

Casinos rock in New Year with parties, shows - Reno/Tahoe

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This coming holiday weekend, Reno-Tahoe offers plenty of parties with usually minimal admission prices.

Crowded dance floors, crowded streets and crowded casino floors (especially during the free midnight champagne toast offered at most properties) will be the norm. Here's the lineup:

□ The Silver Legacy's Rockin' the Dome Dance Party offers party favors along with the champagne toast for \$30 which includes one drink (9 p.m., 407 N. Virginia St., Reno).

The Legacy's popular Dueling Pianos will be at work in Rum Bullion's Island Bar (\$20).

□ Sammy's Showroom at Harrah's Reno, 219 N. Center St., will be converted to a dance club with DJ, videos and topless dancers at midnight. Doors open at 9 p.m., and admission is free.

□ The Peppermill's Capri Ballroom will feature the Club 90 Band for \$60 including three drinks (9:30 p.m., 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno), and the club's EDGE offers VINTEDGE, asking guests to appear in classic vintage cocktail garb. Check out "Mad Men" for ideas. (\$45 in advance, \$55 at door);

□ The Eldorado's BuBinga Lounge features a Black and White Bash with DJs (345 N. Virginia St., Reno; \$45 in advance with a special \$65 price offering a hosted premium bar from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.). The Brew Brothers will feature the Crashers and DJ D Rek (\$15 also includes admission to the bar at the hotel's Bistro Roxy).

□ The MontBleu at Lake Tahoe will host a pool party beginning at 10 p.m. (55 Highway 50 in Stateline; \$75 advance, \$100 starting Friday) and another party at their nightclub, Blu, beginning at 10 p.m. (\$35 advance, \$75 starting Friday).

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▣ Harrah's Vex, Tahoe's most popular nightclub, opens at 9 p.m. for \$80 advance, \$100 at the door. The casino is at 15 Highway 50 in Stateline.

A few changes of pace:

▣ Almost all restaurants offer a New Year's Eve special menu, but so far only the Peppermill has checked in with a New Year's Day feature, a brunch at Biscotti's, featuring herb-crusted New York strip, and garlic and rosemary leg of lamb (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; \$28.95; reservations at 775-826-2121).

▣ Northstar, 5001 Northstar Drive in Truckee, will celebrate its Fire & Ice New Year's Eve in the village during the day and evening with ice skating and live music by Led Zeppelin 2 ▣ The Live Experience. The fireworks at 9 p.m. will coincide with 2012's arrival on the East Coast.

▣ K-VON and Cochino are the two comics at Catch A Rising Star in the Silver Legacy (7:30 and 10 p.m.; \$25).

▣ Kivi Rogers and Frances Dilorinzo headline the Improv at Harveys (8:30 and 10 p.m.; 18 Highway 50 in Stateline; \$30).

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