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Editor's Letter

Hello Vegas! First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our readers for their magnanimous support and patience as we here at LasVegas.Net Magazine continue to establish ourselves as the premier voice of Las Vegas - a city that always has something to say. I would also like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all those 'behind the scenes' who have so selflessly contributed their time and efforts during this process. You know who you are, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Now, let us get down to business. What a year, huh? The past 10 months have been characterized by many things: poorly-timed interruptions by Kanye West, Brett Favre refusing to go away, Obama's Presidential diplomacy over a couple of cold ones, and the one I know you're all sick of hearing about -- the dreary impact of a tumultuous and erratic economy.

The economy, the economy, the economy....

Luckily for us, the Vegas image hasn't suffered one bit. Travelers across the globe still see us as one of the greatest destinations in the world, and will continue to do so throughout this financial hiccup and for countless years after. The local business sector, on the other hand, has been dragged deep into doldrums, showing a 13.4% jobless rate in September. Construction and hospitality jobs continue to get slashed. Everyone is feeling the crunch. When the skies are as cloudy as they have been it can be hard to glimpse at the horizon, but we need to remember that we still have air in our lungs, and we also must have the confidence that little moments of happiness are right around the corner...

Oh, that's right! The holidays are coming up fast, and if I may make one request, I would ask that we all celebrate with a bit of extra reflection this year. It's easy to forget just how fortunate we are, and also what is truly most important in our lives - and no, it is not our iPhones.

Ultimately, friends, in this issue, as we always attempt to do, we present a comprehensive look into the Southern Nevada community and highlight the many astonishing aspects of our city that continue to make it a wonderful travel destination, as well as a great place to hang your hat. That is always our goal, and it truly is the meaning of community.

Stay classy Las Vegas and I'll see you in the New Year!

All the best,



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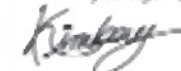


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Andy,

I would like to extend a "Thank you" for your continued dedicated service, prompt response and unending support regardless of the issue at hand. You are by far the best rep we have encountered in all of my dealings. While other companies attempt to under cut price and pitch deals, the first thought that comes to mind is that I would lose you by a change, and it's just not what I am willing to do. I thank you for always returning my e mail, even at SAM and 11PM (sorry) and you even being my support on your honeymoon. You are a tremendous asset to you company and I hope it is realized. I am so appreciative of you, and if there is anything I can do, please let me know.....

Thank you again,



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Welcome to the Wonderful World of Las Vegas!

Have a Night on the Town Without Breaking the Bank

By Aeza Menor

Not everybody can be a Vegas high-roller and casino moguls are well aware of this - for this reason, many of the premier properties all across town offer endless ways to take advantage of their many fabulous amenities.

Partying like a weekend jetsetter doesn't have to cost you an entire month's salary.

If the itch to gamble like a celebrity with cards in your hand seems to strike you frequently, table games for as low as \$1 per hand can be found at Ellis Island. If you like the atmosphere of downtown Las Vegas, table games there can be had for as low as \$3. Drinks are free for players. There are even poker games that you can buy into at the MGM and many other properties on the

strip, playing \$1 and \$2 No Limit with a \$40-\$200 cap. If you're not a poker player but have always wanted to learn, call your favorite casino and ask for their free table game seminars. They all have them, all are free, and the money is funny, but you can have a great time on someone else's dime.

Be "in the know" and sign up for a player's card. These reward cards give you steady perks for your time at the tables or machines, so while you're playing and having fun you're also earning a free dinner or souvenir for later. Great places to go and get these deals are the Wynn, Venetian, Bellagio and MGM properties, Caesars and Harrah's properties, and all the Station casinos. With your player's card you receive on average \$1 per hour of play at the poker tables and

machines or, depending on how much you risk, comped meals, merchandise, or even rooms.

It's definitely worthwhile to sign up for rewards if you want to enhance your good time gambling, dining, seeing shows, getting nice hotel rooms, or enjoying the various pools and amenities.

The aforementioned Ellis Island Casino & Brewery lies behind Bally's and is one of the most popular local joints in town. They have very affordable drinks, live karaoke and inexpensive food at the cafe. Many locals consider it one of the best kept secrets of Vegas, not too flashy, and a great place to spend a night with close friends.

If dancing is more your style you can always find live music at the Cleopatra Lounge in Caesars Palace. The lounge at Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon also provides weekend tunes and there's always the house band at Margaritaville next to The Flamingo.

Whenever you're on the strip or in a casino, you can count on running into plenty of nightclub workers whose job it is to hand out discount flyers or even free passes for the numerous clubs around town. If you grab a couple of these passes and show up early to the club (early meaning around 9 or 10pm), free or discounted entry for you and your entourage is a virtual guarantee.

If you can't afford a table you can always drink at the bar and still have a good time or even club-hop.

An even better deal for Vegas residents is on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday nights, also known as Industry Night. These nights are tailored exclusively for locals and typically include free local entry and two-for-one discounted bottle service. Many times, if you're in a group of five girls or more, the bottle will be provided free of charge. This is a win-win for both you and the club - after all, where the ladies go, the guys do follow!

Clubs that typically support Industry Night are Tao at The Venetian, Wynn's Tryst, XS at Encore, Jet at The Mirage, Drais at Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon, Lavo at The Palazzo, Cathouse and LAX at The Luxor, Christian Audigier at T.I., Pure at Caesars Palace, and various other bars, clubs and lounges.

If you are curious whether your favorite spot on the strip hosts Industry Nights, just give them a call.

If you happen to be one of the countless after hours employees whose shifts don't end until the wee hours of the morning, don't worry. Vegas has many late night clubs designed just for you and your friends. Places such as Drais at Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon, Penthouse Club, Krave outside Planet Hollywood, and many gentlemen's clubs around town keep the party going until well after the sun comes up.

A growing trend in town, heavily supported by the anti-club crowd, is the hookah lounge. For those who are unaware, the hookah is a Turkish water pipe that is used to smoke flavored tobacco - very much reminiscent of the caterpillar in Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice's Adventures*

in Wonderland.

Local hookah lounges such as Paymon's, Red and Almaza offer dark, elegant atmospheres free from the loud music and strobe lights that populate Strip nightclubs. All provide an extensive selection of beer and wine and serve food well into the evening hours. Vegas hookah lounges are a must for anyone searching for a unique and profoundly relaxing way to spend an evening.

Every casino on the strip has its own flare, many with restaurants and shows that are not to be missed. There are always deals, and you can always have fun at your leisure and according to your budget somewhere, somehow in this crazy city.

HOTSPOTS

The Mirage

This old-school Vegas property is home to Love, a phenomenal Cirque du Soleil production featuring the music of the Beatles. The Liverpool lads are also the inspiration for the theme of The Mirage's most popular spot, Revolution Lounge, which features go-go dancers and a house DJ on the weekends.

The club scene can be found at Jet - come to Industry Night on Mondays or show up on the weekend and watch the resident DJ keep the crowd moving with both house and mainstream tracks.

For a romantic meal during your night on the town, try Japonais or Samba Brazilian Steakhouse.

To satisfy late-night munchies, hit up Cravings, BLT Burger or California Pizza Kitchen.

Paris Las Vegas

This haven of French culture naturally offers one top-tier restaurant experience after another. If spectacular dining is your forté, don't miss the Eiffel Tower Restaurant, where the incredible views are only eclipsed by the exquisite cuisine. Downstairs, they have the French restaurant Mon Amie Gabi, a much more casual eatery with outside seating, a fantastic lunch menu and a first rate view of the breathtaking Fountains of Bellagio.

Mandalay Bay

Inside the Mandalay Bay there is the Foundation Room, an incredibly mellow lounge with a great atmosphere, due largely to the fact that it is located on the top floor of the property. The lounge splits its time as a restaurant in the evening and a club during the late hours and has what many consider the best view of the entire Las Vegas Strip.

On the ground floor is the ever-popular House of Blues, which plays home and host to a first class restaurant and countless bands and entertainers.

The Mandalay Bay is also known for its immaculate pool, containing a waterslide, a wave pool, and a surfing pool. Needless to say, the kids love it.

Hard Rock

The Hard Rock is home to a popular Tuesday night poker game called "Trash-Talk Tuesdays", where it's encouraged to be as rowdy as you want and talk trash to induce a more active game. Naturally, this has been embraced by the edgy crowds that frequent the venue.

Next to the poker room is the new Rare 120 Steakhouse, Pink Taco (home to some scandalously good Mexican cuisine), and Nobu, consistently voted by locals as some of the best sushi in town.

Inside the casino are a lively center bar, Body English nightclub and Wasted Space lounge, not to mention a little, hole-in-the-wall concert venue known as The Joint - currently home to rock god Carlos Santana who melts faces there two nights a week.

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Energy Conservation in the Las Vegas Valley

By Bojana Jamborcić

With global warming on the forefront of the state of affairs in the world, it is no small wonder the study and practice of design has become more sustainability-oriented, especially in the architectural and industrial design industries.

The west coast has been the leader in the green design movement with architects focusing on designing buildings integrated with the environment. According to the U.S. Green Building Council, buildings represent 38.9% of US primary energy use and 70% of the total electrical consumption and are one of the heaviest consumers of natural resources, accounting for a significant portion of the greenhouse gas emissions effecting climate change.

A green building uses less energy or generates its own, consumes less water or

harvests it, uses more renewable and local resources to minimize transportation, and seeks to improve the external as well as internal environment. These factors serve to increase productivity and the overall well-being of the occupants.

Surprisingly, recent polls show more than 50% of the US population is still refusing to accept that our emissions are changing the climate and see it as a technical issue to be settled at some far off time in the future; certainly not within the current generations' lifetimes. Industry experts assert and predict otherwise.

Las Vegas in particular, being located in the hot and arid Mojave Desert, comes with specific environmental challenges, such as water and energy shortages, and has felt the changes in the climate more directly. Considered by some as one of the

more unsustainable cities in the world, there has been a collective push in incorporating green design extensively to counter balance some of the serious obstacles facing this metropolitan area of more than 1.5 million residents.

On August 10, 2009, the second annual Clean Energy Summit was carried out in the Cox Pavilion at UNLV and included Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Former Vice President Al Gore, and Secretary Steven Chu of the U.S. Department of Energy, among other notable figures. This day-long, solution-oriented conference focused on the discussion of a policy agenda which would create new jobs by stimulating the application of clean energy and energy-efficient technology, all while advancing U.S. energy independence. It was followed up with the two day Renewable Energy Symposium where more than 200 clean energy proponents came together to share ideas and create the future of the sustainable energy movement in Nevada. Alternate sources of power such as algae-based energy were among the primary topics of discussion and urgency was the most notable undercurrent of the speakers' messages, signaling that it is time for immediate action.

Particular pressure was focused on the utility giant NV Energy, which supplies all of Nevada and a significant portion of North-Eastern California with electricity. The state of Nevada has mandated the company meet certain clean energy improvements and standards. As of 2008, renewable power accounts for 9% of the total power supplied by NV Energy, and if the company is going to meet its 2012 requirement of having 15% of its energy come from renewable resources, much work is left to be done.

Currently, the greatest push for renewable energy in Nevada and at NV Energy Company is the solar power installation program, consisting of retrofitting existing homes with Photovoltaic panels. Although this is a reasonable start, the solar panels are still leaving the homes dependent on NV Energy at night and on cloudy days. The \$45,000 price tag is cut in half via \$13,500 in federal tax credit and a \$9,500 rebate; however this still adds up to \$22,000 in upfront costs for the potential home owner. The high cost is limiting the number of households able to shoulder such investments.

Environmental groups remain skeptical

of what they consider half-hearted attempts by NV Energy to increase renewable energy output. Currently there is no incentive for a household or business in Nevada to generate any more power than it can use on its own, since there is no option to sell the power back to NV Energy.

Fortunately, affordable and effective ways to reduce energy consumption do exist. NV Energy has a list of no-cost, low-cost, and reasonably priced suggestions, described in detail at www.nvenergy.com, and can reduce 10-25% on a monthly energy bill.

Outside of retrofitting an existing home to become more energy efficient, an increasing number of LEED Certified projects have begun incorporating the highest standards of residential green architecture and design. Villa Trieste is a single family community in Summerlin and offers an integrated roof solar power system and is the largest residential project in the US to be LEED Certified. These homes are energy and water efficient, including a cen-

ABOUT L.E.E.D.

Since its inception in 1998, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, has developed the standard against which environmentally sustainable building construction and design can be measured consistently. Today there are over 14,000 LEED Certified projects in over 30 countries including the United States.

The LEED rating system includes six major areas: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process. With up to 106 points possible, buildings are scored in each aforementioned category according to the amount of sustainable innovation used in the project. The total of these points culminates in the certification of the building as LEED Certified, LEED Silver, LEED Gold, and LEED Platinum, with Platinum status being the highest rating available. The Vegas valley boasts its own LEED Certified mega projects, as well as commercial buildings and single family homes. These projects are paving the way to significantly reducing the negative environmental impact of buildings and construction in the Las Vegas valley.

tralized battery system storing power for use during peak energy consumption hours. The goal is to reduce energy consumption by 65% compared to a conventional home.

Las Vegas is also home to The Palazzo, the largest building in the world to have achieved LEED Silver certification. The Palazzo comes equipped with a solar powered pool heating system which pours over excess hot water into the hotel's hot water system and saves enough power to light a 100 watt light bulb for 12,100 years. While the building's efficient water fixtures use 37% less water than standard buildings, the innovative irrigation design saves an additional 75%. In addition, 70% of the demolition materials from the Sands building complex were saved from going to the landfill and 95% of the structural steel used in constructing The Palazzo was recycled.

Naturally, the "best in Vegas" reputation that The Palazzo achieved with its green design won't hold for very long. Gaming giant MGM Mirage is less than 2 months away from opening its CityCenter property, a 16 million square foot urban complex located next to the world famous Bellagio. The immense CityCenter project is an \$11 billion dollar feat of green engineering. The commendable sustainable design efforts of this project alone will eliminate approximately 48,000 tons of green house gases from being released into the atmosphere annually. Additionally, more than 80% of the construction waste will be re-used and recycled over the lifetime of the construction. CityCenter has gone to great lengths to increase the quality of the environment for its employees, providing a special air system to keep the smoke from reaching the dealers while gamblers smoke at the tables. These unprecedented efforts are garnering recognition locally and worldwide.

Although some would have guessed that green design would have been left behind in the wake of the down turn in the economy, it seems that no such fate befalls the growing billion dollar industry. As construction companies, sub contractors and artisans in Nevada become more educated in the process of eco-friendly design, LEED Certified building construction and design is continually inching closer to standard construction costs and beginning to yield greater future savings.

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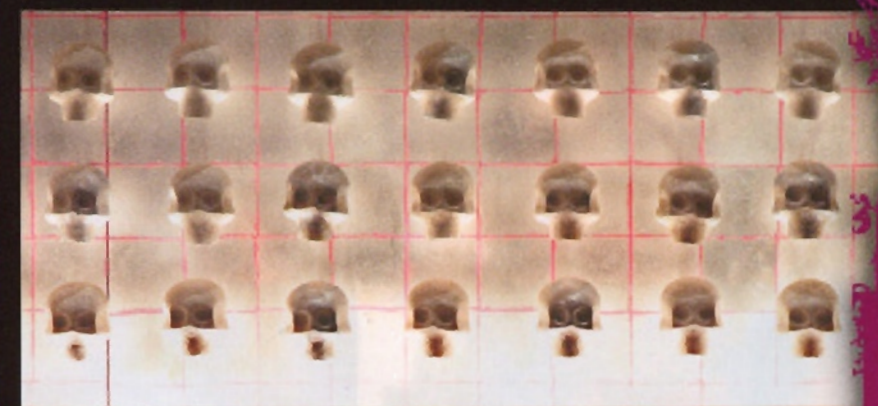
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Holiday Eating

Don't Overdo It

By Stephanie Kokernot

Bread pudding. Pumpkin pie. Turkey and stuffing. Honey-glazed ham. Casseroles loaded with cheese...

The traditional artery-clogging foods of the holiday season made more sense if you lived on a farm a mere century ago. A nice fat tire around your belly kept you warm and happy throughout the lean days of winter, and you can bet that no pilgrim ever fretted about being a size two. The main task of winter was simply to get through it alive, and lard in the pie crust had meaning: pack on enough calories and you'd make it to see spring.

Nowadays it doesn't make much sense to load up on the extra cornbread dressing – except that it's *delicious*. And really, how many times a year do we actually get to eat cornbread dressing? What are a few extra pounds going to do anyway?

It's as easy to rationalize festivity-inspired gluttony as it is to get an extra helping of mashed potatoes, but according to WebMD.com, most Americans gain an average of two holiday pounds they never end up losing. So if you are thirty years old and scratching your head at how skinny you looked at age twenty, multiply two pounds by ten years of Thanksgivings and you'll have your answer.

This isn't to suggest that we should ban pumpkin pie from the holiday table. Depriving ourselves of those irresistible holiday foods would be masochistic, if not downright impossible. Even someone with a will of iron will crack around a plate of snickerdoodle cookies. But avoiding holiday weight gain is not a hopeless cause – there are plenty of easy and economical strategies to maintain your weight during the holidays.

Slow down

The pleasure of eating is not in quantity, but in our ability to savor.

If you've ever been to Europe, you'll notice that the long wait for service isn't just because French waiters are surly but because they actually expect you to chew your food before you swallow it. In France, the gastronomic capital of the Western world, the average dinner may take several hours. Back in the states we feel lucky if we manage to eat at a kitchen table and not in a car. If your idea of "savoring" is wolfing down a burger while stopped at a traffic light, try chewing your food at least ten times before swallowing. Taking your time to eat will allow you to realize when you are full. You'll feel less groggy and you won't have to loosen your belt buckle a notch. And if there's any prime occasion to savor a food, it's with that perfectly roasted, once-a-year turducken.

Savor smaller portions

If you are attending a traditional Thanksgiving meal with a traditional calorie-packed smorgasbord, help yourself to a small portion of each dish. "Small" does not mean Applebee's sized, but a few decadent

and slowly-enjoyed spoonfuls.

If you are still hungry for more, look for the lean meats and the vegetables. Have another serving of the green beans and white turkey meat and less of the creamed corn.

One more thing: lay off the booze. Alcohol is packed with calories and it's rarely as tasty as dessert.

Host a healthy potluck

Hosting a traditional Thanksgiving meal can make a substantial dent in your grocery budget. Let your friends and family know you are hosting a healthy, potluck-style Thanksgiving. It will allow everyone the opportunity to contribute a favorite dish without putting the financial burden on a single person. More than likely you'll savor something new and out of your usual cooking repertoire.

If your friends and family think that a "healthy Thanksgiving" is an oxymoron, gently share your vision of what that might look like.

Substitute ingredients

You can still honor your great-grandmother's recipes and stay healthy by substituting ingredients.

For instance, replace white bread and flour with whole grains. Whole grains contain more fiber and are gradually absorbed in your system, thus avoiding a spike in blood sugar levels and leaving us more satisfied for a longer period of time.

Consider using olive oil instead of butter, or try heart-healthy brands like SmartBalance. Neither contain the saturated fat of butter or the partially hydrogenated oil of margarine (both are terrible for you).

Use fresh vegetables and fruits instead of canned ones. They provide many more essential vitamins and minerals, and actually taste better than processed canned foods. A bowl of freshly made cranberry sauce is far more appetizing than the cylindrical, gelatinous cranberry blob that comes from a can. You can save a good deal of money on produce by sifting through the coupons that stuff your mailbox. Stores like LaBonita and Sunflower offer specials on



fresh produce that can seem insubstantial, but add up significantly.

In addition to honoring traditional dishes like turkey and stuffing, make sure to offer plenty of vegetables. Try including winter greens such as kale and chard, or astonish everyone with a delicious beet salad with goat cheese (it's shockingly good).

Desserts like a crustless pumpkin pie have a mousse-like decadence but cut out fat by omitting the crust.

If you are still hard-pressed for healthy Thanksgiving recipes, look around the Internet – there are dozens of helpful websites like allrecipes.com and foodnetwork.com which offer creative and healthy dishes.

Stay active

It's too easy to slip into a food coma after a heavy meal, but trade the television for a walk, before and after dinner. Exercising after meals helps suppress the appetite and can help ease the grogginess and belly-aching that often follows a large dinner.

Try to get your family involved in the exercise. Watch the football game, then round everyone up for an actual, touch-football game in the back yard (if your

family is in the midst of a food coma, small wagers and stabs at pride can motivate just about anyone). Tell your mother-in-law that you would love to catch up but your mouth works best when you're walking. Or, invite your nieces and nephews out into the backyard for a game of tag or monkey in the middle.

Lastly, if you happen to be traveling over the holidays and are dying to get back on a treadmill, check out local gyms for temporary guest memberships or weekly trial offers.

Eat healthy now

Getting into the habit of eating well is a lot easier if you start before the holidays. Our bodies become addicted to simple carbohydrates and sugars and cutting out junk food now will help lessen the cravings that make you reach for a second helping.

At work, steer clear of the snack machine and bring your own healthy snacks to munch on. It's much easier to stay away from the cookies and candy in the lounge if there's something tasty awaiting you at your desk.

BEST of 2009 Staff Picks

The Strip

-the little things-

best back road around Las Vegas Blvd. - Koval Lane, East of The Strip
best casino service - Wynn
best free casino attraction - The Fountains of Bellagio
best resident DJ - DJ Hollywood at Pure

-the amenities-

best designed casino front - Bellagio
best lobby - Bellagio
best poker room - Caesars Palace
best pool - Mandalay Bay
best resort condominiums - Palms Place
best spa - Green Valley Ranch Spa
best sports book - Las Vegas Hilton

-the naughty habits-

best place to relieve yourself in Vegas - on the 95 at 65 mph
best strip club - Spearmint Rhino on S. Highland
best strip club excuse - Just going for breakfast
best topless pool - Bare at Mirage

Food and Drink

-the new vs. the old-

best new restaurant - Rare 120 at the Hard Rock
best established restaurant - Il Mulino at Caesars Palace

-the family time vs. hiring the babysitter-

best kid-friendly restaurant - Rainforest Café at MGM Grand
best romantic restaurant - The Melting Pot on W. Charleston

-the extravagant vs. the economical-

best restaurant when someone else pays - Alex at Wynn
best restaurant when you pay - Paymon's Mediterranean Bistro on E. Charleston

-the cuisine-

best Chinese restaurant - Cathay House on Spring Mountain
best Indian restaurant - Tamba Indian Cuisine on Las Vegas Blvd.
best Italian restaurant - Il Mulino at Caesars Palace
best Mexican restaurant - Viva Mercado's on S. Rainbow
best Thai restaurant - Ocha Cuisine on Las Vegas Blvd.
best vegetarian restaurant - Go Raw Café on E. Windmill

-the cravings-

best bagel - Brueggers Bros. Bagels on W. Flamingo

best bakery - Freed's Bakery & Cakes on Eastern
best breakfast - The Cracked Egg on Green Valley Pkwy.
best burger - Burger Bar in Mandalay Place
best coffee shop that's not Starbucks - Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
best cupcake - The Cupcakery on Eastern
best guacamole - Zaba's Mexican Grill on Durango
best ice cream - Gelato Café at The District II
best margarita - Gardunos Of Mexico at the Palms
best martini - Pomegranate Martini at Blue Martini
best pizza - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza at Town Square
best salad - Ahi Tuna Salad at Gordon Biersch
best sandwich - Capriotti's on Blue Diamond
best seafood - Joe's Seafood Prime Steak in the Forum Shops
best steakhouse - Roy's on Flamingo
best sushi - Sumo Sushi II on Warm Springs
best taco truck - Fremont Street Taco Truck
best tapas - Café Deia off W. Flamingo
best wings - Chicken Bonz on Sunset

Arts and Entertainment

-the art of art and sound-

best art gallery - Trifecta Gallery on Charleston
best Cinevegas entry - Easier With Practice by Kyle Patrick Alvarez
best food festival - Greek Food Festival
best jazz venue - Jazz on the Lake at Lake Las Vegas
best karaoke - Bunkhouse on 11th
best independent bookstore - Academy Fine Books on Eastern
best lounge - Revolution at Mirage
best lounge act - Frankie Moreno Band at Rush Lounge inside the Golden Nugget
best metal scene - High Maintenance on Sahara
best museum - Lied Discovery Children's Museum
best music festival - Vegoose
best nostalgic CDs - Marvin Gaye, Guns N' Roses, The Beach Boys...
whatever reminds you of good times long past
best outdoor venue - Live events at the Henderson Pavilion
best public art - The bronze statues in Green Valley
best radio station - 97.1
best second-hand vinyl - Record City on Sahara

-the place at which the party is-

best new nightclub - XS at Encore
best established nightclub - Rain at the Palms

-the local watering hole-

best bar to hear yourself think - Freakin' Frog
best bar you didn't know had live music - Hennessy's Tavern on Fremont Street
best cigar bar - Casa Fuente in the Forum Shops
best custom drink - Passion Martini at Japonais
best dive bar - Champagne's Café on Maryland
best draft beer selection - Yardhouse in Town Square
best drunk eats - Mr. Lucky's at the Hard Rock Hotel
best gay bar - Gipsy on Paradise
best happy hour - Blue Hawk on Las Vegas Blvd.
best local microbrewery - Big Dog's Draft House on N. Rancho
best place to go at 1:00am when there's still a line at Tryst - First Food and Bar at Palazzo
best rooftop bar - Ghostbar at the Palms
best singles bar - Stoney's on Las Vegas Blvd.
best sports bar - ESPN Zone at New York New York
best venue for local music - The alley behind Beauty Bar on Fremont Street
best wine bar - Grape Street Café on W. Lake Mead

-the sober activities-

best billiards - Las Vegas Cue Club on Sahara
best book - Sag Harbor by Colson Whitehead
best computer game - Minesweeper
best movie - Up
best place to see a movie - Rave at Town Square
best tattoo shop - Sacred Center Tattoo on Eastern

Goods and Services

-the necessary info-

best camping within an hour of Vegas - Mt. Charleston
best handy as heck place to know - Fry's in Town Square
best old place made new again - Downtown Las Vegas
best origin for your type 2 diabetes - Nothing Bundtcakes on Eastern
best pet shop - K-9's and Kitty's on W. Lake Mead
best place for last-minute gifts - The 99 Cent Store
best way to ignore the recession in Vegas - "Staycation" at Lake Las Vegas
best things to keep in your pocket - wallet, phone, business cards, loose change
best trip abroad without leaving town - Valley of Fire State Park
best UNLV sports club locker room - Rebel Football
best way to pick someone up - \$300-\$1000 cash
best way to prepare for the upcoming apocalypse - stock up on guns and ammo (it's going to be zombies)
best way to spend a responsible Monday night - Watching football in front of your friend's big screen TV

People and Places

-the neighborhood-

best designed residential development - Villa Trieste
best dog park - Desert Breeze Dog Park
best elementary school - Selma Bartlett Elementary School
best high school - Palo Verde High School
best library - UNLV Library
best mall - Fashion Show Mall
best middle school - Becker Middle School
best neighborhood for families - Seven Hills
best neighborhood for young professionals - Manhattan Las Vegas
best park - Desert Breeze Park
best recreation center - Henderson Multigenerational Center

-the public faces-

best local columnist - Pete Allman of Celebrity Scene News
best local newscaster - Norm Clarke
best local politician - Mayor Oscar Goodman
best local radio personality - Alice Cooper on 97.1, Sunday nights
best local scandal - Senator John Ensign's extramarital affair
best public fool - Governor Jim Gibbons

-the places to go-

best ice skating rink - Fiesta Rancho
best mini golf course - King Putt on Eastern
best place to people watch - Town Square on Las Vegas Blvd.
best place to throw a birthday party - Gameworks on Las Vegas Blvd.
best place to volunteer - Lied Animal Shelter off E. Bonanza
best rooftop views - Voodoo Lounge at Rio
best surprisingly romantic date locale - Red Rock National Park

Fabulous Gifts Under \$50

Unique Internet Goodies Make Shopping a Virtual Breeze

By Bryant Arnold

Ah, the holidays! A time for giving, eating, gifting and receiving... and not to mention, shopping. There are those of you whose hearts beat faster with anticipation at braving the shopping crowds this season. Some of you can't wait to join the throngs of gift-gatherers and pay homage at the altar of consumerism. Some of you simply like to shop.

This collection of season's gifts is for everyone else.

These amazingly unique and thoughtful gifts this year are not only purchased for under \$50, but also without stepping one foot out of your front door. This year, the world wide web offers up tantalizing goodies not available at your corner shopping mall. The only downside? Get on the ball my friend, and remember shipping can vary from overnight to a few weeks. Order in advance and the only gas you'll burn this season is when you deliver your gifts to surprised and smiling faces.



If MacGyver were infiltrating enemy headquarters and saving the damsel in distress in 2009, he'd no doubt carry one of these wherever he went. This iconic and ever-useful Swiss Army Knife has kept up with the changing times via USB. Check out the many styles and configurations online.

- * Removable 4 GB USB flash drive
- * Blade
- * Nail file with screwdriver
- * Scissors
- * Key ring

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Everyone has that one friend or family member who is the most disorganized or messy of the bunch. Well, there may be hope. Help him or her clean up with the aptly named ezSpace Holiday UFO (**\$17.99**) from www.ezGear.com. It's a power extender that lets you fit a power brick on every plug (six grounded outlets total), hiding all of those messy plugs that collect around your entertainment center or computer desk. The ez-Space Holiday UFO comes in a festive green color and has a built-in 1050 joule surge protector.



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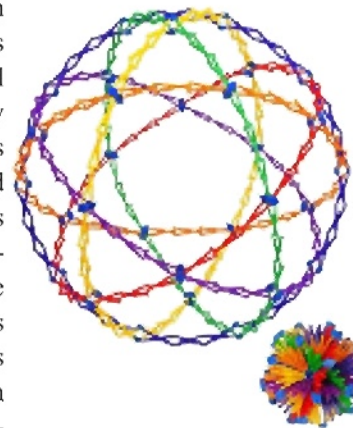
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All Spheres comes with a pulley, hardware and instructions to hang as a cool, kinetic mobile; also in the package is an educational booklet about the geometry of the Sphere; and a *21 Cool Things to Do* activity sheet.

\$26.99 www.ToyandGameWarehouse.com

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No, it's not a never-ending supply of blue KoolAid. It's a fun gadget that simply screws onto your existing faucet. Faucet Light turns an ordinary faucet into a streaming crystal blue water source. Turn off the water and the faucet light goes off. Fun and functional for a kids bathroom, it also adds a touch of class and entertainment to any powder room.

\$14.99 www.FaucetLights.com

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Custom Flow



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The Center of Our City

Dreams Really Can Come True

By Natalie Mounier

In December, the world will be introduced to CityCenter.

An extraordinary urban resort destination brought to life by eight world-renowned architects, CityCenter will debut a new era of resort experiences with an ambition to refine and redefine Las Vegas. Conceived to bring a true center to The Strip, CityCenter will be much more than a collection of resorts and residences; it's a community – a welcoming environment for people to gather, relax and enjoy. Great pedestrian corridors, dynamic public spaces, authentic richness and diversity of experiences will evoke the energy of the world's most exciting places. CityCenter's public fine art collection will enliven the street and engage passersby. As if in a strolling gallery, guests will happen upon works by world-renowned artists such as Maya Lin or Nancy Rubins as they wander through CityCenter's walkways, hotels and residences.

A true community also has regard for its surroundings.

Upon opening, CityCenter will be one of the largest sustainable developments in ex-

istence, bringing a new level of environmental consciousness to the world-famous Strip. Nearly 80% of construction materials and waste used in the building process are being recycled and reused, and future plans include the use of reclaimed water and a \$100 million, 9 Megawatt (12,000 hp) central energy plant to help power and cool the entire complex.

The U.S. Green Building Council already has awarded Gold LEED certification to ARIA's hotel tower, convention center and theater. Vdara has been awarded with Gold status as well, and CityCenter's remaining venues are poised to receive a combination of Silver and Gold ratings.

"CityCenter bridges the vitality of Las Vegas with the experiences travelers seek when they visit great cities around the world, be it London, Hong Kong or San Francisco – spectacular architecture, culturally significant art, great public spaces, sophisticated hotels, unique restaurants and incredible amenities," said Bobby Baldwin, president and CEO of CityCenter. "It is an evolutionary destination that aims to transform Las Vegas as a new symbol at its core, like the Guggenheim in Bilbao, the Pompidou in Paris or the SONY Center in Berlin."

Aria Resort & Casino

ARIA Resort & Casino will be a fusion of energy, inspiration and vision, featuring an unprecedented combination of striking architecture, sustainable design, high-end service and spectacular amenities.

Designed by world-renowned firm Pelli Clarke Pelli, ARIA's two breathtaking curvilinear steel and glass towers embody the excitement and vitality of Las Vegas in a 21st century building; a crystalline, undulating form gleaming in the desert light.

Famed artist Maya Lin is the creative mind behind Silver River, an 84-foot silver cast of the Colorado River and her first work of art displayed in Las Vegas. Jenny Holzer, a conceptual artist famous for her use of words and ideas in public spaces, will display a thought-provoking LED sign spanning more than 280 feet. Three sculptures that examine the relationship between nature and the man-made world, entitled Bolt, Bent of Mind and Untitled, have been developed by British-born sculptor Tony Cragg. Antony Gormley will display Feeling Material XXVII, an eight foot sculpture that uses spiraling steel to depict the silhouette of a human body at the center of an orbiting energy field.

Soaring open spaces throughout the property will fill with natural light and evoke breadth and freedom, ranging from

ARIA's three-story lobby to the most technologically advanced guestrooms in the country.

As guests first enter their rooms, they are greeted as curtains open, lights turn on and the TV displays a menu of preferences. Guests can wake up through controlled temperature, preferred music or TV channels and the opening of curtains. One touch can make-over the entire room: the "good night" button turns everything off – from TV and music to lights – as the privacy notification turns on.

Within ARIA's 4,004 guestrooms, including 568 suites, panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows will offer magnificent views of Las Vegas' striking skyline. Modern décor, lavish amenities, cutting-edge entertainment and next-generation technology will be the hallmark of these plush retreats.

The casino at ARIA approaches the gaming experience in a new light; natural light, to be specific, which streams onto the gaming floor in pools of illumination.

Offering 150,000 square feet of gaming, ARIA's unique layout and design elements will allow guests to enjoy the energy and excitement of their favorite casino selections in a more personal and intimate setting.

For high-end players, exclusive salons will offer high-limit slot and table games in private environments.

Guests will also have the opportunity

to experience one of the most captivating, hip-swiveling forces of all time, re-created with an old-school vibe in an intimate, 1,840-seat theatre.

The visionary team at Cirque du Soleil has partnered with CKX, Inc. and its subsidiary Elvis Presley Enterprises to create a permanent production celebrating the timeless musical legacy of Elvis Presley. This production aims to pay tribute to Elvis' music and life, fusing dance with acrobatics, live music with iconic tracks, nostalgia with modernity, and technology with raw emotion. Extraordinary artistry, astonishing acrobatics, stunning special effects and The King will rev up vintage Vegas into a show like no other.

Even in a city such as Las Vegas with its extraordinary history of dynamic cutting-edge developments, ARIA will be demonstrably different than anything that has preceded it. ARIA will feature ten chic bars and lounges, including Haze Nightclub, a colossal cutting-edge space in which guests will be challenged to question their sense of perception and reality.

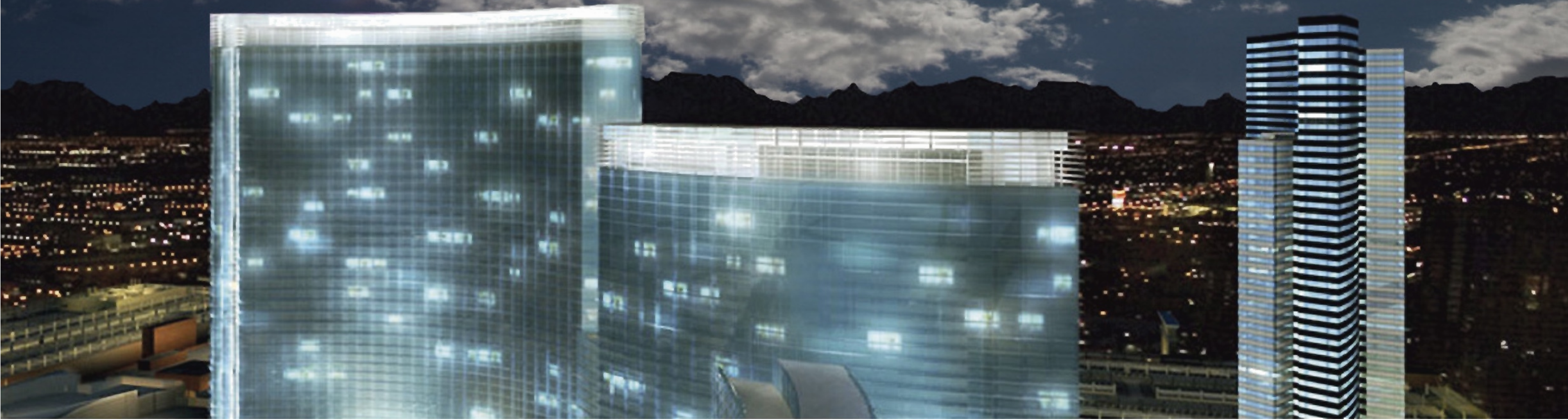
Many of the best and brightest chefs and restaurateurs from around the country have been assembled, including Masayoshi Takayama, Shawn McClain, Michael Mina, Julian Serrano, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, Sirio Maccioni, and Jean-Philippe Maury. Each will deliver a concept totally new to their reper-



COMING DECEMBER 2009

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- Vdara Hotel & Spa – December 1, 2009
- Crystals retail district – December 3, 2009
- Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas – December 4, 2009
- ARIA Resort & Casino – December 16, 2009
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- Residential occupancies slated to begin mid-January



toire with original locations such as Bar Masa, Sage and American Fish.

Nature's healing properties take center stage in ARIA's 80,000-square-foot spa. Salt, stone, earth, fire and water join to create a spa experience that will elevate guests to a meditative state. The two-level spa will feature 62 treatment rooms, a full-service salon, an advanced fitness center and Las Vegas' first co-ed spa balcony, featuring an outdoor therapy pool and views of ARIA's spectacular 215,000 square foot poolscape - a vast, soft and sensual paradise comprised of three primary pools, multiple hot tubs, and an adults-only pool shielded by lush plantings of oversized palm, acacia, pine and bottle trees.

ARIA will also provide services to accommodate the business crowd, offering a premium meeting experience with 300,000 square feet of technologically advanced meeting and convention space. A spectacular glass curtain wall will span the entire north façade of the three-level meeting facility, allowing guests the ability to enjoy the brilliance of natural light that streams in.

Nightly room rates range from \$179 to \$799 and suites range from \$500 to \$7,500. Visit www.ariasvegas.com for more information.

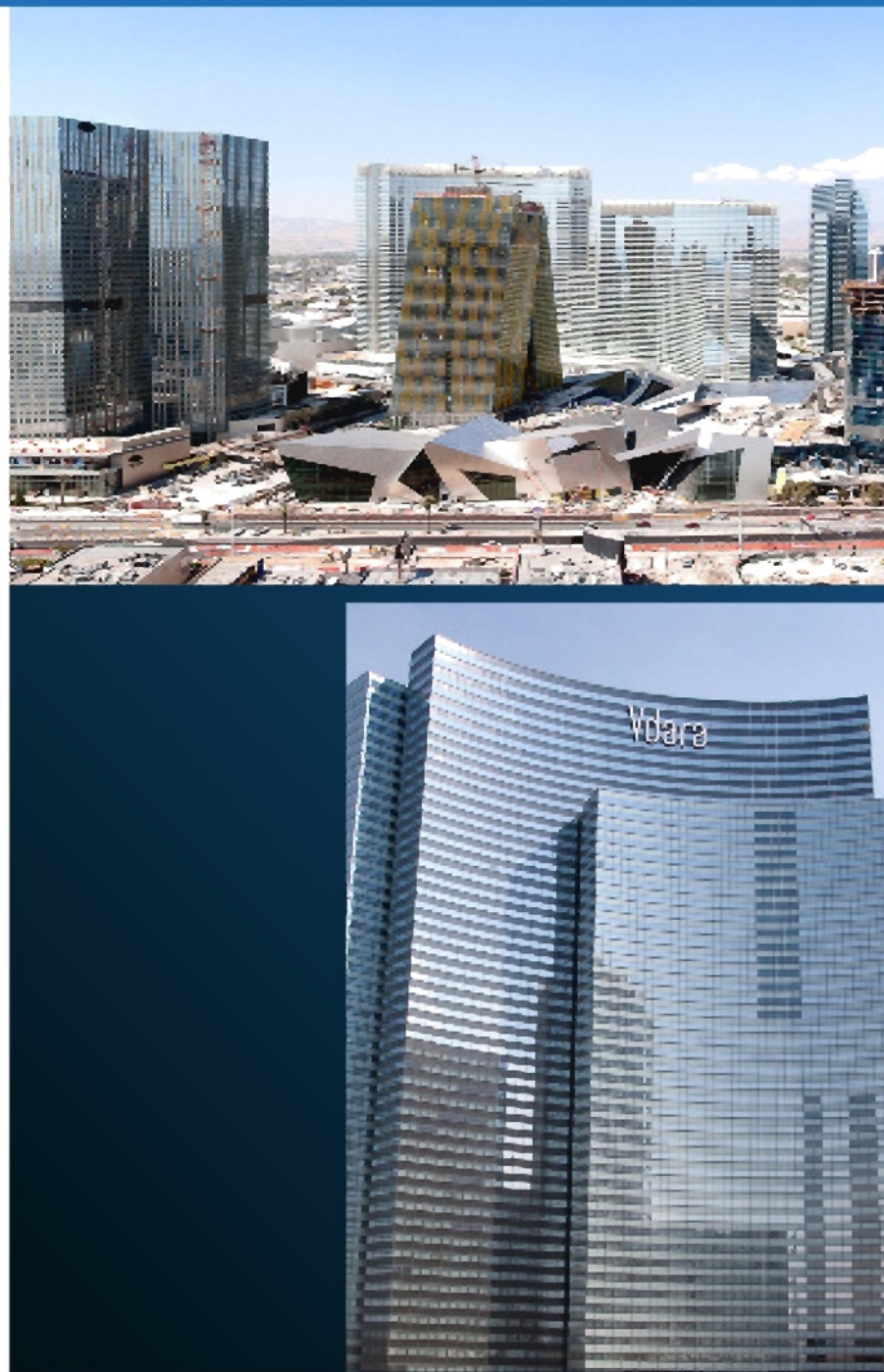
Vdara Hotel & Spa

Vdara is an internationally inspired all-suite hotel and spa designed for those who love the excitement of Las Vegas but prefer to enjoy it in an exclusive, non-gaming and smoke-free environment.

Physically connected to Bellagio and adjacent to ARIA Resort & Casino, Vdara offers access to all of the entertainment, gaming, shopping, dining and nightlife at CityCenter and in Las Vegas, while also providing a retreat from it all.

Designed by RV Architecture, LLC, led by Rafael Viñoly, Vdara's distinctive crescent shape and unique skin of patterned glass will create one of the most striking design statements in Las Vegas. The sleek, shimmering structure will afford guests some of the most breathtaking views the city has to offer. Within, open spaces accented with materials and colors inspired by the warm desert landscape will fill with natural light to evoke a sense of peace and sophistication.

Soaring 57 stories, Vdara will host 1,495 modern hotel suites, including 250 corner-end units, ranging from approximately 500 to 1,650 square feet. Each will feature a gourmet kitchen, and many suites also will include a washer and dryer as an added convenience. Characterized



by open floor plans and panoramic windows, the rooms will deliver expansive views of the city and mountains creating a relaxed and harmonious environment infused with an urban rhythm.

As breathtaking as the structural and aesthetic design of the property is its artistry.

Contemporary sculptor Nancy Rubins has created one of the most visually stunning commissions at CityCenter with Big Edge. Measuring approximately 57 feet wide and 75 feet long, Big Edge is a colorful compo-

sition of numerous aluminum rowboats, canoes and other small river and ocean vessels finessed into a gravity-defying form that Rubins calls "a blooming flower."

To compliment Rubins' display, abstract artist Peter Wegner has developed a solar-themed wall piece entitled Sun, and a lunar-themed sister piece entitled Moon, with Sun soaring to approximately 45 feet and Moon reaching nearly 34 feet high. Vdara also acquired Frank Stella's Damascus Gate Variation I, which features a design of interlaced semicircles made of

fluorescent alkyd resin on a 96 inch by 384 inch shaped canvas.

Seasoned culinary artist Martin Heierling, the acclaimed innovator behind Bellagio's renowned Sensi, will serve as executive chef for Vdara. Inspired by the ancient trade route spanning from Venice to the Far East, Heierling's Silk Road restaurant will incorporate subtle spices and exotic ingredients to create modern trans-ethnic cuisine. Silk Road will transform as the day evolves, from fresh and lively at daybreak to chic and sexy

at nightfall.

The eclectic lobby lounge, Bar Vdara, will be a setting inspired by nature that works as well for a morning espresso as it does for a late-night cocktail. The lounge connects to an intimate outdoor space that creates the feeling of being in a secluded garden oasis where guests can lounge on spacious swings as the nearby reflecting pool creates a shimmering mirage of twinkling stars overhead.

For those with total relaxation in mind, Vdara Health & Beauty provides an 18,000 square foot, two-level spa, salon and advanced fitness facility and is a sensuous spa sanctuary that spotlights holistic health and wellbeing in an intimate environment. Comprised of eleven treatment rooms and three distinct relaxation lounges, it will offer a selection of signature treatments that use quality ingredients derived from organic herbs, flowers, fruits, vegetables and essential oils. Vdara Health & Beauty is the first Las Vegas spa recognized by the Green Spa Network for its commitment to the environment and guest health.

Vdara's conference facilities will welcome guests to a world of sophistication as rich in design as it is in technological and culinary offerings. Vdara offers facilities suited for customized executive meetings and corporate, social or banquet functions for 10-400 guests in an upscale boutique setting.

The luxurious Sky Pool & Lounge will also be available for private events and will provide the dynamic backdrop of CityCenter and the Las Vegas Strip due to its location on the top floor of the property. Rising above Harmon Circle, guests will be invited to relax and socialize in an interactive environment surrounded by cutting-edge design and phenomenal views. The Sky Pool & Lounge will feature fully appointed retreat and spa cabanas with semi-secluded plunge pools. A high-energy bar and lounge will be operating both during the day and throughout the evening where guests can enjoy custom cocktails and gourmet tapas by resident Chef Heierling.

Nightly rates range from \$159 to \$2,000. More information can be found at www.vdara.com.

Crystals retail district

Crystals will house more than 500,000 square feet of sophisticated retail and dining. Designed by Studio Daniel Libeskind with interior architecture by David Rockwell and Rockwell Group, Crystals will combine dramatic architecture with exclusive offerings from the world's most elite brands to become a preeminent shopping destination.

Libeskind conceived Crystals' exterior to be a dynamic sculpture that presents a work of art from every angle. The multifaceted, brilliant glass canopy depicts the intricate beauty of a quartz crystal that welcomes an abundance of natural light into the stunning three-level experiential environment. Within, Rockwell was inspired to create an abstract 21st century park that will reintroduce and celebrate nature and seasons.

A central element of this design is the three-story sculptural tree house that reaches 70 feet high from ground level to frame an oculus in the roof. Visible throughout Crystals, the tree house will serve as a meeting point for guests and unfold on the second level to surround the terrace seating at Mastro's Ocean Club.

Crystals also will feature changeable artwork in the form of abstract hanging gardens and flower carpets. As the seasons change, so will the artwork, and all will be offset by intriguing murals and water features.

In The Park between ARIA and Crystals, guests will find Henry Moore's Reclining Connected Forms, a sculpture inspired by the fundamentals of the human experience. Measuring approximately ten feet tall and seventeen feet long by seven feet deep, the piece displays a baby wrapped in its mother's warm embrace.

On The Strip near Crystals, CityCenter has acquired works by French designer-sculptor François-Xavier Lalanne. CityCenter will showcase three of Lalanne's editions of Tourterelle, a large-scale turtledove crafted from aluminum and wood with a seat carved into its body and wings.

Large-format luxury retailers Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Prada, Christian Dior, Bulgari, Van Cleef & Arpels, TIFFANY & CO., Mikimoto and Ermenegildo Zegna will be among the impressive brands presented under Crystals' unique, multifaceted canopy. Unique-to-the-market retailers opening their first locations in Las Vegas include Tom Ford, Assouline, Kiton, Miu Miu, Paul Smith, Porsche Design, de Grisogono, H. Stern, Marni and Boutique Tourbillon.

Restaurants opening their first Las Vegas locations at Crystals include Eva Longoria Parker's BESO and Mastro's Ocean Club, joining an exciting new pub concept by Todd English. Two innovative new Wolfgang Puck restaurant concepts will be opening as well, including a contemporary interpretation of a traditional French brasserie with tastes of the Mediterranean region.

Mandarin Oriental, LV

Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas will be a sophisticated sanctuary of modern elegance. The 47 story non-gaming hotel and residency will deliver spectacular accommodations, superlative dining, an unparalleled spa, and the legendary service of the renowned hotel group to Las Vegas for the first time.

Designed by Kohn Pedersen Fox with contemporary interiors by Adam D. Tihany, the impressive property acts as a gateway to CityCenter while simultaneously conveying a sense of intimacy and seclusion for guests and residents. The interlocking glass and metal elements of the façade draw inspiration from traditional Chinese motifs and serve to create a level of transparency that invites a flow of natural light within.

Impressive artistry will serve to compliment the stunning design of the property. Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen's Typewriter Eraser, Scale X, a nineteen foot stainless steel and fiberglass sculpture that depicts a giant blue and red typewriter eraser with the bristles of the brush turned upward in a graceful gesture, will be displayed. In its lobby, the hotel will feature sculptures soaring as high as eleven feet by Jun Kaneko. A beautiful piece by Jack Goldstein depicting an explosive and vibrant image of an erupting volcano will also be featured. The property's exterior will display a sculpture by Masatoshi Izumi made of large pieces of intricately carved basalt, a form of lava that has cooled on the surface of the volcano.

Spacious and welcoming, 392 rooms and luxurious suites will provide ultimate comfort in a sophisticated setting, along with 227 residences. Boasting floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the city, surrounding mountains and glittering lights of The Strip, these well-appointed rooms will combine contemporary elegance with subtle Oriental design. State-of-the-art environmentally conscious technology and cutting-edge entertainment systems, a Mandarin Oriental hallmark, will be found in every guestroom and suite.

Situated on the 23rd floor will be the first U.S. restaurant by world-renowned, three-star Michelin Chef Pierre Gagnaire. Chef Gagnaire's Twist will infuse the simplicity of classic French cuisine with a modern spin, relying on a pairing of flavors and textures for which Gagnaire is renowned.

Guests also can enjoy small bites and high tea rituals at the Tea Lounge, fresh

preparations of world-class cuisine at MOzen Bistro, and gourmet pastries, sandwiches and more at Amore Patisserie, located directly on Las Vegas Blvd.

Also located on the 23rd floor with windows overlooking the spectacular Vegas skyline, the 82-seat Mandarin Bar will provide an elegant respite from the bustling bars of the Las Vegas Strip. Decorated with plush furnishings, the boutique Mandarin Bar will offer creative snacks and an extensive cocktail menu. A team of molecular mixologists will be available to develop customized concoctions upon request, and there also will be a separate VIP room, available by reservation.



The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas will be a 27,000 square foot oasis for serenity and rejuvenation. This 1930s Shanghai-design inspired spa was developed to reflect the glamour and fusion from that era, featuring a menu based on Eastern methodologies with Western applications.

Mandarin Oriental provides seventeen treatment rooms at The Spa, including seven couple's suites, multiple relaxation and water experiences, a Rhassoul for women and a co-ed Hammam. An expansive fitness center with a yoga and pilates studio and Technogym cardiovascular and strength equipment also will be available. Two lap pools have been constructed in the pool area, along with twenty exclusive cabanas and a café serving seasonal market-fresh fare.

The Residences at Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas, one of Las Vegas' most desirable addresses, will have a private residential entrance. Owners of the luxury condominiums will enjoy full access to Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas' amenities – including housekeeping, in-room dining, concierge, access to the spa and fitness center and other personalized services to complement their lifestyles.

For reservations or other information visit www.mandarinoriental.com/lasvegas.

Veer Towers

Veer Towers, CityCenter's most unique residential development, will be a masterful translation of energy and excitement into physical form; its two 37 story glass towers will shimmer day and night. Inclined at five degree angles – a feature celebrated by the development's name – the towers will seem to dance with each other.

Conceived by Architect Helmut Jahn, Veer Towers are meant to symbolize spirit and optimism with a strong iconic value; by leaning them they take the form of a sculpture.

Lobbies and public spaces will be developed by notable designer Francisco Gonzalez-Pulido to showcase impressive works of glass and metal with plenty of natural light.

Circle of Life and Earth, two large-scale commissioned works by Richard Long, will be on display at Veer Towers. Long's two mud wall drawings each will measure approximately 80 feet high by 50 feet wide.

Each tower will house approximately 335 modern condominium residences ranging from 500 to nearly 3,300 square feet. They will include studio and deluxe studio layouts, as well as one, two and three bedroom flats or penthouses.

Open floor plans will feature floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall windows that capture spectacular views of Las Vegas and the surrounding CityCenter. Light-filled rooms, natural textures and a range of whites will infuse streamlined interiors with openness. Modern kitchens, living and dining areas will be ideal for entertaining and spacious spa-styled bathrooms will invite retreat. High-end appliances and fixtures will provide efficiency and sleekness as floor-to-ceiling windows showcase the Las Vegas vistas. Residences will be filled with contemporary European-style features and designer-selected fixtures.

Atop each striking tower, residents will enjoy an amenities floor featuring an unequalled view of Las Vegas complemented by an infinity edge pool, hot tub, a sun deck and a patio for outdoor entertaining. Within, Veer will feature recreation rooms for special events or casual celebrations, private media rooms with panoramic windows, a fitness center with men's and women's steam rooms, and a business center.

Veer will rise from Crystals, CityCenter's spectacular retail district, giving residents unprecedented access to the best of stylish, big city living. Upscale dining, lavish shopping, electric nightlife and entertainment will be just steps away.

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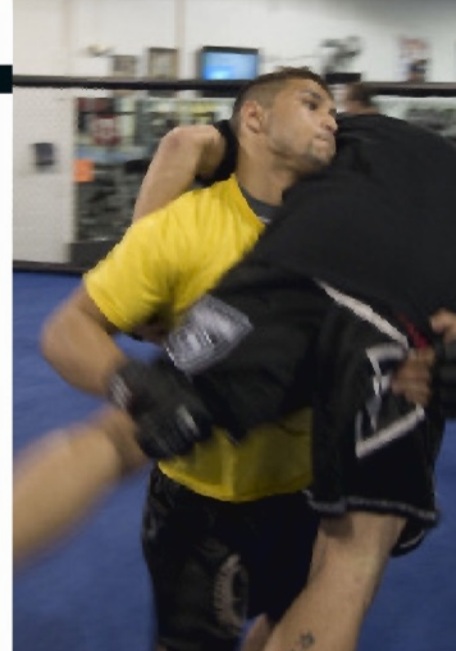
The Axe Murderer Comes to Vegas

By Moses Lewis

One would expect a man nicknamed "The Axe Murderer" to be the last person you'd like to meet anywhere, let alone back allies, darkened hallways or while picking up his younger sister for the prom. In reality, the macabre imagery of Wanderlei Silva's moniker stands out in direct contrast to his true character. From my personal experience I can say Mr. Silva is unquestionably one of the most sincere, humble, and gifted people I've met since moving to Vegas from Washington State a few years ago. He is a fighter who treats every person with a respect your grandma would be proud of.

Wanderlei Silva was born July 3, 1976 and is a Brazilian mixed martial arts fighter who trained under Rudimar Fedrigo at the Chute Boxe Academy in Curitiba, Brazil. Silva was branded "The Axe Murderer" for his fearless assaults in the cage ring; a mass majority of his fights have ended either by knock out or by referee stoppage due to his intense striking ability.

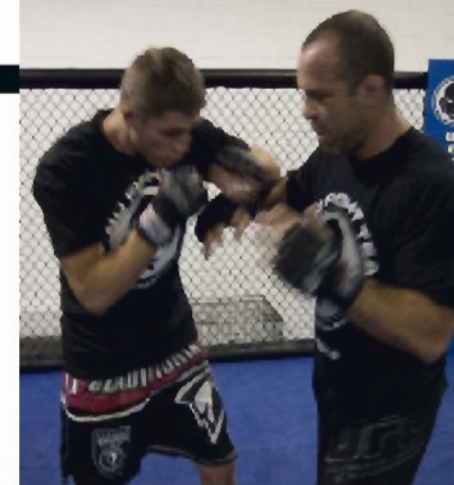
Silva has faced an array of Pride and Ultimate Fighting Championship fighters including Carl Malenko, Mirko "CroCop" Filipovic, Gilbert Yvel, Quinton "Rampage" Jackson, Pride Fighting champion Sakuraba, Guy Mezger, Dan Henderson and many other formidable opponents.



From 1999 to 2005 Silva went on a 23 fight win streak. His lifetime MMA record is 32 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw and he prides himself on not backing down from any fighter's challenge. His passion for the sport is powerful and Wanderlei has recently channeled this enthusiasm into the opening of Wand Fight Team, a mixed martial arts facility located in the middle of town on Dean Martin off of Highway 15.

I'm just a small time amateur fighter - you can call me Moses - and I certainly feel a slight hint of intimidation and pressure to perform when training at a gym like Silva's, a facility that caters to a plethora of big name fighters like Kit Cope, Mike Whitehead, Forrest Griffith, Gilbert Yvel, JJ Mix, Mauricio Shogun Rua and many other national and international fighters from around world.

Wand Fight Team is not your typical



Gold's or 24 Hour Fitness. A local from Vegas or someone just wanting to get pool party abs might feel a bit lost in the shuffle. However, Wanderlei keeps his guests comfortable with a sincere hand shake and an inviting "thanks, come again tomorrow".

"The team atmosphere is huge here! Everyone is all about the team," Mike Whitehead, who just defeated Kevin Randleman, said about the gym. Mike has been to a lot of gyms here in Las Vegas including Xtreme Couture, Warrior Training Center and a few others, but feels most at home at Silva's gym.

JJ mix, who has a main event fight coming up against UFC veteran Diego Saraiva, had this to say about the gym. "The atmosphere is amazing here, the training is intense and the people are genuine."

I asked Wanderlei what kind of people he wants in his gym: "anyone who is hungry and driven," he replied.

To be able to interact with these big names and future stars makes a trip to Wand Fight Club well worth it. The mood in the gym is inviting and fun for the athletes and their friends and families, the local weekend warrior, beginning amateur



fighters or even a spectator sitting on the benches at gym.

There are some huge differences that set Wand Fight Team apart from other Las Vegas training facilities.

For example, Wanderlei encourages people to come and watch pro-practices, differing from other gyms whose athletes hate being observed during practice and even stricter facilities that are completely closed to the public.

The gym also includes the only elevation room of any gym in Las Vegas. The elevation room is a sealed, air-tight space that simulates training at high mountain altitudes - definitely not for the faint of heart. It also includes the basics, such as showers, a locker room, seating for spectators, some clothing and fight apparel as well as an enormous playground and trampoline for the parents that bring kids and want to keep them out of trouble for awhile.

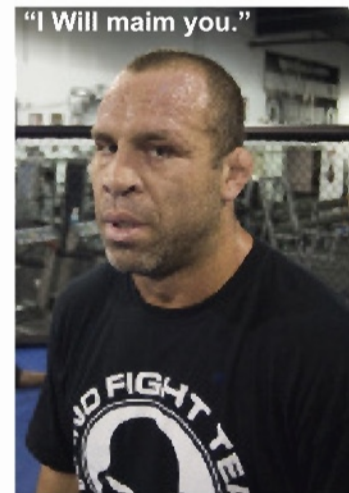
So if you're in Las Vegas for vacation, live here or just want solid mixed martial arts training and can't seem to make yourself at home in some of the high profile, "nose in the air" clubs or gyms around town, check out Wanderlei Silva's new spot. It is a welcoming environment that provides serious training. Dedication and

determination are a must, and you need to be ready to sweat. Silva certainly won't take it easy on you - that just isn't his style.

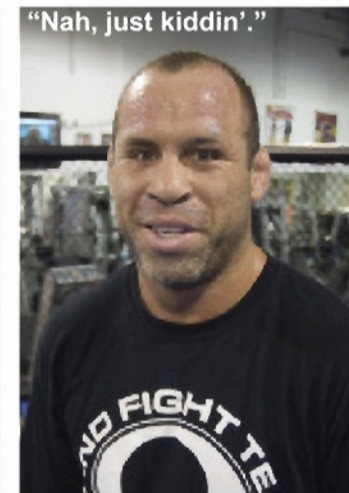
Moses Lewis is a professional athlete in the Mixed Martial Arts arena by day and a local columnist by night. He covers sports figures and dynamic new sports equipment here in Las Vegas - the new home of Team WAND.



"Don't make me hurt you."



"I Will maim you."



"Nah, just kiddin'."



Illustrations Bryant Arnold

Humbug M.D. Ditching Depression During December

By Joseph Barry, Ph.D

In a perfect world, everyone would be happy and optimistic throughout the holidays, but oftentimes winter sentiments are the exact opposite - that is, pessimistic and sad. An unrealistic expectation to be joyous can be the underlying cause for unwelcome feelings of bitterness and can lead to a serious case of the "Bah Humbugs". These holiday blues are common, especially when it seems like everyone else is celebrating and enjoying themselves, and they can easily become the catalyst for a melancholy holiday season.

There are many different causes which can contribute to this negative mental state.

Financial limitations, commercialism, striving for perfection, memories of prior holidays, family conflict, and remembering people you've lost through death, divorce

or separation - all of these events can serve to increase stress and fatigue.

'Tis the Season to be Jolly

Whether we participate fully or not, the holidays seem to suck the energy out of all of us. With all the parties to attend, errands to run, and family and business obligations on the agenda it is no wonder so many people are left feeling exhausted and drained.

Here are some practical ways to keep your battery from petering out.

Exercise - Fight fire with fire and combat energy loss with energy input. Hit the gym (preferably with a buddy) to fortify your metabolism, or take a yoga class to stretch away tension and mellow out. Even a simple stroll down the block will elevate your heart rate and get the endorphins

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pumping. Whatever you decide, devote at least an hour of your time daily to these activities and it will pay off in spades.

Sound Nutrition - If you stuff your frustrated face with junk food you'll just induce lethargy, which is the opposite of what you're striving for. Instead, stay hydrated with plenty of water and eliminate foods that bring you down (such as sugar, pasta, fatty meats, or fried foods). If you must sample them, please don't devour them!

Breathe - It may sound simplistic, but regulated breathing IN of energy and exhaling OUT sluggishness and tension really works. It is best accomplished through your nose with your mouth shut. Try closing off one nostril with your thumb and breathe IN to a count of three, then close off the other nostril and exhale OUT to a count of three. Do this ritual for 2-5 minutes to cleanse out the mental debris weighing you down while pumping yourself up with good intention for the day.

Laugh - When you find an opportunity to laugh, do it, and do it hard. It's the healthiest method of pain reduction and it promotes energy and well-being. If you can laugh at yourself when something gets screwed up instead of beating yourself down, you'll be much better off.

Sleep - Sleep is restorative, so do whatever it takes to relax before saying good night. Try reading for pleasure, listening to soothing music on your iPod, enjoying a long hot bath with drops of lavender oil, sipping a glass of Pinot Noir, receiving a full-body massage, or having sexual release - either with your partner or alone (you get the idea).

Deck the Halls with Love and Cheer, Not Stuff

In our society, preoccupation with material possessions seems to be highly valued around holiday time. Christmas is heavily endorsed by merchandisers who

condition us to participate in a shopping frenzy to purchase perfect gifts for those on our list. The resulting materialism diminishes true holiday spirit. Of surveyed Americans, 80 percent would prefer to have a more simplified holiday season this year. Below are some ideas to accomplish this goal:

- 1) Agree to exchange handmade items with the adults on your list.
- 2) Donate to a charity in a friend's name.
- 3) Focus on the giving aspect of the holiday with your children versus the receiving aspect.
- 4) After all gifts have been unwrapped, plan to do something together. Bring the whole family to a sporting event, spend an afternoon at your local park or go see a movie, play, or concert.
- 5) Organize a fundraiser for a worthy cause.

The holiday season is a very busy and stressful time of year. We have more things to do, more things to buy, more traffic to navigate, more parking spaces to find, and more crowds and lines to wait in - it is these

extra demands that threaten to bring out the Scrooge in all of us year after year. If you find yourself slipping into the "Bah Humbug" mood, just remember the most important remedy: stay positive, stay active, and stay happy.

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Coping Strategies

It is important to know how to stay above the fray. We have already mentioned ways to conserve your energy. Now we will examine some additional methods to help with these concerns.

Acknowledge your Feelings - If you're feeling sad or lonely, don't run away from this. Realize that these feelings are normal. Talk to supportive people who care and stay clear of those who are toxic.

Refocus on Someone Else - Give your time to help someone who has less than you do.

Do Something Special for Yourself - Treat yourself to a four star restaurant, attend a concert, read a good book, or buy yourself a cool present.

Set Aside Family Grievances - Avoid conversations with family members which might spark conflict (e.g., political discussions).

Stick to Your Budget - Restrain yourself from overspending to avoid negative consequences. Don't spend money you do not have. Watch out for the manipulations of seasonal commercialism.

Practice Gratitude - Be thankful for all the things you do have and avoid dwelling on what you lack.

If All Else Fails, Seek Professional Help - If you notice these negative feelings persist for more than two weeks, then contact a licensed psychiatrist.

Top 10 Holiday Fitness Tips that Work!

Easy Ways to Keep the Holiday Weight at Bay

By Fawnia Dietrich

HEALTH

Write down your goals and be specific.

Don't just say, "I want to lose weight." A good example may be "I want to lose ten pounds by Feb 1st." When we write down our goals, they become more realistic and easier to achieve, mainly because they are more than just a random thought. Just like when you need to reach a new destination by car - if you don't have directions, you may never get there. Get a map and you will.

Write down exactly what you are going to do to reach that goal. An example is: "I will lift weights and do cardio

four times each week, and eat more protein." Or "I will eat every three hours and include at least 25 grams of protein in each meal." Come up with a plan and follow it like the road map mentioned above. It will make your goal seem more realistic

and attainable. Talk to a fitness expert at your gym, or begin reading magazines to learn more about how to reach your goals.

Take a 'before' photo of yourself today! This way you will be able to see exactly what you look like. Many of us don't want to have our picture taken, but we need to face our physical selves straight on. Keeping the camera hidden is not going to hide the weight; it may only make your situation worse.

Get a body composition test done, so you know your starting point. Every six months, having your body composition done is very helpful. When we are trying to gain or lose weight, the scale is not the best way to track our progress. The results from a composition test tell us what kind of weight we are gaining or losing, and what we are made of today.

and bodybuilding magazines! Better yet, reward yourself with a subscription. Countless people have educated themselves from magazines such as Muscle & Fitness, Oxygen or Muscle Mag on how to eat for a hard, lean body!

Write down what you are eating and when. This is important because you will learn what foods are causing you to gain or lose weight. Plus when you are writing down your foods, it's much harder to record 3 brownies, so you choose not to eat them. You will find yourself more conscious about the food choices you are making and

of water a day. One liter of water can be during your workout. At first you may find this hard, but your body WILL start to crave the water. Drinking water will help you feel refreshed, help relieve headaches, and curb your appetite. To liven it up, add a squeeze of lemon.

Buy a nutritional almanac and read how many calories are in the foods you eat. As children, we were not taught about foods the way we should have been. We were not taught about calories and the affects certain calories have on our bodies, but it's not too late to take charge and educate ourselves. The Nutrition Almanac, Fifth Edition, by Lavon J. Dunne, along with the information found in various bodybuilding and fitness magazines, is your school. The bell is ringing, so let's get to class!

Top Tips: Results from any new diet and training program really start to reveal themselves in the second month so be patient, and enjoy the process. When the inevitable urge to cheat finally strikes, keep it to once a week and don't feel guilty. Let's build your sexy Vegas body for 2010!

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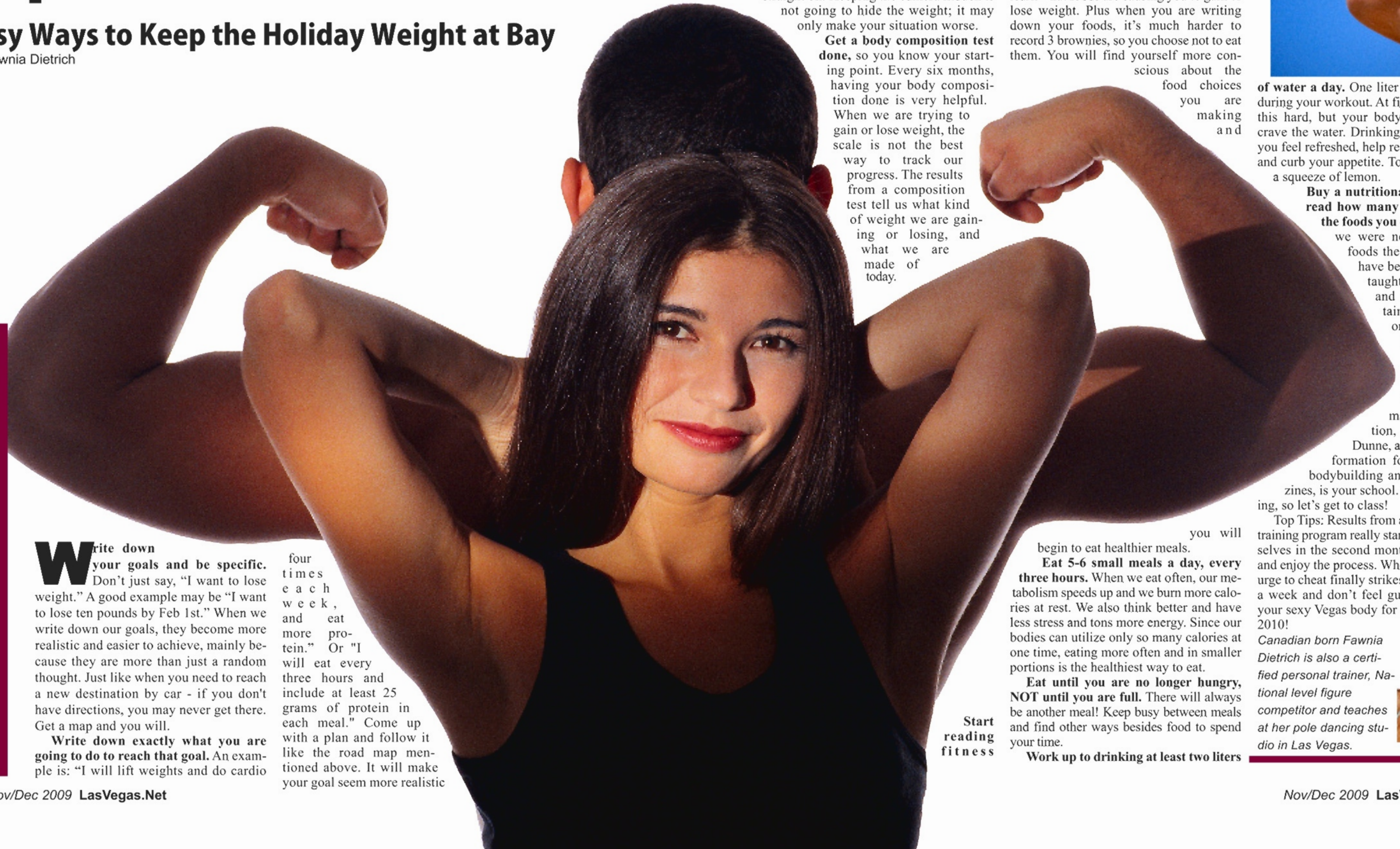
you will begin to eat healthier meals.

Eat 5-6 small meals a day, every three hours. When we eat often, our metabolism speeds up and we burn more calories at rest. We also think better and have less stress and tons more energy. Since our bodies can utilize only so many calories at one time, eating more often and in smaller portions is the healthiest way to eat.

Eat until you are no longer hungry, NOT until you are full. There will always be another meal! Keep busy between meals and find other ways besides food to spend your time.

Start reading fitness

Work up to drinking at least two liters





The entrance to the Magical Forest is everything it's claimed to be - Magical

An "Opportunity" to Give Back

Local Charity Still Going Strong

By Robin Bougie



While doing the research for this article, pride was the word that kept coming to mind. Pride in the voice of Holly Spoor, Resource Development Director for Opportunity Village, as she talked about her work. Pride displayed in the stories of Opportunity Village's clients, who found opportunities to shine in ways they and their families never dreamed possible. Pride and a feeling of accomplishment gained by volunteers, supporters, and contributors to Opportunity Village and its programs.

Opportunity Village is a well-known name in Las Vegas. Begun in 1954 by a small group of families seeking to improve the lives of their intellectually-disabled family members, today it serves

more than 800 people daily, 3000 people annually. Opportunity Village offers vocational training, community job placement, social opportunities, and group advocacy to its clients. Their clients, in turn, gain a sense of accomplishment, a social network, and pride in themselves. Says Spoor, "It's so good for the whole family. It gives the parents a chance to go to work. It gives their disabled son or daughter a chance to learn skills and socialize. They then all have something to talk about at the dinner table."

There are 3 employment training center campuses and one thrift store operated by Opportunity Village in Southern Nevada. Here, hundreds of disabled adults are

trained under supervision and placed in local community jobs where it is thought they would best succeed.

Opportunity Village contracts with local and national businesses for jobs such as light assembly work, complex electrical

"It's so good for the whole family...they all have something to talk about at the dinner table."

and mechanical assembly, document shredding, and shrink wrapping. It trains some clients to hold jobs in the community. Opportunity Village saves money through competitive pricing for its services, and helps employ people who would otherwise be unemployable.

Some of Las Vegas' most popular events are hosted by Opportunity Village, including the annual Magical Forest. From the Saturday before Thanksgiving through January 2nd, the Magical Forest gives Las Vegas a place to experience the magic of Christmas. They even host a special New Year's Eve celebration. These events have become an annual tradition for many.

Now in its 18th season, the Magical

Forest was first begun in 1992 as a thank-you to the community. Spoor says the original consisted of only 3 decorated trees and a wishing well, yet people came. Now a huge display of hundreds of decorated and lit trees, a train ride, food, games, crafts, and visits with Santa, it is the single largest fundraiser for Opportunity Village.

Ninety-four percent of the Magical Forest is funded by donations. All of the proceeds go to Opportunity Village's PRIDE Program (People's Rights to Independence, Dignity, and Equality).

The Magical Forest is Spoor's baby, and she is full of excitement about this year's event. Close to 150,000 people attended last year. The forest changes every year, as different groups pay \$300 to sponsor and decorate the trees. Many new features are added yearly. New in 2008 included a newly-designed area for Photos with Santa and a Storytime Cabin, which Spoor says was very successful. New for 2009 will be Santa's Speedway, which will consist of pedal-car races for 3 to 7 year olds.

You'll be drawn to the forest of lights when you first arrive. It is indeed magical - a glowing respite that puts you in the Christmas spirit immediately and brings a smile to your face. Follow the path as it



Ways to give back at Christmas:

-Volunteer at the Magical Forest. Call Debbie Smith at Opportunity Village 880-4081.

-Make a donation of cash or goods to organizations such as the Salvation Army, Goodwill, Catholic Charities, Safenest or Opportunity Village's Thrift Store. Check with each organization to see what items they'll take. Many will pick donated items up at your door.

-Volunteer to serve food to the homeless at a shelter.

-Buy your Christmas wreath from the Boy Scouts this year.

-Support a charity with a donation in someone's honor, such as cash, an animal, sponsoring a child, or clothes for the needy.

Even better than just doing these things at Christmas, consider contributing at other times of the year. People tend to think of helping out during the holidays but help is often sorely needed year-round. Involve the whole family in giving back all year long.

meanders past the brightly lit trees. You may meet friends and neighbors along the way. Hop on the train and get a drive-by view of the forest - definitely a favorite with kids.

Many of Las Vegas' well-known celebrities involve themselves with the Magical Forest. Celine Dion, when she lived in town, sponsored a display and visited the Forest. Andre Agassi comes early every year and takes his family Christmas photo with Santa. Ron Lucas and Tony Orlando have been involved. Danny Gans used to do benefit shows every year to help support the Forest. Mayor Oscar



Goodman always attends.

The Magical Forest runs for 40 to 50 nights a year, and requires 70 to 90 volunteers each night. Las Vegas are generous with their time; statistics show that one in four persons volunteers in some way. The contact person for volunteering at the Magical Forest is Debbie Smith; call (702) 880-4081. Groups can volunteer, as can individuals. There are many varieties of volunteer opportunities to fit anyone's needs for sitting or standing, inside or outside. Anyone can find a spot, says Spoor. Except for the train engineers, who must be certified, no training is required, only a happy spirit. You must be 18 or older, dress warmly, and wear comfy shoes. Good customer service is, of course, expected.

Volunteers may find themselves manning the food booths, helping with photos with Santa, directing traffic at the train crossings, wearing costumes and just wandering around spreading good cheer, or helping load and unload the train. A train ride through the forest is not to be missed, for kids and adults alike.

"Our volunteers are the lifeblood of this event. It wouldn't be possible without them," says Spoor. "We have many long-time volunteers who come and help on multiple nights every year. The suggestions they give us for improvements or new attractions are always valued, because they are our eyes and ears."

Come visit the Magical Forest and start a holiday tradition for your family.

Here are some little-known facts about Las Vegas' best-known charity:

-In 2004, the Social Security Administration named Opportunity Village one of the nation's top 5 rehabilitation service providers.

-By making less state support necessary for the disabled, Opportunity Village saves U.S. taxpayers over \$17 million yearly.

-People with intellectual disabilities are the largest disabled group in the world and many of them become disabled by accidents or disease after birth.

-An Opportunity Village client who was trained and placed at a hotel found Evander Holyfield's severed ear lobe after the notorious 1997 Mike Tyson fight.

-An Opportunity Village client working at the Thrift Store returned a stolen Green Valley bronze statue valued at \$45,000.



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basketball team return to its rightful place among the NCAA elite.

So what of the new season?

Gone are the familiar faces of Adams, Rougeau, and Darger. In are new faces such as Kentucky transfer guard Derrick Jasper. Promising point guard Oscar Bellfield, who started out with a bang last season but quickly fizzled once conference play began, will return with another year of experience under his belt. Tre'Von Willis, the Memphis transfer who had so many clutch performances down the stretch for the Rebels, assumes the leadership role for Lon Kruger's Rebels.

An exciting and competitive schedule with a hint of revenge and attitude lie in wait for this program. The team is hungry, and rightfully so - UNLV was picked by the media to finish a measly third place in the Mountain West this season.

Here is a closer look at some of the highlights that are waiting for the latest incarnation of the UNLV Runnin' Rebels basketball team.

Examining the Runnin' Rebels roster, firepower and experience should play a key factor throughout the season. Forward Matt Shaw, who was injured last season, returns to inject his

energy and enthusiasm to a young squad that should have no problem keeping up with just about anybody in the Mountain West.

The Rebels will also finally be able to man up under the boards. Sophomore center Brice Mossama at 6'10" as well as freshman Carlos Lopez, 6'11", will provide a presence in the paint that UNLV has not had in years (although it is unknown as of this printing whether or not Lopez will redshirt for 2009-10).

To go along with the explosive offensive skills of Willis and Jasper, three-point sniper Kendall Wallace returns to provide immediate energy and scoring off of Coach Kruger's bench. Darris Santee will continue his solid bench play as well.

The Rebels' pre-season schedule shapes up to be both exciting and competitive when in-state rival Nevada-Reno enters the Thomas and Mack Center on November 18th. The UNLV/UNR rivalry is intense and the game will no doubt set the tone for the entire season for the Rebels.

The long-awaited rematch between the Rebels and the Louisville Cardinals takes place on November 28th and will be the first true test of the team's mettle.

Last season, the Rebels entered Liberty Hall and shocked the college basketball world on national television by upsetting Louisville 56-55, stealing one from the nationally ranked team without the services of injured senior 2-guard Wink Adams. Louisville head coach Rick Pittino was so upset at having watched his prized Cardinals get knocked off that he refused to shake hands with Rebels' Coach Kruger at the conclusion of the game. UNLV basketball fans have a long memory and will be sure to let Coach Pittino know how they feel when he returns this season.

On December 2nd the long-time Pac-10 power Arizona Wildcats also return to Vegas looking for revenge, as the Rebels blew the doors off of the once mighty Wildcats last season.

Prior to Mountain West Conference play beginning, the Rebels travel to the big island of Hawaii to participate in the Diamond Head Classic Basketball Tournament, starting December 22nd and finishing up on Christmas day.

UNLV opens the tourney against Southern Methodist, with their remaining opponents to be determined as the exhibition tournament progresses.

The Rebel season doesn't get any easier upon their return from Hawaii as the 2009-10 Mountain West Conference schedule opens up. January 6th in Provo pairs the Rebels versus long-time conference rival and perennial contender Brigham Young, who are picked to win the Mountain West Conference this season. Once the Rebels finish with the Cougars in Utah, they get to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to face the Lobos in "The Pit", arguably one of the toughest arenas in all of college sports to compete in.

If the Rebels stumble out of the gate they could begin conference play at a dismal 0-2, which is never a great sign given the depth and talent of the Mountain West Conference year in and year out.

Once the Rebels return home, they get an immediate grudge match with the team that ended their season last year, San Diego State, who once again should be competitive with head coach Steve Fischer getting the most out of his Aztecs every single year.

The difference Coach Kruger hopes to see between the upcoming conference schedule and last year's season of disappointment is consistency. The Rebels have to win the games they are supposed to win—even the tough ones on the road against conference foes Wyoming and Texas Christian.

During the 2008-09 season the Rebels found ways to lose instead of digging a little deeper and using their superior athleticism and experience to garner the tough victories. In-fighting and inconsistent play helped the Rebels lose the faith and admiration of a community after two short seasons before getting Las Vegas excited about men's basketball again.

Without a deep roster of tournament experience to fall back upon, the new Rebel squad will have to use their god-given basketball skills, out-hustle their opponents, and return to the suffocating pressure defense that has become an annual trademark and necessity for the success of a Kruger-coached team.

And perhaps the celebration of the 20th anniversary of UNLV's sole NCAA Championship will rub off on the current Rebels throughout the 2009-10 season and give them the extra drive they need to live up to expectations and finish strong.

Turning the Page

Turning the Page - An inside look at the disappointment of a lost season, and the hope of something new for the 2009-10 UNLV Runnin' Rebels Men's Basketball Team

By William T. Brost

Heading into last year's 2008-2009 men's basketball season, UNLV head coach Lon Kruger had nothing but excitement and expectation flowing through his veins. And why not? He was returning arguably the best senior threesome in the Mountain West Conference in Wink Adams, Joe Darger and Rene Rougeau.

This trio already had two MWC tourney titles under their collective belts along with two exciting runs through the NCAA Tournament, once making it to the Sweet 16, the other to the Second Round. The 2008-09 Rebels were built for a deep March Madness run.

That dream ended with a woodshed-type whipping at the hands of San Diego State on their home floor at the Thomas and Mack Center, 71-57. Three years of hard work and anticipation ended with team disfunction, selfish play, and, most importantly, the unfulfilled dreams of a city aching to see their beloved college

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Merry Makeup Looks

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Play up your eyes with faux eyelashes, or plan ahead and use Revitalash, a unique eyelash conditioner that helps you achieve longer, thicker, fuller lashes in as little as three weeks.

And for the finale, red lipstick - the hottest classic holiday shade. Perfect for that under the mistle-toe pucker.



the latest hairstyling trends and treatment, manicure and pedicures. Even the guys can indulge in high-end grooming with a two station barber shop.

Quite possibly the most fun is visiting the salon's beauty bar where guests can try on wigs to see how they would look with Jennifer Aniston's girl-next-door hairstyle, Rihanna's punker chic look or Beyonce's long, glamorous locks.

All of the upcoming holiday events provide a great excuse to splurge for the perfect party dress and accessories at stores such as BCBG Max Azria and Cache at the Fashion Show Mall. Both are filled with a variety of options to choose from in the season's most popular shades - red and bright purple - and chic styles for events ranging from cocktail parties to the office soiree.

Still, with the tight economy, not everyone can afford a new outfit for every event on the calendar. Visit White House Black Market or Forever 21 for that timeless little black dress. This is a great option for budget-savvy babes since a versatile black dress can be changed up using many different accessories, from jackets to shoes to jewelry - a little flair goes a long way.

Stocking Stuffers for Her

Want to see that twinkle in her eyes? The Natural Eye Kit by Too Faced Cosmetics is on every woman's wish list. The palette comes with nine shadows and step-by-step instruction cards to help her create that natural, soft, and sexy eye, \$34.00.

Don't let the holiday lights be the only thing that sparkles this year. One hot holiday look is glitter eyeliner or eye shadow. Try Loose Eye Dust #39 by Napoleon Perdis, \$20.00.

Sure to be her favorite gift, the TS2 is the world's smallest flat iron. The six inch miniature precision straightening iron heats to 400 degrees. It also features tourmaline/ceramic/ionic technology and can be used to style both long and short hair, bangs, and roots. Perfect for travel, \$40.00.

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will have your teeth white as snow in no time! Its patented am-poule technology is fast and easy to use, and it ensures that the whitening serum stays potent

until you're ready to use it. One more reason to smile: a recent clinical study reported no sensitivity after using GO SMiLE, \$89.00.

Need a holiday host or hostess gift? Check out the Frost Pinecone candle from Voluspa. Voluspa's Frost Pinecone is a blend of deep rich forest cypress, crunchy spice pine needles and woody pinecone seeds. This Limited Edition candle is part of the Seasons collection by Voluspa. This exquisite candle has holiday silver wax hand-poured in a gorgeous nickel plate glass container in a soft, velvety box - perfect for gift giving, \$29.00.

All stocking stuffer beauty products are available at www.planetbeauty.com.



Celebrate in Style

Holiday Fashions, Guaranteed to Impress

By Janae Raphael



The holiday season is the most joyous time of the year - so go ahead and give it all the glitz and glamour these winter months deserve. Don your most beautiful party dress, dazzle 'em with fabulous hair and makeup, and celebrate the season and New Year in style!

Hot Holiday Hair

The Mirage's celebrity stylist Kim VO shares holiday hair trends and tips on how to get the looks he recommends to his clients, style icons like Katherine Heigl, Britney Spears and Jenny McCarthy.

The holidays can be the busiest time of the year, so opt for a hairstyle that transitions well from day time to evening. Follow these five easy steps for a sexy holiday 'do:

Step 1 - Start with clean hair in the morn-

ing, a 1" curling iron, and two key products - Kim VO Styling Cream and Dry Serum. The product will add a glossy shine to hair and will protect hair from the heat of the curling iron (since you will be attending many parties and may want to repeat this look more than once).

Step 2 - Combine the two products, emulsify in hands and work through wet hair to the ends.

Step 3 - Blow dry hair completely.

Step 4 - Divide hair into sections and curl.

Step 5 - Gather curls and twist into a side bun for evening. Secure with pins and a little hairspray. The look can be as sleek or as tousled as you like. Kim loves to see texture in the hair - loose, undulating waves.

Looking for a professional to color, cut and style? Visit Kim VO's salon at The Mirage. Under Kim's direction the salon offers



Blue Man Group
The Venetian

Compiled by Nick Bougie

LIVE SHOWS

Aliante Station Casino & Hotel - 702-692-7777

Jerry Tiffe at AccessWed
Superstar Karaoke.....Thurs
Yellow Brick Road at AccessFri
Steel Panther at Access.....Sat

Bally's Las Vegas - 702-739-4111

JubileeSat-Thurs
The Price is Right LiveTues-Sat

Bill's Gamblin' Hall & Saloon - 702-737-2100

Big Elvis.....Mon-Fri
Bill's Lounge KaraokeSun-Tues

Bellagio - 702-693-7111

Cirque du Soleil presents "O"Wed-Sun
Fountains of Bellagio – Light and Music Show
.....Nightly

Boulder Station Hotel & Casino - 702-432-7777

Jerry Tiffe.....Thurs
Boulder BluesThurs
Sin City Sinners.....Fri
Yellow Brick RoadSat
Latin Night w/ Noche NortenaSun

Caesars Palace - 702-731-7110

Pussycat Dolls Live.....Tues, Thurs-Sat
Cher.....Tues-Wed, Sat-Sun

Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-507-5700

Pin-Ups Lounge Live MusicTues-Sun

Circus Circus Hotel & Casino - 702-734-0410

Free Circus Acts.....Daily

Eastside Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-856-5300

The Fab – Beatles TributeThurs

Excalibur Hotel & Casino - 702-597-7777

Tournament of KingsWed-Mon
Thunder From Down Under.....Nightly
Louie Anderson.....Sun-Thurs
Defending the Caveman.....Daily
Karaoke at The Lounge.....Wed-Sun

Fiesta Henderson Hotel & Casino - 702-558-7000

Michael Soli at Cerveza Cantina.....Fri
DJ Kayle at Cerveza CantinaSat

Fiesta Rancho Hotel & Casino - 702-631-7000

Wild Cabo Nights
at Cabo Lounge.....Thurs-Sat
Noches Latinas at Club TequilaFri
El Moreno Carrillo Y Su Banda Tierra Sagrada
at Club Tequila.....Sat

Fitz Casino & Hotel - 702-388-2400

Marriage Can Be Murder.....Nightly

Kevin BurkeNightly

Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

George WallaceTues-Sat
Donny and MarieWed-Sat
Nathan Burton.....Tues-Wed, Fri-Sun

Fremont Street Experience - 702-678-5777

Patriot Party.....11/6-8
Veterans Day Parade.....11/11
Firefighter Combat Challenge.....11/16-20
23rd Annual Downtown Hoedown.....12/2
LV Marathon.....12/6
Menorah Ceremony.....12/11
New Year's Eve Celebration.....12/31

Golden Nugget Las Vegas - 702-385-7111

Gordie Brown.....Tues-Sat
Frankie Moreno Band at Rush Lounge
.....Wed-Sun

Golden Nugget Laughlin - 702-298-7111

Sax Man Brown at Tarzan's.....Thurs
DJ Creative at Tarzan'sThurs-Sat

Greek Isles Hotel & Casino - 702-952-8000

Ignite ft. Antonio Restivo.....Tues-Sat

Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa - 702-617-7777

Yellow Brick Road at Ovation Lounge....Wed
The Lon Bronson All Star Band at Ovation

LoungeThurs
Michael Grimm at Ovation Lounge.....Fri-Sat
Steel Panther at Ovation Lounge.....Fri
Sin City Sinners at Ovation Lounge.....Sat
Darby O'Gill & The Little People at
Quinn's Irish PubFri-Sat

Harrah's Las Vegas - 800-214-9110

The Mac King Comedy Magic Show
.....Tues-Sat
The Improv.....Tues-Sun
Legends in ConcertSun-Fri

Hooters Casino & Hotel - 702-739-9000

The Todd Paul ShowSat-Thurs
Men of "X"Nightly
DJ Dynamixx at Dixie's Dam BarWed-Sat
Purple Reign-The Prince Tribute Show..Fri-Sun

Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino - 702-731-3311

Human NatureSat-Thurs
MatsuriWed-Mon
The Auto Collections – World's Largest
Classic Car Showroom.....Daily

Las Vegas Hilton Hotel - 702-732-5111

Sin City Bad GirlsMon-Sat
Ladies Night at Tempo LoungeTues

Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444

Criss Angel Believe.....Tues-Sat
Carrot TopMon, Wed-Sun
FantasyNightly
Menopause The Musical.....Nightly

MGM Grand Hotel & Casino - 702-891-7777

KÀ by Cirque Du Soleil.....Tues-Sat
Crazy Horse Paris.....Wed-Mon
Lion HabitatDaily

Mandalay Bay - 702-632-7777

Disney's The Lion King.....Sat-Thurs
Shark Reef AquariumDaily

Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111

The Beatles Love.....Thurs-Mon
Terry Fator & His Cast of Thousands...Tues-Sat
Siegfried & Roy's Secret Garden
and Dolphin Habitat.....Daily
Mirage Volcano.....Daily

Monte Carlo Resort & Casino - 702-730-7777

Lance Burton.....Tues-Sat
Zowie Bowie inside the Pub.....Fri-Sat
The Vintage Vegas Show.....Sun

New York-New York Hotel & Casino - 702-740-6969

Zumanity by Cirque du Soleil.....Tues-Wed,
.....Fri-Sun
Rok VegasWed-Sat
Dulce Latin Night at
Gonzalez Y Gonzalez.....Fri-Sat

O'Sheas Las Vegas Casino - 702-697-2711

FreaksTues-Sat
MentalTues-Sat
Karaoke LoungeWed

Guitar Hero at the Dublin' Up Lounge.....Sat

Palace Station - 702-367-2411

Evenflow at Jack's PubWed-Thurs
Stand-Up at Bonkerz Comedy Club...Thurs-Sat
Nuff Said at Jack's Pub.....Fri-Sat

Palazzo Resort Hotel & Casino - 702-607-7777

Jersey BoysThurs-Tues
Industry Tuesdays at Lavo ft. DJ Five.....Tues
Rock 'N Roll Wine Lounge at Lavo.....Thurs
DJ Vice Sundays at Lavo ft. DJ Vice.....Sun

Palms Casino Resort - 702-942-7777

Paul Oakenfold at Rain.....Sat

Paris Hotel and Casino - 702-946-7000

Anthony CoolsTues, Thurs-Sun
Dueling Pianos at Napoleon's.....Nightly

Plaza Hotel & Casino - 702-386-2110

The Aqua Lounge KaraokeWed
Superstars of MagicWed-Mon
Rat PackNightly

Rampart Casino - 702-507-5900

Nino and Armando at Round Bar.....Fri-Sat
Jamariha at Round Bar.....Fri-Sun, Wed

Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa - 702-797-7777

Drzhivegas at Rocks Lounge.....Fri-Sat
DJ Creative at Lucky Bar.....Thurs, Sun
DJ Tony T at Lucky Bar.....Fri-Sat

Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino - 702-252-7777

Penn & TellerSat-Wed
Chippendales the ShowDaily
Masquerade Show in the Sky.....Thurs-Sun

Riviera Hotel & Casino - 702-734-5110

Ice, The Show From RussiaSat-Thurs
CharoWed-Mon
Scarlett and her Seductive
Ladies of MagicSat-Thurs
Crazy GirlsNightly



Penn & Teller
Rio



Terry Fator & His Cast of Thousands
Mirage

The Riviera Comedy ClubNightly

Riviera (Le Bistro Theatre) - 702-734-5110

America's Tribute to
Neil Diamond.....Sun-Thurs
Dr. Scott Lewis Outrageous
Comedy HypnotistMon
Barbra & Frank,
the Concert That Never WasTues-Fri, Sun

Sahara Hotel & Casino - 702-737-2654

The Magic & Tigers of
Rick Thomas.....Tues-Sun
The Platters, Cornell Gunter's
Coasters & The Marvelettes.....Nightly
The Comedy Stop.....Nightly

Sam's Town Hotel & Gambling Hall - 702-456-7777

Free Jazz Fridays.....Fri

Sante Fe Station Hotel & Casino - 702-658-4900

Ladies Night at Stoneys North FortyWed
Spazmatics at Chrome ShowroomFri
Rock Tribute Series at Chrome Showroom...Sat
Hookah at 4949 LoungeFri-Sat

Stratosphere Hotel & Casino - 702-380-7777

American SuperstarsFri-Wed
BiteFri-Wed
Observation Deck, 1,149 ft. High.....Daily
Big Shot Thrill Ride.....Daily
X-Scream Thrill RideDaily
Insanity, the Ride.....Daily

Texas Station Gambling Hall & Hotel - 702-631-1000

Viva Rawk Vegas at South Padre.....Fri-Sat
Darrin Michaels at the Martini Bar.....Sat-Sun
Jerry Tiffe at South Padre.....Sun

Treasure Island Las Vegas - 702-894-7111

MystèreSat-Wed
Sirens of TINightly
Roc the Mic at KahunavilleThurs-Sat

Tropicana Resort & Casino - 702-739-2222

The Soprano's Last SupperTues-Sat
Xtreme Magic starring Dirk Arthur...Wed-Mon
Hypnosis UnleashedNightly
Bobby Slayton.....Tues-Sun

Venetian Casino Resort - 702-414-1000

Blue Man GroupNightly
Phantom of the OperaMon-Sat
Wayne BradyThurs-Mon

Wynn Las Vegas - 702-770-7100

Le RêveThurs-Mon



SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Aliante Station Casino & Hotel - 702-692-7777

Craig Morgan..... 11/6
Aaron Lewis..... 1/1

Boulder Station - 702-432-7777

Ray Price..... 12/4
Boney James..... 12/5
NYE with Yellow Brick Road..... 12/31

Buffalo Bill's Star of the Desert Arena (Primm) - 702-386-7867

Song Ca Dac Biet..... 11/7
Foreigner..... 11/11
John Fogerty..... 11/14
Kenny G..... 11/20
Patti LaBelle..... 11/27
Dwight Yoakam..... 11/28
Bret Michaels..... 12/2
Michael McDonald..... 12/9
Sara Evans..... 12/11
BB King..... 12/26
Boyz II Men with Salt-N-Pepa..... 12/27
Merle Haggard..... 12/31
Johnny Mathis..... 1/15

Caesars Palace (Colosseum) - 702-731-7110

Leonard Cohen..... 11/12

Hins Cheung..... 11/27
Jerry Seinfeld..... 12/26-27

Cannery Hotel & Casino - 702-507-5700

Classic Rock All Stars..... 11/6-7
Strange Brew..... 11/13
BJ Thomas..... 11/14
The Limit..... 11/20
James Darren..... 11/21
The Fab - A Beatles Christmas..... 12/4-5
Frankie Avalon..... 12/31

Eastside Cannery Casino and Hotel - 702-856-5300

M.O.C.C.A..... 11/1
Two Gals and a Geezer..... 11/6-7
Sixtiesmania..... 11/8
Nite Kings..... 11/13-14
Next Movement..... 11/15
The Randy Anderson Band..... 11/20-21
Goodfellas..... 11/22
King of Diamonds..... 11/27-28
Cat Daddy..... 11/29
Cornell Gunter's Coasters..... 12/4-5
Stephen Sorrentino..... 12/18-19
Déjà Vu..... 12/27

Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

John Edward..... 11/28

Hard Rock Hotel (Joint) - 702-693-5000

Kelly Clarkson..... 11/6
Santana..... 11/11, 11/13-15, 11/18, 11/20-22
Aventura..... 12/10
Brian Setzer Orchestra..... 12/23
John Mayer Trio..... 12/31

Hard Rock Hotel (Wasted Space) - 702-693-5000

Genitorturers..... 11/1
Days of the New..... 11/22

Harrah's Laughlin (Fiesta Showroom) - 702-298-4600

Collin Raye & Restless Heart..... 11/28

Las Vegas Hilton - 702-732-5111

Julio Iglesias..... 11/20-21
Brooks & Dunn..... 12/4-6
Andy Williams..... 12/23-24

MGM Grand (Hollywood Theatre) - 702-891-7777

Howie Mandel..... 10/29-11/9
Lily Tomlin..... 11/10-18
David Copperfield..... 11/19-12/2, 12/13-31
Rodney Carrington..... 12/3-12

MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777

Sahra ft. Khaled, Assala Nasri & Rida Al Abdulla..... 11/21

Mandalay Bay (House of Blues) - 702-632-7777

Norm Macdonald..... 11/14
Gary Allan..... 12/31

Mandalay Bay Events Center - 702-632-7777

Fame Kills: Starring Kanye West and Lady Gaga..... 11/13
Vicente Fernandez..... 11/28
Metallica..... 12/5
Larry the Cable Guy..... 12/12



Mirage Las Vegas - 702-791-7111

Jay Leno..... 11/6-7, 11/27-28
Ray Romano & Kevin James..... 11/13-14
Lewis Black..... 11/20-21
Ron White..... 12/4-5, 12/11-12

Orleans Hotel & Casino

(Orleans Showroom) - 702-365-7111

The Smothers Brothers..... 11/5-8
Neil Sedaka..... 11/12-15
The Four Tops..... 11/20-22
Lee Greenwood's Tennessee Christmas..... 12/6

Orleans Hotel & Casino (Orleans Arena) - 702-365-7111

So You Think You Can Dance..... 11/14



Trans Siberian Orchestra..... 12/5
Mannheim Steamroller..... 12/13
Winter Wonder Slam ft. Toby Mac & Relient K..... 12/18

Palms Casino Resort (Pearl Theater) - 702-942-7777

KISS: Alive 35..... 11/28
The Cranberries..... 12/3

Sante Fe Hotel & Casino

(Chrome Showroom) - 702-658-4900

Stryper 25th Anniversary Greatest Hits Tour..... 11/13
Hiroshima 30th Anniversary Tour..... 11/21
Cocked & Loaded NYE with LA Guns..... 12/31

Silverton Hotel & Casino - 702-263-7777

Terri Clark..... 11/13
Asleep at the Wheel..... 11/20
Davy Jones..... 11/21

Suncoast Hotel & Casino - 702-636-7111

Martin Nievera..... 11/13-15
Brandon Bennett..... 11/20-22
Variety Live!..... 11/27-29
Sonny Turner "Former Lead Singer of the Platters"..... 12/4-6
World Stars of Magic..... 12/11-13
A Scinta Christmas..... 12/18-20
Clint Holmes Christmas..... 12/25-27

Sunset Station (Club Madrid) - 702-547-7777

Skid Row..... 11/6
Y&T..... 12/11

Texas Station (Dallas Events Center) - 702-631-1000

Doobie Brothers..... 1/2

Tropicana Express Laughlin

(Pavilion Theater) - 702-298-4200

Ben Vereen..... 11/14

Otis Day & the Knights..... 11/28
Two Gals and a Geezer..... 12/11-13
Frankie Avalon..... 1/9

SPORTS

Buffalo Bill's Star of the Desert Arena (Primm) - 702-386-7867

Worlds Collide MMA Championship..... 12/5

Las Vegas Motor Speedway - 800-644-4444

Las Vegas NHRA Nationals..... 10/29-11/1
21st Annual Las Vegas Open Comp and Qualifying Night..... 11/6-7
Duel in the Desert..... 11/12-14
Silver State Dirt Championships..... 11/20-21

MGM Grand Garden Arena - 702-891-7777

Pacquiao vs. Cotto..... 11/14

Mandalay Bay Events Center - 702-632-7777

UFC 106..... 11/21

Orleans Hotel & Casino - 702-284-7777

Las Vegas Wranglers Season..... 10/8-4/3
AMA GEICO EnduroCross..... 11/21
WAC Volleyball Tournament..... 11/23-25
Las Vegas Invitational - NCAA Basketball Tournament..... 11/27-28
Las Vegas Classic - NCAA Basketball Tournament..... 12/22-23

Sam Boyd Stadium - 702-739-3267

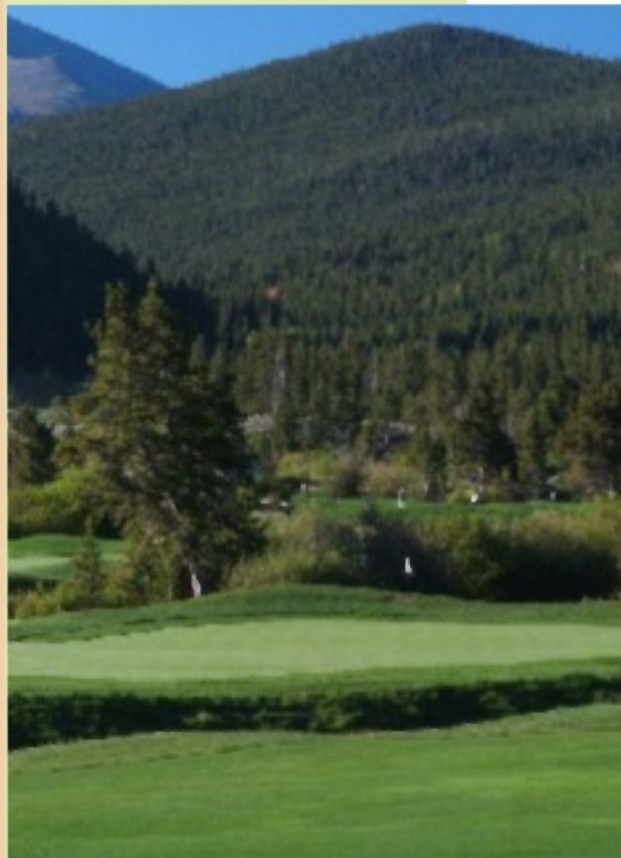
UNLV Football Season..... 9/5-11/28
United Football League - Las Vegas Locomotives Season..... 10/8-11/27
2009 MAACO Bowl Las Vegas..... 12/22

Thomas & Mack Center - 702-739-3267

2009 PBR World Finals..... 10/30-11/8
UNLV Basketball Season..... 11/10-3/6
National Finals Rodeo..... 12/3-12

GOLF COURSES

Aliante Golf Club - 702-657-0194
Angel Park Golf Club - 702-254-4653
Badlands Golf Club - 702-243-8160
Bali Hai Golf Club - 888-427-6678
Bear's Best Golf Club - 702-804-8500
Black Mountain Golf Club - 702-565-7933
Boulder City Golf Course - 702-293-9236
Boulder Creek Golf Club - 702-294-6534
Cascatas Golf Course - 702-294-2000
Coyote Springs PGA Golf Club - 877-742-8455
Desert Pines Golf Club - 888-427-6678
Desert Rose Golf Club - 702-431-4653
Eagle Crest Golf Course - 702-240-1320
Highland Falls Golf Club - 702-254-7010
Las Vegas Golf Course - 702-646-3301
Las Vegas National Golf Club - 702-734-1796
Painted Desert Golf Club - 702-645-2568
Paiute Golf Resort - 702-658-1400
Palm Valley Golf Club (Sun City) - 702-363-4373
Primm Valley Golf Club - 702-679-5509
Red Rock Country Club (Arroyo Course) - 702-258-2300
Reflection Bay Golf Club - 702-740-4653
Revere Golf Club - 702-259-4653
Rhodes Ranch Golf Club - 702-740-4114
Rio Secco Golf Club - 702-777-2400
Royal Links Golf Club - 888-427-6678
Siena Country Club - 702-341-9200
Silverstone Golf Club - 702-562-3770
Spanish Trail Country Club - 702-364-5050
TPC Summerlin Golf Course - 702-256-0111
Tuscany Golf Club - 702-951-1500
Wildhorse Golf Club - 702-434-9000





CONVENTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Alexis Park Resort - 702-796-3300

Bellagio - 702-693-7111

Caesars Palace - 702-731-7110

Cashman Center - 702-386-7100

Flamingo Las Vegas - 702-733-3111

Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa - 702-617-7777

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino - 702-693-5000

Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino - 702-731-3311

Las Vegas Convention Center - 702-891-7777

Las Vegas Hilton Hotel - 702-732-5111

Mandalay Bay Convention Center - 702-632-7777

MGM Grand Hotel & Casino - 702-891-7777

Orleans Hotel & Casino - 702-365-7111

Palace Station Hotel & Casino - 702-367-2411

Riviera Hotel & Casino - 702-734-5110

Sands Expo & Convention Center - 702-733-5556

South Point Casino Hotel & Spa - 702-796-7111

Tropicana Resort & Casino - 702-739-2222

PERFORMING/ FINE ARTS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES

Artemus Ham Concert Hall (UNLV) - 702-895-3535

The President's Own United States Marine

Band.....11/2

Pink Champagne.....11/4-8

76 Trombones + 4.....11/8

The Way It Has to Be.....11/11-15

William Kanengiser.....11/18

In the Mix.....11/19-21

Mozart and Tchaikovsky.....11/24

A Christmas Carol.....11/27-29

The Messiah.....11/30

Bellagio Conservatory &

Botanical Gardens - 702-693-7111

Gardens From Around the WorldDaily

Bellagio Gallery of Fine Art - 702-693-7871

12 + 7: Artists & Architects of

CityCenter.....11/1-4/1

Centennial Hills Library - 702-507-6100

Monday Night Masterpiece.....11/2

Blood Drive.....11/7

Fall Scrapbooking.....11/15

Dinosaur Day.....11/19

Gobble Gobble.....11/22

Mario Kart Grand Prix.....12/3

Yoga for Kids.....12/9

Tis the Season!.....12/15

Angels Unveiled.....12/17

Film: Nightmare Before Christmas.....12/19

Charleston Heights Arts Center - 702-229-6383

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat.....12/4-6, 12/10-12

Clark County Library - 702-507-3400

Get Happy: A Tribute to Judy Garland.....11/1

We Shall Remain - America Through

Native Eyes.....11/2

Film: Night After Night.....11/3

Vegas Valley Comic Book Festival.....11/7

Henderson Writers Group.....11/9

Teddy Bear Picnic.....11/14

Dance and Music with Derrick Suwaima

Davis and Ryon Polequaptewa.....11/18

Boredom Busters.....11/20

Turkey Time.....11/21

Las Vegas Stamp and Scrap.....11/24

Video Game Break.....11/28

Film: Wounded Knee.....11/30

Together Time.....12/3

Gingerbread Storytime.....12/10

Blood Drive.....12/12

Las Vegas Brass Band.....12/13

Winter Extravaganza.....12/18

Film: Lady and the Tramp.....12/20

Together Time.....12/31

Enterprise Library - 702-507-3760

Game Club.....11/1

Dinosaur Dig.....11/10

Wii Can Have More Fun!.....11/14

Turkey Lurkey Pajama Party.....11/16

Contemporary Woodturning.....11/21

Ridley Scott Film Festival.....11/30

Family Storytime.....12/5

Grossology.....12/10

The Films of Hayao Miyazaki.....12/12

Holiday Craft Buffet.....12/15

Blood Drive.....12/18

Yu-Gi-Oh.....12/19

Film: In Honor of...2009 in Passing.....12/28

Gibson Library - 702-565-8402

Wii the Teens.....11/5

Teddy Bear's Picnic!.....11/6

Happy Birthday Sesame Street.....11/10

Music & Movement.....11/13

New Moon Celebration.....11/17

Third Thursday.....11/19

Thanksgiving Craft Day!.....11/21

Henderson Library Book Club.....11/24

Y.A.K. Krew.....12/10

Crafty Teens: Make N' Take Crafts.....12/12

National Chocolate Covered

Anything Day.....12/16

Christmas Craft Day!.....12/19

Nevada Old Time Fiddlers Jam.....12/23

5th Annual New Year's Celebration.....12/30

Green Valley Library - 702-207-4260

Board Games and More.....11/2

Tots Storytime.....11/3

Family Game Night!.....11/4

Teens of the Round Table.....11/10

Arts Alive.....11/12

Babies and Books.....11/13

Blood Drive.....11/14

Fantastic Classics Book Club.....11/18

Documentary Film Series: Atomic Cafe.....11/19

Drop-In Storytime.....11/21

Thanksgiving Table Craft.....11/24

Hodge-Podge.....11/30

Warm and Fuzzy Movie Night.....12/1

Pizza and Pages Book Club.....12/3

Start a Business in Nevada.....12/8

Documentary Film Series: A 1969

Music Festival.....12/17

Las Vegas Library - 702-507-3500

Dia De Los Muertos11/2

Stargazing Party.....11/5

Gobble Gobble.....11/25

Blood Drive.....12/4

Snowy Animals Storytime.....12/13

Sing-Along Cinema: Mary Poppins.....12/20

Winter Fun Puppet Show.....12/23

Happy New Year!.....12/31

Sahara West Library - 702-507-3630

Blood Drive.....11/7

Sierra Exhibit.....11/19

In a Tizzy Over Turkey.....11/21

Anime Ga Suki Club.....11/22

Chinese Storytime - Gu Shi Shi Jian!.....12/5

Falun Dafa.....12/11

Music Lessons by Laura.....12/12

Lied Discovery Children's Museum - 702-382-5437

GROSSOLOGY: The (Impolite) Science

of the Human Body.....11/1-1/3

It's Your Choice -

Developing Healthy Eating HabitsDaily

Green Village -

Environmentally Conscious Mini-City ...Daily

Desert Discovery.....Daily

Luxor Las Vegas - 702-262-4444

Bodies The Exhibition.....Daily

Titanic: The Artifact ExhibitionDaily

Malcolm Library - 702-263-7522

Question of the Day.....11/2

Drop-In Storytime.....11/3

Happy Birthday Sesame Street.....11/5

Fun Family Movie.....11/17

Teens Can Cook!.....11/19

Adult Book Chat: Miracle At St.

Anna.....12/14

Nicholas Horn Theatre (CSN) - 702-651-5483

Informal Dance Concert.....11/4

The Madwoman of

Chaillot.....11/6-8, 11/13-15, 11/21-22

Fall Dance Concert.....12/4-5

Jazz Combos.....12/6

Orchestra.....12/7

Concert Band.....12/8

Big Bands.....12/9

Winter Choral Concert.....12/10

Paseo Verde Library - 702-492-7252

Arts and Crafts Club.....11/2

Toddler Storytime.....11/3

Free Writing Group.....11/5

HDPL Friends Used Book Sale.....11/7

I Read to Animals.....11/10

American Girls.....11/14

Magic School Bus Marathon.....11/16

Young Scientists - Help! I'm Sinking!!.....11/18

New Moon Release Party.....11/19

Drop-In Storytime.....11/21

Funny Holiday Stories.....11/24

Holiday Movie.....11/28

Holly Jolly Make N' Take Crafts.....11/30

Twins' the Night Before Christmas.....12/1

Library Tree Lane Gala.....12/4

Donuts with Dad.....12/5

Arts and Crafts Club.....12/7

Picnic & A Movie.....12/14

Blood Drive.....12/17

Rainbow Library - 702-507-3710

Learn to Knit.....11/3

Arlene Hurlbert Student Recital.....11/5

Polymer Clay Expressions.....11/10

Pajama Jam.....11/17

Gobble Gobble.....11/25

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Falun Dafa.....12/11

Music Lessons by Laura.....12/12

Dedra McDole Piano Recital.....12/13

To the North Pole.....12/19

Spring Valley Library - 702-507-3820

Drawing Club.....11/1

Jon's Craft Jamboree11/4

Crafty Kid's Saturdays.....11/7

Thanksgiving Celebration.....11/15

Celebrate Mickey Mouse's Birthday.....11/17

Reader's Theater.....11/21

Valley of Fire: Faces, Animals and Other

Things Exhibit.....12/10

Paper Airplanes.....12/17

Wii.....12/23

A Hogwart's Holiday.....12/26

Summerlin Library - 702-507-3860

Signature Productions presents The

King and I.....11/2-21

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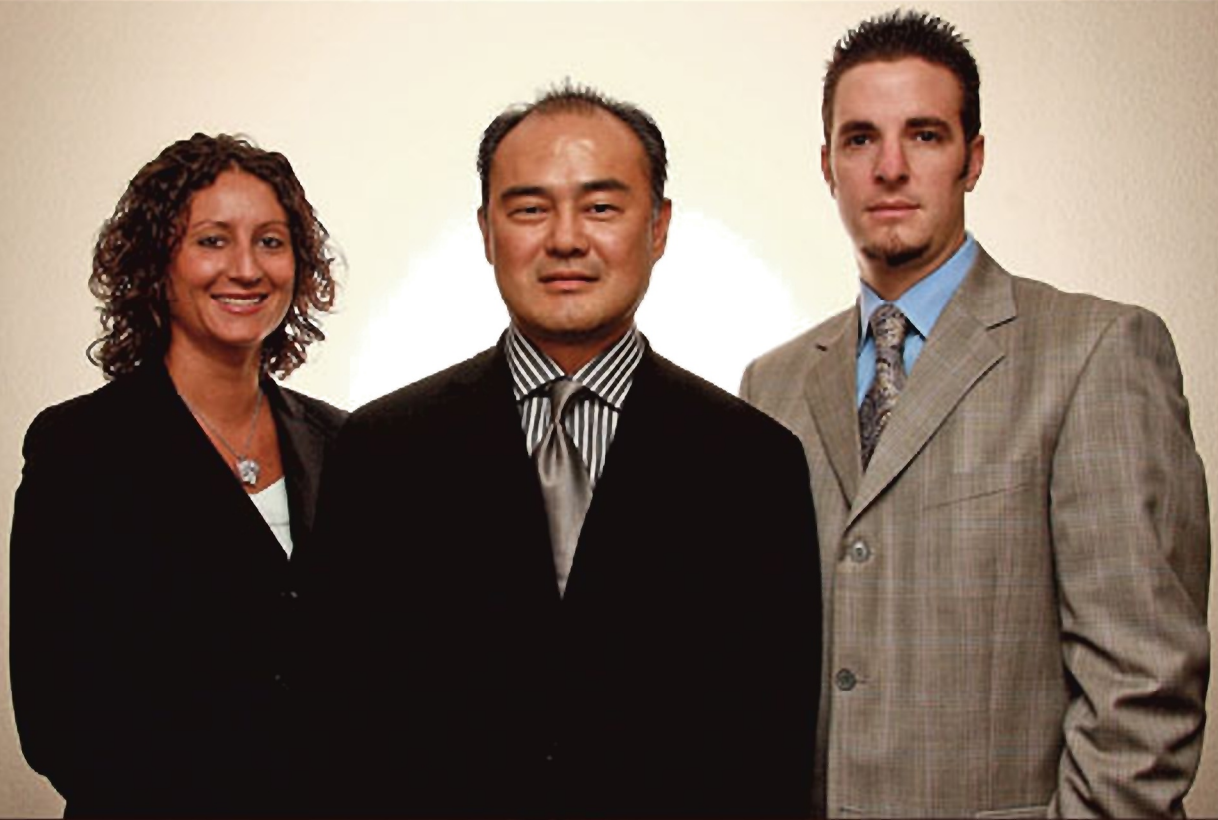
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