

TRAVEL with Bates

By Sandi Bates



Escape to Spectacular Lake Tahoe, an exciting outdoor recreational paradise, known for its clarity and incomparable beauty.

Lake Tahoe constantly changes from a deep turquoise in the summer to a dark and moody blue/black on stormy winter days. The beauty remains consistent regardless of the time of year.

Lake Tahoe has a driveable shoreline of approximately 72 miles and is over 6,000 feet above sea level.

Summer finds Lake Tahoe in full bloom with water fun that includes sailing, yachting, power boating and swimming. Fishing is especially good at the lake and the Truckee River. The waters of the lake come from melted snow, and even in hot summer days of August that water will have a definite chill.

The majestic mountains that surround Lake Tahoe has some of the finest skiing to be found any where in the world. Skiers can choose from 19 resorts in the area including: Heavenly Valley, the site of many national and international competitions, is situated on the lake's South Shore. Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are to the North and West of the lake. Other great skiing locations such as: Diamond Peak, Kirkwood, and Mt. Rose are minutes away. There are many trails for cross country skiing and hundreds of square miles for snowmobiling.

Indulge in golf on some of the most spectacular lake settings imaginable. Eggedwood Tahoe and Village Championship have been listed in Golf Digest's top 100 courses in the United States.

Enjoy tennis, hiking, biking, and horseback riding in unparalleled beauty. There are picnic sites and campground facilities for motor homes, tents and campers.

There is fine shopping and virtually all services in this medium sized community. Factory outlet stores offer famous brand names at up to 50% off. (Leather, fragrances, and books).

Nestled in the Sierra Nevada mountains on the shore of Americas' most famous Alpine Lake is the Horizon Casino and Resort, a fun filled luxury hotel, famous for it's non-stop entertainment and beautiful location.

Something for everyone can be found at the luxurious Horizon Resort. Experience extensive gaming facilities. Entertainers and cabaret performances are a few of the features at the

Resort. Varied menus and impeccable service makes dining at the Horizon a pleasing adventure unto itself.

Concentrated on the North or South Shores of Lake Tahoe are variety of hotels and casinos that afford a level of luxury and sophistication to equal that of any place in the world. Some well known hotels are Harrah's, Caesars' and Harveys'.

Spring and fall are favorite times of the year for many who visit Lake Tahoe. Spring skiing often offers the best snow to be found anywhere. Spring brings the renewal of plant life across the Sierra that features an abundance of wild flowers of every hue, and the trees that have lain dormant since winter begin to leaf out in rich shades of green that last until the first frost.

Fall represents some of the most pleasant weather to be enjoyed during the entire year, with sunny calm days, and bright, clear nights.

Hunting becomes a major activity in the fall, with tags for deer, antelope, and big horn sheep in great demand. Duck, goose and quail have been favorite targets for years.

The fall colors while not rivaling those in New England, still splash the golds and yellows with a sprinkling of red across the mountains making nature's handiwork visible for many miles.

Lake visitors can bask in the sunshine over 300 days a year, with temperatures that may vary from 45 to 50 degrees from day to night during the summer.

How much fun can you have on a mountain top? Your adventure begins after sunrise as you drift away from the bounds of earth in a giant balloon standing 7 to 9 stories high. Float on a (See Travel with Bates, Pg 14)

"RENAISSANCE MAN" MAKES THE GRADE

Writing clever ad copy to sell Roach Motels to the masses was hardly in Bill Rago's (DANNY DeVITO) grand career plan. But after being dumped from his lucrative job as an advertising executive he discovers he's not exactly qualified to do anything else! This sudden outrageous reversal of fortune finds Bill down and out and suffering the slings and arrows from an imperious unemployment office counselor who, after going to great lengths, can only find one job for which Bill may be vaguely suited — a short-term assignment teaching basic comprehension to a group of borderline washouts at a nearby Army post. Desperate times call for desperate measures and Bill has no choice but to accept the job.

However, Bill has difficulty adjusting to the regimentation of life on an Army post and initially, he has an equally difficult adjustment in the classroom. He doesn't want to be there, and neither do the recruits. He butts heads with the Drill Sergeant (GREGORY HINES) who tells him, "The difference between you and me, Bill, is I care about what I do." Taking up this challenge, Bill finally starts to teach. What he ends up teaching is the big surprise. By accident he has a copy of "Hamlet" with him in class, and the students, hoping to waste time, cajole him into reading from the play. With help from another Bill — Shakespeare — much to their mutual surprise, they find something that connects them. As his unique meth-

ods begin to inspire and motivate this class, made up of kids passed over and abandoned by our educational system, Bill proves to them and to himself

they can achieve more than they ever dreamed, in Touchstone Pictures' "Renaissance Man." James Remar and Cliff Robertson also star.



When Bill Rago (DeVito, right) is hired to teach at an Army post, he immediately butts heads with the rigid military authority of Sergeant Cass (Gregory Hines, left) in Touchstone Pictures' "Renaissance Man."

THE FOURTH ANNUAL "CELEBRATE THE SOUL OF AMERICAN MUSIC" TELEVISION SPECIAL HONORS BLACK MUSIC LEGENDS

Television stars Charles S. Dutton ("ROC") and Victoria Rowell ("Diagnosis: Murder" and "The Young and The Restless") have been set to co-host Central City Production, Inc.'s fourth annual "Celebrate the Soul of American Music," the premiere Black Music Month television special honoring the impact African Americans have had on music in the country. The first run show tapes May 7 before a black-

tie audience at CBS Television Studios in Los Angeles and airs in Las Vegas, Saturday, June 4, 1994 at 6:00 p.m., on KRLR-TV, Channel 21.

The musical entertainment show features salutes to legendary black musicians and entertainers complemented with the performances by contemporary R&B and jazz artist whose styles were influenced by them.

This year's honorees are the

extraordinary songwriting duo of Ashford & Simpson, Motown originals The Four Tops, the musically versatile Pointer Sisters, and song stylist & actress Della Reese.

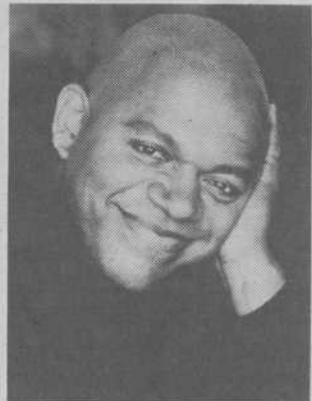
Special recognition will be given to Herb Alpert, co-founder of A&M Records, Don Cornelius, creator and producer of the "The Soul Train Music Awards," Arsenio Hall will receive The Pioneer Award, and the visionary (artist formerly known as) Prince will receive The Living Legend Award.

Entertainers participating in this year's ceremony include Jim

Brown, Coming of Age, For Real, David Alan Grier, Arsenio Hall, Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle, CeCe Peniston, Barry White and Mary Wilson.

The show, which will benefit Cities In Schools, Inc., a high school dropout prevention program, is produced by the Chicago based Central City Productions, Inc.

Don Jackson, president of Central City Productions, Inc., is the executive producer, Barbara Wilson is the producer, H.B. Bamum is the musical director and Tom Macguire is the director.



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