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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

E. Dale Scheideman, AIA

Another highlight for AIA Las Vegas in 2003 — our National President,

Thompson E. Penney, FAIA, visited us in mid June. He participated in our 2005 Convention Steering Committee meeting providing invaluable advice and suggestions. He also visited with Chapter members and presented an inspiring architectural message — *Connecting the Dots* — at our Monthly Membership Meeting, which was the best attended meeting for 2003.

Las Vegas architecture appeared to have made an impression on our national president. The strip, hotels, their attractions, and the visitors' reactions to the strip's built environment made it clear that architecture can be a powerful influence. He said that Las Vegas is solid evidence that "if you can dream it, you can do it."

Thanks to our AIA members and sponsors for making Chapter meetings successful.

2005 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Newly elected, 1st Vice President, Douglas Steidl, FAIA, (AIA National President in 2005) visited Las Vegas on May 20th, and met with the Steering Committee. Discussions included an exchange of ideas for the "theme" for our convention. If you have thoughts on this, please share them with the committee by contacting R. Lavigne at 895-0936.

In June, current AIA National President, Thompson E. Penney, FAIA, having just hosted the San Diego Convention, visited Las Vegas. He also met with the Steering Committee and shared his experience in hosting the most attended and successful AIA Convention to date. He did state that he expects Las Vegas to top all records with regard to attendance and programs.

Negotiations are currently being completed to determine the exact dates of the convention and the location of the convention site. Committee Chairs are hard at work generating ideas and logistics for events and programs. All members will be called upon to participate as a committee member or volunteer for executing the events. Stay tuned for further updates.

689 Days until Convention!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members to AIA Las Vegas:

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BRIEFS:

Wedding bells are ringing for AIA members this summer!. Our very best wishes to **Bradley D. Schulz, AIA and Patti Babore**. Their wedding is scheduled for August 16th aboard the yacht "Empress" in Newport Beach, California.

Special good wishes also go to **Steve Swisher, AIA and Lisa Dove** who will be married on July 2nd here in Las Vegas.

Our congratulations also to **Lance Kirk, Assoc. AIA and his wife Sarah** who expect their first child in October. Lance has also received LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

As far as activity in the valley, it seems the natives are restless this year and there is lots of member movement among the firms.

Rick Van Diepen, AIA and Barry Tedesco, AIA have left **Lucchesi Galati** and have not reported new locations yet.

Sunny Kamath, AIA is moving from **UNLV Planning and Construction** to be Project Manager at the **State Public Works Board** effective July 21st.

We are also very happy to welcome **Nancy Lewis** back to Las Vegas. She is the new addition to the staff at **Indigo Architecture**.

ACE Engineering has appointed **Boleslo Romero, P.E.** as the new Engineering Manager of their Civil division.

WLB Group has added **Clark G. Post, P.L.S.** as their new Survey Manager.

R & O Construction is bringing a piece of Germany to LV with the replica of the original **Hofbaruhaus Restaurant** in Munich, Germany at 4510 Paradise Road at Harmon. The 18,000 square ft. authentic replica is the first of it's kind.

Got news? Share it.....Send your item to rlavigne@aianeveda.org



AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David S. Frommer, AIA

With the completion of the first special session and the calling of a second special session (noted by some in the media as the 'extra special session'), the State of Nevada is still grappling with issues of tax

revenue and a call by some legislators to reopen the state budget for further cuts. It appears that the legislature is in agreement that tax increases are necessary, but the amount of increased government spending is still a debated topic. Governor Guinn has rejected calls to reopen spending budget decisions, so, at this time, it appears the main discussion is over tax revenue.

While the tax revenue discussion is occurring, some significant bills have passed that impact the design and construction industry. Below is a list of those bills.

AB 425: This bill revises some provisions regarding public works, including construction bid protests, payment of investigation costs if prevailing wages are not paid to employees, bidder qualification, bid advertising, pre-qualification lists, subcontractor naming and identification, public reporting measures and bidding preferences.

SB 206: This bill impacts lien rights, and more clearly defines the work performed by Architects, Engineers, design professionals, Contractors, Subcontractors and workmen for amounts over \$500. This should favorably impact the ability to define what work comes with lien rights for those in the design and construction industry.

SB 241: This bill allows for the right to repair defective construction prior to litigation. It does not waive the right to litigation, but allows for repairs to occur to correct a situation before lawsuits are enacted.

AIA Nevada will continue to monitor and speak up for members interests in the special sessions and provide input in the interests and protection of the membership.

The AIA Nevada Distinguished Service and Excellence in Design program is well under development, and calls for entries should be in your hands soon. This is the program to recognize both those who have been of exceptional service to the profession and the community and to submit designs that you feel display excellence. We are looking forward to a wide range of submittals and a broad range of work and accomplishments for the design and service juries to review.

A significant change has occurred to the Excellence in Design program. As we all understand and recognize that Excellence in Design is a team effort that incorporates the work of Owners, Architects, Design Consultants, Engineers and Contractors, a concerted effort is being made to expand the Excellence in Design Awards program into a recognition of the breadth of the design process and the excellence and hard work of all of those who participate in the success of the design process. AIA Nevada is excited about this program change and we are looking forward to even broader participation by design and construction professionals in this year's program, so the full range of those who contribute to Excellence in Design can be recognized by AIA Nevada.

LET THE AIA LV WEBSITE GO TO WORK FOR YOU

The aialasvegas.org website receives approximately 3,000 hits each month -- 30 to 50 per day -- and we're only getting started. Potential clients and information seekers from all over the country visit the site each day. So, we've devised a way to direct those potential clients directly to your website and help the Chapter at the same time. We can LINK you AIA Firm Profile Page directly to Your Company Website.

For a limited time, now through August 31st, we'll set up the LINK AND add your company logo and one photo to your AIA Firm Profile Page all for only \$35.00 per month.....and you'll have the renewal option at this special price in one year!!

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NSBAIDRD ANNOUNCES NEWLY LICENSED ARCHITECTS

Eleven new certificates of registration were issued by the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design & Residential Design at their June 13th meeting. Of the new registrants, six are architects, four are registered interior designers and one is a residential designer.

The new architects are O. Dana Cooper (North Las Vegas), Robert A. Fabri (Reno), Lester E. Ferdinand, AIA (Memphis, TN), Robert Fredrickson (Las Vegas), Ofra Gelman, AIA (Las Vegas) and Michael Wetzell, AIA (Henderson). The new registered designers are Barbara Audet (Las Vegas), Kristine S. Froehlich (Las Vegas), Natalie Lyden (Las Vegas) and Karen E. Mattice, (Denver, CO). The new residential designer is Jeremy Fray (Las Vegas)

These registrants were welcomed into the architectural community at the AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting on June 18th, when NSBAIDRD Chair, Greg Erny, AIA, made the announcement and introduced them to the members and guests in attendance.

SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT AIA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

We need items for this year's Silent Auction. Art, sketches, paintings, sculpture, books, furnishings, dinners, spa days, show tickets and tickets to sporting events, golf packages, hotel packages, weekend trips, gift baskets, wine, jewelry..... any and all things that can be sold to help generate funding to increase our Scholarship Endowment.

These items will be offered for sale at our 2003 AIA Nevada Excellence In Design Awards Banquet, being held at Caesars Palace Hotel on Saturday, October 11th, 2003. During the reception, from 6:00PM to 7:30PM, items will be available to the highest bidders.

If you'd like to help secure items or work with the Silent Auction Committee, please contact Shelly Ann Hayden, AIA, Director of Scholarships at 456-3000.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

In a few days Architect and Associate members of the Las Vegas Chapter will receive their official ballots for the election of directors to the 2004 Board.

While none of the candidates on the ballot are contested, it is nonetheless important that each AIA member show their approval of the candidates by casting their vote.

When you receive your ballot, please mark it and return it in the pre-addressed envelope to the AIA Las Vegas office prior to August 1st.

LIBESKIND CONVENTION PRESENTATION FREE FROM e-CLASSROOM

"Design of the Century," Daniel Libeskind's presentation at the AIA national convention on his design for the World Trade Center site, is available via streaming video free as an AIA eClassroom session. Libeskind's presentation was followed by a panel discussion featuring Robert Ivy, FAIA, Frances Halsband, FAIA, Stanton Eckstrut, FAIA and Paul Goldberger, Hon. AIA. You can find the hour-and-a-half course (two AIA/CES learning units) at the AIA's distance-learning site, <http://eclassroom.aia.org>. AIA members must sign in using their AIA member number. The cost for nonmembers is \$49.95.

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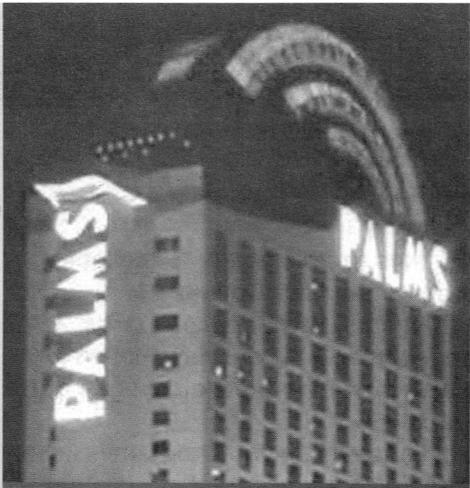
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2003 AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

The Call for Entries for this year's "Excellence In Design" awards program and the Call for Nominations for the "Distinguished Service Awards" should be in your hands already. They were mailed in mid-June. They are also posted to the aialasvegas.org and aianevada.org websites.

The 2003 Excellence In Design Program is open to all AIA members who are licensed in the state of Nevada for projects located anywhere in the world, and also, to AIA members from other states who are licensed in Nevada for projects located in Nevada.

For the Design Awards the Call for Entries closes on Wednesday, August 1, 2003. Deadline for Submission Binders is September 26th;

For the Service Awards the Call for Nominations closes on July 18. Submittal binders must be received on August 18th, and will be juried on August 22nd.

Recipients of both the Excellence In Design and the Distinguished Service Awards will be honored at the AIA Nevada Awards Banquet and Presentation Ceremony being held on Saturday, October 11th, 2003 6PM at Caesars Palace Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Honorees and their guests, consultants and clients are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$90.00 each and reservations must be made in advance. Contact the AIA Las Vegas Chapter office at 702-895-09036 to make reservations or to reserve a table.

Previous winning submittals and all pertinent information on previous winning projects is available through the UNLV Architecture Studies Library and by link from the aialasvegas.org website. Check it out.

PUBLICATION CELEBRATION SET FOR SEPTEMBER

The fourth issue of "Architecture Las Vegas" will be on the newsstands, in bookstores and in your mailbox by the first of September. To celebrate this wonderful event, we're throwing a "Publication Celebration". This is a chance for all AIA members to celebrate the publishing of our Chapter's official magazine and the one publication that speaks for design and architecture in Las Vegas.

Join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6PM at Cili Restaurant on Las Vegas Boulevard. Pick up your copy of the 2003-2004 edition of Architecture Las Vegas and meet and visit with our Publisher, Danny Greenspun, our Managing Editor, Rick Becker, Editor, Phil Hagen, our AIA Editorial Board, Dr. Robert A. Fielden, FAIA, Michael Alcorn, AIA, David Frommer, AIA, Jeanne Brown, UNLV Architecture Studies Librarian, Eric Strain, AIA, Randy Lavigne, Executive Director, and Advertising Manager, Vince Durocher.

Hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP by September 1, 2003 to 895-0936.

2003 WMR CONFERENCE DESIGN AWARDS & HONOR AWARDS

AIA Colorado is the host for this year's Western Mountain Region Conference, which means that they are hosting the WMR Design and Honor Awards program as well.

The Call for Entries for the Design Awards will go out on July 7th, and will be posted to the aiacolorado.org website. You can also download the entry forms, and get all submittal and deadline details on both the aiawmr.org and aiacolorado.org sites.

The Call for Nominations for the Honor Awards is posted to the aiawmr.org site. This year's Honor Awards program has been expanded to include two new award categories on the regional level. (1) The WMR Young Architect Award and (2) the 25 Year Award (for the structure that has had the most influence on design and life-style in the region over the last 25 years.) The other categories are the WMR Silver Medal, the Architecture Firm, and the Award of Distinction. Nomination forms can be found on the aiawmr.org site and/or the aiacolorado.org site.

The WMR Conference will be held on November 14-15 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Beaver Creek, CO. Award recipients will be announced at the Awards banquet at that time. Registration for the conference and tickets for the awards banquet can be purchased through AIA Colorado.

AIA LAS VEGAS RSVP POLICY

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2003 MEETINGS & EVENTS

“SUSTAINING NEVADA” LECTURE SERIES BY AIA LV COTE

The AIA Las Vegas Committee on the Environment (AIA LV-COTE) has received a 2003 Nevada Arts Council (NAC) Grant for their “Sustaining Nevada” Lecture Series. The following is a list of speakers who will be participating:

Craig Curtis, AIA, Partner
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David Nelson, AIA
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The lecture series will commence in September 2003 and continue through April 2004. Look for more information on the “Sustaining Nevada” Lecture Series in the coming months and on the AIA LV-COTE website at www.lv-cote.org.

AIA LAS VEGAS PRODUCT SHOW SPONSORED BY MODERNFOLD OF NEVADA

The 2003 AIA Las Vegas Product Show will be sponsored, once again, by Modernfold of Nevada, LLC and is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th, in the Royal Pavilion at the Riviera Hotel.

If you are an Allied Member and you haven't reserved your booth yet, better do so today. There are only 25 booths left.

This annual show IS the AIA LV Membership Meeting for October and it is provided for all members of the architectural, design and construction community in Las Vegas. Attendees include AIA members and non-member architects, facilities managers, interior designers, specifiers, landscape architects and design professionals. Booths are 10' x 10' and include pipe and drape, skirting, identification sign, table & two chairs. Each booth is a premium location and the cost is \$650.00 each.

The show will feature 125 Exhibitors, providing the latest products, technology and information in the industry; complimentary food and beverages, and \$3,000. in CASH Prizes.

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) is once again this year providing seminars and workshops that will provide AIA C.E. Credits. These seminars will be scheduled from 8AM to 3PM on the day of the Show. Watch for registration information and seminar titles to be announced soon.

The show opens at 3:00PM on Wednesday, October 15th. Mark your calendar right now and plan to attend.

NEW OFFICERS FOR CSI

This group has more fun than anybody as evidenced by the photo to the right. Construction Specifications Institute held their annual Awards Meeting in June. Planned and coordinated by Carol Coleman and Kelle Heming it was held at Cozymels' Restaurant and there were 80 “very close” CSI members and guests in attendance. President Ron Erickson, AIA provided several “terrible” jokes and handed off the gavel and the responsibilities of office to the 2003-2004 President, Sunny Brown, Jerry Vielma, Assoc. AIA will serve as Vice-President and Karen Newcomer, will continue as Treasurer. All officers and committee chairs were thanked for their hard work. It was a fun event and everyone had a good time.

No these is not the “Frito Banditos” this is our own Chuck Coleman, AIA and Lee Beil, CSI, moonlighting as maraichi entertainers for the annual CSI June Awards Meeting. Even though they couldn't sing.....they look authentic to me! They are a couple of good sports and everyone had a great time.



HILLERBY'S LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

Fred Hillerby, AIA Nevada Lobbyist

Just one question, albeit a very big one remains at the conclusion of the 72nd regular session and the 19th special session of the Nevada State Legislature: how big will the tax increase be? As this report goes to print, lawmakers remain dead locked with no resolution to the all-encompassing tax question. The legislature will return June 25th for the 20th special session to once again debate taxes. But while that issue remains contentious and unresolved, a number of other important pieces of legislation made their way through the process during the past four months. What follows is an overview of the recently concluded, 120-day regular session of the Nevada Legislature.

SETTING THE STAGE

On February 2, 2003, 63 lawmakers descended on the Legislative Building in Carson City. In the Senate, under the majority leadership of Reno Republican Bill Raggio, the Republicans enjoyed a 13-8 advantage with the defection of Ray Shaffer to the GOP before the session began. In the Assembly, Democratic Speaker Richard Perkins had a smaller caucus than the previous session, taking a 23-19 Democratic advantage in the Assembly. Sixteen new Assembly faces took their places among the veterans as the session began. The breakdown of D's and R's became important as tax battles heated up.

Likened to the proverbial race between the tortoise and the hare, the 2003 Legislature took off like — the tortoise. "Snail's pace" was heard frequently in the halls as bills trickled out of bill drafting for committee hearings. The first couple of weeks were especially slow; several committees had few bills to process. As the session progressed, the work pace quickened. All told, 1183 pieces of legislation were introduced, 612 in the Assembly, 571 across the hall in the Senate. By way of contrast, 1413 pieces of legislation were introduced during the 2001 session, approximately 20% more than this time.

Although tax talk stalled the process at times, plenty of notable activity could be found in the hundreds of bills that were acted upon by both houses. In fact, when Assembly Majority Leader Barbara Buckley, D-Las Vegas, offered a brief wrap up to her colleagues after the regular session adjourned, she noted that the list of accomplishments was longer than any she had seen.

CONSUMER IS KING

Consumer issues emerged as one of the dominant themes, prompting one Reno lawmaker to call this "The session of the consumer." The most noteworthy consumer-protection proposal erupted into a session long battle over how to create a telemarketing registry. Ultimately, Assembly Bill 232

was approved. The new law prohibits telemarketers from calling residents who put their names on a national "don't call" registry.

Another major consumer measure — a prohibition of credit scoring by insurance companies — was amended into Senate Bill 319. The bill adopts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' model act specifying that an insurer who uses a credit report in determining a person's auto insurance rate must disclose that practice.

Six years of consensus building went into the construction defects bill, which still was the subject of a massive fight during the session. Senate Bill 241 establishes a right-to-repair for homebuilders, but maintains a homeowner's right to sue a builder who does not repair a defect within a specific time frame.

Other consumer protection measures passed this session include: A requirement that car dealers provide contracts in Spanish if they advertise in Spanish and conduct a sale in Spanish. A regulation prohibiting denial of payment to illegal immigrants for their work. Required disclosure that a vehicle has been rebuilt after a serious accident or flood.

All the above bills came out of the Democratic controlled Assembly, where most consumer protection issues, or greater government oversight, usually originate.

One consumer protection measure that came from the Senate was Senate Bill 124, sponsored by Minority Leader Dina Titus, D-Las Vegas. SB124 aims to ensure that corporate officers remain personally liable if they intentionally mislead the public or knowingly violate the law.

One of the most significant environmental measures was Titus' Red Rock Canyon Preservation Act, which prohibits development in the area of Clark County surrounding the national conservation area.

TAKING CARE OF THE KIDS

Children's issues, too, received much legislative attention. A statewide Amber Alert system for public notification about abducted children was deemed one of the successes of this session. Another bill requires toddlers to be strapped in a car booster seat. Those under six years old, or weighing less than 60 pounds, are the targets. And the state's No Child Left Behind bill became law. It will bring Nevada into compliance with the federal law and will require more testing, evaluation and help for students.

The integration of the child welfare system in Clark County is finally being pushed through with funding from the state. Advocates maintain unifying the state and county systems should keep children from falling between the cracks of the two systems.

From now on, high school students will be required to have higher averages to qualify for Millennium Scholarships, financed from the tobacco settlement money. They also will have to maintain higher grades in college to continue to receive the scholarship.

But State Treasurer Brian Krolicki failed for a second time to convince the Legislature to let him sell off the tobacco debt at a reduced price and put the money in a more secure investment.

The Legislature also did away with the statewide ban on students having cell phones on campus. School districts will now be able to decide on their own policies. Lawmakers also approved a performance audit of the University and Community College System of Nevada and created a committee to evaluate higher education programs.

ON THE ROAD

One of the most publicized new laws was a 0.08 blood-alcohol limit for drivers after more than a decade of failed attempts to approve the lower limit. Yes, it will save lives according to the sponsor, Assemblyman Mark Manendo, D-Las Vegas. It will also save money. By not lowering the level from 0.10, the state stood to lose tens of millions in federal highway funds.

Passengers in taxis could face \$25 fines if they are not wearing their seat belt when the cab is pulled over by police. Meanwhile, legislators also passed a law that prohibits local governments from outlawing cell phone use by drivers.

More than 100 new employees will be hired by the DMV in an effort to reduce lines at DMV offices. And refunds will be ended to drivers who turn in their license plates but have unexpired time on their registration. That should result in an extra \$4 million in revenue going to local governments and school districts.

TO YOUR HEALTH

Health-related measures that passed during the 2003 regular session include a new law permitting consumers to buy cheaper prescription drugs. Unless the doctor specifies a brand name or the customer asks for it, the pharmacist will use a lower-cost generic drug.

Restaurants will be required to post signs warning women against drinking alcohol while they are pregnant, and a suicide prevention program was approved.

Lawmakers refined insurance laws relating to medical malpractice. Doctors will now have a chance to intervene in any hearing on rate increases. A company that is pulling out of the state will have to give adequate notice, and an insurance firm cannot use losses in the stock market to justify a rate increase.

Legislators laid claim to giving mental health services a boost. Programs to help the mentally challenged received additional funding, though not as much support as some advocates had hoped.

OTHER KEY BILLS THAT PASSED...

Governor Guinn signed Senate Bill 73, which stops doctors, judges, police, railroad workers and others from claiming an automatic exemption from jury

duty. Legislators and their staff members will be exempt from jury duty but only when the Legislature is in session.

After months of debate and several amendments, legislators approved Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins' **Assembly Bill 250**, which makes terrorism a state crime. Acts of violence committed by terrorists would be given prison sentences twice as long as those committed by common criminals. Critics contended the law was not necessary because Nevada has laws against murder and other violent crimes.

Assembly Bill 441 creates a Commission on Homeland Security to prepare plans to protect or counteract acts of terrorism. Local governments and utilities are required to develop a response plan under the new law.

Assembly Bill 15 is now law. The measure outlaws the execution of the mentally retarded in Nevada. Approval of the bill never was in doubt because the U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that the mentally retarded could not be given capital punishment.

After a prolonged battle between the Assembly and Senate, pay for all elected county officials except commissioners was increased for the first time since 1995. County commissioners will be allowed to raise their own pay. The Legislature also set in motion a proposed constitutional amendment to allow lawmakers to be paid for the full 120-day session instead of 60 days. It must be approved by the 2005 Legislature and then ratified by voters in 2006.

Also signed by the governor, **Senate Bill 497** that allows Washoe County to impose a 2 percent additional tax on rental cars to raise money to build a baseball stadium in Sparks to attract a Triple A team.

...AND THOSE THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT

A bill to restrict smoking in public buildings and restaurants. Although voters in Clark and Washoe counties passed advisory ballot questions in November calling for the prohibition of smoking in restaurants, supermarkets and public buildings, Assembly Bill 96 died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

As in almost every legislative session for 30 years, lawmakers rejected **Senate Bill 274** to allow motorcyclists to ride without wearing protective helmets. Nevada has had a helmet law since 1972.

The Senate Government Affairs Committee killed **Assembly Bill 65**, which would have allowed collective bargaining rights for state employees.

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, D-Las Vegas, once again failed to win support for a resolution to allow voters to amend the state constitution and authorize a state lottery. McClain said \$100 million a year could be reaped if Nevada joined the multi-state Power ball lottery. Many felt a lottery would take business away from casinos.

Another casualty was a bill that would have permitted law enforcement officers to use cameras at intersections to nab motorists who are speeding or

running red lights.

ARCHITECTURE...

There were a number of bills introduced this session, which were of interest to architects. Enclosed are copies of three of those bills and a list of all the bills that we followed on behalf of the AIA. There is a computer address for all of the bills if you wish to look them up on the legislature's website.

As we reported earlier, the legislature passed SB241, the construction defects bill. We have enclosed a copy of this bill. This is important for architects in that design professionals are mentioned in the bill under all of the provisions concerning the right to repair prior to litigation. This bill will be effective August 1, 2003.

(here is link: http://www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/bills/SB/SB241_EN.pdf)

Also enclosed is a copy of SB206, which made various changes to mechanics and material men's liens. We believe the language was changed to make it clear that design professionals have lien rights against property even though no improvements were ever made. http://www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/bills/SB/SB206_EN.pdf

Finally, a copy of AB57 which requires the State Public Works Board and local governments to adopt the seismic provisions and standards in the International Building Code. Although the legislation only mentions the seismic provisions, it is understood that the State Public Works Board and all of the other governmental agencies will adopt the entire IBC. The Public Works Board must adopt the standards by July 1, 2003 and all other entities by July 1, 2004. http://www.leg.state.nv.us/72nd/bills/AB/AB57_EN.pdf

We will provide you with a subsequent report once the tax issue has been resolved.

CONCLUSION

As evidenced by the above highlights, much was accomplished during this legislative session. And, as happens during every session of the Legislature, relationships were stretched thin. Between lawmakers, lobbyists or a combination of the two, tempers flare and words are exchanged. But after both houses adjourn sine die and all of us go home, usually by the end of the summer everyone is back on speaking terms with everyone else.

But this time, because of the bloody tax battle, most observers agree that some relationships were stretched past the breaking point. The angry words and hard feelings will resonate long after the seasons change. The pundits will pontificate and the political operatives will spin as only they can but, in the final analysis, the full extent of the damage caused during the tax meltdown of 2003 will only be known when the curtain rises again, on the 2005 session of the Nevada State Legislature.



2003 C.E. LUNCHEONS

The following are AIA C.E. Luncheons that are scheduled for 2003. Watch this page in future issues for information on the new 2003 C.E. Luncheons.

July 24

"Benefits of Design-Build Delivery Systems" presented by Southland Industries
11:30 AM Gordon Beirsch / Paradise Rd.

August 28

Stanley Access Doors
Subject & Location TBA

September 25

"Introduction to Window Films"
Nevada Home & Auto Window Tinting
Location TBA

October 23

"Applications of Performance-based Design"
Schirmer Engineering
Sazio's Restaurant / The Orleans Hotel

November 13

Thyssen Krupp Elevator
Subject & Location TBA

Please RSVP to Kelly Lavigne at 895-0936. AIA C.E. Luncheons are normally scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month.

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JULY

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11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 17 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 18 DEADLINE - Nominations for AIA
Nevada Distinguished Service Awards
- 24 AIA C.E. Luncheon

AUGUST

- 1 Kelly Lavigne's Birthday
- 1 DEADLINE - Entry Forms & Fees
NV Distinguished Service Awards &
NV Excellence In Design Awards
- 12 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 13-17 CACE Conference, Mystic, CN
AIA LV and NV Offices Closed
- 18 DEADLINE: Nevada Service Awards
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- 17 AIA Membership Meeting
- 18 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
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