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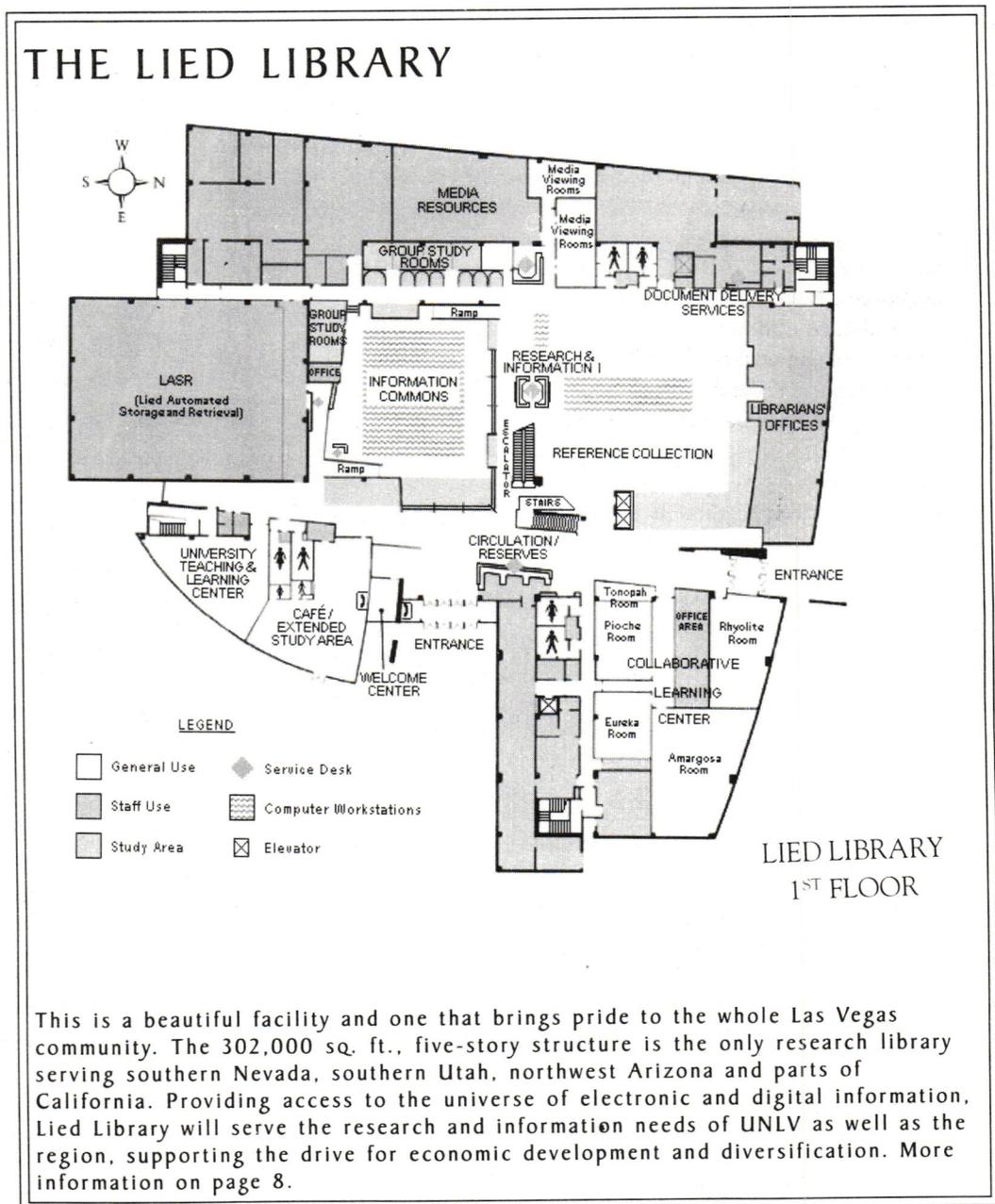
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# AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVID FROMMER, AIA  
PRESIDENT, AIA LAS VEGAS



After much travel and brisk weather, I am pleased to report to you about the happenings of the 2001 AIA Grassroots Convention. The trip started brilliantly. Randy Lavigne, who so painstakingly handles every detail of AIA Las Vegas affairs, started our trip off with a treasured AIA Las Vegas tradition, a delicious and authentic AIA Las Vegas chicken dinner on our flight to Washington, DC.

Upon arrival to AIA Grassroots 2001, the Nevada contingent was charged with meeting with the Nevada Senators and Representatives, to address the AIA national issues of Federal support for tax incentives to remediate and develop Brownfields, Federal support for tax incentives for school modernization and renovation and for Federal opposition to the TRAC act, which advocates the Federal government provide architectural, design and engineering services for Federal projects by professionals employed within the Federal government. The TRAC act, which is supported by Federal employees, is an issue of particular concern, posing a threat to the livelihood of design professionals throughout the country and threatening quality of design, cost effectiveness and risk management in Federal sector work.

To add to our national positions, the Nevada contingent also brought to the attention of our congressional representatives issues of sustainable communities and continued prosperity in Nevada. We related the issues of air quality, water quality, renewable and efficient energy sources, power deregulation, public transit, higher quality education and development of professionals in the Nevada higher education system to the continued prosperity and high quality of affordable living in Nevada.

Our Senators and Representatives showed genuine concern for these issues and the opportunity to voice our position in these matters will hopefully have an impact on their passage or failure. I urge all of you to contact our Senators and Representatives to voice your opinion on these issues. Please contact Randy Lavigne and the AIA National website at [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) for further information regarding these issues and how to contact your Senators and Representatives.

In addition to our Congressional visits, several enlightening events occurred during 2001 AIA Grassroots. Our honored President-elect Brandon Sprague, delusional from a lack of sleep, was brought to tears when he mistook the identity of Senator Harry Reid for his beloved grandfather. Security guards cautiously monitored the situation when Brandon firmly hugged Senator Reid, softly mumbling, "Grandpa." Michael Crowe, representing the governmental affairs network, was foiled in his attempt for sleep due to a malformed mattress pad and a wealth of appealing network television options. Brad Schulz summarily and capably handled the Western Mountain

Region meetings, fending off a hungry crowd to address regional issues. Ed Vance was confirmed as a member of the AIA WMR regional special awards committee, after lengthy hearings and a severe background investigation. Randy Lavigne, our tireless Executive Director, taught us about family structure in her home state of Tennessee with her reminiscences of her favorite relative, Uncle Dad. And the lovely Denise Sprague, attending the conference as a spectator, made full use of the available refreshments provided by the Federal government at Senatorial receptions to stock her handbag and hotel room and receive, in essence, a Federal subsidy towards her dining expenses.

Nonetheless, a very productive Grassroots session with potent discussion regarding our legislative issues, AIA National and Regional policy issues and discussion of the upcoming 2005 AIA National Convention.

On another note, it was very encouraging to see a healthy and vigorous discourse regarding the intent, structure and meaning of AIA design awards at the AIA Las Vegas February membership meeting. This discussion brought up many valid points and concerns and it was a pleasure to see the membership interact with the 2000 design awards jury in a discussion of the design awards. The 2000 design awards jury was very impressed with the AIA Las Vegas members and their clear regard for the continued strength of this program. I am confident this and other discussions will only serve the chapter well in the future development of design awards programs.

## NEW AIA MEMBERS:

We are very pleased to welcome these new members to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter.

### Architect:

Randy Barnes, AIA  
MCG Architecture  
Dale Alan Heinrich, AIA  
Bergman, Walls & Associates, Ltd.  
Sundaresh Kamath, AIA  
HCA Architects, Inc.  
Thomas Wurcherer, AIA  
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### Associates:

Kasey Baker-Benoit, Assoc. AIA  
HCA Architects, Inc.  
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S R Construction  
Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA  
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Connie Schultz  
Chief Concrete, Inc.  
Julia Solinger  
Julia Solinger Interior Designer  
Edward Tan  
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# AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ED VANCE, AIA  
PRESIDENT, AIA NEVADA



Early each year, the leadership of the AIA's local, state and national components gather in Washington to attend our National Grassroots Convention. We storm Capital Hill annually with our ideas, concerns and enthusiasm to meet with our elected congressional officials. This year was no exception. Our three chapters confided and worked together (along with our executive director) to insure that our concerns were effectively communicated at the federal levels. This years top three legislative priorities were :

- **Brownfields Development**
- **School Modernization &**
- **The Truthfulness, Responsibility, and Accountability in Contracting (TRAC) Act.**

These three national issues were relevant and not difficult to relate to our local and state settings. We also took the opportunity to express our concerns relative to "Sustainable yet Managed Growth" and " Our Educational Systems challenge to meet the current demands of incoming Technology Firms". Without getting into the specifics here, I would ask you to contact me directly if you would like more specifics relative to these five issues. My e-mail address is [evance@jmaarch.com](mailto:evance@jmaarch.com). I must also add that this year was a special year for our delegation in that we had our very own Regional Director - Brad Schulz, AIA attending our meetings with Congress. (I must also add that as a Regional Director, Brad serves on the national board bringing the interests of Nevada to bear.)

But, sharing our ideas and concerns regarding the built environment with congressional officers is only one part of our journey to the Capital.

Grassroots provides the best venue for us to gather at our national headquarters to learn first hand the mysteries of our national component. We learn about the primary missions of the AIA. The first mission is to *serve and enable the work of the AIA's local, state and national components*. The second is the AIA's National component acts as a *coordinating agent* to insure that the ideas and practices that surface during the convention are shared by all components. And the third is *Advocacy*. The national component provides the entire profession exposure to the federal levels, in Congress, federal agencies and cabinet level departments.

Listening to and learning from one another is probably the best thing that comes from this gathering. This was my fourth trip to Washington and undoubtedly the best. Meeting with other state and local component leaders and sharing their ideas and experiences was immensely energizing and valuable. I encourage all of you to get involved at the highest levels of the local and state components so that you may experience this meaningful event.

As a profession, we need to recognize and embrace our role as responsible members of our communities. Through the AIA we will find the best avenue to be an effective, consistent and credible voice for the profession.

# ESSENTIAL WEB SITE SERVICES AT WWW.AIA.ORG

The new aia.org site has replaced the e-architect.com site and is now your one stop for all the AIA news and information.

AIArchitect is now available for download directly from the site. A synopsis of the week's news goes up in "This Week" each Friday. And the full departmentalized publication goes up the first of each month comprising all the material gathered the month before.

This news vehicle, which will become an exclusive AIA member benefit that will be delivered via the new member portal, provides a significant upgrade to AIA member communications. It not only provides more news in a timely manner, but in an interactive environment that lets our members easily get back to us.

In addition, the AIA's professional web site has been upgraded as a state-of-the-art portal site for the exclusive use of AIA members. The new portal, which can be accessed by clicking on the "professional" link at [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org) will allow AIA members to customize the user interface to provide Institute knowledge resources as well as appropriate industry resources pulled from reputable sources worldwide. All of this content can be delivered exactly when and how the user wishes, right to the user's desktop. Upon your initial visit to the portal, members will need to indicate their AIA membership number in order to gain entry, then they can bookmark the site for quick future access.

Essential web site services prior to the portal upgrade will remain available at the new site. These services include: architect job positions available/sought; on-line continuing education and AIA member transcripts; industry and AIA news; project leads; AIA conventions/events and updates; AIA staff directory; and information on professional interest areas.

## REID UNVEILS 'BROWNFIELDS' BILL

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member Harry Reid introduced bipartisan legislation to assist local communities across the nation in reclaiming polluted former industrial sites, known as "brownfields". "Communities in Nevada will benefit as a result of this innovative bipartisan legislation which will bring new jobs, protect the health of the public and increase revenue in our urban centers and rural towns." said Reid.

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# AIA GROWTH COMMITTEE

Michael Crowe, AIA

We are continuing to work toward the completion of the AIA Las Vegas Growth Policy Statements. Our members are developing policy statements, which after Committee and Board approval, will be included in the policy statement publication. In order to create a relevant document we are attempting to collaborate with organizations such as the ULI, APA, RTC, and NAIOP. Additionally, we are working with the Planning Departments of Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson. We also plan to work with the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.

At our February Committee Meeting, Polly Carolin, AICP, presented a statement on behalf of the Nevada Chapter of the APA regarding their proposal for amendments to master planning enabling legislation. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Growth Committee supports the notion of strengthening enabling legislation regarding Growth issues. However, the committee would like to see the results of the 2-year study before endorsing explicit actions. Polly will become a Growth Committee Member and will advise of APA activities and positions.

Dan Hart, President of Dan Hart, Inc. presented "The Politics of Growth". He discussed "The Political Reality of Growth". His presentation was enlightening and well received. He noted the AIA should take the initiative and bring their positions to the attention of the media. He also noted that we should bring our concerns to the appropriate agencies.

Both the "Beltway" and the "Pedestrian Friendly Streets" policy statements will be forwarded to the AIA Las Vegas Board for approval and inclusion in the AIA Las Vegas Growth Policy Book.

Next month we will continue working on ongoing policy statements. Additionally, for the first time we will discuss the notion of whether or not a Unified Valley Wide Development Plan is desirable to insure the future orderly development of the Las Vegas Valley.



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# THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND NEVADA

Rex Evans, AIA

The 2000 International Building Code has been approved for adoption by all Southern Nevada building authorities with the exception of the City of Las Vegas. Under law, the new code cannot reduce present fire and life safety code requirements. Therefore, the code adoption committees are currently working on an amendment to the IBC to bring it up to compliance with current building code requirements. It is expected that this amendment will be ready for review by the building officials by June of this year. Following their review, the committee will issue their draft of the code for industry (architects, engineers, developers etc.) review. Under this scenario, if all entities are in agreement, the new code would take effect late 2001.

The code committee of AIA Las Vegas will be reviewing the IBC and making our recommendations to the code adoption committee from the point of view of the architectural community. We do not know at this point how extensive the amendment will be but we are hoping that it will be of a manageable size that does not make extensive revisions to every chapter. We will not know this until we have a chance to see a draft copy. The City of Las Vegas, even though they have voted against it's adoption, will not hold out for their own amendment package or do something other than what the other jurisdictions are doing. They, along with those of us in the design community, do not want different codes for the various jurisdictions throughout the valley.

## AIA FIRM SURVEY

The new AIA firm Survey 2000-2002 gives a current, complete and accurate snapshot of U.S. architecture firms and their clients. Compiled by the American Institute of Architects, this new survey is the most reliable source of information on business practices of U.S. architects. Responses from nearly 2000 architecture firms nationwide were compiled to bring you financial benchmarks and management strategies of AIA-member firms. Key findings in the book include:

- \* The growth of U.S. architecture firms has outpaced both the overall strength of the U.S. economy as well as the strong performance of the construction industry.
- \* AIA member-owned firms, reported billings of \$24 billion in 1999, up from \$14.4 billion in 1996 -- an increase of nearly 70%.
- \* Architecture firms are experiencing growth by adding non-design services, depth to their offerings and diversity to their staffs, according to the survey.

The AIA Firm Survey 2000-2002 is available through the AIA Fulfillment Center, 8340-F Beechcraft Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-5510 - Phone 800-365-2724 or FAX 800-246-5030 - at a cost of \$35.00 for AIA Members (\$95.00 for non members).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Fred Hillerby, Lobbyist for AIA Nevada

By mid-February, 502 bills and resolutions have been introduced. This is a little more than 1/3 of the 1,306 bill draft requests.

The first hearing on the Initiative Petition #1 - Nevada Tax Fairness and Quality School Funding Accountability Act occurred in February. One week after the first hearing, the business community testified with regard to this proposed tax. As you would expect, there was considerable testimony concerning the technical problems with this tax initiative. Although a number of committee members expressed their support for adequate funding for education in Nevada, it is still clear that this committee will not pass this tax initiative. February 26th is the deadline for bill draft requests by committees and we will know the types of issues that will come before the Legislature.

AB72, Assembly John Marvel's bill concerning "document ownership" was scheduled for a hearing on Monday, February 26th. Assemblyman Marvel has asked that the bill be held and scheduled at a later date. In the meantime, Max Hershenow, Kevin Jeffers and I have met with Dan O'Brien and other staff of the public works board. We are in the process of discussing alternatives to Mr. Marvel's legislation. At this point, the public works board seems to be supportive of architecture.

It is clear that there are a number of bills again this session concerning construction defects.

## AIA PUBLIC POLICY ON COPYRIGHTS

The AIA Public Policy on the copyright of architectural works and Federal law fully protects those rights. The policy is as follows:

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# 2000-2001 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## MARCH KLAI::JUBA LECTURE

"Dana Cuff - Practice & Ethics"

6:00PM, Wednesday, March 28th

Dana Cuff, Professor of Architecture and former Interim Chair at the University of California, Los Angeles, has actively followed the development of the architectural profession through her research, teaching and practice. In her most recent book, Cuff traces the effects that post-WWII development, particularly the persistence of temporary housing, has had on the urban landscapes of Southern California. Previously, Cuff was awarded the International Architecture Book Award by the AIA (1992) for her book titled *"Architecture: The Story of Practice."* In writing this book, Cuff chronicled the everyday world of professional practice and explored the complex social art of design. Cuff's work illustrates the variety of concerns that face both today's architecture students, as well as practitioners, and helps to shed new light on how design problems can be resolved, how clients and architects can better relate to one another and how design excellence can be achieved.

This Klai::Juba lecture serves as the first of a two-part seminar on Practice and Ethics. Attend the Dana Cuff lecture on Wednesday evening, March 28th at the UNLV School of Architecture. On Thursday, March 29th, join the AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting for lunch, a tour of the West Sahara Library and further discussion on Practice & Ethics with Garth Rockcastle, FAIA and Ms. Cuff.

## MARCH MEMBER MEETING

"Practice & Ethics - Further Discussion"

Educational Seminar

Garth Rockcastle, FAIA & Dana Cuff, AIA

11:30AM, Thursday, March 29th

Garth Rockcastle, FAIA, Principal, Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., Minneapolis, Minnesota will be the featured speaker at this special AIA Meeting/Seminar. Noted Professor and writer Dana Cuff will join Mr. Rockcastle in the continuing discussion of "Practice & Ethics". The program will focus upon the changing nature of architectural practices, ethics and education.

Garth Rockcastle designed the Sahara West Library, in conjunction with Tate & Snyder Architects (Tate\*Snyder\*Kimsey Architects) and has written extensively on professional practice and on ethics within the profession. He is a practicing architect, lectures widely and is the Founding Director of Continuing Professional Studies at the University of Minnesota.

The LUNCH MEETING will begin at 11:30AM at the Sahara West Library. Following lunch and the "Practice & Ethics" discussion, Mr. Rockcastle will provide a tour of the Library.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with two of the foremost spokespersons on ethics and practice. RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936

## 8th ANNUAL SPRING PUTTING TOURNAMENT

Angel Park Golf Course

6:30PM, Friday, April 6th

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## APRIL KLAI::JUBA LECTURE

"Donna Kacmar, AIA, architect WORKS, Inc.

UNLV School of Architecture

6:00PM, Thursday, April 19th

The Klai::Juba Lecture series continues in April with the presentation of Donna Kacmar, principal of architect WORKS, Inc., Houston, Texas.

Donna's work has received several awards and has been nationally published. In 2000, she was recognized by the Texas Society of Architects with the William W. Caudill Award and by the Houston AIA with the Young Architect Award. The Kacmar House (a.k.a. a very long skinny house), a house designed for her parents, won an AIA Houston Design Award in 1999 and was recently published in the book *A House for My Mother* by Beth Dunlop.

In 1996 she joined forces with former classmates Christopher Craig and Mary Ann Young to design and build their own town houses in Houston's West End neighborhood. The project won an AIA Houston Design Award in 1998, and has been published in *Texas Architect*.

Make plans to attend the lecture and meet Donna Kacmar on Thursday, April 19th, 6:00PM at the UNLV School of Architecture.

# AIA Las Vegas

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# “PRACTICE & ETHICS”

A two-part seminar that focuses on one of the most important issues of the profession.

### *Part One: Klai::Juba Lecture*

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6PM,  
UNLV Architecture Studies Library

### DANA CUFF, AIA

Professor of Architecture and former Interim Chair at the University of California, Los Angeles has actively followed the development of the architectural profession through her research, teaching and practice. Awarded the International Architecture Book Award by AIA (1992) for her book titled “Architecture: The Story of Practice”, which chronicled the everyday world of professional practice and explored the complex social art of design.

### *Part Two: AIA March Membership Luncheon*

Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM  
Sahara West Library, 9600 West Sahara Avenue, LV

### GARTH ROCKCASTLE, FAIA

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Open Attendance at the Klai::Juba Lecture on March 28th

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## APRIL MEMBER MEETING

"High School Design Awards, AIA Scholarships  
and Intern Design Competition

Wednesday, April 25th

The April Member Meeting will be cram-packed with awards and recognitions for students and interns. It is always very exciting and rewarding to see the design efforts of our high school competitors, and give them (and their parents) a chance to see the School of Architecture and visit with UNLV students and faculty.

In addition, the AIA Scholarships for 2001 will be awarded, and the winner of this year's AIA Intern Design Competition will be announced. Rene' Abaca, the recipient of last year's Intern Competition, will present his report covering his trip to Mexico. The reception and meeting will begin at 6PM on April 25th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special AIA Member Meeting.

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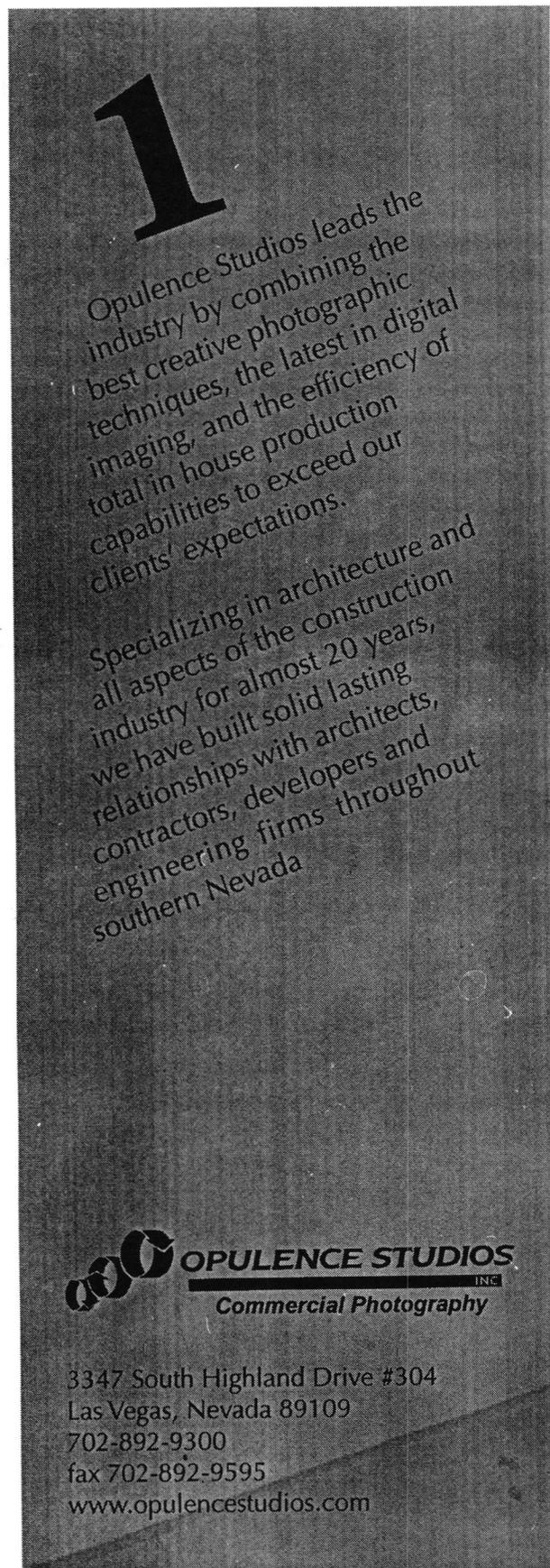
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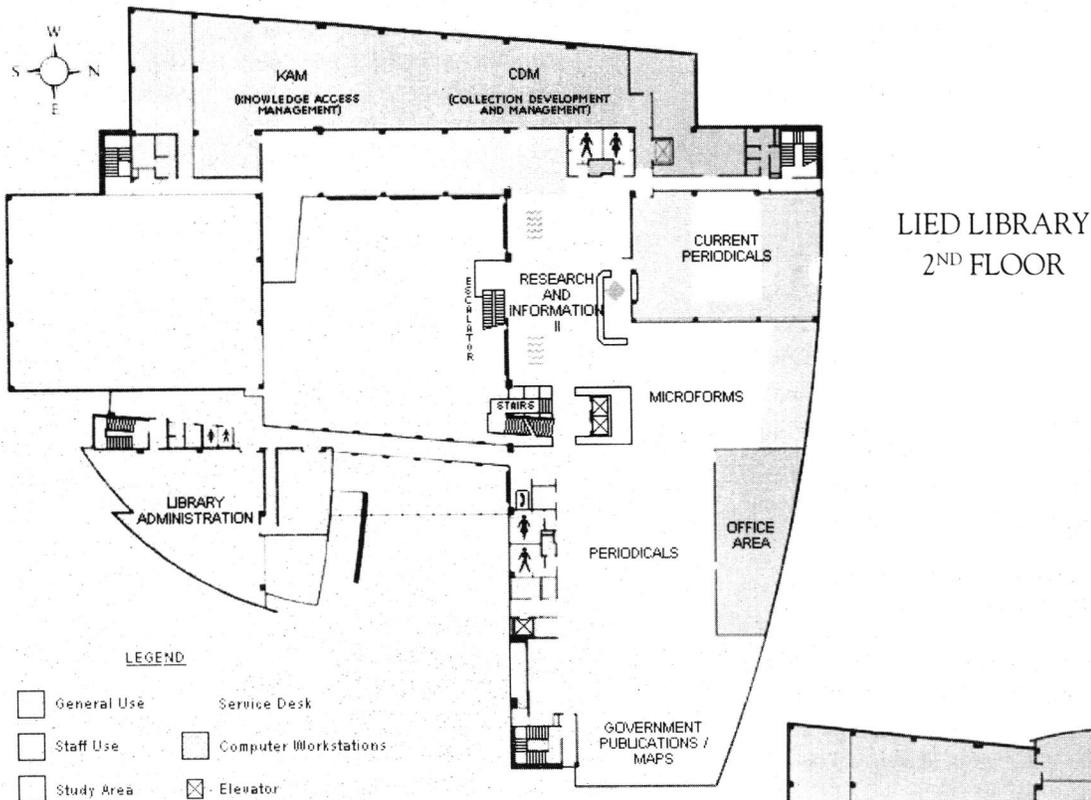
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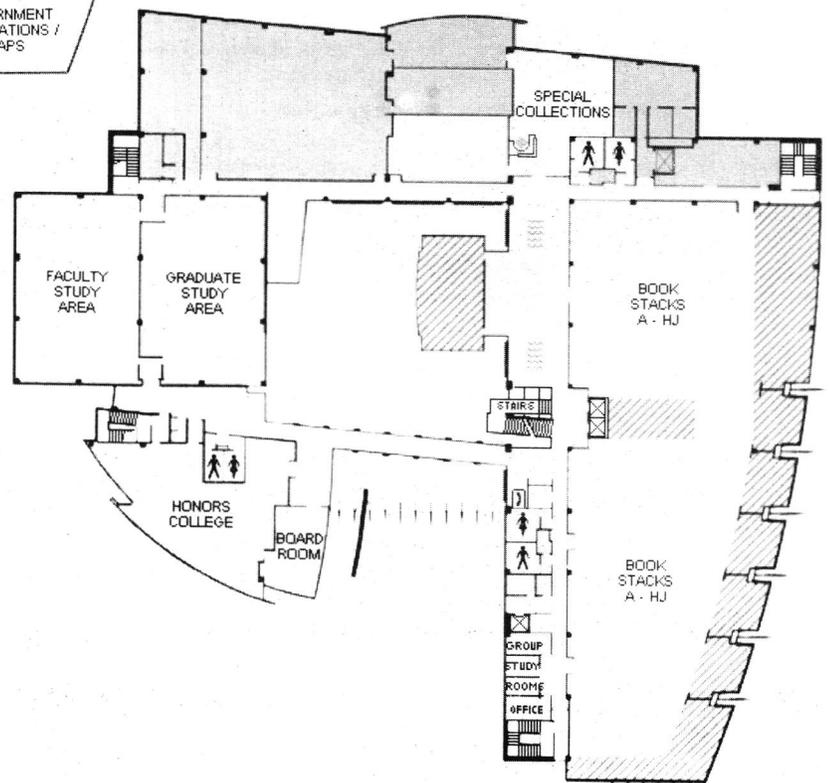
# UNLV Lied Library

If you have not seen the Lied Library, by all means go and take a look around. This is a state-of-the-art facility, featuring innovative user systems including LASR - Lied Automated Storage and Retrieval. This robotic system uses stackable bins to store over 600,000 volumes in one-tenth the space required to store an equivalent browsing collection. It is connected to the libraries' catalog enabling the user to request an item and receive it within minutes. Materials stored in LASR are the lesser-used government publications, archival manuscripts, and bound volumes of older journals. Space is available to double the capacity to 1.2 million volumes in the future when storage needs require it.

Special Collections contains unique and original collections that document the history, culture, and environment of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada, the Southwest and the American West. It also houses an extensive gaming research collection and the Nevada Women's Archive. Display space now available in Lied Library will highlight selected resources and artifacts from these collections on a rotating basis. There is much more to see and appreciate. Congratulations to UNLV, Welles Pugsley Architects and Leo A. Daly, Inc.



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## ED VANCE, AIA TO SERVE AS WMR JUROR

Ed Vance, AIA, current president of AIA Nevada has been named as juror for the prestigious WMR Service Awards. Jurors for these annual awards are provided on a rotating basis by each of the components in the Western Mountain Region. Service on the jury is for a term of three years, with service as Chairman of the jury in the last year. Ed Vance will serve from 2001 through 2003. The awards are given annually for "Distinguished Service"; "Architectural Firm Award" and the "WMR Silver Medal". Call for nominations for these awards will be made a little later this year and the recipients will be announced at this year's WMR Conference in Yellowstone in September.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Valerie Bugni, Assoc. AIA has begun her Master's degree program at UNLV, and plans to secure a Ph.D as well. Though she has resigned as Marketing Director for Lucchesi Galati (the position is currently open), she will continue to work closely with the firm as a consultant. The focus of her academic work will include social psychology and its relative connection to the practice of architecture. Best wishes to Valerie!

Parsons Bros. Rock Retaining Walls has named Rosalie Gladwin of RG Group, Inc. as marketing and business development representative for the Las Vegas area.

Wieczorek & Associates has expanded their legal services through the addition of business transactional attorney E. Eugene Walsh to their firm.

Terracon's Jim McNutt has been named "Associate Member of the Year" by the Southern Nevada Homebuilder's Association for his work on policy issues effecting the SNHBA.

Nadel Architects was recently awarded the Southwest Airlines \$1.9 million Concourse C Ramp Office remodel at McCarran Airport. Nadel has also contracted with Pacific Properties for seven (7) new shell office buildings in Del Webb Anthem.

### In Memory Peter "Pete" Salazar

A valued member of architectural community. Pete Salazar, passed away on February 7th, 2001.

His friendship and his loyalty to all who knew him will be long remembered.

He was Vice President of C.S.I. (Construction Specifications Institute) and worked with Nadal Architects on the Aladdin project.

He worked with Domingo Cambeiro Corp. Architects and the Clark County School District and with the Housing Authority for both Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife Maria Elena and his children.

His many friends and associates will miss him and will remember him well.

## SOCIETY OF DESIGN

### ADMINISTRATION

By Maggie Allred, SDA



Was one of your New Year's resolutions to organize your life **electronically**? Well, if you're in the market for a Personal Data Assistant, the following guidelines may prove useful.

PDA's come in several sizes. The choice should be determined by your needs. Palm-size versions are perfect for calendars, contacts, schedules or notes. Most can be synchronized with your PC's calendar and e-mail programs so you only have to enter that phone number once. These have long battery life and are small and simple to use. Most have handwriting recognition so you won't need a keyboard. As you start adding color screens and other extras they become heavy weights and battery hogs. The monochrome Palm versions have up to 8 MB of memory, a battery life (2 AAA) of about six weeks and weigh about 4 to 10 ounces.. Palm-sized versions can be purchased for about \$150 to \$400 dollars. Some PDA's include wireless Internet access built-in such as the Palm VII. Color versions can run \$450 to \$600.

Handheld PDA's are more like a regular PC. These are not as lightweight or portable as palm-size PDA's. They will usually have small, condensed keyboards and will have a price tag that will be significantly more than a palm-size PDA. These are large enough that it takes two hands to use effectively. They will have a larger screen than a palm-size, weigh 2 to 3 pounds, and have a battery life of 6 to 8 hours for color models and about 20 to 30 hours for monochrome.. They can run from \$800 to \$1,000.

A PDA's operating system depends on its hardware. The two most common are Microsoft's Windows CE and 3Com's Palm Pilot. Both can link to PCs.

As with most electronic toys, it is advisable to be clear about your expectations and the features you actually need and will use.

Features could include:

**Address book, contact list and schedules**

**E-Book readers** – download and take along that book you've been meaning to read.

**Backlit displays** – for nighttime use.

**Expansion slots** – for optional peripherals such as additional memory, wireless modems for connecting to the Internet or GPS systems. Peripheral features can shorten the battery life of PDA's, so choose them carefully.

**Infrared ports** – allows synchronizing data with other PDA's, printers or PCs that also have infrared ports. You can even exchange electronic business cards with other PDA users.

At one of our upcoming monthly meetings of the Las Vegas Chapter of SDA, we will be discussing the various features of Palm-size PDA's and Handheld PDA's. Contact any member of SDA or me if you would like more information.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### "SPECIFYING SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE"

An AIA Las Vegas C.E. Luncheon  
Wednesday, March 21, 2001

Join us on Wednesday, March 21st at 11:30AM for a presentation and discussion about enhancing sustainable design with the project specifications. The presenter is Stephen J. Andros, AIA/FCSI/CCS, President of SASC Inc., an independent specification-consulting firm with offices in Las Vegas and Phoenix.

The building sector of the economy has a tremendous impact on the environment. For example, buildings in the U.S. consume more than 30% of our total energy and 60% of our electricity. Annual construction consumption worldwide is over 3 billion tons of raw materials. Current construction practices create 2 to 2-1/2 pounds of solid waste per square foot. Much of this could be recycled, saving landfill capacity and fees that range from about \$15 to \$55 per ton.

In this presentation, the US Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification Program for "green" buildings will be outlined as it impacts design, contract documents and construction. Sustainable materials that are readily available and that won't adversely affect the overall costs of the project will also be discussed. Overall "Green Strategies" will be discussed with regards to implementing sustainable architecture.

The program is registered for 2 AIA CE Credits. Please contact AIA at 702-895-0936 to make reservations for this important presentation. Location of presentation to be provided.

### "WONDERFUL WORLD OF CONCRETE"

An AIA Las Vegas C.E. Luncheon  
Thursday, April 19, 2001

CreteSeal will present an AIA CE Luncheon program entitled "Wonderful World of Concrete" at 11:30AM on Thursday, April 19th at Macayo's Vegas, located at 4457 W. Charleston Blvd. Lunch is free, of course, and the program is registered for 1 AIA CE credit and 1 Hour of HSW. The program will be presented by Patrick Murray, Marketing Director and Principal of CreteSeal.

Attendees will learn about design mix, concrete-water ration; slump test, control joints, saw-cuts, contaminants in concrete, examples of concrete, proper ASTM calcium chloride testing procedures and much more.

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## GOLFING, GOLFING, GOLFING....

If you don't get to play in a great golf tournament this year, it is certainly not our fault. You simply are not paying attention. In addition to the 28th Annual AIA Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 8th at Badlands, here are two other great golfing opportunities:

### 10th Annual SNASLA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunrise Vista Golf Course / Nellis Air Force Base  
Friday, April 27th 2001

7AM Check-in / 8AM Shotgun Start -4 Person Scramble  
\$80.00 per player (ASLA Members) \$95.00 non-ASLA Members  
Sponsorships also still available

Contact: Cassi Dawes or Geoffrey Schafler at (702) 253-9390  
All payments due by April 6th, 2001

### ANNUAL CSI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Highland Falls Golf Course / 10210 Sun City Blvd.  
Friday, May 11th, 2001 - 1:00PM - 4 Person Scramble

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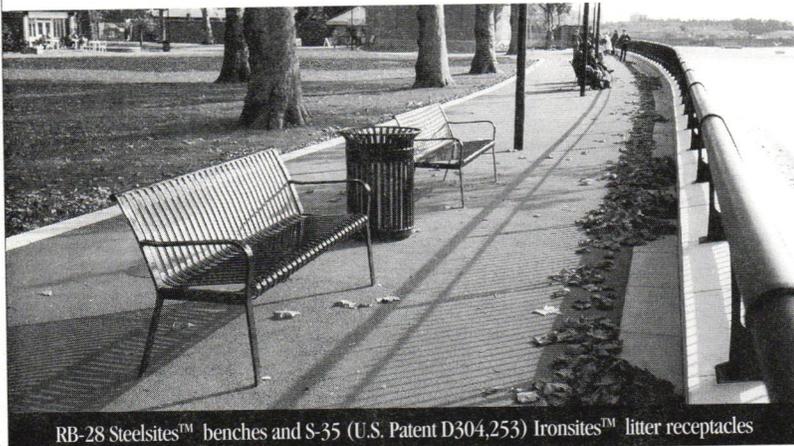
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# CALENDAR

MARCH

- 13 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting  
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 15 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting  
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 21 C.E. Luncheon - SASC, Inc.  
11:30AM - Location to be announced
- 28 Klai::Juba Lecture - Dana Cuff  
"Profession & Ethics"  
6PM Reception / 7PM Lecture  
UNLV School of Architecture
- 29 AIA Membership Meeting  
11:30A - Garth Rockcastle & Dana Cuff  
Sahara West Library - Lunch, Panel Discussion  
on the Profession & Ethics

APRIL

- 6 AIA 8th Annual Spring Putting Tournament  
6:30PM - Angel Park Golf Course
- 10 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting  
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 19 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting  
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 19 Klai::Juba Lecture - Donna Kacmar, AIA  
6:00 PM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 25 AIA Membership Meeting  
"AIA High School Design Awards & Scholarships"  
6:00 PM - UNLV School of Architecture

MAY

- 8 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting  
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 16 AIA Membership Meeting  
5P - "Lake Mead Dinner Cruise"
- 17 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting  
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 18-21 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION  
Denver, CO
- 24 C.E. Luncheon - Subject TBA

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