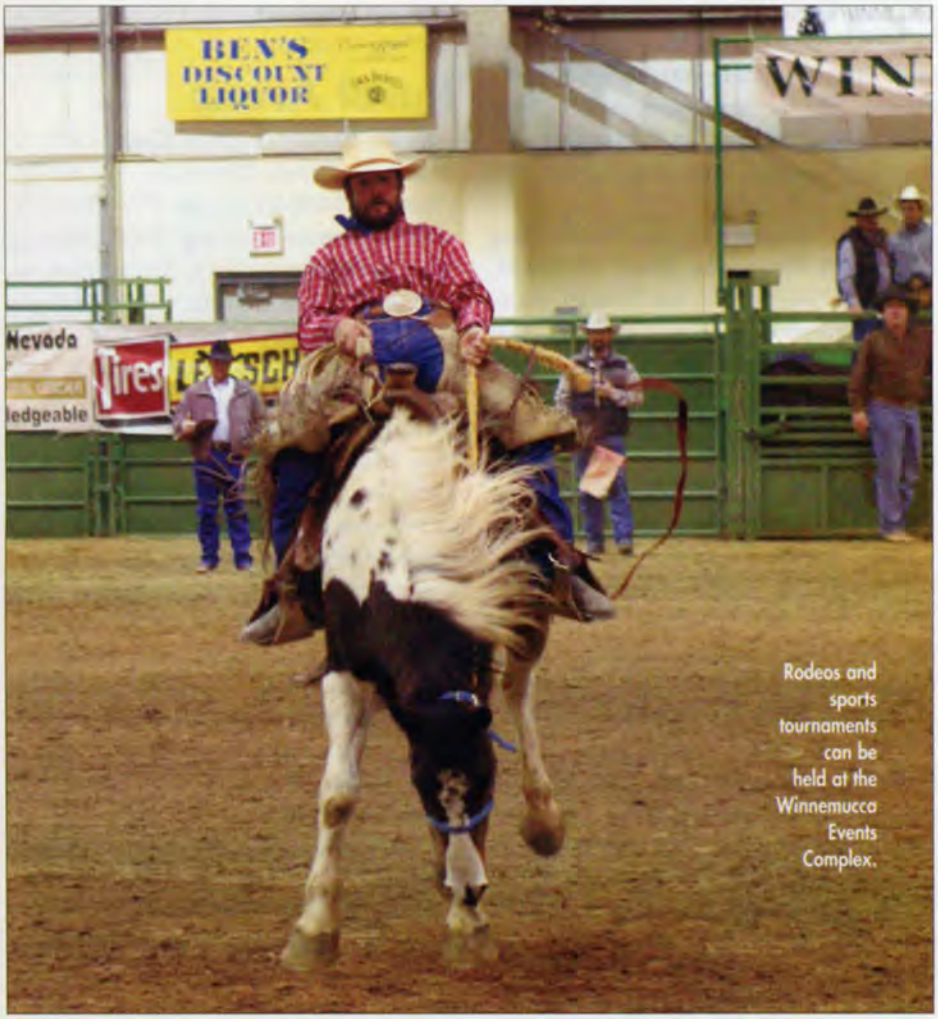
The Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center, a renovated grammar school, has meeting space, a theater, and a café.

Tonopah Convention Center: Box 408, Tonopah, NV 89049. Phone 775-482-3558, fax 775-482-3932, www.tonopahnevada.com. Total meeting space 3,000 square feet. Main room with a bar and stage, an auxiliary room with a bar that can be combined with the main room, and two small meeting rooms. Theater seating 250, classroom 250, dinner 300, cocktail party 350. Weddings; warming ovens and refrigerator are available.

Winnemucca Convention Center and Events Complex: 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445. Phone 775-623-5071, fax 775-623-5087 visit www.winnemucca.nv.us. Total meeting space 132,000 square feet, 15 breakout rooms, exhibit space 96,000 square feet. Theater seating 10-3,000, classroom 8-1,000, dinner 8-1,500, cocktail party 10-4,000. Wedding space, catering, and assistance with housing, events, and registration.

Yerington/Jeanne Dini Yerington Cultural Center: 120 N. California St., Box 695, Yerington, NV 89447 Phone 775-463-9116, fax 775-463-9686, visit www.yeringtonculture.org. Total meeting space in the renovated Yerington grammar school is 3,000 square feet, three classrooms (two are not handicapped accessible), and theater, stage, and café area. Exhibit space 3,400 square feet. Theater seating 147 classroom 90-120, no dinner seating, cocktail party 90-120. Wedding space for ceremony and cocktail receptions (no dining), and events and registration assistance.

Yerington/Weed Heights Community Hall: 2 Austin Drive, Yerington, NV 89447 Phone 775-463-3351, fax 775-463-5143. Total meeting space 4,500 square feet. Occupancy 400. Wedding space, catering, site, and events assistance.



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Meeting Venues

The Elko Convention Center boasts more than 50,000 square feet of convention and meeting space with comfortable seating and flexible meeting room configurations. Also available is the center's 923-seat auditorium. All meeting venues at the Elko Convention Center offer complete audio-visual equipment for multi-media presentations.

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Elko is centrally located on I-80 between these major cities: Boise, ID is 255 miles; Twin Falls, ID is 170 miles; Salt Lake City, UT is 230 miles; Reno, NV is 295 miles; and Las Vegas, NV is 525 miles from Elko.

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Las Vegas

Boulder Dam Hotel: Historic hotel built during the construction of Hoover Dam. Function space 1,650 square feet. Group size 10-75; theater and classroom 10-75. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 1305 Arizona St., Boulder City, NV 89005. Phone 702-293-3510, fax 702-293-3093, www.boulderdamhotel.com.

Community College of Southern Nevada Planetarium: Virtual-reality domed theater. Function space 1,000 square feet. Group size 20-75; maximum size theater and classroom 71. Spousal activities, no catering or liquor license. 3200 East Cheyenne Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89030. Phone 702-651-4138, fax 702-651-4825, visit www.ccsn.edu/planetarium/

ESPN Zone: Sports-themed dining and entertainment located inside New York-New York Hotel-Casino. The HD Studio Grill and Screening Room have large high-definition TVs. Function space 34,000 square feet. Group size 20-1,000; dinner 20-550, cocktail party 20-1,000. Spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3790 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-933-3776, fax 702-933-6509, www.espnzone.com.

Fashion Show Mall: Shopping mall has nine restaurants and spa facilities. Total meeting space: Great Hall 10,000, Plaza 40,000. Call for details on other facility spaces. Catering, convention, business services. 3200 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 600, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-369-0704, fax 702-784-7029, visit www.thefashionshow.com.

Forum Shops at Caesars: Shopping area at Caesars Palace features 160 specialty shops and eateries. Fourteen fine-dining restaurants offer facilities for parties and receptions. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-893-3807 fax 702-893-3009, www.forumshops.com.

Fremont Street Experience: Outside venue features a 1,500-foot-high canopy with nightly light-and-sound shows; can accommodate more than 2,000 people in two blocks, with food and beverage service through member properties. Group size 50-2,000-plus. Weddings, catering, liquor licenses. 425 Fremont St., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-678-5600, fax 702-678-5611, www.vegasexperience.com.

The Front Door: Indoor and outdoor facility specializing in special events, offering full restaurant, American cuisine, theater-style seating, classroom, dinner, and cocktail party spaces. Total function space 10,000 square feet. Group size 50-2,000. Weddings, spousal activities, liquor license. 4813 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-242-1222, fax 702-262-6159, www.thefrontdoorlv.com.

GameWorks: High-tech entertainment destination allows guests to eat, drink, party, and play. Function space 47,000 square feet. Group size 10-2,500; theater 10-150, classroom 10-50, dinner 10-125, cocktail party 10-2,500. Spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3785 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 010, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-895-7626, fax 702-895-7683, www.gameworks.com.

Guggenheim Hermitage Museum: Inside the Venetian, museum presents exhibits featuring art from the 15th to 20th centuries. Function space 1,500 square feet. Maximum indoor group size 80, outdoor patio 300. Catering, liquor license, tours. 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-414-2440, fax 702-414-2442, visit www.guggenheimlasvegas.org.

Harley-Davidson Café: Themed restaurant features Harley-Davidson memorabilia and a variety of menus. Function space 10,000 square feet. Group size 1-1,400; dinner 650, cocktail reception 1,400. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 3725 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-740-4555, fax 702-262-6252, or log onto www.harley-davidsoncafe.com.

Hofbräuhaus Las Vegas: A re-creation of Munich's original Hofbräuhaus with Schwemme Plus (main hall) and indoor Biergarten (beer garden). Group size 50-830; main hall 380, beer garden 450. Weddings, full service bar specializing in Hofbräu beers, Barviaran menus, oompah bands. 4510 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-853-BEER, fax 702-407-

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Lake Mead Cruises: Landing and two *Desert Princess* paddlewheel boats operate year-round. Maximum group size 250; theater 150, classroom 150, dinner 150, cocktail party 250. Weddings, catering, beverage service, spousal activities. Box 62465, Boulder City, NV 89006. Phone 702-293-6180, fax 702-293-0343, www.lakemeadcruises.com.

Las Vegas Art Museum: Contemporary art facility offers gallery viewing and free docent tours included with rentals. Total function space is more than 12,000 square feet. Group size up to 600; theater 250, classroom 200, dinner 200, cocktail party 500-600. Weddings, spousal activities, referrals to catering and beverage service. 9600 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117 Phone 702-360-8000, fax 702-360-8080, visit www.lasvegasartmuseum.org.

Las Vegas Mini Gran Prix: Four race tracks for adults and families, amusement rides, restaurant, arcade. Function space 12,000 square feet. Maximum group size 1,000; dinner 550. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 1401 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89108. Phone 702-259-7000, fax 702-259-7001, visit www.lvmgp.com.

Las Vegas Motor Speedway: A multipurpose sports and entertainment facility that offers various function and entertainment spaces. Function space up to 1,200 acres. Group size up to 100,000; theater up to 1,000, classroom up to 5,000, dinner up to 3,000, cocktail party up to 10,000. Weddings are held only on NASCAR Weekend in March; catering, liquor license. 7000 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89115. Phone 702-644-4444, fax 702-632-8222, visit www.lvms.com.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum: Exhibit topics include dinosaurs, marine life, and animals of the world, Nevada, and Africa. Function space 30,000 square feet. Group size 500; theater 8-200, classroom 10-150, dinner, 4-200, cocktail party 500. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering and liquor license. 900 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-384-3466, fax 702-384-5343, visit www.lvnhm.org.

Laughlin River Tours: Sightseeing tours, dinner and cocktail cruises, charters, and weddings aboard 150-passenger boats. Group size 2-150; dinner 2-70, cocktail party 50-150. Weddings, spousal activities, on-site catering, liquor license. Box 29279, Laughlin, NV 89029. Phone 702-298-1047 or 800-228-9825, fax 702-298-8259, www.laughlinrivertours.com.

Lied Discovery Children's Museum: Hands-on art, science, and humanities exhibits create a unique place for receptions. Function space 22,000 square feet. Group size 50-2,000; theater 150-200, dinner 100, cocktail party 200. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering, liquor license. 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-382-3445, fax 702-382-0592, www.ldcm.org.

Madame Tussaud's Las Vegas: Located inside the Venetian, the interactive wax museum is available for incentive trips, group tours, and team-building outings. Options for dinners, cocktail receptions, business presentations, new product launches; available for buyouts. 3377 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite 2001, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-862-7800, fax 702-862-7851, www.mtvegas.com.

Mario Andretti Racing School: Located at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Function space 100,000 square feet. Group size, several thousand; classroom 150, dinner 350, cocktail party 500. Can arrange for catering. 6925 Speedway Blvd., Suite C 106, Las Vegas, NV 89115. Phone 877-ANDRETTI, fax 702-315-6310, www.andrettiracing.com.

Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History: Museum lobby, exhibit hall, xeriscape garden, and auditorium on the University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus are available for meetings and functions. Lobby 1,000 square feet. Maximum group size 200; theater 142, dinner 25, cocktail party 200. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 4505 Maryland Parkway, Box 454012, Las Vegas, NV 89154-4012. Phone 702-895-3381, fax 702-895-3094, hrcweb.nevada.edu/museum/

Nevada State Museum and Historical Society: Conference and meeting attendees have access to museum exhibits and outdoor plaza and park. Function space 11,700 square feet. Group size 15-500; theater 85, classroom 100, dinner 500, cocktail party 30-500. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering. 700 Twin Lakes Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89107 Phone 702-486-5205 ext. 232, fax 702-486-5172, www.nevadaculture.org.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park: Indoor and outdoor space at historic site with landscaping and flowing water. Function space 4,000 square feet. Group size 10-250; classroom 10-25, dinner 10-50, cocktail party 10-250. Weddings, no catering or liquor license. 500 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101. Phone 702-486-3511, fax 702-486-3734, visit www.parks.nv.gov.

Planet Hollywood: Inside the Forum Shops at Caesars, movie- and television-themed restaurant has semi-private rooms and movie memorabilia. Function space

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65,000 square feet. Group size 15-1,200; dinner 560, cocktail party 1,200. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, beverage service. 3500 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Suite G-25, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-791-7827 fax 702-791-2840, www.planethollywood.com.

Rainforest Café: Inside MGM Grand, the restaurant has a tropical theme. Function space 11,000 square feet. Group size 15-800; dinner 450, cocktail party buy-out 800, private party 175. Wedding receptions, spousal activities, corporate events. 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Phone 702-891-8580 ext. 120, fax 702-891-8487 visit www.rainforestcafe.com.

Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay: Underwater adventure full of deadly predators such as sharks, golden crocodiles, and piranhas. Total space 90,000 square feet. Group size 2-750; dinner 250-300, cocktail party 750. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 3450 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas, NV 89119. Phone 702-632-4555, fax 702-632-4553, www.mandalaybay.com/sharkreef.

Sierra Gold: Nevada-style tavern has comfortable atmosphere with VIP ultra lounge, bar, billiard room, casual dining, and video wall. Banquet room has space for 96 for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, classroom 150, concert 180, private conference room 12. Meetings, parties, receptions. 6515 S. Jones Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89118. Phone 702-221-4120, fax 702-221-9275, www.goldentaverngroup.com.

Star Trek: The Experience: A 24th-century-themed space-station attraction is located inside the Las Vegas Hilton. Group size 20-1,000; theater 100, classroom 75, dinner 300, cocktail party 1,000. Weddings, catering, beverage service. 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89109. For operating hours call 702-697-TREK or 888-462-6535, fax 702-697-8787 www.startrekexp.com.

Reno-Tahoe

Bartley Ranch Regional Park: Western heritage park preserves the flavor of 19th-century Nevada. Maximum group size: interpretive center 150, historic one-room schoolhouse 60, old brick house 50, amphitheater 700. Reservable group picnic areas can handle from 50 to 150 people. Outdoor functions, events, weddings May-Oct., no on-site catering or liquor license. 6000 Bartley Ranch Rd., Reno, NV 89511. Phone 775-828-6612, fax 775-828-6614.

Bliss Mansion: This bed and breakfast is a restored mansion built in 1879 by lumber and railroad tycoon Duane L. Bliss. Groups can rent the entire mansion or any of 10 suites, including the nearby Bliss Bungalow. Special events, dinners, weddings, and corporate meetings can use interconnecting parlors, dining room, verandas, and lawns. Group sizes are up to 200 in warmer months and in other months up to 65. Catering available, liquor license, wireless high-speed Internet. 608 Elizabeth St., Carson City, NV 89703. Phone and fax 775-887-8988, www.blissmansion.com.

Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center: Restored 1915 brick high school has elevator, exhibits, video screen and equipment, sink, restrooms, and parking. Function space includes two rooms, one 672 square feet and the other 700 square feet. Group size 49 maximum each room; classroom 32, dinner 30, cocktail party 49.





The Zephyr Cove Resort shoreline events area can seat up to 2,500. The resort is home to Lake Tahoe Cruises.

Spousal activities, can arrange for catering. 1477 Hwy. 395 N., Gardnerville, NV 89410. Phone 775-782-2555, fax 775-783-8802.

Children's Museum of Northern Nevada: Hands-on, interactive children's museum with original stage housed in 1939 Carson City Civic Center. Function space 8,000 square feet. Maximum group size 250; conference 35, theater 200, classroom 40, dinner 40, cocktail party 250. Weddings, spousal activities, no catering or liquor license. 813 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Phone 775-884-2226, fax 775-884-2179, www.cmnn.org.

Corley Ranch: Carson Valley working ranch arranges special events, entertainers, and gourmet meals in an Old West atmosphere. Total function space: five acres on a 300-acre ranch. Group size, 25-1,000; theater, classroom, dinner, and cocktail party, 80-300-plus. Weddings, spousal activities, on- and off-site catering, liquor license. Location: 859 U.S. 395, Gardnerville, NV 89460. Mail: 1047 Kerry Ln., Gardnerville, NV 89460. Phone 775-265-3045, fax 775-265-1270, www.corleyranch.com.

Fleischmann Planetarium: Full-dome movies and star shows as well as meeting place for educational groups. Maximum group size 100; theater seating 65. MS 272, University of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557 Phone 775-784-4812, fax 775-784-4822, www.planetarium.unr.edu.

Historic Fourth Ward School Museum: Victorian four-story building is retrofitted with elevator, restrooms, and catering kitchen. Function space 5,600 square feet. Group size 10-300; theater 10-120, classroom (six rooms) each 10-50, dinner 10-120, cocktail party (three rooms) each 10-100. Weddings, catering, spousal activities, liquor license. 537 C St., Box 4, Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0975, fax 775-847-1011, www.fourthwardschool.org.

Lake Tahoe Cruises and Zephyr Cove Resort: Full-service boat charters and shoreline pavilion on Lake Tahoe. Function space: flexible indoor, outdoor, on and off water. Group size 20-1,200; theater 150, classroom 150, dinner 300, cocktail party 500. Weddings, spousal activities, catering, liquor license. 900 Ski Run Blvd., Box 830, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 and 760 U.S. 50, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. Phone 800-238-2463, fax 530-541-8685, visit www.laketahoecruises.com, www.zephyrcove.com.

Mormon Station State Historic Park: Outdoor pavilion with barbecue grills and sink, nine picnic tables, and lawn inside and outside 1850s stockade replica. Maximum group size 250. Weddings, no catering; alcohol is allowed but cannot be sold. Open April 1-Oct. 15. Location: 2295 Main St., Genoa. Mail: Nevada Division of State Parks, Richard Bryan Building, 901 S. Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701. Phone 775-782-2590, visit www.parks.nv.gov.

National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection): More than 200 classic and antique cars, many one-of-a-kind, with replicas of period streets featuring historic photos and vintage clothing. Function space: More than 100,000 square feet of museum space. Group size 50-1,200; theater 150, classroom 200, sit-down dinner 250, buffet dinner 300, cocktail party 1,200. Weddings, banquets, corporate meetings and retreats, spousal activities, exclusive caterer, liquor license. 10 S. Lake St., Reno, NV 89501-1558. Phone 775-333-9300, fax 775-333-0309, visit www.automuseum.org.

Nevada Museum of Art: Fine-art museum in downtown Reno features exhibitions showcasing local, national, and international artists. Grand hall, board room,

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indoor-outdoor café, theater, and rooftop sculpture garden. Group size 30-500; theater 180, board-room 20-75, dinner 200, cocktail 500. Weddings, meetings, receptions, exclusive caterer, liquor license. 160 W. Liberty St., Reno, NV 89501. Phone 775-329-3333 ext. 225, fax 775-329-1541, visit www.nevadaart.org.

Nevada State Railroad Museum: Museum complex has picnic area and train rides with reservations. Total function space 13 acres. Maximum group size 300; dinner 75-100, cocktail party 300. Spousal activities, can arrange for catering and liquor license. 2180 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Phone 775-687-6953, fax 775-687-8294, www.dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/museums for information.

Piper's Opera House: Historic opera house featuring entertainment since 1867 Function space 7,000 square feet. Maximum group size 360; theater and classroom 360, dinner 200. Weddings, catering arrangements, liquor license. 12 N. B St., Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0433, www.pipersoperahouse.org.

Virginia and Truckee Railroad: Steam-engine train offers 35-minute narrated scenic round trip from Virginia City to historic Gold Hill. Group size 20-50 in open-sided train cars, 20-100 cocktail party. Weddings, liquor license and catering available nearby. Box 467 Virginia City, NV 89440. Phone 775-847-0380.

Rural Nevada

Churchill County Museum: Offers meals and special group tours of exhibits of Churchill County's pioneer and Native American cultures. Function space 14,000 square feet. Group size 50 maximum for classroom, dinner, or cocktail party. 1050 S. Maine St., Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-423-3677 fax 775-423-3662, visit www.ccmuseum.org.

East Ely Railroad Depot Museum: The historic Nevada Northern Railroad depot and freight building provide a rustic experience and train ride. Function space 4,000 square feet, additional 480 square feet for smaller groups. Group size 4-300; theater 300, classroom 300, dinner 250, cocktail party 300. Weddings, can arrange for catering, no liquor license. 1100 Ave. A, Ely, NV 89301. Phone 775-289-1663, fax 775-289-1664, email esm@the-onramp.net.

Humboldt Museum: Located next to a modern museum building, historic former church is used as meeting, conference, seminar, and event space. Function space 960 square feet, 100 open seating, 160 square feet with elevated platform for stage area. Group size 10-60; theater 40-60, classroom 40, cocktail party 10-40. Weddings, spousal activities, lectures, drama productions, can arrange for catering, liquor license. Jungo Rd. and Maple Ave., Box 819, Winnemucca, NV 89446. Phone 775-623-2912, fax 775-623-5640, www.humboldtmuseum.com.

Lattin Farms: Year-round Fallon attraction is known for its autumn corn maze. Function space includes 800 square feet inside and three acres for outdoor events. Group size 10-1,000. Classroom and dinner, 40 inside, 1,000 outside. Weddings, catering. 1955 McLean Rd., Fallon, NV 89406. Phone 775-867-3750, fax 775-867-4580, visit www.lattinfarms.com.

Mineral County Museum: Converted grocery store contains 14,000 square feet displaying local memorabilia and artifacts spanning the 1800s to 1940. Maximum group size: theater 40, dinner and cocktails 50. Historical presentations available. No on-site catering or liquor license. 400 10th St., Box 1584, Hawthorne, NV 89415. Phone 775-945-5142.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum: Historic steam and diesel trains operate within a national historic district. Available for charters and meetings. Group size 200. Weddings, catering, liquor license. 1100 Ave. A, Box 150040, Ely, NV 89315. Phone 866-40-STEAM, fax 775-289-6284, visit www.nnry.com.

Northeastern Nevada Museum: Facility has art galleries, theater, gift shop, and function space among animal exhibits. Total function space 20,000 square feet. Maximum group size 400; theater 90, dinner 125, cocktail party 400. Weddings, spousal activities, can arrange for catering, liquor license. 1515 Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801. Phone 775-738-3418, fax 775-738-9318, www.museum-elko.us.

Pahrump Valley Winery: Desert winery 60 miles west of Las Vegas offers tours, wine tasting, and lunch packages. Group size 20-55. Catering, beverage service. 3810 Winery Rd., Pahrump, NV 89048. For information phone 775-751-7800 or 800-368-9463, fax 775-751-7818, visit www.pahrumpwinery.com.

Western Folklife Center: Historic building in downtown Elko is home to the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering each January. Museum has changing exhibits on the American West and flexible space for meetings, receptions, and parties. Function space 2,800 square feet, bar-fireplace nook 1,700. Group size 300 maximum for concert; theater 300, dinner 150, cocktail party in the bar 110 (liquor and bartenders supplied). Liquor license, no on-site catering. 501 Railroad St., Elko, NV 89801. Phone 775-738-7508, fax 775-738-2900, email wfc@westernfolklife.org, visit www.westernfolklife.org.

Nevada's Territories



Nevada Travel

For more information about travel and tourism in Nevada contact the Nevada Commission on Tourism, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701, 800-NEVADA-8, fax 775-687-6779, or www.travelnevada.com.



The Nevada Museum of Art in Reno has several meeting spaces, including a grand hall, theater, board room, and rooftop sculpture garden.

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2006 Hotel Meeting Guide

Facilities and services offered by 190 Nevada properties.

The following hotels, casinos, and inns responded to a survey asking for information on their conference space, amenities, event assistance, and wedding services. Most hotels offer group rates, but it is best to inquire about commissions or limiting factors such as availability.

	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE	BUSINESS SERVICES	NO. OF RESTAURANTS	SWIMMING POOL	SPA/EXERCISE ROOM	OCCUPANCY LEVELS: THEATER	OCCUPANCY LEVELS: CLASSROOM	OCCUPANCY LEVELS: DINNER	OCCUPANCY LEVELS: COCKTAIL PARTY	CATERING	PRE- & POST-EVENTS	REGISTRATION ASSIST.	WEDDINGS	GROUP RATES
AMARGOSA VALLEY • Pioneer Territory															
Longstreet Inn, Casino, RV Park, State Rt. 373, HCR 70, Box 559, Amargosa Valley 89020, 775-372-1777, fax 775-372-1280, www.longstreetcasino.com	58	3,600	N	1	Y	N	234	234	200	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BATTLE MOUNTAIN • Cowboy Country															
Owl Club, 72 E. Front St., Battle Mountain 89820, 775-635-2444, fax 775-635-0184	18	4,400	L	1	N	N	50-200	50-100	200	220	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BEATTY • Pioneer Territory															
Stagecoach Hotel/Casino, U.S. Hwy. 95, Box 836, Beatty 89003, 775-553-2419, 800-424-4946, fax 775-553-2548, www.stagecoachhotelcasino.com	80		Y	1	Y	N	75	75	75	75	N	N	Y	Y	N
BLUE DIAMOND • Las Vegas Territory															
Bonnie Springs Motel, 1 Gunfighter Ln., Old Nevada 89004, 702-875-4191, fax 702-875-4424, www.bonniesprings.com	50		Y	1	Y	N	300	200	600	500-600	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BOULDER CITY • Las Vegas Territory															
Best Western - Lighthouse Inn & Resort, 110 Ville Dr., Boulder City 89005, 702-293-6444, 800-528-1234, fax 702-293-6547, www.bestwestern.com	70	4,000	N	0	Y	N	10-200	10-200	10-200	10-200	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Hacienda Hotel & Casino, U.S. Hwy. 93, Boulder City 89005, 702-293-5000, 800-245-6380, fax 702-293-5608, www.haciendaonline.com	280	5,164	N	3	Y	N	100	15	160	160	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Lake Mead Resort & Marina, 322 Lakeshore Rd., Boulder City 89005-1214, 702-293-2074, 800-752-9669, fax 702-293-7017, www.sevencrown.com	42	8,500	Y	0	Y	N	85	85	85	85	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
CARSON CITY • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Best Western - Carson Station Hotel/Casino, 900 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-883-0900, 800-501-2929, fax 775-882-7569, www.carsonstation.com	92	300	Y	2	N	Y	16	16	180	180	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Best Western - Piñon Plaza Resort, 2171 U.S. Hwy. 50 E., Carson City 89701, 775-885-9000, 877-519-5567, fax 775-888-8003, www.pinonplaza.com	148	4,000	Y	3	Y	Y	200	150	180	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carson Nugget, 507 N. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-882-1626, 800-426-5239, fax 775-883-1106, www.ccnugget.com	80	8,000	Y	4	N	N	30-500	25-500	20-500	30-500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express, 4055 N. Carson St., Carson City 89706, 775-283-4055, fax 775-841-4055, www.holidayinnexpress.com	85	598	Y	B	Y	Y	45	35	30	45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 801 S. Carson St., Carson City 89701, 775-883-9500, 888-227-1499, fax 775-883-3838, www.carsoncityplaza.com	168	3,500	Y	B	Y	Y	10-365	10-180	10-240	10-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ELKO • Cowboy Country															
Comfort Inn of Elko, 2970 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-777-8762, fax 775-753-9439	51	336	Y	0	Y	Y	20	15	25	35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
High Desert Inn, 3015 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-738-8425, 888-394-8303, fax 775-753-7906, www.westernescapes.com	171	2,150	Y	0	Y	Y	250	80	160	200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hilton Garden Inn, 3650 E. Idaho St., Elko 89801, 877-777-7307, fax 775-777-1203, www.elko.gardeninn.com	84	1,350	Y	1	Y	Y	100	80	80	100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Lion Inn & Casino, 2065 Idaho St., Elko 89801, 775-753-0503, 775-753-0550, fax 775-753-0744, www.westernescapes.com	223	3,000	Y	2	Y	Y	10-400	10-175	10-230	10-400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Shilo Inn Suites Elko, 2401 Mountain City Hwy., Elko 89801, 775-738-5522, 800-222-2244, fax 775-738-6247, www.shiloinns.com	70	962	Y	0	Y	Y	5-80	5-50	5-80	5-80	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stockmen's Hotel Casino/Commercial Casino, 340 Commercial St., Elko 89801, 775-777-0773, 800-648-2345, fax 775-777-0777, www.stockmenscasino.com	141	8,734	Y	3	Y	Y	500	250	420	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ELY • Pony Express Territory															
Hotel Nevada & Gambling Hall, 501 Aultman St., Ely 89301, 775-289-6665, 888-406-3055, fax 775-289-4715, www.hotelnev.com	105	2,000	Y	1	N	N	75	75	60	75	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Prospector Hotel & Casino, 1501 E. Aultman, Ely 89301, 775-289-8900, 800-750-0557, fax 775-289-4607, www.prospectorhotelandcasino.com	61	5,500	Y	1	Y	Y	150	150	120	120	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FALLON • Pony Express Territory															
Comfort Inn & Suites, 1830 W. Williams Ave., Fallon 89406, 775-423-5554, 888-691-6388, fax 775-423-0663, www.comfortinnfallon.com	82	225	Y	0	Y	Y	10	20-25	8-10	20	N	Y	N	N	Y

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							THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCKTAIL PARTY					
GENOA • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
David Walley's Resort, Hot Springs & Spa, 2001 Foothill Rd., Box 158, Genoa 89411, 775-782-8155, 800-628-7831, fax 775-782-2103, www.davidwalleysresort.com	120	4,000	N	2	Y	Y	120	75	120	150	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Legend Country Inn, 2292 Main St., Genoa 89411, 775-783-0906, fax 775-783-1008, www.legendcountryinn.com	11	800	N	B/L	N	N				50-100	N	N	Y	Y	Y
GERLACH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Bruno's Country Club, 300 Main St., Box 70, Gerlach 89412, 775-557-2220	42	1,679	Y	1	N	N	120	80	100	80	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HAWTHORNE • Pioneer Territory															
Cliff House Lakeside Resort, 331 Cliff House Rd., Walker Lake 89415, 775-945-5253, fax 775-945-9897	12	2,000	Y	1	N	Y	0	40	60	100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HENDERSON • Las Vegas Territory															
Courtyard By Marriott Las Vegas Green Valley, 2800 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson 89014, 702-352-9047, fax 702-796-9059, www.marriott.com	155	1,400	Y	1	Y	Y	30-50	18-24	24-50	30-50	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Fiesta Henderson, 777 W. Lake Mead Dr., Henderson 89015, 702-558-7000, 888-319-4661, fax 702-567-7409, www.fiestacasino.com	224	4,574	Y	4	Y	N	300	250	250	300	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Green Valley Ranch Station, 2300 Paseo Verde Dr., Henderson 89052, 702-617-7717, 866-782-9487, fax 702-617-7719, www.greenvalleyranchresort.com	490	50,000	Y	8	Y	Y	40-2,226	18-1,166	50-1,100	35-1,600	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Hampton Inn & Suites, 421 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014, 702-992-9292, fax 702-992-9293, www.hendersonhampton.com	99	1,200	Y	0	Y	Y	88	60			N	N	N	N	Y
Hawthorn Inn and Suites, 910 S. Boulder Hwy., Henderson 89015, 702-446-1133, 800-527-1133, fax 702-568-8430, hawthorn_henderson@hotmail.com	69	1,580	Y	0	Y	Y	40	35	40	45	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 441 Astaire Dr., Henderson 89014, 702-990-2323, 800-HOLIDAY, fax 702-990-2324, www.hendersonexpress.com	101	250	Y	0	Y	Y	20	20			N	N	N	N	Y
Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas, 101 MonteLago Blvd., Henderson 89011, 702-567-1234, 800-55-HYATT, fax 702-567-6067, www.lakelasvegas.hyatt.com	496	40,000	Y	3	Y	Y	2,300	1,300	1,550	7,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
MonteLago Village Resort, 30 Strada di Villaggio, Henderson 89011, 702-352-9051, fax 702-564-4780, www.montelagovillage.com	347	5,600	Y	3	Y	Y	10-200	10-131	10-140	10-210	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Residence Inn By Marriott, 2190 Olympic Ave., Henderson 89104, 702-352-9051, 800-331-3131, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	126	1,250	Y	1	Y	Y	30-50	18-24	36	60	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas, 1610 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy., Henderson 89011, 702-567-4700, 800-241-3333, fax 702-567-4777, www.ritzcarlton.com	349	32,000	Y	2	Y	Y	56-1,000	24-540	30-840	56-1,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Sunset Station, 1301 W. Sunset Rd., Henderson 89014, 702-547-7777, 866-725-7253, fax 702-547-7879, www.sunsetstation.com	460	13,000	Y	15	Y	Y	25-300	12-150	16-200	15-250	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
JACKPOT • Cowboy Country															
Barton's Club 93, U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 523, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2341, 800-258-2937, fax 775-755-239	100	1,700	Y	1	N	N	120	10-120	10-100	10-120	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Cactus Petes Resort/Casino, 1385 U.S. Hwy. 93, Box 508, Jackpot 89825, 775-755-2321, 800-801-8258, fax 775-755-2725, www.ameristars.com	300	3,000	N	4	Y	N	300	160	220	400	Y	Y	N	Y	Y





Green Valley Ranch in Henderson hosts meetings of up to 1,600 people (left). Guests at the Piñon Plaza in Carson City can relax in the Southwestern-styled lobby (right).

Photo: Las Vegas News Bureau (left)

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							THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCKTAIL PARTY					
LAKE TAHOE • NORTH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Cal Neva Resort, Spa & Casino, 2 Stateline Rd., Crystal Bay 89402, 775-832-4000, 800-CAL-NEVA, fax 775-832-0505, www.calnevaresort.com	200	16,000	Y	1	Y	Y	400	350	325	325	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Tahoe Biltmore Lodge & Casino, 5 State Rt. 28, Box 115, Crystal Bay 89402, 775-831-0660, 800-245-8667, fax 775-833-6715, www.tahoebiltmore.com	92	7,500	Y	2	Y	N	600	300	350	500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
LAKE TAHOE • SOUTH • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Caesars Tahoe, 55 U.S. Hwy. 50, Box 5800, Stateline 89449, 775-588-3515, 800-367-4554, fax 775-586-2102, www.caesarstahoe.com	440	16,000	Y	4	Y	Y	1,000	10-640	900	1,200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Harrah's/Harveys Lake Tahoe Hotel Casinos, 15 U.S. Hwy. 50, Box 128, Stateline 89449, 775-588-2411, 800-235-6358, fax 775-588-4732, www.harrahs.com	1,250	42,000	Y	14	Y	Y	10-2,000	10-500	10-900	1,200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Horizon Casino Resort, 50 Hwy 50, Box C, Lake Tahoe 89449, 775-588-6211, 866-478-8463, fax 775-588-7761, www.horizoncasino.com	539	13,100	Y	3	Y	Y	60-525	40-250	75-575	130-800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Ridge Tahoe, 400 Ridge Club Dr., Box 5790, Stateline 89449, 775-588-3553, 800-334-1600, fax 775-588-5242, www.ridgetahoeresort.com	300	5,500	Y	2	Y	Y	150	100	175	175	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
LAS VEGAS/NORTH LAS VEGAS • Las Vegas Territory															
Aladdin Resort & Casino, 3667 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-785-5066, fax 702-785-5049, www.aladdincasino.com	2,567	75,000	Y	5	Y	Y	4,000	2,200	2,500	4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alexis Park, 375 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-796-3385, fax 702-796-0766, www.alexispark.com	496	40,000	Y	1	Y	Y	1,600	1,000	1,100	1,800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amerisuites Hotel, 4520 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-3366, fax 702-369-1689, www.amerisuites.com	202	3,600	Y	0	Y	Y	100	75	60	100	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Arizona Charlie's East, 4575 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121, 702-951-5840, 877-951-0002, fax 702-951-9201, www.arizonacharlies.com	300	1,400	Y	4	Y	Y	80	50	60	80	N	N	N	N	Y
Arizona Charlie's Hotel & Casino, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas 89107, 702-258-5128, 800-342-2695, fax 702-258-5210, www.arizonacharlies.com	258	4,500	Y	5	Y	N	400	300	225	225	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Atrium Suites Hotel, 4255 S. Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-697-5654, 800-330-9802, fax 702-369-4330, www.atriumsuiteshotel.com	201	8,000	Y	2	Y	Y	10-500	10-250	10-240	10-350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bally's Las Vegas, 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 800-634-3434, fax 702-946-4925, www.ballyslv.com	2,814	139,000	Y	8	Y	Y	8-4,000	8-1,998	8-2,600	8-4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Baymont Inn and Suites, 4035 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-644-5700, 877-BAYMONT, fax 702-644-5701, www.baymontinns.com	87	850	Y	B	Y	Y	50	40	40	40-50	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Bellagio, 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-7171, 888-744-7687, fax 702-693-8559, www.bellagio.com	3,933	200,000	Y	19	Y	Y	40-4,400	30-3,450	30-3,240	40-2,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Best Western - Mardi Gras, 3500 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-2020, 800-634-6501, fax 702-731-4005, www.mardigrasinn.com	314	4,000	Y	1	Y	N	300	250	220	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel, 128 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-382-1600, fax 702-384-1574, www.binions.com	365	8,000	Y	2	Y	N	400	300	400	400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Blair House Suites, 344 E. Desert Inn, Las Vegas 89109, 702-792-2222, fax 702-792-9042, www.blairhousesuites.com	220	2,000	N	0	Y	N	10-100	10-50	10-50	10-100	N	Y	N	N	Y
Boardwalk Hotel & Casino, 3750 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-730-3104, 800-635-4581, fax 702-730-3115, www.boardwalklv.com	654	7,200	Y	3	Y	Y	90-460	65-250	70-280	110-420	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boulder Station Hotel & Casino, 4111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89121, 702-432-7929, 800-683-7777, fax 702-432-7767, www.stationcasinos.com	300	10,000	Y	5	Y	N	200-657	100-200	120-300	125-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Caesars Palace, 3570 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-731-7110, 800-933-7110, fax 702-731-7694, www.caesarspalace.com	3,350	240,000	Y	25	Y	Y	7,200	3,300	3,300	5,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
California Hotel & Casino, 12 Ogden Ave., Box 630, Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-1222, 800-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.thecal.com	781	4,935	N	4	Y	N	450	100-240	25-350	350	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Cannery Casino Hotel, 2121 E. Craig Rd., North Las Vegas 89030, 702-507-5847, 866-999-4899, fax 702-507-5778, www.cannerycasinos.com	201	7,000	N	4	Y	N	500	125	300	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Circus Circus Hotel & Casino, 2880 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-3983, 800-444-2472, fax 702-691-5894, www.circuscircus.com	3,373	21,400	Y	8	Y	Y	10-250	10-220	25-500	500-4,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clarion Hotel & Suites/Emerald Springs, 325 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-9100, fax 702-731-9784, www.clarionlasvegas.com	149	6,000	Y	1	Y	Y	185	125	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Comfort Inn, 4350 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-938-2000, fax 702-938-2001, www.choicehotels.com/nv048	199	560	N	0	Y	N	50	46	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y
Courtyard Las Vegas Convention Center, 3275 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9045, 800-583-0079, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	137	1,250	N	1	Y	Y	40	24	24	40	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

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Courtyard Las Vegas South, 5845 Industrial Rd., Las Vegas 89118, 702-895-7519, fax 702-895-7568, www.marriott.com/lascy	146	2,393	Y	1	Y	Y	120	45	60	40	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Courtyard Summerlin, 1901 N. Rainbow Blvd., Las Vegas 89108, 702-352-9048, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	154	1,600	N	1	Y	Y	30-50	18-24	24-50	30-50	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Doubletree Club Hotel, 7250 Pollock Dr., Las Vegas 89119, 702-932-1061, 800-222-TREE, fax 702-948-4100, www.doubletreelasvegas.com	190	2,970	Y	1	Y	Y	80	54	80	80	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Embassy Suites, 4315 Swenson St., Las Vegas 89119, 702-765-6750, fax 702-765-6899, www.lasvegasairport.embassysuites.com	220	6,000	Y	1	Y	Y	150	100	100	200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Embassy Suites Convention Center, 3600 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-947-7171, 800-EMBASSY, fax 702-947-7171, www.eslvcc.com	286	11,700	Y	1	Y	Y	10-250	10-180	10-200	10-250	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Emerald Suites on the Strip, 9145 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-948-9999, 866-847-2002, fax 702-507-0130, www.emeraldsuites.com	391	2,500	Y	0	Y	Y	265	140	190	300	N	Y	Y	N	Y
Emerald Suites Nellis, 4555 Las Vegas Blvd. N., Las Vegas 89115, 702-946-9999, 866-847-2002, fax 702-507-0130, www.emeraldsuites.com	166	580	Y	1	Y	Y	60	50	40	80	N	Y	N	N	Y
Excalibur Hotel/Casino, 3850 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109-3778, 702-597-7100, 800-444-3430, fax 702-597-7087, www.excalibur.com	3,991	12,000	N	6	Y	Y	853	708	680	853	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fiesta Rancho Casino/Hotel, 2400 N. Rancho Dr., North Las Vegas 89130, 702-638-3758, 800-731-7333, fax 702-638-3749, www.fiestacasino.com	100	12,100	N	4	Y	N	700	250	300	400	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Fitzgeralds Casino/Holiday Inn - Las Vegas, 301 Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-388-2400, 800-274-5825, fax 702-388-2230, www.fitzgeralds.com/lasvegas	638	8,000	Y	4	Y	N	40-150	20-150	30-300	30-600	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Flamingo Las Vegas, 3555 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-733-3205, fax 702-733-3499, www.flamingolasvegas.com	3,565	72,000	Y	9	Y	Y	10-2,400	10-1,620	10-1,620	10-2,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Four Queens Hotel & Casino, 202 Fremont St., Box 370, Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-4011, 800-634-6045, fax 702-387-5185, www.fourqueens.com	690	8,500	N	3	N	N	500	400	400	400	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Four Seasons Hotel, 3960 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119, 702-632-5200, 877-632-5200, fax 702-632-5222, www.fourseasons.com/lasvegas	424	28,300	Y	2	Y	Y	750	600	650	900	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fremont Hotel & Casino, 200 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125-0940, 702-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.fremontcasino.com	447	7,300	N	5	N	N	200-600	100-350	200-360	25-360	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Gold Coast Hotel & Casino, 4000 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89103, 702-251-3560, 800-331-5334, fax 702-367-8419, www.goldcoastcasino.com	711	29,029	Y	6	Y	Y	1,000	450	700	850	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, 129 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89125, 702-385-7111, 888-404-6441, fax 702-386-8327, www.goldennugget.com	1,907	20,585	Y	5	Y	Y	550	340	400	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hampton Inn Las Vegas, 7100 Cascade Valley Ct., Las Vegas 89128, 702-360-5700, 800-HAMPTON, fax 702-360-5757, www.hampton-inn.com/hi/lasvegas.com	127	600	Y	0	Y	Y	40	30	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y









Dining at Romanza at the Peppermill in Reno (top left); Bellagio (top middle); Reno's Silver Legacy banquet room (bottom left); fountains at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas (right).

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Hampton Inn Tropicana, 4975 S. Industrial Rd., Las Vegas 89118, 702-948-8110, 877-584-6835, fax 702-948-8101, www.hamptoninntropicana.com	319	8,500	Y	0	Y	Y	500	300	300	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 4455 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-693-5000, 800-HRD-ROCK, fax 702-693-5021, www.hardrockhotel.com	647	35,000	N	5	Y	Y	1,000	600	460	1,800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harrah's Las Vegas Casino Hotel, 3475 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5000, 888-537-8379, fax 702-369-5206, www.harrahs.com	2,600	25,000	Y	7	Y	Y	1,333	828	1,000	1,263	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Hawthorn Suites at Desert Rose Resorts, 5051 Duke Ellington Wy., Las Vegas 89118, 702-739-7000, 800-811-2450, fax 702-739-5873, www.desertrose.com	278	2,600	Y	0	Y	Y	150	30-84	40-96	40-96	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Express Polaris, 5760 Polaris Ave., Las Vegas 89118, 702-736-0098, fax 702-736-0084, www.hiexpress.com	139	675	Y	B	Y	Y	45	30	0	0	Y	N	N	N	Y
Hooters Casino Hotel, 115 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-9000, 800-522-7366, fax 702-739-7783, www.hooterscasinohotel.com *(Opens February 2006)*	694	2,800	Y	6	Y	Y	250	118	200	250	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, 3535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-3286, 800-351-7400, fax 702-794-3368, www.imperialpalace.com	2,700	40,000	Y	10	Y	Y	950	700	800	1,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa & Golf, 221 N. Rampart Blvd., Las Vegas 89145, 702-869-7031, 877-869-8777, fax 702-869-7058, www.jwmarriottlv.com	541	65,734	Y	6	Y	Y	1,250	800	900	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
La Quinta Inn, 4288 N. Nellis Blvd., Las Vegas 89115, 702-446-1133, fax 702-568-8430, www.lq.com	59	1,375	Y	0	Y	Y	40	30	30	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Las Vegas Hilton, 3000 Paradise Rd., Box 93147, Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-5631, 800-367-7917, fax 702-732-5834, www.lvhilton.com	2,980	200,000	Y	13	Y	Y	10,000	7,000	6,500	9,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Luxor Hotel Casino, 3900 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119-1000, 702-262-4800, 800-288-1000, fax 702-262-4825, www.luxor.com	4,408	20,000	Y	9	Y	Y	1,500	800	1,000	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Main Street Station Casino, Brewery & Hotel, 200 N. Main St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-387-1896, 800-634-6505, fax 702-388-2703, www.mainstreetcasino.com	406	2,500	N	3	N	N	20-225	25-125	25-200	25-200	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, 3950 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89119, 702-632-7900, 877-632-7000, fax 702-632-7919, www.mandalayconventions.com	3,220	1.5 mil.	Y	21	Y	Y	60-8,500	43-6,668	36-5,883	62-8,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Marriott Suites, 325 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9044, 800-228-9290, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	278	4,208	N	1	Y	Y	150-230	90-126	65-230	25-240	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
MGM Grand Hotel/Casino, 3799 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-891-1200, 800-929-1112, fax 702-891-1003, www.mgmgrand.com	5,034	501,000	Y	16	Y	Y	5,248	3,900	4,100	4,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Mirage, 3400 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Box 7777, Las Vegas 89177-0777, 702-791-7171, 800-627-6667, fax 702-792-7669, www.mirage.com	3,044	170,000	Y	15	Y	Y	-8,650	105,800	5,900	6,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, 3770 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-730-7777, 800-311-5999, fax 702-730-7275, www.montecarlo.com	3,002	24,000	Y	7	Y	Y	900	600	800	900	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Nevada Palace Hotel & Casino, 5255 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122, 702-458-8810, 800-634-6283, fax 702-458-3361, www.nvpalace.com	210	5,000	N	2	Y	N	220	220	220	220	Y	N	N	Y	Y
The New Frontier, 3120 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-8400, 800-634-6966, fax 702-794-8401, www.frontierlv.com	983	10,000	Y	5	Y	N	300	200	200	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
New York-New York Hotel Casino, 3970 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-740-6800, 800-NYFORME, fax 702-740-6810, www.nynyhotelcasino.com	2,023	17,804	Y	16	Y	Y	420	300	400	500	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
The Orleans Hotel/Casino, 4500 W. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas 89103, 702-365-7050, 888-365-7111, fax 702-365-7535, www.coastcasinos.com	1,886	40,000	Y	12	Y	Y	100-1,700	40-800	50-900	100-3,200	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Palace Station Hotel/Casino, 2411 W. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas 89102, 702-367-2444, 888-319-4661, opt. 3, fax 702-367-6138, www.palacestation.com	1,008	20,000	Y	8	Y	Y	90-1,300	12-600	50-900	30-2,000	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
The Palms Casino Resort, 4321 W. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89103, 702-942-7056, 866-725-6768, fax 702-942-7024, www.palms.com	595	18,650	Y	7	Y	Y	450	240	300	500	Y	Y	N	N	Y
Paris Las Vegas, 3655 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-946-4401, 888-777-7791, fax 702-669-3840, www.parislasvegas.com	2,916	130,000	Y	9	Y	Y	8,520	4,260	5,680	8,520	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Plaza Hotel & Casino, 1 Main St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-386-3219, 800-634-6575, fax 702-386-2436, www.plazahotelcasino.com	1,036	23,000	Y	3	Y	Y	10-1,400	10-850	10-1,000	10-1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Red Rock Resort Casino & Spa, 10973 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas 89126-3300, 702-797-7777, fax 702-240-9752, www.redrocklasvegas.com *(Opens March 2006)*	414	70,000	Y	8	Y	Y	10-2,000	10-2,000	10-1,500	10-2,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
The Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel, 3400 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 866-352-3434, fax 866-352-3434, www.renaissancelasvegas.com	548	20,000	Y	2	Y	Y	1,090	680	820	980	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Residence Inn Las Vegas Convention Center, 3225 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9049, fax 702-352-9059, www.marriott.com	192	580	N	1	Y	Y	40	24	24	40	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

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Residence Inn Las Vegas Hughes Center, 370 Hughes Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-352-9050, fax 702-352-9035, www.marriott.com	256	1,800	N	1	Y	Y	40-56	21-35	24-40	40-56	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, 3700 W. Flamingo Rd., Box 14160, Las Vegas 89114, 702-777-1400, 800-777-1400, fax 702-777-7791, www.riomeetmap.com	2,551	160,000	Y	14	Y	Y	6,110	3,792	4,560	5,790	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riviera Hotel & Casino, 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-794-9561, 800-634-3414, fax 702-794-9410, www.rivierahotel.com	2,100	130,000	Y	5	Y	Y	5,100	2,990	2,580	4,125	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sahara Hotel and Casino, 2535 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89193, 702-737-2735, 800-634-6078, fax 702-735-5921, www.saharavegas.com	1,720	24,000	Y	5	Y	Y	500	350	350	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
St. Tropez Suite Hotel, 455 E. Harmon Ave., Las Vegas 89109, 702-369-5400, 800-666-5400, fax 702-369-8901, www.sttropezlasvegas.com	149	900	Y	0	Y	Y	50	30	30	45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall, 5111 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas 89122, 702-454-8020, 800-634-6371, fax 702-454-8049, www.samstownlv.com	646	33,000	N	10	Y	N	1,200	550	760	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Somerset House, 294 Convention Center Dr., Las Vegas 89109, 702-735-4411, 888-336-4280, fax 702-735-0817, www.somerset-house.com	104	888	N	3	Y	N	100	75	75	75	N	Y	N	N	Y
Stardust Resort & Casino, 3000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-732-6312, 800-835-2300, fax 702-732-6292, www.stardustlv.com	1,502	65,000	Y	6	Y	Y	100-2,460	60-1,626	50-1,400	50-2,000	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Stratosphere Hotel & Casino, 2000 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89104, 702-383-4744, 800-789-9436, fax 702-383-4755, www.stratospherehotel.com	2,444	9,364	Y	7	Y	Y	130-150	83	100-120	150	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Suncoast Hotel & Casino, 9090 Alta Dr., Las Vegas 89145, 702-636-7050, 877-636-7111, fax 702-636-7282, www.suncoastcasino.com	427	25,000	Y	7	Y	Y	10-1,080	10-720	10-840	10-1,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel, 2101 Texas Star Ln., North Las Vegas 89032, 702-631-1051, 800-654-8888, fax 702-631-8385, www.texasstation.com	200	40,000	Y	5	Y	N	10-2,000	15-900	10-1,100	25-2,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Treasure Island (TI), 3300 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-894-7111, 800-944-7711, fax 702-894-7788, www.treasureisland.com	2,885	18,000	Y	11	Y	Y	5-1,000	5-670	5-650	5-1,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tropicana Resort & Casino, 3801 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-739-2581, 888-810-8767, fax 702-739-2448, www.tropicanalvsales.com	1,878	100,000	Y	7	Y	Y	10-700	10-4,500	10-8,000	3,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tuscany Suites and Hotel-Casino, 255 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas 89109, 702-947-5953, 877-TUSCAN-1, fax 702-732-2564, www.tuscanylasvegas.com	714	40,000	N	4	Y	Y	10-1,500	10-1,500	10-1,000	10-1,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Vegas Club Hotel & Casino, 18 E. Fremont St., Las Vegas 89101, 702-385-1664, 800-634-6575, fax 702-386-2436, www.vegasclubcasino.net	410	3,600	Y	2	N	N	10-400	10-200	10-200	10-300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
The Venetian Resort-Hotel-Casino, 3355 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-414-4020, 888-2VENICE, fax 702-414-4806, www.venetian.com	4,039	1.9 mil	Y	19	Y	Y	10-10,000	10-5,500	10-10,000	10-17,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Westin Casuarina, 160 E. Flamingo, Las Vegas 89109, 702-836-5937, 866-837-4215, fax 702-836-5990, www.westin.com/lasvegas	825	25,000	Y	1	Y	Y	650	375	460	550	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wynn Las Vegas, 3131 Las Vegas Blvd. S., Las Vegas 89109, 702-770-7000, 888-320-7123, www.wynnlasvegas.com	2,716	200,000	Y	22	Y	Y	15-5,705	70-3,140	40-3,300	55-4,180	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y





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LAUGHLIN • Las Vegas Territory															
Avi Resort/Casino, 10000 Aha Macav Pkwy., Box 77011, Laughlin 89028, 702-535-5528, 800-671-1167, fax 702-535-5516, www.avicasino.com	455		Y	3	Y	Y	801	600	450	800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colorado Belle Hotel & Casino, 2100 S. Casino Dr., Box 77000, Laughlin 89028, 702-298-4000, 800-228-7144, fax 702-298-5822, www.coloradobelle.com	1,172	3,990	Y	6	Y	Y	300	200	300	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edgewater Hotel & Casino, 2020 S. Casino Dr., Box 30707, Laughlin 89028, 702-298-2453, 800-283-1117, fax 702-298-4356, www.edgewater-casino.com	1,357	10,227	N	8	Y	Y	220	125	220	300	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Flamingo Laughlin, 1900 S. Casino Dr., Box 30630, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-5088, 800-292-3711, fax 702-298-5129, www.flamingolaughlin.com	1,907	30,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,900	1,300	1,300	2,100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harrah's Laughlin Casino Hotel, 2900 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-6822, 800-221-1306, fax 702-298-6855, www.harrahs.com	1,560	6,800	Y	5	Y	Y	600	300	550	600	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ramada Express Hotel & Casino, 2121 S. Casino Dr., Box 77771, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-4200, 800-782-9946, fax 702-298-6325, www.ramadaexpress.com	1,500	11,250	Y	7	Y	N	800	240	370	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
River Palms Resort Casino, 2700 S. Casino Dr., Laughlin 89029, 702-298-2242, 800-835-7904, fax 702-298-2137, www.river-palms.com	1,003	12,000	N	5	Y	Y	850	400	800	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino, 1650 Casino Dr., PMB 500, Laughlin 89029, 702-298-2535, 800-227-3849, fax 702-298-2612, www.riversideresort.com	1,400	15,800	Y	12	Y	N	500	300	550	550	Y	N	N	Y	Y
LOVELOCK • Cowboy Country															
Sturgeon's Inn/Casino & Restaurant, 1420 Cornell Ave., Box 56, Lovelock 89419, 775-273-2971, 888-234-6835, fax 775-273-2278, www.sturgeonscasino.com	74	5,000	Y	1	Y	Y	400	300	300	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MESQUITE • Las Vegas Territory															
CasaBlanca Resort, Hotel, Casino, Golf & Spa, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-6800, 800-896-4567, fax 702-346-8268, www.casablancaresort.com	500	10,000	Y	4	Y	N	700	400	475	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Eureka Casino Hotel, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-4600, 800-346-4611, fax 702-346-4680, www.eurekamesquite.com	212	4,000	Y	2	Y	Y	300	150	250	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Falcon Ridge Hotel, 1030 Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite 89027, 702-346-2200, fax 702-346-2201, www.falconridgehotel.com	130	4,000	Y	N	Y	Y	90-160	70-120	80-145	145	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oasis Resort Casino Spa, 897 W. Mesquite Blvd., Box 360, Mesquite 89024, 702-346-5232, 800-621-0187, fax 702-346-4057, www.oasisresort.com	1,000	4,958	Y	4	Y	Y	700	300	480	480	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
MINDEN • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Carson Valley Inn Hotel/Casino/RV Resort, 1627 U.S. Hwy. 395 N., Minden 89423, 775-783-6679, 866-284-7766, fax 775-782-0318, www.cvinn.com	228	6,000	Y	3	Y	Y	350	200	250	275	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MOUNT CHARLESTON • Las Vegas Territory															
Mount Charleston Hotel, 2 Kyle Canyon Rd., Mount Charleston 89124, 702-872-5500, fax 702-872-5685, www.mtcharlestonhotel.com	57	3,000	N	2	N	Y	90	60	240	350	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
OVERTON • Las Vegas Territory															
Best Western North Shore Inn, 520 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton 89040, 702-397-6000, fax 702-397-6008, www.bestwesternnsi.com	43	670	Y	0	Y	Y	10-50	10-50	10-50	10-50	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PAHRUMP • Pioneer Territory															
Pahrump Nugget Hotel & Gambling Hall, 681 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048, 775-751-6500, 800-751-6500, fax 775-751-6535, www.pahrumpnugget.com	70	5,000	Y	3	N	N	280	240	220	350	Y	N	Y	Y	
Saddle West Hotel, Casino & RV Resort, 1220 S. Hwy. 160, Pahrump 89048, 775-727-1111, 800-433-3987, fax 775-727-5315, www.saddlewest.com	156	4,292	Y	1	Y	N	300	224	224	300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PRIMM/JEAN • Las Vegas Territory															
Buffalo Bill's, 31700 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-382-1111, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	1,242	31,280	Y	3	Y	N	6,500	1,500	1,500	2,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gold Strike Hotel & Gambling Hall, 1 Main St., Jean 89019, 702-671-1622, 800-634-1359, fax 702-671-1623, www.stopatjean.com	811	3,168	Y	4	Y	N	200	100	184	184	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nevada Landing Hotel & Casino, 2 Goodsprings Rd., Box 19278, Jean 89019, 702-387-5000, 800-628-6682, fax 702-671-1623, www.stopatjean.com	302	4,186	Y	4	Y	N	250	150	240	184	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Primm Valley Resort & Casino, 31900 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-386-7867, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	624	20,901	Y	3	Y	N	1,700	1,030	1,100	1,900	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Whiskey Pete's Hotel/Casino, 100 W. Primm Blvd., Primm 89019, 702-382-4388, 800-926-4455, fax 702-679-5488, www.primmvalleyresorts.com	777	8,000	Y	4	Y	N	700	350	350	450	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
RENO/SPARKS • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
A Wildflower Village, 4275-4395 W. Fourth St., Reno 89523, 775-747-8848, fax 775-747-0213, www.wildflowervillage.com	75	1,200	Y	0	N	N	25	25	20	25	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa, 3800 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-825-4700, 800-994-5900, fax 775-825-1170, www.atlantiscasino.com	1,000	24,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,200	625	900	1,500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Best Western Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Wy., Reno 89502-3255, 775-348-6370, 800-648-3525, fax 775-348-7596	270	6,800	Y	1	Y	Y	320	200	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boomtown Hotel/Casino, I-80 at Boomtown/Garson Rd., Box 399, Verdi 89439-0399, 775-345-8551, 877-526-6686, fax 775-345-8525, www.boomtownreno.com	318	10,500	Y	3	Y	Y	480	360	480	500	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Celebrity Resorts, 140 Court St., Reno 89501, 775-329-4251, fax 775-348-0938, www.celebrityresorts.com	93	750	Y	0	Y	Y	50	20-24	25	25-30	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Circus Circus Hotel Casino, 500 N. Sierra St., Reno 89523, 775-329-0711, 800-894-3588, fax 775-328-9258, www.circusreno.com	1,572	23,000	Y	6	N	Y	900	600	800	1,050	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Club Cal Neva Hotel Casino, 140 N. Virginia St., Box 2071, Reno 89505, 775-323-1046, 877-777-7303, fax 775-785-3295, www.clubcalneva.com	181	2,000	N	5	N	N	250	250	150	250	Y	N	N	N	Y
Courtyard by Marriott, 6855 S. Virginia St., Reno 89511, 775-851-8300, 800-321-2211, fax 775-851-8311, www.courtyard.com	117	1,215	Y	B	Y	Y	60	26	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N
Days Inn, 701 E. Seventh St., Reno 89512, 775-786-4070, 800-448-4555, fax 775-329-4338, www.daysinnreno.com	138	1,250	Y	0	Y	N	70	70	0	0	N	N	N	N	Y
Eldorado Hotel Casino, 345 N. Virginia St., Box 3399, Reno 89501, 775-786-5700, 888-808-7720, fax 775-785-9042, www.eldoradoreno.com	817	10,000	Y	9	Y	N	1,200	700	860	1,400	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y



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							THEATER	CLASSROOM	DINNER	COCKTAIL PARTY					
Golden Phoenix Hotel & Casino, 255 N. Sierra St., Reno 89501, 775-785-7325, 800-648-1828, fax 775-785-7057, www.goldenphoenixreno.com	604	14,000	Y	9	N	Y	550	380	450	800	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Harrah's Reno Casino/Hotel, 219 N. Center St., Box 10, Reno 89504, 775-786-3232, 866-736-6427, fax 775-788-3703, www.harrahs.com	928	13,765	Y	7	Y	Y	1,148	438	880	1,300	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Holiday Inn Downtown/Diamond's Casino, 1000 E. Sixth St., Reno 89512, 775-786-5151, 800-648-4877, fax 775-322-4350, www.jqh.com	284	9,000	Y	2	Y	Y	10-650	320	80-450	650	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel Casino, P. O. Box 30030, Reno 89520, 775-356-3300, 800-843-2427, fax 775-356-3434, www.janugget.com	1,600	110,000	Y	9	Y	Y	2,500	2,000	2,000	3,500	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Meadowood Courtyard, Featuring Super 8, 5851 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-829-4600, 800-797-RENO, fax 775-826-3835, www.meadowwoodcourtyard.com	154	3,000	Y	1	Y	N	270	130	180	320	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peppermill Hotel Casino, 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno 89502, 775-689-7161, 800-648-6992, fax 775-689-7013, www.peppermillreno.com	1,100	40,000	Y	8	Y	Y	1,250	850	900	980	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Reno Hilton, 2500 E. Second St., Reno 89595, 775-789-2000, 866-473-6672, fax 775-789-2131, www.hiltonconventions.com	1,995	200,000	Y	10	Y	Y	4,000	1,700	2,200	4,000	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Residence Inn by Marriott, 9845 Gateway Dr., Reno 89521, 775-853-8800, 800-331-3131, fax 775-853-8805, www.residenceinn.com	120	750	Y	0	Y	Y	50	30	24	27	N	N	N	Y	Y
Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno 89501, 775-348-2200, 800-233-4939, fax 775-322-2647, www.sandsregency.com	832	14,000	Y	6	Y	Y	500	288	352	700	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Siena Hotel Spa Casino, 1 S. Lake St., Box 3340, Reno 89505, 775-321-5855, 877-743-6233, fax 775-321-5325, www.sienareno.com	214	11,000	Y	2	Y	Y	700	400	500	700	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Silver Legacy Resort Casino, 407 N. Virginia St., Box 3920, Reno 89505, 775-329-4777, 800-687-8733, fax 775-325-7340, www.silverlegacy.com	1,711	90,000	Y	6	Y	Y	3,000	2,000	1,400	3,000	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
University Inn, 1001 N. Virginia St., Reno 89503, 775-323-0321, 877-864-8466, fax 775-323-2929, www.unr.edu/uinn	170	3,500	Y	1	N	N	70	40	125	200	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
SMITH • Pioneer Territory															
Walker River Resort, Hudson Wy., Box 90, Smith 89430, 775-465-2573, 800-446-2573, fax 775-465-2484, www.wrresort.com	5	1,800	Y	0	Y	N	0	40	40	150	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TONOPAH • Pioneer Territory															
Tonopah Station - Ramada Inn, 1137 S. Erie Main, Box 2120, Tonopah 89049, 775-482-9777, 866-611-9777, fax 775-482-5030	75	5,500	Y	1	N	Y	250	200	200	200	Y	N	N	N	Y
VIRGINIA CITY • Reno-Tahoe Territory															
Gold Hill Hotel, 1540 Main St., Box 740, Gold Hill 89440, 775-847-0111, fax 775-847-0604, www.goldhillhotel.net	20	2,500	Y	1	N	N	100	60-100	60-130	130	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WELLS • Cowboy Country															
Wells Chinatown Motel, Restaurant & RV Park 755 S. Humboldt Ave., Wells 89835, 775-752-288, fax 775-752-2888, www.chinatownwellsnv.com	20	500	Y	1	N	N	75	75	75	75	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
WENDOVER • Cowboy Country															
Montego Bay Casino & Resort, 100 Wendover Blvd., Box 3669, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.montegobaywendover.com	250	1,600	N	2	Y	Y	150	70	130	130	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Peppermill Hotel Casino, 680 Wendover Blvd., Box 3700, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.peppermillwendover.com	300	1,600	N	2	Y	Y	150	70	150	100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rainbow Hotel Casino, 1045 W. Wendover Blvd., Box 2000, Wendover 89883, 775-664-6658, fax 775-664-6770, www.rainbowwendover.com	430	6,000	N	3	Y	N	400	220	250	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WINNEMUCCA • Cowboy Country															
Holiday Inn Express, 1987 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-625-3100, 800-HOLIDAY, fax 775-625-1238, www.hiexpress.com	72	800	Y	1	Y	N	14-25	14-25	14-25	14-25	Y	N	N	N	Y
Red Lion Inn & Casino, 741 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-623-2565, 800-633-6435, fax 775-623-5702, www.westernescapes.com	105	1,200	Y	1	Y	N	80-100	60	80-100	80-100	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Winners Hotel/Casino & Winners Villa, 185 W. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca 89445, 775-623-2511, 800-648-4770, fax 775-623-1207, www.winnerscasino.com	120	2,120	Y	2	N	N	10-75	10-40	10-75	10-75	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
YERINGTON • Pioneer Territory															
Casino West, 11 N. Main St., Yerington 89447, 775-463-2481, 800-227-4661, fax 775-463-5733, www.casino-west.net	80	4,400	Y	1	Y	Y	130	250	200	250	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Las Vegas DMC, Inc.: Multilingual. Phone 702-914-9302, 888-319-0124, fax 702-914-7363, www.lvdmc.com.

Las Vegas Entertainment Productions: Phone 702-897-7293, 800-682-8007, fax 702-897-8600, www.lasvegasparties.com.

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Leisure Time: Phone 702-247-1306, fax 702-314-1480, www.leisuretime.com.

Look Tours: Phone 702-243-0181 ext. 200, 800-LOOKTOURS, fax 702-233-3792, www.looktours.com.

Macys Visitors Services: Phone 702-731-5111, fax 731-1408, www.macys.com.

Meehan & Associates: Phone 702-451-0344, fax 702-451-0737 maa4events@aol.com.

Meeting & Incentive Management: Phone 702-798-3031, 800-748-6111, fax 702-798-7095, www.meetingincentivemanagement.com.

Meeting Planning Plus: Phone 702-451-5254, fax 702-451-1690, www.meetingplanningpluslasvegas.com.

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Mountain West Travel: Japanese. Phone 702-270-2704, 888-686-9378, fax 702-270-2705, www.mwt.com.

National Reservation Bureau, Inc.: Las Vegas, Reno, and Tahoe. Phone 702-794-4490, 800-448-7666, fax 702-794-0611, www.nhrb.com.

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Points West Tours: Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese. Phone 702-270-3181, fax 702-270-3125, www.pointswest-tours.com.

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Quality Tours of Las Vegas: Phone 702-631-6120, 888-222-2858, fax 702-255-8516, www.qtlv.com.

Rebel Adventure Tours: Phone 702-380-6969, 800-817-6789, fax 702-382-2798, www.rebeladventure tours.com.

Robyn Johnson's Inventive Incentives: Phone 702-893-6444, 888-321-7238, fax 702-893-6413, www.inventive-incentives.com.

Saks Fifth Avenue Hospitality & Convention Services: Phone 702-733-8300, fax 702-733-6800, email abby-geyer@sfa.com.

ScenicSegwayTours.com: Phone Ritz-Carlton 702-567-4700, Hyatt Regency 800-233-1234, MonteLago Village 866-564-4799, or 888-GO-SEGWAY, www.scenicsegwaytours.com.

Showtickets.com: Phone 702-597-5970, 866-581-8687, fax 702-798-1957, www.showtickets.com.

Silver State Tour and Travel: Phone 702-736-0034, fax 702-736-1398.

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Source One Events: Phone 702-795-7772, 877-264-0664, fax 702-795-4727.

Special Occasion Services: Phone 702-368-7707, fax 702-247-1448, www.soseventdesign.com.

Stand-by Golf: Phone 702-597-2665, 866-711-2665, fax 702-433-9605, www.standbygolf.com.

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TBA Global Events: Phone 702-733-6778, fax 702-733,7960, www.tba-global.com.

Tours of Distinction: Phone 702-454-3838, 888-471-8687, fax 702-435-1407, www.toursdistinction.com.

Trans Global Vacations: Travel agents only. Phone 702-730-4644, 800-634-3498, fax 702-736-2066, visit www.tgvacations.com.

Travel Destination Guides, Inc.: Phone 702-876-4230, fax 702-220-6170, e-mail TDGinc@att.net.

Treasure Tours of Nevada: German and English. Phone 702-360-7978, fax 702-255-7771, www.treasuretours.net.

Unique Party Planning: Phone 702-450-3901, 888-617-6709, fax 702-450-3902, www.uniqueparty.com.

USA Hosts: Phone 702-798-0000, 800-634-6133, fax 702-798-5396, www.usahosts.com.

Vegas Events: Phone 702-233-3061, fax 702-233-3152, www.vegasevents.com.

Vegas Group Tours, Inc.: Phone 702-360-1995, 866-541-1954, fax 702-360-1983, www.vegas-group-tours.com.

Vegas Tourist Service: Japanese. Phone 702-733-1501, 800-477-1653, fax 702-739-0973.

Vegasandmore.com: Phone 702-730-4644, email sales@vegasandmore.com.

Victoria's Destination Services: Phone 702-794-2492, 800-317-7724, fax 702-794-3451, www.victoriasdmc.com.

Virgin Holidays: Phone 702-891-8668, fax 702-891-8725, www.virginholidays.com.

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A Tahoe/Reno Experience: Phone 775-831-2023, 800-615-3696, fax 775-831-2159, www.trexp.com.

Amador Stage Lines: Phone 775-324-4444, 800-446-2928, fax 775-324-4453, www.amadorstagelines.com.

America West Vacations: Phone 800-356-6611, www.americawestvacations.com.

Beyond Travel: Reno, Lake Tahoe, and Reno Hilton. Phone 775-322-6300, 888-848-7978, fax 775-322-0101, www.beyondtravel.com.

Convention Activities/Travel Services: Phone 775-786-8687, fax 775-322-2484, www.conventionactivities.com.

Destination Lake Tahoe: Phone 775-586-6227, fax 775-586-6228, www.destinationlaketahoe.net.

Frontier Charter: Phone 775-331-8687, 800-831-2877, fax 775-331-8695, www.frontiercharter.com.

The Main Event: Phone 775-323-2380, fax 775-323-2341, www.themainevent.biz.

National Reservation Bureau, Inc.: Las Vegas, Reno, and Tahoe. Phone 702-794-4490, 800-448-7666, fax 702-794-0611, www.nhrb.com.

people business, inc.: Phone 775-323-2424, fax 775-323-2463, www.peoplebusinessinc.com.

Props To Go, Inc.: Phone 775-355-1501, fax 775-355-9204, visit www.propstogo.com.

Red Carpet Events: Phone 775-351-1776, fax 775-351-1976, www.redcarpetdmc.com.

Reno Reservations: Phone 775-324-0200, 800-458-2423, www.renotravel.com.

Reno Tahoe Vacations: Phone 775-629-0568, www.renotahoevacations.com.

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Western Discovery LLC: Phone 775-329-9933, 800-843-5061, fax 775-329-1045, www.westerndiscovery.com.

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